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GETTING OUT OF THE WOODS.

No aldermanic committee during the present administration of the city has been charged with a more responsible duty than the special committee which will meet tonight to discuss a new form of government for the city. A part of this committee has held more than one session previous to this and had agreed upon a report recommending the commission form of government.

The members of the present board of aldermen have certainly had ample opportunities to see the defects and the woeful shortcomings of the system of government now in operation here. They have seen the dissention between the boards and the wrangling over the city engineer and other appointed officials of the city. They have seen where greater efficiency could have been secured in the departments of the city government but for the divided responsibility. They have seen the waste that results from lack of co-operation and must realize that full efficiency and any degree of economy are impossible under any such system as is in operation here now.

If honest, intelligent consideration is given the matter and no selfish or egotistical interest is allowed to stand in the way of the city of Charlotte is absolutely assured of having the commission form of government after next May. The city has an aggressive and capable member of the House of Representatives in Mr. Plummer Stewart and an influential member of the Senate in Mr. H. N. Pharr and no difficulty need be anticipated in securing the necessary amendment to the city charter if the aldermanic board will endorse and recommend the proposition with some degree of unanimity.

"While I was a resident of Charlotte I was a constant reader of The Chronicle. I fall to find it at the news stands here. Please enter my subscription at once." This is from a former Charlottean who has moved to Charleston, W. Va. People who live in Charlotte for awhile can't help but pleasantly remember the city and The Chronicle. It is this same spirit that brings people back to Charlotte and attracts still others to it.

"And still our weather is of that variety which makes Charlotte green with envy," ignorantly exclaims The Asheville Citizen. That green, Brother Caine, is not from envy. It is the color of the perpetual spring with which the Queen City is blessed, except when we get a spell of disagreeable weather like this hauled in from Asheville.

The Winston-Salem Journal is beginning its 15th volume, and declares that the past year has been the most prosperous and satisfactory in its history. The Journal is undoubtedly a more thoroughly modern newspaper than it ever was before. It has a magnificent field and is serving it in a splendid manner.

Many tax-payers of Durham County have flat-footedly refused to pay the dog tax and it seems that nothing has been done with these defiant citizens. What Durham County needs is a real, sure-enough sheriff.

Mrs. Betty Green will weep when she hears about that warehouse full of onions burning at Chicago. Even the frowns upon her face as they fought the flames.

Everybody is using them — Red Cross Christmas seals.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION

The members of Congress will no doubt greatly profit by the "money trust" hearing now in progress at Washington when they come to frame a new currency law. In fact, the so-called money trust is so intangible an affair that it is hardly likely that any prosecutions will follow the hearing and it seems that the greatest good that will come from the hearing will be the aid the additional knowledge secured during the hearing will be in formulating new currency laws. It is pretty safe to assume that one of the first important pieces of legislation taken up by the Democratic administration will be that of making a currency law that will suit the needs of the country and do away with the inflexibility and other defects of the present currency system.

One effect of the hearing at Washington on the money trust will no doubt be to make the adoption of the Aldrich plan or any similar plan impossible. The members of Congress are being brought to see the evils that come from centralization and they are not at all likely to adopt any system that would lead to further centralization of the control of the money and finances of the country in the hands of any single institution, no matter how organized and controlled. As the people of the country, the local bankers and business men especially, have studied the currency question, the sentiment for a plan in which asset currency will form the basis of flexibility has rapidly increased and crystallized.

If the banks of the country were allowed to issue currency upon say 25 per cent of their assets in the form of notes and other securities instead of being compelled to purchase government bonds and have their issue of currency confined entirely to the amount of the government bonds, there would be no panics from the lack of currency. There would be no loss and delay and inconvenience for the lack of money to move crops. With or without a tax the amount of this issue of asset currency could be automatically controlled, the natural conservatism of the bankers forming one bulwark against over-issues.

What the country needs and what the country will no doubt get from the Democratic administration will be a currency system designed for the people and not for the money powers in Wall Street.

DON'T DO IT.

The Chronicle learns that there is a movement on foot to sell the present lot owned by the Young Women's Christian Association on West Trade street and purchase a less expensive lot in another section of the city, the idea being to put the difference in the building. There is not a more desirable site for a public building in the city than the lot now owned by the Y. W. C. A. The lot cost \$10,000 and could be sold for \$20,000 or possibly a little more.

