

Greatest Asset of Any City Is The People Who Inhabit It

Congressman John H. Small Would Impress Upon
Citizenship of Washington and Other North
Carolina Towns The Basic Ideas Con-
tained in an Editorial From Balti-
more Sun, Given Below

Editor, Daily News:—The Baltimore Sun of the 1st inst. contained a striking and impressive editorial, which I will here quote:

"Stocks and bonds, real estate, manufacturing and commercial establishments, banks, shops, hotels—all of these and all other material things are valuable assets for a city; but the greatest asset of any city is the people who inhabit it."

"The Mayo Brothers, operating a little hospital in a Minnesota town by their skill and repute as surgeons, bring to Rochester each year thousands who would not otherwise go there. That is a direct and easily understood illustration of the working of the law. The value of these men to their city can be computed in dollars and cents. But the value of men whose influence is ethical or spiritual and cannot be so easily figured is equally great. We cannot say that Baltimore is richer by so many dollars for Cardinal Gibbons' presence, but we do know that the city would be immeasurably poorer if he went from us. Who shall say how much Phillips Brooks was worth to Boston? Or how much Grover Cleveland was worth to Princeton in the years spent there?"

"In every city many of the most valuable men are those who have come from the outside. High up on the lists of assets of New York City and Chicago and every large community in this country will be found many men who were born and bred in Baltimore. Here in Baltimore many of the most useful men are those who were born in other sections. The wise man sent to roam earth was man kept at home, just as the traveled fool excels the untraveled one. In his journeyings about he acquires information that would not have come to him in his own town. He meets and mixes with men and the clash of other minds against his own broadens and improves him. The alert and progressive city always welcomes the importation of outsiders, always welcomes those outsiders when they come in, in-breeding is as bad for a city as it is for a family."

"As a citizen of North Carolina and a resident of Washington, I wish I could impress upon the citizenship of our town and all other North Carolina towns the two basic ideas contained in the above editorial. The first thought is that 'the greatest asset of any city is the people who inhabit it.' Neither navigable rivers, railroads, fertile surrounding lands, or other natural or developed resources will alone make a progress-

ive community or city. The right sort of men and women are necessary to utilize these resources, and convert them into tangible wealth. Neither do industries and commerce alone make for the best type of community, because there must be a people who are not only capable of creating wealth, but who possess the best ideals of human service and betterment. Ideally and avire made effective by cooperative efforts insure the wisest use of wealth and afford an equal opportunity in life for every citizen. The community which has enrolled among its citizenship the largest number of men and women trained and disciplined for material work, and inoculated with the genuine spirit of service in the community which best meets the highest requirements of social welfare and contentment.

The next thought in the above editorial lies in this expression: "In every city many of the most valuable men are those who have come from the outside." No community can expect permanently to retain among its citizenship every man and woman born in such community. From the nomadic period and extending through all the gradations of civilization a certain proportion of those who were born in any community or state have migrated at some time to other sections, states and communities, and this disposition will always continue. Neither would the highest progress of a community or city be subserved if it were possible to retain every native son. The community is a reciprocal advantage in that it is better for the community and better for the stranger who comes in their midst. It is a truth well recognized that those communities and cities which have attracted the largest number of settlers have made not only the most rapid and substantial progress in a material way, but have also exhibited the spirit of cooperation in all movements making for the highest social and human service. While the motive may not be had, yet it is true that the man who discourages the stranger and makes him unwelcome in the greatest handicap to the progress of his community.

If there shall be any skeptics as to the truth of these propositions he should be induced to read, reflect and observe, and if he has the teachable spirit, he will in the end be completely convinced as to their truth.

Very respectfully,
JNO. H. SMALL.

John B. Wallace Found Dead In Broad Creek Last Night

Death Due to Heart Failure is the Surmise. Was Between 65 and 70 Years of Age and Was Engaged in Fishing. Body Discovered in Bottom of His Boat By W. H. Jefferson.

John B. Wallace, a highly respected citizen of Long Acre township, this county, was found dead in his skiff last night about 11 o'clock in Broad Creek, by Mr. W. H. Jefferson.

