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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1904.

THE PRESIDENT AND RAILROAD

attracted more serious attention than Austria and import its French rolls and anything else contained therein. "We strive," he said, "to keep the of the South with its great staple." histoways of commerce open to all on equal terms, and to do this it is neces-State commerce act in this respect and this is a gratifying and hopeful fact. declared that it should be amended. "The railway," he said, "is a public servant," and "its rates should be just from Jacksonville, act to and open to all shippers alike. The donment of factional government should see to it that with- ics and the agitat in its jurisdiction this is so, and should question and urge let up in his efforts until the pawers of by our Washington correspondent rewhose interest it is to maintain political agitation, have. cently, that certain Congressmen have cal agitation, have. ared the Wall street stock speeclaters that nothing is to be feared PESSIMISM HAS NO PLACE HERE. dore Roosevelt is a large part of the cratic party, says:

plis. There are no tuition fees, and hopeful and cheerful." it is attended by those who have not the time to attend school in daylight. election and it is three years and eleven Those who attended the graded schools months until the next. It is too early beach to hunt squirrel. They found this during the day are not eligible to the to lay plans for 1908, by which time game more plentiful and were having night school. This promises to be a many of of us will have died and presvaluable adjunct to Charlotte's educa- ent conditions may have totally tional system and the attendance will changed. We do not, therefore, care no doubt increase as acquaintance with to commit ourselves now with refer-It grows upon the community.

old and celebrates its anniversary by expatriate itself. True, we have just from its body. enlarging from six to seven columns, been beaten but that is no new ex-It is somewhat of a mystery how a perience—we have been beaten many many minutes before a wildcat put in of The Reflector, but that interesting and worthy contemporary is doing more than holding its own and The Obser- Mr. Beecher once described as "a cave up the trail of blood for some distance, ver tenders is felicitations and the asturance of its best wishes.

sia is indeed in a bad way. The istration against the government n St. Petersburg, while perhaps not we the temper of many of the is in regard to the war, and it is The South is not despairful but cheer d to believe that victory can be ful. eved abroad when there is such valty at home. The wonder is at the present form of government Newton Enterprise. as endured to this day, for it ceraly belongs to an age that is past f it was ever a sultable one.

GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN STORE.

turers Record Mr. F. L. Stephenson, of Pittsburg. Pa., who has a large investment in this State, expresses the conviction that a period of great industrial activity is ahead of the South, saying, among other things:

"I am entirely sincere in my belief that the pext ten years will witness greater progress in material development and greater return on capital invested in the South than in any other section of the

greater return on capital invested in the South than in any other section of the United States. This belief has been backed by several millions of dollars invested in North Carolina by the firm of which I am a member. Several years ago we reached the conclusion that the kind of power most beneficial to the South was not political, but mechanical, and that if this could be provided cheaply and applied to the great Southern staple sections of the South it would become as dominant in the textile trade as Pittsburg is in the fron trade or as Minneapolis is in the ficur trade. It would seem to me as logical, for instance, for Pittaburg to ship yesterday in the city.

its coal, coke and ores to Great Britain for conversion into Iron and steel, and Mr. J. A. Peas, a Statesville business for conversion into iron and steet, and then to buy those products for our use, rius the manufacturer's profit, as it is for the South to ship its cotton thousands of miles to Europe or hundreds of miles to Europe or hundreds of miles to South to ship its cotton thousands of miles to Europe or hundreds of miles to South to ship its cotton thousands of miles to Europe or hundreds of miles to South to ship its cotton thousands of miles to Europe or hundreds of miles to South to ship its cotton thousands of miles to Europe or hundreds of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to Europe or hundreds of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to South to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to ship its cotton thousands of miles to south to sou tiles, plus the manufacturer's profit and The reference to railroad rates in the inished material. If the West should ex- Ga., were

