

When is clean up day in Roanoke Rapids?

**THE KINSTON FREE PRESS**

The Kinston Free Press has changed hands, Mr. H. Galt Braxton of Raleigh being the new editor. From what we have heard of Mr. Braxton, we predict a howling success for the Free Press under his management. The Free Press is a good paper, located in a good section and there is no reason in the world why the paper under Mr. Braxton's experienced management should not make good in every sense of the word.

**THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The greatest force in the making of cities to-day is the Chamber of Commerce or association of the business men of the cities for the purpose of advertising the advantages of their particular locality and the offering of inducements to manufacturing plants, new businesses, etc., to locate in their community.

We do not know whether Athens and Rome had Chambers of Commerce or not—our knowledge of history not being complete on that point, but we venture to assert that they did and put forward as proof the fact that they grew!

During Julius Caesar's term as Travelling Secretary of the Roman Chamber of Commerce he made a great impression on the people of the different places through which he travelled. He went at the job with all the earnestness of the modern, aggressive Chambers of Commerce. His zeal in his task of impressing the advantages of Rome on the barbarians was effective to the greatest extent. Those barbarians whom he could not convince had very little to say about it afterwards.

Every country he went into started to doing business with Rome. The first thing he did on going into a country was to build a road—and every road led to Rome. There was no side-stepping possible under Jule's management. He was some business getter. We do things a little differently now, but every city in the United States is striving for the very thing that Julius Caesar attained for Rome—industrial supremacy.

When this goes to press the first meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary will have been held a permanent organization will have been effected and after that is done it will be up to the members of the Chamber of Commerce as to how much progress they will make. Without work, and hard work, on the part of the majority of the business men in this place very little can be done. We must advertise this community to the world in every possible way. Let the public know the advantages we have to offer them. Make it easy for strangers to find out about this community. We know we have the cheapest and most readily available water power in this section of the State, that we have splendid factory sites, a healthy, vigorous community, an agreeable climate. Why not let the public know it? This community has grown great enough to forget its jealousies, its little sectional differences; it is big enough to be broadminded. Whether it will be co-operative, whether our business men will get together and work for a common cause—the growth of the community—remains to be seen.

No community in the State has the latent possibilities of this one—why not begin to realize on them now?

What a terrible disappointment all this must be to Senator Fall.

**Criticising Under Difficulties**

Not since the Civil War has an administration of the Government of the United States had to deal with as difficult and embarrassing a situation or one so fraught with dangerous possibilities as that which has faced the present administration during practically its entire tenure of office.

Compared with the Mexican situation, the tariff question and the repeal of free tolls sink into insignificance. It has seemed all along a case of "be damned if you do and be damned if you don't," quoting from Uncle Joseph Gurney Cannon.

Beset on one side by jingoes and hot heads, demanding war and death and desolation to everything Mexican, bitterly criticised by the opposition because of its refusal to extend the right hand of fellowship to the murderer Huerta, the administration has steered a safe and sane middle course through the whole perplexing dilemma. It abstained from armed intervention with its dangerous possibilities as long as it could honorably do so. When that course became imperative, it went about it in a quiet and dignified way; ignoring the hysteria prevalent in both houses of Congress, which seemed ready to plunge the nation into war not proven to be necessary, and undaunted by the fear of foreign complications or the violent and unjust criticisms it was subject to at home.

Never was the wisdom of a foreign policy more forcibly brought out by the course of events following that policy. Our naval and military forces have taken Vera Cruz with a minimum loss of life on both sides. No American citizens residing in Mexico were injured on account of the invasion of our troops, due to the humane and considerate treatment of the Mexicans by the American troops. If the administration had plunged rashly into war as was urged by many members of both branches of Congress, the lives of hundreds of American citizens living in Mexico would have paid the penalty for this rashness.

As events now stand, it looks as if very little more will have to be done in the way of military operations. Every dispatch from Mexico City tells of the hastening of the crumpling up process with the Huerta regime, the more friendly spirit being evinced by Mexicans toward the Americans and the increase of the dissatisfaction and unrest felt by Mexicans everywhere toward the Huerta regime.

No man can safely prophesy the result, but what looked impossible last week, seems very nearly accomplished now. It looks like from now on as if the critics of the administration will be criticising under difficulties. Just what some of them would have accomplished if they had been allowed to handle the Mexican situation in their way, is fearful to contemplate.

**DEMOCRATIC VOTERS TAKE NOTICE!**

In accordance with a resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee precinct primaries for the purpose of sending delegates to the County Convention and electing a precinct committee of five members will be held at 5 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, May the 16th, at the voting places of the precincts.

The County Convention which will elect delegates to the State and District Convention will be held at Halifax on Saturday, May the 23rd, at 12 o'clock M.

The County Executive Committee will meet at the same time and place for the purpose of electing a County Chairman.

The Chairmen of the precinct committees constitute the County Executive Committee.

