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WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, DEC. 7, 1916.

The shopping days till Christmas are growing fewer every day. And so are the best of the Christmas gifts in the local stores. Shop early.

We notice that Editor Crumpler of New Bern has begun a "Town Gossip" column in the Sun-Journal. It makes exceedingly interesting reading and is well gotten up.

"We want a leader!" is the cry of the Rumanians. Why not send them Holy Terror Roosevelt? He'll lead them, although goodness only knows where to.

The Christmas edition of the Daily News, being the most complete shopping guide ever published in Washington will be issued within a few days. Watch out for it.

EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND RIVERS.

Secretary McAdoo, in an interview to the press yesterday, condemned the present practice of erecting Federal buildings in places where there was no real need for them. "I am convinced," he states, "that the methods pursued by the Congress for the last 15 years of providing federal buildings through the so-called omnibus public building bills have resulted in the construction of many public buildings in small towns and localities where they are not needed, and at a cost which is clearly unjustifiable by any actual requirements of the communities in which they are erected. The conclusion is irresistible that authorizations for public buildings in these small communities are too frequently dictated by local reasons and without regard to the best interests of the government."

Secretary McAdoo is unquestionably right in the conclusion that he draws. The first great duty that a Congressman has to perform when he arrives at Washington is to get a Federal building for the home folks. It makes little difference if there are only two or three stores in the town, the need for the building is imperative—they couldn't possibly exist without it. Possibly not more than ten or fifteen letters pass through the postoffice a day, but still they demand a pretentious structure for the transaction of this business.

Next to the Federal building craze, the "deep water" proposition is probably the one that gets the most attention. If there is any city on a little two-by-four creek,—no matter if it is a hundred miles from the sea, the citizens rave and tear their hair until their Congressmen call the attention of Congress to the situation and a million or two is spent in order to provide deep water. And, after they get it, they don't know what to do with it,—no more than they know what to do with the Federal building.

But one can hardly blame the Congressman for trying to do his part. He knows, of course, on which side his bread is buttered so he does everything possible to get the Federal Building and deep water and anything else that his constituents might have set their hearts on. If he doesn't, he knows that his opponent at the next election will make a campaign issue out of it and use it as a means of defeating him. If he does, he's safe in office for another term or two.

There is no doubt but that millions and millions of dollars are wasted every year in the construction of Federal buildings that should never have been constructed and in the deepening of creeks and rivers that ought to have been filled up instead. However, there does not appear to be any means of remedying conditions.

THE MYSTERY OF SUICIDE.

Statistics of suicide in 100 cities of the United States in 1915, compiled by the Spectator, an insurance publication, are encouraging as showing that the ratio of self-murder has now reached a virtually stationary condition. The rate for the year was 20.3 per 100,000 of population, and compares with a rate of 20.0 for the preceding five-year period and with a rate of 20.7 for 1914.

The tabulation of the figures by localities and by months and seasons, accentuates the mystery of suicide, as respects the discovery of any law governing it. Why is June the favorite month for suicide and January a month of fewest cases? Why were there more suicides in the West, "God's country," than in the East; and why is the rate highest of all in three cities of California—San Francisco, Sacramento and San Diego? The rate of 63.3 for the last-named city was not only three times as great as the general rate but contrasts curiously with a rate of 5.4 for Auburn, N. Y.; a rate of 9.2 for Trenton, N. J.; a rate of 4.0 for Augusta, Ga., and a rate of 3.1 for Holyoke, Mass. Why should the rate for turbulent Bayonne be only 8.9 and the rate for the Boston suburb of Chelsea be 32.6?

These are among the inscrutable things. The lower rate of suicide in cities of less than 250,000 population perhaps has a bearing on the more strenuous conditions of metropolitan life. Yet why is the rate for Atlantic City, a pleasure city, double that for Manhattan? The male suicide rate of 24.1 contrasts with the female rate of only 7.7. Most men kill themselves between the ages of forty-five and fifty-four, most women between twenty-five and thirty-four. What is the relation? Why is old age, with the best part of life gone, less prone to suicide than middle age? What is there in conditions of life to explain the fact that the suicide rate is lowest and about equal in the Eastern and Southern States, where it is 16.4 and 17.0, respectively, and highest in the Pacific Coast States, where it is 24.3?

