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To all our customers and friends:

GREETINGS

The year which is just drawing to a close has been a most successful one with this bank, for which we have to thank our customers and friends who have made this possible.

We hope you have enjoyed a prosperous year, and that we have been of satisfactory service to you in bringing this about.

The Officers and Directors individually and collectively extend to you the Compliments of the Season, hoping that your Christmas may be a Merry one, and that the coming year may bring you increased prosperity and happiness.

Citizens National Bank of Gastonia

FROM THE OLD COUNTRY.

A Christmas Letter From Rev. J. Walter Simpson to His Bessemer City Sunday School.

Edinburgh, Scotland. Dec. 11, 1905.

My dear little friends:—How I would love to be with you today, and all through Christmas, but since I am far away across the sea and can't be there to enjoy Christmas with you and talk to you about the great Christmas gift, about the dear Lord Jesus whose death you celebrate, I am going to write a letter and get your Superintendent to read it to you, just to let you know you are not forgotten. I wish I had time to write every one of you a letter.

Oh how often I think of my dear young friends in far away America, and how often I pray that God might keep their dear little hearts pure and clean, and how I pray that they may be kind and loving to each other, kind and loving to their Sabbath school teachers, kind and loving to their parents, kind and loving to Christ. I have sent each one of you a little Christmas card to let you know that though I am far, far away from you, my thoughts are of you and can cross the great sea that separates us. Yes, I send these cards to let you know that I think of you and want you to be happy Christmas day, but listen little friends, I did not send these cards to make you think of me. I want you to think of Jesus. Don't let Christmas pass without giving your best thoughts to Him, and little friends don't let Christmas pass without kneeling down and lifting up your dear young hearts to heaven and whispering a little prayer into His anxious ear. "Dear Jesus, I love you because you first loved me. I thank you Jesus that you thought of me when in heaven, and loved me so much as to leave that home to be born in this world and for me that I might dwell in that heavenly home too."

Don't forget to thank Him for that first Christmas morning and all He has done for you, remember too Jesus is thinking of you and sees you, and is happy when you are good and kind and happy.

Listen again, try to make others happy; don't be selfish. Let me tell you what happened here in Edinburgh the other day: two poor little ragged and bare-footed children, a boy and a girl, stood one cold morning at the door of the Drill Hall wanting to be admitted to the free breakfast which the good people in Edinburgh gave to the poor hungry ones that have nothing to eat and no nice comfortable homes like you have. Well, the little boy seeing the little girls feet was cold standing on the sleet covered rock pavement took off his cap and laying it on the cold hard pavement said: "There, stand on that and it will keep your little feet warmer." Now that was a simple act, wasn't it? Yet it showed that a kind noble heart beat under that poor boys ragged clothes. I wonder how many of my dear young friends would do that? That poor little ragged fellow was a little gentleman, and had something of the heart of Jesus and don't you know it made that poor little girl's heart warmer too, to see such kindness, and don't you know that it makes the heart of Jesus happy also! You know when we show kindness to the poor, to the sick, and to our friends we do kindness to Jesus, for He says: "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me."

Now I want my young friends to make Jesus happy Christmas

by making others happy. Do you know that true happiness consists in making others happy, if you don't believe it, just try it. Try to see how many hearts you can make happy during Christmas, and try to see how happy you can make the heart of your Sabbath school teacher during the new year, and see how much happiness you can make in your home by being kind, loving and obedient.

Now listen lastly, Jesus is making you happy this Christmas, what are you going to do to make Him happy? Are you going to forget Him and let your toys, fruits and candies and other things crowd Jesus out of your hearts? Do you think Jesus would be happy Christmas if you did that? Remember He left His home in heaven and gave His life for you that you may be happy always. Now what are you going to give Him? Oh, how happy you would make Jesus if you would give Him your young hearts and let Him dwell there, He says, "My son give me thine heart." Oh, won't you do it! He gave His life for you, can't you give your heart to Him? Oh how I wish I could be there to talk to you about Jesus the first great Christmas gift of the world. I will have lots to tell you when I come back to America. Just about four weeks after Mr. Oates reads this to you, I will start on my long journey to the far East to visit the Holy Land. I am going to the town, the very place where Christmas originated where Christ was born and I am going to the garden where He spent those hours of agony in prayer, to where He was crucified and buried, am going up into the mountain where He loved to go and pray, and climb the mountain where He was transfigured and climb the mountain from which He went back into heaven His home, am going to swim the river in which He was baptized. In a boat I will cross the sea on which He walked, I will drink at the well by which He sat and out of which He drank and said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again," and will visit the house and home He loved to visit so well, and a great many other places. I wonder if you can tell me these places and where these things happened. I am going to ask you when I come back to you and see how many can tell me. Oh, I will have so much to tell you when I come back to you, and I want you to tell me lots of things, too. I want to see how much you will have to tell me about the new church, how much money you have made to help build it. And I want you all to see how much money you can make for the new church next year. That is one way you can give to Jesus and make Him happy.