The Chronicle has the interests of the Y. W. C. A. greatly at heart. It realizes what a factor in the life of the young women of the city the institution is to become. During the recent campaign for a building fund for the institution The Chronicle gave its heartiest and most effective support. But The Chronicle believes that the Y. W. C. A. will make a mistake to sell its present lot and purchase a less desirable site. The organization has a fund of more than \$60,000 pledged for the building and it has been the understanding that that amount was sufficient to erect a building that will be entirely adequate for the needs of the institution. Certainly a creditable building could be erected for that sum and on the lot at present owned by the association the building would be one of the best advertising assets the city has. Most of the men and women who gave subscriptions for the new building, if not all of them, were under the impression that the new building was to be on the lot now owned by the Y. W. C. A. and many were no doubt influenced by the fact that a \$60,000 building there would be an asset for the city.

The Chronicle has no idea but that all who subscribed to the fund desire the best for the Y. W. C. A., but it believes also that they would be hard to persuade that it would not be for the best interests of the association to build on the West Trade street lot.

A new "white hope" has been discovered in Luther McCarty, a young Missourian who "showed" Jim Flynn at Los Angeles last night. We have no particular admiration for mere brute strength and fighting ability, but it would be rather gratifying to see someone, even another negro, give Jack Johnson a sound thrashing.

Miss Alys (spelling correct) Meyer, daughter of the Secretary of the Navy, sold 3,500 Red Cross Christmas seals in one day in a booth at Washington. Can't some Charlotte girl duplicate that feat? Miss Alys is a good-looking young woman from her picture and in spite of the way she spells her name must be a corker.

How many Red Cross Christmas seals have you used today? The seals are on sale at the sub-postoffice uptown and a number of the hotels and other public places in the city. They are easily procured and cost just a cent apiece. The purchase of a batch of them will make you a philanthropist. Try it and see how it feels.

Instead of giving some useless something to someone who will wish you had not, try making a contribution to the Associated Charities, an orphanage or some other institution that is doing a good work.

"Put principles into law," demands Colonel Roosevelt. If the Colonel really wants to see that done, he will have an opportunity when the Democratic administration gets busy. He had an opportunity to do so once himself and fell down miserably. His motto then, as it has been generally recognized since, has been to put principles into words.

If Austria does jump Serbia we hope the latter's allies will come to her rescue and the bunch together will administer a thorough whipping to the greedy bully to the north.

"Roosevelt to Guide," says a headline. Yes, rule or ruin, or both.

Watch out! The Colonel is about to "bust" loose again!

PICAYUNES

(New Orleans Picayune.) Stealing away from bad company is justifiable larceny.

The way to keep your friends is to treat them kindly and often.

When a merchant "assigns" he generally assigns the wrong reason for it.

A run on a bank is generally caused by somebody walking off with the funds.

The eyes are the windows of the soul, especially when they have a "pain" in them.

The people who would have done so and so, if they had been there, never get there.

The man who never makes a mistake never does any work that will outlive him.

An old maid finds it difficult to be friendly with a woman who has had four husbands.

Before admiring a girl's hands be sure they are soft and white, ask to see her mother's.

He is indeed a rich man who can get his name in the papers without endowing a college.

Since brevity is the soul of wit, married men ought to feel funny. They are generally short.

Many a man is willing to let his wife have the last word if she will only hurry up and get to it.

It is mighty easy to trade your reputation for money, but you're up against it when you try to trade back.

Carrie Chapman Catt advises American women to wear trousers. Even the suffragettes should "suspend-er."

The Supreme Court has decided that Edison did not invent the moving pictures, but the phonograph will still be able to make the people move.

SPARKLERS

(Boston Record.) "When I was a young girl a young man who was engaged to a girl asked her for a lock of her hair." "Yes, but in those days girls could afford to give away hair." "They raised it themselves instead of buying it."

(Pathfinder.) Post—All my life seemed to go into that poem. I was perfectly exhausted when I had finished writing it. Sporting Editor—I can sympathize with you. I was in exactly the same condition when I had finished reading it.

(Houston Post.) "We want one more man to make up our poker party." "I know one! Finest player I ever saw! He always takes home the—" "Say, you don't know much about poker parties if you think any poker party is ever looking for that kind of a man. Do you know any man with money who doesn't know how to play very well?"

DR. MITCHELL WILL ADDRESS MEN NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

President S. C. Mitchell will be in the city Sunday to address the meeting for men at the Young Men's Christian Association at 5 o'clock. Dr. Mitchell's coming is always an event of interest. He comes expressly to address this meeting from an appointment at Washington. The subject of President Mitchell's address will be, "The Value of Your Life to This Community."

Those who have heard Doctor Mitchell in the past will welcome this opportunity of hearing him speak. He is one of the leading educators of the Nation. He was at one time professor at Brown University and also at Richmond College, Va. Musical features of interest will be the singing of the Trinity Church quartette and instrumental music by the Association Orchestra. All men are invited to this service which will be a notable one.

BRIEFS.

