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FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18, 1914

Lenoir ranks twenty-fifth in the matter of ginning cotton among the counties of the State. Not so strong in the fleece but the "smoky" variety puts her around the top. The tobacco sales are keeping right up, in spite of the proximity to the Holiday season, which starts tomorrow with the local tobaccoists.

Today is the beginning of several holidays. The school children have been turned loose to frolic for the Christmas week and the tobacco men are leaving for their various homes to be gone until the market is opened on January 4. Well, for the time being, we wouldn't mind being of one of the classes, but there are no "sour grapes" in our make-up, and we wish the fortunate ones all the pleasure and joys imaginable.

A week from today and Old Santa Claus will have passed on his visit and be well on his way toward his home in the "North Pole." The small boy is acquiring all the "good behavior" that it is possible for him to assemble and the errands that he will be anxious and willing to run for the next six days will be really startling to those who have had occasion to watch his movements at other seasons.

The opinion among those who have kept in touch with the European war situation and who have been surprised all the while at the apparent lack of activity on the part of the British navy, is that the bombardment of the English coast towns will have the effect of inspiring the British Admiralty to do something really aggressive and spectacular. The feeling in the British Isles is one of deep resentment, according to the press dispatches following the German attack, and it stands to reason that Britain will become more active now that her own front door has been attacked.

The condition of the vestibules and stairways of the court house during the past few days has been disgraceful. It has been positively shocking to the sense of decency of every respectable person, who has had business in the building to have to wade through hulls and up stairs, which were literally "swimming" with tobacco juice and other expectoration of those who were in attendance upon the sessions of Superior court. If signs and warning will not cause people to use cuspidors and otherwise conduct themselves decently, an officer should be stationed in the hallways to point out the proper receptacles for spit and should there be continued violation of the laws of decency, health, and city an object lesson should be made of somebody. The officer assigned to the duty should be one with eyes, who could see the non-observance of the law and take the initiative.

WHY NOT REQUIRE DRIVERS TO TIE HORSES
 "Drive to the right" and "tie your horse when you stop" are two things that those using the streets of Kinston should have impressed upon them. Many collisions are narrowly averted because of the promiscuous use of the thoroughfares. Everybody seems to feel that he is the privileged character and that everybody else is certain to make room for him and with that idea, seemingly, they go hither and thither, helter skelter, with little apparent regard for man or beast. The custom of leaving horses unattended and untied on the streets of the city, is indeed an exceedingly dangerous one. The Free Press has before called attention to this matter. If there are no city laws at present requiring drivers to tie their horses, it would seem to be a comparatively easy matter to draft some to cover the point and make the running down of some little child or some pedestrian by a runaway horse less liable than is the case at present. Only a day or two ago a "perfectly gentle and steady dray horse" started about the corner of North and Queen streets and tore madly up the street, stopping of his own volition about the Caswell monument. It was the hour when a great many people were going to their places of business, but fortunately no damage was done, except the overturning of a few bicycles which were propped against the curbing en route. This same horse was seen standing, in less than an hour after he had run off, without attendant or hitch rein. It is a dangerous practice and the city authorities should not await the killing of some person or the maiming of some little child to give the matter attention. All the ordinances in the world cannot restore life or limb, but they can protect both before it is too late.

THE BANISHMENT OF ILLITERACY BY 1920
 "Kentucky to have no illiterates in 1920," the caption of a recent news story, printed in The Free Press, is worth commenting upon. The story reads that "Moonlight schools" are taking the place of "moonlight stills" and the Woman's Forward Movement, which is directing the

campaign against illiteracy expects to largely drive out the "germ" of ignorance through the new system of schools. There are some few moonlight schools in North Carolina, but so far, no suggestion has been made that illiteracy be banished by 1920. The Free Press believes that the Commonwealth of North Carolina faces no greater responsibility than that of educating its youth and driving from its confines the great percentage of illiteracy, which has kept the State near the bottom of the educational ladder. The Old North State is not by itself, for practically all the Southern States have permitted their rural population, particularly those people living in the mountainous sections, to go without education. The mountain work being done along the Blue Ridge is helping wonderfully to uplift and tame the "wild and picturesque" mountaineer. The testimony of teachers, who have gone into the mountain fastnesses and dwelt with the people there is that education is what is needed to stop the bulk of the illicit liquor manufacture, and many of them urge that the government spend some of the money now utilized in discovering and running down the "moonshiners" in educating them in order that they may get the right view of the situation. If North Carolina and all the other Southern States would join hands with the "Blue Grass" daughter of the Old Dominion, and say that illiteracy had to go by 1920, and go vigorously and actively to work to accomplish that end, what a difference it would make in the efficiency of the inhabitants of those States!