Now what do I ask you to do for me? Well, I will tell you. I want you to pray for me and pray that God may bring me back safely to you. I am three thousand miles from you now and when I go to Holy Land I will have to go four thousand miles farther on the sea; I will be travelling until I get back home three long months. Don't you know I will be glad when I arrive in Bessemer again? Well I must write to my little friends at Concord and Glassboro, so I will have to stop. I wonder how many happy hearts you are going to make Christmas, and what are you going to do to make Jesus happy. I want you to tell me when I come home And now young friends love one another, and love Jesus and may God bless you dearly is the prayer of your friend and pastor.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Being Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Enquirer, 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Gillfillan of Sharon, have moved to Gastonia.

The Associate Reformed church has commenced a building fund to be used hereafter as circumstances may seem to justify.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tiddy have moved into their cottage on Cleveland avenue, vacated by Mr. J. O. Allison's family. M. Allison has moved his family to Tirasah.

Henry T. Roddey, who was caught in the act of selling whisky by Policeman Sanders on Tuesday of last week is still in jail. The solicitor consented to his release on a \$200 cash bond; but he failed to get up the money.

The local electric system was connected with the feed lines of the Catawba Power company Sunday morning and since then electricity has been on tap at all hours. It is a good strong current that the power company furnishes, and the lights now seem to be all that could be desired.

King's Mountain battle ground has a right to be converted into a national park and our people should not rest until the conversion is effected.

Farm labor generally is demanding higher prices than have ever been known before, and the situation is one of no small embarrassment to the farmers. Labor is plentiful enough; but it is not inclined to work for former wages.

At a congregational meeting in the Associate Reformed church last Sunday morning, Mr. R. J. Caldwell was elected a deacon and Messrs. J. S. Brice, W. D. Grist, W. Brown Wylie and W. D. Glenn were elected elders. The installation of these officers will take place next Sunday week.

The special railroad tax levies for the payment of interest on the bonds issued in aid of the Three C's railroad will be as follows next year: York 3 mills; Catawba 2 mills; Ebenezzer 1 mill. The York levy has been reduced a half a cent as compared with last year and the Catawba levy a quarter of a cent.

The collections of Treasurer Neely up to December 31, 1905 amounted to \$95,539.08, or 85.7 per cent of the whole book, which is \$111,485.89. The total number of receipts issued was 6,325 out of a total of about 10,500. Last year's tax book was the largest in the history of the county, and the collections were closer than they have been for a number of years.

Fire broke out in the warehouses of the Eureka mill Chester last Sunday night at 9 o'clock and destroyed about 1,500 bales of cotton. The Eureka mill is situated on the outskirts of town and the town fire department could be of no service in fighting the fire.

The stock of the two new banks to be opened in Rock Hill was gobbled up too fast for several who wished to subscribe. Books of subscription to the "Peoples Trust and Banking Company," were opened on Thursday the 4th, those of the "First Trust and Savings Bank" on Friday the 5th; before Saturday night all the stock was subscribed and there were others who wanted it. Rock Hill's four banks will do some hustling this year in the old time style of the "Magic City."

At a meeting of the town council last Friday night, it was arranged that Mr. P. W. Love will look after the town's electric light business in connection with his other duties. He will also continue to exercise police authority. It is also understood that the town council will hereafter use for its meetings, etc., the office in the J. E. Lowry building formerly occupied by Mr. J. C. Wilborns.

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Yorkville, held their annual meeting in the offices of the bank at noon today and elected its directors as follows: W. R. Carroll, J. M. Stroup, Dr. W. M. Love, Dr. W. G. White, W. I. Witherspoon, O. E. Wilkins, J. L. Rainey, W. B. Moore, R. C. Allen. At a meeting of the directors immediately after the meeting of the stockholders Mr. O. E. Wilkins was re-elected president; Mr. W. I. Witherspoon, vice-president and Mr. R. C. Allen, cashier.

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COTTON IN AFRICA.

Dark Continent Makes Some Progress With the Staple.

Yorkville Enquirer.

During the last few years, says a correspondent, efforts have been made in different parts of the world to grow cotton in competition with that grown in this country. The last report along this line is from South Africa where the effort has recently been made to grow the product successfully. Last year a small experimental plantation was established on a portion of land in the middle belt. Four varieties were planted: Egyptian, Brazilian, Sea Island, and Upland Big Boll. The seed of the latter were received there late, consequently the plants suffered in a severe hurricane that year, blossomed in the early winter, and consequently the test was not a fair one. Both the Egyptian and Brazilian varieties grew well. The average number of bolls per tree was 40, but in quality and size the Brazilian was the better of the two. Cotton seed was distributed generally throughout the country by the British Cotton Growers' association and the Transvaal agricultural department. The year's growth in various parts of Switzerland proves that the climate and soil are congenial and that the plant will do well in most parts of the country, and once cheap transportation is available there will be every encouragement for the establishment of a cotton plantation on a commercial scale.

