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NOW FOR 1913.

Charlotte undoubtedly has much in store for her during the coming year. The Chronicle has mentioned a number of material things that will greatly enhance the importance of Charlotte as a commercial and industrial center.

A commission form of government adapted to the necessities of the city, to the end that the government of the city in its several branches may be more efficiently and economically administered.

A more equitable division of county taxes between the city and the county, so that the taxpayers of the city shall not be required to bear the greater part of the burden of road-building and other activities in the county.

A Charlotte Civic League which shall study and work out problems of vital interest and importance in the city to the end that the voters of the city shall be better informed regarding civic needs and civic problems of every nature.

The final organization of the Greater Charlotte Investment Company along the lines suggested by the committee appointed months ago to investigate the matter and recommend a plan of organization.

One thousand members for the Greater Charlotte Club and 50 contributing members among the business men and firms of the city, giving this invaluable organization \$15,000 a year with which to advertise Charlotte and carry forward its various activities.

OTHER CITIES INTERESTED.

The movement for a commission form of government in Charlotte, with its attendant publicity, has not only attracted the attention and aroused the interest of the entire State, but has put the people in other cities of the State to thinking.

Winston-Salem and Raleigh are both ripe for the commission form and it is not too much to predict that within a few years both of these cities, with Asheville, Durham, Newbern, Concord, Salisbury and all of the cities of the State of more than 10,000 inhabitants will have the commission plan of government in operation.

Only where the professional politicians are too strongly entrenched will an election on the commission form fail. We believe that this class of politicians, while still active in Charlotte, will fall in their efforts to defeat the movement for a commission form in this city.

The only way to defeat it will be to prevent the ordering of an election and certainly none would be brazen enough to fight against allowing the people themselves to vote on so important a proposition.

Depend upon the great mail order houses at Chicago to not overlook any bids. With the coming of the parcels post they are flooding the country with a three-column illustrated article and other literature describing the operation of the parcels post and incidentally giving the rates from Chicago to all sections of the country.

And the very papers that have most to say about trading at home are the ones that tumble for this free advertising. If you are going to give free advertising give it in a good cause.

If a merchant should offer you advertising copy free, would you use it and thank him for it simply because it was solid reading instead of display matter and contained a cut?

Another movement has been started looking toward the erection of a new and modern hotel at Wilmington. Wilmington is doing more building at present than ever before in its history and probably more just at this time than any city in the State, Charlotte not excepted.

Why not have a freight car manufacturing plant at Charlotte as one of the good things of the new year?

CITY IS DOING AN INJUSTICE.

The city of Charlotte is collecting special taxes upon sewer lines built and paid for by the property owners. The sewer tax is one of the best the city has levied. Unfortunately it has some inequalities.

To revert to the matter of collecting taxes on sewer lines built by property owners in a given section: The city has no moral right to compel the payment of this tax unless it reimburses the property owner to the extent of the cost of the sewer line. The people of the city generally have sewer lines built by the city and have used them for years without any tax or charge for the service.

We haven't yet read any expressions of sympathy for those convicted dynamiters. Those men cannot get more than is coming to them. There are, however, two tragic features connected with the whole affair. The first is the indelible blot upon the name of a great labor organization in this country.

The city of Wilmington is to have the finest union passenger station in the Carolinas, which reminds us that with the Norfolk Southern completing its line into Charlotte in the near future, there will be an almost unanswerable demand for a union station here.

Any credit system for the farmers of the country to be productive of the greatest good must depend upon a sound and flexible currency system. Farm lands and commercial paper must be given proper recognition and local banks must be allowed to issue currency upon their assets and securities.

One who reads of the terms offered by Turkey to secure peace must wonder what the Turks think Bulgaria, Servia, Greece, et al. have been fighting for.

The iron door-step of a saloon at Alexandria, La., became charged with a heavy voltage of electricity during a storm which blew down an electric transmission line and a thrifty citizen was electrocuted when he started to step into the bar.

The first of the year is a mighty good time to begin saving money. The patrons of our buildings and loan associations and savings banks are our most valuable citizens.

New Year's resolutions may be all right but the best way to keep from doing anything you should not do is to simply not do it, and likewise the best way to do anything you should do that you have not been doing is to go ahead like a real man or woman and do it.

The News and Observer demonstrates that it is a gastronomic expert too, declaring that North Carolina "yaller yams" and superhemp grapes are food for the gods.

According to some of the exchanges we read that a New York lad who was so grouchy he had never smiled has been killing himself almost daily for the past month.

Our hat is off and we are bowing low to The Wilmington Dispatch. Our ambition is to attain that which Brother Cowan so gracefully and kindly attributes to us.

