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Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1914.

The splendid increase shown in the enrollment of Kinston schools is most gratifying. 175 more than at any time during the last term were enrolled the first day and this did not include any of the mill children, who will be reporting later. The school authorities estimate the increase, when all eligible children are enrolled, at from 375 to 400. Nothing indicates the rapid growth of a district more than does the increase in the school attendance. Kinston is making a most satisfactory showing in that respect.

Kinstonians are very glad that the "buy a bale" movement has been started here and that there has been such a nice response. Half a hundred citizens have already joined in the movement and Mr. Douglas, who is circulating the petition, confidently expects the number to reach a hundred within a day or two. This will mean that the farmers of Lenoir County will get at least \$5,000 and, no doubt, more than 100 will buy a bale and swell this amount. The "buy a bale" movement, together with the plan inaugurated by the Chamber of Commerce for the storage of cotton, and use of the warehouse certificates as collateral will make it possible for the crop in this county to be handled satisfactorily.

THE WATER PRONOUNCED PURE

Citizens of Kinston will be gratified to have the good news that the state board of health now puts its stamp of approval on Kinston's water supply, which, from the last analysis, is free from contamination. For some weeks past the authorities have been urging the people to boil the water because there had been found a trace of pollution. This danger is now past and the people can use the water without fear.

THE KENNEDY HOME.

Between two and three hundred people gathered at the Kennedy Memorial Home, near Falling Creek, Tuesday morning to participate in the exercises on the occasion of the formal opening and dedication of the two buildings already erected; one the gift of Mr. Noah Biggs, of Scotland Neck, and the other largely made possible by donations from the citizens of Lenoir County. The occasion was one long to be remembered. There were a number of "short and to the point" speeches, the keynote of most of them being the possibilities that had been opened up through the gifts of Captain and Mrs. W. L. Kennedy in their magnanimous donation of their splendid 1200-acre plantation, followed by those referred to above, for the erection of the buildings. The citizens of Lenoir County can hardly appreciate the great importance of the work, which has been started within its confines. The opportunities given the boys and girls, who have been robbed of their earthly parents, to develop the talents that God has bestowed on them; to make themselves useful and honorable citizens, are such as will hardly be truly appreciated until time has elapsed and the graduates from this institution go out and begin making their marks, reflecting credit upon the institution. Those who had the privilege of witnessing the ceremonies yesterday were impressed with the bright faced boys and girls and the possibilities that are stored up in their lives. They were likewise impressed with the spirit and the ring of those in charge of the work.

The Baptist people of the State are to be congratulated upon having such worthy and philanthropic citizens as

those who are responsible for the inauguration of this work. The people of Lenoir County are to be congratulated because the prime mover in the work is an honored citizen, and the work now started will for all time be a monument of achievement adding lasting honor to the donors. May the work of the Baptist brethren be but an inspiration to others in the County and State to make larger and better provision for their unfortunate orphans.

GERMAN REVERSES UNEXPECTED

The reverses suffered by the German army during the past few days seem to have been a complete surprise to the entire world. There was, no doubt, a feeling that the Germans' advance would be stopped at the outer walls of the defense of Paris, and that, perhaps, the Allies would be able to withstand the siege and eventually turn the Germans back without their having entered the French capital. Nobody, perhaps, expected the turn of affairs which has come about within the past week. The French commander-in-chief, General Joffre, has, from all accounts, never lost confidence in the ability of his troops to stop the Kaiser's men. The French commander has a splendid record of achievement, beginning with the Franco-Prussian war. Educated in the best military schools of his country, he attained some prominence in the military world when barely past his majority. He assisted in designing the fortifications for the defense of Paris, and very evidently his confidence in their ability to withstand the attacks of the enemy and his further confidence in his troops, gave him that assurance which the rest of the world did not have. It is apparently the consensus of opinion of students of the situation that the Germans have lost ground, which it will not be possible to regain. The French are so sure of this fact that the capital is being brought back from Bordeaux.

One notable feature is the fact that, although the Germans are retreating and leaving much of their stores and valuable artillery behind, their army is still intact and the French recognize the possibility of the enemy making another stand even before the German soil is reached, and notwithstanding their pursuit is being vigorously pushed they are acting with caution. If the Allies succeed in driving the Germans back on their home borders and the Russians are able to keep up their victories in the east, it stands to reason that the Kaiser will be more apt to look with favor upon mediation proposals and it would not be surprising if the next few weeks developed a sudden cessation of hostilities. At least, there is sufficient possibility of such to give lovers of peace renewed hope.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO?

Durham Herald: "The Greensboro Record or some of the other old timers might attempt to explain this spell of weather."

