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#### WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 16, 1916

In a recent statement sent out from Washington, the Southern Railroad declares that for every dollar paid to it for transportation during the month of December, 1915, \$1.17 was paid out by the company to individuals and industries located in the South. It attributes this unusual situation to the large construction work in progress. Certainly the Southern seems to be looking ahead and building for the future.

Dame Rumor is working overtime, as usual, when there is a vacancy at Washington. Everybody of any political note who is headed for the Nation's Capital, is being connected with the Secretary of War's place, which was vacated by Secretary Garrison last week. Dame Rumor gave the Supreme Court plum to most of the favorite sons of the various States of the Union, but she missed on every guess, and it is more than likely that President Wilson is now considering somebody entirely removed from the list of aspirants and rumored appointees for his war secretary.

We can't help but feel somewhat jealous of Winston-Salem, which has just employed a whole-time health officer, and Edgecombe county, which just a few days ago took the same forward step. This progressive city and county, respectively, are getting in line. With the progress that is being made in those counties where health conservation is paramount. We are still hopeful that the day is not too far in the future when Kinton and Lenoir county will lay off the indifference of the past and arise to the responsibility that rests upon them for caring for their people and safeguarding the health of twenty-five or thirty thousand men, women and children, who give their energies and talents to the growth and upbuilding of this section. There is no particular "cloud or other marker" upon the horizon at present to give us hope, but we are optimistic.

## Cotton Mills' Asset to Kinston and Lenoir

The cotton mills of this district are a splendid asset to Kinston and Lenoir. Their use of the raw material, produced right here at home, is no doubt their most impoint of contact. Those industries which consume the communities' raw products, converting them into finished and more valuable articles of commerce are the industries worth inviting. The community builders who come to our district and look over the situation are amazed that we should be willing to send our raw material to the East and North and have it returned to us in the finished product at a greatly enhanced valuation. This has been the drawback of the South; too long the great productive belt of the Nation, has been furnishing the raw material for the amassing of wealth in the manufacturing centers of the North. Happily, there is, because of constant agitation by the men of vision of the South, a tendency to encourage the utilization of the home products at home, and the various commercial bodies of the South are busily engaged in an endeavor to locate plants which will do so in their respective communities.

The annual statement of the Kinston Cotton Mills made by General Manager Taylor to the directors a few days ago, showed that these mills had consumed in the past sixteen years about 55,000 bales of cotton at an estimated value to the producers of \$2,860,000. Most of that material, Mr. Taylor said, was purchased at home from Lenoir and Eastern Carolina farmers.

The Caswell Cotton Mill, another of Kinston's valued industries, is likewise consuming the home product, and not only are these mills paying into the pockets of the farmers of this district money, but they are paying into the pockets of many employes, thousands of dollars an-

The industry which is established here contributes materially to the welfare and prosperity of the community with its payroll. Doubly valuable is the industry which uses home-grown raw material as well as lending a good substantial pay-roll to the tills of the local merchants. Let Kinston give such the glad hand.

## Protection of Birds **Important**

The State Audubon Society in a recent folder, sets forth some very interesting statistics emphasizing the mportance of protecting the birds of the country.

We are told in this folder that the corn growers of the United States suffer a loss of one hundred million dollars annually, because of destructive insects; that the fruit growers lose thirty millions; the tobacco growers ten millions, and the ubiquitous potato bug does seventeen million dollars damage every year. In other words, ten per cent, of the agricultural and forestry products of the United States are annually destroyed by insects.

The Audubon Society comes to the rescue of the birds by declaring their wanton destruction by hunters and trappers costs the farmers of the United State a billion every year, because of the loss of crop protection.

Under the caption: "Some Facts About Birds," we are told that ninety-eight per cent. of the food of wrens is composed of insects; seventy-six per cent, of the bluebird's food, seventy-five per cent, of the wood-pecker's diet, which consists largely of woodborers and caterpillars, seventy-three per cent, of the food of meadowlarks, sixty-four per cent, of the brown thrasher's and ninety per cent, of the bee-martin's are insects.

The Society urges that not only the decimation of the insectivorous and crop-protecting birds be checked, but that the planters build houses and provide water and food, when scarce, and otherwise lend encouragement to bird propagation.

