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NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA.

Citing the bitter quarrel and scandals in which the Governor of Virginia, the ex-president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and others have been involved, the Charlotte Observer says: "These accusations affecting the Governor of Virginia, the new president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and others as well, are ugly enough. To North Carolinians they may serve as an agreeable reminder of the fact that while of course intrigues and disturbances have not been altogether absent from our public institutions, squabbles or scandals so inclusive—involving the Governor, for example—have been unknown here."

The fact of the matter is that North Carolina is a far more progressive State than Virginia. There is hardly a progressive step that has not been taken by North Carolina far in advance of Virginia. We had a railroad commission long before the need for such an organization was seen in the Old Dominion. We have had Wate-wide prohibition for years while it still will be some years apparently before Virginia will adopt it. The fee system of compensating public officials has been largely wiped out in this State while it still has a firm grip on Virginia. Our impression is also that this State settled the race question by the adoption of a constitutional amendment some years before the same thing was done in Virginia. This State promptly approved the amendment to the Federal constitution authorizing the imposition of an income tax while Virginia was one of the few States that refused to sanction that amendment. One simply has to contemplate Virginia, mother of Presidents though it be, to realize what a fine State North Carolina is.

JOHN LIND, PEACE MESSENGER.

The eyes of the whole country, and to some extent, of the world, are on John Lind, the peace messenger from this country to Mexico. There is a suspicion that Huerta will make trouble for him out of resentment for the failure of this country to recognize the Huerta government, but this view is not entertained by administration officials. Lind is a man with a fine record for having a head and for using it. If he does anything appreciable in the way of bettering conditions in Mexico he will deserve great credit. It takes courage and confidence in self to undertake a task like that to which Lind has addressed himself, and the admiration of the American people will go out warmly to him.

THE UNMOWED DISTRICTS.

What has become of the activity of past years in the direction of urging people to keep the grass between the sidewalk and the curb mowed? The grass in these places is allowed in some instances to grow up knee high, thus affording the best opportunity in the world for mosquitoes to breed. Mosquitoes spread malarial fever so that these unmowed places simply mean more sickness, more unhappiness, more doctors' and druggists' bills to meet. There could be a general cleaning up of such places as we have described with great gain to the health conditions here.

Southern banks get half of the crop fund, says a headline. There is an administration in power now which can be depended on to treat the South fairly.

BURLESON.

Col. Burleson is as original as a postmaster general as his chief is as a President. What he doesn't like he loses time in trying to throw on the trash heap. There's some new wrinkle being hatched all the time in his department and in the same way old and time-worn practices and customs are being ruthlessly tossed into the discard. The Postmaster-General has more authority than many have supposed and "old man Burleson," as somebody has more or less disrespectfully called him, is using his authority right up to the limit. Commend us to Burleson for not being afraid to turn in and do something.

No determined opposition to the administration's bill will be made in the House according to Minority Leader Mann. Something of the same sort was said about the Republicans and the tariff bill, but our Republican friends are hammering the

measure with might and main. The currency bill is also likely sooner or later to meet with all obstacles that the opposition party can throw in its path.

RIDING BICYCLES ON THE SIDEWALKS.

A practice in this city which causes a great deal of inconvenience and might very well cause a serious accident, that of bicycle riders—as a general thing colored boys are sent to deliver packages—riding on the sidewalk. Yesterday there came to the attention of the writer the case of a gentleman who was so nearly run into by one of these reckless riders that his knuckle had a piece of skin taken off by the basket on the wheel as it whizzed by him. There is an ordinance forbidding the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks and it is believed that if a few of these reckless young negroes who use the sidewalks in this manner in defiance of law were arrested and punished, persons who lawfully use the sidewalks would be materially safer.

THE WORST CALAMITY.

The thirst for pleasure which prevails so widely at the present time was mentioned yesterday, the occasion being the remark by the Greensboro News that not since the sixteenth century have people been so bent on seeking amusement as they are now. The News seemed doubtful as to whether this meant moral decline or not. Bearing on the question is an editorial which we find in this week's Biblical Recorder on the subject. "What is the Worst Calamity?" The Recorder says:

"To the question a thousand different answers might be given, but none would surpass that of Charles Kingsley who years ago wrote: 'The very worst calamity, I should say, which could befall any human being would be this: to have everything he liked for the asking or even for the buying; never forced to say, 'I should like this, but I must not do it'; never to deny himself, never to exert himself, never to work, and never to want. That man's soul would be in as great danger as if he were committing great crimes.'"

In a measure the calamity that Kingsley threatens describes those who give a substantial part of their time to the enjoyment of the so called pleasures of life. Of course the calamity of not having to work will not ordinarily befall an individual, but the other conditions described by Kingsley are largely met by the many who demand to be entertained by every conceivable form of entertainment during the hours that they are not working. It would be good for the individual and for society as a whole, if persons who are able to buy any form of entertainment that they like best would deny themselves occasionally.