The ladies of St. Martin's Chapel on East Seventh street extension will have a bazaar in the Sunday school room this afternoon and night, to which the public is cordially invited. Lights have been strung from Hawthorne Lane to the chapel. An interesting feature of the evening will be the play given by the Choir Club. An attractive tea room has been arranged and there will be plenty of home-made candy, ice cream cones for children and a country store with high-grade groceries. Many beautiful fancy articles will be on sale. Announcement is made that Mr. Hamilton C. Jones will lead the Christmas dance at the Auditorium which is to be given under the auspices of the Greater Charlotte Club for the benefit of the Charlotte Drum Corps. Mr. T. T. Allison is chairman of the committee from the club having all of the arrangements in hand and he is meeting with splendid success in his efforts to bring about a successful program.

AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA Daily Incidents, Facts and Comment Gathered From The Newspapers Of The State

THE CASTALIA RAILROAD.

Active Construction Work Expected to Begin in the Early Spring. (Henderson Gold Leaf.)

Capt. W. M. Turner, president of the Virginia and Eastern Carolina Railway Company, was in the city one day the past week in the interest of the new railroad from Henderson to Castalia and to some point on the Atlantic coast line.

From Mr. Turner it was learned that the prospects for the new road are most encouraging. The survey is now being made between Wilson and Spring Hope. No trouble is being experienced in securing right of way at any point along the line.

Everything in connection with the new road is now in fine shape, and actual construction work is expected to begin in the early Spring. Captain Turner is now figuring whether to build an electric trolley line, a gasoline self-generating car line or a steam railway.

This new road, when built, will open up a very fine section of country, which is to a large extent undeveloped and contains much fine timber land. Captain Turner therefore believes that the new road will be a paying proposition from the very start.

MUST WAKE UP.

North and South Carolina Must Get Busy Educationally. Remain at the Foot of the Ladder. (Progressive Farmer.)

We have done much educationally in the Carolinas in the last ten years. In 1909 the average child outside North Carolina had just twice as long a school term and just twice as good a chance for an education as the average child in North Carolina—and South Carolina was not much better.

Under the leadership of McIver and Aycock and many other leaders, who have pulled mightily forward in North Carolina, and South Carolina under a great number of leaders has also pulled forward, until the average child outside the Carolinas now has only a 50 per cent better chance than the average boy or girl in the Carolinas—a 50 per cent better chance instead of twice as good a chance as in 1900, and yet, as we said last week, we are still at the foot of the ladder. North Carolina and South Carolina must wake up. Some have fancied lately that we might rest upon our laurels, when in fact we have no laurels to rest upon.

"Caught in the Act." (Greensboro Record.)

Members of the Legislature and others interested are missing it in not being present at that hearing at High Point before a representative of the Interstate Commerce Commission concerning discriminations in freight rates. In the hearing starting yesterday even the roads were shown discriminations that they declared were not true until the evidence was overwhelming. A car load of glass, for instance, can be shipped to Toledo, Ohio, all around over the country, even right by High Point, and back to Toledo for less than it can be shipped to High Point.

The Flood at Fayetteville. (Fayetteville Observer.)

The amount of liquor coming into Fayetteville by express, standard, and the drain on the community and the whole surrounding country is tremendous. And to be added are the drunks and distress of innocent sufferers, at the payment of costs for violation of law.

Favors the New County. (High Point Enterprise.)

There was a meeting at Thomasville last night to discuss the new county and it proved to be one of the best ever held on all sides, the speeches by both Thomasville and High Point citizens and much enthusiasm was manifested.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Criminal Record of Palmetto State Compared With That of Other States—Too Many Herdons. (Batesburg Herald.)

We regret that in this our own State crime may be committed and try little if any punishment be inflicted upon the one guilty of committing the offense. The records of the State show that a large percentage of those who have been convicted of crime sooner or later are pardoned from our penitentiary or jails. When the first settlers built their homes in this State they realized that no people could exist living together without laws for their government. They also realized that there would always be some people who would break these laws. They knew it was necessary that some form of punishment should be inflicted upon those who disobeyed. Certain things were laid down as offenses against the law, and those who committed these offenses were to suffer certain punishment should be inflicted upon those who disobeyed. Certain things were laid down as offenses against the law, and those who committed these offenses were to suffer certain punishment should be inflicted upon those who disobeyed.

We recall cases in other States, especially in Virginia and Massachusetts, showing the quickness with which crime is punished within these States, and it is the hope of many people that the time will come when those who have no more regard for the law in this State will receive just punishment with the same dispatch. There is something radically wrong with our system. If the laws are just and right, and a man breaks a certain law, the punishment for which is the imprisonment, then he should be meted out the punishment. If after a certain length of time he is given his liberty, some one is failing to carry out the commands of the law. If the laws are wrong, they should be changed. If the laws are just and right, they should be carried out fully.

