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Merchants Association.

It may be useless to say that in our opinion the past month records the most important events of the town of Burlington. This is so because there has been a manifestation of harmony, of united efforts, of concerted forces that heretofore have never been united.

In the first place, many fruitless efforts have been made to make permanent a Merchants Association for Burlington, but at last the hope of so many has been realized.

The erroneous impression has gone abroad that such an association is to work a hardship on our people, but such impression is readily removed when the purpose is set forth. Which is to "Merit the honest, aid the overburdened and eradicate the dead beat class". It is not right for the honest customer to pay the debts of the dishonest. So long as we do that we are parties to such conduct. For every dollar a merchant loses to a dishonest customer, he puts on a greater profit for the rest and the honest man pays the dead beats bills. Help the merchant eradicate the dead beat and you will reduce the cost of your own consumption.

Chamber of Commerce.

No town is any larger, greater or better than it claims to be. So far we have had no active organization that has set forth the claims of Burlington and Alamance county to the outside world as a place to live and do business. Foreign capital does not realize that we have a town, backed by a country filled with a vast amount of unharnessed natural wealth, and unlimited resources.

There is, to our regret, a feeling in Burlington that the work of getting new industries to our town, new residents, devolves entirely upon the business men of our town. Such should not be the case, because it is just as important to the day laborer as it is to the merchants and manufacturers, that we have these new concerns. Add to our town a million dollars in hard wood manufacture and you will support two hundred homes. The work above enumerated is the mission of the present Chamber of Commerce.

If you are a loyal citizen of Burlington you will join. If you are a back action fellow you will continue to go like the sand crab. The question is up to you, whether you will help Burlington to continue its present growth by getting on the band wagon of industrial activity, or will you stand off and waste your energy pumping the well of anti action dry, trying to put out the fire of industrial combustion. Both streams flow by your door, the one leads out in the concourse of nations, the other over the precipice of failure.

The Baptists of the State are making a united effort to make sure of the confirmation of Mr. Seawell, who has been appointed judge of the eastern district by President Roosevelt. The action of the Baptist in this case is a direct rebuke of the daily news and editorial that fill the columns of that famous disturber, of Raleigh, North Carolina. If all the vile and corrupt, low degrading editorials that have appeared in the columns of the Josephus Daniel organ were gathered into one cell in hell there is no man that could stand the temperature save the editor of the same organ.

Judge Allen, while holding court at Greenville, N. C. last week, said he thought that the bill introduced into the legislature to compel the judges to stay at each county seat for six days in a week of each court week should be amended so that it would include the lawyers.

**MR. WILBUR H. ROYSER
ILL IN ATHENS, GREECE.**

His Father, Mr. V. C. Royster, Left Raleigh Yesterday to Sail from New York.

News and Observer.

An alarming cablegram was yesterday received by Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Royster, which told them that their son, Mr. William High Royster, who is now in Athens, Greece, was ill, though in no immediate danger.

The cablegram said that he is ill with some kind of poison, which was not stated clearly in the cablegram. Mr. Royster at once prepared to go to Greece and left here yesterday afternoon at four o'clock for New York and will sail for Europe on Wednesday. He will go on the Lusitania and from Liverpool will go by rail and steamer to Athens, the trip requiring about twelve days.

Mr. Wilbur Royster is twenty-two years old, and had gone to Athens to study at the American School of Archaeology. He was at Johns Hopkins last year and his study at Athens was to secure the degree of Ph. D. He has many friends in Raleigh and there will be many wishes for his recovery. There is deep sympathy for him and his parents, this increased by the fact that he is so far from home amidst strangers and foreigners. In his journey, which will be filled with deep anxiety, Mr. Royster takes with him the best wishes of this entire community.

Girl, Beau and the Law.

Kansas City Journal.

Amid the general and alarming bridging of our liberties there comes a note of encouragement from Cleveland. Of late so few delectable things have come of Cleveland that it helps to restore confidence in that city to learn that it has a judge who is not sour and unsympathetic with matters tender and sentimental. This magistrate, who yet cherishes some of the sap of youth, has decreed and declared that a young woman has a perfect right to sit upon her sweetheart's lap, an irate and protesting father to the contrary notwithstanding.

The case is of mighty interest to maidens and swains everywhere, in that the right of the girl includes that of the man, the one embracing the other, as it were. If a girl may sit upon a man's lap, it must be plain to the courts and everybody else that the right cannot be exercised without contributory assistance of the man. Therefore, ergo and consequently, a man has a right to hold a girl upon his lap. Thus is cupid's brief made perfectly conclusive without citing other law or an abundance of precedents.

WILL WARD IN THE PEN

Sampson County Negro Threatened With Lynching Brought Here for Safe Keeping.

News and Observer.

Will Ward, the negro rapist of Sampson county, was brought to Raleigh yesterday by Sheriff E. C. McPhail and Deputy Sheriff Taft for safe keeping in the State penitentiary.

The negro committed a criminal

assault upon Mrs. Mollie McLeod at her home at Moultonville, near Clinton, several days ago. Lynching was threatened and the Clinton company of the North Carolina National Guard surrounded the jail one night. The troops were withdrawn on the next day, but the anger of the people had not been stilled and reports of threatened violence reaching the ears of the officers, they determined to bring the negro here to remain in the State's prison until the time for his trial. The officers drove through the country to Fayetteville with their prisoner.

Farmers and Autos.

Manchester Union.

Interesting news is that which comes from New Jersey to the effect that the state board of agriculture has unanimously turned about face in its attitude towards automobiles by passing a resolution asking the legislature to amend the automobile law so as to recognize licenses issued in other states without charge to the

owners of the machines. The farmers of New Jersey, it is said, have been very bitter in the matter of automobile legislation, and one of the principal reasons why the legislature has not recognized outside licenses for touring in that state has been this attitude of the farmers. This sudden and unanimous change of sentiment is, therefore, significant.

But the true significance of it is appreciated only when its cause is understood. In accounting for their altered policy, the farmers explain that they themselves are now automobile owners, and that they desire the benefit of going into other states to tour without taking out new licenses; and that the only method by which they can persuade all states to recognize Jersey licenses is that of giving similar recognition to licenses issued in other states. The whole situation is interesting and by no means unpleasant.

The Durham county alumni of the State Normal and Industrial College have pledged one thousand dollars to the McIver loan fund.

1909 SPRING OPENING 1909

—OF—

...TAILORING FABRICS...

We beg to announce that HOPKINS TAILORING CO. of Baltimore, makers of clothing that fits, will have their representative at our store on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29 and 30, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2 and 3, to take orders for Spring from those men who prefer a suit made to their own individual measure from fabrics that are of latest designs. We extend a cordial invitation to all men of discriminating taste to call and view the magnificent line of fabrics and to have their measure taken for their Spring suit or trousers. Remember, we guarantee to fit you and give you entire satisfaction in price, style and workmanship. Orders taken for IMMEDIATE or FUTURE delivery.

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Walter Cates & Cicero Durham, Salesmen.

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Are The Children Well Shod?



This subject should be of interest to all buyers of childrens shoes at this season of the year. If you keep the childrens feet dry they are not so likely to take bad colds, which very often terminate in something serious. Take our advice,

Examine the Childrens Shoes at Once

and if you find that they need a new pair of shoes bring them to us and have them properly fitted in one of our specially constructed shoes that fit the feet perfectly and at the same time are as nearly waterproof as can be made. We are showing several new and exclusive styles in both lace and button in patent leather gun metal, tan calf and vic kid as illustrated herewith.

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