

Profit of Aggressiveness

Which is manifested in our business is due to a confidence in the merits of the goods we handle. We know that the goods we sell are intrinsically as good value as can be produced, hence our confidence and aggressiveness. A business built upon any foundation other than merit is built upon sand.

New Spring Dress Stuffs

Every loom combination had been worked, that the whole kaleidoscopic field of color play had been gone over.



McCall's Bazaar Patterns

We are agents for these celebrated patterns. Recommended by us to you as the best fitting, most stylish and most economical of any in the market, 10 and 15c each. There are none better. No more such low prices.

Notions—Just a few interesting items for seasonable novelty seekers.

Belts, leather, ornamented with metal and jeweled effects, in all the popular colors, at 50c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

New Petticoats—The selling of ladies' ready-to-wear Petticoats has grown into an immense business, and there is good reason why it should be so.

The Petticoats we sell are not like a great many factory-made ones. They are made of the best quality of fabric, and are made with care and skill.



Linings—Soft finish Percealines

36-inch wide, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c per yard. Skirt lining—Taffeta leather finish, 36-inch at 18c per yard.

John S. Brown Linens

On Monday morning we will put on sale our entire line of fine linens, manufactured by John S. Brown & Sons, of Belfast, Ireland.



Underwear and Hosiery—Ladies' light weight, ribbed wool vests, in white black and natural, just the thing for spring wear. \$1.00 each.

Ladies' fine fleeced lined vests and pants, very good quality, 35c, 3 for \$1.00.

Wash Goods Department—We are prepared to show you the choicest of the new wash goods at such low prices that will surprise the experienced buyer.

The largest assortment of lawns, dimities, organdies, batistes, in the market and most elaborate designs we are offering at 12 1/2c per yard.

Corsets—H and S new short corset, low bust and sudden hip, made of white batiste, lace trimmed top and bottom.

Light in weight and a perfect fitting model, at the lowest price. Thompson's glove fitting, Paris shape, short hip corset, in med. length, made of a fine quality coutille satins, lace and white at \$1.50 each.

THOMPSON, BELDEN & Co.

NORTH CAROLINA'S INTEREST

Barthel Territory Will Make a Display for the Public's Edification. STATE TO SHOW SOME OF ITS WORK

Agricultural Experiment Station Arranging to Take Part in the Exposition—Extent of the Industries Concerned.

It now seems highly probable that North Carolina will be added to the list of states which will participate in the Transmississippi Exposition, and that the state will be represented by at least one of its state institutions, with indications favoring the participation of other branches of the state government.

Mr. Armstrong of Chicago Comments on the Local Situation.

William Armstrong, musical editor of the Chicago Tribune, spent yesterday in this city, vainly trying to secure an interview with Mr. Kimball, musical director of the exposition.

MINNESOTA WANTS TO EXHIBIT.

Governor Clough Expresses His Views Upon a Live Subject. A general class of Minnesota in favor of a state exhibit at the exposition by his state and says publicly that it was a mistake on the part of the legislature that no provision was made at its last session for such exhibit.

Managers of Stock Subscriptions.

Manager Z. T. Lindsey, who is instructed by the board of directors to take radical action against subscribers to large amounts of exposition stock who persist in remaining delinquent in the payment of the assessments on their stock.

PLAN FOR A NEW JERSEY EXHIBIT.

The joint committee on appropriations of the New Jersey legislature has agreed to report in favor of an appropriation of \$20,000 for participation in the Transmississippi Exposition by that state.

Idaho Man on the Grounds.

Mayor M. Alexander of Boise City, Idaho, one of the leading merchants of that thriving mountain city, was called at exposition grounds last Friday to examine the grounds.

has been in excellent condition and the delinquency on the part of some of the subscribers has not delayed us, but the time has now come when we need every dollar of the money and we must have it. I have not made a list of the delinquents since the middle of January, and a number have paid since that time, so I am unable to state just how many are delinquent or the total amount of their subscriptions. The greater part of the larger assessments of the district have paid in full, but there are some who have paid only one or two assessments, and some have paid nothing at all.

DRAWINGS FOR MINOR BUILDINGS.

The architects-in-charge of the exposition are rapidly completing the drawings for the minor details of the exposition work which may be regarded as in the nature of finishing touches and the working drawings and specifications for this work will soon be in the hands of the Department of Buildings and Grounds and be advertised.

