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We wish to call your attention to the
fact that it is, and has been our
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JUST ELEVEN WORDS.

Of course, by now almost everybody
knows that North Carolina is one of
the most progressive states in the union.
It is, and notwithstanding the
comment of Irvin Cobb it has been
well "press-agented." Progressive,
inviting—almost a wonder state—outsiders
were at first inclined to sneer
at the apparent boasts emitting from
the confines of Carolina. But now-a-days
they are taking up the gauntlet and
lilt of the tune—North Carolina is being
watched, talked, written and read
about. Advancement and progress of
all kinds center about some one thing,
be it a visible organization, or invisible
in a manner, say a spirit lent to
the cause. Many writers write of the
transformation in the old North State,
but few writers attempt to tell why.

The November issue of The World's
Work carries an article—"North Carolina's
Dreams Come True"—by
French Strother, and to Strother
must go the praise of North Carolina
appreciation for the most comprehensive
yet entertainingly readable brief
of our advancing achievement as well
as our open opportunities. The story
is told artistically, yet in terms sound
enough to interest the hard-headed
business man. Mingled but connected
without a break are descriptions of
the beautiful state itself from border
to border—the majestic Blue Ridge
to the moss-festooned trees on the Atlantic
coast—and detailed mention of
the many lines of progress that
brought nation-wide recognition in the
commercial world, as well as the lure
to the flood of pleasure-seekers. And
Strother told why. In fact, told in 11
words more than numerous writers
have told in volumes.

To the immortal Aycock many tributes
have been paid. Advancing
North Carolina spirals back to a peak
on his record. Across anything that
tells or shows North Carolina achievement
and progress Strother's tribute
might well be written. It is the answer.
It was only eleven words, the
concluding paragraph—but, read it
yourself:

"About twenty-five years ago there
was a man named Aycock—"

SOME CAMPAIGN.

A flivver rattled around Shelby's
court square one day this week. Yes,
a flivver, and flivvers around Shelby's
court square are almost as numerous
as the leaves that are now sprinkling
that self-same court square, but this
wasn't just an ordinary Detroit cast-off.
Sure it had a bent fender and one
light and sounded like a canary
brooder, but it also had on the windshield
a "sticker" bearing the words
"Cooldige and Dawes." Imagine a
flivver labelled in such a manner
parading Shelby streets and it a
Cleveland county car at that. Perhaps it
is not worth while to test your imagination
on such a frivolity but it tells in
a way the extent and manner of the
Republican campaign.

From east to west and north to
south these posters and buttons go. A
publicity intoned with "one hundred
per cent Americanism" it would be
made to appear. Everywhere in every
conceivable manner the G. O. P.
psychological publicity is being broadcasted.
And in it all no record, or no
defense is given, just the psychological
effect. It is apparent, easily so, that
it is a skillfully thought out plan of
blotting out the oil scandal and
numerous other splashes on the present
administration that would mean defeat
if a defense or apology was made.
It is like a fake play in a gridiron
contest and it is not so likely to make
first own. Says the News and Observer
in regards to a "Campaign of
bunk."

"This campaign of 'publicity,' as it
is conducted by the Republican party
this year, goes much further than the
newspapers. For instance, it is hardly
possible to go into a hotel in the west
or middle west without having some
well-dressed man approach you with
a "Cooldige and Dawes" button and
the statement: 'I am one hundred per
cent American.'

"It is the same way on the passenger
trains. Somebody will incidentally
put in a word for Cooldige and
Dawes, remarking, 'I am one hundred
per cent American.' And so it
goes. In town and country there are
a multitude of agencies, skillfully directed,
each and all repeating the slogan,
'I am one hundred per cent American,'
which the Republican party relies
on to get away from the scandals
that have marked its return to power
and to which it looks as its only hope
for success at the polls in November."

THAT PARADE AGAIN.

Upon a more thorough investigation
as to the failure of the parade which

opened the big county fair last week
in Shelby. The Star finds that the
police department was not wholly to
blame for its failure. There was a
traffic jam on the east side of the
court square where the editor and
hundreds of other expected to see the
entire parade and where it went in
three directions,—the official car and
several floats which were in the lead,
passing around the square and in
front of the City Hall; a part turning
out the Cleveland Springs road at
the Central Methodist church corner
and a part proceeding direct out
East Warren street toward Cleveland
at the corner of the new Masonic building.
This sort of break-up was due,
not wholly to the policemen, but to
two other causes. One of the floats
mounted on a truck balked down on
West Marion street and made a gap
in the line of march. The riders on
the float that balked, begged the
marshals not to throw them out, hoping
that the engine could get started
sooner than it was. The other cause
for the poorly executed parade lay
in a misunderstanding as to the
route it should take. It was officially
planned to start at Central School,
turn down S. LaFayette and around
the square to Central Methodist
church but Prof. Spoerhase and the
official car containing the directors
understood that it was to proceed
entirely around the square.

