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BUILD NOW

Guilford County has just carried an election through which it is to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds for the construction of good roads.

This is rather a large sum—too big for Harnett to undertake. But it occurs to us that we might be able to put over a bond issue of at least half a million for the same purpose, since Harnett is at least one-fourth as wealthy as is Guilford.

There are, of course, a lot of folk who will say we are foolish; that Harnett cannot think of such a thing. But it can be done, and now is the time. First, however, we must undertake a little missionary campaign through which the sovereign voter will be taught the necessity for such a thing and schooled out of the idea—born in the brain of political mugs—that he is "mortgaging his future" when he votes for bonds.

Harnett certainly needs roads. But over and above that it needs something that will give employment to the thousands that will be thrown out of work with the continuance of present conditions. Individually we are able to borrow practically nothing and we have little of value to sell. During the next eight months we are going to find sledging mighty hard unless we do something to bring money to the county. Collectively—as a community—we can borrow all the money we want. County and municipal bonds are at a premium now.

A half-million for roads, fifty thousand for a new school building, another fifty thousand for more paving, some more for power plant improvements, coupled with whatever private building that will follow the lowering of costs in building operations, will do wonders toward reviving the community. This is a good time to start.

WHY?

Sampson county has made its bread and meat, has furnished this year, timber for thousands of houses, and has made cotton enough to clothe a million people and tobacco enough to give every user in the state smoking tobacco for a year; it has its own wood in abundance and the best power of the people in the south. What, then, is the matter? What is wrong? Why cannot Sampsonians get the needed goods of goods produced by other folk. And why are other workers being forced to quit their tasks when their products are needed, not only by impoverished Europe but also by Americans? Truly, it is a strange spectacle when production ceases while people need the goods. The truth, long apparent, is that the world has not yet discovered, or put into practice, the correct principles of exchange.—Sampson Democrat.

Cumberland Power-Loss

After President Jones had enumerated the Cumberland to the point where the power company was powerless to keep the well away from the door, friends and well-wishers as well as interested interest collectors, offered protection of a receiver. J. E. Baggett was appointed guardian of the high-tension outfit, and under his title of receiver, he called around to the various offices, picket posts and dugouts to learn what he was to receive.

Upon close investigation at the main sanctum in Northfork, Mr. Baggett says the concern can yet be made to function. By keeping cool and collected—that's what the Cumberland did, collected—all can be made to bring forth juice on a paying basis.

This is indeed good news to people hereabouts. Our people have longed for electricity. They have wanted light and power, and the Cumberland has been a disappointment so far. Kerosene lamps are all right, but the oil is very expensive; and candles are so smoky. A few get lit by moonshine, but that, too, is "dolt" out at exorbitant figures.

"HOLD ON LIKE GRIM DEATH"

(Manufacturer's Record.)

"Hold on to your cotton like grim death" is the advice to the South from a leading English cotton manufacturer in a letter to the Manufacturer's Record published in this issue. His advice is good. It is based on the fact that the world actually needs all the cotton goods that can be manufactured out of the existing supply of raw material, but that the world will not buy on a falling market, but will purchase whenever the market begins to rise. This is true of everything as well as of cotton. Speculation and poverty always exist on a falling market. Prosperity always comes with a rising market.

The bankers of South Carolina are unitedly insisting that the cotton acreage must be decreased 50 per cent for the coming year. They are urging banks throughout the South to refuse credit to every man who will not agree to cut his cotton acreage in half.

If cotton growers will hold on to their present crop, as our English friend advised, "like grim death,"

IN AND ABOUT

Revival of an age old skin game was brought to light last week when several negro citizens complained to the police department that they had been taken in by a body of negro operators whose home is in Kinston. It is said that several colored men who live in or near Dunn have been robbed of substantial sums through the instrumentality of the old "last-purse" scheme. The method is: First get your sucker, become friendly, and the purse containing bills of large denomination, offer to split the contents. Of course the sucker has to furnish some change—usually about all he has on his person. Then he finds himself trimmed good and plentifully.

The smooth negroes have been working in this neighborhood for several weeks, it is believed. About half a dozen victims have complained to the police department. Their total losses are said to have been about \$500. One of the alleged swindlers is in the crib here. Two others are believed to be locked up in Kinston. Chief Page will go to Kinston, tomorrow to bring them to Dunn.

