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What about the park? shall we have a beautiful park as a resort for our people after an arduous day's labor and where our visitors may spend their leisure moments in pleasure? There are grounds in the vicinity of Shaw's Springs that nature has done much to make just what is wanted.

The joint conventions of Halifax County S. S. and Temperance Associations met in the Baptist Church here July 27 to 29. The S. S. work W. C. Whitaker president held its convention from Tuesday 3:30 p. m. until Wednesday afternoon. The programme was not carried out as minutely as was desired owing to absence of several persons who were unavoidably detained. There was a good representation of the different S. S. of the convention present and many short but pointed speeches. It was generally conceded that indifference on the part of parents and church members was the greatest hinderance to the S. S. work. The convention was a live one and doubtless the county will reap a reward from its work. The Temperance Association Prof. L. W. Bagly chairman convened Wednesday night, after which Rev. A. McCullen, of Henderson. made one of his characteristic speeches in behalf of the temperance cause. Mr. McCullen was followed by Mr. E. E. Hilliard of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth in an able argument. It is not often we are treated to such speeches as were given to us that night. The Association adjourned Tuesday a. m. All expressed themselves as pleased with the visit to Littleton and the people of the town enjoyed the meetings.

The following article clipped from the Gold Leaf, Henderson is so full of sense that we give it verbatim and surrender our editorial space to its use. We simply suggest that what is good for our sister town is good for Littleton.

People sometimes fail to realize the full significance of their relation to the community in which they live. They lose sight of the fact that the growth and success of a town or village depends to a great extent upon its business men and citizens. It is a rare ex-

ception to find a place which has such great natural resources and advantages that it will grow and prosper despite internal and external opposition. A town may be practically killed in various ways by its inhabitants.

First, by calamity howlers who can see nothing good in their surroundings and are continually singing dirges to every stranger that comes along seeking for investments.

Second, by opposing all public improvements of whatever kind, notwithstanding that the public welfare and rapid growth of the town demands them, and acting upon the assumption that every promoter of an improvement or enterprise is a rascal seeking whom he may devour to enhance his own financial or political ends.

Third, by a total indifference to every enterprise, content to let well enough alone and become a drone in the busy hive of workers who have plunged into the wilderness far in advance of civilization and built up flourishing towns and cities with schools, churches and great manufacturing enterprises. Such men are the life and strength of every city, village, or nation.

The natural advantages of Henderson will never in itself make it a great city: it requires the united efforts of every one of its citizens to push it to the front and make it one of the first and most flourishing manufacturing towns in the State. The foundations have been laid and with its natural advantages the possibilities for the future are encouraging; and its only needs a united people back of it to bring new industries and enterprises into our midst.

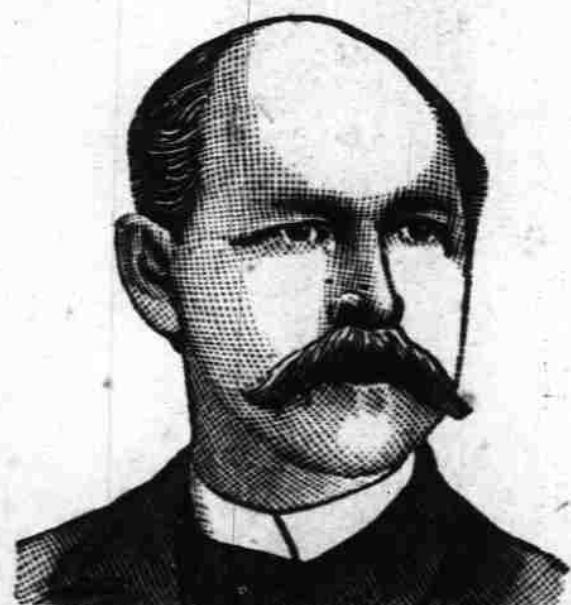
Henderson needs no false representations as to its solid and substantial character. Its important manufacturing concerns, unsurpassed tobacco market, great leaf factories, extended mercantile interests, complete water works system, electric lights, telephone exchange, transportation facilities, splendid business blocks, handsome private residences, churches, schools, etc., all speak for themselves, and when strangers visit the town every citizen with whom they come in contact should point out these advantages instead of singing the dismal dirge that would cause the would-be investor to flee from our midst never to return.

Speak a good word for your town at any and all times and prove your loyalty by patronizing the home grocer, dry goods man, butcher and printer for every dollar spent away from home is an injury to Henderson to that extent.

The local newspaper has no equal in its generosity, bestowing benefits every issue with a liberal hand, benefiting its friends and foes alike, adver-

tising and attracting the attention of people to its section who otherwise would never have known of the country. The editor of a newspaper stands between the outside world and his community, defending it from the inroads of imposters and inviting investors and citizens. The time has come when no section of the country can afford to be without a home paper, and the idea that a paper benefits only the owners is now considered the views of the unintelligent and for one to so express himself is to regerate himself to the shades of ignorance. Public spirited men fully appreciate the value of a newspaper and are the editor's best friends, some progressive towns where ready patronage is not sufficient to sustain a paper wide awake business men unite and supply an editor with a plant and guarantee a livelihood.

In company with Mr. J. J. Myrick and son we left Littleton a few days since and joined Capt. J. P. Ceach and son and Messrs Stansberry at Capt. Leach's home, from there we proceeded to Fishing Creek where the fishermen entered the water and began dragging for the finny tribe. Reward soon came and Plummer Harriess, (who had joined the crowd) with Capt. Leach took the "bag" and contents and proceeded to a favored spot at Spruill's Mill where preparation for dinner was made. Fish muddle and fried fish the chief articles of diet, were ready when the fishing party arrived, and no other evidence is needed that it was just as it should be than that it (a great quantity) was eaten with a relish. This was our first attendance upon a fish fry but we hope not the last. A merry day was spent and all returned home satisfied with the pleasure of the day. Mr. Walker and the little Walkers enjoyed a breakfast of fish the next morning.



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