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**WELDON BOOMING**  
**Making Rapid Strides Forward—New Enterprises Started Possessing Many Natural Advantages.**  
The town of Weldon, just across the Roanoke from Northampton, appears to be putting on new life and can no longer be designated the Rip Van Winkle of North Carolina towns. Less than a dozen years ago it was generally believed by people living outside of Weldon that the town had remained about the same for fifty years. We have often heard people say that Weldon was finished when it was named—that the name Weldon was only a contraction of the words "Well done," an exclamation made many years ago when the town was built and named, and that no addition or improvements had been made to it since that day.  
A visit to Weldon now would disabuse the mind of anyone who is of the opinion that the town is not improving. It is now making rapid strides forward and is the coming town of Eastern North Carolina. We know of no other town or vicinity in North Carolina having a brighter future.

The Roanoke News, an excellent weekly published at Weldon, is not given to boasting and its picture of Weldon's future is not overdrawn. In its issue of April 20 the News says:  
Has Weldon a great future?  
This question is easily answered, when we count up the various enterprises recently put into operation here and others of greater magnitude, to follow in the near future.

We are satisfied that some will say, "Oh, we have heard all this before."  
But before passing judgment, kind friends, allow us to sum up and then see if our former predictions are now being fulfilled to the letter.  
A few years ago the first spadeful of dirt was thrown, by Mr. T. A. Clark, in the development of the great water power here. What has happened since? The largest and finest corn mill in the South has been erected with a daily capacity of 2000 bushels of meal. Next followed an oil mill, shipping its products to various States. Then came the round bale cotton gin, the first of the kind to be operated in North Carolina. A short time ago a splendid flouring mill, with a daily capacity of 75 barrels a day, was added to the other enterprises here.

Now turn to our suburban town at Chockayotte where the largest winery in the South is situated, making thousands of gallons of the finest wines on the market and travelling eleven men in all the States of the union from Maine to Texas, and often shipping as much as 3000 gallons per day.  
Then look at our sister town, Roanoke Rapids, with its great cotton mills all in calling distance of Weldon; and say, if you can, that "no changes have taken place in Weldon in the past fifty years," as "Bill Arp" did when he came here and partook of our hospitality and then shamefully slandered us by using the above expression.

We next see right here in Weldon a large knitting mill, now being pushed to completion by the Weldon Cotton Manufacturing Company. The mill will employ 125 hands and will be in full blast by the coming fall.  
It is stated on good authority, that one of the largest electric plants in this country is to be erected by a syndicate of capitalists at the locks of the canal of the Weldon water power. This plant will be prepared to furnish light for lighting cities and towns within a radius of a hundred miles or more and will also furnish power for various manufacturing enterprises. The water they use will serve a double purpose. It will be turned back into the canal and come flowing on to Weldon to turn the big wheels of the various manufacturing enterprises here and now to be erected in the near future.

Rumor has it also that Hon. Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, who is already largely interested in the various enterprises here, will at an early day purchase west Weldon and erect several new manufacturing enterprises and erect a good many new cottages.  
Most of our readers in Halifax county are familiar with west Weldon. These lands are beautifully situated about a mile and a half west of Weldon and they have been surveyed and laid off in lots, these lots are owned by Weldon people and some others who live at a distance. Mr. Cameron proposes to buy the entire plot, as laid out and build it up. This will give us a greater Weldon with a population of fully five thousand in the next year or two.  
We are not trying to boom Weldon, but are simply presenting plain, cold facts as they come to us from reliable sources.

