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TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 16, 1915

The Free Press welcomes into the Kinston community church circles the new "Cedar Dell' Baptist church, which was organized Sunday at the Kennedy Memorial Home, Kinston's splendid array of churches makes Kinston a fit place to make one's home.

and the same Conditions are somewhat strained between Japan and China. The former has made some demands, which it claims will have to be complied with and China says "there's nothing doing," Too bad if any more wars are started. The world has a sufficiency of that cruel agency of barbarism already, and it behooves all nations, which now are at peace, to remain so, if possible,

Greece has joined the United States, Italy and other neutral countries in protesting to Germany. Greece has informed the Kaiser that she is not responsible for the misuse of her colors by the belligerents, but that she will unquestionably expect and insist upon the proper respect that the neutral countries had rights, which must be resbeing accorded those ships which rightfully carry the Grecian flag. Italy's protest is said to be very similar in phraseology to that of the United States.

Sentiment pro and con in the Carter-Abernethy controversy is taking shape throughout the State. It is unfortunate that the matter came up and if Judge Connor, party to the affair was guilty of a serious breach, such action as the situation requires should be taken to prea thorough investigation has been made, and the opporperhaps be best for the public to withhold their opinions. the New Bern court last week.

Kinston is to have a fair next fall. That is an assured fact. The committee appointed at the mass-meeting last week is actively at work in making preparations. a capable secretary for the fair. Within a short time the subscription books will be open and Kinston people will be given an opportunity to do more than they have ever had the chance to do before toward "placing Kinston on the map." Mr. Burroughs of Durham impressed the committee when he told of the great success of the first year of the Burham fair. Such was the experience that the directors found it advisable to call for \$24,175 of the \$25,000 authorized capital, which had not been required the first year. The Durham folks were rather conservative in trying out their proposition, but evidently were greatly impressed with its possibilities or else they would not go so strong the second year. Have you joined the fair boosters? The charter membership is being kept open for your accommodation. Get on the band wagon.

#### VICE DISTRICT WOULD BE CLOSED IF LAWS WERE ADMINISTERED

The proper administration of the laws is a matter of great concern in every community and the situation in Kikston is no exception. There would be very much less noted for the continual addition to the statutes if the officers, whose duties are to properly administer and enforce the laws, were diligent in that performance. There yields. Until the farmers definitely decide to diversify are laws in Kinston prohibiting the use of the sidewalks their crops, farm on a more scientific and more modern as cuspidors and the throwing of refuse on the streets, principle, this State will never be able to say that it has is made. Both ordinances are flagrantly violated and has got to be done in North Carolina is to make a firm

are unable to see that the laws are being violated? The continued existence of a red light district in this community is a reflection on the officers of this city, whose sworn duty it is to administer the laws. They could by KINSTON FREE PRESS CO., INC., KINSTON, N. C. properly enforcing the statute against vice segregation W. GALT BRAXTON ...... EDITOR AND MANAGER break up the district in short order. The Free Press doesn't advocate the precipitate closing of the houses and throwing the unfortunate inmates into the street. second class matter under act of Congress, March 3, 1879.) Sufficient notice should be given and a rigid closing order enforced. Kinston has a very good legislative body. The board of aldermen as a whole are men of high tone, disposed to provide the machinery for making Kinston approach what it should be. The administration of the laws is the vulnerable point. What good will it do for the City Council to draft a law regulating the disposal of manure and other fly-breeding accumulations if it is not to be enforced? The laws should be either enforced or repealed. It is not a matter of discretion for the administrative officers to determine what shall and what shall not be enforced. Their sworn duty is to enforce the laws as they exist without fear or favor, and if they fail to do so they simply fail to fulfill their obligations. The people of Kinston have a right to expect of its administrative officers a rigid enforcement of the laws, and there will come a reckoning day. The Free Press is going to advocate that it come pretty soon unless there is action.

