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BOOSTING OR KICKING.

Some people are unreasonable about everything, and appear to think that if you are not boosting, that you are kicking, they will not admit there is a middle ground, that you can be dissatisfied with the way some things are managed or done and yet not be what is usually termed a kicker. Just because you do not agree with everything a person does is no reason that you must be termed a kicker, and because you do not voice an objection to a great many things that are being done is no reason why you should be termed a booster, there certainly must be a middle ground some where. Honest and just criticism is oftentimes more beneficial than an acquiescence, where your position has to be taken for granted. People who pay close attention to public affairs should not hesitate to commend or criticize whenever they feel that the public good demands it, but fear to offend very often leads people to close their eyes or ears, and escape an unpleasantness which they desire to avoid, those who pride themselves upon being what is termed good and law-abiding citizens cannot escape responsibility by passing by on the other side so to speak, they should face the issue and let the consequences be what they may. There is a middle ground as between boosting and kicking. There is no middle ground between doing your duty as your conscience dictates or shirking. It might be well for some people to get this proposition squarely before them, and to meet the situation like men. Our position seems to be misunderstood as to our attitude regarding the coming prosperity or partial return of confidence which is making its appearance in many sections of the country. Some of our Republican readers say that we are boosting something which does not put in its appearance, and we must admit that it is a little slow making its appearance, a little by little to a close business student or observer it can be seen, a way in the distance it's true, but coming nevertheless. We trust our Republican friends will not misconstrue our attitude in this particular. We are aware that business is rather slow and money hard to get, but the country is getting large orders in certain lines from the warring nations, and these orders are helping our manufacturers in many ways, the high prices prevailing for grain in the West enables the Western farmer to buy our manufactured products in this way the western prosperity affects us also. It is true that about all the business we are getting is the direct result of the war, and but for the war, business would be gotten indeed, but business is business whether from the result of the war or from any other source, and what we want is prosperity, while we all want the war to cease, yet if they are to continue fighting, we as a producing nation might just as well reap what benefit we can from it. The way to keep from buying from us is to stop fighting, this nation is going to sell to them as long as they will buy.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We appreciate the many items of local news furnished us by our many correspondents during the year just closed. Our readers have enjoyed your items more than you can know, some of you think your items were not appreciated, but we are in position to know that they were. We wish to thank all of you personally and make

an urgent request that all of you continue to act as our correspondents. In this connection we wish to say that we would be glad to have a few more correspondents in localities where we are not now represented. Acting as correspondent for a news paper is worth as much almost as a school term, because it learns you things that you do not learn in school; it puts you in touch with many things that you would not otherwise notice, and tends to fit you for the battles with the world, by all means act as correspondent for some paper—if not The Dispatch, then some other good paper.

RINGING OUT THE OLD, RINGING IN THE NEW.

Last night beginning thirty minutes before twelve and continuing thirty minutes after twelve, the church bells of the city pealed forth beautifully, and they had an able ally in the Graham fire whistle. The latter had a mournful as well as a doleful sound, and while it all meant the dawn of a new, and we trust a better year, still it was with a mingled sorrow that we listened to its dying echoes. We are all glad to welcome the new year, and to bid farewell to the old, still who knows or can tell what the new year will bring forth? 1914 was bad in many respects, yet those of us who are left have many things to be thankful for, the least we can expect from 1915 is that it will treat us no worse than did 1914.

We wish for each one of The Dispatch family a happy and prosperous New Year, 1915. We trust you will not encounter any troubles, but if you do, we hope they may be little ones and easily disposed of. To those who remain with us during the coming year we promise the best, most readable and up-to-date twice a week News paper that visits your home. That the family circle may not be broken by death or otherwise is the sincere wish of the management of The Dispatch.

This is rather a fatal admission coming from the Democratic Attorney General of the state, when the Republican party was in power, the Democratic politicians said the Republican party was responsible for the increase in crime within the state, and that if you would turn the case over, until the song of the mocking bird would again be heard in the land, but they change tunes now and say that crime is on the increase, yes crime is on the increase and will keep on increasing just so long as the public officials make favorites of the law breaking class. There are a certain class in almost every community that can almost defy the law, as well as the morals of the community and yet escape punishment because they stand in with the politicians and the politicians are afraid it will hurt the party if they bring them to account for their misdoings. The good people know this to be true and yet, they are partly responsible for this very condition. They wink at these violations and are themselves afraid to buck the politicians, for fear it will also hurt the party. Such hypocrisy is unworthy of even things who call themselves men, let alone men who are supposed to be made in the image of the Master. What think ye, good people of Alamance County, and the State of North Carolina?

