

TEARS.

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Mr. Corwith Enthused Over Trip

Mr. W. T. Corwith, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club returned yesterday from Durham, where he spoke, by special invitation, Friday night, before the Commercial Club. This club has just recently been organized. There have been preliminary meetings and an organization effected. Mr. Carr is president, and Mr. J. L. Morehead acting secretary. The club starts with a membership of 200.

Mr. Corwith spoke on Commercial Organization—a subject he has given years of thought and study to. One of the best posted men on the subject in this section.

Dr. Atkinson's Chooses Paradoxical Subject

The speaker for the meeting for men at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock will be the Rev. Dr. J. O. Atkinson. Dr. Atkinson is the editor of the Christian Sun, and is pastor of the Christian church at Elon College. In addition he holds the chair of political and social science at Elon College.

Dr. Atkinson is an orator of unusual ability and on this, his first initial appearance in Charlotte before the Young Men's Christian Association should be greeted by a large audience. On more than one occasion he has been the orator for the North Carolina Press Association, and for a term served as its president.

"The Strength of the Teak" is the paradoxical subject of the distinguished visitor.

Mr. D. R. Fonville, of the local bar, a friend of the speaker, will serve as chairman and will introduce Dr. Atkinson.

Mrs. Gertrude Bowman Wright, of Dayton, O., will sing a soprano solo. A cordial invitation is extended to all men to attend this popular Sunday afternoon service for men. Strangers spending Sunday in the city have a special invitation.

A New Citizen and Druggist

Mr. George A. Lowe of Savannah is a new-comer. He and his family moved here recently and are living in Dilworth. Mr. Lowe has been added to the prescription desk at Hawley's. He and his family are welcome additions to the city.

Big Bond Issue Approved. Atlanta, Dec. 16.—The Georgia Railroad commission today approved a \$47,000,000 stock and bond issue of the Georgia Railway and Power Company, a consolidation of numerous north Georgia water power concerns financed largely by New York, Boston and Canadian interests.

The company asked permission to capitalize at \$27,000,000 and issue \$30,000,000 in bonds. The former was cut to \$17,000,000 while the latter was approved. Whether this compromise will be accepted will be decided by the company officials in New York next week.

THE BOOTBLACK'S CHRISTMAS.

(By Harriet Francene Cooker in Exchange.)

I'm rich! I've got a dollar all my own To spend for Christmas—been a saving some

Since Fourth July, a little at a time. Doin' odd jobs, swearin' off on gum. An' now what shall I spend it for?

My stars! The show-cases is full an' heapin' up With presents fer to give the folks you like.

There's Mammie now—she'd like a chiny cup, I know she would—poor little sickly thing;

She cried one day because she had to drink Out o' that mug that's cracked like anything!

Yes, I'll buy that for her. Now lem-me think— That's twenty cents, an' I'll have eighty left.

An' Billy's crazy for a top to spin; I'll get him one—that's ten cents more—now what

I wonder, shall I buy for Jim? I guess he'd like a jack-knife best of all—

I'll get one, an' a good mouth organ, too—

Jim—he's my pard—he's got a crippled foot.

An' a drunken dad that beats him black and blue.

Now, I've got forty left, and mother wants—

I know she does—a thimble—her'n is old

An' full o' holes, and bent all out o' shape—

I wish I could get one of solid gold! That wouldn't be half good enough for her.

Not if 'twas edged with diamonds all around; Best mother ever lived—I tell you what.

Th' ain't many kids so lucky's me, I'm bound!

Now, I've got twenty left—I'll buy some gum

An' candy n' popcorn and some apples, too.

An' I'll be Santa Claus, and have some fun

A fillin' stockin's Crismus Eve—tell her—

Th' ain't no picnic in this livin' world That's half so jolly as this one there'll be

When all the kid's come shiverin' round the stove On Crismus mornin' when they come to see

Them stuffed-out-stockin's hangin' on the wall, Oh, how I'll holler: "Merry Crismus!" then

How s'prised they'll be! Yes, Merry Crismus all!

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Arbitration Treaties With Foreign Powers Not New In Peace Policy of United States

(By P.Foderick Clifford.) Washington, Dec. 16.—When a year ago president Taft proposed to adopt arbitration treaties with foreign powers, the whole world was thrilled by the magnitude of the action, but the people of the United States, so often prone to do so, seemed to have forgotten that the United States Senate had, twenty one years before, taken a similar action with as far-reaching effects. The peace policy of the United States is by no means new; on the contrary, it is nearly as old as the country itself. For more than a century, but it was not until 1890 that the Senate adopted a resolution which made the policy more all-embracing than before. In the nation's infancy, the obvious course to pursue was the safest one, when question of international affairs came to the front. Weak as compared to the other powers a century ago, it was necessary for the pilots of the government to adopt policies which would keep the country out of the clutches of devastating and impoverishing wars. International complications invariably result to the detriment of the weaker national involved and none knew this better than those statesmen who directed the early affairs of the United States. With the whole of Europe adame with international strife, a strong object lesson in the benefits of peace was administered to this country. In consequence, the Congress did its best to adopt policies which would permit of the peaceable arbitration of

have received in Russia. Many another country would have declared war an hour after the news was received. It is hard to account for the lack of enthusiasm with which the Senate has received the proposition of the ratification of these treaties. Political parties seem, to have allowed their feelings, if they have any, to be dormant as far as the peace treaties are concerned. Nor is the attitude of the Senate due to partisan division. The spathy it exhibits spreads over both parties. On the fourteenth of February, 1890, the United States Senate adopted a resolution calling on the president to initiate negotiations with foreign governments on the subject of arbitration treaties. This was merely a revival of the old time policy of the nation, which brought the question forcibly to before the people. Three months later the house of Representatives concurred in the Senate resolution. It was not until three years later that the British House of Commons adopted a reciprocal resolution. The resolution expressed the hope that the government would put itself on record as manifesting an inclination to cooperate with the United States in the arbitration matter. For about a decade after these resolutions were adopted by both the American and British legislative assemblies, no advantage was taken of them. In the beginning of his second term, President Cleveland was deeply interested in the arbitration question. In his first message he referred to the resolutions passed by the American and British Houses, heartily endorsing the policy. President Cleveland's Secretary of State, Mr. Gresham, immediately began negotiations with the Marquis of Salisbury for a general arbitration treaty. These negotiations were shelved, however, when the difficulty be-

Mr. Woodward Gets Deserved Promotion

Mr. C. H. Woodward, cashier of the New York Life Insurance Company's branch office in this city, is to be transferred to Richmond, Mr. Woodward will be succeeded by a man from the Birmingham office. The move is a decided promotion, as the field is larger and the responsibility equally so. Mr. Woodward has been a resident of Charlotte for five or six years. Few men have in so short a time won so entirely the confidence and esteem of the community. In and out of insurance circles Mr. Woodward is known as a man of high honor, integrity, ability and popularity. That he and his family are to leave Charlotte will be regretted by a host of friends. Satan—I'm surprised to find you here. I thought you would surely get a seat in Paradise. New Yorker (wearily)—Nothing doing; speculators had them all.—Puck.

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