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SOUTHERN TO OPEN NEW AGENCY

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 10th.—An Argentine agency with headquarters at Buenos Aires will be opened on May 15th by the Southern Railway System and the Mobile & Ohio Railroad in order to extend their trade in foreign markets, particularly those of South America.

R. H. Ackerman, formerly chief clerk in the South American Agency at Chattanooga, has been named as Argentine Agent. He has been connected with the South American Agency since its establishment in April, 1914, and is well qualified to aid Southern manufacturers, contemplating representation in Argentina. The South American Agency will be glad to forward to Mr. Ackerman any requests for information in regard to Argentine markets, such service to be rendered without charge.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CITIZENS MEETING OF THE TOWN OF DUNN, APRIL 2, 1917.

Realizing that nations, towns and communities must either stand or fall upon their attitude toward the keeping of the Law, both civil and moral, and that no community is higher than its ideas of Law enforcement, your committee begs to submit some suggestions along the line of Law enforcement in the Town of Dunn.

Every citizen in this town who is not blinded by prejudice to the higher and better things for mankind; whose vision has not been warped by his own selfish desires; can see daily, our Law broken and trampled under foot. The total nonobservance of Law seems to be gaining ground with each passing day, and it is time for the citizenship to rise up in its manhood and demand of its authority that the Law be enforced. If officers will not enforce the Law, public sentiment should be so great that they will be compelled to retire from places of trust that they now fill. No community should have its hands tied by officers who wink at crime

hidden under their feet. Public officers are public servants, answerable to the citizens, those who pay the taxes. Any community is largely what its officers make it, along the lines which we are discussing. The citizens elect the officers, therefore the citizens are responsible for conditions. This being true it behooves us as citizens, to exert our rights and demand of our officers the betterment of conditions.

Viewing the non-enforcement of Law in Dunn, your committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions, for the consideration of a mass meeting of the citizenship of the town, said mass meeting to be held at the Opera House at such a date and time as may be deemed proper by this Citizens Meeting:

That whereas, the officers of the Town of Dunn are negligent in the discharge of their duties and do not enforce the Law, we the citizens of the Town of Dunn, demand of the Board of Commissioners the following:

1. That the Search and Seizure Act be enforced on all premises where there is reason to believe that the occupants of said premises are selling or manufacturing intoxicating liquors.

2. That the use of vulgar, profane and obscene language on the streets and in public places be stopped and that those guilty of such be punished to the extent of the Law.

3. That the Law against cruelty to animals be strictly enforced and that violators of said Law be punished to the extent of the Law.

4. That all drug stores be closed on the Sabbath and allowed to sell medicine only.

5. That all cafes and restaurants be closed on the Sabbath except at meal hours as prescribed by Law.

6. That all garages be closed on the Sabbath, the sale of gasoline and automobile parts and the repairing of automobiles be prohibited and a penalty provided for those committing these acts.

7. That the Law governing the speed of automobiles be rigidly enforced and that all unnecessary noises, such as automobile horns and whistles, calculated to scare, annoy and worry the sick, be absolutely forbidden, and that a penalty be provided for violators of this Law.

8. That, for the safety of pedestrians, automobile and persons driving teams, drivers of all classes of vehicles be forced to keep to the right, that they turn corners on the square and at a speed not exceeding five miles per hour.

9. That the practice of card playing and whiskey drinking in the Municipal Building be abolished.

10. That the State Vagrancy Law be enforced.

11. That the officers be required

to use every means possible to keep low and immoral women, both white and colored, out of our town.

12. That, for sanitary reasons, the merchants be required to clean up in front of their places of business every night or as often as necessary to keep the sidewalks and gutters free of paper, poelings and trash. That they also keep the back lots clean.

13. That Bill Posters be not allowed to tear old paper off bill boards and scatter same on the streets.

14. That skating on streets and sidewalks be forbidden, and the law against riding of bicycles on sidewalks be enforced.

15. That we, the citizens of Dunn, interested in the moral, spiritual and physical welfare of the people of Dunn and the surrounding community, and making our town a clean and wholesome place to live in, stand firmly and squarely behind these resolutions until something is done to correct the evils that exist at present.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. FREEMAN, Chairman
J. P. PITTMAN
J. W. PURDIE

April 5, 1917.

After the resolutions had been adopted the following paper was read by Mr. T. V. Smith.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On account of the fact that I will be out of town at the time of the Mass Meeting called for Monday evening April 9th, I take this method of bringing to your attention a matter, that to my mind, is of as much importance to the rising generation as any subject that will be discussed in this meeting.