When we say business is picking up, we do not mean that prosperity is knocking at every man's door, but we mean that conditions are gradually getting better not that they are getting just as good as can be, or that they are getting as good as they were under the Republican administration, but that they are improving generally speaking, it may be in sections, it may be in just some lines, but what affects one eventually affects all. But it takes patience and perseverance by those interested in order that they may reap the full measure of the increase, to fret and fume just keeps you from enjoying what little measure of benefits that come your way.

With wheat a dollar and forty cents per bushel in the West, the war certainly is doing somebody good, of course those of us who have to buy think it mighty hard, and it is to the

GOV. COLQUITT DECLARES PRESIDENT FA FAILURE.

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stock men and other responsible citizens, praying for protection at points all along our 1,200-mile frontier.

The Federal Government had only 60 troops at Brownsville to cover more than two-thirds of that long border. When I rushed the Texas State troops down there, stationing a company at each of the principal border towns, I instructed them not to cross the river nor in any way violate the neutrality law, but at all costs to protect the lives and property of Texas people.

Secretary of War Garrison telegraphed me that he thought it unwise to have two military forces occupying the same territory under separate commanders and suggested that I withdraw the State troops. I wired him that I would withdraw the Texas troops when he sent an equal number of United States regulars to take their place. And I kept our men there until he did send an equal number of regulars to replace them at every place where our men were stationed.

I understand they had everything prepared at Washington to have me indicted by a Federal Grand Jury and put in a Federal prison, on the assumption that I meant to invade Mexico—a palpable absurdity, which only men utterly ignorant of the situation could have entertained. It is a fact, which the country does not know, that when our Texas troops arrived at Brownsville the Mexican commander at Matamoros, across the river offered to surrender that city to the commander of the troops of United States calvarymen. The commander at Matamoros evidently believed the Texas troops meant to take his city, and thought the United States troops more friendly than the Texans. The Washington conception of our business on the border was as ridiculous as that of the Mexican commander.

CALLS IT ENCOURAGING BANDITS.

Wilson and Bryan have stood by encouraging one gang of bandits after another, while people were being butchered all over Mexico, while the vast American interests in that country were being confiscated and shot to pieces, and today the Mexican chaos is worse than at any time since Madero was assassinated. Villa is the dictator of the country, and I understand that all he wants is to be chief of police of the City of Mexico, with control of the gambling concessions in the City of Mexico and Juarez.

Our government has kept England and Germany from restoring order in Mexico, and has itself done nothing but contribute to the disorder and lawlessness by its vacillating "watching and waiting" policy—if it can be called a policy. The property interests of Mexico and the big American exploiters of Mexican resources have got control of the situation absolutely, and these same interests have got the ear of our Government at Washington.

ANTI-TRUST LAWS "FAKE."

"The Administration's anti-trust laws are barefaced fakes, so far as protecting the people from trust oppression is concerned. These laws please nobody else so well as they do the Standard Oil, the Steel and other great trusts.

"I believed at first that the Federal Reserve Banking Act was the Administration's one meritorious achievement, but national bankers tell me it is going to prove a failure. The control of the system, in practice, appears to rest in New York City instead of Washington.

"I am fully convinced the national election of 1916 will end the Democratic regime. The policies of the Democratic Administration have wholly failed either to curb the monopolies or to lower the cost of living for the people, and they have materially contributed to deprive millions of wage earners of employment. The Administration valorized \$20,000,000,000 worth of corporate securities owned in the North and East by a Treasury Department order to national banks to loan money on listed securities at not less than the closing quotations of July 30, 1914.

But the same Administration, when asked to allow the people to use a quarter of a billion dollars of their collective credit for two years to save them from losing \$500,000,000 on their cotton crop, regarded valorizing as violative of sound government.

The President stood in the road and condemned the South, which made him, to heavier loss and more widespread misery than it has known in three generations. He vindicated an obsolete theory of political economy, but he mightily near ruined the country doing it.

I raised among my personal friends in Texas more than \$10,000 for the Wilson campaign fund, and the only favor I asked of him was that he appoint men who would aid the Texas State government to enforce law and order along the Mexican border. It was my earnest desire to assist in making the Democratic national administration a success, but I would not sacrifice the honor of my State nor the welfare of her people to win the favor of any administration.

