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Northbound.
No. 136 To Washington 5:00 A. M.
No. 38 To Washington 10:25 A. M.
No. 46 To Danville 8:15 P. M.
No. 13 To Richmond 7:10 P. M.
No. 32 To Washington 8:18 P. M.
No. 28 To Washington 9:30 P. M.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

BETTER THAN RUBIES:—Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.—John 5:39.

THE COMMISSIONER IS RIGHT.

When Corporation Commissioner Pell recently attended a convention of railway and utilities commissioners in Miami, Fla., he ran across some astonishing figures regarding the expansion of North Carolina. Mr. Pell was so struck with the data collected at the convention that he is passing it on to the newspapers of the State with the appended note that the figures "will make the heart of every patriotic North Carolinian swell with pride."

In his message to the newspaper men Commissioner Pell points out that his data was gathered from The Miami Herald under the caption "Progress in North Carolina" and printed the morning the convention opened. We are printing the facts editorially because they are fully capable of doing what the Commissioner promised for them—creating greater pride in the hearts of patriotic Tar Heels for the wonderful State that is theirs.

It is pointed out that the figures are authentic because they are backed up by the government's own statisticians who reduced them into census reports. In 1900 capital invested in manufacturing enterprises were \$68,283,000. In 1920 this had increased to \$669,144,000. In 1900 the value of manufactured products was \$35,274,000 and in 1920 it was \$943,808,000.

In 1900 the combined resources of state and national banks were \$32,362,000, and in 1920 they were \$477,122,000. In 1900 the assessed valuation of property was \$306,579,000 and in 1920 it was \$3,139,705,000.

In 1900 the expenditures for schools amounted to less than \$1,000,000. This year the total expenditures will reach \$23,000,000. In 1900 the expenditures for new school buildings were \$41,000. Last year they were more than \$6,000,000.

In 22 years the value of school property increased from \$1,000,000 to \$35,000,000. In 1900 the average salary of teachers was less than \$25 per month. Last year it was \$102.

In 1900 the average length of school term was 73 days. Last year it was 141 days. High school enrollment increased in 22 years from 2,000 to 48,000. In 1900 there were no rural public libraries in the state. In 1923 there were more than 4,800.

COTTON CONSUMPTION DECREASING.

According to figures just announced by the census bureau, there was a decrease in cotton consumption in November as compared with October. The figures announced by the bureau also show that cotton consumption in November of this year was less than the consumption in the corresponding month of last year. In November of this year 531,631 bales of cotton were consumed while the total in October was 541,825, both exclusive of linters. In November 1922, 579,100 bales were consumed.

Conditions have not been so favorable in the textile field within the past sixty days. Manufacturers of certain commodities have been busy, but generally speaking there has been a let-up in orders received by textile plants and as a result curtailed schedules have been effective in many plants. This condition is found in the New England as well as the Southern mills. In fact the curtailment is greater in the North than in the South as shown by the report, which shows that during November more than half of the active spindles were in the South and more than half of the cotton consumed was

SANTA PAID AN EARLY VISIT TO CONGRESS



DINNER STORIES

The Difference. Elder Watkins, of Muddy Hollow, just back from the city, was telling his wife of the church he had attended.

"Did you know any of their songs?" asked she. "No," replied the elder, "they didn't sing anything but anthems." "Anthems!" exclaimed his wife. "What on earth is an anthem?" "Well," answered the elder, "I can't tell you just exactly, but if I'd say to you, 'Betsy, the cows are in the corn, that wouldn't be an anthem. But if I'd say 'Betsy—Betsy—Betsy, the cows—the cows—the Holstein cows, the muley cow, the Jersey cow, the spotted cow—all the cows are in—are in—the corn—corn—corn. Ah-men!' Why, that'd be an anthem."

That large man thinks himself pretty important, doesn't he asked the stranger. Important? Exclaimed the native. Why, if you tell him we're having fine weather here, he swells up as if he thought he made it.

"Why don't you pick up that note?" asked a traveler in Germany who saw a native drop 1,000 marks. "Ach!" replied the German. "Last week I stepped to pick up such a note and I'd a sumpender button. And you can't get a sumpender button under 5,000 marks."

"I don't want you to have so much company, Anne. You have more callers in a week than I have in a week." "Well, ma'am, perhaps if you'd try to be a little more agreeable you'd have as many friends as I do."

The Sunday school teacher had chosen the subject of Ananias for the lesson, and at its conclusion asked: "What happens to liars when they die today?" "Please, teacher," returned one of the scholars, "they lie still."

