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Every Day in the Year.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1996.

THE AGITATION FOR THE MET-RIC SYSTEM.

The New York Herald, which issues Paris edition, and whose publisher ts a resident of the French capital, is ting an agitation for the commetituitional limitations permit, of the d years ago. By way of preliminary thought to be superior to all others in being founded on an invariable magnifrom the equator to either pole; but Austria-Hungary, Belguim, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru.

Some of the objections to the proted to Gov. Glenn by Mr. Wm. Whit- would follow. tam, Jr., editor of The American Cot-

in 1896, consequently any additional legisistion on the subject must be compulsory The compulsory introduction of metric my opinion, be exceedingly objectionable for the following reasons

1. The present system is too firmly estab fished to be abolished.

2. Forcing the metric system into use against the will of the people would re sult in bringing both the old and the new 3. A new system can be forced into consequently a mistake in this matter is

advocates claim, it will be adopted by the people without confusion and without forcing it on any one for whom the Eng-

careful consideration of the respective trained mind, viz: education. merits and demerits of the two show that the present system is the better one

6. There is no popular demand for the great mass of the people are wholly indifferent, and the overwhelming majority be easily proved by inquiries among them. pres, and are the least able to adopt themselves to a new system.

7. A change of weights and measures was not an issue at the election at which such radical change should be attempted tallty of refrigerator cars and cold unless the law makers have been elected on that have for that purpose, and after full discussion by all classes of people,

Probably no industry supplies stronger proof of the folly and danger of the combory introduction of the metric system

than does textile manufacturing. The contention that a system cannot be forced out of use by legislation, although another system may be introed alongside, with obviously deplorable iresults, seems amply supported by the history of the metric m. Even in France, the old units ist to an astonishing extent and the great silk industry of the country t entirely ignores the metric of replacing the various systems ed in different States of the empire with one uniform system, has found that she has merely added one more. the lot, the English system, our wil, seems to be coming far more ingeneral acceptance among the er. In a discussion of the metric at the International Cotton at Manchester, England, last this powerful argument was

itself. Where then comes the irdship? Does it not arise with the ivocates of the metric system who ask s to alter all our machinery, to revolualse all our industries, and to undertake the initiation of all our old customer in civilized and uncivilized countries, the world over, into a new system of weights

It would also appear that as a rule manufacturers, wherever found, do not prefer the metric system for calculations, the English units of both weight and measure better fulfilling the requirements of exactitude and simplicity.

Of course, the business of the merhant, the farmer, the druggist, the jeweler, and indeed who not, would be profoundly affected and unsettled by a hange of system.

Other aspects of the matter are strikingly dealt with in the introduction to a recent work entitled, "The ure," by Samuel S. Dale and Frederick A. Halsey, "an outgrowth of a paper

"The English system of weights and easures is the exclusive standard of all the English-speaking countries, while the are blessed with substantial uniformity of proach to their civilization."

he Anglo-Saxon and the Latin races show to better advantage or more characterpolley of drift had, at the time of the Revolution, brought about a state of chaos, and in true French style the praiseworthy manner. remedy was sought not in evolution, but in revolution, and the result was the metric system."

by the policeman's club. For more than plosions, facing the flames and endangcentury it has been the pet of the legislator, and with the result that in the air from are calling for more laws to compel its equal to nitroglycerine. Mr Latta by the testimony of these same advocates to keep the fire from coming in contac will not, use it unless compelled to do so."

Anglo-Saxon race-unity in language. In generators and large apparatus would have been destroyed and probably liver customs, in laws, in popular government, science has dispelled this illusion in progress, in ideals, in civilization) In nothing is this unity more marked than sick and vomiting from the effects of in weights and measures, the foundation of the heat and the odors of gas. that commercial and industrial structure? which others may imitate but cannot Representative of their historic methods of development, foundation of

Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Por- system in the work of customs officers Roumania, Servia, Mexico, the Federal government. Congress could do no more. If the agitation posed congressional action are thus which at present seems highly improb-

Unquestionably, the French system The use of the metric system was made child than the English system, but if legally permissive in the United States it is less serviceable after it is learned, high school arithmetics now, and no system of weights and measures would, in one has any objection to its coming in-

standards into use under conditions that physical powers. But man has been would cause serious and endless confusion, endowed with a mental force by tion, but cannot be forced out of use; giant natural forces of the streams, in the United States for nearly forty in which wireless messages are transately, is proof that the people do not find, train the youth to accomplish the best A advantageous. If it is all that its results it is important to train the word. A knowledge of the natural 8. While neither system is perfect, a useful work is all dependent upon the

ask for its compulsor; adoption. The has been developed by refrigeration, or These people would suffer the most injury and keeping these in storage without each, from a change in our weights and meast deterioration, all depend upon refrigagricultural developments this line has already been made, it would seem as though the business was really yet young.