Curious as it may seem, Great Britain sent to the United States last year cotton goods aggregating nearly \$15,000,000. Its exports of cotton goods to all parts of the world went up to \$403,919,500, including yarns worth \$43,579,983.

Of imports into Great Britain, cotton leads with \$195,819,878, followed by oxen and bulls, \$34,928,610, and bacon \$30,216,143. In short, foods and the raw materials of commerce make up about three-fourths of all the commodities that go into Great Britain from the United States.

His Impudence Settled It.

Philadelphia Record.

The friendly quarrel between two acquaintances as to who shall pay the car fare when they happen to be riding on a trolley car together has come to be considered bad taste, and among the knowing it is now taken as a sign of greenness for one person to try to pay for another. Nevertheless, the attempt is often seen. Yesterday two gushing girls who fought over the question attracted the attention of all in a crowded car with their Gas-ton and Alphonse-like performance. "No, really," said one, "you must let me pay. You know you've paid for everything this afternoon, so far, and you must let me reciprocate." "But didn't you take me to the matinee last Wednesday?" said the other. "I really feel as though I must do something to pay you back." When a momentary silence fell as each girl tried to hold her money out further than the other, some rude men several seats away said, loud enough for all to hear: "Conductor, have you raised the price for a ride to \$1, or is it still 5 cents?" The silence of the girls continued, and their fare was paid without further wrangling.

Mr. W. H. Miller has sold his brick office building in Shelby to Dr. R. C. Ellis for \$1550 says the Cleveland Star. This building is now occupied by the Shelby Aurora and the job printing office.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

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DIED OF SNAKE-BITE 55 YEARS AFTER.

Uncle Robin Love, an Old Landmark and Very Fine Character of York County, is Dead at the Age of 89 Years.

Yorkville Enquirer, 9th.

Mr. Robert Love, familiarly and affectionally known throughout the western part of York county as Uncle Robin, is dead. He passed away at the home of his son, Mr. R. J. Love, last Monday morning, at about two o'clock, after having been confined to his bed about two weeks. His death was due partly to old age; but more directly to the effects of a snake bite received nearly fifty-six years ago.

Uncle Robin was born on Clark's Fork on the plantation on which he died, on May 17, 1817. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. His great-grandfather who was one of the Scotchmen who fled from their native land on account of the struggle between the adherents of the Presbyterian form of government, and of the Church of England, and went to Ireland. His grandfather was born in Loudonberry, Ireland, and came to America with his three sons, John, William and Robert, in 1790. The elder Love purchased a large body of land on Clark's Fork, and most of it descended to his sons. The ownership of the plantation on which Uncle Robin died came down from his father, Robert, and was still held by Uncle Robin at the time of his death.

The educational advantages of this section were poor during the youth of Uncle Robin, and were confined to indifferent private schools. Books also were scarce, and his teaching was mostly from the Bible, with which book he was made familiar from cover to cover. And thus he became the infallible guide of all his after life.

Uncle Robin was twice married, the first time to Jane Love, and the second time to Abigail Bradley. His first wife bore him seven children, three sons and four daughters. There was no issue from the second marriage. One son died in infancy; one disappeared at the battle of Sharpsburg, and the third, Mr. R. J. Love, is still living on the old home place. Two daughters are living. They are Mrs. J. L. Hoffman of Hickory Grove and Mrs. J. W. Love of Yorkville R. F. D. No. 2.

Although of Presbyterian descent and reared by Presbyterian parents, Uncle Robin was a Methodist. He joined the Methodist church at Canaan under the preaching of the Rev. Samuel Townsend, and remained a consistent and valuable member of the church up to the time of his death.

Uncle Robin had the misfortune a great many years ago, to be bitten by a copperhead snake. This was on June 14, 1850. The wound was on one of his legs. He came near dying from the bite at the time; but finally recovered somewhat. The wound, itself never healed, however. It became the centre of a running sore, which soon involved the whole lower limb, and which required constant and careful attention during the balance of the old man's days. It was at last the cause of his death.

Despite his terrible affliction lasting for so many years, Uncle Robin had a most delightful disposition. He seemed to be in love with all the world, and never had a harsh word for anybody. Because of this, he was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Uncle Robin had a splendid memory and his acquaintance extended back to men who had participated in the Revolutionary war. He used to tell of having talked with men who had fought at King's Mountain and remembered with pleasure of hearing the older female members of his boyhood home say how they heard the shooting during the battle and the shouting afterward.

The funeral of Uncle Robin took place at Beersheba today, and was attended by a great concourse of people from all parts of the country immediately surrounding.

The Shelby Star says that Hon. R. Y. Webb has sold the new residence which he recently constructed near the Southern depot to Mr. R. E. Nichols, of Earl, for \$2150. Mr. Nichols will probably move to Shelby this fall.

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