As a member of the resolutions committee appointed to draw up the resolutions that have been presented for your approval this evening, it was in my mind to incorporate in those resolutions a recommendation for a Curfew Law. Owing to the fact that this is a subject that would be exceedingly difficult to legislate upon, and the fact that it really is a matter that concerns the individual parent most, I feel that the proper way to handle the subject would be to try to awaken the parents of the children of Dunn to the dangers that lie in wait for them as they roam the

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LOWEST CONDITION FOR WHEAT EVER RECORDED

Efforts of American Farmers to Bring Crop to War Time Need Defeated by the Weather.

Washington, April 7.—Efforts of American farmers to bring this year's winter wheat crop to record production for war time needs apparently have been defeated by severe weather conditions, and a crop of only 430,000,000 bushels is expected. In forecasting that total today the department of agriculture announced that the average condition of the crop April 1 was the lowest ever recorded on that date.

The production estimate was based on the assumption of average abandonment of acreage and average influences on the crop between now and harvest time.

Production of rye this year promises to establish a record with 60,000,000 bushels as forecast from April 1 conditions. Farmers in the rye-growing states increased their acreage by 740,000 acres last autumn forecasting a demand for that cereal and higher prices because of the war.

From present indications the combined winter wheat and rye harvest will be 490,000,000 bushels, compared with 529,127,000 bushels for those two crops last year.

Winter wheat was sown last autumn on 40,990,000 acres, close to the largest acreage on record. Insufficient snow covering during the winter and dry and windy weather killed much of the crop.

Much of the abandoned acreage will be planted to corn in the southern part of the belt and to spring wheat in the northern portions. Prevailing high prices for wheat are expected to spur farmers to place a larger acreage under spring wheat, and officials look for a record crop of that cereal.

Last year 481,744,000 bushels of wheat were harvested and 678,947,000 bushels were produced in 1915.

Condition on April 1, was 63.4 per cent of a normal, compared with 78.3 last year, 88.8 in 1915 and 86.2 the 10-year average. The condition decreased 22.3 points from December 1 to April 1, compared with an average decline of four points in that period.

Important growing states on April 1 was: Ohio, 80; Indiana, 65; Illinois, 60; Missouri, 62; Nebraska, 25; Kansas, 45; Oklahoma, 74.

AS CHAMPION OF HUMANITY

In That Role This Republic Enters This War of Civilization, Declares Dr. Alderman.

Wilmington Star, April 6. Standing in the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church last night, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the university of Virginia, at the conclusion of a brilliant address on "Democracy and Patriotism," at the centennial anniversary celebration, struck the keynote of America's feelings in this hour of solemn crisis when he declared:

"And I believe that I can declare

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
My heart with rapture thrills
Thy woods and templed hills
Like thee I love.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks and temples break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God! to Thee,
Author of Liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

OAK GROVE ITEMS

The farmers around Oak Grove are making great progress with their 1917 crops.

We are glad to note that Mr. J. A. Moore is improving from a serious spell of sickness.

A Sunday School was organized at Hodges Chapel Sunday, April 1, for the convenience and benefit of the people in the community.

The boys of Oak Grove are sorry to say that they have got to help whip poor old Germany. But we feel like we can do our part towards it as we are the champions of the world.

Oak Grove school closed Friday night March 30th. The closing exercises were interesting. The winners in the speakers contest were Luther Barefoot and Pauline Miller. Miss Lola Moore won the prize for being the best reader in the sixth grade. Miss Sarah Pleasant won the prize offered for the best housekeeper. Mr. Lem Pleasant won the scholarship medal. Winner in the speaker's contest in the primary room was Miss Edna Altman. Miss Edna Miller won the scholarship medal. All the people seemed to enjoy the exercises except a few of the neighboring boys who had been drinking too much booze. Their conduct was very unbecoming gentlemen. The laws of Harnett county along this line should be better enforced.

Messrs. Samuel Pleasant, Lonnie Barefoot and Herman Smith were in Newton Grove Sunday.

For partial immediate relief, every individual and community should consider earnestly the matter of food conservation and the limitation of waste. As a nation we seem to have a disdain of economicism. In many homes there is a strong feeling that it is 'only decent' to provide more food than will be eaten and that it is demeaning to restrict closely. The experts of the Department of Agriculture report to me that the dietary studies made by them point

WESLEY CLASSES DOING GREAT WORK

Methodist Bible Federation Conference Filled With Spirituality and Enthusiasm.

The Methodists of this city who attended the Wesley Bible Class Federation at Rocky Mount which continued from Tuesday until Thursday of last week, returned filled with renewed enthusiasm and conscious of the great work that the Federation is doing, fulfilling to a far greater degree the most sanguine expectations of those who conceived and promoted the organization a little more than a year ago at Fayetteville.

The conference was largely attended and attracted prominent Methodists from out of the State. There was great spirituality and enthusiasm in the meeting.