**THE NEGRO AND HIS FUTURE.**  
**Must Eschew Politics and Devote His Energies to Acquiring Intelligence and Property.**  
The future of the negro race is still a question of discussion. Recent occurrences in North Carolina, Georgia and other Southern States has brought the question very prominently before the public. The Houston (Texas) Post in a recent leading editorial discusses the matter as follows:  
If the negro race were fortunate enough to possess two or three representatives like Booker T. Washington in each of the Southern States, the race problem would not only soon cease to exist, but the negro population would soon occupy a comfortable, hopeful and respectable, if not, indeed, enviable position in this country.  
Prof. Washington has been urging his race to turn its attention from politics to industrial pursuits; to acquire skill in the trades and occupations, accumulate property, educate and refine itself and then trust to natural conditions to give it such standing as it may be entitled to. In a recent letter he goes further and tells his people that if they must participate in politics they should ask themselves whether it is not right, as well as good policy, to support the interests and sentiment of the dominant white elements in the South? In this letter quoted in Tuesday's Post, Prof. Washington, among other things says:  
"If there any reason why the negroes in the South should continue to oppose the Southern white man in his politics? Is this not the source of nearly all our troubles? Unconsciously we seem to have gotten the idea into our blood and bones that we are only acting in a manly way when we oppose Southern white men with our votes."  
"I believe that Governor Johnston of Alabama is just as good a friend to the black man as Hon. William Youngblood of Alabama. Hon. William Youngblood has about 400 white followers in Alabama. Why should we follow Mr. Youngblood with his 400 white followers rather than Governor Joseph J. Johnston with his 500,000 followers when no principle is at stake?"  
"Why is it that the negro in Cuba has surpassed us in settling his race problem? Is it not because the negro in Cuba has made the white man's interest his own?"  
"In some way, by some method, we must bring the race to the point where it will cease to feel that the only way for it to succeed is to oppose everything suggested or put forth by the Southern white men. This I consider one of our real problems."  
Something like this view was recently advanced in an address at Cincinnati by Bishop Vincent of the Methodist Episcopal church, said to be a true friend of the negro race, and was afterwards presented to the New York Mail and Express in a communication which that paper commented on editorially. The proposition made was that "the hope of the Southern colored man is not in the Republican party, nor in any other party; it is in the North; not in the intelligent and right minded white man of the South." The rabid Mail and Express sees in such propositions only "the admission that emancipation had been fruitless, that the constitutional amendments were null and void and negro suffrage a hopeless failure!"  
It is by such senseless claptrap that the false friends of the negro, those who would use him only for political purposes, keep him in a kind of political and social bondage from which his own broadminded leaders like Booker T. Washington would free him. Think of the New York Mail and Express as opposing Prof. Washington in advice to the negro! That the race has followed the false rather than the true friends, is the cause of its unfortunate condition today.  
If the negro will take the noted Tuskegee educator's advice and eschew politics until he has become a property holder and a skilled laborer and an intelligent

**Our School For The Deaf and Dumb.**  
It was our privilege recently to pay a visit to the School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton. We are greatly delighted that this class of unfortunate children is so well provided for. Superintendent Goodwin has been in charge from the very beginning and his efficiency is proven by his being retained in his position by different administrations. He has surrounded himself with a corps of competent teachers, and the children are making gratifying progress. One thinks better of his State after having looked upon an institution like this. The main building is a splendid structure, in a commanding position, overlooking the beautiful town, and a sweep of vision stretches before you that is limited only by the blending of mountain and sky. A new school building is now approaching completion, admirably adapted to the purpose for which it was designed. Every room in the building is a corner room, which furnishes light from two directions, and are twenty rooms in all. This may sound "snaky," but it is literally true nevertheless. There are about two hundred pupils in attendance. We always leave this delightful place grateful for two things. First, that we have so worthy and useful an institution, and in the second place that Mr. Goodwin and his excellent wife are at the head of it.—Charity and Children.

