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The Jones County News supplants the New South News, Jones County's oldest newspaper, and the undersigned becomes editor and publisher in lieu of that venerable and versatile journalist, Hon. Jas. F. Parker, who has edited the paper for seventeen years.

A careful perusal of this issue of the News is solicited. The paper must stand on its merits. It is our purpose, however, to make still further improvements from time to time, and to this end the patronage of a generous and appreciative public is earnestly solicited.

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EDUCATING THE NEGRO

Booker T. Washington, the Tuskegee, Ala., negro educator who disgraced himself by taking lunch in the red room at the White House with Theodore Roosevelt, has written a letter to the Meridian Dispatch protesting against what he terms the "poor educational facilities afforded the colored race in the rural districts of the South."

Among other things, Washington says:

"In using efforts and influence to get our people to live in the country rather than in the city, I am often met with this difficulty. Many of our best colored people leave the country districts and, in fact, leave the South for that matter, because they find that the schools in the country are so poor that they cannot educate their children."

"For example, in many of our country districts in the South, the schools for the negroes are taught in very poor houses, in fact, in some houses so poor that they are scarcely worthy of the name of a school-house. In addition to this, the schools are often in session not more than three months out of the twelve, and have the poorest kind of teachers."

In replying to the above, the Meridian Dispatch well says that Washington makes a rather ungrateful charge when he speaks of the negro's treatment in the South along educational lines, as all free schools are run for the same length of time, whether for whites or for blacks, and teachers are paid according to the grades which they make in the examinations.

The fact is that Mississippi and other Southern States are doing a great deal more for the negro than he deserves. The white people of Mississippi pay 90 per cent. of the taxes, yet the negro is drawing 38 per cent. of the school fund.

Even this would not be so bad if the money expended on the negro really did him any good. But it doesn't. In fact, actual statistics bear out the assertion that the educated negro is more addicted to crime than his ignorant brother, and that nine-tenths of the nameless offenses annually committed by negroes against Southern white women can be charged to the educated class.

The News has no grudge against the negro. The uneducated blackman is usually a good laborer and satisfied with his lot. But the educated con is of a very different type. He soon develops impossible aspirations and some white man is sooner or later forced to kill him.

These are the facts and it is useless to try and get around them.

STAY IN THE SOUTH, YOUNG MAN.

In the course of a recent address, President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, gave expression to views distinguished by "sound sense, and which should be carefully considered by every young man in this section. Among other things, he said:

"In whatever career the young man of the South may select, he will find opportunities at home among his own people. He will not find it necessary to go either to the north or to the west. As time goes on he will find these opportunities in increasing abundance, for the economic strength of the South, already great, is constantly increasing."

The wealth of our section in natural resources is being supplemented by increased financial strength, and southern communities are becoming better able to finance their own enterprises and less dependent on outside capital.

The south needs every one of her young men, and those who are faithful to her she will give them greater opportunities than it is possible for them to find in any other section of the country. Marvelous as has been the south's progress in the last two decades, the fact remains that she is only at the beginning now of what will be a period of tremendous development. Because it will be many years before

she has a population sufficient to overcrowd her there will be great opportunities for those who seek them."

No other section of the country has developed more rapidly than has the South during the last quarter of a century. This is a fact which is recognized not only by Mr. Finley, but by the railroad managers, financiers and leaders of industry generally. And all of them predict that in the next twenty years the greatest development will occur in the Southern states. Therefore, if the young men of the South know what is good for them they will remain at home where they are needed now, and where they will be needed still more in the future.

OUR PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Governor Sanders, of the neighboring state of Louisiana, has inaugurated a good roads campaign. The last session of the Louisiana legislature made a substantial appropriation to be used in experimental work and this has been generously supplemented by parish and municipal appropriations. The United States Bureau of Good Roads has agreed to assign two of its road-building experts to that state for an indefinite period and the funds at the disposal of Governor Sanders will be disbursed under their supervision.

Mississippi would do well to follow Louisiana's example. There is no sort of public improvement which benefits a larger number of citizens and tax payers than road-building.

Good roads not only net enormous savings in wear and tear on teams and vehicles, but bring the citizens of the community into closer touch with each other, putting schools, churches and market within easier reach of the rural resident and exercising a civilizing influence second only to railroads and other means of rapid transit.

Mississippi could well afford to spend \$10,000,000 on the improvement of its country highways, and future generations would bless the privilege of bearing a portion of the burden—it, indeed, taxation for such a purpose could be called by that name.

And Jones County, with its rich and rapidly developing agricultural resources, could spend \$50,000 a year for ten years with enormous profit to the rising generation, which would be glad of the opportunity to take care of the bonds at maturity.