A Home-Coming For South Carolina. (Abbeville Press and Banner.)

As the time approaches for the great National corn exposition at Columbia, it might be well to call attention to one feature upon which stress has been laid by the State. It is the home-coming feature. Some time during the Summer the mayors of all towns in the State were requested to issue proclamations inviting all former citizens of the State to visit their old homes during the exposition. Those having relatives in other States were asked to write and invite the absent ones to visit their native State. Little more than a month remains in which to do this, and the slogan should be "do it now."

Perhaps no county has made a larger contribution to the population of other States than has old Abbeville, whose sons have been almost uniformly successful in their new homes. It would be pleasant to have many of these home again, and the corn exposition would afford an excellent opportunity for them to come. If you haven't written, do it now.

ELBOTHICIANS ORGANIZE.

An Association is Formed at Wilmington. (Wilmington Dispatch.)

With a large and enthusiastic attendance last evening in the gas department of the Tidewater Power Company, the Electrical Association was organized. There were present 32 members. All displayed a lively interest in the proposed work of the organization. The officers elected were Mr. Raymond Hunt, president; Mr. J. C. Townsend, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the officers and Messrs. J. W. Blake and Henry Sherman. Mr. Hunt was one of the prime movers in the formation of the association. He will make a splendid president. The object of the association is to study practical and scientific electrical subjects. Meetings will be held twice each month.

Mr. T. C. Tallafiero of Charlotte, representing the Southeastern Underwriters' Association, was in attendance last evening. He made an instructive address, telling of his experiences with similar organizations throughout the country and the many benefits which come to members from their connection with such bodies.

Co-Operation Suggested For Home-Builders. (Newbern Journal.)

The average home in the average city in North Carolina rents at too high a price. The several factors that enter into the price of rent are all more or less manipulated by men who must have a profit, and sometimes a very good one. Lots are high, building material is high, the cost of skilled labor is high. So it really does look as if the renter and men are helpless. As the cost of a lot is a big item in the cost of a house, perhaps it would pay renters to consider the wisdom of a concerted effort to get lots at a lower price. We suggest a co-operative plan by which renters could buy a tract of land at acreage prices, divide it up among themselves and thus save the profit that land companies have to take.

Wilmington Will Advise. (Wilmington Star.)

Secretary Howard E. Branch of the Chamber of Commerce has just issued a neat and attractive folder advertising Wilmington and its advantages as a place of residence and business. The cover carries an excellent likeness of the new union station of the Atlantic Coast Line, while the inside pages are full of pertinent facts as to Wilmington as a "Progressive South Atlantic Gateway" and as a "Haven for Home-seekers." The folder is from the press of Messrs. Jackson & Bell, is attractive in color and design, and affords business men a fine opportunity of advertising their city with prospective settlers.

Pushing the Watauga Railroad. (Lenoir News.)

The work of constructing the Yadin-Ridgeway line from North Wilkesboro to the town of Grandin is going bravely on and in due time it will be completed. When Grandin is reached the plans of the company contemplate extending the line across the Blue Ridge through Watauga to connection in Tennessee. As we understand it the line from Grandin on will be known as the Watauga Railway, but, be that as it may, it will be a continuation of the line now being built.

Lenoir Spreading. (Lenoir News.)

Lenoir is building out in all directions, new cottages and homes may be seen going up on all sides, the building operations being greater this last Summer and Fall than at any other time in the history of the town.

Adelaide Thurston. At the Academy of Music tomorrow afternoon and night, Mr. Francis X. Hope will present the favorite actress, Miss Adelaide Thurston, and her excellent supporting company in a new comic play of today "The Love Affair," by Frederic Paulding. Seats are now selling at Hawley's for both performances, and indications point towards large houses at both performances.

"The Heart Breakers." There was a rush for seats this morning at Hawley's when the box sheet opened for the advance seat sale of the big musical comedy, "The Heart Breakers," which will be seen here at the Academy of Music Saturday afternoon and night with George Damerel in the principal role. The company numbers about 50 people, and the advance reports say the show is one of the best musical attractions of the season.

Mme. Rosa Olitzka, the Russian contralto, who will be at the Auditorium New Year Eve with Ysaye, became celebrated through her wonderful interpretation of Ortrud in "Lohengrin." Her voice, a deep and powerful contralto of more than usual range, is particularly rich in the lower register, while the tones in the middle and higher voice are true and clear. She adds to her vocal attainments that unusually art of intonation and articulation as a singer she has few equals.

Her Picture.—This photograph makes me look years older," she said. To which the photographer replied, "Well, then, you won't need to be taken again for some time."

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