DEAD IN NEW MEXICO, ...

Mr. M. K. Hegler, of Rowan County, Sought Relief Fro m'Inberculosis in the West, but Expired Before He Reached His Destination.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Jan. 5. -- Mr. J. D. Hill. who left this place one week ago, telegraphed friends in Salisbury to-day that Mr. M. K. Hegler, a native and former splendid citizen of this county, had died yesterday in New Mexico. Germany, which acted in Mr. Hall had shown very dangerous tubercular symptoms and went to New Mexico for treatment. Encouraged by his improvement, Mr. Hegier, similarly afflicted, left with Mr. Hall and germ theory. died before he really reached his destination, the body being taken off at Trinidad, Colorado, The remains will be brought back to Rowan for burial.

> Mr. Otto A. Moses Dead Mr. Otto A. Moses, father of Mrs. Rush T. Ray, who lives here with Mrs. Mildred Griffith. died in New

FIRE AT THE GAS PLANT

DAMAGE IS NEARLY \$10,000

Works Upon Which All of Charlotte is Dependent for Gas is Converted Into a Furnace, All Combustible Parts of the Building Being Destroyed—Mr. M. Nisber Latta, Superintendent of the Plant, With a Force of 75 Steam Fitters, Mechanics and Laborers, Get Generators in Bunning Order Within Two Hours After the Fire—The Steam

of the Fire.

The gas plant of the Charlofte Consolidated Construction Company, which furnishes illuminating and heating gas for all of Charlotte, caught fire tor all of Charlotte, caught fire yes-terday afternoon a few minutes before 3 o'clock and the roof and other com bustible parts of the building were de-stroyed. The fire was an especialy dangerous one, the gas tanks contain-ing 60,000 feet of gas, and a tank containing 30,000 gallons of oil being only a few feet from the burning structure, The firemen and the employees of the company worked heroically in the face of grave danger and under many disad-

The damage which will amount to beweep \$7,000 and \$10,000, is covered by

of gases formed in the carburretter from Texas oil. The flames from the presented to the American Society of gases shot up to the wooden trusses supporting the roof, igniting them. The timbers were like tinder and the fire spread rapidly, the entire upper floor being in flames within 10 minutes after

In addition to the wood work of the metric system is the exclusive standard of building 1,000 gallons of oil caught no nation on earth. Anglo-Saxon nations the blaze even if the equipment and service of the firemen had been adeweights and measures, while others are quate for an ordinary fire, which it is cursed with a confusion that is a re- not. The fire department responded promptly and the men worked valiantly, but the water pressure was alto-In no matter does the contract between gether insufficient, the fire being out side the city, and they were handicapped by not having a steamer on the istically than in this. In France the grounds and on account of the distance away from the fire of the hyd-rant. Chief W. S. Orr was out of the city and Assistant W. S. Charles led things which can only be described as the firemen in an intelligent and most

No doubt the town was saved a great calamity and the gas company the real courage of Messrs. loss by Nisbet Latta and Oscar Whitaker, who went into the burning building and progress in industry except when backed took the proper steps to prevent exering their lives. Mr. Whitaker set clamps on the purifying boxes to keep contact France to-day its most ardent advocates which would have caused an explosion with it, which would have also caused a terrific explosion. Had not thes "We hear much of the unity of the precautions taken the entire plant of lost. When Messrs. Whitaker and Lat ta came out of the building they were

> The inside structure of the building is of steel and as soon as the smoke permitted Mr. M. Nisbet Latta, super the plant, started the work of cleaning away the debris and getting the gas generators in working orders for the material he though he had given oredrs for the material het though necessary henl thuoght The red hot fron floors

were cooled by the use of water and a force of laborers began removing the debris. Mechanics and steam fitters on hand with the material ordered and the work of putting in new valves and repairing the steam, gas and oll pipes, which had been warped and twisted by the intense heat, was to see that it is to their interest to

tors put in operation. Only by the thorough knowledge of the plant and its equipment and the tremendous enthe young superintendent. Mr. Nisbet Latta, was this feat made pos-From the time he heard of the the until the generators were in opergardless of danger and comfort. thank for their relief at not having to the fire the holders contained only two hours supply for the city.