WHAT OTHERS SAY

JUST ABOUT AS BAD HERE
 Greensboro Record: "People who are sojourning in Florida just now are no doubt suffering some discomfort, for it has been below freezing in some of the winter resorts. With houses not built for cold weather and with no steam heat, the cold is somewhat penetrating."

THIS IS GOOD ADVICE—HEED IT
 Richmond News-Leader: "Parcels-post your Christmas parcels early—which, incidentally, necessitates doing your Christmas shopping early, to the greater satisfaction of yourself in representing you buy, and to the relief of the overworked clerks in the store during the Christmas season."

DIDN'T EXPECT 'EM ALL
 Rocky Mt. Telegram: "King Albert of Belgium has issued directions to his people to remain at home and not move to another nation on account of the present strife that has paralyzed the livelihood of that nation, and since Belgium's existence rests in the hands of her farmers it is well enough that the head of the nation should insist that his people remain at home. This appears to be a slap in the face of the plans of many states for Belgium colonies and settlers from that nation."

DRUG STORES WERE OUT OF WAY NO DOUBT
 Wilmington Dispatch: "The people who 'supply' the Charlotte drug stores are all hoping it won't be long between meetings of the Paragraders' Convention in Mecklenburg's capital."—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.
 Coming from the fountain head of the "vile stuff" the esteemed Virginian-Pilot should speak understandingly, but, for our part, we never saw a drug store while we were in Charlotte, and, judging by the happy, healthy expressions of the people of the Queen City, we have no reason to believe there is such a thing within the corporate limits."

AGAINST STATE'S RIGHTS, EH?
 Raleigh Times: "Speaking of war, this country probably never will have anything to fear from any European power, certainly not for many years. In the case of some oriental power—Japan, for instance—there is no such fine prospect, as much as American desire to remain at peace. The fact that the Japanese feel humiliated by the treatment accorded the little brown men in California and other coast states is calculated to cause uneasiness in this country. The way to prevent war, however, is not to prepare for it, but to take steps to correct the conditions that make hostilities inevitable. Unless the federal government can do that, it can sign a thousand treaties to no avail."

A BETTER NEWSPAPER UNDERSTANDING NEEDED
 Richmond News-Leader: "The city may well afford to regret that the course in journalism, which has been conducted as a part of the John Marshall Night High school is to be concluded this week. The school has meant much to the young men and women who received through it their first knowledge of the newspaper craft; it has meant much to the city in that it has acquainted a group of earnest young people with the aims, the ideals and the methods of newspaper work.
 Like every other branch of the public service, journalism sometimes suffers from lack of understanding between publisher and reader. The one may lose touch with the interests he has bound by every tradition of his profession to promote; the other may fail to understand that a newspaper places its reliability, its good name and its ideal of service above everything else. It sometimes happens, in consequence, that the efforts of the newspaper are misunderstood by the public and the true sentiments of the people are misinterpreted by the press.
 It is because the school of journalism was designed to correct this view and to bring to its students the broader view of the newspaper that it was a positive municipal asset. If it could have been continued, and if its scope might have been enlarged, every newspaper in Richmond would have felt the effects.
 It was the privilege of The News-Leader to assist in some measure in the work of the class, and it is our hope that Superintendent Chandler will make such a class a permanent feature of the curriculum."



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January	7.26
March	7.48
May	7.68
December	7.00

A WARNING TO MANY
 Some Interesting Facts About Kidney Troubles
 Few people realize to what extent their health depends upon the condition of the kidneys.
 The physician in nearly all cases of serious illness, makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are doing their work properly, the other organs cannot readily be brought back to health and strength.
 When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's disease which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, caused nearly ten thousand deaths in 1913, in the state of New York alone. Therefore, it behooves us to pay more attention to the health of these most important organs.
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 J. Dale & Son, of THE KINSTON MARBLE WORKS, have this day, by mutual consent, dissolved partnership and B. E. Dale, Jr., junior partner will continue business in the same old honest way. I thank my friends for the liberal patronage given the business in the past, and I heartily commend them to my son, who will treat them fair in the future.
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 J. DALE adv.
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