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EDITORIAL NOTES

It has been demonstrated time and again that professional paragraphs need not have anything to write about.

So long as a county is without good roads it is destined to be counted a lame duck in this progressive age.

Good men who do not live in Henderson have recently been heard to declare that the public roads of Vance county are in better condition than the public streets of Henderson. Now what are you going to do about it?

When a great passenger liner bumps up against an iceberg in mid-ocean much damage is likely to be done and loss of life may be the result. But we fellows out here on land run into "icebergs" every day and experience no inconvenience save it may be a temporary chill of our enthusiasm.

The farmers of Vance county are standing in their own light so long as they neglect to get together and arrange for an up-to-date rural telephone system. Our county is badly behind the times in this respect, and it is high time there was a general awakening on this important subject. This cause needs a good leader in the county, and as the Farmers' Union represents a strong band of organized farmers it might prove to be the best day's work that organization ever did to take the lead for rural telephones. A farmer who has enjoyed the use and benefits of a telephone for a few months would not then be without it for any reasonable consideration. In fact he soon gets to the place where he cannot see or understand how he ever did get along without it.

It is rather remarkable how many cities and towns in North Carolina have recently waked up to the fact that what they need is more manufacturing enterprises in their midst. But how to get them seems to be the question. The progressive town of Hickory went as it in the most sensible and practical way of any town we have so far heard of. The business men and citizens of that place got together in a quiet way, and without any blowing of trumpets put up \$200,000 of their own money to be invested in approved manufacturing enterprises at Hickory, and since that time a number of new plants for the manufacture of different things have gone there and located. The idea is to show faith in your own town and lend a helping hand to those on the outside who know less about it and its advantages than you do. Such a fund in Henderson would do wonders within the next twelve months.

A Kansas physician is blowing about a "new discovery" that he has recently made for killing house flies. He fills an ordinary drinking glass nearly full of soap-suds. A slice of bread, with a small hole cut in the center and a spread of molasses on the under side, is then placed on top of the glass so as to cover it completely. The flies, alighting on the bread, crawl through the hole to get to the molasses, where they are soon overcome by the fumes from the soapy water, and fall into it. In a few hours the glass is full of dead flies. It is said that the Kansas physician is "very enthusiastic over his new discovery" and thinks it will bring him fame. "New discovery" indeed. As far back as we can remember, the older women in some sections of North Carolina have been using this very means of destroying the flies that infested their homes. We'll venture it has been in use in some sections of this State for a hundred years, although we do not claim to remember quite that far back.

If we want to see North Carolina's prohibition law respected as it should be, even by its enemies, then let its friends get in after the blind tigers and put them out of business. If our officers are careless about enforcing the law, then get in after the officers and make them do their duty or put them out of office. But if, on the other hand, they are disposed to do their duty, give them all the support and backing they need. If the friends and advocates of a law can not be depended upon to help enforce it, to whom are the officers to look for support when the test comes? Don't criticize them when they have tried to enforce the law but have fallen short of what you may have expected or demanded of them, but give them only the more loyal and earnest support and thereby encourage them to a more diligent and faithful performance of duty. Here in North Carolina we are too much given to depending altogether upon the officers to enforce the law while we stand off and criticize instead of backing them. This is one reason why there are so many un punished violators of the prohibition law in our State.

OUR TOWN GOVERNMENT.

Room for Improvement—A Call to Progress—Take the Bridal Veil and Let the Blushes Come.

