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CHANCES FOR LOCAL RETAIL TRADE INCREASE.

The Fourth of July as observed in New Bern, presented some important features. It was not the co-called celebration of the day, fire-works, etc, that calls for mention. Holiday observance is all right. People, young and old, need and should have their holidays, and occasions, when pleasure is the chief consideration of the hour. Two features of the Fourth, were the amount of pleasure enjoyed by the several thousand visitors, and the greatly increased amount of retail business that was done. It was not the lunch counters, cigar stands and soda fountains that did all the business, though these were all crowded during the day. But the dry goods, the shoe stores, the millinery and notions stores, the gents furnishings, every store that did any retail selling had a big day's trade. The point of all this, is not simply acceptance of the fact of a good day's retail trade. It is not enough for the retail dealers and the citizens, generally, to sit around and wait for some holiday, with its attractive features, to draw visitors to New Bern. Like advertising in a newspeper, the business men of New Bern should make occasions for people to come here. At least once a month it would not be too often to have some attractive local happenings, that would bring in one, two, or three thousand visitors, and with their coming, the retail and wholesale dealers could combine a profitable trade, with the pleasure given those who come. What is the advantage of half a dozen railroad lines entering this city, unless the trade here wakes up to what the possibilities are with these railroads making New Bern a natural center of commerce? It is such a simple business proposition to get trade coming to this city, and with so little real effort. But it is not going to be done, unless there is some local work, active and strongly co-operative, taken up. One or two merchants cannot accomplish anything. But if there can be perfected an organization, with an intelligent leadership, backed up by every retail and wholesale merchant, assisted by the personal efforts of all citizens, there can be wonders accomplished. There need be no dead trade months in New Bern. Offer the people along the lines of the railroads entering this city, attractions to visit New Bern. Make their coming one for pleasure and enjoyment, added to a chance for profitable trading when they come here, and this city's natural advantages as a railroad center will be best seen and realized, as they should be. And the local trade will get the trade it is entitled to, but only through intelligent effort, along co-operative lines.

THE DISPOSITION OF A SURPLUS.

The handling of a government surplus, has usually proven more of a burden, in the sense of the wisdom and honesty required, than the work attendant upon, conducting the government's business, when economy was demanded, in order to make receipts equal disbursements.

The returns for the fiscal year, closing June 29, 1907, show the United States to be in splendid financial shape. That is, there is a surplus of about $87,000,000, the largest net balance of cash of any year since 1890, except 1902, when there was a surplus of $91,000,000. The financial showing for the fiscal year ending June 29, 1907 shows that in the year just closed the income from the various sources of revenue was $665,208,134 and expenditures $579,376,709, as compared with receipts of $594,454,121 for the last fiscal year and expenditures of $568,784,799,332. There has been a tremendous increase in receipts in the year just closing, while the expenditures have been only about $10,000,000 in excess of the last year. The largest increase in receipts has been from customs, although internal revenue has shown a big gain. The receipts from the different sources this fiscal year have been as follows: Customs, $233,230,126; internal revenue, $270,309,388; miscellaneous, $61,766,619. There has been no year in the history of the country in which the receipts from customs came within many millions of the present year. The receipts last year held the record up to that time, and this year's income from that source is about $33,000,000 in excess of last year. Internal revenue receipts likewise break all records, except during the Spanish war, when special taxes were being collected.

INSERT IN EDITORIAL. . . .

Financial exhibits are too often held as too dry to read, but unless the citizen reads the reports of those who have the handling of his taxes, he knows nothing as to what has become of the money paid. The government report is on a larger scale, but it should be read, and carefully, by every citizen. There is an interesting story to be found in the reports from every department.

THE "PRIVILEGE" TAX FOR EDUCATION AND RELIGION.

The Journal has already shown how the "privilege" tax, assessed by the present board of aldermen, is working a hardship against New Bern's small merchants, by forcing them to close up, and go out of business. The exodus has begun, and with the city authorities in hot pursuit of those who failed to appear by 6 p. m., July 6, and pay their tax, there will be quick closing of others.