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form prominent features of the Midway. The whole thing is a close corporation and I don't feel disposed to pay my subscription as long as things go on as they have been going.

GERALDINE'S INFLUENCE.

A contractor who was standing by when these remarks were made joined in the conversation at this point. "Geraldine is not only interested in concessions," said he, "but she is a partner in contracts as well as being carried on. He was part of the pliedriver which this man Green is operating. John Templeton has been in charge of the machine and Green is simply a figure-head under the direction of Templeton. Templeton is Kirkendall's chief clerk, but that doesn't prevent him from receiving a share of the profits of the machine and owning an interest in the pliedriving machine which gets all the work on the grounds. Green makes out his payroll and Templeton pays them with his personal check. Geraldine doesn't appear on the surface of this deal, but when you remember that Green was here from Chicago, where he was a plasterer, and put on the payroll at \$3 per day and then suddenly blossomed out as a full-fledged pliedriver with a machine, it succeeded in turning out the other plies from other pliedrivers had already closed deals with these same contractors, you will see that he has a pretty big pull. I have seen a case where a certain pliedriver had made an agreement to drive the piles for a certain building and had his machine on the ground. The contractor who was to give him the job was taken down and the job was given to Green. I know the contractor did not see Green, because Green was on the grounds all the time between the time when the deal was made with the first pliedriver and the time when the contractor notified the latter that he had decided to give the job to Green.

AS EVIDENCE THAT GERALDINE CONTROLS THE DEPARTMENT, PARTIES POINT TO THE FACT THAT THE MEN PLACED ON THE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL BY GERALDINE REMAIN THERE REGARDLESS OF THEIR COMPETENCY, WHILE THOSE WHO ARE BELIEVED TO BE OPPOSED TO GERALDINE'S "PECULIAR" METHODS SOON FIND THEMSELVES OUT IN THE COLD WORLD.

Some of the contractors who are believed to be opposed to Geraldine's "peculiar" methods soon find themselves out in the cold world. It is especially charged that certain contractors are able to underbid all competitors on exposition work in that they are assured such inspection and that they may make inferior material with impunity while contractors who have no pull with Geraldine know they will be compelled to comply strictly with the specifications and use first-class material, costing a higher price. Many instances are cited which go to prove that these reports are based on more than idle talk.

HAS TAKEN TOO BIG A LOAD.

Some of the stockholders who talk about these things blame Manager Kirkendall for allowing this condition of affairs to exist; others are more charitable in their remarks and freely exculpate Mr. Kirkendall from any blame for these conditions. Among the latter is a director who was not present at the last meeting of the board. "Kirkendall is a most agreeable fellow," said this director, "but he is inclined to be somewhat inelastic. I have no doubt this is caused by the tremendous task he has assumed in addition to carrying on his large private business. He is a first-class host and shoe man and has made a great success in his line, but what does he know about architecture, hydraulics, electrical plants, water works, drainage, and the laying out of grounds?

A man may be a first-class business man, but might not be able to run a machine shop or a hotel. The truth is, Kirkendall has taken a bigger contract than he is able to fill. He cannot be expected to know everything about the building business or in the many other lines which his department covers. I have watched matters pretty closely, and have known for some time that there was bound to be a big explosion. I thought it would come at the meeting last Friday and that is why I did not attend, but the inevitable must come sometime and the sooner some man is put in charge of the whole business who thoroughly understands the details and can give all his time to it, the better it will be for the exposition and everybody connected with it.

ABOUT A SUPERINTENDENT.

In line with the statements of the director quoted above it may be stated that directions have been at loose ends on the exposition grounds for a long time. Just three months ago the directors authorized the executive committee to appoint a general superintendent of all the departments "who should be a practical builder." The decision left the name of the man to be named to the board, but no man has yet been nominated for the position. About one week ago Manager Kirkendall notified the executive committee that he had received from his chief clerk, John Templeton, outside of office hours, and he asked that he be authorized to raise Templeton's salary to \$125.

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T. M. T. C. ANNUAL GATHERING.

Officers Elected and Plans for the summer gathering of the Transmississippi club held its annual meeting last night in the parlors of the Commercial club. The annual election of the board of directors took place and these elected officers for the club. Besides this business the club laid some plans for the entertainment of traveling men who visit the city during the exposition, which is the main object of the existence of the body.

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