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GREATEST MANUFACTURING CITY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Our Correspondent at the Recent Mid-Winter Press Association—A Few Observations

SALEM, QUANT AND HISTORIC TWIN OF MODERN WINSTON

An Excursion Through Its Old-Time Streets—The House Where George Washington Slept—The Academy From Which Twenty Thousand Young Women Have Graduated and the Moravian Church—Greatest Manufacturing Center in the State, Both in Volume and Diversity of Products—Vast Expanse of Railroad Tracks, Factory Buildings and Towering Smokestacks—A \$250,000 Postoffice—The Zinzendorf—Hendersonville People in the Twin City.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 27.—The historic story of a glorious past, a picture of the throbbing industrial life of the present, the vision of a marvelous future—that's Winston-Salem, the greatest manufacturing city in North Carolina!

Salem, quaint and historic twin of modern Winston, date's way back yonder to 1766, when the persecuted Moravians settled there, and an excursion through its old-time streets, with its odd brick houses, takes you back a hundred years and more. You see the house where George Washington once slept, and it looks good for a couple of hundred years yet. Almost opposite is a long, low building, a bake shop, with great doors divided in the middle—the upper half open, mayhap, the lower closed. Both building and business have been in one family for goodness only knows how many generations and is still owned and conducted by descendants of its original founders. A little beyond you come to the Salem Academy, founded one hundred and nine years ago, fifty years after the village schools were in existence, and from which more than twenty thousand young women have graduated. Close by is the Moravian church, so awfully ancient it makes you feel old to stand in its shadow, an imposing building with an open belfry tower—used for an interesting purpose. Upon the death of any member of the church's congregation the Moravian band solemnly mounts to this wooden tower, and the age, sex and condition of the departed one is indicated by the peculiar rendering of a funeral dirge. It is an ancient and curious custom, brought over from the land beyond the seas.

Sam Jones once told Hendersonville people that ancestors were like potato vines—the best part were underground. But this is not true of the people of Salem and its big sister Winston, for while the twin city has distinctly two parts, ancient and modern, yet they commingle and form one great harmonious whole—a truly democratic city.

Winston hasn't been on the map so awfully long and now it's the greatest manufacturing city in the State both in volume and in diversity of products, over two hundred distinct lines being made. The greatest thing here, the greatest thing in North Carolina, is the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, which ships thirty cars of finished product every day. The buildings cover an enormous floor space, there are nearly five thousand operatives employed and the story of the trip through the plug tobacco department alone would require too much space to tell. It is here they make that favorite chewing tobacco of yours literally by the ton and ship it all over the universe. And by the way, in all the world there is no tobacco grown comparable to that produced in this section for chewing purposes. It possesses a flavor found in no other of the 360 varieties grown in the world, and that's where North Carolina scores again, you

see—a wonderful, wonderful old state! They use so many hundreds of millions of tobacco tags in this one factory that they really don't care to specify the exact number and cans for the famous Prince Albert smoking tobacco are made here by the hundreds of thousands.

While the Reynolds Company is the biggest manufacturing enterprise here there are hundreds of others, and if you stand on some favorable eminence and look over the vast expanse of railroad tracks, factory buildings and towering smoke stacks, you wonder if this panorama of modern industrialism can really be in North Carolina, a state not many years ago an industrial wilderness.

On every hand you see concrete evidence of Winston-Salem's fast and solid growth. Building operations are extensive—the class of buildings are magnificent, as for instance the seven-story stone and brick new home of the Wachovia bank, and there are many others. The public buildings are handsome, and there's going to be a new \$250,000 postoffice. The streets are in good condition and everybody seems to be a good roads enthusiast. There is a superb stretch of macadam going through miles of the gently rolling country around the city but they are somewhat inclined to the sand-clay method as being better. Also they are going to have a commission form of government—a sure sign of civic wakefulness.

Taxes and valuations are both very low, but that too, may be changed soon. The residence district is dotted thick with magnificent homes, many of them surrounded by extensive and well kept grounds. The water supply is excellent—clear, pure and sufficient for a city of a hundred thousand. The hotel accommodations are fine, and there is no better hotel in the State than the Zinzendorf, the headquarters of the North Carolina Press Association last week.

One of the factors in the rapid industrial growth of Winston-Salem has been the Board of Trade with its 600 members, its paid secretary and its centrally located office. Hendersonville wants to make mental note about that PAID secretary.

Hendersonville, of course, is well represented in the Twin-City. There's Mr. Charles E. Pless who has a handsomely appointed book store here. But Mr. Pless, on the advice of his physician, is coming back—only to Asheville. He has practically bought the book store of Hackney & Moale there and will soon become actively identified with the business. Mr. George Hackney leaves Asheville shortly to engage in business in another part of the state.

Mr. J. A. Maddrey, who is with the Peoples National Bank here, is another Hendersonville man who has made good in his new home, and who is always glad to see someone from the town with whose progress he was so long

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HENDERSON COUNTY FAIR ON MAIN STREET.