The consternation of the people of gas supply not only for light but for markable. In the newspaper shops al used in the operation of the line-types is kept molten by gas and early in the evening in the Observer's plant ply of gas would be exhausted at 10 o'clock and that the machines would stop at that time. "Get your copy in local force from up-stairs and immediately the typewriters began to rattle. The message that Mr. Latta had suceration was nowhere greeted with more

Doesn't Signify Much.

To the Editor of The Observer metric system. Only a very small number modern progress is the business which bale to the acre," an expression often thing in our great cotton county. As one in a former article in The Obsershipment of vegetables and of fruits many bases weighing 490 pounds county in the State, call 500 pounds N. C. lint an average bale. My crop of 125 mere suggestion that "a bale to the acre" does not imply how much, as I have known a great many to sell bagging and ties at a profit to cover a "a bale to the acre." Better put it so much lint cotton per acre. L. T. TOWNSEND. Lumberton, Jan. 1, 1996.

COLD KILLS THE GERM.

Licut. Perry Says There Are No Bald Heads in the Arctic Region.

The people who come back from Klondike testify to the fact that no native bald heads are there. The native bald heads are there. evidence is that the cold climate kills the germs that eat the hair off at root. Lieut. Perry, who went to the Arctic Regions, gives the same evidence. Newbro's Herpicide has he same effect as the cold climate. It kills the germ that eats the hair off at the roots, and the hair grows Herpicide is the first hair again. emedy built upon the principle destroying the germ that eats the hair off. Its phenomenal sale demonstrates the correctness of the scalp gists. Send 10c. in stamps for sam-ple to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. R. H. Jordan & Co., Special Agents.

The chances for living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., now 70 years old. She writes: "Elec-Now 75 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of Chronic of land; on a brief illness. The funeral took place by the filters cured me of Chronic of land; on a yesterday, Many Charlotte people met Mr. Moses here last year. He was with his daughter for several months. Mr. Moses was a native of Charleston, S. C., a man of fine sense and much learning. He was about 60 years old.

Medically and the sense was a native of the sense and much learning. He was about 60 years old.

Medically and strong as a young girl. Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases. Blood disorders General Debility and bodily weakness. Sold on a guarantee at H. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store pen."

THE DEATH RECORD.

Special to The Observer,
Wadesboro, Jan. 5.—Mr. John A.
Wall, of Lileaville, died at the home
of his brother, ex-Sheriff B. F. Walllast night of pneumonia. Mr. Wall was
about 50 years of age, and the son of
the late Mill Wall. He was a man of
Sterling worth, was never married,
was a loyal Democrat, and true to his
friends, was one of the wealthiest and
most prominent men of Anson county.
His honesty of purpose and good prac-His honesty of purpose and good practical judgment were proverbial. M. Luther Lingle, of Rowan County.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Jan. 5.—Mr. M. Luther Lingle, a well-to-do farmer of this county, died this morning at 8 o'clock at his home, six miles in the country. He had been sick since Saturday with pneumonia and was hopelessly ill all the while. Three physicians from Salisbury were called in for consultation, but the man had no chance. He eaves a wife and four children. morrow afternoon, the funeral will be held from Christiana Lutheran church, Rev. N. D. Bodie officiating.

J. B. Brown, of Ashepole.

Correspondence of The Observer. Lumberton, Jan. 3 .- Dr. J. B. Brown, one of the oldest and best known physicians in the county, died in his home in Asheville Sunday morning. The funeral was conducted by Rev. P. R. Law Monday morning. The interment was made with Masonic honors, in the Ashley cemetery. He is survived by a wife and two sons, Dr. J. R. and Will

Jacob Sides, of Statesville. Correspondence of The Observer.

Statesville, Jan. 4-Mr. Jacob Sides an old resident of this place died early Tuesday morning, and the remains vere interred at Concord church Wednesday. Mr. Sides was 81 years old children-four sons four daughters survive. His wife died about twenty years ago.

Mrs. Griffith, of Davie County. Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 4.-A telephor nessage was received here this after noon stating that Mrs. Griffith, the aged mother of Mr. J. F. Griffith, of this city, died to-day at her home in Davie county. She had been sick a week or more with pneumonia.