Whitney Reduction Company, which ford. equal terms, and to do this it is neces. White out granite and mining gold visitor in the city, and preparing to but a complete stop to all in Rowan county and preparing to Mr. Maxey L. John, a prominent lawyer rebates." The rebate, he declared, the abuses of the private car and private terminal track and sidetrack strate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate terminal track and sidetrack strate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate their faith by their investment of the rebate, he declared, develop the power of the Yadkin in Stanly. He and his company demonstrate their faith by their investment of the rebate the must be stopped," and the and their work and he puts his argulaw forbidding any person or corpor- ment as to why the South must beaccept or receive any rebate, concession or discrimination in respect to the whereby such property shall by any form of activity should prosper more whatever be transported at a greatly elsewhere; but there is no conless rate than that named in the tariffs dition that is not favorable and there published by the carrier, must be en- is the added and great advantage of In his general attitude on proximity to the field of production. the subject, The Journal of Commerce For the South's shipment of its cotton the subject. The Journal of Commerce
thinks the President is entirely right,
and makes note of the fact that in his first message to Congress on succeed- manufacture and the freight both ways ing President McKinley, he referred there is no good reason whatever, and to the defective working of the inter- that there is a general awakening to

In the last issue of The Manufacturers' Record two Florida correspondents, one writing from Pensacola, the other the abanuctive polithe negro provide a speedy, inexpensive and address itself more particularly to effective remedy to that end. The business-to the things that make for subject, he said finally, "is one of great its, happiness and welfare. One of importance and calls for the caruest these correspondents says, among lotte Plaster Co. ation of Congress." One can very other things: "The age of knight ereasily see why the present hollow pre- rantry may have possessed merit more tense of regulating inter-State com- admirable than the age of commercial- bales at 12 cents. merce should especially strike a man ism, but the age of commercialism is like Mr. Roosevelt as an abomination, here." Yes, and there Is no reason, and it is to be hoped that he will not founded on sense, why we of the South brilliancy and size. should not avail ourselves of the opporthe inter-State commerce commission tunities which it present to us. Unenlarged so that it can be reality happily, however, the business men the store-room under the Straford Hotel that for which it is supposed to be who feel as these two do, have not

from this recommendation is not up. The Norfolk Landmark, approving assuring. However, the President has the recent Charleston speech of Col. Drug Co., on South Tryon street. plenty of determination and i he George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, in which he advised the South really demands a change in the pres-ent law it will be realized, for Theo-

Republican party, and is in an especially good position to haze his will there, it will not be so difficult for the programme which he outlines to be put and Tryon streets yesterday, when the carried out by Congress from this time into effect. At any rate, we believe that into effect. At any rate, we believe that into effect. on, despite the fact that this is to be the doctrine of Col. Harvey is far better for the South than the reported pessimistic plaint of Senator Bacon, of Georgia, It is noted with pleasure that the that the course of national politics makes night school which was opened two the South despair and feel as if she has weeks ago in the first ward graded been estracised from the country of which school building has made an excellent she technically forms a part. We do not beginning. It is held four nights in believe that the majority of Southernthe week, has four teachers and 87 pu-ers are cast down; on the contrary, we and Hugh Christic last Saturday. believe that the majority of them are

It is but a month since the last ence to the captaincy of the next The Greenville Reflector is 10 years, there is no occasion for the South to port a daily paper of the excellence ple to throw up their hands, and we squatted low in the bushes and was are quite mistaken if, following the fired at the same time. example of Senator Bacon, they put of gloom," True, some of them the train for Jacksonville. felt, the day after the election, as if they would never smile again, but ing expedition, stated before they left they soon began to sit up and take that he would get his pack of hounds notice. We observe that all of them after the wounded wilcat on Sunday are wearing a broad grin now and percuching in its immediate effect, hustling as if their lives depended upon their bringing something to pass. carcass of the cat by everess.

Good Farming.

Some time ago we mentioned the Garden to-day. Every manufacturer of fact that some of our Catnwba county prominence of office goods and time and owners had realized as much as 10 and labor saving devices in the United per cent. Interest on land rented to States and Canada, and a number from per cent. Interest on land rented to States and Canada, and a number from abroad is represented and the collection of articles in this line is the largest control of articles

scur trade. It would seem to me as logi- Rev. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, spent the corn. It worked all right. oBth of

PRESIDENT AND RAILROAD liles, plus the manufacturer's profit and control of the profit and contr

Vienna bread, it would parallel the course of the South with its great staple."

the city.
Capt. A. H. Price, of Salisbury, arrived in the city last night and is at the Bu-