For more than a quarter of a century the Journal has paid its just taxes. During this time, its every proprietor and editor has lived in this community, commanding the respect of the people. The Journal, and those who controlled its policies, has stood for education. Through its influence came the Graded school. Through its help and untiring efforts has every educational advancement been largely brought about. It has been an educational force, and so recognized by every thoughtful citizen. But it has remained for the present board of aldermen to see in the newspaper a taxable property, above and beyond its few tangible wares of iron and lead. It must pay for the "privilege" of existing and promoting, without pay, every local scheme and project, that may benefit the community. It is the only educational factor in the community, that appears, regularly. It does observe one day in the seven, though this one day is begrudged it, by many. But to be this educational factor, it must now pay for the "privilege." If school improvements are needed, the Journal pays for the "privilege" of letting parents and public know of it. If the school boards meet, if teachers meet, if there be educational rallies, with matters of great public interest taking place, the Journal pays for the "privilege," of telling its readers, and the public, that such things have taken place. It is unique, for this reputed "Athens," to begin the twentieth century with a "privilege" tax upon education. Will the Graded schools, be subject to this tax?

While not a "privilege" tax, another advancement (?) in tax assessments has taken place in Craven county. It is the tax upon church property. The assessors seem to have seen a value in religion that ought to pay the county. It is not enough that the church has its local and foreign charities. That through its moral force the community is held together. That not one cent of actual money revenue ever accrues to the church, whereby its members secure a dividend, in dollars and cents. The church per se, is not worth today, one dollar more than it was ten or twenty years ago. Nor does there ever appear the probability that it will be worth more than it is today. Destroy the buildings, dig up the graves, or build over them, make the once sacred precincts clang with the shout of trade, and then it is dollars and cents, and the tax for doing business.

There is tax progression in New Bern. The "privilege" tax, against the small merchant. The "privilege" tax on church property, that local and mote educational advancement. The tav on church property, that local and foreign mission work may be retarded, that the grind of the dollar may be heard in the temple. That the pulpit may have one other appeal to make to the poor congregation, a collection to prevent the sheriff from levying upon altar and pews.

FORMALLY ACCEPTED

The County of Lee By Governor Glenn In Proclamation.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, July 4.—Governor Glenn this afternoon, issued a proclamation declaring the county o f Lee, duly formed, by vote, only 40 votes being cast against it at last Monday's election, and 875 for it.

The county therefore dates its formation from today. A special messenger brought the returns to the Governor, the messenger being accompanied by a delegation of five citizens of the new county.

Automobile Track Racing Again Revived. New Records Made Daily.

This season has witnessed the revival of track racing by automobiles in a most astonishing form, and daily reports show that old records are being smashed and new ones made with startling regularity. In Portland, Oregon, last week, there was witnessed by more than fifteen thousand people, some of thekeenest motor racing in history and new and splendid records were hung in the automobile hall of fame that to all appearances will serve for a long time as stars to which future speed maniacs may hitch their gasoline wagons with perfect safety.

Barney Oldfield, the veteran circular track racer of America, made three sensational drives with his Green Dragon and succeeded in covering three miles in two minutes and 52 seconds, one mile in 32 seconds flat, and one mile with standing start in 52 3-5 seconds, lowering the world's record for these events in each instance more than ten seconds.

William Wallace, driving a Pope-Hartford car on the same track was another man to hang out anew shingle as a guide to future seekers after speed honors, and put on his card with the Pope car a new record for twenty-five miles, for five miles and for ten miles. The ten mile event excited the greatest enthusiasm of all the races in that Guy Vaughn with his Stearns car was thought to hold the event to the exclusion of everyone, the snatching of the record by a comparatively new driver and a 25 horse-power Pope-Hartford touring car, set the crowd wild. While the 25 mile event was won in record time, the sensation of exceedingly fast driving was missed. The twenty-five miles were driven in 29 minutes, 9 4-5 seconds, while the ten miles were covered in 10 minutes 56 3-5 seconds.