Three young men of Benson invaded Dunn Saturday night to "make a race horse out of Chief Page"—to use the exact language. They, however, made the mistake of boasting of their intention before attempting to put into effect. The boat was made in the cafe. The chief happened to be sitting next to the youngest who voiced the intention. The whole bunch was slightly inebriated. There were three additional lodgers in the city jail Saturday night. It cost them about twenty bones each to get out Sunday.

Page and his gang have again started on the war path against monkey rum and gambling. For a time there was an apparent cessation of their activities along this line. The result was that some of the fellows overdid the thing. In consequence the police blotter is again assuming the proportions it did in the more prosperous times of earlier in the year.

and the banks will force a reduction of acreage by one-half, prices will rapidly be adjusted to a higher level and the surplus stock of cotton will be cleaned up, to the great advantage of the South, assuring profitable prices for years to come.

Let the South hold its cotton, reduce its acreage, raise all its own food-stuffs, put all surplus labor to building highways and making municipal improvements, to the cleaning up of farms and putting them in better shape, and then out of this depression in cotton it will win a victory of permanent independence and prosperity.

Dun's Review

New York, Dec. 19.—Dun's Saturday said:

The signs of betterment in business if outnumbered by the unsatisfactory features, are becoming more distinct. A change is seen in certain primary textile branches, where the movement is freer, and some buyers in the leather trade are showing renewed interest. Whether the indications of improvement mark a definite turning

encouraging. It is not to be expected that revival will come suddenly or in all quarters simultaneously. The economic readjustment has been irregular, having gone farther in some directions than in others, and the process of recuperation will probably be gradual and checked. That a solid basis for recovery exists is a conviction strengthened by the week's crop estimates, disclosing unusually abundant harvest, and the powerful handling resources and better transportation facilities are important constructive factors. Weekly bank clearings, \$7,896,158,431.

REALTY TRANSFERS

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of Register of Deeds Faucette during the past week: Mary Jane Fuquay to Leon McLeod Fuquay, one lot in Coats, for \$100. M. S. Holder to Flora A. Holder, 3 1-2 acres in Uppry Little River township, \$10. Isabella McAuley to John McLean, and others, 140 acres in Barbecue township, consideration of love and affection. Chas. Ross and wife to A. F. Kennedy, 50 acres in Lillington township, \$100 and other consideration. B. F. Parrish to J. H. Parrish, 29 acres in Grove township, for love and affection. B. F. Parrish to J. F. Parrish, 55 acres in Grove township, for love and affection. B. F. Parrish to Minnie M. Grimes, 52 1-2 acres in Grove township, for love and affection. B. F. Parrish to Ave F. Stewart, 22 acres in Grove township, for love and affection. Lemuel Holland to A. L. Overby, 80 acres in Black River township, \$2,500. B. F. Parrish to W. H. Parrish, 51 acres in Grove township, for love and affection. Dunham Stewart to the Board of Education, one acre in Black River township, \$200. Thaddeus Lee to Katie Lee, lot in Dunn, \$5,000. J. G. Johnson and others to Alice Matthews, 23 acres in Neils Creek township, \$10. The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of Register of Deeds Faucette during the past week: Geo. L. Connady and others to N. A. Butler and others, 8 lots in Dunn, \$1,500. N. A. Butler and others to Serretta E. Butler, 8 lots in Dunn, for \$1,500. W. A. McLamb to Farmers' Commercial Bank of Benson, 29.50 acres in Averashore township, \$17,982. Lynn Adams to M. G. Lee and Goldstein, 2 lots in Averashore township, \$100 and other consideration. Ramus Nelson to G. C. Childress, 2 tracts of about 85 acres in Johnsonville township, \$10 and other consideration. Jasper M. Gregory to Lella Gregory, 115 acres in Grove township, for \$1,000. Minnie Faucette to Chas. Rich, 1 acre in Lillington, \$1,000 and other consideration.

REASON ENOUGH FOR OPTIMISM

Whether or not it begins immediately after the first of January, there is every reason to believe that this country is due to have a long series—of from five to 10 years, at least—of seasons of prosperity as steady and sound as we have ever known. It cannot begin, it is true, until we are back on a stable basis; but once that is reached, nothing can prevent it.

