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TO THE BUSINESS MEN OF KINSTON.

The subscribers for stock in The Kinston Publishing company are called to meet at the opera house on Thursday afternoon, April 24th, at 4 o'clock, sharp. This is an important meeting, of course, and your humble servant will consider it a special and personal favor if every one who possibly can do so will attend and be there promptly at the hour named.

Of course the business of organizing The Kinston Publishing company will require very little time, as everything as to that will be arranged before hand, so if you don't get there promptly you will miss this part of it; but it is the purpose after the organization is perfected to discuss the advisability of forming a chamber of commerce or some such body for the purpose of having more united action in matters affecting the community interests.

Such an organization as is suggested is desired by every business man in town with whom I have discussed the matter. It is the purpose at the above meeting to discuss such an organization, get a consensus of the views of our business people and perhaps appoint committees to take the matter in hand and work it out to a successful conclusion.

A meeting of all our stockholders would be quite representative of the business people who have been in Kinston for many years, but there are many prominent business men who have been here only a few years, particularly those in the tobacco industry, therefore I deem it advisable to invite to attend this meeting not only the stockholders, but every business or professional man of Kinston who feels interested in the formation of a business men's association. Our people must come together. There is great, wonderfully great, power in unity. "United we stand, divided we fall."

No greater truth was ever uttered! Few there be who realize the tremendous, almost awful, power of united effort—co-operation.

If ten thinking men in Kinston would thoroughly organize, they could, the others being unorganized, carry things their own way in the community. It is on the same principle as lever power in mechanics.

Heretofore only a small part of our people have thoroughly co-operated, though many more than in other towns. See what these few, compared to the total number of business people, have accomplished for Kinston and all its people. Hereafter, all, at least nearly all, of our business people are going to co-operate, and more thoroughly and heartily than ever before. The result will be a city, unless selfishness or foolishness shall prevent.

I feel that I know what I am talking about, and I earnestly request that every business man of Kinston give an attentive ear and careful consideration to what I am saying.

Unless substantial growth is stopped or too long delayed by the land owners, Kinston will be a city, but if the land owners anticipate such growth and demand city prices for their dirt Kinston will go backward. I have sufficient confidence in the intelligence of the business people of Kinston to believe that they can devise some plan to avoid the danger to the town's prosperity from the evil referred to.

I would be pleased to hear this matter discussed by the citizens who have Kinston's future at heart; discussed in a calm and reasonable way. There is no use abusing the land holder; he's not so much to blame. It seems to be one of those human failings that when any man owns dirt he thinks worth, say, \$500 and somebody offers him \$500 for it he immediately thinks it worth more.

An instance occurred in Kinston recently. A big tobacco concern wanted a site for a big plant. A certain land owner (a small one) happened to have a few rented houses where the concern wanted its plant. The land owner was offered a larger and better lot of land in a more desirable locality and was assured that his houses would be moved at the concern's cost and \$1,500 given to boot. The land owner thought he had the corporation where they were bound to have his little land and greedily demanded \$5,000 and said he didn't want to sell the land anyway. The big corporation naturally became disgusted and, determined not to be so outrageously imposed upon, secured a site elsewhere.

The above is a true incident of an occurrence in Kinston and ought to serve as an object lesson to other land owners. We sincerely hope it will cause them to do a little thinking at least, and to realize that they may not only retard the establishment of industries, the development of industries, the development of business, the obtaining of homes by our thrifty citizens and the general growth of the town along safe lines, but injure themselves also.

The other thing that may hurt Kinston is the danger of growing too fast. It will be unwise to establish any industry of much size without knowing beyond reasonable question that it will pay in Kinston, if properly managed, and that good management can be obtained. Good management can certainly be secured if proper steps are taken to do so.

It is wise to secure people from elsewhere as citizens who have capital or can do things well. What Kinston needs is more capital and more expert labor and managers. More trained minds and hands are more important than more capital.

A business men's organization can discuss such things as referred to and hinted at above and take steps along many lines that will do not only Kinston but all the country surrounding Kinston great good.

The writer wants such an organization to sustain the efforts of the paper in behalf of this part of North Carolina.

Our purpose is to make a larger and better paper and keep improving it, along safe lines, as rapidly as increasing patronage will justify.