Bruno Siebel, who has been after Oldfield's scalp this year lost out completely at Portland, being outclassed by sevral touring cars, although he did win the three mile handicap over a Thomas sixty.

Fourth Pleasantly Observed.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, July 4.—The Fourth of July was observed here very pleasantly today from morning until midnight. The weather was perfect. In the morning there was a parade of all the white firemen, headed by the fine band of the 3rd regiment, 30 pieces. A good many people came in from the country, very cheap rates being given, but there is an absence of the throng of country people who used to be here on this high holiday. The new steamer L. S. Mahler, gave an exhibition on Fayetteville street at the postoffice. This afternoon there were races by the teams of the Rescue and Capitol Hose Companies, a hook and ladder exhibition, this being followed by a baseball game between Wake Forest and the Baptist Boys Brigade team, the latter of the Tabernacle Sunday school. This evening there were fire works at the golf links, and the carnival, which is at the same place, was in full swing. The sale and use of toy pistals was prohibited and fire works within the fire limits was barred very strictly.

Did He Do It?

A few nights ago, a Denver University boy took his best girl to a theatre During the evening she complained of not feeling well and they left before the show was over. He took her home, and when he said good-night the girl was pretty sick. Next day it turned out to be diphtheria. Then the young man began to wonder if he was booked for a stage with the disease too. He called on a physician he knew, to ask about it. The physician heard the young man's tale. "Well" said he, at the conclusionof it, "I think your chances to catch the disease depends on how you said good-night to the young lady." The young man was quiet a moment. Then he said:"Doctor, I'm much obliged. If that's the case I'm not in danger." The young man went out. A minute later he stuck his head in at the door "Say, Doc," he said, "diphtheria doesn't go very hard with a strong healthy young man, does it?"—(Bellman)

Lone Live the King!

is the popular cry throughout European countries; while in America, the cry of the present day is "Long Live Dr King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryder Paine, Truro, Mass., says: "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cury a cough or cold." Mrs. Paine's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. New Discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it's the proven remedy Guaranteed by All Druggists. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

GOOD WORK FOR AN INFANT

Civic League Making Fine Transformation of Greensboro Streets.

Special Correspondence.

Greensboro, July 4.—The Greensboro Civic League although but two weeks old, is accomplishing fine results already. Committees of ladies and gentlemen are patrolling the ugly spots of the city with watchful eyes and good suggestions and the officials as well as citizens interested are responding with sympathetic alacrity. Vacant lots are being mowed and renovated, back yards are being nicely cleaned or ornamented; many more folks are sweeping in front of their doors, and the sanitary and health officers are having the easiest and best and most encouraging time of their lives. On Monday, the county commissioners not only turned over the court house grounds to a committee of ladies belonging to the league, but appropriated $100 for use in fixing up the green or lot, it will be for several weeks. Yesterday every vestige of ashes and other rubish was hauled off, and today a force of men are digging on the square preparatory to putting down a nin e foot concrete walk facing the lawyers offices, so they and their clients can keep off the flowers and the grass that is to be there so soon as it can be turfed and begin to grow. It is the purpose of the league to soon begin work on the lot where the water tower sits, and make this present eyesore blossom with roses and smell of new mown hay, after the grass gets long enough to cut. Next will come Fisher Park on which the city has already expended thousand of dollars getting in shape and by neglect allowing much of the improvement go to wreck and briars and bushes. If the league keeps up its present lick, and the citizens keep standing behind it as it is now doing with all its might, individually and collectively, to the entitlement of the "Gate City," may be added by time the next State Democratic convention meets here next June, the more ornamented expression, "and the City Beautiful."

I'll stop your pain free. To show you first—before you spend a penny—what my Pink Pain Tablets can do I will mail you free a Trial Package of them—Dr Shoop's Headache Tablets. Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, Period pains, etc., are due alone to blood congestion. Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets simply kill pain by coaxing away the unnatural blood pressure. That is all. Address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Sold by F. S. Duffy.

Among the Farmers Around Bellair.

