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HELPING ALONG THE WORK.

The vast majority of our citizens are deeply interested in the welfare of those unfortunate who were evicted from their homes by Friday's great fire. It has been a revelation of real service and unselfishness to watch them at their task of charity and endeavor.

There are a few, we regret to say, who do not seem to be fully doing their duty in this connection. Their principal mission in life seems to be to stand on the sidelines and find fault. They have criticised everything and everything that has been done.

They started by finding fault with the relief work as being done. Then they found fault because the city had not been properly called for outside aid. They do not seem to think that nobody at first realized the magnitude of destruction and that they pause to realize that the relief work now being made by outside towns is greater than it would have been if the city had thrown up her hands at the beginning and made no effort to help herself.

In the name of heaven, let's have an end to this whining and complaining. If you can't join and do your share of the work, the least you can do is to let those who are giving their services use their best judgment. Make suggestions, if you have any, for they will be welcomed. Don't try to find fault continuously. Suggestions have been made, but it is doubtful whether ever before in the history of New Bern relief work has been carried out with such a high degree of efficiency as has been the case in New Bern.

PROPOSED ROAD PROJECTS.

Some time this week, a committee of citizens from Craven and adjoining counties will go to Raleigh and confer with the State Highway Commission relative to immediately letting a contract for completion of two road projects in Craven county.

An appeal will be made for the purpose of providing employment for some of those persons who were rendered homeless in the fire and whose employment was taken away from them. It is believed that there is a single district

that will object to advancing the date for carrying out the state's projects in this county.

Everything possible must be done to secure work for New Bern's destitute citizens. In addition to the road work, committees will seek to open up other channels of employment. This is one of the most important tasks in connection with carrying on the relief work here.

WATCH FOR THE FAKERS.

It has been reported that there are some colored people who are trying to take advantage of the present situation to secure free food and lodging for themselves. Prompt and energetic steps should be taken to check any such practice.

Residents of New Bern can help materially in this connection by advising the Labor Department of the Relief Committee whenever any of their employees fail to show up for work. Particularly does this apply to servants.

With the aid of outside towns, food and clothing are being secured for the victims of the fire. While large quantities are arriving, there is none to spare for shiftless and lazy individuals who are trying to dodge honest labor and secure their sustenance through the charity of others.

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Somebody—either the city or the Chamber of Commerce—should pass a resolution publicly thanking the members of the New Bern Fire Department and outside volunteers for their splendid services Friday.

No set of men could have given more efficient service or have made greater sacrifices. Many suffered painful burns and scores worked from early morning until late at night without pausing for rest or food.

New Bern feels proud of its fire department and feels proud of the record for service which they established. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

The people of the State, and elsewhere, are just beginning to realize the seriousness and the scope of New Bern's great catastrophe, and it is believed that with their aid the situation will be well taken care of.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

"Save your pennies, and write down how you spend every penny you receive," says John D. Rockefeller, Jr. "Don't try to give money, and be a miser," says Henry Ford. "Gives me the man of forty who has had lots of experience."

Here are two conflicting philosophies of riches, from the two richest men in America. What is the young seeker after wealth to think? Will he get a head faster by saving and skimping and budgeting, or by putting his money into himself rather than into the bank, investing in experience with a view to capitalizing that experience later on? Well, like homogeneity and all things, the two rival systems of medicine, both seem to work. Only, it depends on the man. Henry Ford succeeded with one, though he worked out the philosophy of it afterward. The elder Rockefeller, who built the family fortune, succeeded with the other, and his son naturally favors it. Each is mistaken when he recommends his system to everybody, just as Edison is mistaken when he urges people in general to cut their sleep to four hours a day.

Fortunately, God has made people alike in fundamentals, but infinitely different in their details of character and talent. Otherwise there would be no variety in life, experience and achievement, and men might about as well be herrings or locusts.

All that can be done in the way of wisdom is to work out certain broad rules for every individual to adapt himself according to his own character and requirements. The pleader needs to spend money and get experience. The business agent needs to steady down and save money and keep accounts.—A Wilmington Dispatch.

FIGURE THIS OUT ON YOUR OWN ACCOUNT

Ernest Gibbs, colored, came into the Sun-Journal office this afternoon and asked that the public be notified that the Ernest Gibbs who is constantly getting into trouble is not the Ernest Gibbs who appeared at the Sun-Journal office. The Ernest Gibbs who always gets into trouble was employed by the former Lumber Company while the Ernest Gibbs who behaves himself is employed by the latter Lumber Company.

The good Ernest Gibbs hopes that the public will not confuse him with the bad Ernest Gibbs as he is doing his best to uphold the honor of the Gibbs' name.

Readers of the Sun-Journal, it is hoped, will bear this point in mind.

THE TOWN GOSSIP

MY LITERARY career,

I'M VERY much afraid.