The surmise is that the deceased came to his death due to heart failure. He was between sixty-five and seventy years of age and during the present season has been engaged in fishing in Broad Creek.

Mr. Wallace last Wednesday night spent the night with Mr. J. H. Allison, who resides near Broad Creek and on Thursday morning left the home of Mr. Allison for the purpose of going to his nets in the creek. Later on in the day Mr. Nathan Lewis saw the deceased engaged in fishing his nets and subsequently saw the boat of Mr. Wallace pulled up on the shore. Mr. Wallace's whereabouts was unknown until he was found dead in his boat. Mr. Jefferson last night saw the boat of Wallace and hailed, receiving an answer he rowed to the boat and discovered Mr. Wallace lying in the bottom of the boat with his head resting on the seat and corpse. There were no bruises or evidences of foul play found and the surmise is that he came to his death from heart failure as he has suffered from this disease for sometime. Mr. Jefferson went for assistance at once and the body was carried to the landing of Mr. C. Candy on Broad Creek and the coroner here notified.

For the past several years Mr. Wallace has been living with his daughter Mrs. D. L. Sparrow. He was a consistent member of the Christian church and held in the highest esteem in that community. The deceased leaves four children, Mrs. M. H. Cutler, Mrs. H. B. Wallace, Mrs. J. B. Tetterton and Mrs. O. L. Sparrow.

The funeral will take place sometime tomorrow. The tragic end of Mr. Wallace has cast a gloom over the entire community.

THE RECITAL SCHOOL BLD'G DELIGHTS ALL

Edward Brigham Song and
Dramatic Recital Was a
Rare Treat. Was Educative
and High Toned.

The song and dramatic recital by Edward Brigham, basso profundo and dramatic reader at the High School auditorium last evening for the benefit of the Washisco, the school magazine was one of the best performances given in Washington in years and while the audience was small, as is usually the case, when something worthy is billed those present were simply charmed and captivated. Mr. Brigham is a show within himself. As a basso his equal has never been heard here by those competent of judging and as a reader he was surely up to the standard. His voice possesses a compass not often heard.

It was to be regretted more were not permitted to hear him for the entire performance was classical and high tone. Such attractions as this recital was worthy of more patronage.

YOUNG MAN ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT

J. J. Johnston Jr. Was At
Home Last Night to His
Many Friends. The Func-
tion Was Enjoyed By Guess

Among the many social functions of the younger set in Washington this season none was more thoroughly enjoyed than that of last evening when John J. Johnston, Jr., the bright and interesting son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnston, charmingly entertained his friends at his home on West Second street. Among the features of the evening was a history date guessing contest. The contest was exciting from start to finish. The prize was won by Miss Blanche Ross and the booby was awarded to Miss Eloise Ballard. Many games were played and enjoyed. Dainty and delicious refreshments were served and the little host proved far excellence in his role. All left for their homes after a very enjoyable evening. Those present were:

Misses Dorothy Blount, Reta Warren, Blanche Ross, Myra Hodges, Norma Jones, Thelma Mayo, Sallie Bright, Mildred Smith, Eloise Ballard, Masters Edward Yee Archbell, David Bell, Adnan Bowen, William Ellis, Art Kessinger, Jack Warren, Paul Simpson, Cecil Warren and Edward Forbes.

Passen Through City.
Mr. J. T. Wilkinson, a prominent young merchant of Aurora, N. C., was here to day en route to his home from northern cities where he purchased his spring and summer stock of goods.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS
EXPECTED OF BARACAS
ON SUNDAY MORNING

The Baraca class of the First Methodist church Sunday school meets every Sunday morning at 9-15 o'clock. All those who have attended this class have enjoyed it so much that they are anxious to extend the pleasure to others. No young man who is interested in the salvation of his own soul can afford to miss opportunities like this. All are cordially invited to be present tomorrow morning.

WILL PREACH AT ST.
STEPHEN'S CHURCH
ON TOMORROW

Rev. C. D. Malone will fill the regular pulpit at St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Dunbar N. C., tomorrow morning and evening. Mr. Malone is a speaker of force and always delights and charms those who hear him. All invited to attend.