The Glorious Fourth of July has dawned in this year of grace 1907, with overhanging clouds and mud under foot. The farmer's face is also somewhat gloomy, for up to a few weeks ago he had little to plow and now the heat of summer and continued showers have wonderfully advanced all vegetation. About the middle of June the average farmer would rate cotton and corn about 40 per cent. of a crop but these two weeks have wonderfully improved things, and yet there are many crops about us that show very poor stands and growth.

Corn is tasselling and some silking and some of us have had the taste of early roasting ears in our soup but crops generally are uneven and now the farmer must either rest, hug tobacco or cut down weeds; for it is too wet to finish the last plowing of corn, a few have already finished.

The fruit crop is small and short, perhaps a half crop of apples and very few pears, peaches in a few places good, many quite poor, but thus far less rot than for many years.

Perhaps this has been the best oat crop season we have had for years and it is such a relief to quit buying hay at $25 a ton and feed oats right from the barn.

With all the hinderances to the farmers progress, he is in so much better condition than at this time last year that he might quit all complaint for at least two weeks and just look at things grow, grass and all, and see what a wonderful change will come, perhap better and more improvement than the past two weeks have wrought.

There seems to be a dearth in the egg production in our midst, and elsewhere for they are scarce and high. The young broilers are coming to the front now and are in demand at fine prices and are very toothsome, even if they are worth 60 cents a pair, and quite small.

Canteloups will soon be ripe and then one more luxury for the farmer and his neighbors.

Catarrh

To prove unquestionably, and beyond any doubt that Catarrh of the nose and throat can be cured I am furnishing patients through druggists, small free Trial Bottles of Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure. I do this because I am so certain, that Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure will bring actual substantial help. Nothing certainly, is so convincing as a physician test of any article of real genuine merit. But the article must possess true merit, else the test will condemn, rather than adjudge it. Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure is a snow white, healing ointment of balm, put up in beautiful nickel capped glass jar at 50c. Such soothing agents as Oil Eucalyptus, Thymol, Menthol, etc., are incorporated into velvety, creamy Eka Petrolatum, imported by Dr Shoop from Europe. If Catarrh of the nose and throat has extended to the stomach, then, by a means also unknown heretofore, Dr. Shoop's Eucalyptus Stomach dittoes, a lack of normal strength bloating, belching, biliousness, bad taste, is surely call for Dr. Shoop's Restorative.

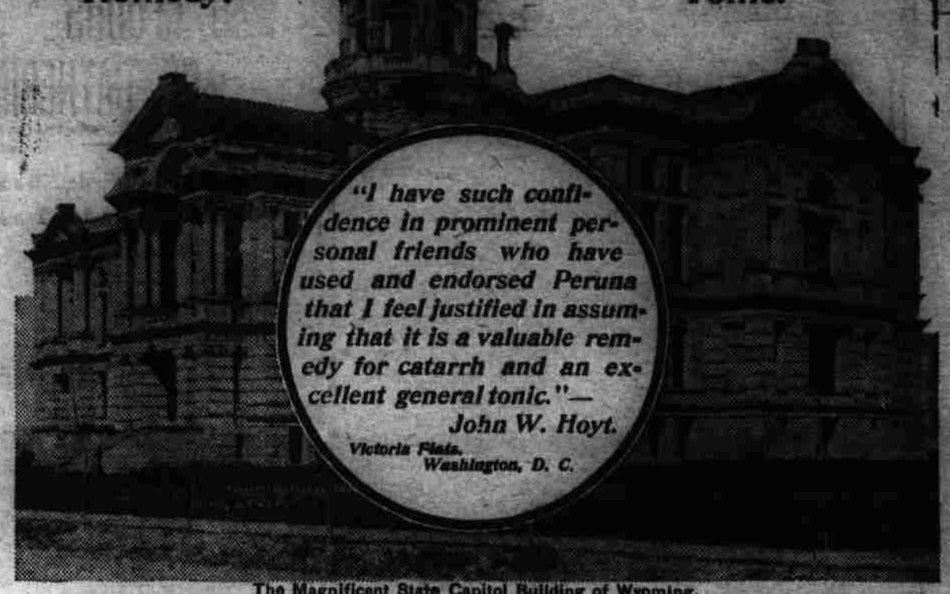
For unsuspicious catarrh only of the nose and throat nothing else, however, need be used in

Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure

F. S. DUFFY.

EX-Governor of Wyoming Endorses Pe-ru-na.

