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OUR TOWN GOVERNMENT.

Be Careful, Little Children, for the Devil is Among You Taking Notes.

I have written several articles criticizing the town government. I have scolded, bleached and blistered, and signed some parts of the administration, and as no one answered the articles I had begun to think that the town government was dead enough to be immune to dynamite and impervious to lightning. But in the stillness of the night one commissioner, Mr. O. O. White, a good man, rises to remark the sum and substance of his article in the Gold Leaf is that I have talked enough, that it is time for me to do something, that my oath of office requires action.

In answer thereto I will say that I have been on the board only a few months. In that time I have accomplished the following:

- (1) By motion, ordered the two night police each to make two regular beats over town each night for their protection.
- (2) By motion, painted every street post and sign in town, improved the lockup and repaired the municipal building.
- (3) Found the present fine pair of horses in Baltimore, on which horses the town was offered \$200 for before they reached Henderson.
- (4) Helped agitate and perfect settlement with the dispensary. This settlement has now been made and about \$150 in cash turned into the town treasury.
- (5) By motion, placed the town on a much better sanitary basis.
- (6) By motion, deferred the closing of one of Henderson's thoroughfares.
- (7) By motion, revised the license law and added twenty or more concerns on the tax list which had never paid a cent of license tax before and thereby turned another \$100 or \$200 annually into the same town treasury.
- (8) During my few months service on the board I have saved for the town several hundred dollars and on an average have made a motion for the betterment of the town at each meeting I have attended.
- (9) Now, Mr. White, I have shown you how I have done and since you have come out in print you take the witness stand and let me play the part of examining lawyer.
- (10) I ask you, Mr. White, if you have not been on the board of town commissioners about 18 months and if your term of office is not now drawing to a close?
- (11) I ask you, Mr. White, to tell me why you have not in that time you have been the father of a single motion except motions to adjourn?
- (12) If so, Mr. White, state them.
- (13) I ask you, Mr. White, to point out a single motion of yours framing for the betterment of the town?
- (14) I ask you, Mr. White, if you were even consulted when the slate for town officers was made out?
- (15) I ask you, Mr. White, if you did not vote for a six years electrical power company franchise for Henderson, to bind the town for sixty long years, and I ask you if when you voted you knew anything whatever about electricity or municipal franchises?
- (16) I ask you further if you did not vote directly against the advice of your paid attorneys, thereby placing your judgment above his judgment of the law? Whether the franchise will do us good or not has nothing to do with the question. I ask you if you do not know the town is full with out knowledge or information is not a most dangerous vote?
- (17) I ask you, Mr. White, if after comparing my services on the board with your service, do you still think you are the proper person to call me into action and to call me out of the papers?
- (18) I ask you, Mr. White, if the Western Union Telegraph Company in front of you ever paid any license tax and if not did you ever have it listed for said tax?
- (19) I ask you, Mr. White, if the Henderson Storage Company back of you ever paid any license tax and if not did you ever have it listed for said tax?
- (20) I ask you, Mr. White, if the Southern Express Company on your left hand ever paid any license tax, and if not did you ever have it listed for said tax?
- (21) I ask you, Mr. White, if the Postal Telegraph Company on your right ever paid any license tax, and if not did you ever have it listed for said tax?
- (22) I ask you, Mr. White, if people and concerns all around you and all over town that ought to have paid taxes were not listed and did not pay at all, and I ask you if you ever put a single one of them on the roll?
- (23) I ask you, Mr. White, but what is the use? Do you think I ought to have been called into action by you?
- (24) Mr. White ventures the assertion in his article that I claim to be a business man. To be plain, I do. Furthermore, I give my opinion based upon over ten years of business experience in three different towns and lose my reputation as a business man in this community upon the single statement that the town government from mayor down is too slow and too inefficient for a town the size of Henderson. Write again, Mr. White. Come in the water is fine. But when you begin to appear in public controversy, remember these little lines:

"Watch out, Brother White, for de fire in de way,
And pray for de wisdom of de wise.
De lamb he lay down wid de lion one day,
But de lion was faller when he rise.
Watch out, Brother White, for day one night,
When de public is a meeting of you gaze,
When your conscience tell you dat your vote is falling right,
All de well is just a fire for de blaze."

