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## Publisher's Announcement.

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## CO-OPERATION AND PATRONAGE.

The principle of co-operation is so well understood, and the progress and prosperity that result from its broad application so universally known, that it is hardly necessary to explain the principle or to multiply illustrations of its workings. Suffice it to say that co-operation is concurrent effort, concurrent effort is united strength and united strength is the most economic and effective force that can be used anywhere, under any circumstances, to accomplish any given end.

Where one finds concurrent effort in national affairs he finds progress and prosperity and—happiness, because, as one has well said, "the happiness of a nation depends upon national wealth and national glory," and prosperity is wealth, and without progress there is no glory.

As in national affairs, so in all other affairs, co-operation, concurrent effort, united strength, call it what you will, effects advancement and well-being. Where there is a town whose citizens work together for the town's uplift, there is a town where effective results are being accomplished, progress being made and prosperity being brought about, and where these conditions exist is to be found a loyal public-spirited citizenship.

There are various ways in which citizens of a community, whether in the capacity of town officers, merchants, manufacturers, lawyers or doctors, may co-operate. Among them may be mentioned the following: By exerting united efforts in every good movement that is instituted in the community, for the accomplishment of the ends for which such movements are originated benefits the town, and what benefits a town benefits its citizens. Another way in which citizens of a community may co-operate is by being one in their efforts to encourage and aid—whenever they can—the efforts of each individual citizen. The opportunity for this kind of co-operation presents itself when there are two merchants to buy from—a home merchant and a merchant whose establishment is elsewhere: two manufacturers—a home manufacturer and a foreign manufacturer; two wholesale grocers—one in your town and one in some other town. This feature of co-operation can best be expressed in the word "patronage" and the principle best applied by patronizing home industries. Buy from the home merchant, manufacturer, and grocer; co-operate with them in their efforts, and the effective results of the application of this principle will be marked.

When a home industry is patronized it prospers, when it prospers it is put in a position where it may grow and enlarge. When it enlarges it requires a more numerous working force and draws men into the town in which it is established. The town grows, the merchants, grocers and business men—as does the manufacturer—prosper, and so it goes. When one prospers all prosper, when one is aided all are aided, the interests of one become the interests of all, and everything redounds to the growth and prosperity of the town.

Citizens should realize this and be guided by far-sighted motives; should work together for the town's uplift and unite in their efforts to make the home industry a successful industry.

## NORMAN E. MACK'S DEMOCRATIC MONTHLY.

The first issue of Norman E. Mack's National Monthly has made its appearance. Its cover design is a handsome one and its make-up attractive. The magazine has that in it that will appeal to all members of the family—stories, newest fashions, recipes for the home, children's page, etc.—but more than anything else, it is a Democratic magazine, and will be published in the interests of the Democratic party. It is a magazine the need of which has long been felt and one that will be a valuable asset to the party in whose interests and for whose upbuilding it is being published.

The subscription price is only one dollar per year, and this low price should enable every loyal Democrat, rich or poor, high or low, to have it in his home.

### ITS EIGHTY-EIGHTH VOLUME.

The News and Observer entered upon its eighty-eighth volume Tuesday. Whatever else may be said about the News and Observer, it can certainly be said without the possibility of contradiction that it is a paper which, in the overwhelming majority of cases, has taken its stand on the side of right and has brought all the power of its powerfully potent strength to bear against wrong in order that right might triumph. Since its birth it has advocated many issues of far-reaching importance, the outcome of which has resulted in untold good.

It enters upon its eighty-eighth volume in the same attitude towards all actual and possible issues that it has always maintained—a favorable attitude toward progress, enlightenment, prosperity and all else that tends to promote our State's and country's interests and uplift and benefit our people.

It has the best wishes of the numerous and thinking people whose homes it enters for its continued success and wider usefulness.

The Charlotte celebration is on. The first day's celebration began Tuesday; the culmination of the celebration will be reached today (Thursday) when President Taft will address the thousands of people who have assembled there. A communication from Charlotte states that his address is expected to resound in important declarations regarding his policy towards the South.

### Press Convention Essayists.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to read papers on the subjects named at the coming Press Convention at Hendersonville June 23 and 24, and nearly all of them have accepted:

"The Future of North Carolina and the Part to be Played Therein by the Press"—Archibald Johnson, Charity and Children.

"Is the Cash in Advance System the Best for a Country Weekly?"—W. F. Swaringer, of The Edenton Transcript.

"The Editor as a Town Booster"—J. J. Farris, of The High Point Enterprise.

"Reminiscences of Early Days of the North Carolina Press Association"—J. A. Robinson, of The Durham Sun.

"Relation of the Press Toward the Good Roads Movement in North Carolina"—H. B. Varner, of The Lexington Dispatch.

"Why Every Editor and Publisher in the State Should Belong to The Press Association"—Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., of The Christian Sun.

"What Can the Country Paper do to Promote Rural Development?"—Clarence H. Poe, of The Progressive Farmer.

"The Make-Up of a Country Weekly"—R. R. Clark, of The Statesville Landmark.

"Should the Subscription Price of a Country Weekly be More Than a Dollar a Year?"—Thad. R. Manning, of The Henderson Gold Leaf.

"Rapid Fire Shop Talk"—Led by W. C. Hammer, and followed by H. B. Varner, R. M. Phillips, C. H. Poe, H. C. Martin, Thad. R. Manning, J. H. King and others.