There was a jam of passenger
cars on the east side of the square
while the parade was moving, which
should have been prevented by officers
in charge of that area, hence our
criticism. It is never our purpose to
unduly criticize anyone and while we
were right on part that was said, we
feel this explanation is due. Whole-
some and constructive criticism is
good for public officials. The very
foundation of our government rests
on law enforcement and our criticism
was in the hope that this important
fact might be impressed for more
vigilance at all times, even if it
becomes necessary to add more men
to the regular force for patrolment of
the entire town.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS

Friendship Measured in Money

So far, neither Mr. Cox, one-time
Democratic nominee for President,
nor Mr. McAdoo has "put down" on
the campaign contribution list, but no
doubt they will be in evidence on the
home stretch. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson
has put \$100 to the good of the cause.
Henry Morgenthau remains one of
the staunchest friends of the Democratic
party, having doated \$21,000. A
Connecticut man is next, with \$20,000.
The McCormicks, Vance and
Cyrus, are letting loose about \$4,500.
D. H. Heineman is giving Charlotte
prominence by reason of a contribution
of \$5,000 and from South
Carolina Col. Leroy Springs comes up
with \$1,000. The topnotchers are Bernard
Baruch and Jesse H. Jones, of
New York City, each with \$25,000. It
cannot be charged, at any rate, that
the Democrats are trying to "buy"
the election, as the contributions to date
are nearly \$42,170 less than they
were at the same time in 1916,
but more than at the corresponding
date in 1920. That was one election
the Democrats did not buy.—Charlotte
Observer.

Democratic Women Militant.

It is gratifying to observe that the
Democratic women of this community
are becoming organized and shaped up
to "carry on" during the remainder of
the campaign.

There is a field opening widely for
them here to do some effective work,
chiefly in getting the vote among the
Democratic women registered this
week and at the polls on election day.

There is every promise that democracy
in Mecklenburg is as militant
as of old and new interest and enthusiasm
being thrown into the cause by
these women who have set about to
perfect themselves will make it all the
more tellingly so.—Charlotte News.

WEALTHY TOBACCO MAN DIES IN WINSTON-SALEM

D. Rich, one of Winston-Salem's
leading citizens after several months
illness, died at his home there this
week. He was a native of Davie county
and was 62 years old.

For many years he was associated
with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company
and for several years he was
treasurer of that concern. Mr. Rich
last year gave \$150,000 toward the
construction of a new First Baptist
church there, now nearing completion.
He also was a liberal contributor
to other causes. He was twice
married and leaving an estate of \$2,000,000
or more. In 1922 he gave a
handsome library to Buie's Creek
academy a preparatory school. He is
survived by his second wife who was
a Miss Merriet of Charlotte.

NEGRO IS GIVEN A STIFF INDETERMINATE SENTENCE

Gastonia, Oct. 22.—Chess Moore,
negro murderer of Wade Lewis, another
negro, near Mount Holly last
August, will serve less than 20 years
nor more than 30 years in the state
prison, this being the judgment of
Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro,
rendered in Gaston superior
court. The defendant, through his
counsel, Attorney Carl Carpenter,
pleaded not guilty of murder in the
first degree, but entered a plea of
guilty of murder in the second degree.

Legion Head Shot By Typist's Husband

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 22.—
With the words "you broke up my
home," on his lips, C. Simpson, 44
years old, fired a bullet today into
the left shoulder of Col. John G. Emery,
veteran of Cantigny, the Argonne
and St. Mihiel, and former national
commander of the American legion.
The shooting was in Emery's real
estate office, where Simpson's 26-year-old
wife is employed as a stenographer.

Tonight Col. Emery is at a local
hospital and Simpson, against whom
Mrs. Simpson recently filed suit for
divorce, is in a cell charged with
assault with intent to kill.