**The Secret of True Happiness.**  
"Happiness comes through quiet acceptance of the talent, temperament and task that God hath appointed: Unable to add one cubit to the stature, or make one hair white or black, man is also impotent to altar his birthrights," writes the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, in "The Secrets of a Happy Life," in the May Ladies' Home Journal. "Through hereditary our fathers chose the life work for us, and try as we may we cannot alter their choice, though we can break our hearts. Today one part of society is making itself miserable through an overestimate of great deeds and an agonizing desire to do striking things. Yet struggling and agonizing never did anything worth while. The first sign of a great peace of work is the ease and swiftness with which it was done by him appointed for the task. Another part of society destroys happiness by underestimating small deeds and duties. God's mountains are not made of huge chunks of granite, but out of minutely flaked mica. Size has nothing to do with the valued work, and man cannot be happy until he surrenders his will and cheerfully accepts the one talent, or two, or ten, counting in honor enough to do his appointed work more perfectly than any other can possibly do it. We do not need great and splendid things, but that common things shall be lifted up and illuminated by a quiet and beautiful spirit. One of the secrets of happiness is found in the habitual emphasis of pleasant things and the persistent casting aside of all malignant elements."

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**A Disgrace to Our Nation**  
Up to the time war was declared by this country against Spain a little more than a year ago, the Commonwealth was in accord with the sentiment and actions of President McKinley. We have been doing all he could to avert a war, and believe we still. We believe further, and shall always believe it, that had he been left to his own situation the war clouds would have passed away, peace would have been maintained, and the bloodshed that has stained the fair name of our nation would have been averted.  
But we have somewhat against President McKinley at this stage of our war record. He seems to have been caught in the whirlpool of political intrigue and has not had the manhood to stand up to what seemed to be his convictions at first: Why does the war continue? For what purpose are our armies slaughtering the inhabitants of the Philippine islands? These people, whom our armies are slaughtering daily, had no more to do with the blowing up of the "Maine" or Spanish oppression in Cuba than did the few scattered Indians in Western North Carolina. And yet our national Administration somehow seems to favor it and is doing nothing to have it stopped.  
We remark, and we do it deliberately, that in our opinion this war has been a disgrace to our nation from the first until now, and shame upon the Administration that the inhuman slaughter does not cease.—The Commonwealth.

**The Inner Guidance.**  
Is this not the entire secret, namely, on all doubtful occasions, on all subjects whatsoever, to pause, observe, listen, then move forward again, cooperating with the prompting that has come, following the guiding wisdom? If so, spend all your energy here. Quicken your moral sense that you may be alive to the right, in minutest detail. Try to feel the harmonious tendency in every emotion, in every sensation coming from the physical world. Sharpen your intellect that it may discover the finest structure of ideas. Repose in watchful reverie until your consciousness reveals the next step in personal evolution. If the train of thought breaks and you lose touch with its beauty write for the word you lost, the idea that escaped, that which joins with the last word you wrote, the last deed you performed. Only through this exquisite touch of thought shall the vast world of beauty about us be known. Each must be poet, musician, philosopher, artisan, in his special sphere. Vicarious oneness with God is utterly impossible. The harmonious soul shall be made so only at home. It is futile to lean upon others. It is of little avail to speculate. For the harmony of the universe is divine, and is truly known through divine revelation. All that God asks of us is that we shall cultivate all our senses neglecting neither mind nor heart, body nor soul. Then forth through our instruments shall stream the poetic strains of his eternally progressing beauty, the heart shall know it is as love, the mind as truth, the conscience as goodness, and through this perfect trinity from out life's darkest mystery the meaning shall be called.—H. W. Dresser, in The Arena.

**Some Good Council.**  
"There is not much use, in this world of woe, to sweat and worry, and stew and fuss about what people say concerning you. In the first place you should ask yourself the question: 'Is my bill of health clean?' If you are all right and your conscience tells you so—go on the way you are going. If you can by the reason God gave you, justify your actions and your deeds, care not what any one says concerning you.  
In all homes and in society there are skeletons in some closet, and their bones will rattle at some times. The man never yet lived, who was on earth, who had not some fault—viewed through some other man's glasses. Do the best you can; try to be decent; be of good cheer—put your faith in God and in yourself and you will be winner every time. If you falter, if you sit down to view the troops of jealousy and envy and hatred which may pass before you—you are wasting time—you are allowing the devil to tempt you.—Farrago.

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