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The several wrecks and near-wrecks off the Carolina coast during the past week or so are evidence enough that the appropriation Senator Simmons secured to establish a harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout is not a pork barrel proposition.

If each of those who are vociferously criticizing the cutting of a few misplaced trees in the city would plant trees for the city somewhere, the deficiency would be far more than met, and this would be moving in the right direction.

Negroes shoot each other at Charleston. For the sake of some variety in South Carolina we are rather glad to hear it.

A small farmer in Georgia was killed by a sawmill hand. Naturally, the incident being in Georgia, both were "prominent."

PIGAYUNES

(New Orleans Ployane.) Nothing seems to get out of date quicker than a woman's hat.

Procrastination is one of the most expensive forms of happiness.

It is very seldom that a man meets with success. He must overtake it.

It is up to some of us to grow beards to hide freak Christmas ties.

Never mind having broken last year's resolution. New ones are easy to make.

If eggs are to be shipped by the parcels post, a good plan would be to hard boll them.

Many a man thinks he is master of his own home when he can make his wife do the things she wants to.

It is always a mooted question in the family as to who should bring up the children and the coal.

Lots of people have to tell what they are going to do or they would have nothing to tell.

Many young men who are convinced that acting is their walk in life will probably get all the walking they want.

It is impossible for some men to make "footprints in the sands of time," because they are too busy covering up their tracks.

An English pianist died recently and had his violin buried with him. It is fortunate that he didn't play the piano.

We have noticed that some of the women who have received piano players for Christmas are putting on lots of airs.

J. Pierpont Morgan gave \$10,000 to a washerwoman on hearing the story of her destitution. Probably she was one of those kind creatures who didn't put too much starch in the towels.

SPARKLERS

(Pathfinder.) "Madam, I'm traveling around the world on a wager. I have to make good time or I'll lose my bet." "Well, I don't mind losing my buldog pace you for a couple of miles. Here they!"

(Tadler.) "I hope you are following my instructions carefully, Sandy—the pills three times a day, and a drop of whiskey at bedtime." "Well, sir, I may be a wee bit behind w' the pills, but I won't put too much starch in the towels."

(Home Comforts.) "The weather is very trying to everybody," said the doctor. "Yes," replied Mr. Meekton; "I don't see how my wife is going to bear up under it. When the sun doesn't shine she's miserable and when it does she says it's fading the carpet."

(Chicago Tribune.) "How are Jack and his wife getting along together?" "Generally very well, but not always. You remember he got her to promise that whenever he went wrong in his department or made a break in his grammar she'd correct him?" "Yes." "Well, she's doing it."

(Washington Star.) "We roused the audience to great enthusiasm," said Mr. Stormington Barn it. "Did they give you an ovation?" "They did more than that. They got so interested that they insisted on breaking in with original dialogue, and some of them even tried to climb on the stage and take part in the battle scene."

(Washington Star.) "How do you account for the lack of enthusiasm in your district?" said the inquiring friend. "Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "I had to make a lot of campaign promises. And you know a campaign promise is very much like a jackknife. It doesn't look nearly so large when you take off the feathers and get down to the meat."

DEATH OF MRS. LOVE

Wife of Mr. John F. Love of Dilworth Passes After Long Sickness. Mrs. Annie Love, wife of Mr. John T. Love, living on South Boulevard, died last night shortly after 10 o'clock following a long illness.

However, was the immediate cause of death. Mrs. Love was a consecrated member of the Methodist Church. She deceased was 44 years of age and is survived by the following named children: Arthur, Nellie, Eugene, Ross and Christine, the oldest of these being 17 years of age.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

KUESTER-LOWE FIRM TO SERVE AS HOSTS

Interesting Occasion Will Be Celebrated By Grocers of The City

Invitations reading as follows have been distributed to the number of 300 in the city: "The Kuester-Lowe Company invites you to be present at a reception to be tendered the retail merchants and their clerks of Charlotte, Wednesday, January 1, 1913, four to six p. m., at their business home, 201 South College street."

The guests of this interesting occasion will be the salesman not only of the Kuester-Lowe Company, but their competitors in line of business, retail grocers and customers in general. The affair promises to be exceedingly elaborate in detail.

Speeches will be made by Messrs. C. O. Kuester on "Welcome," W. H. Hall on "The Charlotte Retailer," J. L. Phillips on "The Charlotte Grocer," R. W. Miller on "The Charlotte Merchants Association," W. S. Creighton on "The Charlotte Freight Question," F. J. Skinner on "How to Make a Sale," and Mayor Bland on "Everybody For Charlotte."

