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THE WEATHER:  
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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

**Greenville Reflector:** We see it stated that only six white men in Greene county have failed to pay their poll tax. Pitt county has not done so well by a good deal.

An investigation of the tax books has shown that there are about 3,000 white and colored voters in Guilford county who have not paid their poll tax.

**Durham Herald:** Of thirteen original states, North Carolina is the only one without a statue of one of its distinguished sons in the national capital.

A Nash county friend writes The Progressive Farmer: Tobacco plants are very scarce in this section. One man has just sown over; another is short two-thirds.

**Mount Airy News:** The frost Friday morning was a fruit killer, but the weather has been cold so long that very few trees are in bloom. We will have an enormous apple crop this year and a considerable sprinkling of peaches.

**Stanly Enterprise:** The little town of Palmerville has virtually sold itself out. The Whitney Reduction company has purchased almost every foot of land in the place, besides the surrounding property to the north and south for some three miles each way.

**Lexington Dispatch:** It is the opinion of many of our farmers that the fruit in this county was but slightly damaged by the recent frosts and cold weather. They say that unless something else occurs to injure the fruit the crop will be a fairly good one.

**Charlotte Observer:** At a meeting of the stockholders of the Norwood Manufacturing company, of Norwood, last week, it was decided to build a new cotton mill, which will operate weaving machinery exclusively. This will make two textile plants for that bustling town and the seventh one for Stanly county.

**Louise Times:** The streets and all roads leading from town have been fairly alive this week with wagons hauling fertilizers for the coming crops, and while we have heard some complaint about tobacco plants we predict that Franklin county will this year grow her biggest crop of tobacco.

**Charity and Children:** A leading North Carolinian told us recently of a cotton mill owner who instructed his superintendent to get all the work possible out of the women and children, "for" said he, "they are only brutes anyhow." We do know where he ought to be, though it is unnecessary for us to name the place.

**Marion News:** The liquor dispensary at Waynesville, which is the drink supply depot for Haywood county and much of the surrounding territory, does a big business. The gross receipts for the year ending March 31st, exceed \$19,000 and the net profits were \$7,000. The expense of carrying on the business, including the manager's salary, rent and miscellaneous items, was only \$1,300 for the year.

**Whiteville Press:** A few weeks ago Belhaven, Beaufort county, voted special tax for graded schools and news now comes that Swan Quarter, Hyde county, has done likewise. Here we are reminded that Lebanon district, Williams township, is shortly to hold an election on the same question. The example set by the communities adopting this system should stir up and stimulate other districts to do likewise.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that North Carolinians have contributed their portion to the McKinley memorial fund and Senator Pritchard will promptly forward the amount to the national committee. In fact, North Carolinians have evinced more generosity than was expected of them and have sent in more than their apportioned to the State, which was \$1,000.

**Baltimore Sun:** After discovering a gold mine in the hills of North Carolina and while on his way to Rhode Island with a valise and his pockets full of quartz specimens to convince the skeptics of his good fortune, and interest Northern capitalists, Mr. Charles M. Bower, of Morganton, Burke County, N. C., according to his own statement, narrowly escaped losing the evidence of his find through, he claims, an attempt to rob him. Mr. Bower said he was a gold prospector and had been for many years hunting gold in Burke county. His search was finally rewarded, and he has struck what he thinks is one of the richest mines in the State. It is, he says, on the farm of C. Cox, near Morganton. Mr. Bower says some of the quartz which he has taken away \$900 to the ton of ore.

**Chatham Record:** Although the election this year will not be for president or governor, yet it will be quite an important election. There are to be elected ten congressmen; a legislature which will elect a United States senator to succeed Senator Pritchard; supreme court judges to succeed Chief Justice Fuchs and Associate Justices Clark and Cook; ten superior court judges, to succeed Judges Winston, Timberlake, Robinson, Neal, Coble, Starbuck, Hoke, Moore, Justice and Jones; a railroad commissioner to succeed Abbott; 16 solicitors and all county officers, including superior court clerks.

### GOOD PAINT NEEDED.

**Looks of Many Towns Spoiled by Houses Poorly Painted.**  
Good, wholesome paint laid on by men who have some sense could do about as much as any one thing to improve the looks of hundreds of towns in this country. There is not much white paint used on the commercially built house, and the nearest to it is a dirty drab, because for white you must have white lead, and white lead costs money. So prepared chalk takes its place.

An expert chemist said not long ago that of a number of prepared paints he had occasion to analyze only one was a sound, durable pigment. So when a new house, built to sell, has had all the gimcrackery tacked over it that can be had for the money the contractor economizes on paint and puts on a flimsy pigment which after a season's rains becomes a ghastly smear. What is lacking in quality is made up in variety, and the pink and green and terra cotta are laid on with a flourish, the painter doing weird things in the way of wavy bands and diamonds and zig-zag patterns.

