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Brevity in editorials was one of the wise suggestions emphasized at the newspaper institute.

The "Taft chuckle" is a gem and the former President uses it as a prelude to his witty illustrations with telling effect.

The high cost of white paper problem was not solved at the Chapel Hill meeting, but there were some indications that the cloud has a silvery lining somewhere.

The report that Von Mackensen's next objective will be Saloniki, should be cheering news to the Greeks, whose neutrality has been ruthlessly abused by the superior forces of the Allies.

Mr. Taft told the boys at Chapel Hill the other night that while a resident of the White House he had been interviewed "several times" and that before his term expired he really got so he liked the newspaper fellow.

The genial smile of Jimmie Cowan was missed at the newspaper institute last week. The Wrightsville press agent missed a good time, and his fellow craftsmen regretted not having his good company.

THE CASWELL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Attention is directed to the synopsis of Dr. C. B. McNairy's annual report as superintendent of the Caswell Training School to the board of directors Thursday morning, which appears elsewhere.

There are at present 181 enrolled in the school. One hundred and fifty-four of these are attending the regular classes instituted at the school. Twenty-seven are not in condition to benefit from any school work whatsoever. Dr. McNairy sets forth in his report that it is the aim of the school to train any who may be capable of improvement. It is, of course, possible for some of the children to become partially self-sustaining and some of them are already contributing to a small degree to their keep. The health of the school has been very good only two deaths being recorded during the past year.

Dr. McNairy's budget calls for \$233,000 to meet the urgent needs of the school for the ensuing two years \$110,000 in round figures of this amount is needed for new buildings, alterations and equipment, and \$183,000 for maintenance. The maintenance budget provides for the keep of two hundred and fifty pupils for 1917 and for four hundred in 1918.

The Free Press believes that the results already obtained with the inadequate facilities and insufficient appropriation justify public confidence in the institution, and it hopes the legislature will see fit to appropriate as liberally as possible for the work of the school. The accommodation of four hundred pupils would by no means care for all the applicants, who seek entrance into the school. As a matter of fact, accommodations for a much larger number must be provided as the school grows, if the service that it is capable of rendering to the State, is given. The Caswell Training School should ultimately have accommodations for all of the State's weak-minded and subnormal children, who should be taken from society for the benefit of posterity.

KINSTON GROWS.

One has but to look about in any direction within the limits of Kinston to be convinced that the capital of Lenoir grows. Not because of any extraordinary boom or efforts, but simply a normal, healthy, encouraging growth of the substantial and worth while sort.

A few weeks ago a visiting traveler, who was familiar with many sections of the country, inquired: "What's going on here?" "You appear to have some excitement circus in town; what accounts for all this crowd on your main street out here?" The answer was that there was no abnormal crowd or bustle on Queen street; just an average every-day lot of shoppers. But their many of these are friends from the splendid prosperous region round about, where growth is also in evidence.

The strongest attestation to Kinston's growth is the fact that houses, both residence and business, are practically unobtainable without taking turn on the waiting list, and that in spite of the fact that much building is in progress in all sections of the city. For instance an observer notes that within a radius of two blocks in one section of town more than a dozen good substantial homes have been erected during the past nine months and the brick and lumber for the foundations of several others are already placed.

Yes, Kinston grows!
"Great is Kinston and The Free Press tells its story."

MUST PROTECT WOMANHOOD.

While we believe the sympathy of all, who read of the dastardly attempt to violate the honor of a young woman passenger on a Pullman car in the depot at Raleigh: a few months ago, was extended to the wife and mother of the man Thomas, whose escapade shocked the right thinking people of the State, their desire to protect the womanhood of North Carolina is such that they will op-

pose any further clemency being shown the culprit. His sentence of one year was considered by many to be insignificant in comparison with the enormity of his offense, and now that he is seeking a pardon, after serving but a fourth of his sentence, there is righteous indignation in the community where the young woman was well known and respected. The Free Press believes that the virtue of womanhood will be further menaced if this man is pardoned and it hopes that Governor Craig will show no executive clemency to him. His respectable family connections, which were pleaded in his behalf, make his crime even more reprehensible and his attempt to show that he was drunk and irresponsible at the time the deed was committed should have no bearing whatsoever.

JOURNALISM AND DEMOCRACY.

The masterful address of Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism of Missouri before the newspaper institute at Chapel Hill was an epigrammatic and eloquent tribute to the freedom of the press.

Mr. Williams' subject was: "Journalism a New Weapon for Democracy." He defined Democracy as that "which permits each individual to make the most of his opportunity." He emphasized the fact that the newspapers were in easy reach of every man and because they were thus easily obtainable they became at once the greatest medium for disseminating knowledge. They recognize no class and cater to none.

Mr. Williams attributed the war in Europe to the censorship which has for generations past given to the people only that information colored by official edict and which has withheld real facts. Such censorship, he pronounced as an "accessory before the awful crime of war."

Some of his striking epigrams were:

- "The wages of sin is publicity."
- "Nothing pleases the evil-doer more than secrecy."
- "Journalism is a mirror."
- "No liar can inherit the kingdom of journalism."
- "News is gossip about facts."
- "Omit the names in the newspapers and see the circulation decrease."

These and other sparklets conveyed to the minds of his hearers the real mission and function of the newspaper.

Mr. Williams laid fine emphasis upon the accuracy and truthfulness of American journalism. Because knowledge conveyed in the newspapers is expressed and imparted in common phrases, readable and understandable to the average mind, the press of America is a most potent factor for Democracy.

THE NEED OF A HEALTH OFFICER.

The need of a whole-time health officer in Kinston has never been more forcefully brought to the attention of the people than is being emphasized just now, by the menacing condition with reference to measles.