Colonel Emery, who is 43 years old
and married could give no reason
tonight why Simpson singled him out
as the cause of his domestic troubles.
The man's wife according to Emery,
had been employed in the real estate
office only a fortnight and he had
never seen either Simpson or Mrs.
Simpson before that time.

Went to Outer Office.
'Mrs. Simpson had told me she had
filed suit for divorce,' Col. Emery
said today. "This morning she had
come to the office again in a very
intoxicated condition, and that she
was afraid of him."

"I walked into the outer office
where Simpson stood and asked him
what he wanted. When I refused to
permit him to enter my private office,
where Mrs. Simpson had remained, he
pulled a gun, levelled it at me and
shouted: 'You're a dirty dog and
everybody knows it. You're trying to
break up my home!'"

Simpson, according to Emery's
story, fired two shots, the first hitting
Emery in the left arm and ploughing
through to the left shoulder. The
second went wild. Other persons in
the office grabbed Simpson as he
aimed at Emery's heart.

Cruelty and non-support are charged
against Simpson by his wife in her
divorce suit.

Colonel Emery served as legion
commander less than a year, assuming
the office shortly after Col. Galbraith
was killed in an accident. He has
been active for several years in
local welfare and civic affairs and upon
terminating his services as legion
commander he ran for the Republican
United States senatorial nomination,
but was defeated.

Coast Republican Fights Port Bill

Elizabeth City, Oct. 21.—C. R.
Pugh, prominent Republican of this
section, and at one time Republican
candidate for congress opposing Jno.
H. Small, has come out against the
port terminals and water transportation
measure to be submitted to the
voters on November 4.

"A vote 'For Ports Development,'"
he says, "is to approve a bond issue
of eight and one half millions of dollars
to construct port terminals and
buy ships. The bonded debt of North
Carolina is now \$105,000,000. This is
more than the debt of any other state
except New York. This amount is the
debt of the state only, and does not
include the bonds issued by counties,
cities and various school and road
districts."

"Interest on this particular bond
issue together with the amount necessary
for a sinking fund will be
\$500,000 added to the annual tax burden
of North Carolina. The interest
alone on the present debt amounts to
\$4,725,000 a year."

"A vote for the terminals is a vote
for approval to collect sufficient taxes
to take care of the losses by operation
of the terminals and ships. No
one could force how great this loss
would be. The Federal government is
losing fifty millions a year in the
operation of ships. The state has no
surplus from which to meet charges.
In fact, there is an admitted deficit of
\$4,000,000 which calls for an increase
of taxes."

"Boat lines will not reach any
places that do not have transportation.
They will not afford any new
markets. They will not open any new
markets."

"The cotton and lumber shipped for
export are hauled by boat lines already
in existence. The other products
for export are fruit and truck,
and these have to be shipped in refrigerated
and ventilated express
cars."

"The rates of freight charged by
boat lines do not reduce the rates by
rail. The rates by rail are fixed by
the Interstate Commerce commission,
and there is no attempt to have the
rail rate meet the water rate. As a
proof of this statement the water
rate from New York to Wilmington is
90 cents while the rate by rail is \$1.44."

"This impractical scheme is being
supported by Governor Morrison, who
tried to prove that the state had a
large surplus in the treasury when
there was actually a deficit of several
millions."

"A vote Against Ports Development
is a vote for checking the extravagance
of the state government."

"A vote against ports Development
is a vote against unnecessary increase
of taxes."

"This statement is made without
bias and only for the purpose of calling
to the attention of every voter
who might read it, the seriousness of
such an experimental project of which
there is no precedent."

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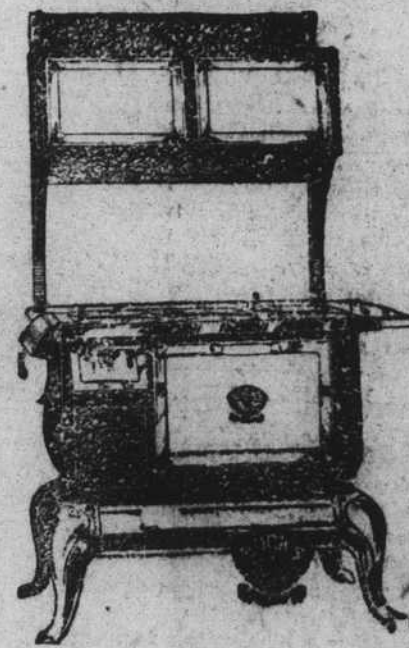


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