There are honorable exceptions—houses painted simply and tastefully in color that will wear till it wears out—but there are hundreds and hundreds of houses that are flagrantly painted. There are whole streets that could be improved 100 per cent simply by the paint pot.

**Village Improvement Societies.**  
At Pasadena, Cal., the Village Improvement and Library association, formed fourteen years ago, recently built a beautiful library, and it originated the wise and liberal plans that have made Pasadena the model town of southern California. Massachusetts has more of these improvement societies and more free libraries than any other state. Munificent gifts have been made to them both in books and in money, the gifts of money amounting to about \$6,000,000. More than fifty libraries bear the names of their founders, and 327 of the towns and cities of Massachusetts have free public libraries.

**The Town's Main Street.**  
A Chicago drummer, whose route takes in fifty towns in Illinois and Indiana, says that a town which will not keep its main business street in good repair steadily loses its farmer trade and by and by its best business men.

It pays to use THE FREE PRESS column for advertising. It is an up-to-date newspaper.

## The Bargain Counter.

### SPRING HAS COME.

We mean, of course, our line of Bed Springs. You should inspect them. You will find them all bargains. We have a complete stock of Furniture and can supply any of your needs in this line. Give us a trial.

QUINN & MILLER.

### WE WANT TO SEE YOU

at our store where we keep constantly on hand a choice line of Fancy Groceries. We are striving to please. Prompt delivery to any part of town.

J. H. ALEXANDER, General Store.

North Street.

### HANDSOME BICYCLES, \$15.00.

Think of it! Only \$15 for a handsome wheel—"brass new." Come and see them. Wheels of all kinds. Repairing a specialty.

KINSTON CYCLE CO.

### BARGAINS IN PRINTING

We have some more of those Letter Heads, Note Heads, Bill Heads and Statements in fine quality colored bond paper, pink and blue. They are good values for price charged. If in need of some stationery examine these goods before making your selection. Letter Heads 500 for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$3.00. Note Heads 500 for \$1.55, 1,000 for \$2.75. Fine Old Hampshire Bond pink Note Heads 500 for \$1.65, 1,000 for \$2.95. Fine blue or pink Bill Heads, 1x8 1/2 inches, 500 for \$1.40, 1,000 for \$2.40. Statements, elegant quality bond paper in blue, pink, green or salmon, 500 for \$1.50, 1,000 for \$2.50.

## SALOON LEAGUE FOR KINSTON?

**EDITOR FREE PRESS:**—The agitation against the saloon is being vigorously carried on by the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, recently organized at Raleigh. This organization has commended itself to many of the most thoughtful men in our State as the best way to fight the saloon.

Ought Kinston to have an anti-saloon league? That depends, of course, on the purpose of the league. Article III of the constitution of the State league declares its purpose to be "the abolishment of the liquor saloon by any and all proper means; the creation and crystallization of a righteous public sentiment, and the proper enforcement of all laws against the liquor traffic."

Is it right to abolish the saloon? To ask the question is to answer it. It is like asking whether it is right to destroy evil, or whether, if there were in our midst a den of rattle snakes that constantly jeopardized the safety of men, women and children, it would be right to destroy them. What advantage has the community ever reaped from the existence of the saloon? Has it built homes and schools and churches? Has it increased virtue and honesty? Has it made the poor people better off? Every one knows that the saloon is the mortal enemy of every home and school and church; that no one thing has both directly and indirectly destroyed as much virtue and honesty as the saloon. It makes the poor poorer. It does not increase business among the merchants. How could it, when its business is to create an appetite that will cause the victim to pour out all that he has into the coffers of the saloon and leave his family to starve for want of food and to shiver for want of clothing?

Is there one blessing that the saloon ever brought to the community, just one? Has an institution that brings no blessings one right by which it ought to live?

When smallpox sets its fetid foot on our soil, the city rises up in arms against it. It had not the shadow of a chance to live. It brought no blessings, and was therefore rightly destroyed. But smallpox did not kill a single man, ruin a single home, or permanently disable morally or physically a single individual. Can this be said of the saloon? Has it not been the direct cause of the death of many citizens right here in our own community, and the indirect cause of the death of many more? Yet we suffer the saloon to live; not only so, but we throw around it the protecting arms of the law. The saloon is a synonym for home destroyer and all that pulls man down to the level of the beast, and yet we suffer the saloon to live!

Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, all! I beseech you to rise in arms against this despoiler of homes and human lives, precious in the sight of God,—this Apollyon of destruction.