At no time have I failed to get courteous treatment from the Mexican revolution. I sympathize with the Mexican people, but I also sympathize with Americans who have property rights in Mexico that ought to have been protected.

person whose wages is the same, but this is a big country that we live in, and it is hard to adjust things to every man's advantages without some getting hurt. The thing to do is to economize and work the harder, of our manufacturing enterprises will just keep humming we can all keep the wolf from the door.

Read the article of Governor Colquitt, the Democratic governor of Texas, which appears in this issue, pretty hot stuff from a member of the party, who helped raise thousands of dollars to elect the President. This is one man that does not seem afraid to hurt the party. Would that this country had more of them like Governor Colquitt.

Read the article relative to the Christmas Savings Club in this issue,

and then make a bee line for one of the banks and join the large procession headed that way. The Christmas Savings Club is a good thing for any community. Try it and be convinced.

Every day is pay up day in Burlington.

W. J. BRYAN TO BE IN RALEIGH.

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan, will be one of the speakers at the North Carolina conference for Social Service which meets here January 28-30, was announced here today by Clarence Poe, secretary of the conference. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, will also speak. It was also stated that Secretary Bryan will address the General Assembly, that will be in session at that time.

ELON COLLEGE ROUTE 1 ITEMS.

Christmas is gone! We hope that everybody has enjoyed themselves, especially the children who wrote Lear Santa such nice letters.

Mrs. D. L. Williams and children are visiting her sister in Greensboro during Christmas.

Mrs. B. F. Lowe and Miss Id. Lowe visited Mr. W. J. Dimont Sunday morning. Also Mr. Joseph Christman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tickle, of Charlotte, spent Christmas with her father, Mr. J. M. Geringer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tickle and Miss Mamie Tickle visited Misses Blanche and Marcie Geringer Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Dan Williams and Bose Lowe visited W. J. Dimont Monday.

The following were visitors at Mr. J. R. Shepherds Sunday: Mr. W. J. Dimont, Mrs. George Crompton and children, Messrs. Joshua and Z. F. Fargis and Misses Debba and Malissa Dimont.

Mr. C. W. Shepherd and sister, Miss Ada Shepherd visited Misses Malissa and Corda Dimont Saturday evening.

Mr. Ralph Williams, of Gibsonville visited his grandmother Saturday and Sunday.

We are listening for the wedding bells to ring for a few of our young people in this community.

Mr. P. Williams visited at W. J. Dimont's Tuesday.

Misses Lou Heritage, of Burlington, visited Mr. Clarence and Miss Lillian Tickle this week.

News is scarce this week. Will try to write more next time.

SAXAPAHAW ITEMS.

Misses Blanche and Rebecca Scott, of Graham, are spending the holidays

with Misses Ethel and Bonner Williamson.

Mr. G. W. Roberson, of Chapel Hill, is at home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, of Swepsonville, returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips.

Mr. John Mariett, of Dunn, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mariett.

Mr. J. P. Winghamam, of Swepsonville, returned Tuesday, after spending a few days at home.

Mr. George Williamson, Jr., of Davidson College, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. W. G. Lloyd, of Guilford College, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cates, of Alamance, are the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Lula Churchfield.

Professor John Glenn, principal of the graded school returned Monday, after spending a part of last week with friends in Marion.

Miss Sallie Durham, of Asheville, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durham.

Mr. Charles C. Lindley, of Elon College, is at home this week.

Mr. Dewitt Boone returned home from Virginia, last week.

Miss Laura Mann, of Chapel Hill, is the guest of her grandfather, Dr. E. D. Mann.

ONLY ONE CHANCE.

They were walking in the moonlight on a romantic country road.

"Nothing could ever come between us, could it, dearest?" asked Claud pensively.

"I can't think of a single thing," replied Elsie, "unless I should be engaged to some other man."

Advertisement for Purina Chicken Chowder and Purina Scratch Feed. Includes images of checkerboard bags and text: 'If CHICKEN CHOWDER won't make your hens lay they must be roosters'. Also mentions 'More Eggs Money Back'.

PUT IT UP TO THE HEN. WE HAVE THE STUFF THAT WILL DO THE WORK. WHAT IS TRUE OF THE HEN? IS ALSO TRUE OF THE COW.

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If Chicken Chowder won't make your hens lay, they must be roosters. Purina Poultry Feeds are sold only in checkerboard bags, by If you want more milk and butter, consult us. Merchants Supply Co. BURLINGTON, and GRAHAM, N. C. Full Line All Kind Horse and Mule Feed, and Other Things For Man and Beast.