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PUTTING GINGER IN THE WORK

At a meeting held Saturday night, the directors of the local Chamber of Commerce decided to employ the services of a company that claims to be experts in the matter of reviving drowsy commerce bodies, putting new life in them and getting them on their feet.

That item reminds us of the old story of the man who was too lazy to take exercise, which his doctor had prescribed, so he sat down in a comfortable chair every day and made his servant take exercises for him.

New Bern—or any other city, for that matter—can hire company after company to put life and ginger into its civic work, but as long as the citizens of that town are not sufficiently interested in the work to keep it going, the efforts of any outsiders will be futile.

We have been through New Bern's trouble right here in Washington. For a time it seemed as if no interest was taken in the work of the Chamber of Commerce. The men who were interested in the city's welfare, however, did not give up, but stuck to their jobs and kept on working for the city and county.

If civic organizations of this kind expect to thrive and grow, the spirit must be home-borne; it cannot be obtained through watching some outside parties doing the work and "taking the exercise."

THE COST OF THE WAR

One of the New York newspapers recently published an interesting statement regarding the gigantic cost of the war in Europe. The facts are said to be fairly accurate and they are as follows:

Table listing costs of war: Cost of the war to date \$72,000,000,000; Total destruction of property \$50,000,000,000; Killed during war 3,900,000; Wounded during war 8,000,000; Missing during war 3,700,000; Territory laid waste 125,000 square miles.

And all this refers only to two years of the war. With no signs of peace in evidence, and with the slaughter of lives and the destruction of property going on with unabated fury, who can even guess at what the total cost will be when hostilities finally cease?

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Some of the readers of the items that are sent in to the Daily News in other papers, published in the county, may believe that the habit of signing fictitious names to the country correspondence originated with the itemizers of this section.

Among those who write for the Daily News, for example, there are "Brown Eyes," "Daddy's Darling," "Old Rose," "Dotty Dimples," "Sunflower," and a host of others.

We have before us at this writing a paper that is published in Kentucky, and have just finished looking over its pages. It contains a quantity of country correspondence, and here are some of the signatures to the items: Two Lovely Girls, Brown Eyes, Baby Doll, Rubber Doll, Snapps, Snooks, Topsy, Snooky Ookums and Fuzzy Face.

Evidently the style of signatures to items of this kind is not confined to no particular locality, but extends over the entire country.

"KICKING ABOUT THE ROAD WORK."

There seems to be considerable complaint from some sources, over the manner in which the work of improving the roads in the township is progressing. Personally, we'll be frank to admit that we do not know whether these complaints are justified or not.

In the first place, they were up against labor trouble. When this was settled, they had to delay work because of the non-arrival of the machinery. Then again, it has rained on an average of almost two days a week for the last month or more, greatly hindering the work.

Taking it all together, the men have had no easy tasks before them, and all these things have joined together in making the cost of the work so far so apparently exorbitant.

COUNTY HEALTH PICTURES

The State Board of Health has prepared a series of moving pictures, tending to promote interest in health and sanitation. A number of counties in the State have already made arrangements for securing these pictures.

The State Board of Health is doing a splendid work in North Carolina, and this series of pictures is but one of the many things they have accomplished recently. And one of the best features of the board is that it has an excellent press agent, who sends almost daily articles to all of the papers in the State, thus keeping the people informed as to the labors of the organization.

The Town Gossip

LAST SATURDAY AT WINSTEADVILLE. CLAY CARTER, FOR THE office WHO IS candidate OF ELECTOR at large. GOT UP before the people OF THAT section, AND TOOK a long breath AND SPOKE FOR ONE hour AND SIXTEEN minutes. ON THE work THAT THE Democratic party HAS BEEN doing SINCE EVE WAS DEMOCRATIC enough TO TALK with the serpent. AND MR. Carter BROUGHT IN quotations FROM THE Bible, AND SHAKESPEARE, AND HE dug up illustrations, TO PROVE his arguments FROM THE ruins of Babylon AND PYRAMIDS of Egypt. AND HE soared aloft IN A grand burst OF ORATORY, AND DREW his audience UP WITH HIM, UNTIL THEY could see

FOR MILES around, AND HE swayed them WITH HIS words LIKE a gentle zephyr SWAYS THE reeds, IN THE swamp AND AT times HIS VOICE became SO LOUD and harsh IN HIS criticisms, THAT A bull, IN A neighboring field, JOYOUSLY BELLOWED AN ANSWER. AND AT other times, HIS VOICE became SO LOW and soft, THAT THE pigeons FLYING ROUND-a-bout, NESTLED ON his shoulders AND COOED sympathetically INTO HIS ears. AND WHEN he concluded IN ONE final grand burst, THAT BROUGHT a clap OF THUNDER from the heavens, HIS ENTIRE audience LEFT THE spot AND IMMEDIATELY STARTED OUT hunting FOR A Republican TO LICK. I THANK YOU.

ROOT PLEADS FOR WEEDING OUT OF TOO NUMEROUS LAWYERS

(By United Press) Chicago, Aug. 30.—President Elihu Root of the American Bar Association pleaded for a weeding out of the unnecessary and incompetent among the 114,000 lawyers in the United States in his annual address at the opening of the meeting of that organization here today.

