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CHARLOTTE ON THE BOOM.

One of the secretaries attending the meeting, held here this week, paid Charlotte a tribute worthy of wide note. In the opinion of the gentleman in question, there is not another city in the south that has made such a magnificent record in growth during the past year.

And this gentleman is right. Charlotte has made a record of progress that should, and we believe, is a source of pride not only to her citizens but to people of the state who are interested in the advancement of the state.

To a very large extent you can judge the financial condition of a city by its building operations. If the contractors are kept busy figuring; if the draftsmen are occupied drawing plans; things are in fine shape. There is scarcely any business that reaches so far as the building industry.

Did you ever stop to consider the meaning of the fact that while all over North Carolina lumber mills were closing down, those in this city have never reduced their forces in the slightest degree?

Many of these plants are still closed and their employees are out of work, or are working on part time or on reduced wages. Not so in Charlotte. Every lumber concern has continued business throughout the panic, as if nothing had happened.

What does this mean? The answer is written on all hands where preparations are under way for new buildings.

The Norfolk Virginia-Pilot is aspiring to rank among the writers of prose-poetry. It's latest ables along in this wise:

"Admit we must, that Teddy has cussed many a trust; but where is the trust that he has bust since first he fussed?"

The Daily Reflector has this to say of Mr. C. C. Moore's candidacy for the high office of Commissioner of Agriculture:

THAT FREIGHT RATE SUIT.

Referring to the recent action of certain Virginia cities in becoming party to the suit with the Norfolk & Western Railroad against this state, in the matter of freight rate discriminations, Mr. Norman Johnson says:

"I am glad to say that the commercial bodies of Virginia are not behind this movement and that it does not have the sanction of the manufacturing and jobbing interest, nor is it endorsed generally by the commercial interest of Virginia.

The commercial relations that have existed between North Carolina and Virginia for many years past have been of the friendliest. Each state has been of inestimable value to the other. And in view of this business friendship through these years it has been hard to understand the attitude of these Virginia cities that have joined with the railroad in waging a fight for the maintenance of freight rates that are undeniably discriminatory and far in excess of those charged in Virginia and elsewhere.

Feeling thus, it is highly satisfactory to hear that the commercial organizations and leading business men of Virginia do not approve of the action of these cities that have become defendants in the suit.

We earnestly trust that these organizations and business men who have expressed their disapproval will exert their influence, therefore, to discourage any further attempts on the part of these cities towards blocking a just and equitable adjudication of the suit which is of such vital concern to the business interests of this state.

TROUBLE OF THE TIMES.

We learn with regret that our afternoon contemporary, the Raleigh Evening Times, has gone into the hands of a receiver. It is not pleasant to hear of misfortune befalling any one. The Times has had an unfortunate career. The revelation that it had accepted funds of several corporations tended to throw it into ill repute, and although the new management has striven to lift this opprobrium, the difficulties had reached too serious a degree.

Under the receivership of Mr. William H. race, an efficient young lawyer of Raleigh, it is altogether probable that the affairs may be reorganized and with the paper placed in new hands there is no reason why it should not continue as one of the best dailies of the state.

From a news standpoint the Times is an excellent paper. Raleigh is simply capable of supporting a good clean afternoon paper, and it is our hope that the Times may patch up its affairs, and continue, through a long career, and this is especially true because of the fact that its present manager, Mr. J. Virgil Simms received his newspaper training in this office.

Says the New Bern Sun: "The professor of the Charlotte News is acting for all the world like a groundhog that didn't see his shadow."

Thus, no doubt unintentionally, our contemporary pays us a very high tribute.

The Winston Daily Sentinel tells of the decision of a certain gentleman to sell his interest in a big whiskey concern at Roanoke, Va., and to engage in manufacturing business at Winston. A fine decision.

The optimistic Augusta Chronicle gives us this bit of encouragement: "There's one consolation about the grip; a relapse means death."

Miss Rebekah Glenn, the governor's daughter, who is visiting Miss Kathleen Smith in Columbia, S. C., will return to Charlotte in a few days in order to prolong her visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Wakefield, on Elizabeth Heights.

FOR YOUR SUNDAY DINNER

Try the following delightful dessert: 1/2 cup English Walnut meats, 1/2 doz. figs, cut up fine, 1 10c package JELL-O, any flavor. Dissolve the JELL-O in a pint of boiling water. When cool and just commencing to thicken stir in the figs and nuts. Serve with Whipped Cream. Delicious. The walnuts, figs and JELL-O can be bought at any good grocery. This makes enough dessert for a large family and is very economical.