The situation, as has already been related in the news columns of The Free Press, is that a number of children attending the public schools have contracted measles and because of the lack of co-operation in the homes, where such children live and where others, who come in contact with them, have been exposed to the disease, the health of all the children has been in jeopardy. The lack of co-operation is not unusual nor peculiar to Kinston, for it has been found necessary everywhere to provide proper machinery for safeguarding the public health. Kinston has not yet made such provision and the school authorities as well as all other health conservationists are at a serious disadvantage for lack of adequate facilities.

Kinston needs a whole-time health officer, properly qualified and empowered to devise and put into effect needed health regulations. Not only is there danger at all times of an outbreak of contagious diseases in the schools because of lack of official facilities for controlling the children's diseases, which may appear from time to time, but for the inspection of all food supplies, markets, milk dairies, etc., which are now powers unto themselves, whereby their customers, the Kinston public, must exercise a faith beyond the pale of safety.

PEACE PROPOSAL.

The peace proposal emanating from Berlin, as given to the people of this section first in The Free Press Tuesday afternoon, is the best news which has been published since August, 1914, when the match was applied to the smoldering powder can and the most awful of wars begun.

The question now is not, who started the terrible conflagration? This is no time for the Allies to undertake to lay the full responsibility upon the Germans, or vice versa; it takes two to make a fight and such was the case in this instance.

Great Britain's spokesmen have in recent months announced that there could be no cessation of hostilities until their enemies had been completely crushed, and apparently plans have been made to carry out such threats fruitless as such ends appear from the face of things. Germany's peace proposals do not come at a time when victory is resting upon the banner of her enemies. Her armies of the past have triumphantly contended with and overcome every force, which the Allies could throw against them, and there has been no indication that her lines in the West could be broken. Countless thousands of lives have been sacrificed in the endeavor to do so.

The time is now ripe for an honorable peace for all sides and there can be no question where the responsibility will rest, if the Allies turn a deaf ear to the proposals for peace negotiations. There should be no time lost. The terrible carnage should cease and an armistice should be granted pending the conclusion of peace agreements, and the work of rehabilitation should begin as early as possible.

The Free Press hopes that President Wilson and his advisers may utilize the apparent opportunity for joining hands with other neutral powers to bring about such ends now.

Professor Branson of the University News Letter staff said splendid tribute to the press of North Carolina by saying that after extensive travel and study in various states in the Union he had not found any state press working for the unison for the public welfare.

COST OF PRODUCING HAS MUCH DO WITH HIGH COST OF LIVING

Vermont Commissioner of Agriculture Tells Commercial Congress

CAN FEED BILLION FOLKS

But Not Until There Are Better Methods of Cultivation and Distribution—Present Conditions Partially Justified

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—Justification for high food prices was held out in part today by Agricultural Commissioner Brigham of Vermont before the Southern Commercial Congress on the ground of higher costs of the farmer. While contending that distribution improvement and better cultivation could make conditions such that the Nation could feed a billion, he showed that the farmer must charge higher prices because his lands are not fertile as before. He must pay higher wages and he cannot have his land at the low rates that once prevailed. Parade Monday afternoon.

Norfolk, Dec. 12.—Before an admiring crowd variously estimated at from sixty to seventy-five thousand the land parade held in honor of the opening of the eighth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress, was the most prominent feature of the festivities here yesterday afternoon. More than ten thousand sailors, marines, militia and the full strength of the Virginia Military Institute were in line.

The parade was one of the biggest and most successfully conducted ever seen in this city, requiring more than an hour to pass a given point. The parade was reviewed by Governor Stuart of Virginia, Henderson of Alabama and Locke Craig of North Carolina and a long list of other officials and diplomats.

The convention was formally opened by Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, president of the Southern Commercial Congress in the auditorium of the armory of the Virginia national guard. The interior of that huge structure was transformed with flags and bunting into a beautiful convention hall.

Norfolk is entertaining the biggest crowd ever seen here. Many more are expected today and Wednesday, the latter being the date of the grand naval review of the Atlantic fleet by Secretary Daniels of the Navy and Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce at the head of hundreds of visitors including the Governors of 20 states, foreign representatives and visiting officials both state and federal.

Every indication points to the present convention being the most successful ever held by the Congress, which may meet in New York City next year.

Every moving picture company producing a news weekly has representatives here and the films of the convention will be reproduced all over the world.

WOMEN GIVE OUT.

Housework is hard enough when healthy. Every Kinston woman who is having backache, blue and nervous spells, dizzy headaches and kidney or bladder troubles, should be glad to heed this Kinston woman's experience:

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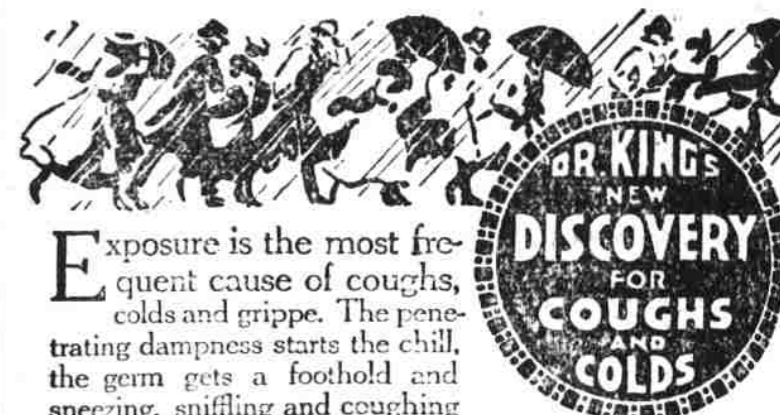
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