"It is true of the American people generally," said Mr. Root, "that too many of us have been trying to get something out of the country and too few of us have been trying to serve it." Basing his plea for efficiency in the administration of the law upon the statement that we must get down to brass tacks in all our affairs if we're going to keep pace with Europe after the war, Mr. Root flayed our "cumbersome machinery of justice" and called upon the lawyers to forget their selfishness and give the country a little service not only in law administration, but in law making.

Mr. Root admitted that our basic law should be redrafted, but he added, none but a prophet or seer could do it and none such was available. Committees on judicial reform will report tomorrow morning and Mr. Root's address may form part of the basis of discussion on these reports. Stephen S. Gregory of Illinois, former president of the bar association, will preside at the evening session today. Former President Frederick W. Lehmann of Missouri, will preside tomorrow morning and former President Henry St. George Tucker of Virginia, tomorrow evening.

The meeting will close with the annual dinner of the association Friday night. "There is great economic waste in the administration of the law in state and nation. We spend vast sums building court houses, paying judges, clerks and others and the product in justice is disproportionate to the plant and working force. There is no country in the world where the doing of justice is burdened by such heavy overhead charges. It all causes an enormous waste of time on the part of witnesses, jury panel and parties. The ease with which admission to the bar is secured in many jurisdictions and the attraction of a career which affords a living without

DIXIE'S FAIR DAUGHTERS WILL DIVULGE SOUTH'S STAND ON SUFFRAGE

Atlantic City, Aug. 30.—Several hundred of Dixie's fairest daughters will take an active part in the emergency-called convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association here September 6th. They will bring with them some "inside information" on what the Southern politicians think of suffrage, and on their report to the convention will depend whatever decision is made for future suffrage activity below the Mason-Dixon line. So important is the South regarded by the suffrage leaders that one entire evening session of the convention has been set aside for a presentation of the Dixie suffragists' reports. The

night of September 7th will be officially known as "Dixie Night," and it promises to furnish one of the big surprises of the convention. On that night the delegates from all parts of the country will get some first hand information from Southern women on how the South stands on suffrage. According to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National Association, the information will not be displeasing. Details of the information which is to be presented to the convention by the Southern leaders are being jealously guarded, but it is admitted that there are surprises in store for those who have been laboring under the delusion that the Southern states as a whole, are opposed to granting the ballot to women.

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15,000 VETERANS MARCH OVER HILLS OF KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 30.—Fifteen thousand grizzled fighters of the Civil War marched over the downtown section today in the annual Grand Army of the Republic parade. With a score of fire and drum corps beating time and brass bands playing national airs, the gray haired veterans moved slowly over the line which included many hills.

The streets were thronged with spectators who cheered each state contingent as it passed and the veterans doffed their hats and saluted almost continuously. W. F. Calhoun, commander of the department of Illinois, and his state organization headed the procession, followed by the Wisconsin and Pennsylvania Departments. The Ohio and New York veterans were next in line. Then followed the Southern and Western departments. Missouri brought up the rear. As the parade swung into Main street there were many stragglers but they fought on bravely to pass in review before their commander-in-chief, Elias B. Manfort of Cincinnati, and his staff and state and city officials who occupied the reviewing stand.

RUMANIA CAN PUT 300,000 MEN IN FIELD

By Hilda Belloe Famous British Military Expert London, Aug. 30.—Rumania's entry into the war affords the best assurance that victory for the Allies is certain. She brings nearly half a million men to give weight to that assurance, with another 300,000 who may be called upon in case of emergency.

"What will be Rumania's part in the war?" From her neighbors she is separated by natural boundaries. If, for the moment the east is disregarded. On the west the Eastern Carpathians form a huge wall against attack. To the south the Danube is the natural outline of her dominion. To the east her territory extends beyond the river.

Where will she strike? Transylvania, where the Austrian forces are seriously weakened by successes which the Italians and Russians have gained on their own particular fronts, immediately suggests itself. Would Checkmate Bulgaria.

In that event Rumania would defend the Danube line against a possible Bulgarian offensive in Dobruja while attacking Transylvania.

The freshness of her troops in that area against the weakened war weary Austrians would undoubtedly be an important factor. Access to enemy territory is possible through the passes of the eastern Carpathians, Verceirova, Volkas, Rithenturn, Predealu and Gyimes. The army which saved the situation for the Russians at Plevna is a magnificent fighting force. It saw little or no active service in the Balkan war in 1913, but previous to the outbreak of the great war it ranked as the sixth largest in Europe.

EVANGELIST TO SUE BEAUFORT FOR \$15,000

Rev. W. R. Woodell, a tent evangelist recently asked to leave Beaufort after remarks made by him in the pulpit had incited the people, has instituted suit against the municipality for damages ranging between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Mayor Seth Gibbs in a letter to Mr. Woodell stated that it was evident some things the preacher had said had been "misunderstood, either innocently or by design," and suggested that he leave Beaufort. Gibbs stated that "we know nothing against your character as a man or preacher, and this advice is given in a spirit of friendship."

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