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TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Semi-Weekly Journal's appeal made a few weeks ago for more news from country correspondents, had a noticeable effect as we immediately received a number of most interesting letters. Now we are writing again for fear the ardor of our friends will cool. We urge you to keep the good work up. Help us make the Semi-Weekly Journal helpful and interesting to you.

We regard the letters from our country correspondents as one of the means the Journal has of being of service to the section of country through which it circulates. These letters bring the people closer together and tend to the development of a community interest which is most helpful. You help your own community and by suggestion help other communities by sending us the news as it transpires in your neighborhood. Let us hear from you!

Wilmington has started a movement for children's playgrounds. Depend on Wilmington to be progressive.

As if there was not enough trouble already in various parts of the world, the Mississippi river has gotten on one its rampages.

The Young Turks are pretty active in dealing with the old ones, but it doesn't follow that they will be able to manage the Allies.

The National Corn Exposition commenced yesterday in Columbia. Hog and hominy is the great slogan nowadays and corn expositions help to give point to the slogan.

It's a cold day when there is not some kind of rumpus on in South Carolina. The Legislature of that State and Senator Tillman are the combatants in the warfare now going on. The Senator as usual has said what he thinks about some of the solons of the Palmetto State and as the truth sometimes hurts, there has been a howl.

At Goldsboro Saturday the man Bedford who killed his wife sometime ago in Wilson on account of unfaithfulness was acquitted. Without in any way condoning the offence of which the woman appears beyond doubt to have been guilty, one is obliged to wonder if the best interests of society in such instances are served by the slayer's being allowed to go without any punishment at all.

North Carolina has too many serious problems to be wasting any time over the consideration of an anti-tipping law. If a man can't find a hotel or restaurant where he can get service without paying the proprietor and the waiter too, let him go to the corner grocery or to a private home. The trouble is connection with the tipping evil is that so few people have the nerve not to tip.

Even as it is and without boats on regular schedules, New Bern gets a freight rate advantage as a result of its location, the rates being fixed on a water point basis. This is an advantage which ought to be cultivated assiduously. Some live matter bearing on this subject will be found in the address to be delivered tonight at the court house. New Bern should give the representative of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress a large audience.

HEAR THIS ADDRESS

The Journal ventures to urge a large attendance of our public-spirited citizens upon the address to be delivered at the court house tonight by Capt. Wilson J. Davenny, field secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, upon "Our National Waterways."

This, as every one knows, is a subject of very great importance to New Bern and it is not to be doubted that some points of practical value to those of our citizens who are actively engaged in promoting the advantages of New Bern as a strategically located port will be submitted by him.

Capt. Davenny said in an interview which he gave the Journal that few communities are more favorably located to get benefits from the Inland Waterway from Beaufort to Beaufort Inlet than New Bern. That's the sort of talk that New Bern people love to hear and we have no doubt that those who are engaged will have their pride and confidence in New Bern stimulated as well as valuable information bearing on the concert of effort that is being made to ensure proper attention from the government to rivers and harbors.



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