The Kuester-Lowe business dates back 40 years. It was begun under the name of Burwell & Springs in the present location of Reece & Alexander on South Tryon street; then moved to 201 South College street and the name changed to Springs & Burwell; successively it then became E. B. Springs & Co., J. A. Durham & Co. Durham-Klueppelberg Grocery Company; six years ago it became the Kuester-Pharr company; on November 1 it became the Kuester-Lowe Company, a close corporation, all the stock being owned by C. O. Kuester and I. C. Lowe.

This is the menu: Campbell's Soup, Pickles, Celery, Olives, (Kuester's Select), Fancy Mixed, Peanut Butter Sandwich—(Beechnut), Genuine Deviled Ham Sandwich—(Libby's), Tongue Sandwich—(Kuester's Fancy), Cheese Sandwich—(Kuester's Little Butter Cup), Syrup Sandwich—(Velva), Oranges, Apples, Nuts, Clearing, Williamson Special, Skinner's Special

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Tuberculosis and the Negro-Colored People at Wilson Establish a Hospital. Wilson enjoys the distinction of being the first town in North Carolina, and indeed in the United States, in which a movement is being made by the negroes to erect a hospital for tuberculous negroes.

In those places where anything like reliable vital statistics have been kept the death rates from consumption among negroes is frequently found to be two, three and even four times that among the whites.

When in this connection it is considered how intimately our lives are touched by the colored servants—nurses, maids and cooks—the danger of so large a floating population of ignorant, dangerous consumptives is better appreciated. It is as much "the white man's burden" as the black man's duty to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among the negroes.

Every honest effort, therefore, made by the colored race to attack this vital problem in our State should have the support and encouragement of every loyal North Carolinian interested in the welfare of his State.

South Carolina Follows. Following the lead of Wilson, the Colored Anti-Tuberculosis League of Charleston, S. C., has inaugurated a movement to raise \$5,000 for a negro tuberculosis hospital. It is planned to build a small sanatorium near Charleston and expand the work as the funds are received. These two movements, one at Wilson and one at Charleston, mark a unique advance in the campaign against tuberculosis in this country.

When a vital statistics law is thoroughly enforced throughout the State the negro will wake up more than ever to the importance of protecting himself and family against disease that may then be found to be carried and transmitted largely by the colored race.

Vital statistics will open up a gold mine of information about the prevalence of various diseases when the occurrence of these diseases is studied by race, locality, sex, occupation, age, nativity, etc. Who knows but that the cause of pellagra will be discovered when we learn more about it? As it is we really know but very little about its occurrence by race, sex, locality, occupation, conjugal condition, age, etc.

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AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Daily Incidents, Facts And Comment Gathered From The Newspapers Of The State

"ALMOST A TRAGEDY."

Sad Inadequacy and Efficiency of Present Fiscal System of the State—Some Interesting Comment on the Situation.

(Greensboro News.) The lamentable failure of the fiscal policy now in force in North Carolina furnishes a strong lesson which, let us trust, will not be lost on the incoming General Assembly. It is a lesson of warning against makeshifts.

Thanks to the Legislature of two years ago, that which is soon to assemble has before it an abundance of proved information on how not to assess property and provide machinery for the conduct of the State's business. It should profit by this knowledge.

In one way and another it is entirely possible to find with approximate accuracy the value of the taxables in the State. Against each general source of revenue a sum should be set so that the aggregate will furnish the necessary revenues, whatever that sum may be, and machinery should be provided whereby every piece of taxable property and every taxable privilege should surely pay its part of the whole.

If North Carolina is a tax ridden State, if to spend the money that will be necessary to carry out a moderate program of constructive legislation should cause it to become a tax ridden State, then there must be an enormous waste somewhere, for the government could do a great deal more than it is doing for the people, or is likely to do for many years to come, without achieving a scale of paternalistic extravagances.

And North Carolina's aggregate wealth is great, and rapidly increasing. We do not believe there is any considerable waste, and no charge of graft is heard, such as some States have had to contend with. It is almost a tragedy, when the interests of humanity and progress demand the State shall do so much, it should be confronted by such a deficit. In default of a better plan, the entire separation of State revenues from local revenues appears an imperative demand.

Will Move to Durham. (Durham Herald.) Mr. W. B. Streeter of Greensboro, who has the supervision of the building of "Joyland," the home for homeless children, was in the city several days ago, and announced to those connected with the home that he would move the head office to this city within the near future.

The head office for the home has been at Greensboro, but at a recent meeting of the board of directors it was authorized to be moved to this city.

Laying the Rail. (Raleigh Times.) The new and heavy rail which will be laid on entire line of the Norfolk Southern Railway's Raleigh, Charlotte & southern division, is now down from the cars to the ground, this being done to enable the traffic to be handled, as heavier cars and engines are now in use than the old and light rail could stand. Of course this heavy rail will be replaced by the permanent line as soon as the latter is finished.