We invite voluntary subscriptions to preferred stock in sums of \$100 or \$200 until all the stock is subscribed, and would be highly gratified if the full amount of \$10,000 is subscribed by the time of meeting—next Thursday afternoon.

Don't fail to be at the meeting whether you have taken stock or not.

Truly,
W. S. HERBERT.

TO PROMOTE EDUCATION

CONFERENCE TO BEGIN APRIL 24

It Will be Held at Athens, Ga., and Will be of Great Importance

A Great Collection of Northern Capitalists Philanthropists and Educators to Assemble—Gov. Aycock Will Play a State Part—Addresses by the Most Eminent Among Men.

Preparations are rapidly maturing for the meeting of the fifth annual conference for education in the South, to be held at Athens, Ga., April 24 to 27 inclusive.

It is expected that there will be an even larger gathering of educators and citizens from all over the south than there was last spring at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of New York, president of the southern education board, which is the outcome of these conferences and which recently started the general education board to finance this great movement in the south, will bring on a special train a number of distinguished educators and philanthropists from the north and will be greeted at Athens by a large number of prominent teachers, citizens and public men from the south.

All persons interested in educational advancement in the south will be cordially welcomed. The railroads will give a rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi.

The program which follows shows the high character of the discussions and includes a number of prominent speakers.

The conference will open on Thursday afternoon, the 24th, with a business session; 8 p. m., the address of welcome will be made by the Hon. Clark Howell of Georgia; the president's annual address by Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of New York; a response, by Prof. C. C. Thach, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Friday, April 25th, 10 a. m., a business session of the conference; education and the voluntary tax, by the Hon. C. B. Aycock, governor of North Carolina; general discussion, introduced by the Hon. H. St. George Tucker, of Virginia. Dr. John Massey, of Alabama, and the Hon. Robert B. Fulton, chancellor of the University of Mississippi, 3 p. m., Popular Education as the Primary Policy of the South, by the Hon. Hoke Smith, of Georgia; the Press in its Relation to Popular Education, by the Hon. Edgar Wilson, of Mississippi, and the Hon. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle; the Bureau of Investigation and Information of the Southern Educational Board, by Prof. P. P. Claxton, of Tennessee; general discussion introduced by Mr. W. H. Baldwin, Jr., of New York, and the Hon. Hugh H. Hanna, of Ind. 8 p. m., Education through Handicraft, by Carlston B. Gibson, superintendent of schools, Columbus, Ga.; The Child of the Operative, by Lawton B. Evans, superintendent of schools, of Augusta, Ga.; the Child and the State, by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the Tulane University of New Orleans, La.; School Houses and School Environment, by Dr. Charles D. Melver, president of the State Normal School, of Greensboro, N. C. Saturday, April 26th, 10 a. m., a business session of the conference; Educational Supervision, by Dr. W. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education; the Denominational College and Popular Education, by Prof. H. N. Snyder, of Wolford College, S. C.; School Equipment and Re-enforcement, by Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of Review of Reviews, New York; general discussion, introduced by the Hon. John M. Small, M. C., from North Carolina and Dr. H. B. Friswell, principal of Hampton Institute, Virginia. The afternoon of Saturday, the 26th, will be given to attendance upon the exercises of Memorial Day; 8 p. m., Educational Progress at the South, by the Hon. A. Longino, governor of Mississippi; Co-operation in Educational Effort, by Judge Thomas C. Jones, ex-Governor of Alabama; general discussions, addresses Mr. Hamilton Mable of New York, Prof. Farnam, of New Haven, and Dr. Felix Adler, of New York; benediction by the Rev. W. N. McVicar, T. S. D., Bishop Coadjutor, of Rhode Island; Sunday, April 27th, Sunday services in churches, morning and night; general assembly in afternoon to be addressed by a number of speakers.

"A neighbor ran in with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy when my son was suffering with severe cramps and was given up as beyond hope by my regular physician, who made high in his profession. After administering three doses of it, my son regained consciousness and recovered entirely within twenty-four hours," says Mrs. Hailer, of Mt. Crawford, Va. This Remedy is for sale by J. E. Hood.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, April 24, at 4 p. m. Sharp

All subscribers to stock in the Kinston Publishing Co. and any who desire to become subscribers who have or have not been solicited are urgently requested to be present promptly on the hour.