As a Catarrh Remedy. As An Excellent Tonic.



The Magnificent State Capitol Building of Wyoming.

Responsible People.

PEOPLE occupying positions of high responsibility and trust are always very busy people.

They have little or no time to devote to side issues.

It is therefore very rare that such people are willing to write testimonials for anything.

Then again there is a natural diffidence in giving public endorsement to any commercial enterprise on the part of people who are much before the public.

Rare Endorsements.

It is thus that it is very rare that public officials, like governors, congressmen, consuls, senators, etc., give public endorsement to a proprietary medicine.

It is therefore a great triumph that Peruna has the unqualified endorsement of so many men in official position.

Scores of public officials of national reputation have enthusiastically declared in favor of Peruna in public print over and over again.

A Startling Fact.

There is no way to account for such a startling fact as this except that Peruna has extraordinary unusual merit.

After all, people high and low, are constituted very much alike.

Natural Enthusiasm.

When a person has been really helped in getting rid of some chronic malady, after other things have failed, it is quite natural for enthusiasm to lead people to make a statement of the fact.

For great services, gratitude is natural.

This is the only way that it can possibly be explained why it is that so many persons prominent in public, diplomatic and social life give testimony for Peruna.

Actual Benefit.

Peruna promptly relieves.

This is the explanation.

Catarrh is a disease difficult to relieve.

A great many of the doctors fail to relieve it.

Gratitude Results.

A few bottles of Peruna cure a chronic malady of many years standing and it is almost impossible to repress the natural feelings of gratitude which spring up.

Catarrh of Head and Throat

Mr. Joseph Reiss, 3424 N. 14th street, St. Louis, Mo., writes:

"I had catarrh of the head and throat, but through the use of five bottles of Peruna and two bottles of Manalin I was cured.

"I think that Peruna is the best tonic that I have ever used and I would advise all catarrhal sufferers to use Peruna."

Catarrhal Fever.

Mrs. W. K. Good, Broadway, Va., writes:

"When I was fifteen years old I had catarrhal fever and for nine years I have had catarrh of the head.

"Through neglect it went to my throat and nose. After consulting you I used Peruna for four months as directed, and I am entirely well and have my natural health.

"I cannot praise Peruna too highly. It will do all that it is recommended to do."

Pe-ru-na Relieves Catarrh.

Mr. L. Clifford Figg, Jr., 2929 E. Marshall St., Richmond Va., writes:

"As soon as I get a cold I send for a bottle of Peruna, and it soon drives it out of my system.

Despaired of Being Cured.

"For several years I was not entirely well, and despaired of ever being cured, as I had used numerous remedies that my friends advised. I doctored for two years without any improvement.

A Last Resort.

"As a last resort I tried Peruna, and am pleased to say that in a short time I was completely cured.

"I have not been troubled for over a year. I am pleased to endorse Peruna as it saved me a world of suffering."

PECULIAR POSTAL LEAK

Somebody Made $50,000 Annually on Stamped Envelopes.

(Washington Dispatch to the New York Tribune)

An order issued by the Postoffice Department, effective July 1, increases the price of stamped envelopes to postmasters 4 cents a thousand, while there is no change in the retail price to users. The department will receive for these envelopes $50,000 a year more than previously, and as they sell at retail at the same figure as of old there is some speculation as to just who will pay the difference and as to who in the past has been receiving the money.