Mr. Silus Powell is one of the commissioners of Henderson. As such he is a public officer and as a public man he must stand the criticisms of a free press. Mr. Powell told me that he would give me enough rope, in the paper, to break my neck. Then he said he would write a little article about so long—and here he measured off about two joints of his first finger—and that this short article would set at naught all that I had said. Now I have made statement after statement, that Mr. Powell has never answered. Mr. Powell got so

pushed that he came out with his article which was longer than his first prescription, and in defense of a slow and unprogressive town government has, at least by inference, taken credit for almost everything good that has happened to Henderson. In justification of the administration of town government he has actually begged about some of the very things that he opposed.

You understand we are talking about town government, and Mr. Powell calls attention to these things which have nothing under the sun to do with town government:

- (1) Three hotels.
- (2) One hospital.
- (3) Brick stores.
- (4) J. P. Taylor's factory.

Wonder if all the people all over the United States where tobacco is grown believe that the present board of town commissioners of Henderson made Mr. Jack Taylor what he is today? Oh, well, here is the next strong point in favor of the progressive board: (5) The United States postoffice. (6) The fire department. This is rightfully classed as progress in the town administration. But the point that makes us weep is that Mr. Powell brags about this when as a matter of fact Mr. Powell opposed almost everything in it. (7) The Civic League. In defense of what has been written about the town government we find Mr. Powell hiding behind the petticoats of the Civic League. He once referred to me as a ladiesman because I took up for the Civic League. Now he outdoes Herod. (8) He refers with pride, almost bursts the rickles on his breast, to the beautiful gates of the cemetery, though not a red, not a three-cent piece, not a Lincoln penny did he give to it personally, neither did the town give anything to that matter. He was approached on the subject and replied that we did not need a gate there and suppressed his coin. Now he sits upon that gate in his article. Like Edgar Allen Poe's bird we find Mr. Powell perched upon the pallid bust of Pallas as big as life. Got there with one single javeline loop.

"Not the least obsequious made he,
Not a moment stopped or stayed he;
But with acin of Lord or Lady,
Perched and sat—not nothing more."

(9) Mr. Powell has found out about the new warehouse, and has added that to his list. The moon shines bright in Henderson, too, but someone contented commissioner left that out. We will be charitable and charge this as an error against the printer. (10) I am vice-president of the town, and I have not found out where Mr. Powell, either as an individual or as a commissioner, had anything to do with that factory whatever, yet Mr. Powell has that achievement listed too.

Now, my dear reader, what in the Lord's round world has the slow town government had to do with all these things? The very point that I have been trying so hard to present is the fact that Henderson is a good, progressive town, but that the town government itself is not progressive and is about the slowest thing in the city.

Mr. Powell says that everybody in Henderson is contented, except two. If it were so it were a grievous fault. Nobody blames Mr. Powell for being contented. He is on the town's payroll. He does exactly what he pleases. He spells his name Silus when almost everybody else spells the same word Silas. He writes for the papers whenever he feels like it and closes up his articles with all knowledge at his pleasure. He voted twice to have the mayor's salary \$100 per year, then on the third vote changed to \$300. This was the night on which Mayor Southernland was in town but absent from the meeting. This was the same night that some of the commissioners fell all over themselves to increase the mayor's salary regardless of whether it was according to law or not for they refused to let their paid attorney pass on the question. This was the night that Mr. Powell said in open and official meeting that he had been on the board for about five years, that nothing had ever been done according to law and that he was opposed to the beginning of doing anything according to law. Now, Mr. Powell, cut your own throat, can't you convince me that I was dreaming? I would not like always to remember that the town of Henderson ever went on such a record. This was the night when the mayor's salary was increased through the crevice in the dark, crept through the yawn of a calm summer's night into the treasury of old Henderson to the extent of \$200 per year, and the commissioners refused to come out into the light of public judgment. Here is where every old red strand of my old red head stood up and I rebelled at the situation because I believe in conducting a government at least according to law. One score years and ten I can remember well within the volume of which time I have seen hours dreadful and things strange but this sad night surpassed all former knowings.

