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Have you sent in your subscription? Now is a mighty good time to get your money's worth.

Old Sol has returned to Kinston after an absence of several days and his friends will be greeted with his warm smiles.

All business is not at a stand still in this country, the average scissor and paste user has about all he wants to say grace over.

Smile and keep plugging, remembering that conditions are much better than they might be, even if they are not as encouraging as you would like for them to be.

The soldier lads will be putting in their appearance in a few days now and will tell us all about the "terrible trials" of camp life when there is no enemy advancing.

King George is a brave man, he has ordered the release of all the militant suffragettes, who are doing time for wrecking palaces, art galleries and the like. It is to be hoped these offenders will show their eligibility for citizenship by turning their attention to the common enemy and not taking advantage of the belligerency of their country.

## LENOIR LINES UP.

The County Executive Committee at the call of Chairman Cowper, met in the Court House Monday morning and went on record as favoring a State wide legalized primary for all elective offices and for all parties. The committee also endorsed the constitutional amendments and the Chairman stated that he would have three thousand copies of the amendments distributed to the voters of the county. The committee, also very appropriately, drafted resolutions, as printed in The Free Press Monday, expressing sympathy for President Wilson in his hour of bereavement.

In its attitude toward these important issues that are before the people just now, the committee lined up with modern thought and plan and its action will, The Free Press believes, be highly endorsed by the electorate of the County.

The Free Press has pointed out before the fallacy of the argument of some of the representatives at the last State convention, in which they took the position that a state wide legalized primary would throw their counties into columns other than Democratic. This paper has taken the position that if the people are given a fair and impartial chance to express themselves at the polls and the majority of them stand for principles other than those enunciated by the Democratic party, that it is just and right that the county in question be put in the columns of the party, whose primaries are in accord with the majority of the voters of that county and no Democrat can consistently combat that theory.

Let other counties fall in line and North Carolina will take her stand with the other progressive states of the Union and it will be no longer a matter of surprise and adverse criticism that this State is behind the procession in matters of such vital importance to the present day governmental fabric.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

Our Views as Expressed Awhile Ago.

(Raleigh Times.)

The Richmond Times-Dispatch well says that the democratic party can spare the sugar barons of Louisiana, reported to have joined the progressive party. Louisiana democrats have seemed to be republican any how, and probably they belong in that party. But there is a prospect of a big demand for Louisiana sugar, regardless of the tariff, and this will give the protectionists a chance to crawl.

Keeping up With Movies.

(Wilmington Star.)

"Sweet Suzanne" now comes along to catch our fancy, but just at this time we are still loyal in our devotion to "Lucile Love." At the same time, "Marguerite" can count on us to keep right on the trail of the gangsters who kidnapped her and are holding her for ransom. We don't care anything about "What Happened to Jones" but we can't help being personally concerned in what happens to any of our heroines.

Pro German Advice.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The United German-American alliance raises its voice for calmness in judgment on the people, and history may vindicate its claim that the Emperor was not responsible for the war, to the extent that conditions arising left him no alternative. The Germans have a warm place in the heart of the American people, and a manifestation of sympathy, along with the suppression of criticism, would the better become our people at this time.

Wonder if Observer Has Copy.

(Charlotte Observer.)

There has been some conversations between the authorities of the city of Greensboro and the Southern Railway Company relative to improving the lines through that city by undergrades and tunnels, the plans of course involving the expenditure of a considerable amount of money by the railroad. The Greensboro Record rather brashly suggests to the railroad company that it "might change its main line to run through what is known as the finishing mill property to the north of Greensboro, where abundant room can be had for both freight and passenger depots, thence around the city to present lines at Pomona." The Record might not have meant this seriously, but Greensboro is likely to wake up some day and find that this is just what the Southern is going to do. If the Record could get hold of the blueprint of the Southern showing details of its track improvements between

Danville and Greensboro, it might find something interesting to write about.

To the Point as We See Him.

(Ledger-Dispatch.)

With all the abandon of Napoleon the German Emperor has thrown down the gauntlet to Europe while all the world wonders. Germany is prepared to fight the entire world in defense of her honor, he told the Reichstag, and with an utter disregard of treaties, in international law of Hague conventions, he draws the sword against practically the whole of Europe.

He declares war against Belgium in order to justify his violation of the neutrality of that country, and invades Luxemburg in open disregard of every conventional law.

Well may the world wonder at his reckless audacity, and well may Europe shudder at the devastating power of the "war lord" in armor clad, but it is impossible to see how Germany can escape the awful consequences of such bewildering rashness.

No one questions the loyalty of "my armies" nor the unusual ability of the Emperor and his army and navy officials, but marshaled against him on land and sea, and in the air above, is a host that seems irresistible.

Lets Have His Reasons.

(Greensboro News.)

If Chairman Travis, of the state corporation commission, is so sure that the adoption of the taxation amendment would be a terrible blunder, he should at least come out into open and tell the people of the state "why," insists the Mount Olive Tribune.

"Give us a reason for the faith that is in you, Mr. Travis. The reformation of our system of taxation, which is to be accomplished through the proposed amendment to the constitution, is of tremendous importance. Mr. Travis has no moral right, therefore, to throw the weight of his influence, by reasons of his position, against this great reform without going into the merits of the proposition, as Mr. Williams of Buncombe, chairman of the finance committee of the last general assembly, who is supporting the amendment, has so ably done through the medium of the press."

It would be a terrible blunder if anything should come between Chairman Travis and the \$500 a year he draws as ex-officio chairman of the state tax commission, which is, in the humble but useful vernacular, a cinch.

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