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Every Day in the Year. SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1906.

THE AGITATION FOR THE METRIC SYSTEM.

The New York Herald, which issues a Paris edition, and whose publisher is a resident of the French capital, is conducting an agitation for the compulsory use in this country, so far as constitutional limitations permit, of the metric system of weights and measures, invented in France over a hundred years ago.

Some of the objections to the proposed congressional action are thus summarized in a memorandum submitted to Gov. Glenn by Mr. Wm. Whitman, Jr., editor of The American Cotton Manufacturer: The use of the metric system was made legally permissible in the United States in 1866, consequently any additional legislation on the subject must be compulsory.

One of the most wonderful items of modern progress is the business which has been developed by refrigeration, or cold storage. The handling of fresh meats and their preservation, the shipment of vegetables and of fruits and keeping these in storage without deterioration, all depend upon refrigeration.

DEAD IN NEW MEXICO.

Mr. M. K. Hegler, of Rowan County, North Carolina, died in New Mexico, where he had been for several months. He had been suffering from tuberculosis, and died of complications of that disease.

FIRE AT THE GAS PLANT. DAMAGE IS NEARLY \$100,000.

Works Upon Which All of Charlotte is Dependent for Gas is Converted Into a Furnace. All Combustible Parts of the Plant, Including the Boilers, are Destroyed. The fire broke out at the gas plant at 10 o'clock last night, and in a few minutes the entire plant was in flames.

The damage which will amount to between \$100,000 and \$150,000, is covered by insurance. The fire was started by an explosion of gases formed in the carburetter from Texas oil. The flames from the gas tanks containing 60,000 feet of gas, and a tank containing 30,000 gallons of oil being only a few feet from the burning structure.

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Within two hours of the time when the flames were at their height the boilers had been fired and the generators put in operation. Only by the thorough knowledge of the plant and its equipment and the tremendous energy of the young superintendent, Mr. Nisbet Latta, was this feat made possible.

The Creator has endowed man with very little force as compared with the forces of nature. It is very little that a man can do by the forces of his physical powers. But man has been endowed with a mental force by means of which he can harness the great natural forces of the streams, the coal mines, electricity, the air and even of a something we may call ether, in which wireless messages are transmitted.

COLD KILLS THE GERM.

Lieut. Perry Says There Are No Bald Heads in the Arctic Region. The people who come back from Klondike testify to the fact that the native bald heads are there. The evidence is that the cold climate kills the germs that eat the hair off at the roots.

May Live 100 Years.

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: "Electric Bitters cured my chronic Dyspepsia of 30 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl."

THE DEATH RECORD.

John A. Wall, of Statesville, died at the home of his brother, ex-Sheriff B. E. Wall, last night at 10 o'clock. He was about 50 years of age, and the son of the late Mill Wall. He was a man of sterling worth, was never married, and was a member of the Methodist church.

Wadeboro, Jan. 5.—Mr. John A. Wall, of Statesville, died at the home of his brother, ex-Sheriff B. E. Wall, last night at 10 o'clock. He was about 50 years of age, and the son of the late Mill Wall.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 5.—A telephone message was received here this morning stating that Mrs. Griffith, the aged mother of Mr. J. F. Griffith, of this city, died today at her home in Davie county. She had been sick a week or more with pneumonia.

PROPOSITION DECLINED.

Hickory Aldermen and Southern Railway Officials Clash as to Site for New Freight Depot. Special to The Observer. Hickory, Jan. 5.—At a called meeting of the board of aldermen this evening to consider the proposition of Col. A. B. Andrews, first vice president of the Southern Railway, who was here yesterday 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.

Mr. Abbott Buys More Suburban Property.

An Observer reported learned yesterday from an authentic source that Mr. F. C. Abbott, of the new Suburban Real Estate Company, has purchased 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.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—White French Poodle Puppies, Christmas delivery. M. H. Pops, Cleveland avenue, Dilworth. FOR SALE—At once first-class up-to-date office furniture and moving furniture; good; established seven years; reasons for selling other business in New York. Address P. O. Box 469, Durham, N. C. FOR SALE—Brand new Oliver typewriter, at big discount. Apply Observer Office.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Modern 7-room house East Fifth street. McCall & Clanton. FOR RENT—The entire three-story brick building, 3x19, with cement basement, at 20 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 67 North College street. FOR RENT—One of the vacant offices on Fourth street, in building occupied by O. A. Robins Co. for 1 1/2 or 2 years, including heat and services of stenographer and janitor. Apply to E. S. Field, Manufacturers' Club.

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WANTED.

WANTED—Board for lady and child nine years old; central location preferred; references furnished if desired. Address M. care Daily Observer. WANTED—Salesmen of ability and neat appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant side line convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, O. WANTED—Ten first-class harness makers; good wages and steady job to sober men. Southern Saddlery Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. 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 expenses paid. G. W. Fritz, Salisbury, N. C. WANTED—Collector on commission; excellent contract; bond required; 10 collectors on commission; city and country work. Write Chicago Crayon Company, Box 155, Charlotte, N. C. WANTED—Room and board by couple with baby. Address L. T. W. care Observer. 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., Danville, 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; 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, 225 W. Trade street. WANTED—A furnished house. J. A. Blythe, care National Cash Register Co., Tryon building. WANTED—Young man capable of handling ordinary D. C. books; accurate and reliable; state age; experience; reference; salary expected, etc.; knowledge of stenography desirable. Drawer 28, Salisbury, N. C. WANTED—A position by registered druggist. Address Box 225 Mt. Airy, 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 40 H. P. engine, second-hand. O. S. Williams, Mocksville, N. C. WANTED—Some ten and twelve inch sewing cases; submit prices and give particulars. Address L. A. care Observer. 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 Observer. WANTED—Agents local and special to represent the Industrial Endowment and Homestead Association; they have the public; it will pay you to obtain particulars. Call or write to F. J. Nigle, Secretary, 149 Main street, Columbia, S. C. WANTED—Registered druggist, must be sober, experienced and not afraid of work; single man preferred; good position for right man. Address "Tribunal," care Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THIS is opening day, new series Mutual Building & Loan. Commence now; keep up the fleck for 12 months—you'll never regret it. El L. Kessler, Treasurer. ALL heavy weight wool underwear 1/3 off original price. 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 Drug Co. SUITS reduced from \$30 to \$22.50. R. E. Davidson & Co. WANT a good position? Over 4,000 positions secured for applicants in commercial and technical and mechanical lines within the past six months by us. National Employment Association, Century building, Atlanta, Ga. SPECIAL suits wool underwear, 33 1/3 per cent. less than original prices. The Tate-Brown Co. SUITS reduced from \$35 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. Davidson & Co. STOLEN. STOLEN—Iver-Johnson bicycle; spring frame; coaster brake; black. Reward for return to Observer Office. STOLEN—Cleveland bicycle; No. 7242. Return to Parker-Gardner Co., and get reward. LOST. LOST—At Y. W. C. A. reception; chase hat, 64; found a station, 64. Weather Bureau. LOST—Brooch, sunburst of pearls with diamond in center. Reward for return to Mrs. E. L. Kessler. ASSAYING. ORES OF VARIOUS DESCRIPTION. C. C. HODGSON ENGINEERING CO. 24-25 W. 5th street, Charlotte, N. C.

THE LITTLE-LONG CO. DEPARTMENT STORES. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

TO-DAY BEFORE STOCK-TAKING

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, OR THE SAME RATE 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 \$2.50

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

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