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# TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 23, 1915

"Heap much bad Injun" is at his old tricks in the wilds of Utah. Posses are reported to be hurrying to the rescue of settlers in sparsely populated communities where the Indians are on the war path and the Government has started a detachment of troops to quell the rebellion. The majority of the Indians, who are left, are civilized, but then there is a considerable amount of savage left in some of them, and it will crop out every now and then.

The first American ship sunk since the opening of hos tilities in Europe was the Evelyn a cotton laden boat bound for Bremen. The Berlin dispatches say that it is out of the question to think that the disaster to the ship was of premeditated German origin, for Germany needs cotton too hadly. Certainly there could be no good reason why a ship bound for a German port on a friendly mission would be attacked by Germany, and the British claim that a German submarine was the probable cause is most logically without foundation. There is no need for excitement in this case. It appears that the ship met its misfortune far removed from the recent war zone, described by Germany, and therefore would hardly have any connection with the plan. An investigation is being made and in due time the matter will be cleared up.

The manager of a well-known typefounders company, with headquarters in Richmond, recently made a trip through North Carolina to make the personal acquaintance of his customers, and since returning to his office he writes as follows: "I have just returned from my tripb through your beautiful State, and was much pleased with the outlook for future business, as, in my opinion, the business depression will be entirely gone within the next sixty to ninety days." There is little doubt that the business outlook is better. Traveling men generally are reporting improvement. Rusiness interests are adjusting themselves to the new order of things made necessary by the condition due to the great European war. There has been no particular reason for the depression in America and a return of confidence is apparently all that is necessary to start the wheels of industry moving in their normal way. Help the return of prosperity by shedding optimism and doing your little best!

continue their work for another thirty days. That alan was a failure. The course pursued did not carry out he spirit of the law. For certainly the law's intent was to get rid of the evil and its application has been rather KINSTON FREE PRESS CO., INC., KINSTON, N. C. to foster it by licensing immoral women to practice their

What The Free Press wants, and it speaks for the moral and best thinking people of this community, is to see the segregated district closed up. The houses nailed up and guarded by policemen, if necessary, to go so far, in ridding this district of a curse, which the law says must not exist. It has been intimated that the Superior Court will not under the direction of Judge Peebles, take as drastic action as was the case with Judge Daniels. Be that as it may, the city authorities can put a stop to this menace to our society if they will to do so. The question is will they?

## THE LATEST PROPOSED **RECORDER'S COURT.**

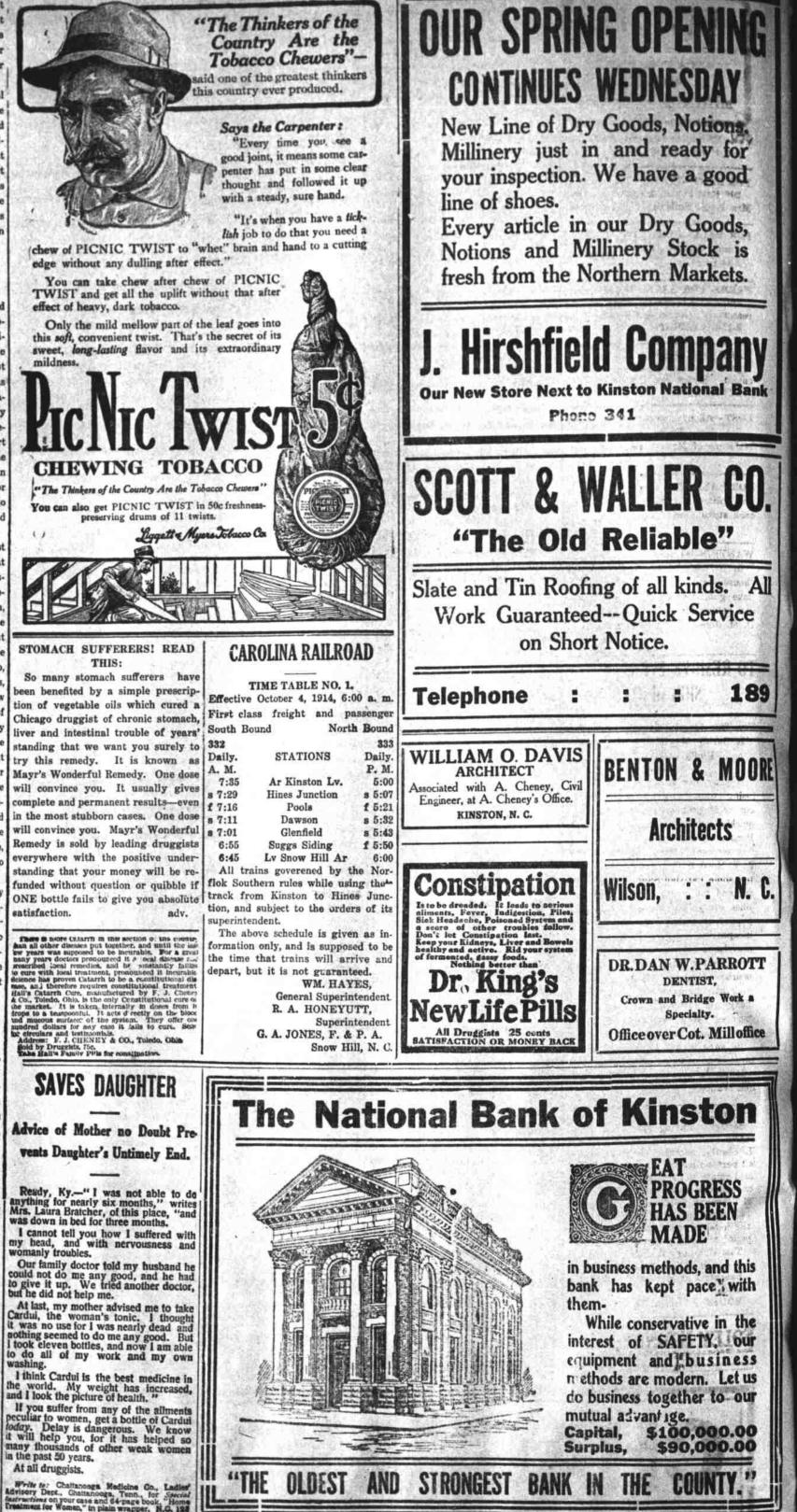
The City Council met Saturday night and authorized the City Attorney to draw a bill providing for the establishment of a recorder's court for Kinston, having criminal jurisdiction in the city, and within a radius of a mile and a half of the city limits. The proposed plan is to cut cose from the former idea of a county court and was prompted, it is said. by the action of the citizens of La-Grange in making a fight for a separate court for Moseley lownship. It is proposed to fix the salary of the recorder at twelve hundred dollars and require a daily court ession. The plan also contemplates the increase of the mayor's salary from eight hundred to one thousand, in as much as the fees, which are now accruing to the Mayor from the Municipal Court, would be cut off. He is to have charge of the various city departments and be held responsible for their proper conduct.

