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WILLIAMSTON ADVANCES.

The books for the year 1904 have been balanced and beginning with a new year it seems appropriate that we should study the balance sheet and know what it means for our town. Like a successful business firm, a community should keep account of its progress and mark the stages of its growth. There is nothing magical or mysterious in the growth of Williamston. Its growth, by no means similar to an oil town in Texas or a city of gold in California, is sure and substantial.

It is not always the natural resources or possibilities that make a community prosperous but, it is the citizens. Ignorance, indolence, and unfair dealings, the attendant spirits of poverty, will make diamond fields desolate, but, industry, intelligence and honest business methods will make deserts blossom as a rose. We have all the qualities essential to progress, but we need to awaken to our opportunities. We are the people and nature has done her share.

During the last three years the value of real estate in Williamston has increased over three hundred per cent, in other words a building lot will cost over three times as much as it did three years ago. We know no better method of proving our growth than asking a prospector to price lots. Yet the price is small compared with what we may expect in another three years. During the last three years sixty homes for white and twenty-five homes for colored residents have been built in the town and its suburbs. During the same period eight brick business buildings have been completed. Valuing the homes, white and colored, at an average of eight hundred and the business buildings at five thousand dollars including the tobacco houses and the new church, almost one hundred and forty thousand dollars have been invested in buildings alone during the last three years. This does not include the cost of lots nor ground on which the buildings are placed.

So much for the investments. Let us look at one side of business done here last year. The tobacco warehouses have paid their customers up to this time \$102,000, while the crop was less than half of last year the price not being so good, the sales for the year 1902 went beyond \$200,000. The value of the cotton and peanut crops

bought and shipped amount to about \$300,000. The crop of Irish potatoes shipped here last year sold for nearly \$50,000. Veneering plant doing a \$24,000 business last year, is preparing to do three times that amount this year. It is reasonable to say that all other logging and lumber business done here will amount to \$25,000. We find by adding these figures that our town handled the business for over \$500,000 worth of products put on the market during the year 1904. The figures we have given are taken from the books and estimates of business men and are given as near as possible in round numbers.

These figures show we are doing a big business for the capital involved. This is by no means all we shall do. There is already the scent of a \$50,000 cotton mill in the air—not shall we stop there. Transportation either makes or mars the prosperity of a town. We have a competition in freight service that can never combine. The natural water route connecting us with Norfolk, one of the best ports in America, keeps actual and possible competition forever on the alert, affording the lowest of rates. This should certainly give us an advantage in competing with inland towns. We confidently believe that when business men come to study our location and advantages more capital will be invested and our business proportionately increased.

There are other indications of our progress. It is a very small child that does not remember when there was no bank nor a phone in town. What better indications of prosperity than bank deposits? The cashier of the Bank of Martin tells us that the deposits of 1904 were 40 per cent greater than those for the year 1903.

By referring to your subscription card you will find eighty phones in the town of Williamston, and those of every other town in the State and America practically at your command. The system has purchased the material for extending their lines to Windsor the only town in this section with which we have no direct connection. We cannot conceive of any town doing business without these institutions, and yet it has been only four years since we had neither.

We have a graded school under the management of Professors Peel and Cowper that is entirely modern in its management and equipment. We venture the assertion there is not a more beautiful building and school yard in the State. The school has one hundred and seventy pupils and six teachers. There are eight grades taking as many years to complete the course—those graduating are fitted for a business life and almost prepared for any college. This means an immense saving, while children are kept under home influence and the teacher and parent know and help each other. Once establish a system of graded schools in any community its progress is forever secure for it makes men and women.

Our review is brief, and many things have been omitted, but it shall serve our purpose—to convince ourselves of our own progress. We should be encouraged to make a better showing for 1905. Every citizen should make himself a committee of one to push the interests of the town, letting it be a part of his business. When away simply tell what the town is doing. It is the best argument for new business.

BANKERS BUY COTTON

The news comes from New York that leading bankers in that city have been buying much cotton during the past fifteen days. They have no use for cotton because they have no mills. The only thing that could induce them to buy cotton would be a belief that it is too low and will go up in price later on.

This is a straw that should be considered by all who have cotton on hand. If bankers see profit in buying at present prices, why should not farmers hold and get the increase if it comes? The future price of cotton depends upon the size of the next crop. If a large acreage is planted, the price will remain low. If there is a small acreage all who hold their cotton ought to get a better price in the spring. The part of wisdom for farmers would be to refuse to sell their cotton for a price less than the cost of production, reduce the cotton acreage and raise hog and hominy.—News and Observer

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Wednesday Raleigh was the scene of the change of Governors. It is now Governor Glenn and Mr. Aycock. Governor Aycock, for we can't say Mr., has made the greatest of all North Carolina's Governors and retires from that office a greater Statesman and more beloved citizen. It was not the office that dignified the man but the man the office. He was not merely Governor but the leader in every advance. He saw what was to be done and proceeded to do it. He didn't say it should be and leave it to others to plan and perform. He not only saw the defect but prescribed the remedy.

In Governor Glenn we have a strong honest man, a man of the people. The vigor of the man and the power of the leader bespeak for us a great chief magistrate. Eastern North Carolina is more in harmony with his educational ideas than the former Governor. The educational movement will be forward but we hope the new Governor will lay stress on his campaign declaration of industrial education for the negro. He does not believe in dividing school money according to tax paid by each race, nor in a per capita division, but in a conservative distribution, recognizing the greater cost of the white teachers and the greater demand of white races for longer terms and better buildings. The Governor gives great promise of a progressive administration. He knows and loves the people and the people have confidence in his leadership.