It is satisfying to learn that suicide grows no worse. But as respects any light on its general causes and the conditions contributing to it, the more it is studied the more baffling it becomes.

How Delightful IS

WASHINGTON PARK!
For the Children's sake let's build there.
A. G. Hathaway.

THE PRICE OF CANDY IS NOW ON THE CLIMB

These Sunday night steadyers, who are in the habit of boosting their cause by donations of delectable dainties, done up in fancy packages, had better put in a supply of the sweets before the holidays. Christmas boxes included, for after the Yuletide the price of candy is due to soar. Several of the local dispensers of confections have given notice that contracts for candy made some time ago expire with the advent of the new year, and whereas they have the assurance of the manufacturers that no increase will go into effect until then, it is understood that the lover of chocolates will pay a fancy price for the saccharine products after that. In the announcements that have been received by the local merchants from the big producers, it is stated that candy is being manufactured at a positive loss, and to continue under the present scale of prices would be ruinous. The proposed advancement affects the larger packages, only for the reason that the smaller packages, bringing prices of ten and fifteen cents, have already suffered advances.

The Town Gossip

Editor Town Gossip:—I am a close friend of Captain George Hill's and I was very much gratified over the expression of sympathy toward him as expressed in the Town Gossip column on Monday. I am sure that he will also appreciate seeing it and I have sent him a copy to let him know that his friends here are still thinking of him. I was very much surprised yesterday, however, to hear a gentleman criticize the piece referred to. He seemed to be of the impression that you were trying to ridicule the Captain. Of course I did my best to explain matters to him and I believe I succeeded. I don't see how anyone could consider your tribute to Captain Hill in this light, but there are always some people who get the wrong impression of things. Very truly yours,
A FRIEND.

DEAR FRIEND:
I DON'T know.
YOUR NAME.
BECAUSE.
YOU FORGOT to sign it.
TO YOUR letter.
AND I'M much obliged.
FOR THE letter.
AND WHAT you said in it.
BUT I'M sure.
THAT YOU'RE mistaken.
WHEN YOU say.
THAT THERE was someone.
WHO THOUGHT.
THAT I was trying.
TO RIDICULE Captain Hill.
AND I don't see.
HOW ANYONE.
COULD THINK that.
AND IF I wanted.
TO MAKE fun.
OF ANY man.
I CERTAINLY wouldn't try it.
ON A man.
WHO IS sick.
IN A hospital.
AND WHO needs.
ALL THE sympathy.
THAT HE can get.
AND WE all love.
CAPTAIN HILL.

AND HOPE.
THAT HE will soon.
BE OUT again.
AND FOR that reason.
I AM sure.
THAT THE gentleman.
YOU REFERRED to.
WHO SAID.
THAT THE article.
IN MONDAY'S Town Gossip.
MADE FUN of the Captain.
EITHER DIDN'T read it.
VERY CAREFULLY.
OR ELSE he was.
TOO THICK-HEADED.
TO UNDERSTAND it.
AND YOU know.
THAT THERE are.
FOLKS LIKE that.
AND NO matter.
WHAT YOU say.
OR WHAT you write.
THEY ALWAYS put.
THE WRONG meaning to it.
AND I guess.
THEY CAN'T help it.
THEY WERE just built.
THAT WAY.
I THANK you.
P. S.—THE COLD.
IS A lot better.

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NOTICE

North Carolina, Beaufort County, Superior Court, Before the Clerk, Oswald O. Kafer and wife, Lillian T. Kafer.

Va.
L. C. Tripp, Washington & Vendemere R. R. Co., W. H. Whitley, Thedie Whitley, Edward J. Edwards, Leon Edwards, Edward J. Edwards, trading as Edwards Supply Co., and Town of Edwards, N. C.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The parties above-named and all other persons interested will take notice that on the 6th day of December, 1916, the above-named petitioners filed their petition in the Superior Court of Beaufort County, North Carolina, for the purpose of having their title to certain land in the Town of Edward, North Carolina, re-registered and confirmed pursuant to the land title registration law of North Carolina, it being Chapter 90 of the Public Laws of 1913 and acts amendatory thereto.