An Oklahoma newspaper man has been made minister to Venezuela. If the President continues to hand out jobs to the scribes there will be danger of shortage of newspaper help.

The Wilmington Star speaks a parable when it says that "active capital, enterprising men and energetic people build a city and keep it going ahead." You can't keep a working man down and by the same token you can't hold a working city back. The combination named by the Star is invincible. Every city ought to strive to possess all three of the sine quibus that the Star mentions.

MUCH BUSINESS IS BEING DONE

LOCAL MERCHANTS GRATIFIED WITH AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DURING SUMMER.

It is usually the case just at this season that the amount of business done in this section is comparatively small, this condition is due in a measure to the fact that many people are away from home during the summer months. According to reports made by local merchants and business men in New Bern this condition does not prevail here.

Naturally the amount of business is not as large as that which is done during the spring and fall but still it is very gratifying and shows that this is a prosperous section. If there is any one who does not think that business in commercial lines is not large enough to mention, a glance in the stores any Saturday night will quickly dispel this idea.

The farmers will soon begin bringing in their cotton and the money received from this will be put in circulation and local bankers are of the opinion that the financial condition of this section during the approaching fall and winter will be all that can be desired.

JUST WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.

The President's plans for the pacification of Mexico are said to have aroused the antagonism of many of the warring factions in that country. That was to have been expected. Peace is the very thing that many of the Mexicans don't want. There is a certain class of people who are never better satisfied than when in a conflict. Mexico seems to have rather more than its share of people of that stripe. Perhaps there are no people on the globe where a pacification program

would be more stoutly resisted. They are ignorant and misguided and will have to be educated and reformed before they can be reasoned with.

WHERE THE LAW WORKS CLUMSILY.

The law is sometimes a very clumsy machine so far as the amelioration of untoward conditions are concerned. Take the case of Harvey Baker, the young man in jail in default of bond for his faithful performance of the mandate of the court that he pay his family eight dollars a week.

He is a stranger and no one naturally feels like going his bond particularly as his record is decidedly unsavory. So he has to "loaf" in jail. Meantime his wife and children are face to face with want, being deprived of the support of the husband and father.

What is needed in a case like Harvey's is some place for him to work at a fair wage and under compulsion the proceeds of his labor to go to the support of his family. Of course the State could not undertake to keep that sort of thing up indefinitely, but a few months of it under the right kind of influence might have a wholesome and permanently corrective effect on the delinquent.

A MOST IMPORTANT MATTER.

A typographical error in a dispatch telling of the proposal of the railroads as to freight rates led the Journal in an editorial published a few days ago to fall into the error of assuming that New Bern was included in the reductions proposed. But this is not the case. Of course the Chamber of Commerce is doing exactly the right thing in joining with Wilmington and other places similarly interested in demanding that the reductions apply to the water points as well as to the interior points. As one of the speakers said at last night's meeting, this is one of the most important questions that the Chamber of Commerce has been called upon to consider. New Bern should be heard Tuesday and in no uncertain tones.

A NEW RICHMOND.

A new Richmond has galloped into the Virginia political field in the person of John Garland Pollard, whom the Democrats of the State in a primary held Tuesday made their nominee for the position of Attorney General.

The last man to enter the race, with but a few short weeks to conduct his campaign and with the powerful Virginia machine arrayed against him, he made such a clear cut and able campaign that the Democracy of the State decided that he was the man it wanted as a candidate for the important position for which he was named. It is said that he is grooming himself as the next candidate for Governor and it is recalled that it was by way of the Attorney-Generalship that Andrew Jackson Montague, now a Congressman, elevated himself to the position of Governor. Pollard is a progressive of a pronounced type and will be heard from.

ARMS AND MEXICO.

The Richmond Journal thinks that this government should lift the embargo on arms for Mexico and let both sides fight it out. If Huerta stays on his high horse it would not be surprising to see the administration doing that very thing. The Constitutionists have a less unsavory record than the faction that is now in authority in Mexico City and their name is agreeable to a people who believe in abiding by legally established authority. The Richmond paper says: "Apparently the problem can't be solved as things are now going. Give the Mexicans all the weapons they wish and all the munitions of war which they may need. Their population may be decimated to some extent by the experiment, but they will be better off in the end, and so will numerous others who are more or less interested in the welfare and upbuilding of their country."

STICK A PIN HERE.

It is said in the dispatches heralding the coming of Dr. Henry R. Carter, the government malaria expert, that if his directions as to the prevention of malaria are followed implicitly, ninety per cent. of the malaria in a community can be wiped out in two years. It would be well to stick a pin right here.

