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The High Point Enterprise gives a toast as follows: "Here's to the Yachkin and may she never go dry!" Amen!—Salisbury Post. Et tu Catawba.

The democratic congress passed a wool bill which revised the schedules. The president vetoed the measure, and it must be remembered that this bill, defeated by the chief executive's veto, was to supplant that iniquitous measure which President Taft himself, upon one occasion, pronounced as wholly "indefensible." Voters will no doubt remember these things.

It would now appear that chances for the passage of the statehood measure are good. Yesterday the senate passed the new bill, which is said to find favor in the eyes of the president, and indications this morning pointed to the final passage of the statehood bill and its endorsement by the president. It was a shame to bar two petitioners from the union and deprive their citizens of the inherent right of local self-government, merely because the president disapproved a trivial provision of the constitution of one of them.

Greensboro is waging a commendable war against cocaine dispensers. A negro physician, who is said to have used a free hand at prescription writing, will now explain to the superior court his conduct, and in the interval prior to a hearing will rest in the county jail. The News has always believed that the most pernicious and ruinous habit in the world was the cocaine habit, and time and again we have asked that laws regulating its dispensation be made more rigid. At present it is too easy to obtain the drug. This fact is shown by the rapidly increasing number of offenders hauled into court for crimes committed when under its devilish spell. The best thing any city could do would be to rid itself of all cocaine traffickers, and Greensboro has undertaken a work which will benefit the city greatly.

STIRRING BETIMES.

Next year is going to be an exciting one politically in this section at the very quietest estimate. A presidential campaign will be on. North Carolina will be called on to elect state officers and a United States senator—and although the former contest is as yet a matter of guess work the latter has already developed into a four-cornered fight which is attracting much attention. Furthermore in at least three of the congressional districts the incumbents are scheduled to have opposition—and that, too, from this time on although it is nearly a year before the congressional convention will gather.

In the sixth district, Hon. Geo. H. Bellamy, of Brunswick, is being groomed to oppose Representative H. L. Godwin and it is not unlikely that the lively contest of 1910 will be duplicated next spring. In the third, Hon. George Hood of Wayne who narrowly missed the nomination last year is drawing up his lines against Representative John M. Faison. And now comes word by the way of the Carolina Democrat that Hon. R. N. Page of the seventh will be numerously opposed. Rumor is busy with the names of Editor Archibald Johnson of Thomasville, Editor R. P. Beasley, of Monroe, and former State Senator Lockhart, of Wadesboro.

FURNITURE MERGER.

The merger germ has now permeated the furniture manufacturing world, and the Grand Rapids of the south offers a combination representing several hundred thousand dollars in capital. The Globe-Home Furniture company and the Tomlinson Chair Manufacturing company, two of the largest plants of their kind in the south, have just been consolidated. The chair company has increased its capital stock to \$750,000 and plans to make chairs and furniture on a much larger scale. Recently a number of cotton mill mergers have been effected in the south. Four combina-

tions in South Carolina alone represent a combined capitalization of something like \$20,000,000. It is argued that by combining their properties under one management great economy can thereby be effected. It is further claimed that heavily financed corporations are better able to weather occasional financial storms than smaller companies. In addition it is the expressed belief of leaders in the merger proposition that by joining properties new markets can be opened up and the industry generally benefited. The south will hereafter do its business on a large scale. Big business is taking the place of small enterprise. The 5,000 spindle mill is no longer looked upon as a monster. We have the hundred thousand spindle plant and the five hundred thousand spindle company. The small furniture factory has been succeeded by the heavily financed concern. And in the pursuit of manufacturing there has been a marked tendency to branch out. Once the south made only coarse goods. The result was that a temporary depression in this line of textiles put a crimp in the entire industry. Diversification, the policy which has blessed the farmer, is benefiting the manufacturer also. Mills are changing to finer counts and today almost any fabric made in New or Old England is made in the south also.

The furniture factory, also, of today does not confine itself to the making of inferior products. High-class furniture and chairs are turned out—goods that compare favorably with products from Grand Rapids. This means that the money which once went out of the south to purchase better goods is today kept at home. Big business is the order of the new day in the south.

Hunted House Scares Away Tenants

(By PAUL PIERRE RIGNEAUX.)

Paris, Aug. 19.—A haunted house in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne has chased and frightened away a whole series of American tenants, the latest victim being Mrs. Betty Paul Mernberg Keogh formerly the wife of a well-known New York dress-maker. A little over three months ago Mrs. Keogh came to Paris and hoped to find tranquility and rest in an elegant apartment which she rented in the Avenue du Bois.

During the day this dwelling place was as peaceful and as silent as a tomb; but at night about the hour when gnomes give up their dead and ghosts walk abroad, strange noises were heard. Mrs. Keogh frequently called in her friends in an effort to banish the ghosts and goblins, but fighting disembodied spirits became too much for her and sacrificing the rent due on the unexpired portion of her lease she asked the American Express agents to take her household goods to some less super-natural abode in the latin quarter.

Mrs. Thomas Malthus Hall, a young and pretty New York widow lived at the same number in the early part of this year and is said to have left for the same uncanny cause. She did not remain even as long as Mrs. Keogh. Another victim is Mrs. William Holt, the widow of a New York broker. It is claimed that during her tenancy tables were upset by unforeseen forces attributed to invisible spirits while games of bridge were in progress. But Mrs. Holt spent her summer by the seaside and her winters on the Rivera, so the ghost had not much opportunity to harass her.