SHOULD VOTE FOR THE DOCK HAVE THE ENTERPRISE AND FORESIGHT TO EMBRACE IT

To the Citizens of Washington:—

As a resident of Washington deeply interested in its welfare and progress, I am greatly concerned about the result of the election to occur next Tuesday, 10th, inst., for securing an adequate water terminal for our port. I had intended reaching home the latter part of this week and remaining until after the election for the purpose of talking with our citizens face to face about this important election, but from the present outlook I will not be able to do so. We had expected the river and harbor bill to come up in the House early this week, and be disposed of by the latter part of the week, but it will probably not be taken up before next Monday, and will be under consideration for several days at least. This bill contains propositions of such moment to North Carolina and the country, that I feel constrained to remain here during its consideration.

I shall therefore take the liberty of expressing to you some reasons why I think every registered voter who holds the welfare of our town at heart should vote for this proposition.

1. The question at issue is whether the town shall issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of purchasing the Myers water front for the location of this terminal.

2. The progress and growth of Washington is dependent in a large degree upon its transportation facilities. Our situation upon a navigable river and its connection with the intra-coastal waterway makes it essential that we should adopt the means to develop our water traffic. It should be our ultimate aim to establish interstate water carriers, whereby staple products may be landed at our port substantially as cheaply as at Norfolk, and enable us greatly to enlarge our jobbing and wholesale trade. But there is another class of water traffic even relatively more profitable for our port. I refer to the local traffic which consists of agricultural products, poultry, live stock and meats, fish and other articles, which will be consigned to our business men or sold at Washington and the proceeds invested with our retail and wholesale merchants. We can so increase this class of traffic as to bring hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to our port. Any merchant, particularly those located upon our water front, will unhesitatingly confirm the importance of this class of water traffic. We can make Washington the second port in our State, and the equal of any other in domestic trade. We have the opportunity to do so. The question is if we have the enterprise and the foresight to embrace the opportunity.

3. The surest means by which we can build up this water traffic lies in the establishment of an adequate and modern water terminal. What is a water terminal? These are the prior essentials: a. An adequate water front with sufficient length along the water and extending back sufficiently for to provide room for necessary buildings; b. A capacious warehouse properly designed and constructed; c. A belt line of railroad connecting with the two railroads now serving the city; d. Modern appliances for transferring freight cheaply and quickly between the water carrier and warehouse and the railroad car, which should include a movable crane operated by motor; e. This terminal, including the belt line, should be owned by the city and regulated and operated for the interest and profit of shippers and the public.

Let me mention some of the results which would accrue from such a terminal. It would attract boats of all kinds from Pamlico river and sound, and its various tributaries. The owners of boats largely control their destination and they would be attracted by a market which afforded such convenient facilities. Such a terminal would soon become the public market place where the seller and the buyer would meet on equal terms. Just as the Atlantic Coast Line water terminal during the trucking season becomes such a busy mart, so would such a public water terminal become even a busier place during every month of the year. Within a short time our jobbers would locate upon or near this terminal because of the convenience offered for the transaction of business. The same causes which now induce a number of our jobbers to locate near the Atlantic Coast Line station and terminal. The city could lease at reasonable rental such part of this plan for a moment and of a necessity he must be convinced of its great benefit.

4. The amount which the city would expend for such a water terminal will not be an expenditure, but an investment. Every dollar which we spend will be trebled and quadrupled year after year in addition to the progress and wealth of our city. The city will obtain sufficient revenue from this investment to pay the interest on the bonds and after a short time can accumulate a surplus to be applied to a sinking fund. While probably no charge for wharfage would be made against the small boats engaged in local trade, a charge would be made against the larger interstate carriers to cover wharfage and the facilities of loading and unloading. As the available are of this water front should be leased to jobbers and others, the revenue would constantly increase.

May I say, with all modesty, that I have have studied this problem, and I know whereof I talk. If I owned the combined property of half a dozen of our largest men of wealth, or if I owned the whole city and were an autocrat, I would regard the construction of an adequate water terminal as the most profitable investment which could be made.