The way to success is to exaggerate one's ego, that conscious and permanent subject of all physical experience, and then sell that ego. All trades are based upon the ability of one to make another one value more highly any particular thing than he himself values it. All corporations have their ego, hence the town of Henderson has her ego. Now the Chamber of Commerce is trying to develop the ego of the town in order to induce people to buy and locate here. That is logical and reasonable. At the same time our town government, which is the least progressive institution in our borders, is smothering to death that ego and canning it. If this is not so, why is it that our hustling Henderson has no market house. Why bedeck the town with bloody beef, goat and hog when we might as well make the town look as appetizing as the embossed boar of Tessaly? Why invite people to see the town with a view to locating here and then ask them to stick their heads in a crocus until you can get them by all those loose threads of the town too small a town and too poor. Oxford has less population and much less money, yet Oxford has a good market house and no beef stalls on the streets. Is Oxford as good a town as Henderson? No. Has she as much capital? No. What is the matter? It all falls back on an unprogressive town government and unprogressive town officials. Why even the old, old city of Jerusalem two thousand years ago had a sheep gate and a fish gate. Jerusalem had a market house five hundred years before she had a knife or a fork. What of Hustling Henderson?

When it comes to our efficiency in fighting fire I feel like a little child crying in the night, a little child whose only language is a cry. Or like a more like Sandy Mills and dressing some benevolent association.

With few exceptions, in the heart of town, where quick notice was given, our fire department has not saved any buildings wherein the fire originated. The policy of the company is to save the adjoining property and let the original fire burn if it has gotten any headway. If I am wrong say so.

When J. H. Goodrich's stables were on fire a stream of water twenty feet high was not developed. I was there and know. When S. P. Cooper's garage caught, one had to hold the hose so close to the flames in order to get the water on the building that it would burn the flesh. I was in that battle and lost some of the epidemic article of my own hide. I ought to know. When the negro Masonic hall burned the fire company could not put out a telephone pole. It tried and it failed. When the bagging factory in town, not the one out of town, burned, they tried to use the hose down on top of Mrs. Allen's osteonary porch, even when standing on the railing. Five dollars in private money was paid a man to pour water on top of the porch, while the fire company was playing little winks at the nozzle or making as if they were trying to tickle de winks or "plucking the grass to see where sits the wind" or anything as foolish. When the bagging factory just out of town burned the company could not stand on the Carolina Buggy Factory's roof and throw water on the fire below and the distance across was only the width of a street. I was there and saw it. It is true that that factory was out of town, still our hose connected there and what is the use of being connected if it falls in the fire and burns up until an Allwise God sent a rain. All of these inefficiencies are explained by excuses. But progress rebels at excuses. Excuse is the arch enemy that gnaws at the vitals of progress.

It is a fact that it was not intended that our fire company or its water efficiency should be able to put out such a fire as that of the first bagging factory that burned almost on our main street, that we could not expect to get so much protection for so small an amount of money. If we cannot put out that bagging factory we cannot put out Sam Watkins' store. If we cannot put out that block on which his store stands, if we cannot put out that block we cannot put out the town. If the present system of fire protection cannot put out the town it is inadequate and progress calls for help.

Somewhere the ashed covered ember of destruction lies. To be fanned means desolation. A full blown flame in one of the blocks in Henderson will place our business section somewhere between Erebus and the twilight zone of Hell. The gods of our good luck will then "Give us high ball," the silvery heavens will be turned into a garden of golden rod, the flames will toll and crackle like burning thorns under a pot, stars of the silvery night will seem as fevered tinder, the milky way will turn to writhing wreaths of restless smoke. Then well may 4503 crosses sit upon the battlements of Hustling Henderson, and fiddle to the tune of "There ain't no nothing yet no more and nothing ain't no use to me, in rain I take the lonely shore. Since I have saw the last of thee."

Phebus, rising early from his oriental draperies, will brew a tear and chill at such a sight. For property will be returned to the God who gave it and the mourners will go about the streets. Visionary did you say? Grant it. While slumbering Henderson sleeps dreams and visions are apropos and timely. But only last Thursday night, surely you can remember one week back, the heavens were aglow with fire and one store and one dwelling house were burned to the ground, nothing saved. Kind sirs, don't your brains ever get into action? "Oh, you blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things."

