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NEWSPAPERS AS INDUSTRIAL FACTORS.

There is perhaps no more potent factor in the industrial enterprises of the day than well managed and reliable newspapers.

Many people seem to think that the work of newspapers is simply to tell of murders, riots, storms, floods, disasters and bad things generally, and they rate them according to the amount of such news their columns carry.

These observations were suggested by a seven column article in Sunday's News and Observer, giving facts and figures and a general outline of the foundation and growth of the town of Roanoke Rapids in this county.

The write-up given by the News and Observer last Sunday is the work of Mr. F. B. Arendal of the News and Observer staff, and is quite creditable.

The article referred to in the News and Observer pays Maj. Emory the following deserved compliment in the first paragraphs:

"Six years ago Maj. Thomas L. Emory stood on the banks of the Roanoke River, at what was then known as Great Falls, five miles above Weldon, and watched the great volume of water as it whirled to waste over a mile or more rugged rapids.

"There was a force, a mighty volume of force, a great power lashing itself into exhausted tranquility, paralyzing its energies against the shoals and the banks for lack of more profitable utilization, and then flowing on down the watery highway until it gathered more force, to be lashed again into lazy lethargy against other shoals.

"There was something in the man that stood beside the river, akin to the raging, restless stream. There was a force in him, a volume of reserve power, that had been partly going to waste. He had been merchant, planter, legislator, but he had force for all these and to spare.

CONGRESSIONAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

Baltimore Sun.

In a recent issue the Financial Chronicle compares the increase of the cost of government in the United States in the last sixty years with the increased cost of government in other countries in the same period.

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The interest on the public debt of the United Kingdom is but 2 1/2 per cent., and the principle, which is now \$3,870,000,000, is \$1,000,000,000 less than it was sixty years ago.

"Policy, not log-rolling, has caused the large increase of the budgets of most European countries since 1871.

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STATE NEWS.

The Rocky Mount Phoenix says:

"An earthquake tremor was distinctly felt last week by several people on Mrs. M. P. Battle's plantation about four miles from town."

An old gentleman, by the name of Mr. Lee, while crossing the railroad in front of the Battle place yesterday afternoon, was hit by a passing train, and was badly injured.

The greatest curiosity we have seen in the way of a chicken is one brought to our office this week with two distinct sets of wings and legs.

We learn that Mrs. Amanda Card, who lives in the neighborhood of Michner, this county, killed quite a curious snake one day this week.

The Elizabeth City Economist says: "John Lowry was before the mayor on Tuesday on a complaint and arrest for kicking a maid servant out of his house for striking his baby, abusing his wife with obscene language and cursing him.

The Warrenton Gazette says: "There was quite a little excitement here on Monday over an elopement case. Ten days ago a German and his wife and another German located on the Brown tract at Vaughan and on Monday the single man stole the other's wife and eloped, the last seen of them being at Ridgeway.

Seventy years ago a traveling showman died here from injuries received in a performance. Every show that comes here sends a delegation to his grave to strew flowers on it.

Chew Rosebud Tobacco. Chew Rosebud Tobacco.

WANTS TO SWAP.

The Wilmington Messenger wants to swap Governors with Tennessee. It said a few days ago:

"Captain Billy Day wished from his boots that every state had just such a governor as North Carolina's Russell, who is sui generis, and when he dies the sample will be gone and none like him will remain among either governors or other children of men.

Did you ever stop to think what indigestion really means? It means simply that your stomach is tired. If our legs are tired we ride. The horse and steam engine do the work. That is, let give your stomach a ride. Foods can be digested outside of the body.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

PROFIT IN WOOL.

Warrenton Gazette.

Mr. H. A. Boyd recently sheared his flock of sheep, from one of which he got a fleece of clean wool that weighed 10 1/2 pounds, and three of the fleeces weighed 27 1/2 pounds.

Rosebud Best 10¢ Tobacco.

AULANDER NEWS.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

AULANDER, N. C., May 25, 1897.

Services were held at the church Sunday for the first time since the moving of the same in town. The attendance at Sunday-school has increased about 25 per cent.

A large number of our people went to the second annual meeting of the Roanoke and Chowan Educational Association at Roxobel last Friday, and all report a grand time.

Prof. Herbert W. Early, who has been teaching at Warrenton, S. C. for the past year and who returned home recently, has gone to Wake Forest commencement.

Mr. W. J. Eure, of the firm of Eure Bros. is now on an extensive trip through the State.

Mr. W. H. Baker, a photographer of Edenton, spent a few days in town this week and did a good deal of work.

Mrs. W. D. Baskett has just returned from visiting friends in Virginia.

The commencement of Aulander Classical and Commercial Institute will not be held until June 17th and 18th. The programme is one of the best and it promises to be the best commencement in the history of the institution.

Hon. Henry Winston of Washington, with his brother F. D. Winston, Esq., of our county, made a short visit to Aulander Friday.

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