It would be foolish to look for a recurrence of the feverish conditions of war time. In fact, such conditions would be highly undesirable, for they are invariably followed by a reaction. We are going through such a period of reaction right now, and the only wonder is that it is so mild. Several conditions are at present, there have been few bankruptcies—abundant evidence that the United States has adopted and followed a fiscal policy that, whatever its minor defects, is sound at the core. We have come down a great part of the way from the peak of war prices to a minimum of calamities. It is an achievement upon which we shall look back with pride and amazement a few years hence.

But the comforting element in the situation is the fact that there is a moral certainty that such business concerns as can weather the present comparatively mild blow will soon have plain sailing before them. We shall have a repetition on a greater scale of the "era of good feeling" that followed 1819, and for exactly the same reason—Europe is again stripped bare of the necessities of civilized life, and America is the greatest available source of supply. We have not quite a monopoly, not even as much money as we had of the munitions business, and therefore we shall not be able to set quite our own prices. But we shall find a ready market for anything we have

to sell at a reasonable price for a good many years to come. Once we get things readjusted, there will be all probability, no great change in prices, either up or down for a considerable time. It is true that some, and strikes will become a bankruptcy.

The situation, therefore, furnishes reason for optimism. It is the worst possible time for wild speculation, to be sure. It is a prospect that affords no great comfort for the man whose ambition is to get rich in 10 minutes; but such spirits have ever been the curse of the commercial world. But the man who expects to be in business not only next week but next year and the year after that, the man who is looking for no more than a reasonable profit, and who much prefers assurance of reasonable safety to 90 per cent dividends, the man, in short, who is doing business, not gambling, finds the outlook more promising than it has been for a long while. To paraphrase Mr. Wilson's sentiment, the conservative man finds it better to suffer temporary embarrassment in a business that sooner or later is bound to succeed, than to run up huge profits in an enterprise that sooner or later is bound to crash.

Sharply as American business is pinched at present, it is as certain as anything human ever is that good times are just ahead, and every day is bringing them closer. The tendency is steadily in the direction of a long conditions and lasting prosperity; and that, we submit, is reason enough for optimism.—Greensboro News.

D. Y. Cooper, Sr., prominent banker, textile manufacturer and business man, died suddenly at his home in Henderson Monday. He was 73 years old, having been born April 21, 1847, in Granville county.

This year, for the first time in the history of the sessions of the Hawaiian territorial legislature, every member was able to understand English, adding them to dispense with the thousands of birds, luxuriant vegetation and a cool climate. A plant growing in the State of Michoacan, Mexico, affects the human organism in such a manner that the subject is made temporarily insane from breathing the perfume.

Candies and Fruits FOR Christmas See our pretty baskets of assorted Fruits and boxes of Fine Candies, prepared for the Christmas Trade. FINE BON BONS ASSORTED CANDY CHOCOLATES CIGARS CIGARETTES ALL KINDS OF NUTS MALAGA GRAPES ORANGES TANGERINES GRAPE FRUIT LEMONS APPLES PEARS Let Us Prepare A Special Box Or Basket for You—We Will Deliver It. Phone 268—F. G. SHKAN—Dunn, N. C. —Railroad Avenue—

IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING? Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry. Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Paden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health: "Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so listless I could hardly go at all. "I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish. "I was . . . nervous and easily upset. I couldn't rest well at night and was just listless. "I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was pulling me down. I sent for Cardui and began it. "In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work. "Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness." The enthusiastic praise of thousands of other women who have found Cardui helpful should convince you that it is worth trying. All druggists sell it.

WATCH and CLOCK REPAIRING We have just instituted a repair department for watches and clocks and have employed an expert to direct the work. The Department is equipped with the best and latest machinery, and we will appreciate your patronage. We will carry a first class stock of jewelry, clocks and cut glass in this department. BUTLER BROS. Dunn, N. C.

PRESENTS For Everybody With the coming of Christmas your thoughts are turning to presents for your relatives and friends; but you are also remembering that this is a season for economy. That is where we come in and we have the things most suitable for this year's Christmas presents, marked down to figures that make it economy to buy. You Must Give A Useful Present This Year Here Are Some Suggestions FOR HIM Neck Ties Shirts Shoes Gloves Hose Hats Suits Over Coats FOR HER Gloves Dresses Shoes Handkerchiefs Coats Suits Furnishings Hose and hundreds of other things that will be appropriate and acceptable. Come in and look them over. J. W. Draughton Dunn, N. C.

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