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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 27, 1915

News dispatches tell of the cheering crowds that greeted Harry Thaw on the way from New Hampshire to New York in custody of a sheriff. Sincerely to be hoped that the demonstrations are not to be construed as a manifestation of sympathy for the slayer of the New York architect.

Rocky Mount will embark in the Virginia State League of professional baseball the coming season. Of course, all North Carolinians will pull for the "Tar Heels." Some of these days, after the Eastern Carolina League is revived and Kinston is perched at the top of the heap, it will be entirely in order for a test of the strength of the two leagues to be made by the respective teams of Rocky Mount and Kinston.

Of all the uncanny analogies this one of old man Joe Reese in The Greensboro Record takes the cake: "Here it is again—a cold wave on Sunday. It is the weather man's favorite day for such things. By the way, it would be a mighty good time to look after your water pipes. Plumbers are hungry for a job. They are right now smiling like an undertaker when he gets notice that some one is dead."

Secretary Bryan doesn't like the prospects of having a landslide interfere with that trip through the Panama Canal and we can't say that we blame him. His suggestion to build another canal would hardly be practical to overcome the present disabilities. Mr. Geethals would hardly be expected to dig another ditch on such short notice for the grand naval parade. Here's hoping the slides will cease and the program for formally opening the big cut carried out as now planned.

The Wilmington Dispatch delivers itself of the following political comment: "But the more the Republican party lugs its dreadnaught, the William H. Taft, into the fray, why the greater the incentive for the Bull Moose branch to send forth its submarine, the Theodore Roosevelt, and about which warfare the Democrats are delightfully neutral." Too bad that the daily scrutiny of war news should have the effect of causing Brother Cowan to think in terms of war and express himself in the vernacular of the belligerent.

The Rocky Mount Telegram expatiates somewhat on the reports that citizens of English coast towns have to stay indoors one day out of each week to rest their necks which are constantly strained in watching the heavens for German airships. The Telegram suggests that there are many people in its vicinity, who would be benefited by a trip to England if by so doing they would acquire the habit of looking up. Quite clever, but then we have the temerity to suggest that there are, no doubt, a good many rubber necks in Rocky Mount who would be well qualified for the guard duty, and who would not find it necessary to take a day off once a week. How about it?

People on Queen street Tuesday morning were treated to one of the regular periodical run-away sights. The frightened animal started from somewhere near the Norfolk Southern depot, and was lost to view in the southern part of the thoroughfare. Fortunately nobody was hurt. In fact, it is a remarkable thing how expert the Kinston nags have become in dodging pedestrians and other vehicles when they take their accustomed "exercise" in running full speed over the most crowded streets of the city. Their accomplishment is, perhaps, responsible for the lack of casualties, but some of these days there is going to be a "miscalculation" on the part of these smart beasts and somebody will be run down. The city fathers could very largely remove the danger of such by passing a hitching law and having it enforced.

If the fly crop in Kinston is not reduced by eighty-five to ninety per cent, in 1915 as compared with what it has been heretofore the city fathers may assume the responsibility. They have it in their power to largely relieve the people of this city from the fly menace. The eradication of the breeding places is the most essential step for by so doing the greatest blow to the pest can be dealt.

This is not a matter of speculation or an original idea to be tried out. It is a proven plan, in use in all the cities of the country where the safeguarding of the health of the people has been given the greatest care and consideration. Let's not wait to swat the pestiferous creature, but proceed now to lay our plans to annihilate him before he arrives. The city fathers will do well to take this matter under advisement at their February meeting. Hot weather will be here before long and the fly will begin to multiply as fast as ever unless a death blow is dealt him now.

**THE TELEPHONE'S REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.**

Monday the first trans-continental conversations were indulged in. For years the telephone people have been working on a line connecting the Atlantic coast with the Pacific. The accomplishment of this end was only after the expenditure of millions of dollars and much time in experimenting. President Wilson was one of the first to talk over the line. The mayors of New York and San Francisco exchanged greetings. The officials of the telephone companies congratulated each other on their success. Heretofore telephone communication from the East has only been had as far west as Denver, and the extension over the other half of the distance to the Pacific slopes has been a dream of the inventor, Dr. Bell, and his lieutenants. New York business men can now—or at least as soon as the line is thrown open for commercial service—talk to their business connections in San Francisco, for which they will pay at the rate of eleven and a half cents a second, or six dollars and ninety cents a minute, or twenty dollars and seventy cents for each three minutes' conversation. Pretty dear upon first consideration, but not so upon reflection. Big business won't mind the charge a bit. Congratulations for the telephone wizards. Their achievement is truly remarkable.