5. What class of our citizens are most interested in getting the results of this investment? Frankly I believe that every citizen, regardless of his vocation, has a deep and abiding interest in this proposition. If I were inclined to differentiate in the slightest I would probably say that the mechanic and the men who labor with their hands are most vitally interested. Growth of commerce means increase of wealth and this means ample employment for labor. I would regard the citizen who attempted to prejudice the laboring man, or any others, against this proposition as unfriendly to the progress of Washington. He may not know it, but in my humble opinion he would be guilty.

6. Some citizen may say that present city taxes are higher. I have just paid my city taxes on my little property, and I realize that our rate of taxation is much higher than it was twenty years ago. So is Washington a bigger, a better and a busier town than it was twenty years ago. In the main our people have gotten value received for every dollar which has been expended for public improvement. Who regrets that we have resolved to furnish good water and sanitary drainage and sewerage to our people? If we have the courage to establish this water terminal, it will be impossible to find a voice in opposition after five years. The test of the wisdom of bonds and taxation is whether the public are getting value received, and whether the money is honestly and profitably expended. The truth is that our rate of taxation is not as high as it is in the majority of the progressive towns and cities of the country. Let us remember the words of the wise prophet: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet and yet tenneth to poverty."

7. Believing that our citizens would give their approval to this proposition, I have made a tentative arrangement with Mr. John H. Bernard of New Orleans, to visit Washington about March 24th and address our citizens on water terminals and to explain a type of modern self-propelling barge for service in inland waters. He is a native of Holland and is regarded as one of the most accomplished experts on navigation of our interior waterways. He is being sought for advice all over the country.

8. We have put our hands to the plow, let us not turn back. Tuesday next will bring from cover two classes of citizens. One imbued with the spirit of courage and progress, the other timid, inert and spiritless. On which side will our citizens range themselves? The opportunity and the choice is theirs.

Very sincerely,
JNO. H. SMALL.

PLAYHOUSE WAS PACKED LAST NIGHT

Tempest and Sunshine Was
Proven To Be The Main
Attraction of Week, Tonight
Closes the Engagement.

Tempest and Sunshine was presented to a capacity house on the floating Theater last night and all present were simply delighted with the production. The consensus of opinion is that it was the best show of the entire week. People had to be turned away from the doors as they could not be provided with seats.

The company exceeded their former reputation as artist in the production of Tempest and Sunshine and Mr. Adams is to be congratulated upon his effort to please the public. Not only was the entire cast at their best but too the specialties were first class and received hearty applause. Taken as a whole—the play, the specialties and the music by the orchestra, the "Playhouse" presented a performance last night creditable and praiseworthy. Mr. Adams since his engagement here has certainly captivated the theater goers and his return engagement will be hailed with pleasure. Tonight the last performance of the week will be presented. On Monday the "Playhouse" goes to Greenville for a week and from that town will return here for one night performance after which Bath, Belhaven and Aurora will be visited.

Decided Improvement.

The painting of the store of the firm of Powell and Ellsworth on Market street is quite an improvement. The interior of the store has also been treated to a coat of paint.

YOUNG SON OF C. M. WILLIS BREAKS ARM

C. Allen Willis, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Willis, while riding his bicycle yesterday afternoon in some way met with the misfortune to fall from his wheel with the consequence that his left arm was broken in two places. He was carried to the Fowle Memorial Hospital where surgical aid was promptly rendered by Drs. P. A. Nicholson and J. G. Bloual. While the little fellow is in much pain today he is doing as well as could be expected and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

It's Healthful in Washington Park.

THE PRESCOTTS

Coming New Theater Monday Extra Feature.

Above all and one of the strongest and most sensational acts of the season, will be that offered the many patrons at the New Theater for a three day engagement beginning Monday.

"The Prescotts" offer the "mentolepathy" and offer a reward of \$25 if they fail to tell your name. The Prescotts offer an act of unusual quality, being England's foremost mind readers and owing to previous press notices and praise they have receive from previous engagements no doubt they will be received here with welcome.

The Prescotts come to the New Theater Monday offering their original act and one that will no doubt meet with the approval of the public.