Mr. Powell told me face to face that the fire horses were all right. Now he criticizes them. Mr. Powell talked against the Civic League. Now he praises it. It is my humble opinion that Mr. Powell can change his mind sixty times per minute in so small a space as the eye of a spool of cotton. When you see him basking in the sun don't think he is idle, he is busy—changing his mind.

Discontented, yes; discontented, for one man discontented at the town's government. Mr. Powell, you are street commissioner. Do you reckon E. W. Alcock is contented when he says that in times of rain your ditches and your drainage bring more water under his house than they take away? Do you reckon W. L. Garlick is contented when he says that on account of your poor drainage in front of his house the water ran through his kitchen so badly that he had to move his stove out? Both of these men are truthful men, both have good houses, both live on good streets. Mr. Powell, you say that all Henderson is contented. Please state to the jury how many shade trees you have cut down in the streets of Henderson and then in the same breath state never answered. Mr. Powell got so

WORKING FOR YOUR TOWN.

(Wilmington Star.)

The Raleigh Times is calling upon the men of Raleigh to do their duty by their Chamber of Commerce and their city. Our contemporary states that when the Chamber of Commerce of that city was organized on the first day of last June somewhat more than 500 men gave their names as members. Certainly that should constitute a powerful working body, but of that army of embryo boosters, comparatively few have come across with the 50 cents a month dues which entitles them to membership.

The Times rightly complains about this dereliction on the part of the Raleigh men and urges that if they would make the Chamber of Commerce what it ought to be it could do a great work for Raleigh. So it could, but there is a bare probability that the fault lies in an inactive Chamber of Commerce that has not gotten behind these members and collected those dues. Whenever our commercial bodies get the inspiration that they are business institutions and require every member to do his duty as a matter of business we will hear less complaint of the slack support of these institutions. Let the management of these organizations get more aggressive, determined, and business-like and we won't hear of delinquents on the part of their members.

Let it be understood that the Chamber of Commerce is out for business and is under no obligations to any citizen but that he owes it to his chamber and to his city and to himself to do his part. When the Raleigh Chamber reorganized and got that big list of 500 members, it looked like business. With dues of 50 cents a month it was anticipated that the fund so raised would be realized in advertising Raleigh, but now comes the complaint that those Raleigh men who joined the movement have defaulted or turned up delinquent. Anyhow, wasn't June a bad month to reorganize? Don't we wait at the collar and lose our game during the summer? Isn't there too much of a disposition to lay off and cease activities during the summer? Well, we have simply got to get rid of the summer habit. There isn't any use for us to be winter ducks. The fact of the business is, summer is the best time for us to take a time off and boost, for when the fall and winter comes that is our busy season and we are too much absorbed with our own business to get out and hustle for the town.

Pushing a city forward as a side line or spasmodically, is a negligible factor in making progress. A man experienced man ought to be on the job as a specialty, where he can have a staff of five lieutenants upon whom he can depend at all times. However, the best man on earth for the town, might as well have his hands tied behind his back as to be out of the backing of the people of his city. Boosting without any backing is like having a river to cross and no boat to reach the other side.

The Harvest Moon.

(Chatham Record.)

Our esteemed Brother Phillips, of the Greensboro Daily News, has requested the Herald to publish his harvest moon and to tell when it will get full. Accordingly, and in accordance with our annual custom, we will say that the harvest moon is that moon that is full near the autumnal equinox.

The peculiar phenomenon about the harvest moon is that it rises immediately after sunset for several consecutive days. This phenomenon is owing to the small angle made by the elliptic and the moon's orbit with the horizon at this season of the year. It was first called the "Harvest Moon" by the farmers of the North of England, whose harvests were gathered about this season of the year and the bright light of the full moon for several consecutive days enabled them to work longer in gathering their harvests.

Prohibition Law Being Smashed.

(Burlington News.)

The prohibition laws in this city, and in fact every city in the States, are being smashed all to pieces. Those who believe in law enforcement are standing shocked and grieved at the conditions. Some say that the laws can be enforced, the officers say that it is impossible. We don't know. It looks to us like a policeman who has nothing to do but watch and wait might put them out of business, but they can do very little until they have the co-operation of the citizens. When the public sentiment and citizenship of a city get busy, there will be something doing, but so long as the public depends upon the officers to do it all there will still be violation.