Monuments we see to the heroes of the Confederacy, but where are the monuments to the heroes of Reconstruction? Generals who fought at Gettysburg, Vicksburg and Appomattox are honored with shafts of stone and tablets of brass, but where is the memorial to the men who restored white supremacy in the South? Those who fought and lost for the Confederacy receive our homage and reverence but those who came after and feared upon the ashes of defeat the structure of victory, these are too often forgotten. The only explanation which we can offer is that in many instances the leaders in the Confederate Army were the leaders in the struggle which came as an aftermath of the great war. Sometime a loving and grateful people will erect in this Southland a monument commemorative of the valor of her people during the dark days of Reconstruction, a time which indeed tried men's souls.—Vicksburg Democrat.

The best and most enduring monument to the patriotism, courage and generous self sacrifice of the men "who builded a new and greater empire on the ashes of the old" is the structure itself. History does not record elsewhere so great a triumph over passion and prejudice, oppression and injustice.

The Hattiesburg News tries to turn the recent epidemic of homicides into an argument against prohibition in Mississippi. This is prompted the Meridian Dispatch to remark:

"Since there has been only one murder that had even remote connection with whiskey, the News would be more consistent in trying to prove that the law against murder doesn't prohibit."

Hon. James L. Gillespie, editor of the Greenwood Commonwealth, has been appointed State Land Commissioner to succeed E. H. Nall, deceased. The selection comes as an agreeable surprise to Mr. Gillespie's numerous newspaper friends.

Since soap trees have been discovered in Florida the genus hobo will probably give that common wealth a wide berth.

Steel and iron are booming. Prices of standard stocks and bonds continue to advance. Trade conditions are growing better everywhere. Here in South Mississippi, where lumber is the dominant factor, the process of recuperation is necessarily slow, as lumber prices

do not usually advance until business in all other lines has recovered and building operations are resumed.

A dispatch from Washington says that President Taft, who recently reduced his diet, has returned to three meals a day. A great many good citizens trust that he will keep his promise to reduce the tariff, so they may enjoy the same privilege.

Holmes County has a Corn Club with more than 200 members, who report an average yield of 80 bushels of corn to the acre last year. The smallest yield reported was 60 bushels and the largest 120 bushels to the acre.

Where two or three men are gathered together in South Mississippi these days the conversation naturally reverts to good roads.

The Houston Post says the Garden of Eden was located in Texas, but does not contend that it remained there for any length of time.

In placing works of art "over one hundred years old" on the free list it was not intended to exempt chorus girls.

It is rather unfortunate that the recent eclipse didn't extend to congress.

Sometimes the most commonplace duties fortify the loftiest virtues.

If you like the Jones County News, please tell your neighbor.

It is better to do and err occasionally than never to do at all.

FRATERNAL MENTION

The Chronicle is pleased to welcome Mr. Edgar G. Harris to the field of Jones county journalism. Mr. Harris has bought the Ellenville New South News and will make that paper blossom and bloom like the proverbial green bay tree. He is one of the state's brightest and most active newspaper men.—Laurel Chronicle.

PAPER CHANGES HANDS.

Mr. Edgar G. Harris, former editor of the Hattiesburg News, has purchased the New South News of this city and takes charge this week. Mr. Harris has been a newspaper man for some years and is thoroughly acquainted with the newspaper business. We most heartily welcome him as the editor of our paper and wish him the very best of success. We hope that the business men and patrons of the paper will deal kindly with him and make him feel that we are glad to have him in our midst.

A real live newspaper means more for the progress of a community than anything else. There can be no medium through which the city can make itself known to the outside world as well as through the organ within the city. He that boasteth not himself will not be boosted.—Ellenville Correspondence Laurel Chronicle.

Edgar G. Harris, formerly of the Hattiesburg News and later of the Vicksburg Herald has purchased the Ellenville New South News and will greatly improve that already good paper. Edgar is a born newspaper man, at home in any department, he will make the New South News one of the leading weekly papers of the State.—Meridian Dispatch.

A South Bay street car motor-man who disobeyed his orders is dead. The pity is that ten innocent passengers shared the same fate.

President Taft spent Sunday in conference with members of the finance committee, yet this is called a Christian nation.

A press telegram says that heavy rains have fallen in Panama, but the gumium dam is alright.

A headline says Louisiana will "Be Last Dry State." Better late than never.

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Fertile Acres of the East Owned By Monopolists

The editor of a New York news-paper recently received a letter calling his attention to the fact that we have seven hundred million acres of swampy, marshy and arid lands in North America which could be reclaimed and made to yield immense crops.