Unquestionably these facts are of importance to the farmers of this section, as well as to all others, and it would be well if our planters would write to the Audubon Society at Raleigh, N. C., or the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, and get more information about bird culture.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

WE THANK YOU, BROTHER MARTIN.

Winston-Salem Journal: "The Journal congratulates Editor Braxton of the Kinston Free Press on the splendid 'Prosperity Edition' of his paper, issued last Saturday. The glories of Kinston and Lenoir county are magnificently portrayed and the edition will prove of great benefit to that section in making a splendid impression among outsiders.

## WITH EVERY REGARD FOR NEW YORK AND NORFOLK.

Wilmington Star: "The main entrance to the Atlantic No. 2, of Craven county, in my hands ocean can be reached by either trolley or automobile from for collection for the year 1916, and Wilmington. It requires only a few minutes to make in default in the payment according 20 to 30 minutes apart when the people want to reach the Atlantic, where the ocean, sounds, inlets, inshore channels, shell islands, salt water marshes, oyster beds, fishing grounds, and yachting waters, on the sounds or on the ocean, are combined in picturesque variety. Those who have reached the Atlantic at various points, immediately recognize the fact that this is the main entrance

## A GOVERNOR'S DILEMMA

Raleigh Times: "Governor Craig is now considering appeals for the reprieve of both Ida Ball Warren, the woman murderer, and her partner in crime, the man Christy. The appeals are based on the necessity of time to prepare a case for the commutation of the death sentence in case the application for writ of error to Chief Justice White of the Supreme Court shall be denied, as it is generally conceded it will be. The necessity of determining this case is one of the chances that sometime make us wonder why the matter of being Governor is one to cause such heart-burning ambition.

"To let the lady die were an ungracious act on the part of any gallant orator of an executive. Yet to spare the lady and kill the man whose crime she shared and of which she was the motive and inspiration wereto reduce the high power of clemeney to its lowest terms of sentimentality. But to spare the man because of a reluctance to kill the lady, were to make a joke of justice.

"Tangled up in such alternatives, it will be surprising if Governor Craig and the State of North Carolina get out of the dilemma in which this sordid crime of passion has placed them, with either the look of dignity or the pretension to logic."

#### MILTON'S VILLAGE HAS PROUD WAR RECORD.

Horton, Buckinghamshire, Eng. Feb. 5 .- (By Mail) - This small English village where John Milton wrote L'Allegro, Il Penserose, a portion of Paradise Lost and other poems, has a proud war record. Practically every man eligible for war duty out

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Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned H. F. Stallings and E. V. Ferrell, as Stallings & Ferrell, and also as the Grand Theatre has this day been by mutual consent dissolved, the said E. V. Ferrell having disposed of his interest to Plato Collins, who assumes all obligations of the said E. V. Ferrell incident to the said business, and who takes over all amounts due said business belonging to the said E. V. Ferrell. All accounts and obligations due the said business may be paid as heretofore, to the new firm composed of H. F. Stallings and Plato Col-

This 9th day of February, 1916. H. F. STALLINGS E. V. FERRELL

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By virtue of the Mosley Creek Drainage District Assessment Roll.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

I have levied on the land lowing named persons, and will sell the same at the courthouse door in Kinston, N. C., at 12 o'clock, on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1916, to satisfy said assessments and costs,

Cobb, Stephen, 58 acres. Lenoir county, \$2.55, \$45.14.

Hargett, Joe, 8 acres, Lenoir county. \$2.55, \$5.63.

Kilpatrick, Lewis, 4 acres, Lenoir county. \$2.55, \$4.08. Spivey, Moses, 305 acres, Lenoir

ounty, \$2.55, \$246.14. Tilman Joe, 70 acres, Lenoir couny, \$2.55, \$71.60.

Tilman, Alex., 15 acres, Lenoir ounty. \$2.55, \$8.29. Thomas, Caroline, 6 acres, Lenoir

county, \$2.55, \$4.85.

R. B. LANE, Sheriff Craven County.

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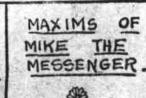
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