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Comments.

"Some Consolation." Referring to the fact that Cannon was born in North Carolina, the Charlotte News says: "It might have been worse—think of Foraker." This is some consolation.—News and Observer.

The Greatest Test. Dear Charlotte News:—We intended, but forgot to ask you Saturday, if you propose henceforth to make application of the moral attached to George Washington's hatchet-cherry-tree experience, when you deal with alleged undesirable citizens. Do you?—Salisbury Post.

Not Quite So Bad. Can it be true that if a Charlotte street car motorman stops his car on Independence Square long enough to drive from the track a wandering cow, leisurely taking her way homeward at evening milking time, he is hauled up before the city court for loafing on the square?—Wilmington Messenger.

Not so "Needy" as Some. Charlotte must be a needy city indeed. The last issue of The News contains six editorial paragraphs setting forth the needs of that little Mecklenburg-county-size bug.—Wilmington Messenger.

They Are in Debt to Him. The farmers and business men of Mecklenburg county in a public meeting held in Charlotte last Saturday made common cause in the interest of Mr. C. C. Moore for commissioner of agriculture. Mr. Moore is entirely competent to fill this office with conspicuous ability. He would reflect credit upon himself and would advance the agricultural interests of the state. And more than this: the farmers and business men of this state literally owe the late president of the cotton association special recognition at his hands. Librally Mr. Moore has spent of his personal funds, of his time and of his energy for the cause of North Carolina's great cotton industry. And he has not received bare justice.—Kinston Free Press.

As Regards Knocking. A number of business men who happened to meet the other day fell to discussing the matter of "knocking," and one of them said: "There are two kinds of people who knock their town, the professional knockers and the thoughtless ones. Both do harm, but I think of the two the thoughtless one is the worst. The chronic or professional knocker is known to most people. He makes his own reputation and it travels fast and far. He receives little attention except from those of his kind and his influence is small. But when a man known for his fair-mindedness, thoughtlessly draws his hammers and knocks, it hurts. Every city, like every individual, has shortcomings. We all have faults, and we all have relatives that have faults. But we do not stand on the corners and tell the gaping throng about the skeletons in our closets, nor do we proclaim the stories from the houseposts. The prosperity of the city, its institutions and its business enterprises means the prosperity of its inhabitants, and it is our duty to do what we can to help build up not tear down. By knocking we hurt our selves." I hope the thoughtless knockers will take a tip from this line of talk, overheard by the Man About Town.—Rome Sentinel.

HOW MANY INSTITUTES? President C. C. Moore Asks Committee to Meet With Him Saturday. Editor The News. It would be impossible to calculate the good effects resulting from the various farmers' institutes held in Mecklenburg county, from the first one, when he had but five farmers present to hear five able teachers speak on farm topics, up to the four institutes held last summer, with an attendance of from three to four hundred farmers and their wives.

Dr. Butler writes me to know how many institutes we will want in Mecklenburg this summer. I therefore call the county farmers' institute committee and all other farmers who are interested in this important educational work to meet me at the court house at 12 o'clock on Saturday, March 1st. The committee will be glad to hear from any part of the county as to where the most good can be accomplished through an institute.

I hope the progressive farmers will attend the meeting Saturday and aid the committee in planning for the summer's work and let us prepare to reach the largest number of farmers possible. C. C. MOORE, Chm. Mecklenburg Co. Farmers' Institute Committee.

Somehow or other the necessities of life seem to unimportant compared with the luxuries. When a man has a weak constitution and his energies begin to flag does his constitution follow the flag?

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Will Attend United States League of B. & L. Asso.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 27.—Mr. L. Edward Heilig, president of the Citizens' Co-operative B. & L. Association, left yesterday for New Orleans to attend the annual meeting of the United States League of B. & L. Associations.

BALDWIN TO BUILD BALLOON.

New York Man Expected to Get Contract for Government Dirigible. Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Brigadier-General James Allen, Chief of the Signal Corps, has practically decided to award the contract for the construction of the first dirigible balloon to Thomas S. Baldwin of New York. The balloon will cost \$5,760. It will be guaranteed to carry 350 pounds, plus 100 pounds of ballast, to travel at least 29 miles an hour and otherwise to carry out the specifications laid down by the Signal Corps.

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