After this business is disposed of it is proposed to organize a Business Mens' Association and therefore every business man of Kinston, whether interested in the Publishing Company or not, is cordially invited to be present.

The primary object of both organizations is to benefit the City of Kinston and foster and protect all its present industries and pave the way for more

COME AND HELP

News of the Farm and Crop Notes
Old North State Odd and Interesting Happenings From Every Section

Madison county expects to harvest this year the largest tobacco crop in its history.

The Odd Fellows of the towns of the State celebrate their anniversary next Saturday. Mayor George H. Hood, of Goldsboro, will deliver the address in Wilmington.

Andrew J. Planner, of Wilmington, is suing his divorced wife for about \$20,000 worth of property which he claims she kept and should have returned to him. They have been divorced about three years.

Joe Keys, a negro living at Freetown, Beaufort county, about two miles from Washington, has a typical case of smallpox. Dr. Josh Taylor, State smallpox inspector, examined him and pronounced it so. The negro came home Tuesday from Norfolk and brought the disease with him.

Louisburg Times: There died in this county on Sunday last one of the oldest inhabitants—Aunt Fannie Perry, colored, being at the time of her death 106 years old. She was the mother of 15 children, 8 of them survive her, the oldest being 89 years. She belonged to the late Dr. Sid Perry, of Franklin county.

This State promises to be largely represented at the national conference of Charities and Corrections in Detroit May 28th. The mayor of Charlotte has appointed 23 delegates, including several ladies. Capt. C. B. Denson, who is secretary of the State board, will deliver an address before the body.

Fayetteville Observer: Little Ester Thrower, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. C. H. Thrower, a well known farmer of Flea Hill township, was fatally burned Saturday. The child was playing near the fire when its clothing caught, and in a second it was enveloped in flames.

Within the past year or two the growing of melons has become an important industry in the section about Maxton and Laurinburg, in this State. The Wilmington Messenger says that Mess. Matthews & Brinson will plant this year near Laurinburg 1,000 acres of watermelons and cantaloupes and when the shipping season begins they expect to ship three train loads a day.

Concord Tribune: Mr. R. C. Blackwelder, of No. 9, was in town this morning showing an extraordinarily large egg. This egg weighed 6 1/2 ounces, the long way around is 9 1/2 inches, the other way is 7 1/2. It was laid on last Wednesday by a common size black Minarea hen. This egg is said by all who have seen it to be the largest hen egg ever seen, and is about as large as a crocodile egg.

Winston Sentinel: The R. J. Reynolds company today made the largest shipment of manufactured tobacco, to one man, in the history of the company. It required seven cars to handle the shipment, which left for Baltimore via the Norfolk and Western, on a special train. Large streamers were on each car, and the train, as it pulled out, presented an attractive appearance. Photographs of the train were taken before it left.

Considerable interest is shown in the project to build a railway from Raleigh to Washington, N. C. It is asserted that by the end of this week Raleigh will have subscribed the \$50,000 expected of it. As planned, the road will be nearly an air line.

Goldsboro Argus: The building of locomotives in Goldsboro is getting to be one of our most important industries. The yards of the Acme Machine Works look like a railroad shop. There are usually from four to five and six locomotives on their yards all the time for repairs. Dewey Bros.' shops, which is one of the oldest and best equipped in the State, make a specialty of building tramway locomotives and during the last few years they have turned out a number of these machines. They are shipped all over the south. One of this class is being loaded on a flat car today to be shipped to Cruger & Pace at Albany, Ga.

Rockingham Headlight: Mr. Tally Dawkins, who lives near town, has lost two good horses within the last two weeks, and now has two more in a critical condition. The symptoms are somewhat similar to blind staggers, the actions of the animals indicating cerebral disturbance, and yet a post mortem investigation showed the brain to be in a normal condition. Mr. Dawkins says that from the heart to the head, there seemed to be an unusual accumulation of blood. Our veterinary is at a loss for a name for the disease, but thinks it has been caused from the effects of "distillery slop," which had been used by Mr. Dawkins to moisten the provender fed to his stock.