**THE COST OF KINSTON'S NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING?**

When the press dispatches from Washington announced a few days ago that the contract for Kinston's new Federal building had been let and the cost was to be \$53,100 The Free Press immediately called the attention of Congressman Kitchin to the matter and asked him to investigate and see if the building was not inferior to the one contemplated, when the appropriation of ninety thousand dollars for lot and building was secured. A letter from Mr. Kitchin advises that he will immediately look into the situation and endeavor to see that Kinston gets what is coming to her in this matter. He adds that he, too, feels that if the building is only to cost \$53,100 it will be inferior to what we ought to get. He says, too, that he finds from talking with some of the other congressmen that other contracts have been let at less than the appropriation. Mr. Kitchin will investigate and advise the people of Kinston, through The Free Press, what he finds out about this matter. The people of Kinston will not want to block the progress of the erection of this much needed addition to the city's buildings, but there will be a desire to see to it that a building in keeping with the city and the limit of the appropriation is given us.

**WHAT OTHERS SAY**

**HOW "UNPREPAREDNESS" FLOCK DWINDLES**  
Winston-Salem Journal: "Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts, who created such a stir last fall with his war-scare speeches and even carried his campaign for a bigger army and navy so far that some really seemed to think he would be able to force Congress to provide for an investigation of the country's military affairs by special committee, had thirty-four followers when the show-down finally came in the House Friday, which only goes to show that men are often not half as important as they think they are."

**SIZING THINGS UP VERY WELL.**  
Brooklyn Citizen: "News from Mexico is as uncertain as that from the European war fields; in fact, more so. One paper today has it that American Agent Carothers has been shot dead by General Villa for aiding in the escape of General Iturbide from the country; another that Carothers has sought the Villa camp as a refuge, and still another—but what's the use? The country is plainly in a chaotic condition, politically and socially, and agriculture languishes; all owing to the ambitious efforts of a lot of traitorous scamps to secure the presidency, each for himself, in an election by bullets, not ballots."

**A FAIR DEAL FOR LACY**  
Charlotte Observer: "When they go after the official scalp of State Treasurer Lacy, they should go after it in a fair way, openly and above board. They may claim that he has had the office long enough—and that is for the people to say—but he should not come under criticism for having managed the affairs of the Treasurer's office strictly and consistently under the requirements of the law governing the care of the State's funds. While the system under which the Treasurer is required to conduct the office may be subject to criticism—and the Mountcastle-Webb report would indicate that the system is in need of modernization, it is but fair that the Treasurer should be absolved from blame for that system. He was placed under it by the State and whatever of fault there may be belongs to the State. He has administered the affairs of the State Treasurer's office honestly and efficiently, and that is the point that should be kept in mind by those who would give him a fair deal."

**VOX POPULI**

**PROF. KINSEY SEES "JUSTICE JOHN'S" COURT IN ACTION**

Editor Free Press:

While in Richmond Monday, I went to the city Police Court, over which Justice John Crutehfield presides. It is interesting to watch him dispose of those guilty of violating laws on Sunday. As soon as he takes his seat he begins to call the names of offenders and these names are repeated in a louder tone by a policeman standing near. Immediately the prisoners and sometimes a few witnesses step up and hands go to the Bible, and it is kissed by each one. Then follows something like this:

"You are charged with being drunk and disorderly on Sunday. What about it? The officer tells something in a low tone and then Justice John says "Guilty!" While the prisoner is telling his side of it the justice is writing on his book and listening at the same time, and often before the prisoner gets through his story, you hear "Sixty days!" Without another word the prisoner is taken by the arm by a bluecoat and brass-buttoned official and hurried to the pen in the rear of the court room. Sometimes you hear "Five" or "Ten and costs." Then the guilty one is required to deposit the required sum with the desk sergeant, sent on the right of Justice John. While the fine is being paid and before the next name is called the justice is writing sentence on his docket before him, and his clerk seems to be writing same on his book, which seems just like Justice John's. I learned that Justice John keeps his own book and writes his sentences with his own hand. Most of the cases brought before him were disposed of in one minute, or two at most. One case, from Barton Heights, for standing on the street corner, in which two lawyers and the mayor appeared, occupied more time. Justice John gave very close attention to each one, and after a few moments looked somewhat undecided and disposed of it by saying "Bond for \$300 to appear next Thursday," and court was over. As the crowd was moving out I contrasted this with our proceedings in Lenoir county. Often in our Superior Court cases similar to some he disposed of in less time than five minutes, occupy a whole day. I know quite a number of witnesses go to Kinston every day for a week to testify in some unimportant case which