pany calls for the fusing of the water mains. This is not complied with, therefore, do the commissioners demand it. The result is what a fire occurs in some sections of the town you have to attach the hose to the main and throw mud at the building for a while before you can develop even normal pressure. Direct pressure of the fire hose pump is not put on in case of fire because of a fear of bursting the water mains. This reminds me of the man who bought a \$20,000 automobile and never used it because he was afraid to crank the darn thing. When we do not get direct pressure we only get the pressure of the stored water in the tank. As the industry grows more people and more industries tap the water mains. This of a necessity weakens the efficiency at the nozzle. Our efficiency to fight fire therefore under present operations gets weaker every day. Am I logical? And what are the mayor and aldermen of Hustling Henderson doing to remedy and improve matters? Nothing at all, nothing at all. This fire fighting business is on the same dusty shelf with the several blocks of macadam have been recently put down. The Civic League has had erected a beautiful iron gate and other improvements at the Elmwood Cemetery. It has also planted flowers and shrubs all over the town. A Confederate monument has been erected on the courthouse lawn costing about \$4,000.

Henderson is justly proud of her graded schools. They are full to overflowing and other quarters must be added to accommodate the children. Another tobacco warehouse has been added to this market, and it and the others are doing well. There has not been a vacant store house in Henderson in two years, and several would be Henderson merchants have been turned away because there were no store rooms obtainable. There has not been a vacant residence in Henderson in two years. Many residences have been built and many are now being built. Wonderful to relate, the Southern Railway track at Kelly's has been lowered and at no cost to the town. Several hundred thousand dollars worth of buildings and machinery have been placed just outside of the town limits, and four or five large manufacturing plants are now being located just outside our gates. There has not been any financial failure in the last two years in Henderson of any consequence. Some of our oldest citizens have made large fortunes and turned their businesses over to younger hands. The only automobile factory in the Southern States is located in Henderson, financed by Henderson capital and run by Henderson brains. Henderson needs more stores, more dwelling houses and more people. I say Henderson is a good town, a good place to come to and the best town to live in.

Henderson is doing well and her citizens are well, prosperous, happy and contented—except two. I will write again, if I feel like it.

The cast in this season's production "Graustark" George D. Baker's adaptation of George Barr McCutcheon's romantic novel is said to be the most capable ever seen in this delightful play. Messrs. Baker and Castle, the producers, have endeavored to equip "Graustark" with one of the most beautiful and complete productions and it is evident they have succeeded far beyond their most sanguine expectations from the many expressions of delight from theatergoers all over the country. "Graustark" will be seen here at the Grand Theatre Sept. 22.—Adv.

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Many Merry-Making Clowns.
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There is a veritable army of those jolly fellows, whose sole work is to provide wholesome laughs and amusement for all classes and all ages. From the time the main tent doors are open, which is an hour before the first act enters the rings, until the end of the program, the great hippodrome track swarms with harlequines, and mirth reigns fast and furious.

The Katzenammer Kids, Buster Brown, Simple Simon, and the Billiken, those together with all the other comic supplement characters are there, as well as more than a score of others. If you do not wish to enjoy hale and hearty jollity, it will be advisable to remain away from the mighty Haag shows. On the other hand if you are suffering from an attack of the blues, a certain and permanent cure is assured if you attend the performance.—Adv.

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HENDERSON IS ALL RIGHT.

Within the last two years Henderson has made more progress than in any other two years of her existence.

She now has three good hotels where she only had one before.

She now has a good hospital where she only had the need of one before.

She has built more good, slightly brick stores than were ever built in any other two years before.

No such building as the J. P. Taylor Company building was ever built at any time before the last two years.

A U. S. Postoffice building costing about \$70,000 has been built and completed within the last two years.

A very expensive municipal building has been completed.

The sewer mains have been extended over one and one-half miles.

To the Fire Department has been added: \$1,000 worth of hose; \$1,200 Combination chemical wagon; \$700 pair of fire horses; \$1,185 clock for municipal building.

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The News of Dabney.