Raleigh Times: Raleigh is the North Carolina headquarters for the British corporation which has entered the field against the American Tobacco company. The Imperial Tobacco company of Great Britain and Ireland (Limited), today paid its State and county franchise tax to Sheriff Page, of Wake county. The company has a paid capital stock of \$60,000,000, and the corporation tax here was \$500 for the State and \$500 for the county in which the general office is located. The general office of the company in the United States is now in Richmond, and Raleigh has been selected as the location for the general office in North Carolina. Col. John W. Hinesdale is the legal representative in this State and he paid the franchise tax here for the company today.

A Valuable Medicine for Coughs and Colds in Children.

"I have not the slightest hesitancy in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to all who are suffering from coughs or colds," says Chas. M. Cramer, a well known watch maker, of Colombo, Caylon. "It has been some two years since the City Dispensary first called my attention to this valuable medicine and I have repeatedly used it and it has always been beneficial. It has cured me quickly of all chest colds. It is especially effective for children and seldom takes more than one bottle to cure them of hoarseness. I have persuaded many to try this valuable medicine, and they are all as well pleased as myself over the results." For sale by J. E. Hood.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

"A LITTLE LEARNING IS A DANGEROUS THING."

FREE PRESS TIMELY TOPICS: The best way to learn to do a thing is to do it. "Practice" will soon "make perfect."

When a child is not made to attend his school regularly, damage results. The more frequent his absences, the greater the damage. Loss of interest in his studies follows and indifference finishes his chances for an education.

He may, perhaps, have a little learning but, "a little learning is a dangerous thing."

But another result follows. The boy, or girl, grows up to an age when the ambitious parent desires his child to receive collegiate training. Now, a recommendation from his or her last teacher has weight with the officers of these higher institutions; and the student who applies for admission without this recommendation, must undergo a rigid entrance examination. And how can a teacher commend a pupil for diligence in study when he was not diligent? This is an age when the store sign should read "John Smith and Fisher," instead of "Charles Smith and Son." "A word to the wise" should be "sufficient."

The frequency with which THE FREE PRESS has published items of very unusual happenings and instances of late leads us to fear that some people may get the idea that the paper is pushing Anaxias for a record, so we rise to remark that every one of these stories can be substantiated and proven. The two remarkable surgical operations can be testified to by physicians of the highest standing and there are reliable eye witnesses to all the other odd things that have recently been recorded. The truth is, Kinston is a remarkable town and prolific in remarkable instances, while THE FREE PRESS has a young reporter with "a nose for news" and a keen perception which enables him to see an "item" in things which the more prosaic and practical reporter would fall over without seeing. That these little stories are enjoyed, even if not believed, is proven by the fact that they are talked about a great deal on the streets and in the homes and that they trail throughout the State through the medium of exchanges.

This reminds us that a little story about a giant negro in Duplin county originated in THE FREE PRESS, was copied in two or three papers, disappeared for a fortnight and then reappeared and has been printed in almost every exchange that comes to this office, and has been variously credited to about half the papers in the State, but rarely a once to THE FREE PRESS.

BEAUTIFYING TOWNS.

Every Citizen Should Take a Hand in the Work.

In the matter of cleanliness and tidiness of a town there is room for every member of the community to co-operate. It ought not to be left to the care of an occasional energetic reformer. A large proportion of the people of a town own their homes, but even those who rent dwellings ought to take a pride in keeping their grounds in handsome shape. The complaint is often made that children reared in rented rooms are lacking in the respect for homes that is inculcated from childhood in those who enjoy the advantage of being brought up in a home of their own.

The modern American child, it is said, is allowed to deface walls or mutilate turf at his sweet will, and landlords are correspondingly suspicious and resentful of the presence of children in a family. There is a grain of truth in the charge, and parents ought to make a special effort to make good the lack by careful teaching and, it may be added, by practice as well as by precept.

In matters of taste woman is easily supreme, and the various organizations of women, like the women's club, the teachers' club, etc., might well devote some part of their time to problems of improving their town, adding the fine flower of good taste to the sturdy stem of material betterment. The beauty of a town is often made up of millions of little things, each one of no great moment in itself.

Neglect Means Disaster.

Don't neglect biliousness and constipation. Your health will suffer permanently if you do. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure such cases. M. R. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says "De Witt's Little Early Risers are the most useful little pills I ever took. Never gripe or cause nausea."