The Free Press sees several objections to this latest plan. First, it is a matter of serious doubt whether at this late date in the sitting of the Legislature the necessary consideration can be given by the friends of the recorder's court to insure a satisfactory bill, and then, whether the Legislature will find time to pass it. The proposed salaries for the Recorder and Mayor are out of proportion. The Free Press believes. The duties of the Recorder would probably only require an hour or two, at most, for the daily sittings, and six hundred dollars, The Free Press thinks, would be entirely adequate in view of the fact that the judge would have the larger part of his time left for other remunerative work. The salary of the mayor should certainly be more than that paid the Recorder. It may not be necessary for the Mayor to put in his full time in the service of the city, and if the proper man is found he can, most probably, maintain an effective oversight over the affairs of the city, insure a business like administration of the work of all departments and still have some time for his private affairs. If this is the case the proged salary might be all right. At any rate, sufficient pay should be given to make it possible to ecure an efficient man.

The Free Press believes that there is little probability of a bill, which will better the present system of govern ng Kinston, being enacted at this session of the Legisla ture. The best thing to do now is for Kinston people to find a candidate for Mayor, who can give the city an efficient administration under the present system. There are apparently too many irons in recorder's "fire" to make it possible to get the desired relief from that source.

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#### THE POSITION OF THE FREE PRESS.

In Monday's issue of The Free Press was printed a letter from the Chief of Police, in reply to the editorial in Saturday's paper. The Chief says his first letter was not suggested by anybody else, but the expression he used was well known to many, who had neither heard of the University nor Senator Benton, its author. The Free Press is very glad that the Chief now understands that its criticism is not directed in a personal way to him or any other individual, but to the city's constituted police authority and power. The paper has repeatedly taken the position that the laws now on the statute books are adequate to meet the exigency and with the support of such laws it is possible, in the opinion of this paper, to close up the vice dens in Kinston. The Free Press has as its authority for this position the opinion of some of the best legal talent in the State, both on and off the bench. There is no desire on the part of this paper to stir up the ill-will of the present city authorities and its demand for law enforcement has no such purpose. It is the purpose of the paper to co-operate with the authorities in enforcing the laws and its endorsement of the work of the officials will be forthcoming as soon as a determined and co-operative effort to clean up the segregated district is

S. Lee Sadler, a student of Atlantic Christian College won the State oratorical contest in Raleigh last Friday night in competition with representatives from the University, A. & M., Trinity, Wake Forest, Davidson, Elor College, Guilford College and Lenoir College. This is perhaps the greatest inter-collegiate honor in the State and a most signal one for the Wilson institution. Th Free Press is informed that one of Lenoir's worthy young sons, Joel Vause, received one of the three votes in the preliminary competition to select a representative for the college, which fact it feels will be of especial interest to the many friends of Mr. Vause in the county. Congratulations to Mr. Sadler and President Caldwell. "A C. C." has added a bright star to its achievements.

# WHAT OTHERS SAY

### AMENDMENT UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. The Raleigh Times: "Kaiser to Go to Helgoland."-Headline. Do we hear a motion from some English friend

to amend by omitting the "go" and the "and"?

Recials will be forthcoming as soon as a determined and properative effort to clean up the segregated district is ade. When Judge Daniels first came here and called atten-to be a more thanks on horses make fewer houses? Surely, there ought is the analysis of other weak women in the past 50 years. tion to this situation, it was shown that the women of to be a way to raise public revenue without discouraging the segregated district had been rounded up about once industry. A tax on vacant lots would mean fewer vacant a month and presented to the municipal court, where they lots, but building up vacant lots and making them prosubmitted to a nominal fine and returned to their places ductive encourages and creater industry.