"But," said the editor, "what is the use of troubling ourselves about this land, when we do not seem to know what to do with what we already have in fertile acres?"

Not know what to do with our fertile acres? Certainly we do! We speculate in them. We monopolize them. We let people who never plow a furrow or pitch a sheaf buy them up so as to get rich from the unearned values that come to the lands from the presence of those who do pitch sheaves and plow furrows.

The learned editor—who may have been wiser than he writes—goes on to point out the fact there are more than eighteen billion acres of fertile land in the world, each acre of which will more than support one person. "My grandfather," says he, "supported himself and my grandmother and brought up eight children from the product of one acre, in short—summer and long wintered Sweden."

This was going some for grandpa—but assuming the fact to be as stated, assuming that the land of this round old world of ours could easily support ten times as many people as it now feeds, are we handling our share of it in the manner to get the most out of it?

Grandpa in Sweden supported ten people on an acre—but he had the acre. This is rather an important matter. And he had the life history that made him capable of using the acre to its best advantage. Another very important matter.

Go down on the east side of New York, Mr. Editor, and see the swarming children filling the streets so full that vehicles can scarcely pass through: the greatest sight in New York is the children of the

Griffin Gets The Place.

Governor Noel has appointed D. E. Griffin, a former newspaper man of Meadville, to fill the vacancy in the office of chancery clerk of Franklin county, made by the death of Dr. A. M. Newman, who was killed Monday in the street fight between two rival factions of that place. Mr. Griffin accepts the place with the understanding that he will retire when the special election is held. He was not a candidate for the place. This appointment was a hard one for the Governor, for he had to select a man who was not identified with either side in the fight at Meadville.

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Local Team Defeated.

The Hattiesburg baseball team took two out of three games played on the local grounds Thursday and Friday with Ellenville. The games were well attended, and there was much interest taken.

Hattiesburg took the first game by a score of 12 to 4. Stokes pitched for Ellenville and Williams for the local team. Umpire Wolf.

The second game went to the local team by a score of 9 to 7, and the third game, which was the second of a double header, was won by Ellenville by a score of 7 to 3. Both teams played fairly good ball despite the many errors, many of which were caused by the bad grounds.—Hattiesburg News.

One Bottle Did The Work.

Ellenville, Miss. To Those Who Are Suffering With Rheumatism: Three years ago I bought one bottle of Hyde's Rheumatic Cure, having been a sufferer for several years and had tried everything I ever heard of but received no relief until I was induced to try a bottle of Hyde's Rheumatic Cure. One bottle perfected a permanent cure. J. E. DOSSIE.

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congested east side. These people would be vastly better off using those acres of which you speak. They would then breathe sweet country air, and eat sweet country food, and see sweet country sights, and feel their nerves let down from the fearful city strain.

But if you put them out on those half used acres they would starve. They are the most industrious people on earth, but they would starve on farms. They don't know how to support one per acre. They would rebel rather than stay on farms. When you change the habits of mind of a people, be careful that you charge them right; for it's a mighty hard task to change them back.

And again—if they all wanted acres to use, they couldn't get them. We partly use our lands; but we prefer to use their values rather than their acres. Did you ever hear of the Vacant Lot Culture associations of Philadelphia, New York, Detroit, London and other cities? They are organizations for getting the poor of the cities the privilege of growing gardens on vacant lots. There are acres and acres vacant near New York—acres enough with in reach of an hour's ride to give one to each person in the city—figure it up—but the acres are monopolized. They are worth more under our present laws to speculate with than to cultivate.

The point is here. A very small plot of land will support a family skilled in its use, if they do not have to divide with the landlord. They must have all they produce.

That is the fact which makes these unused acres useless to the landless poor. Perhaps if we would adopt Henry George's plan of taxation, it would solve the problem in some future age. One thing sure we are not solving it.—Atlanta Journal.

LAUREL LOCAL NEWS and NOTES

Jack Smith, while switching cars in the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad yards Sunday, had one of his feet badly crushed, and amputation at the instep was necessary.

Policeman John B. Holder was attacked by a desperate negro prisoner Sunday, and was badly bitten on the arm. The policeman finally brought his club into use and the negro had to be beaten almost into insensibility before he could be handled by the officer.

The Laurel military company, under command of Captain Bartlett, left Monday morning for Brandon, where it was ordered by Gov. Noel to guard Will Mack, a negro, who was tried for criminal assault.

Tuesday was observed here as "clean-up day" in accordance with a proclamation issued by the Mayor.

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