A Popular Place. (Kannapolis Item in Concord Tribune.) The Y. M. C. A. hall is still a popular place. There is always something doing there. There is always something going there. Mr. Owens still keeps up the moving picture shows on Thursday and Saturday nights. The show last night was free to all members of the association. The gymnasium and bowling alley and pool room and reading room, as well as the boys' room, are all appreciated and regularly attended.

On the New Railroad. (Pawtucket Observer.) Business is good over our new Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad, especially in the passenger line. The coaches on the train coming into this city this morning were packed, and passengers were standing on the platform and steps and hanging on to the railings.

10 Per Cent Off. This special reduction made for the holidays will continue until January 1st, and this saving on all our handsome Electric Fixtures is well worth your inspection.

If we haven't a fixture in stock to suit your liking, we are equipped to make what you want right here in our shop, but with our extensive line we are well prepared to give you "just the thing."

Winchester Electric Company. Successors to R. G. Anten Electric Company. Oldest, Quickest and Best. Phone 1307 or 3026. Salesrooms 11 East Trade Street.

LIBRARIES IN SCHOOLS.

Rural Districts Have 3,108 Original and 1,178 Supplementary Libraries, With Over 300,000 Volumes—Wilkes County Leads.

(Raleigh Times.) Prof. J. A. Bivins, library clerk in the office of the State Department of Education, has been mailing out vouchers for \$3,000 for new rural libraries in this State. There are already 3,108 such libraries in North Carolina, Wilkes County leading with 152 libraries, one for every school district, and 98 supplementary libraries. Tyrrell County has the fewest, three; Wake County has 63 original libraries and 51 supplementary.

The State allows \$7,500 every two years for original libraries, giving \$10 each. Only six original libraries are allowed any county in two years, but there is no limit to the number of supplementary libraries, for which the State appropriates \$5 each.

With 3,108 original and 1,178 supplementary libraries, the diffusion of good reading matter for children from the primary grades to the higher class is rather general. Each original library contains 80 volumes and it is estimated that there are 309,000 volumes in reach of children in the country schools.

Some Rabbit Hunting This. (Greensboro Record.) A party of gentlemen went to the Oak Ridge section yesterday on a rabbit hunt. They had 50 dogs and 35 people and caught 25 rabbits. Braggins about it, another man present said this was a small catch; that with 12 men in a crowd some years ago they killed over a hundred rabbits in the neighborhood of Friendship in one day. Next!

Live Advertising. (Southern Pines Tourist.) Six Southern Pines hotels are advertising in The Philadelphia Record and that paper is giving considerable space to Southern Pines correspondence, employing a correspondent here during the season.

Man Coughs and Breaks Ribs. After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neenah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonfuls ends a late cough, while persistent use obtains complete cures, expels stubborn colds or hoarse weak, sore lungs. I feel sure it is a Godsend to humanity," writes Mrs. Effie Morton, Columbia, Mo., "for I believe I would have consumption today if I had not used this cure." It's guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bottle or 50-cent or \$1.00 size at Jao S. Blake Drug Co.

Who is Safe? (Orangeburg Times and Democrat.) Once we admit that lynching law can be invoked with impunity by men to settle their personal grievance against a neighbor, he be white or black, no man's life is safe. Therefore, we cannot afford to wink at the lynching of the humblest citizen.

Musician on Limer. (Anderson Mail.) The friends of Webb Von Hassellin will be glad to hear of his success in his profession. Mr. Von Hassellin has been in New York for several years studying violin. He has now a splendid position as first violinist in an orchestra.

Carleton Ensemble, which furnishes music on the big Hamburg liners which ply between New York and Hamburg, Germany. He is now on the Kaiserine Augusta, Victoria. He writes that it is a delightful life, and that he is perfectly happy.

Advertisement for DAVIS BAKING POWDER. In all recipes calling for sour milk and soda, or tartar and soda, DAVIS BAKING POWDER may be used with better results and less cost. Try it. 1 lb. 20c. 1/2 lb. 10c. 1/4 lb. 5c. All good Grocers sell it or will get it for you.

Advertisement for BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR SALE. Have listed with me the following business property—all within 1/2 blocks of Public Square—such close-in business property is rarely offered for sale in Charlotte, an owner of business property in Charlotte are people of means, and they simply won't sell regardless of how much money you have got. 1 Piece about 30 ft. by 160 feet deep. 1 Piece about 15 ft. by 200 feet deep. All the above on Tryon street. If interested in Business property, see me for further information. JONES—The Real Estate Man & Notary Public.

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