A local expert in Greensboro calculates that malaria costs that city in round numbers sixty thousand dollars a year. New Bern, not being so large as Greensboro, would probably get off with, say, forty thousand dollars a year. Ninety per cent. of that is thirty-six thousand dollars a year. Let us all get busy, follow Dr. Carter's instructions implicitly and save to the community that thirty-six thousand a year! But don't think it will be easy. It will take organization energy and leadership. But the benefits will be worth much more than they will cost.

It is a shame that a community should go on its way heedlessly and hopelessly with a fourth of its population sick or ailing when there is a way to avoid it.

PLANNING FOR HORSE RACES ON LABOR DAY.

Preparations are now being made for the races to be held at the Fair grounds on Labor Day. There will be three races, a free for all, a three-minute class, and a 2:28 class. Sixty-five dollars in prizes will be awarded in each of the races. An entrance fee of three dollars will be charged for each horse and entries can be made up until September 1. B. B. Hurst, Wm. Ellis and W. C. Wilcox have been appointed as racing committee.

Personals

Friday August 8

Mrs. John Cox of Kinston was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Ernest H. Wood left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Kinston.

Mrs. G. T. Farnell and daughter Miss Helen of Bayboro were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

T. J. Mitchell Jr. returned last evening from a business visit at Cove City.

J. F. Duncan of Beaufort was among the professional visitors in the city yesterday.

B. B. Davenport and son Roderick left yesterday morning for a visit at Morehead City.

Mrs. Luvenia Hall went to Pollockville yesterday to visit relatives.

Stein H. Basnight went to Maysville yesterday on a business trip.

R. A. Nunn left last night for Black Mountain to spend a couple of weeks with his family.

L. H. Cutler Jr. left last night for Ridgecrest to spend some time with his family.

Mrs. R. W. Haywood and children left last night for Lenoir to spend some time.

Mrs. E. B. Ellis and daughter, M. S. W. L. Hand left last night for Black Mountain to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. J. V. Blades left last evening for Morehead City where she is spending the summer.

Mrs. George Dunn of Beaufort returned home last evening after a short visit in the city.

R. A. Nunn left yesterday for Black Mountain where his family is spending the summer.

Mrs. Raymond Pollock and children returned from Morehead City yesterday.

Mrs. E. B. Ellis and Mrs. W. L. Hand left yesterday for Black Mountain where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Pattie Taylor, Miss Lula Aldridge and Mrs. Jane McCotter of Kinston spent Thursday in the city and left on the evening train for Oriental for a visit of several days with relatives.

Fred S. Dixon of Petersburg Va. is in the city visiting relatives.

F. M. Augustine and Mrs. L. M. Hilton left Thursday for a several weeks' visit in Philadelphia and New York City.

William Dunn Jr. left for Chapel Hill last evening.

F. S. Aldridge of Durham passed through the city last evening for Oriental.

Saturday August 9

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Haskins, of Oriental, passed through the city yesterday afternoon after a visit of several days at Winston-Salem.

Sheriff A. H. Stephens, of Oriental, was among the business visitors here yesterday.

Dr. R. S. Primrose left last evening for a short visit at Morehead City.

J. Vernon Blades left last evening for a visit at Morehead City.

A. F. Midyette, of Oriental, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Love Eastwood, of Olympia, returned home last evening after a visit here with relatives.

Miss Clara Belle Pelletier, of Onslow county, who has been visiting relatives here, left yesterday morning for a visit at Beaufort.

Mrs. W. A. West left yesterday morning for a visit with relatives in Delaware.

Sunday August 10

C. D. Kidder and H. J. Carpenter returned yesterday morning from a short fishing trip at Beaufort.

Mrs. M. M. Marks, accompanied by her daughter Miss Esther Marks, returned yesterday from a visit of several weeks in the North.

Albert Marks has returned from a visit of several weeks at Northern summer resorts.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cummings, of Kinston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Grantham.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ulrich of North Wilkesboro, are visiting relatives here. The trip to New Bern was made in a large touring car.

T. A. Green will return to Black Mountain tomorrow after spending a week here attending to business.

S. M. Brinson returned last evening from a short visit at Vanzboro.

George Atmore left last evening for a short visit with his parents at Stonewall.

Miss Grace Morris, of Oriental, returned home last evening after a short visit here with relatives.

Samsel Campen, of Alliance, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Dr. R. N. Duffy left last evening for a short visit at Morehead City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dees, of Grantsboro, spent yesterday in the city.

J. Vernon Blades left for Morehead City last evening where he will spend several days.

Bishop McCoy, of Alabama, passed through the city last evening en route to Oriental where he will today dedicate the new Methodist church.

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