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Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At S. R. Biggs, drug store, 25c., guaranteed.

We call the attention of our readers to the letter from the Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. It is a letter directed to the patrons of this great fertilizer company allowing those indebted to the company to hold their cotton six months from first of Jan. Their plan is to store the cotton and insure it. The patrons pay a six per cent interest on the indebtedness and the company pays the insurance, this is a fair offer and makes the prospects of the farmers a good deal more hopeful.

GOLD POINT

Mr. Will Gladstone was here yesterday.

Mr. John L. Weaver made a business trip to Rocky Mount Monday.

Messrs. A. B. Whitfield and J. S. Griffin went to Washington Tuesday.

Messrs. Will and Nun Everett left Monday to attend Buies Creek Academy.

Mr. A. C. Smith has moved to the house previously occupied by Mr. C. L. Bunting.

Miss Vivian Roberson has gone back to Winterville where she will be in attendance at the Winterville High School.

Two of our popular young couples went out driving last Sunday evening for the last time for quite a while.

We learn that the corn whiskey distillery will start up again soon under the management of Mr. B. L. Stephens of Goldsboro.

Mr. John Croom and Mr. Joseph Guilford, have moved to our place and now occupy the house recently occupied by Mr. A. C. Smith.

Mr. C. L. Bunting has moved to his farm near Mr. Weld Bunting and will farm this year. We wish him abundant success in his new occupation.

Mr. James Coffield and Miss Lena Everett were married at the residence of the bride's mother Mrs. W. H. Everett on Wednesday evening January 5th.

Misses Lillian and Leiter Taylor and Messrs. Leumas Hinson, Bunyon Edmondson and Cleve Taylor report quite an enjoyable visit to Mrs. Della Edmondson's Tuesday night.

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Having sold my farm I now wish to sell my personal property consisting of
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 at my home place
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LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of authority of a Deed of Trust executed to me by Henderson Blair on the 11th day of April, 1900, and duly recorded in the Register's office in Martin county, in Book C C C, page 446, to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, I shall expose at public auction, for cash, on
Monday, February 13, 1905
 at the Court House in Williamston, Martin county, the following property: The tract of land conveyed to the said Henderson Blair by deed dated 17th day of April, 1900, by John D. Biggs and Dennis Simmons which is said to contain one hundred and twenty-six acres and adjoins the land of J. L. Ewell, Julia Gurganus, the Conoho creek and others.
 This 13th day of January, 1905.
 DENNIS S. BIGGS,
 Trustee.

Land Sale

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Martin county, in a special proceeding entitled W. R. Whitley vs William Wynn and wife; Thomas S. Gurganus, Rita Gurganus and Ellen Gurganus, John Gurganus and Clyde Gurganus, will sell for cash at the Court House door in Williamston, on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1905
 the following land to wit: A tract of land lying and being in the county of Martin, adjoining the lands of W. J. Whitaker and others, and more fully described as follows, to wit: Adjoining the Pasture Neck land on the North; W. J. Whitaker on the East and South, and Conoho creek on the West; and containing (375) three hundred and seventy-five acres more or less, and being the land that the late Susan A. Whitley, died seized and possessed of.
 This 5th day of January, 1905.
 WHEELER MARTIN,
 Commissioner.

Executor's Notice

Having qualified as executor upon the estate of Mania Johnson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 10th day of November, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.
 This 10th day of November, 1904.
 10-64 pd F. S. JOHNSON, Executor

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Land Sale

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Martin county in a special proceeding entitled T. F. Hardy and wife, Mary E. Hardy, J. A. Bowen and wife, M. J. Bowen, vs. B. B. Griffin, Arch Griffin, J. L. Knox and wife, Sarah Knox; Nathan Edmondson and wife, Louisa Edmondson, I will sell for cash at public auction at the Court House door in Williamston on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 1905
 the following land to wit: First—A tract of land adjoining J. C. Stephens on the North and East; Jim Meeks and the Ed. Griffin land on the South; and the Hoskanaw Swamp on the West; containing 24 acres more or less, and being the land inherited by Sallie Griffin from her father, Samuel Moore. Second—A tract, supposed to be 5-14 in a tract of land adjoining the first mentioned tract on the North; the county road on the East; Jim Meeks on the South and West, and containing fourteen acres more or less, and being the same land which Sallie Griffin inherited from her brothers and sisters, deceased.
 This 5th day of January, 1905.
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NOTICE OF SALE Under Mortgage

By virtue of the power and authority given by a certain mortgage, executed by H. I. Clark and wife, A. B. Clark, to Mary E. Daughtry which is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of the County of Martin, in Book E E E, page 269, the following property will be sold at auction, viz: One tract of land situated on Front street, in the town of Hamilton, and known as the "Clark residence" and lot, same as conveyed by Elizabeth and Jean Gardner, running through from Front to South street.

Also one other tract of land lying on South street, and known as the Jersey Wood lot. The two lots forming one and containing 1 1/2 acres land, more or less, as more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust.

Place of sale, On the premises, Hamilton, N. C.
 Time of Sale, Monday, January 2nd, 1905, at 12 o'clock, m.
 Terms of sale, Cash.
 December 1st, 1904.
 10-41 T. B. SLADE, Trustee

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of Henderson Blair, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said Henderson Blair, deceased—estate—to present them to the undersigned administrator on or before the first day of January, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons that are indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement.

N. S. PEEL,
 Administrator.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Mc. D. Lilley, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 13th day of December, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.
 This 13th day of December, 1904
 11-61-pd KADER LILLEY, Adm'r.

Notice of Administrator

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of J. C. Purvis, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 21st day of December, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.
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 J. F. PURVIS,
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