David Glover, the little son of Mrs. Carrie Glover, had the misfortune to break his arm a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinwood Royall, of Blackstone, Va., visited at Mrs. Carrie Glover's the past week.

Mrs. E. W. Wilson, of Petersburg, Va., visited her sister, Mrs. J. T. Hart, the past week.

Mrs. A. F. Hill, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Kelly, has returned to her home at Memphis, Tenn.

There were services at the Methodist Protestant church last Sunday morning conducted by Rev. R. C. Stubbins, the pastor.

Mr. Perry Brame had the misfortune to lose a barn of tobacco by fire a few days ago. It is not known how the fire originated.

Mrs. John W. Kelly celebrated her 88th birthday on the 1st of September. She is one of the oldest persons living in this county, but is very active and industrious for one of her age. Mrs. Kelly is the mother of twelve children. She has forty-seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She is a good woman and is loved by all who know her. The stories she tells of her childhood days are very interesting to her grandchildren and the other young people. May she live to see many more birthdays.

Cokesbury Items.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Darnell are spending some time at Norfolk.

Miss Nannie Hicks, of Greensboro, visited her father, Mr. J. T. Hicks, last week.

Miss Mary Finch, of Henderson, visited her uncle, Mr. H. Stewart, the past week.

Miss Nellie Holmes, of Norfolk, is visiting her cousin, Miss Nellie Durham, and other relatives in this community.

Miss Bessie Fleming and two little brothers, who have been spending their vacation with their mother, Mrs. A. H. Fleming, have returned to the Oxford Orphanage.

The young men of Cokesbury Sunday school have organized a baracca class. They recited their first lesson last Sunday. A cordial invitation is extended to all young men in this community to join the class.

Dr. J. T. Gibbs, presiding elder of the Washington district, visited his sister, Mrs. Martha Gibbs, last week. While on this visit he preached a most interesting sermon at Cokesbury church and many people were present to hear him.

See the Fine Horses and Ponies.
 Your visit to the mighty Haag shows at Henderson afternoon and evening of September 16th, will not be complete without a tour of the colossal canvas equery, even though you are not a lover and admirer of blooded stock, it is claimed you will find an hour of genuine pleasure and much to interest you inspecting the droves of horses and ponies. For the last year agents have been in the different parts of the world making purchases for this department, with a result that today the mighty Haag shows possess one of the largest, most varied and costly collections of representative members of the equine family which wealth can procure, and it is doubtful if anywhere near the like has ever been exhibited before. Certainly never by any traveling shows.

Ladies and children are particularly invited to visit this horse fair, which all may safely do without escort, as uniform and courteous attendants are always present to look after the welfare of callers.—Adv.

Reports from Durham and other North Carolina points show an alarming spread of pellagra. It is stated that in Durham alone there are at present 150 cases of infection and the deaths from this dread disease for the year are estimated at 100. More people have died from pellagra there than from any other disease.

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On account of being overstocked I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at my farm, "Grassy Creek," four miles below Clarksville, Va., on Roanoke river and one mile north of Soudan, the following Live Stock:

- 3 Brood Mares.
- 3 Colts, mares and mules.
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- 10 Good Holstein Calves.
- A Lot of half grown Hogs.
- 1 Fine genuine Berkshire Boar.
- 1 Fine Stallion.
- 12 Milch Cows
- 14 Steers.
- 7 Splendid Brood Sows.
- 25 Berkshire Pigs.

Come everybody and get some good stock. Terms made known on the day of sale.

John T. Lewis.

Sale of Land.
 BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF THE Superior Court of Vance county to me issued in the special proceeding entitled W. A. Parham, admr. of James A. Parham, dec'd., vs. J. H. Parham and others. I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction, for cash, at the courthouse door in Henderson, N. C., on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1911, the following described tract or parcel of land, near Watkins station, bounded on the north by the lands of H. I. Wright and others, on the east and south by the lands of T. V. Bobbitt, on the west by the lands of W. A. Parham, containing 262 acres more or less.

W. A. PARHAM,
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