Merchants Indorse Movement Started by Commercial Club. Provided the leading farmers and citizens of Henderson county take the desired interest in the proposed county fair it will certainly be held on the streets of Hendersonville next fair, at an early date.

The Retail Merchants have appointed a committee to confer with the committee from the Commercial club and the sentiment of the farmers will be found relating to a county fair.

A number of farmers from each township to take active charge of the interests of the fair in this community is asked by the committee and with the co-operation of the county people Henderson county will hold one of the best fairs in the history of the county.

Several prominent merchants made strong talks last Thursday evening at the meeting in favor of the fair. The entire body of merchants were in favor of holding the amusements and exhibits in the middle of Main street, perhaps from the court house to Anderson avenue.

The advising committee appointed the other night will find out about how much will be contributed to the premium money. It was mentioned in this connection that already the county has gained thousands of pounds of pork by the hog contests started by several leading business houses of Hendersonville and leading citizens of several townships in Henderson county.

It was the sentiment that the fair next fall should be run upon a high plane, including no "flim-flam" games and the entire affair free from an entrance fee.

POPULATION OF HENDERSONVILLE.

Report Shows 2,818 Inhabitants. Increase of Fifty-Five Per Cent. The United States census report for 1910, which has just been completed, gives Hendersonville a population of 2,818 inhabitants as compared with 1816 in 1900; an increase of approximately 55 per cent.

This is a splendid showing for Hendersonville, going far beyond the expectations of those who were in a position to estimate a growth of our town and its population.

Especially does this speak well for Hendersonville when it is considered that few cities in North Carolina have surpassed or even equalled a 55 per cent increase.

Hendersonville has made rapid strides since this last census was taken and it would be safe, in view of this recent growth, and the fact that many people escape the notice of the census man when he makes his rounds, so place Hendersonville's population at 3,000.

With its splendid climate and beautiful location and with the enterprising spirit of its business people, Hendersonville bids fair to exceed the 5,000 mark when the next census is taken in 1920.

A Delightful Dance.

A beautiful dance complimentary to Miss Margeret Stillwell, the attractive guest of the Kentucky Home was given last Friday night in the spacious ball room of the hotel.

About fifteen couples enjoyed the dances and german figures until a late hour. Light refreshments were served during the entertainment.

BEAUTIFUL COLUMBIA PARK IS TO BE CLUB GROUNDS

H. S. Anderson Sells Part of His Property to Prominent Real Estate Firm of Greenville, S. C. Will Be City Park. Landscape Engineers to Begin Soon on Further Work. Lots Are Being Sold. Local People Are Interested.

Columbia Park is to be converted into a beautiful city park, where the people of Hendersonville and the thousands of visitors can gather and enjoy the superb mountain climate during the day. Landscape engineers will begin work on further improving this familiar ground in a few months and Hendersonville will have one of the prettiest parks in the country, right in the heart of the town.

The Greenville Trust Company, one of the leading real estate companies of Greenville, S. C., has bought a large interest from Mr. H. S. Anderson in the Columbia Park property and will begin at once in organizing a club of prominent Southern families, who desire to spend the summer in Hendersonville and enjoy the privileges of a club house with all the quiet and privacy of the country and with the advantages of the city.

This new deal has been rumored around town for some time. Mr. Anderson has been in the city of Greenville perfecting the plan for the new organization and with in the last few days letters have been received from the Greenville Trust company by several prominent citizens of the town asking them to join the club. Many of them have expressed their willingness to become a member of the club.

The stockholders of the Greenville Trust company are said to be some of the wealthiest men in the Carolinas. The officers are C. C. Good, a capitalist of Greenville, president; J. J. McSwain, one of the ablest lawyers of the South Carolina bar, vice president and general counsel; W. G. Harris secretary and treasurer, who has been in the real estate business for many years. Already there has been a number of prominent citi-

zens of Greenville who have signified their desire to become members of the new proposed club in Hendersonville.

Salesmen will be placed in the next few months in several of the larger cities of the South and club members will be solicited all over the South.

Full details of the plans of the new company and proposed club are being printed in booklet form and will be distributed.

North Carolina Press Association Adopts "Back Home Movement."

Johnson City, Tenn., Jan. 30.—The industrial department of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railway received advices today from Winston-Salem, N. C., that the "Back Home movement was endorsed by the North Carolina Press Association in session there by the following resolution:

"Whereas, the needs of the State of North Carolina regarding development of agricultural interests are apparent, and recognizing that the interest of the state of North Carolina can best be served and a greater development promoted by encouraging citizens of North Carolina to remain in the State and encourage non-residents to return to North Carolina and in order that a general invitation may be extended to all such, and other practical farmers, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the North Carolina Press Association at its regular meeting at Winston-Salem hereby endorses the "Back Home" movement with the recommendation to the general assembly in session that it is the sense of this gathering that the best interests and future welfare of the state can best be promoted through the establishment of a state board of trade.