Beginning July 1, the envelopes will be made by the Mercantile Corporation of Dayton, Ohio, that company having bid lower than the Hartford Envelope Company, which has manufactured practically all this line of material for th e government since stamped envelopes came into use thirty years ago. The Dayton company's contract is at a higher figure than that at which the work was formerly done by the Hartford people. It is due to this advance in cost to the government that the higher price has been made to the postmasters, but the explanation of their ability to meet that advance without a pecuniary loss is another story.

There has always been a leak in the retailing of stamped envelopes which the department has been unable to stop. It results from the sliding scale applied to sales in small quantities, which always made a discrepancy between the cash and the stamp account Stamped envelopes which cost $21.20 a thousand, or a fraction more than two cents each, were sold at three cents for a single envelope, five cents for two, seven cents for three, nine cents for four, and so on. In each transaction there is a profit of a fraction of a cent, and exact change could rarely be made. Postmasters account to the department at wholesale prices for the stamped envelopes handled, and what becomes of the balance remains a question. The profit may go to the postmaster or his clerk, whomay account to him as he accounts to the department. There is a claim that the local postoffice is entitled to this margin to cover mistakes sometimes made in making change, these mistakes being held as inevitable and the clerk and the postmaster being compelled to make good. On February 21, 1905, an order was issued requiring all postmasters to account for this margin in small sales, but it is understood that this accounting has never been generally made.

The raise of four cents a thousand on these envelopes will, with the same retail price, undoubtedly cut this unknown profit. It is not known from whom the $50,000 advance in the sale of these envelopes will come—certainly not from the public. It will be either the loss of the stamp clerks at various offices or postmasters, who have, under the old way of doing business, received the profits of the small sales.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

At a depth of 66 feet the water of the Dead sea contains twice as much salt as that on the surface.

The Doctor Away from Home When Most Needed.

People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like cramp colic and cholera morbus require prompt treatment, and have in many instances proven fatal before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life. For sale by Davis Pharmacy and F. S. Duffy.

The number of persons to the square mile in this country is 17 while in England it is 480.

Piles get quick and certain relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Please note it is made alone for Piles, and its action is positive and certain. Itching, painful, protruding or blind piles, disappear like magic by its use. Large nickel-capped glass jars 50 cents. Sold by F. S. Duffy.

The desert of Sahara is within a few hundred square miles of the size of the United States.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

I will mail you free, to prove merit, samples of my Dr. Shoop's Restorative, and my Book on either Dyspepsia, The Heart or The Kidneys. Troubles of the Stomach, Heart or Kidneys, are merely symptoms of a deeper ailment. Don't make the common error of treating symptoms only. Symptom treatment is treating the result of your ailment, and not the cause. Weak Stomach nerves—the inside nerves—mean Stomach weakness, always. And the Heart, and Kidneys as well, have their controlling or inside nerves. Weaken these nerves, and you inevitably have weak vital organs. Here is where Dr. Shoop's Restorative has made its fame No other remedy even claims to treat the "inside nerves." Also for bloating, biliousness, bad breath or complexion, use Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Write me today for sample and free Book. Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. The Restorative is sold by F. S. Duffy.

At Leigh Police Court a man was recently fined one pound and costs for having pulled the trolley pole of an electric tramcar off the overhead wire to stop the car because a man's hat had been blown off.—Engineer.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Great Britain owns more land of North America than the United States.

Constipation.

For constipation there is nothing quite so nice as Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They always produce a pleasant movement of the bowels without any disagreeable effect. Price 25 cents. Samples free. Davis Pharmacy and F. S. Duffy.

An ostrich yields about 3 pounds of feathers per year.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

It has been decided that no world's fair will be held in Berlin to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary and Emperor William's accession to the throne. Numerous cities have refused to take part.

Get a free sample of Dr. Shoop's "Health Coffee," at our store. If real coffee disturbs your stomach, your heart or kidneys, then try this clever coffee imitation. Dr. Shoop has closely matched Old Java and Mocha coffee in flavor and taste, yet it has not a single grain of real coffee in it. Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee Imitation is made from pure toasted grains or cereals, with Malt Nuts, etc. Made in a minute. No tedious wait. You will surely like it. Sold by J. L. McDaniel.

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