Baker Spears, of Ostwalt, Correspondence of The Observer. Mooresville, Jan. 4.-Mr. Spears, a well-to-do farmer of the ostwalt neighborhood, died this morning at 6 o'clock of consumption. The emains will be buried to-morrow at 2 clock at Wesley's chapel. He is sur-

PROPOSITION DECLINED. Hickory Aldermen and Southern

Rathway Officials Clash as to Site for New Freight Depot. Special to The Observer.

rived by a wife and five children.

Hickory, Jan. 5 .- At a called meeting of the board of aldermen this evening o consider the proposition of Col. A. B. Andrews, first vice president of the Southern Railway, who was here vesterday in session with a committee headed by Mayor J. D. Elliott, looking over the situation with a view to effecting a compromise for a location and erection of a new freight depot adequate for better freight accommodations, the board unanimously declined to accept it. The business element, which constitutes the board of trade and the mercantile association, regrets that the railroad authorities se unable Within two hours of the time when the flames were at their heighth the boilers had been fired and the generators rule in constitution of the flames were at their heighth the boilers had been fired and the generators rule in constitution of the flames were at their heighth the boilers had been fired and the generators rule in constitution of the time when their treasury \$40,000 to \$50,000 months roving cans; submit prices and give particulars. Address L. A., care Observer.

Mr. Abbott Buys More Suburban

Property. An Observer reporter learned yesterday from an authentic source that Mr. F. C. Abbott, of the new Suburban Real Estate Company, has pur chased the Springs and Brevard property on East Seventh street. This property extends along Seventh street from the intersection of Central avenue for two or three hundred yards. It is opposite to Piedmont Park and is valuable residence property, comprising about 37 building sites.

Messenger, without charge, to your of business or residence advertisements for this column. Phone A. D. T. Messenger Service No. 45; or Observer, No. 78. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of No ad, taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE-White French Pupples, Christmas delivery. French Pupples, Christmas delivery. Epps, Cleveland avenue. Dilworth.

FOR SALE—At once first-class up-to-date China, silverware and house furnishing goods; established seven years; reasons for selling other business in New York. Address P. O. Box, 459, Durham,

FOR SALE-Brand new Oliver typewriter FOR SALE-Choice lot on Elizabeth avenue, \$1,000,00, Address J. G., care

FOR SALE Barber chairs in good condi-tion. Thad Tate, Central Hotel.

FOR SALE-A pair of fine mules. Apply at The Tate-Brown Co. FOR SALE-Cheap, gentlest horse in city; also nearly new rubber t Apply 712 East Fourth street.

stock, twelve to fifteen thousand dollars. For further particulars apply to F. C. Abbott & Co.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT-Modern 7-room house East Fifth street. McCall & Clanton.

building, 32x130, with cement bacement, at 210 South College street, now occupied by International Harvester Company of America. Apply at building or to W. R. BURRELL.

FOR RENT-Furnished room on first floor Apply 507 North College street.

FOR RENT-One of the vacant offices on Fourth street, in building occupied by O. A. Roffins Co., for 1, 2 or 3 years, including heat and services of atteno-grapher and janitor. Apply to E. S. Reid, Manufacturers' Club.

FOR RENT-Near Pineville, N. C., de-sirable country home with about 8 acres of land; on macadam and railroad; price, 15.00 per month. For further particulars apply to F. C. Abbott & Co.

The Observer will send A. D. T. Messenger, without charge, to your place of business or residence for advertisements for this column. Phone A. D. T. Messenger Service, No. 45; or Observer, No. 78. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED-Salesmen of ability and near appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant side line convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg., Co., Clucinant.

WANTED - Ten first - class harness makers; good wages and steady job to sober men. Southern Saddlery Co., Chat-

WANTED—Two good salesmen to sell organs in country and small towns; no knowledge of music necessary; men must not be afraid of hard work; salary and ex-penses paid. G. W. Frix, Salisbury, N. C.

WANTED 4 collectors on commission; ex-cellent contract; bond required; 10 solicitors on commission; city and country work. Write Chicago Crayon Company, Bax 155, Charlotte, N. C.

WANTED-Room and board by couple with baby. Address L. T. W., care Ob-WANTED—Lady assistant in office; must write well and be accurate. S., care Observer.

WANTED—An all-round ruler, binder and finisher to take charge of our bindery; salary, \$20.00. Boatwright Bros. Co., Dan-ville, Va.