That said land is situate in the Town of Edward, N. C., and particularly described as follows: Beginning on the east side of Main street, in the Town of Edward, N. C., at L. C. Tripp's northeast corner; and runs thence South with said Tripp's line, 17 poles; thence eastwardly and parallel with said Main Street, 6 poles and 9 links; thence northwardly and parallel with the first line, 17 poles to said Main Street; thence with said Street 6 poles and 9 links to the point of beginning; Containing one and one-half acres.

That summons has been issued in the above-entitled action, which is returnable at the office of Geo. A. Paul, Clerk Superior Court of Beaufort County, North Carolina, on the 12th day of February, 1917, when and where all persons interested in the said proceeding are required to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

And all persons interested will take notice that, if on said date they fail to appear as herein required, the petitioners will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the petition.

This 6th day of December, 1916.
GEO. A. PAUL,
Clerk Superior Court,
Beaufort County.

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\$2 Manicure Sets	75c
\$2.25 Wallace Lamps	\$1.50

A big line of enamel ware at greatly reduced prices. Pewter Cooking Pots, etc. Don't fail to investigate this great money saving opportunity.

Harris Hardware Co.

The Lawyer Says:

WHENEVER I feel fatigued.
I GO out.
FOR A minute or two.
AND GO into.
THE DRUG store.
AND ORDER.
A PEPSI-COLA.
AND WHEN I go back.
TO WORK again.
I FEEL.
A THOUSAND times better.
AND IT'S the same way.
WHEN IN court.
AND BEFORE entering.
THE STUFFY room.
I HAVE found.
THAT A glass.
OF PEPSI-COLA.
WILL DO me.
MORE GOOD.

THAN ANYTHING else.
AND I'VE taken.
PEPSI-COLA.
INTO THE law business.
WITH ME.
AND IT is proving.
TO BE.
A MOST satisfactory.
PARTNER.
IN EVERY way.
AND I'M glad.
THAT I have it.
TO HELP me out.
AND MOST lawyers.
IN TOWN.
USE IT.
AS A partner too.
I THANK you.

IN THE course.
OF A year.
I HAVE to try.
MANY CASES.
AND BEFORE facing a jury.
THERE ARE days.
OF HARD work.
AND DIGGING into books.
AND AT times.
I FEEL worn out.
AND DEAD tired.
AND UNABLE.
TO CONCENTRATE my mind.
ON THE books before me.
AND I'VE found.
THAT PEPSI-COLA.
IS THE best remedy.
FOR THIS.
IN THE world.
AND NOW.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Joseph Smith and wife, dated March 30, 1915, and recorded in the Register's office of Beaufort County in Book 182, at page 311, which is hereby referred to, the mortgagee will sell at the court house door of Beaufort County for cash to the highest bidder on Monday, January 8, 1917, at noon, that tract of land in Pantego Township, Beaufort County, described as follows:

Beginning at Seth Jones' Southeast corner on the public road leading from Pantego to Belhaven, and running with said road Southerly to Oliver Lucas' Northeast corner; thence with his line Westwardly to its corner; thence with a marked line Northerly to Seth Jones' Southwest corner; thence with his line Easterly to the beginning; Containing 7 1/2 acres, more or less.

This December 6, 1916.
Pantego & Belhaven Realty Company
Mortgagee.

12-7-4wc.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Augustus Davis and wife, dated January 18, 1913, and recorded in the Register's office of Beaufort County in Book 174, page 30, which is hereby referred to, the mortgagee will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door of Beaufort County, on Monday, January 8, 1917, at noon, that tract of land in Pantego Township, Beaufort County, described as follows:

Beginning at Thaddeus Smith's Southwest corner on the public road from Pantego to Wilkinson, running with said road North 50 West 143 feet; thence North 53 East 1643 feet to the drainage canal; thence with said canal Eastwardly to Thaddeus Smith's Northwest corner on said canal; thence with his line South 53 West 1612 feet to the beginning; Containing 3-10 acres, more or less.

This December 6, 1916.
Pantego & Belhaven Realty Company
Mortgagee.

12-7-4wc.

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