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY BILLS INTRODUCED TO DATE

Of Which Some Ninety-Five or More Have Become Laws of the State.

MORE THAN FIFTY LAWYERS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Nothing of Special Interest to Western Part of the State so Far—Proposed Million Dollar Bond Issue for Administration Building Trotted Out for Inspection—The Near-Bear Joints to be Put Out of Business—State-Wide Good Roads Bill a Sure Thing—Judge Ewart Anxious to Have Commissioners to Take Action About Buck Shoals—The Judge Also Introduces Bill to Tax Dogs, Bachelors and Justices of the Peace of Henderson County.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—There are more than fifty lawyers in the North Carolina General Assembly. Also there have been about 650 bills introduced up to now, of which some 95 or so have become laws of the State. Maybe, if there were fewer lawyers there would be fewer laws—but as nine-tenths of the new legislation are local measures, maybe there's no great harm done after all.

Nothing of special interest to the western part of the State has happened so far. None of the big bills have been introduced. The proposed million-dollar bond issue for a great administration building was trotted out for inspection at the Saturday morning session, but Turlington of Iredell, one of the many level-headed men here gently suggested that it be made a special order for some night session this week, when all the members would be present. This was done and the first bond issue will be very carefully inspected and critically examined some time during the week.

Same way with Representative Stubb's constitutional convention bill. Also with the state-wide near-bear bill which will put the festive near-bear joint out of business in the State—for the bill will become a law, it is one safe bet.

The Torrens land system bill has passed its first reading and has been referred to the committee. It provides for a state guarantee of land titles, makes the property as easily transferable as selling a hog or a cow, and is altogether a wise and progressive piece of legislation.

There is going to be, without doubt, a state-wide good roads bill. Just what form it will eventually take it is absolutely impossible to ferret out, for when road bills are the subject of genteel and polite conversation you find no two men of the same mind. The bill is going to call for some talk, at any rate.

Representative Ewart says positively that he will introduce no new road legislation for Henderson, beyond what he has already accomplished raising the age limit, until this state-wide bill has passed the house. One of the provisions of the act will be for state aid and use of road machinery.

There are many more bills providing county bonds for good roads and some of them specifically specify the sand-caly method. Buncombe county townships may now issue bonds for good roads, if they wish, among others.

Hon. Logan Page, director of the office of Public Roads of the United States talked to the legislators last Thursday night about good roads. If the farmers of Henderson could all have heard this talk, have seen the moving pictures which illustrated it, and listened to the instances of marvelous increase in land values and in efficiency of the farmer's stock as a consequence of good roads, there wouldn't be a bad roads man found in the county—not one.

Judge Ewart is very anxious to have the county commissioners take action about employing an engineer to investigate the Buck Shoals matter. If any aid is ex-

pected from the present legislature some one will have to move quick.

There has been no Western Training School bill introduced during the past week, nor will there be one during the next few days. Senator Martin of Buncombe is the efficient and capable chairman of the "steering committee" having the matter in hand, and he is doubtless waiting to see what the general assembly does to the million-dollar administration building bond issue before he takes any definite steps in the matter. In the mean time it will be well for Hendersonville to find out where it stands, for once a law there is going to be a fierce fight to secure the location of this great school.

A highly hilarious event of the past week was the introduction of a bill by Marshall, republican, of Surry, providing for free school books. The more or less honorable gentleman from Surry tried to play a game of high politics without knowing how, and what the house did to the more or less honorable gentleman from Surry was a plenty and then some. He was finally placed in the unenviable position of voting against his own bill and the next time he tries to play peanut politics he won't.

Representative Livingston of Polk has introduced a bill placing the live town of Saluda wholly inside of Polk county. Sam Justice will be interested in this, for he was the surveyor who run the lines dividing the town.

Representative Wood of Transylvania has introduced a stock law for his county. Also a bill repealing the present road law and adopting that of 1907. Ewart has added a section with teeth to the present anti-trust laws of the State and that's about all the legislature of special interest to the western part of North Carolina, except possibly the bill prohibiting the use of automatic and repeating shot guns in hunting birds or other game.

Ewart Would Tax Dogs, Bachelors and Justices of the Peace of Henderson County.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Representative Ewart, Monday, introduced a bill levying a special tax of one dollar per head, upon all the dogs, bachelors and justices of the peace in Henderson county.

The bill passed its first reading in the house and has been referred to the proper committee. It stands an excellent chance of becoming a law.

You will notice the bill reads "dogs, bachelors and justice of the peace." What a palpitating, breathless and awe-stricken world wants to know is: "Why did the honorable gentleman from Henderson place the dog first?"

"What, they gasp, is a bachelor or a justice of the peace lower in the social scale than a dog? Does the honorable gentleman from Henderson county believe for one moment that a bachelor has no human attributes is no kin to the human family, that he should be classed with and next to a dog?"

There is no excuse for bachelors

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