The appearance of plain-clothes men from the police bureau above the apartment house was thought by those not knowing of the situation to be a complimentary body guard for some near-royal notables residing there, but it now appears that the aid of the police was sought by some hypertensive tenants to protect them from the mysterious happenings. In the days of her prosperity Cleo De Merode also lived at this fatal number. She was as superstitious as beautiful, and thoroughly frightened, she soon took to her light feet and skipped away.

Bothered By Custom's Spies. Male and female detectives belonging to the secret service of the American Custom House are spreading terror over the Rue de la Paix quarter, and jewelers, dressmakers, modistes, and venders of subura locks, of perfumery and of other luxuries are up in arms against them. The big jewelers have taken measures to protect themselves against the work of what they contemptuously call the "American spies."

The largest house here has had a vestibule constructed so that the outer door closes before the inner one opens. Another firm has been forced to put opaque screens over the doors and windows so that its customers cannot be seen by the spies congregating on the outside. Another has a guard stationed at the door who permits no one to enter suspected of being a spy. All the shops indeed are striving to prevent the New York Custom House detectives from seeing what purchases are being made.

The high-class, well-dressed men and women employed on this secret agent work has made the work of their detection by the shop keepers very difficult so that the merely "prying" American woman gets scant courtesy in the Paris shops today. The service is well organized and regular reports are made to the chief.

The treasury agency in the Avenue de l'Opera was once a valuable aid to the Custom House but since the sensational suicide which occurred there a year ago its effectiveness has been curtailed. French merchants are now circumventing the Custom House by consigning goods purchased in Paris to themselves in New York and then having their representatives distribute the articles to those Americans who had already purchased them. Thus they paid duty only on the production cost of the goods which is regularly attested to and gained the difference between this and the duty on the wholesale price at which the goods were really bought.

When was ever honey made With one bee in a hive —Hood.

A HOMELY WOMAN.

(By Bentztown Bard.)

Her feet were large and also flat, Upon her head no stylish hat Sat in its feathery splendor fine; Her waist was wide, without one line Of grace or beauty—none the less Her soul was sweet in comeliness.

Her hands were rough, her fingers scarred, The nails with household drudgery marred; Her neck was thick, and muscles ran Upon her shoulders like a man; Her wrapper was beyond all art— But God wrote "Mother" on her heart.

Her teeth were jagged and dark with stain; She had no time to care; in vain To speak of fashions, prate of style; Her fashion was her will to smile, And hum a little tune all day.

The while she worked and slaved away. She had not seen for many a year Inside a place of sun and cheer, Except the place she tried to make A home of peace and cheer for sake Of those she loved, just as you love Your own all else in life above.

Her jaws let down, her brow was streaked With wrinkles and her cheeks were tweaked With shadows her, when her life of rain And sombre duty and of trust Brought weariness, as did the dust.

A homely woman—such you meet Each day, perhaps, in some poor street; But though her feet are large, uncouth, To some a flower of human truth She shines, as year by year she goes To give her loved ones food and clothes.

And is there not some beauty more Than outward grace in these our poor? Some beauty? Yea, some loveliness That has its place in life no less Than you proud magnate's wife, who stares Disdainfully at poor Miss Cares!

Some beauty? Why, look yonder, see Beneath worn hands, large feet, bent knee, Carved forehead and unglittering eye The soul that must more deeply lie Than skin or blossom of life's art— A homely woman with a heart!

TORTURED FOR YEARS by a cure-drying stomach trouble that baffled doctors, and resisted all remedies he tried, John W. Moders, of Moddersville, Mich., seemed doomed. He had to sell his farm and give up work. His neighbors said, "he can't live much longer." "Whatever I ate distressed me," he wrote, "till I tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for me that I can now eat things I could not take for years. Its surely a grand remedy for stomach trouble." Just as good for the liver and kidneys. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c at W. L. Hand & Co.

COCAINE PEDDLERS. Special to The News. Greensboro, Aug. 19.—About a month ago when the city commission form of government had got well under way Commissioner of Safety Brown notified the police force not to make a specialty of any particular offense, but to execute all laws, regardless of who got hit. In consequence, within sixty days Municipal Judge Eure has had before him over 30 retailers of cocaine, nearly all of them being negro men. The evidence in most cases was bang up, and as a result, 25 able-bodied negro male dope peddlers are now at work on the street convict force as punishment, and about half a dozen fat negro women are doing duty for the county at the county house of correction, and cocaine hinders have become scarce in Greensboro.

The Reason. (From the Argonaut.) Representative Brownlow, of the First Tennessee district, was a man who knew how to get things for his district, and was especially successful in procuring offices for his constituents. He had a colleague, Henry Gibson, who was unable to get anything to speak of. Brownlow was big and good-natured. Gibson was small and somewhat irascible.

"Brownlow," said the little man one day, "I should like to know how it is that you get so many places for people in your district. I can't get anything for my district."

"Gibson" and the big fellow looked down on the smaller man with mock seriousness. "If there was anybody in your district that could pass a civil service examination, you wouldn't be in congress."

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