Next Monday night the citizens of Kinston will be called to meet at the opera

## MISSING STRIP PICTURE.



CUT OUT AND FIT IN MISSING STRIP.

## 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 Men's 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

house to hear addresses on the liquor question and to organize a Kinston anti-saloon league. It is hoped that all the citizens of the community will take part in this work and become active members of the league. There is much anti-saloon sentiment among our people and this will afford an opportunity to crystallize it into something practical. It will afford an opportunity for the men of Kinston to show their colors on the liquor question. This organization does not mean spasmodic effort, but continued work. It is proposed to fight the saloon until public sentiment compels it to surrender.  
W. G. JOHNSTON.

### ROADS BOOM TOWNS.

**Good Highways Never Fail to Attract Homeseekers.**  
Homeseekers, strangers seeking farming opportunities, will not move into a district where they will be mudbound for half of the year, says the Charleston (S. C.) Courier. No man from other parts of the country who is familiar with better road conditions and has learned to value them for his own profit, comfort and convenience and that of his family will deliberately isolate himself in a country where he cannot travel about except knee deep in mud and water.

This assertion is proved by the condition of many bad road districts in this state (South Carolina) and section. The land is rich and cheap, but it remains unoccupied year after year. Immigration avoids it and goes west. Bad roads to out of the way farms do not attract homeseekers and homesteaders, and they do not attract people who already own homes and farms reached by such roads. The consequence is that the hoped for settlers do not come, and our own people move to the cities to escape the inflictions the settlers avoid.

It is really worth the while of any backward community in the state to consider whether the experiment is not well worthy of a trial in its own case. It has been proved that bad roads do not pay. Good roads might and probably would pay better.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

While we of Kinston are today basking in a moderate summer heat let us sympathize with those of Kansas who are being melted by a torrid wave and those in South Dakota who are wading in snow waist deep. Old Prob, must be on a jamboree in the "wild and woolly west."

THE FREE PRESS correspondent at Cadz, taking his text from a recent suggestion of Timely Topics that the county commissioners make an object lesson by macadamizing a mile of road, indulges in some very practical suggestions and common sense patriotic sentiments on the importance of good roads to the farmer. It is hoped that his writing will not be overlooked or lightly passed over by "the powers that be." It should be remembered that the correspondent voices the sentiments of many of his neighbors and a majority of progressive farmers. They want good roads which will enable them to get farm products to Kinston or other points along the railroad at about half the present cost. Any farmer who looks at the matter as does our correspondent, will see that whatever he may have to pay in taxes to obtain good roads will be returned to him ten times over by increased market facilities.

It is probable that a proposition to bond the county for sufficient money to macadamize all the principal county roads, if submitted to the people, would be voted by a large majority, and the day that is done Lenoir farm lands will increase 10 per cent in real value.

Let everybody carefully read the Cadz correspondence, then put on his thinking cap and consider the individual and general benefits to accrue from good roads, and Timely Topics believes the farmers will soon be demanding an opportunity to express their opinions in a practical and effective way.

Winston, April 18:—The chamber of commerce held the largest and most enthusiastic meeting tonight in the history of the organization. Plans were set on foot looking to the establishment of many important enterprises. Committees were appointed to visit Washington in the interest of the establishment of federal courts here and confer with railroad officials in regard to building a handsome passenger station.

Kinston can not much longer afford to be without a chamber of commerce. It has the best material for one of any town in the State. The men who would naturally compose it have already done as much for their town without organization as those of other towns have done with organization. How much more they could do then with organization! They are all pulling hard for the town now, but they are pulling on different lines. Think what a strong pull it would be with all on one line!

The very name chamber of commerce has weight and influence. It gives tone and strength to a town. And there is so much a chamber of commerce could do for Kinston. It could strengthen the backbone of local officials and steer them in the right course when matters are up which affect the business interests of the town; it could prepare literature advertising the town and have it effectively distributed; it could secure options on eligible sites for additional manufactures, and thus insure their not being driven away by the greed of land owners; then it could open negotiations with prospectors for favorable manufacturing locations, obtain concessions for them if necessary and offer all the inducements possible; it could stand between the manufacturer and the wage earner and secure the best standard of wages which would attract the highest class of workers and thus insure to the general benefit of the town; it could investigate the erection of neat tenements and reasonable rentals which would be another attraction to the better class of work people; it could—well there is no need to enumerate further. The simple fact is there is no end to the good that can be done for Kinston if the splendid material we have for it is amalgamated into an organized body under any name and working together along these lines.

Timely Topics hopes there will be a large and enthusiastic turnout tomorrow afternoon and that the amalgamation will be effected. It will be the greatest event that has yet happened for Kinston's future good, for when Kinston business men once get together on a certain line there is bound to be a plenty doing.

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