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## Agrees With Mr. Baizerworth.

Editor THE COMMONWEALTH:— I heartily endorse what Mr. Baizerworth said in your paper some weeks ago in reference to building a new court house for Halifax county to cost forty thousand dollars when a much smaller amount will enlarge, repair, clean up and paint the present building so, I believe, it will meet the demands of the people for many years to come. It certainly does seem to me to spend this great amount when absolutely unnecessary and without submitting it to a vote of the people is a stupendous blunder and a waste of the people's money, and I believe the people should enter their protest against any such move as this. Who are the people and where do they live who are so anxious for this forty thousand dollar court house? Don't you believe at least 3-4 of the voters in the county are opposed to any such blunder and extravagance as this when it will put the county in debt again. The The Enfield Progress says we do not need a building for show but a comfortable, clean, sanitary house? And I believe the general appearance of the court house inside is the real trouble. Old rusty stairs and dirty carpets, dirty windows, broken seats, etc. Remove these things, replace them with new ones and use plenty soap and water. Keep things painted up and clean, and keep the county out of debt. I believe these are the things to do.

J. D. RAY.

### Mistakes of the Farmer.

There has been much said and written about diversified farming in the Southern States—certainly none too much. The writer has farmed in the States of Mississippi and Missouri as well as here in our beloved Old North State, and has given this matter much thought. There is no agricultural or financial subject of so much vital importance as that of raising corn sufficient for home consumption.

To be successful no farmer should plant an acre of corn until he has planted corn enough to raise from eighty to one hundred bushels for each horse or mule used in the cultivation of his crops. The greatest of all mistakes in this matter is that the farmer raises cotton to get money to buy feed for his stock, and pays \$1 a bushel for his corn when it is well known that it can be raised here for from twenty to thirty cents per bushel and even less. When the farmer fails to plant sufficient corn for home consumption he certainly does not stop to think that it costs him four times as much to buy the corn as it does to raise it.

The cotton crop is an expensive one. It takes twelve months to properly cultivate and handle a crop of cotton, while it takes but five or six months and less to cultivate and handle a crop of corn, which means fewer supplies to purchase, fewer bills to pay and a larger bank account to the credit to the farmer.—George W. Fisher, in Charlotte Observer.

### Surprise Marriage in Raleigh.

There was a quiet marriage in Raleigh on Saturday afternoon when Mr. F. Young Arrington, of Rocky Mount, received as his bride Miss Martha Shelburn, the marriage taking place at the parsonage of the Central Methodist church and being performed by Rev. L. B. Jones, pastor of the church. Miss Shelburn was in Raleigh on a visit to a friend and Mr. Arrington joined her here.

A special yesterday from Rocky Mount says the wedding was a surprise and was known of only by a few close relatives, and adds:

"The bride has made her home in this city during the past several years, having moved here from Scotland Neck. She at one time held the responsible position of chief operator with the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company in this city.

Mr. Arrington is the eldest son of Mr. E. Frank Arrington, and has lived in this city the greater part of his life. He has been employed for the past several years as shipping clerk with the wholesale firm of Hales & Edwards and is one of the city's promising young business men. The young couple returned to this city Saturday night and are living at the home of the groom on Tarboro street."—News and Observer.

According to a statistical abstract of the United States, to be issued in a few days by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, about one-third of the eighty-eight million population of the United States, including Alaska, live in the thirteen original States; another third live in the States created from the territory ceded to the Union by the original States, and the remaining third on the area added by purchase or annexation.

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## Good Roads and Schools.

Never before has there been so much interest in the state in good roads and good schools as now. The state is making great progress in the matter of schools. Communities all over the state, rural as well as the villages and towns are voting special taxation upon themselves to provide for longer school terms and carry on the work of educating the young. There are now nearly a thousand local special school tax districts in the state and the number is being increased almost every week. This shows how deeply this sentiment for better schools has gotten a hold upon the people and is an earnest of the future. But there is hardly more promise in this great activity in school work for the future of the state than in the good roads movement that is spreading throughout the state. Many new counties are entering the lists, voting bonds, levying taxes and taking a determined stand for progress in this matter. They are all literally going to get out of the rut. We hope the State may be hastened when we are a State of unexcelled schools and roads.

Speaking of schools and roads Charity and Children says:

"They are closely related and usually go together. In fact both are marks of the civilization of a people. The country or the section that takes no interest in them brands itself as wanting in the spirit of progress that has become so general in our good State. The time was when we could better afford to rock along over red gulleys and send our children to log-school-houses than now. We were struggling to get on our feet for a decade or two after the close of the war, and could not do then what we are abundantly able to do now. The fact is the prosecution of our own business and the enhancement of the valuation of our own property demand that we provide better facilities for transportation and that we educate our children that they may meet the new and larger opportunities of this new and brighter day. Besides, the onward movement of those counties that have been wise enough to supply themselves with good roads and good schools is an object lesson before our eyes that we can neither gainsay nor resist. There is nothing for us, who have been backward in these respects, to do, but to join the procession that is marching along. We cannot afford to be mossbacks. It is folly to cry out for economy when it comes to vital questions such as these. Indeed we cannot afford to delay what we should have begun ten years ago."—The Evening Times.

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