could have been disposed of by a magistrate in LaGrange in twenty minutes, or by Justice John in one minute, and the county saved much cost and witnesses much time. It seems like justices of the peace should have final jurisdiction in such cases and keep them out of Superior Court.

From this court I went to the Juvenile Court, in the same building. This court is presided over by Justice John, too, and he goes from the regular police court to this. However, there is this difference: three city ministers, known as steering committee, hear many of the cases before they come before Justice John, and make recommendation to him as to the disposition, which he confirms. This steering committee will sometimes recommend these youthful offenders to be sent to the detention homes. The city has two of these homes: one for white, and the other for negroes, and supports both by setting apart enough funds in the annual budget. This is necessary, as it is against the law in Virginia to imprison children. Hence, the children who have no parental restraint are taken charge of, looked after and placed in homes where they have better chances of becoming useful men and women. This court has an adult probation officer whose business it is to look after non-supports. Frequently a man addicted to whiskey drinking spends his weekly income on a drunk and leaves his wife and children to suffer. This probation officer brings him before this steering committee with the facts, and he is required to deposit a certain part of his weekly earnings with the probation officer to be turned over to his family. Thus the family is supported by the erring husband, and instances have come to the knowledge of this committee showing the husbands reformed. This committee tenders this service without compensation from the city. These ministers all have pastoral charges and do this service under that chapter in the Acts of the Apostles which says: "And Jesus went about doing good." These good men do this kind of work, as they walk about in the city during the week, in addition to what they teach in their pulpits.

JOSEPH KINSEY.

**A KINSTON CITIZEN COMES TO THE FRONT**

Tells His Friends and Neighbors of His Experience.

Every Kinston resident should read what a neighbor says. His testimony can be relied upon. Here are his own words:

Walter T. Hill, grocer, 500 North St., Kinston, says: "Several years ago I had trouble with my back and kidneys. I had pains in the small of my back and in the morning I was so sore and stiff that I couldn't get out of bed. My head ached, I had dizzy spells and the kidney secretions passed irregularly. Friends advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, after I had taken other remedies with no results. I began using them as directed and they soon cured me of all symptoms of kidney trouble. I have had no sign of the complaint since." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Hill had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. (adv.)

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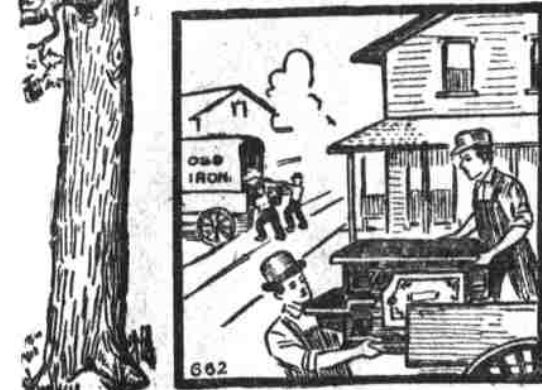
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**MARKETS**

**TODAY'S QUOTATIONS**

**PRODUCE**

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Pork ..... 12 1/2  
Lard ..... 14

Bacon, side ..... 15  
Bacon, ham ..... 20  
Bacon, shoulder ..... 15  
Corn, bushel ..... 80  
Potatoes, sweet ..... 60  
Eggs ..... 30  
Country butter ..... 30  
Hens, pound ..... 10  
Broilers, pound ..... 12 1/2

**TODAY'S COTTON MARKET**

New York, Jan. 27.—Today's cotton futures quotations:

	Open	Close
March .....	8.54	8.41
May .....	8.82	8.69
July .....	9.01	8.90
October .....	9.22	9.13
December .....	9.33	9.25

Local Sales Today:  
About 25 bales, at 6 1/2 to 8 cents.

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