An Irishman coming out of ether in the ward after an operation, exclaimed audibly: "Thank heaven, that is over." "Don't be too sure," said the man in the next bed. "They left a sponge in me and had to cut me open again."

And then the patient on the other side, "Why, they had to open me to find one of their instruments." Just then the surgeon that had operated on Pat stuck his head in the door and yelled: "Has anybody seen my hat?" Pat faints.

Pity the Lion. It was rather a small circus and carried but one lion, one tiger, one elephant and so on down the list. After the trainer had put the lion through his paces, an elderly lady appeared at the cage door and remarked: "Aren't you afraid that this ferocious beast will attempt to make a meal of you some day?"

"To tell you the truth, ma'am," confided the man in the dazzling uniform, "I'm afraid I'll have to make a meal of this ferocious beast."

TODAY'S EVENTS

Saturday, December 15, 1923. Only ten days to Christmas. Last call for paying Federal income taxes, today!

Centenary of the birth of Bernard J. McQuail, first Catholic bishop of Rochester. Erwin H. Blashfield, eminent American mural painter, is seventy-five years old today.

Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic leader in the United States Senate, and Mrs. Robinson, celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary today. The State Democratic Executive Committee, of Texas, meets at Dallas today to select the date and place for holding the presidential preference convention.

The city of St. Louis today will begin a drive for a fund of \$130,000, with which it is proposed to build for the 1924 Democratic presidential nominating convention.

Sunday, December 16. Today is the 150th anniversary of the famous "Boston Tea Party." Centenary of the birth of Gordon Lester Ford, noted Brooklyn capitalist and newspaper publisher.

Among the December-born notables were Milton, Arkwright, Eli Whitney, Beethoven, Heine, Sir Humphry Davy, Whittier, Carlyle and Gladstone.

"Some malicious person started a report on the street that there was something the matter with Mayor Snipe's head. We are glad to announce that there is nothing in it."

quick. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Frank J. Sizemore, finds his mail increased by numbers of letters asking for further information about the city and the opportunities that it presents.

Some of these inquiries are merely documents of human interest, but others constitute what appear to be important feelers. One well known broker has asked the secretary questions about the community with a view to location here possibly of an industry.

The city was quite well pleased with the appearance of its advertisement in the rotogravure section of The Tribune devoted to the Carolinas and the letters seem to indicate a material return direct from the investment.

Rio Grande Blizzard Plays Havoc. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 11.—El Paso today experienced one of its worst blizzards in twenty years. Snow fell for more than twelve hours and a steady gale damaged homes, farms and other properties throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

National Advertising Brings Quick Results. High Point, Dec. 13.—The response to the advertising of High Point in The New York Tribune last Sunday has been

used by mills in cotton producing States. The exact figures follow: Cotton spindles active during November 34,101,452. Cotton consumed 531,631 bales. Cotton consumed in cotton producing States 358,718 bales. Cotton spindles active in cotton producing States 16,162,382.

TWO DEAD AND FOUR HURT IN MAN CHASE

Posse Searches For Joe Pullen, Negro Tenant Farmer, Who Shot and Killed Two White Men.

Greenwood, Miss., Dec. 13.—Two dead and four wounded were the known casualties tonight in a man hunt which began today when Joe Pullen, negro tenant farmer, shot and killed W. T. Sanders, planter, and escaped to a cave break near Drew, 25 miles north of Greenwood, armed with a pistol and shotgun and kept up a running battle with his pursuers at intervals throughout the afternoon. Posse with bloodhounds still were on the trail of the fugitive tonight. Sanders was killed when he went to the negro's cabin to arrange a business settlement and R. L. Metheven was shot to death as he approached a ditch in which Pullen had taken refuge. The wounded are A. L. Manning, C. A. Himmond, Kenneth Blackmore and Luther Hughes. Manning was shot at the time Sanders was killed. The others were possumen who were felled in encounters with the fugitive. One report early tonight was that two of the wounded had died of their injuries. Pullen also is reported wounded.

Theodore Roberts III. Pittsburgh, Dec. 14.—Theodore Roberts, veteran screen and stage actor is confined to his room in a hotel here under the care of two physicians after having taken suddenly ill last night at the conclusion of his appearance at a vaudeville theater. While physicians declined to discuss the nature of Mr. Roberts' illness, they said he had not been in good health for sometime.

For every two representatives of the British race found in Great Britain there are three in the United States. Fresh Lot Braç's Candies, in both bulk and 1 and 3 lb boxes. Also apples, oranges, nuts, raisins, etc. Apples and Oranges very cheap by the box. Special Prices on any of Above for Christmas Trees.

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