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NEED OF IMMIGRANTS.

While a great deal has been said and written, especially in the immediate past, regarding the south's possibilities and unquestioned opportunities for the investor, the manufacturer, the artisan, the home seeker—these utterances emanating from the most part with natives of the south and published in southern journals having a home circulation, and in many instances followed by good results in the upbuilding of the various sections thus inadequately putting forth their claims, there has lacked the primary keynote to the solution, namely a clear understanding as to the best practical method of bringing these advantageous conditions before the people having capital to invest or homes to make who are desired as an addition to our citizenship.

Let us consider the city of Wilmington and the country immediately surrounding it. So far as is known to the writer there has been no practical effort made to advance the growth of the city by the wide-spread presentation of facts as to the climate, soil, opportunities for profitable investment, and the hundred and one things calculated to hasten the growth of a place which is destined to become one of the largest, most important, progressive and beautiful cities on the South Atlantic coast.

The possibilities of this section are perhaps not fully known and appreciated by our own people, or being known we have failed to take advantage of the conditions, owing to the probable lack of capital with which to embark in the many pursuits waiting to be availed of. What is needed is the coming among us and lending the additional stimulus of their practical experience and thrift, natives of other parts of the country who are not so fortunately situated as to climate, etc., as are we, and to reach this class, no matter what may be done or said among ourselves, the dissemination of facts regarding this country, and the awakening of interest in outsiders, must be accomplished before we can reasonably hope for the rapid advance in growth and prosperity that would naturally follow.

It would appear, and the matter is respectfully submitted to the Wilmington chamber of commerce as a suggestion that the compilation and publication of data setting forth the various openings for investors, the attractions of climate, location, social, school and religious conditions, and particularly a list of lands for sale within a radius of fifty miles, the distribution of same to be made among the real estate agents in the north, east and west, who in consideration of such effort as they may make in the sale of property, should receive a fair commission, would be a step in the right direction.

That there are thousands of families of good character, adequate means and intelligence in the more rigorous parts of this country who are dissatisfied with the climatic conditions and are seeking more congenial climes there is no doubt, and it would seem the time is now ripe to attract to this section a part of the tide of immigration now pouring southwards.

The adoption of the suggestion as to securing the co-operation of real estate agents, especially in the smaller towns and communities in the territory north of Mason and Dixon's line, would create in each of those towns an energetic solicitor and advertiser for this section, and would have the effect of creating a vast amount of enquiry and interest in this neighborhood.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

Chairman Bailey of the state anti-saloon league is calling on the temperance forces to organize at once, so as to do effective work—offensive and defensive—that will influence the state legislature in the forming of laws designed to further promote temperance in the state. He intimates that the saloon forces are ready to make a strong fight on any new legislation that may be offered and also for the repeal of some of the anti liquor laws passed during the last legislature.

It seems to be generally regarded that the liquor question will be one of the most important that will come before the legislature, forces of both sides having been more thoroughly perfecting their organization during the year and deciding more definitely the plan of action that they will follow.

In the election of many of the present senators and representatives this liquor question has been of paramount influence and the stand taken for or against the saloons has determined in many cases the success or defeat of a candidate. The alignment of forces has been very thorough for some time

and there is now little doubt that many bitter fights will be waged.

As to the strength of the respective sides in the legislature it is not possible yet to determine, but the general impression is that neither side will have a very large majority.

Among the bills that will be introduced in the legislature are the following:

(1.) To repeal the Watts act.

(2.) To make the county—not the municipality—the voting unit in local option.

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(4.) A bill to repeal the present anti-jug law, which, it will be recalled, was enacted by accident, its framers designing that it should apply only to a limited territory, while as passed it applied to the entire state.

(5.) A bill to limit the number of dispensaries in a county to one.

(6.) A bill to apply the prohibitory feature of the Watts act to towns of five hundred population or less.

"So the fight is on already for the position of collector of customs of this port. It is a pity to begin to bother Collector Keith so early in his term."

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 29, 1904. Editor Messenger.

I see you still seem to be worried over the custom house, I suppose because I have the office, but will say to the one of The Messenger's staff who seems to be so worried because I hold the place I see you still seem to be worried over it, as he can't hold the office, if at all, certainly not before five years.

Respectfully,

B. F. KEITH.

No, Mr. Keith, The Messenger is not worried over the custom house. In fact if we recall correctly there has been no mention of that institution or its distinguished collector in the columns of this paper for many months past—considerably over a year.

The information on which the paragraph was based was obtained from Washington dispatches to some paper the name of which has escaped our mind, but these dispatches said that a fight would be made and even went so far as to give the name of one of the candidates.

To all applicants for that comfortable berth it will be discouraging to know that it will do no good to fret over it, at least for five years.

This gratuitous information may be the cause that will prevent many heartaches and much politicking for a time.

The reference "to the one of The Messenger staff" is ambiguous, but we will pledge the entire staff, and office force, not to worry over the custom house, realizing that to fret uselessly for five years would be a great waste of energy and some other things.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

The Durham Herald shows evidences of marked prosperity. It comes out in enlarged form and printed from a perfecting press. Editor King has more room for his clever paragraphs, which is a matter of congratulation for his readers.

The Christmas holidays have been unusually delightful ones in Wilmington. With weather conditions almost perfect, many former citizens returned to spend the season with relatives or friends and a large number of clever and charming visitors, everything has worked to make the time pass most pleasantly.

The action of those Georgia farmers who have started out to reduce the cotton crop by burning a part of their own stock is characterized by The Raleigh Post as frenzied foolishness, which is an apt name for their method of doing business.

Charlotte becomes dry beginning with the first day of this year. What will The Charlotte Observer's morally stunted do for their "sow paw" after this?

People are often heard to express the wish that they could know what would happen in a certain time, but wonder how many, if they were given the chance, would be willing to look a year hence and see things as they then will be?

GROWING UP

There's something the matter with the child that fails to grow up. A child that grows up too much, however, without proper filling out of flesh, is almost as badly off. Nothing will help these pale, thin "weedy" children like Scott's Emulsion. It supplies the rounding out of flesh and the rich inward nourishment of blood and vital organs which insures rapid growth a healthy and uniform development.

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