IS UTTERLY ruined.

AND IT'S all the result.

OF THE big fire.

WHICH WE had last week.

AND WHICH I wrote up.

FOR THE Associated Press).

WHO SENT it hurriedly.

TO ALL parts of the country.

AND LATE Friday night.

MR. KING at Raleigh.

WHO IS the representative.

OF THE Associated Press).

IN NORTH Carolina.

TELEPHONED ME.

TO WRITE a graphic story.

OF THE destruction.

AND TO paint a word picture.

OF THE devastated area.

AND I revisited.

THE SCENE of desolation.

AND STOOD gazing.

UPON THE havoc.

WHICH HAD been wrought.

AN DTHE most impressive thing.

ABOUT THE sight.

WAS THE rows of chimneys.

WHICH STOOD as silent sentinels.

OVER THE burning embers.

AN RIGHT then and there.

IHAD an inspiration.

AND I thought how effective.

IT WOULD look in type.

TO REFER to the scene.

AS "THE Silent City of Chimneys."

AND I turned to the office.

AND STARTED writing.

THE STORY of the fire.

AND DUG up quite a few.

DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVES.

AND PUT the article.

ON THE wires.

WITH THE feeling.

THAT I'D done a good job.

AND YESTERDAY morning.

PAPERS BEGAN to come in.

FROM DISTANT points.

AND ALL of them carried.

LONG ACCOUNTS of the fire.

AND I began to read them.

AND THEN it was.

THAT I received the shock.

WHICH ALMOST killed Mary.

FOR RIGHT there.

IN THE opening paragraph.

SURROUNDED BY quotation marks.

WAS THE reference.

IN BOLD-FACED type.

"The Violent City of Chimneys."

AND THAT'S the way.

THE THING has gone out.

ALL OVER the country.

AND I'll bet folks think.

THAT WE'VE started scrapping.

OR MAYBE.

THEY'LL GET the impression.

THAT THE author.

OF THE article.

HAD GOT drunk.

WHICH WON'T be so bad.

I THANK you.

DIED AT BRIDGEFORD.

Mrs. Amanda A. wife of William A. Thomas, age 63, died in Bridgeford yesterday morning. The funeral was held at St. Delight's Church, Rev. Blanchard officiating, at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

DATING HISTORY CORRECTLY.

Within the next year or two, chronology of important events in the world's and local history will be set forth in a far different fashion from what it has in the past.

Teacher—Johnny, when did Christopher Columbus discover America? Johnny—Four hundred and thirty years before the Big Fire. Teacher—Correct. Sit down.

When was it that Owen Dunn went round the golf course at the Country Club in 42? Two weeks and three days before the Gigantic Conflagration.

First Citizen—Hubert Tolson is an elderly sort of a man, isn't he? Second Citizen—No, he was born about 30 years before the Mammoth Blaze.

George Washington was our first president. Abraham Lincoln's term of office was featured by the War Between the States. That of Wilson is remembered principally because of the World War. President Harding also will step into the niche of immortality. He guided the destinies of our country during the Stupendous Devastation.

By the way, wonder if we can hitch the responsibility for the fire on the republican administration?

Neighbor—Well, I see there is a new arrival at your house. Proud Father—Yes, we have a son. Neighbor—What have you named him? Father—Fire Engine.

There's one good thing the fire has done, and that is it has made a good many of our folks aware of the fact that there is a Killarmonic street in New Bern.

And by this time, when you mention New Bern in Yosinto, Montana, every native can tell you immediately where the town is located.

Which goes to prove that fire has their advantages as disadvantages.

Colored Directory Giving Aid.

Too much credit cannot be given Dr. Fisher and his wife and Revs. Johnson and Barbrey for their splendid work. They have been toiling night and day in their efforts to relieve distress among the members of their race.



CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

For The Year, 1922, Is Now Drawing To A Close

EVERY MEMBER OF OUR SAVINGS CLUB IS REQUESTED TO PAY ALL OF HIS OR HER PAYMENTS BEFORE SATURDAY NIGHT OF THIS WEEK. THIS IS VERY ESSENTIAL. CHECKS TO MEMBERS WILL BE MAILED OUT NEXT WEEK.

Join The 1923 Savings Club

IT WILL OPEN DECEMBER 11. THERE WERE SEVERAL VICTIMS OF FRIDAY'S GREAT FIRE WHO BELONGED TO THIS YEAR'S CLUB. THINK WHAT A JOY IT WILL BE TO THEM TO RECEIVE THEIR CHECKS NEXT WEEK!

YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHAT WILL BEFALL YOU. THE WISEST THING A MAN CAN DO IS TO SAVE SYSTEMATICALLY. THE CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB HELPS YOU TO DO THIS

The National Bank of New Berne

"OLDEST AND STRONGEST"