By order of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

I. E. GREEN, Chairman.  
Weldon, N. C.  
N. FITZPATRICK, Secretary.

We say just as mean things about others as they do about us, but of course, that is altogether different.

**A Real Advertiser**

Speaking of advertising, the late Andrew Lang, according to the *Outlook*, makes this suggestive little comparison:

"When a goose lays an egg she just waddles off as if she were ashamed of it—just because she is a goose. When a hen lays an egg—ah, she calls heaven and earth to witness it. The hen is a natural born advertiser. Hence the demand for hen's eggs exceeds the demand for goose-eggs, and the hen has all the business she can attend to."

Are you a goose?

**BASEBALL**

Apropos of the sunny summer time, flowers in May—and the flowers that blossom on the sporting page as well, we quote the following "baseball sonnet" by A. J. Priest from Collier's Weekly:

Baseball, thou art my god; I do adore thee,  
My soul is thrilled when I see JOHNSON on the mound,  
Of watch the runner's spikes tear up the ground;  
In good sooth thou dost stir me unto ecstasy.  
Impatiently I do await the coming spring,  
For basketball but poorly fills the interim,  
Utterly failing to appease the fan's fond whim.  
We do attend thee, baseball; we would crown thee king.  
Oh, Time, thy wings are leaden. Come, make haste  
And bring these winter months unto their close,  
Baseball's the only sport for my nice taste.  
Speed, Time, or I will yank thy wrinkled nose.

*Bring on King Baseball, crowned the greatest of them all;  
Bring on the bat, the glove, and last, not least, the ball.*

**CLEAN UP**

Brooms, scrubbing brushes, water, whitewash and paint plus enthusiasm is what we need. Let us make an open fight on dirt and chase the enemy of health away forever. Let us all join the campaign to eliminate the accumulations of the fall and winter seasons and to rout the disease germs.

Kill the pests, fly and mosquito. Let us clean up the yards, clean all vacant lots. Let owner and tenant co-operate to get rid of the dirt accumulations.

Nearly every city, town and village in the United States and in every civilized country are practicing the clean up system in the spring time. Let us be the first in the race in this vicinity for bettering conditions.

Discard the rubbish and trash from your cellar, storeroom, yard and lot. Reduce sickness and flies. Man, woman and child be loyal to the task of cleaning up.

Join the health campaign, endorsing and urging a vigorous clean-up. It will improve the health conditions of this town.

You know that the fly, the mosquito and the rat prefer filth and refuse in which to breed. In fact, the fly cannot breed elsewhere. You know that decomposed animal and organic matter is the home of flies to lay their eggs.

Flies are known to lay as high as one thousand eggs at one time and only one fly can produce in the course of a season countless millions. It is essential to eliminate the fly as early as you can before it has an opportunity to lay the first eggs. Flies carry disease germs both internally and externally. They may carry infections of any kind on their bodies.

Screen your house properly. The mosquito is a dangerous insect. The mosquito is the one medium through which malaria is communicated. Eliminate standing water, as every place where water stagnates is sure to contain the mosquito in some state of its life. Let us remove all refuse from our premises and see that the water pitchers, crocks, jars, rain barrels, etc., are investigated and made mosquito proof by emptying the water.

Stagnant ponds, swamps and pools should be filled in with clean earth or cinders and if same is impossible, oil regularly about every two weeks during the summer months. Every citizen should

insist that all stagnant pools and ponds in the neighborhood should be properly taken care of.

Proper health conditions cannot be maintained where filth and rubbish are allowed to remain and accumulate from year to year. Pure fresh air is necessary for health and comfort and accumulations of rubbish greatly decrease the purity of the air. Of course the health authorities must provide a place where the waste material should be removed to.

There is no reason why all good and desirable citizens should not avail themselves of this opportunity. It is the duty of every good citizen to co-operate in improving the sanitary conditions of the houses in which they dwell; or in other words to help save a few lives that otherwise might be lost.

Contributed by,  
Samuel Senie.

While the judge was giving his charge to the jury in the burglary case, one jurymen fainted. His lordship, so the British paper reporting the incident says, had just impressively said:

"Gentlemen of the jury in arriving at the verdict you must take the testimony of the witnesses for the defence into consideration and give them full weight." At the words "and give them full weight," the jurymen swooned away. He was a coal merchant.

Residing in a little village is a lawyer who is according to Ladies' Home Journal, famous for drawing wills, in which branch of business he has long enjoyed a monopoly of the country for miles around.

A few months since a wealthy man died.

There was much speculation as to the value of the property, and the town gossip set about to find out the facts. He hunted up the lawyers, and after a few preliminary remarks about the deceased, he said rather bluntly:

"I suppose you made Brown's will?"

"Yes."

"Then you probably know how much he left. Would you mind telling me?"

"Not at all," the lawyer answered, as he resumed his writing. "He left everything he had."

"I thought you had thrown Author over?"

"I did, but you know how a girl throws."

**The Crisis Has Come!**

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