WANTED—Modern and medium size house unfurnished, centrally located. Address "John, care Observer.

WANTED-To communicate with one or more young persons in each township of this county who would like to send in news for "The County Social" column. I would like to have the names of several young ladies who have sent in letters from Huntersville, Shopton and other communities. H. E. C. Bryant, City Editor. WANTED—Good white barber; \$12 per week. Rose & Dean, 235 W. Trade street

WANTED-A furnished house. J. A. Bauscaren, National Cash Register Co., Trust building. WANTED-Young man capable of hand-ling ordinary D. E. books; accurate and reliable; state age; experience; reference; salary expected, etc.; knowledge of steno-graphy desirable. Drawer 28, Salisbury, N. C.

WANTED-A position by registered drug gist. Address Box 225 Mt. Alry, N. C. WANTED-A licensed pharmacist to buy an interest in my drug store and run it; growing town. Address Dr. M., Box 73, Canton, N. C.

WANTED-Three rooms unfurnished on car line; steam heat preferred. Address M. J. B., 303 East Ninth street.

WANTED-A 40 to 50 H. P. boiler; 30 to 49 H. P. engine, second-hand. O. S. Williams, Mocksville, N. C.

WANTED—Competent, accurate young man stenographer and assistant to bookkeeper; fine chance for ambitious young man to rise in first-class business. Address in own handwriting. "Kim," care Observer. WANTED-Second-hand buggy; must be in good condition. Address, "B.," care

in good condition. Address, Observer. WANTED—Agents local and special to represent the Industrial Endowment and Homestead Association. We have the best proposition ever placed before the public; it will pay you to obtain particulars. Call or write to F. J. Nagle, Secretary, 1409 Main street, Columbia, S. C.

sober, experienced and not afraid of work; single man preferred; good posi-tion for right man. Address, "Trional," care Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THIS is opening day, new series Mutual Building & Loan. Commence new; keep up the fick for 12 months—you'll never regret it. El L. Keesler, Treasurer.

ALL heavy weight wool underwear 1-3 off original prices. The Tate-Brown Co. THE Buford Hotel pool and billiard room is now open to the public; new tables; plenty of light and good service promised to all who wish to patronize us. A hearty welcome to all. John A. Bixby, Manager.

EVERY man in the store a graduate registered pharmacist. Prescription work our specialty, Tryon Drug Co.

DON'T be in the dark, when you can get a beautiful lamp for one-half price. Tryon Drug Co.

NOW is the time you will need a lamp. See our line; reduced prices. Tryon SUIT'S reduced from \$30 to \$22.50. R. E. Davidson & Co.

WANT a good position? Over 4,000 posi-tions secured for applicants in com-mercial, technical and mechanical lines within the past six months by us. Na-tional Employment Association, Century building, Atlanta, Ga.

SPECIAL sales wood underwear, 33 1-3 per cent. less than original prices. The Tate-Brown Co.

SUITS reduced from \$25 to \$27. R. E. Davidson & Co. FINEST quality English and domestic wool underwear, special sale, 33 1-3 per cent. off. The Tate-Brown Co.

SUITS reduced from \$40 to \$30. R. E. STOLEN.

STOLEN—Iver-Johnson bicycle; frame; coaster brake; black. for return to Observer Office. STOLEN—Cleveland bicycle; No. 72.632 Return to Parker-Gardner Co., and get reward.

LOST.

DOST-At Y. W. C. A. reception; chase hat. 6%; found a stetson, 6%. Weather LOST-Brooch sunburst of pearls with diamond in centre. Reward for return to Mrs. E. L. Keesler.

ASSAYING

WANTED. Wanted

We Give a Pair Shoes With Each Suit.

Before stock-taking, we give a pair of \$2.50 shoes with each \$10 Suit or Overcoat, or a \$3.50 pair with one at \$15 or a \$5 pair with one at \$20, QR THE SAME RE-BATE IN CASH to any one buying a suit or overcoat for cash at our former prices.

10 Per Cent Discount

On all Shoes and Men's Furnishings, except Shaw Knit Sox. No goods charged at cut prices before stock taking and none sent on approval.

"Dilworth" Hats

Some of the latest styles for spring 1906 are on sale here even at 10 per cent discount, before stock-taking.

Wholesale Hats

Wait for our men. We are showing the largest line of men's and boys' fur and straw hats we have ever shown. We are showing the newest things in both furs and straws.