Printing the Truth.

A Kansas editor announced he would try for one week to print the truth and he is still in the hospital. He didn't get by the first day. The following item appeared in Monday's issue and now the boys are getting out the paper. This is what he said: "Married, Miss Sylvia Rhode to James Cannahan, last Sunday evening at the Baptist church. The bride was an ordinary town girl, who didn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a duck. The groom is an up-to-date has been loafer, living off the old folks all his life and don't amount to sticks now. They will have a hard life while they live together.—Sacred Heart Review."

The Kind That Makes Good.

A girl who is brought up to earn her own living never will "just settle down to nothing." She will have earned it, and can give her husband wise counsel and sympathy in his business difficulties. She can take entire charge of the money expended for the house and do it in such a business-like way that will give her husband infinite satisfaction. She can earn a little something for herself perhaps, and at least she will have the comfort of knowing that whatever happens, she will fall on her feet.

RETURN OF "THE CLANSMAN."

Arrangement Complete For Local Engagement of Play.

After an absence of three years from this section, the famous Thomas Dixon success, "The Clansman," has been given an elaborate revival for a tour of the South this season.

News to this effect has just been ascertained from Manager J. S. Poythress of the Grand who states that he has completed arrangements with George H. Brennan, Manager of the Southern Amusement Company, for an engagement in this city on Tuesday, October 3rd.

An entirely new scenic production has been provided for the big revival and the forthcoming performance here will be an occasion of unusual importance in theatrical circles.

"The Clansman" is too well known in this city to necessitate lengthy comment. Suffice it to say that the coming revival will be the seventh year of unprecedented success which the great Southern drama has enjoyed. Few plays can boast of such a record. "The Clansman" is the only play of Southern life that has won universal success and popularity.

For the big revival of "The Clansman," which will be seen here at the Grand, the Southern Amusement Company has provided a cast of excellent players. Clyde M. Shropshire will appear as Ben Cameron, the Clansman; Vivian DeWolfe as Elsie Stoneman; Myron Paulson as Silas Lynch, the negro Lieutenant-Governor; in addition the company includes the following: Thomas W. Faber, Edith Mendoza, Isabelle Mendoza, Harry Bartell, Thomas J. Evans, S. W. McElroy, F. J. Hill, James E. Ducean, J. D. Walsh, Blanche Boyer, Gerald LaForest, and others.

A Desirable Alibi.

A poor sailor, almost ruined by drink, was induced to sign the pledge for a year. When the year was out, he went and renewed it for life. He had just received his wages, and had the money in a bag in his inside pocket, when he met the tavernkeeper at whose house he used to drink.

"Well, old fellow," said the tavernkeeper, "how do you do?"

"Pretty well," said the sailor, "only I've got a hard lump on my side."

"Oh!" said the other, "it's cold water does that; if you'd drink some good liquor, it would soon take the lump away from you."

"But," said the sailor, "I have just renewed the pledge for life, and I can't do it."

"Then mind what I say," said the tavernkeeper, "that lump will go on increasing and very likely before another year you'll have another on the other side."

"I hope so," said the sailor, taking out his money bag and shaking it. "It's cold cash."—Exchange.

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Stockholders of the old Standard Oil Company have received checks representing the last dividends that will be disbursed by the great corporation. Under the recent decision of the Supreme court of the United States ordering the dissolution of the company, the old organization must be broken up before the end of the year. Consequently the final dividend for the year will not be paid by the old company. In the dissolution of the parent concern the stockholders are to receive stock in the subsidiary companies equivalent to their holdings in the old corporation. It is not considered likely that the stockholders will suffer any loss of income with the change in organization.

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Although the Standard Oil Company never issued an annual report or made other returns regarding its business further than publication of its dividend, investors never lacked confidence in its ability to pay increased dividends, and the high rate maintained made the company's stock sell at from four to six times its par value. The highest price ever reached was in 1901. When it was paying 48 per cent. per annum. The stock then sold up to \$842 a share.

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