Mr. J. M. Way, Divisional Field Secretary for the Atlantic Division, Dr. C. D. Bulla, of Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of the Wesley Bible Class department, and Rev. W. R. Shelton, Field Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, took part in the program. Other prominent speakers were Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College; Col. John F. Burton, Rev. F. S. Love, Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College; Mrs. R. E. John, Rev. Bradshaw, and Rev. H. E. Spence, field secretary.

In Capt. W. H. Newell, of Rocky Mount, as president, and Mr. E. E. Prince, of Raleigh, as secretary, for the past year, the organization had two most zealous and efficient officers but both declined re-election on the grounds that the honors should be passed along to others. The new officers elected are as follows:

Dr. W. P. Few, president.

B. E. Adams and Rev. J. M. Orman, vice-presidents.

D. H. Dixon, secretary.

Miss Myrtle Muse, treasurer.

Executive Committee, J. A. Long, C. R. Pugh, D. H. Hood, C. E. Weatherly, R. E. Prince, Rev. A. L. Ormand, Dr. M. Bolton, Rev. M. T. Plyer and Capt. W. H. Newell.

The place and time of next meeting is left with the executive committee.—Sunday's News and Observer.

FOOD WASTE OF ABOUT 700 MILLION DOLLARS.

"For partial immediate relief, every individual and community should consider earnestly the matter of food conservation and the limitation of waste. As a nation we seem to have a disdain of economicism. In many homes there is a strong feeling that it is 'only decent' to provide more food than will be eaten and that it is demeaning to restrict closely. The experts of the Department of Agriculture report to me that the dietary studies made by them point

to an annual food waste of about \$700,000,000. Of course, the waste in families of very limited means is slight, but in the families of moderate and ample means the waste is considerable. Even if the estimate were reduced by half, the waste would still be enormous.

"The food waste in the household, the expert asserts, results in large measure from bad preparation and had cooking, from improper care and handling, and, in well-to-do families, from serving an undue number of courses and an over-abundant supply and failing to save and utilize the food not consumed. As an instance of improper handling, it is discovered that in the preparation of potatoes 20 per cent of the edible portion in many cases is discarded."—Secretary of Agriculture, March 2, 1917.

FLY TIME HERE. SWATTING IN ORDER

Cleanliness That Starves Best Preventive for Early Flies.

"Not only fly time is here, but the flies themselves," says the State Board of Health, "and unless these first arrivals are met with swatters, traps and other means of extinction, there will be millions to swat next week or in a few more warm days. Now is decidedly the right time to swat flies," says the Board, "when they can be counted on the fingers and not when they become countless hordes. Swatters get individual flies, those that come early and stay late, and those that slip in at the screened doors, but swatters are useless where there are no screens and where there are no efforts made to fight flies."

"By far the best means of fighting early flies and preventing them from coming and staying," emphasizes the Board is cleanliness, that absolute cleanliness that is starvation to the fly. What is sometimes passable and harmless in the way of filth or lack of cleanliness in cold weather becomes dangerous and intolerable in hot weather. In other words, filth of any kind is decidedly more filthy and dangerous in summer than in winter. One of the first thoughts of the careful housewife on the first warm day is, what is there about the house that may be food for flies.

She knows that whatever becomes a feeding place for flies becomes also a breeding place, and that flies are attracted only where there is something to eat.

"Get out your fly swatters and use them now," is the advice of the Board. "If you haven't good ones left over from last year, buy now ones now and don't wait till your house is full of flies to be reminded that you haven't any. The next step is to clean up and keep so perfectly clean that when flies come they will either starve or refuse to tarry."

COATS SCHOOL BONDS ELECTION IN COURT

Litigation Between Mrs. K. E. Edwards and Bank Over Insurance Policy.

In chambers yesterday Judge Albert L. Cox heard two cases involving two exceedingly pretty points in law. The first case that engaged his attention was the Coats graded school election on the question of issuing \$15,000 in bonds. There were 132 registered. The vote for bonds was 65 and against bonds 59. Eight who had not paid their poll tax were stricken from the registration books. With these exclusions there was a majority for the bonds, without this course the bonds would have been defeated. After the eight had been challenged for not having paid their poll tax these men went and paid their poll tax and came back to vote. It is claimed by the representatives of the Coats school district that after their names were erased from the books they could not legally get their names back on the books and vote. The opposition, however, claims that they had a right to vote and the exclusions should not have stood. Messrs. J. C. Clifford, J. E. Baggett and L. L. Levinson represented the Coats graded school district, and Messrs. Charles Ross and H. E. Norris, represented the opponents at the hearing before Judge Cox. There was quite a delegation here from the school district.