Mr. J. E. Kluttz, of Albemarie, is a

night in the city.
Dr. Hampton Austin, of Albemarle, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of his brother, Dr. J. A. Austin.
Mr. J. T. Millikan, of Greensboro, is a

transportation of any property in were adverse to cotton manufacturing bore, arrived the city last night and inter-State or foreign commerce, here there would be reason why this is registered at the Buford. Mr. J. M. Merritt, of Lincolnton, is in the city.
Mr. Mark Squires, formerly the well-

known editor of The Lenoir Topic, is a Charlotte visitor to-day, Judge James E. Boyd and District At-terrey A. E. Holton, of Winston, arrived in the city last night and will open Fed-

Mrs. M. A. Hall, of Lexington, spent last hight in the city, a guest of the Central.

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day.

—Mary June, the big steam roller, has resumed work on West Trade street.

-Solicitor Regiot Clarkson and Judge W.

-The hotels are filled with arrivals comthe South ing to attend the session of Federal Court articularly to which convenes to-day. -Mr. James M. Archer, of Monroe, who has been traveling for a Wilmington

has been traveling for a house, has taken a position with the Char--Cotton receipts on the local market vesterday were 17 bales at 71% cents. On the same day last year the receipts were 54

-A meteor in the northern sky attracted the attention of passers-by on the streets last night. The star was of extraordinary

-Mr. W. W. Harris, the wholesale fruit and produce dealer on South College street -Madama Rochibeau, the North Tryo In existence. The fact, as mailtioned the ear of the people, while those street dress-maker, sustained a slight DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE IF YOU are in Dilworth, Piedmont Park

> -Mr. James Stowe, a well-known former resident, now connected with the firm of Voight & Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn, will return to the city and after Dewill return to the city and after De-cember 20th, will be with the Fitzsimons

-The Young People's Missionary Society of Tryon Street Baptist church, will give a missionary rally and tea in the church annex this evening at 8 o'clock. church annex this evening at 8 o'clock. A. R. Willmann Pl'g Co.

but was not dangerously hurt.

They Got the Cat.

Florida Times-Union. Wildcats in Florida are common as rule, but it is rare that sportsmen from Jacksonville come in contact with them. as was the experience of Ben Burbridge These two gentlemen went to Dago

last Saturday to hunt ducks. This species of bird was rather scarce in that immediate neighborhood, so they some success, when the cry of one of their dogs was heard, coming from a listance of about 100 yards from them. From the cries of the dog they decided that he was engaged in a fierce struggle and decided to go to his ascontest, but are here to say that sistance. They went to a palmetto thicket and located the dog, more dead than alive, with the flesh badly torn

They had not been in that vicinity town the size of Greenville continues to times before. It is not like these peo- its appearance, with an ugly growl it

The huntsmen knew that the wildcat ashes on their heads and retire to what had been badly wounded and followed but finally gave up the search and took

Mr. Mickler, their guide on the huntmorning. Nothing more was thought o the experience until yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Burbridge received the

A Good Business Show.

New York, Dec. 12.-The First National Business Show, the only exhibition of the kind ever held in the United States, opened at Madison Square

Kansas City Times. "Speakin' of winds," said a roman

at Canadian, in the Panhandle, "I had remarkable experience the year I took a claim in Beaver county, Oklahoma. The first summer it was powerful windy and dry. I had two cows that I took down there with me, and lariated 'em out on the prairie near m dugout so that they would be handy at milkin' time. Well, one day in July there come up a wind and when I went out to look for my cows, blamed if they were anywhere in sight. Then I hanpened to look up and them two cows was floatin' 'round in the air. The wind had blowed 'em out and up to the ends of the 200 foot picket ropes and there they was like anchored kites. The wind kept on blowin' till evenin' and held the two cows steady in the air about eighty feet from the ground for six hours steady. It was milkin' time and I was bothered to know how I was ever to get them cows, when a happy thought SAVE \$3 to \$10 on a cloak at Ivey's. struck me all of a sudden. I went into the dugout and got a few ears of corn. Then I called the cows and showed 'em the corn. It worked all right. oBth of annum and commissions. Applicant must have good references and \$1,000. Capital slick as you please: wan't neither of 'em hurt a particle."

St., Chicago. 'em hurt a particle."

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