#### AMERICA IS READY FOR

ANY EVENTUALITY

The attitude of the German press towards the note of protest addressed to the Imperial Government by the United States is to be regretted. One of the papers wants to know what the United States can do, if she doesnt like Germany's way of doing? Asserting at the same time that the United States has no army, and that she would not dare send her navy where proud and powerful England feared to tread. This is the echo of the Gardner ilk of "unpreparedness howlers." The note of the United States was sent in the kindliest spirit of protest. It was firm and the circumstances, necessitating it, justified firmness. A situation had arisen which made it, in the opinion of President Wilson and his advisers, necessary that Germany's attention be called to the fact pected. The action of the Administration has been pretty generally endorsed throughout the country. Ex-President Taft is among those who have sanctioned President Wilson's action. The course pursued by this country was one of prevention. It was an earnest plea that no action be taken by Germany which would involve the rights of this country's citizens and their property. It was to whom the settlement has been left, finds that either friendly note of warning, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the Kaiser and his advisers will so regard it and will yield to the contentions of this Government, which are vent any recurrence or to make such less liable. Until so manifestly just. The German critics must not be too hasty to conclude that the United States is not prepared tunity given both sides to present their positions, it would to protect itself. The fighting strength of a nation is not always to be determined by the numbers. The spirit The situation appeared to be an exceedingly ugly one, and within those men is the mighty factor that brings vicit goes without saying that the courts of the land cannot tory against great odds. Our German friends must conbe properly administered by officials who are at logger- sider that when the United States goes to war it is as heads. The Judge and Solicitor should work in the ful- the result of action taken by its people, or their direct lest unison and co-operation, and that was impossible in representatives and not because of an imperial edict, with which the masses may or may not be conversant or approving. When American men are called to arms they answer with a spirit which is dauntless in the face of all odds. Our critics must bear in mind, too, that the colors of this Nation have never been trampled. Let the Ger-A sub-committee has been named to locate a suitable site mans take a cooler view of the situation. The United for the big agricultural display of the bright leaf tobacco States doesn't want to become involved, and is not going to if there is any possibility of honorably avoiding it. But let that not be taken as indicating that this Government is afraid that she may not be ready for protecting her good name. She is ready and prepared for any even-

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

DRASTIC IS THE "WORD."

Wilmington Dispatch: "Old friend, Drastic, seems figuring quite extensively in the public print these days whether it be in Senatorial politics, European war measures or Tar Heel prohibition."

DIVERSIFY CROPS, SAYS HOUSTON.

New Bern Journal: Secretary Houston hit the nail on the head in his address at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday night, when he declared that North Carolina did not need more farmers just at this time, but instead, needed more attention paid to the land which is now under cultivation, and also that which is lying idle. This is true in every sense of the word Vast tracts of land are lying idle in this State and much of that which is under cultivation is not giving the proper but they are not enforced. No pretense of enforcing them fully developed its agricultural resources. The thing that Queen street usually looks like the "city dump" rather resolution right now to pay more attention to farming. than the beautiful thoroughfare that it is when properly make the soil work the greater part of the year, and to kept cleaned. Why is this? Is it possible that the police get results from the amount of labor expended thereon."



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NOTICE

To Jesse Lassiter:

You will take notice hereby as an heir at law and a next of kin of Mrs. Lucy J. Joyner, deceased, that Joseph Kinsey and George L. Taylor, executors under the last will and testament and codicil thereto of the said Mrs. Lucy J. Joyner, will on February 18. 1915, offer the said will and codicil for probate in solemn form before the clerk of the Superior Court of Lenoir county, North Carolina, at his of-

You will further take notice hereby that a notice has been heretofore issued to you, notifying you that the said will and conicil of Mrs. Lucy J. Joyner would be offered for probate in solemn form in the manner and at the time and place above mentioned, which notice was delivered to the sheriff of Lenoir county, North Carothat you were not to be found in said

And you will further take notice that it having appeared to the satisfaction of the court that you cannot, after due diligence, be found in the State of North Carolina, that an order was made authorizing that you be summoned by publication.

You will therefore take notice hereby that you are required to appear before the undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court of Lenoir county, North Carolina, at his office on the 18th day of February, 1915, when and where the last will and testament and codicil thereto of Mrs. Lucy J. Joyner will be offered for probate in solemn form by the executors therein named, and contest the said last will and testament and codicil thereto if you shall think proper to do so or be thereafter forever barred.

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