CONDESCENDING AT LEAST

Greensboro News: "The convulsions through which Europe is now passing are but the death throes of militarism," said Mr. Bryan, in an address at Baltimore. We are going to believe that, but simply because we prefer to do so."

THE SMALL BOY SAYS NAY, NAY

Charlotte Observer: "The call 'To Arms' is the one which is being heard all over our country at the present time. It is a tremendously better one than the call 'To Arms,' which has been heard over Europe."

TURN ABOUT FAIR PLAY

Progressive Farmer: "Merchants in many parts of the South are notifying customers that they will accept cotton at ten cents a pound to apply on store accounts. Merchants who stand by their patrons in a crisis like this and offer to take part of the burden themselves should not be forgotten by farmers in the future."

RAISE MORE LIVE STOCK

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: "The present European war will open the eyes of the Southern farmer to the advantages of raising more live stock. With plenty of hogs and cattle on the farm in tight times as we

are about to witness now, the farmer will have less cause for anxiety than his city brother."

MEAT AND BREAD VERSUS NEUTRALITY

Raleigh Time: "American newspapers are as neutral as they could be expected to remain under the circumstances. Southern newspapers know that the bread and butter of the South is on the side of the Allies, and this fact has influenced them in their hope that the war will be of short duration."

THE CRITIC VERSUS KNOCKER

Wilmington Dispatch: "It is all right to criticize the town you live in if you have for your motive remedying, or stimulating to remedy some defect, but it's all wrong to 'knock' through disgust. Sincere, healthful criticism is a fine thing, but plain 'knocking' is hurtful, and at once suggests to every common-sense, fair-minded person that the man so 'knocking' should move his abiding place, or, if he can't make a living in any other place, he is a decidedly ungrateful 'cuss.' To paraphrase, don't snarl at the hand that feeds you."

A CONSTITUTIONAL POINT

Greensboro Record: "Perhaps it may be legal, but the public is unable to see what right the Congress or any other legislative body has to pass a law limiting the cotton acreage for next season. This is being agitated, but it occurs to the average man that a farmer has the right to plant much or little. At present the outlook is that he should by all means restrict the acreage. He is the man most vitally interested. It is a matter for the planters; they they should get together, make an agreement and abide by it. Heretofore when such a thing has been done, a large number who have acquiesced, have gone home and planted more than ever, these men proceeding on the theory that others will restrict, and that the crop will therefore be small and the price, of course, higher. It is reprehensible to violate any agreement solemnly entered into, but that it has been done by growers of cotton is not to be denied. 'Passing a law' might have the effect of curtailing the acreage, but even this is doubtful, granting that such action would be legal."

FARMERS OF JONES HOLD CONFERENCE

Resolve to Stand Out for 10 Cents for Their Cotton, and Give Assistance to Weaker Brothers.

Trenton, N. C., Sept. 15.—Farmers, merchants, fertilizer manufacturers and others interested in the cotton situation met here yesterday in a harmonious and enthusiastic meeting, and freely discussed plans for the disposition of the present crop, and the curtailment of next year's crop in Jones county.

The principal speaker was Hon. E. L. Daughtridge, the lieutenant-governor, who urged the necessity of economy and healthful generation, that no community would be wiser to take the initiative in curtailing to solve the problem, and that every merchant, banker, farmer and other person, regardless of avocation, stand shoulder to shoulder, and prophesied that relief would soon attend their efforts. He spoke of the conditions in his home county, and said he was paying ten cents for all cotton tendered him on account.

C. E. Foy, a well-known business man of eastern Carolina, who is also a farmer of wide experience, offered suggestions and generously participated in the conference.

The chairman, at the suggestion of members from the various townships in the county, appointed members to serve upon the following committees: Resolutions, finance, warehouse, a committee to confer with the fertilizer manufacturers and one to thoroughly canvass the county and more perfectly organize and secure pledges to assist in every possible way to carry out the plans adopted by the meeting.

Resolutions as follows were adopted:

"First. That we endorse the action of the mass meeting held at Raleigh on September 14, and pledge our selves to make every effort to put those plans in operation.

"Second. That every farmer who is able within himself withhold his cotton from the market and pledge himself not to take less than 10 cents per pound for said cotton.

"Third. That every merchant, banker, fertilizer dealer and manufacturer and any other person who has extended credit to aid in producing the cotton crop, use all means within his power to see that no cotton is sold for less than 10 cents.

"Fourth. That everyone who can will pledge himself to buy a bale of cotton or more at not less than 10

cents per pound, and hold it off the market for a year or more if necessary.

"Fifth. That we urge all merchants to come to the aid of the farmer, who cannot otherwise pay his obligations, and take said farmer's cotton on deposit, to be held by said merchant with the understanding that said cotton is not to be sold for less than 10 cents without the consent of both parties."

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