The other case was K. E. Edwards against the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company and The Farmers Commercial Bank of Benson. A \$5,000 annuity policy is involved. The bank claims a lien on the policy for an alleged indebtedness of \$1,000 of the late W. J. Edwards. The bank holds an assignment of the policy, signed by Mr. Edwards and the widow. Owing to the wording of the assignment of the policy the widow claims she is not responsible nor liable for the indebtedness. The insurance company admits its liability and is simply holding up payment pending the dispute and litigation between the bank and Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. J. C. Clifford represented the bank and Mr. K. B. Hoyle, the widow.—Sunday's News and Observer.

MAYOR TURNAGE'S PROCLAMATION

It has become a custom in these latter years to set apart certain days and weeks in the cities and towns of our State to be known as "Clean-up Weeks." The custom is a good one and should appeal to every citizen. These Clean-up days and weeks go far toward making for the community better health by removing the cause rather than battling with the disease. Therefore I issue this proclamation, calling upon every citizen in Dunn to join in an effort to clean up Dunn during the week beginning April 15th.

I do hereby set apart this week as "Clean-Up Week for the town of Dunn and call upon every Man, Woman and Child to give aid in whatever way they can to make it a success.

J. W. TURNAGE, Mayor.

Now that the Mayor has set aside the week beginning April 15 as "Clean-Up" week, we feel sure that every citizen wants to make Dunn a cleaner and more beautiful town, so lets every one do better than their best work along such lines. We may systematize our work.

SUNDAY.—We trust our proclama-tion will give sound advice as to how to keep physically and morally clean.

MONDAY.—FIRE PREVENTIVE DAY. Let merchants remove all rubbish of paper, ashes, etc. from upper hallways and plunder rooms. If you have a vacant lot on which you have some fire trap, tear it down and move to a place of security.

Let the house-keeper clean basements and attics of any rubbish, greasy rags or waste paper. 50 per cent of fires start in rubbish piles.

TUESDAY.—CLEAN HOUSE DAY. In general house cleaning—stores as well as residences. The merchants may have windows and shelves washed, even the streets in front of your business where people do not hesitate to spit might need a good cleaning.

And now that cold winter has melted into balmy spring, let the housewives air and sun the homes, clean carpets and scrub everything. The health of your family will be bettered.

WEDNESDAY.—YARD DAY. The merchants may remove old rags and sweepings, wash windows and remove all rubbish from back yards. Put everything in order in back yard, and you will think better of yourself and more of your business.

In the home yard, all rubbish may be moved, lawn cut, flowers planted, fences, gates and sidewalks repaired. Be sure to move any old useless and unightly building. Open spaces and fresh air are better.

THURSDAY.—PAINT UP DAY. Paint up inside and outside. White wash blind fences and out-houses.—You have no idea how much a little white-wash helps.

FRIDAY.—FLY, MOSQUITO AND RAT DAY. Lets get ahead of the fly this year and screen everywhere against him. See that there are no places where water will stand and breed flies and mosquitoes—got rid of rats, they are not large but they may cost you your home or place of business some day.

SATURDAY.—VACANT LOT DAY.—Now, here's where the children can do good work. Get you a burlap or large bag and a sharp stick and pick up all paper from streets, vacant lots, etc. See if you can't make your ward the cleanest in town.

The Woman's Club Committee Committee of inspection. Mayor—Mr. J. W. Turnage. Chief of Police—Mr. N. B. Bus. Chief of Firemen—Mr. H. C. McNeill.

Health Officer—Dr. Warren. Boy Scouts Leader—Mr. H. B. Freeman.

Publicity Committee Messdames T. V. Smith, Lynch, W. H. Newberry, Reams.

Finance Committee. Messdames Stephens, A. L. Newberry, J. E. Crockett, M. A. Lee.

Committee Beautifying Public Places. Messdames Coltrane, Butler and Ship-casts.

Committee Cooperation of Merchants. Messdames E. P. Young, Ed Smith, Holliday.

Committee—Removal of Waste and Rubbish. Messdames Primrose, Hodges, R. M. Fearral and Thornton.

Committee—To Interest School Children. Prof. Lockhart and his co-workers.

Notice Concerning Waste and Rub-bish. Dunn, what you can yourself and then put all other waste in box or barrel or rake it in a pile so that the carts may make better time in removing it. Don't complain if the cart fails to haul away your trash when you have failed to do your part.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor to succeed myself, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. W. TURNAGE.

The Film of the Hour

THOMAS DIXON'S MIGHTY MESSAGE OF WARNING

THE FALL OF A NATION

Sequel to THE BIRTH OF A NATION IN SEVEN TREMENDOUS PARTS

An Awe Inspiring Vision of the Terrific Powers of Annihilation, which America may be forced to meet in the Struggle for a place in the Sun.

WHITE WAY THEATRE, Dunn, N. C.

Thursday, April 19, Matinee and Night

Matinee: 3:00 o'clock. At night, 1st show 7:00; 2nd show 8:40; 3rd show 10:25.

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