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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1906.

THE MATTER OF TONNAGE AGAIN

The Wilmington Star, referring to the comparative statement of the rail- in another department of the same road tonnage of six principal points in North Carolina for the last three ing editorial appears, is to be found months of last year, as published in an article which sets forth that Tues-The Observer, recognizes that this day night Hon. Martin W. Littleton, maper subsequently, without prompt- of Brookiyn, who, at the St. Louis ing, called attention to the fact that the figures took no account of Wilmington's ocean carrying trade but The Star makes reference to its coastwise trade by steamer and sailing ington hotel in conversation with a craft, as something additional, and to friend:

the freight received and shipped by the boats on the river. Mentally we Mr. Littleton, "appear to have relegated had included the coastwise with the the principles of Jefferson to the limbo of ocean business: that of the river was not specifically in mind: but in saying that if Wilmington's water were ineluded with its railroad tonnage the had its day. There is a constantly inthey would show, as of course every- a long way in this direction ere it swings bloodhounds. back." body knows, far larger than those of

any other place in the State, The Winston Sentinel also has a prievance on account of the publication above referred to. It says the average reader would derive from it the impression that for the months in question Winston's tonnage had declined, whereas in fact it has increasup to ten years ago have been booted ed nearly 20 per cent. Moreover, a overboard and those who were raised large part of its shipments are of tobacco, which runs about 60,000 pounds to the car, while four or more cars tical orphans. would be required to carry the same

OUND DOCTRINE, BUT OBSOLETE We read in The Washington Post. that some evenings since an organiza-tion composed of the leading real estate men of Chicago gave a hanquet ton and other cities reported that at which Mr. Frank G. Hoyne, presi- Representative Steenerson, of Minnedent, of the board of aldermen, was a suest and speaker. Now municipal a discussion on the blil the Presownership is a live topic in Chicago said to Stemerson: "I appointed and the people have voted in favor of it for street car lines and things but the city has not taken them over. In 38.00 his speech Mr. Hoyne expressed his known that you were going to vote views and those of the board on the against the statehood bill I would not

subject, saving: "I am opposed to municipal ownership recommended." Upon the appearance for the same reasons that I am opposed to of this publication Mr. Steenerson rose government ownership of railroads, teleto a question of personal privilege in graph companies and other corporations. "First, because I believe the least gov as "utterly false and untrue," declarrnment the best government.

"Second, because I believe that persons ing that "no such conversation or anything like it ever occurred between the fort and individual ambition have made this city and country what they are." Thereupon the speaker was hissed hissed long and loud and lustily; upon the Washington correspondent of The which circumstance and the general subject in hand The Post comments

thus: "It should not be necessary, after sub mitting that extract from Mr. Hoyne's speech, to say that he is what used to be called a Democrat, a strict adherent to the state the authority. It was a man named fundamental tenets of the Jeffersonian reed. But it unfortunately happens that Congress from the State of Minnesota." he and those who share his views are not good Democrats to-day. For in these days the Democratic banner waves over an eager host of centralizationists. Proposltions that tend directly to the extinction of the reserved rights and powers of the man appears in a reputable, truth-tell-States find their most ardent promoters in the party that wears the Democratic name. The most cheerful and hopeful travelers on the road that must, if folthe denial. Papers of the class referred lowed, lead straight on to the commune. to employ correspondents and reportto the abolition of the individual and of competition, are shouting Democratic an- ers to write the truth-not lies. It is thems and proclaiming their fidelity to seen by reference to the Congressional Jefferson and Jackson."

Directory that Mr. Steenerson's first It is an interesting coincidence that appearance in the public life of the country was as a member of the last issue of The Post in which the forego-Congress. It might have been sus pected that he is a new hand at the bellows. Had he had more experience he would have known that had he given the correspondents this White convention in 1904, put Judge Parker House story in confidence his confiin nomination for the presidency in a dence would have been respected, and speech of uncommon power and eloknown further, in the circumstances quence, said in the lobby of a Washof the case, to expect the exposure to which he has been justly subjected.

"The ideas of Alexander Hamilton," said We desire to call the attention of The Charlotte Observer to the fact that oblivion. It does not now seem probable ground hog day falls on Friday, and we would like to know what our valued and that we shall ever see a return to the esteemed contemporary is going to do Jeffersonian doctrine of non-interference about it? by the government. Individualism has Going to do, beloved, what is always

comparative figures would tell a differ- creasing tendency toward nationalizing all done in North Carolina and Virginia ent story, it was meant to admit that great utilities, and the pendulum will go when anything happens: Send for

It is stated that a Wheeler memorial The editorial and the conversation meeting, planned to be held in Atlanta embody the same sentiment exactly on the 25th instant, will be made the and both declare the unhappy but unoccasion of a re-union of ex-Confederdeniable truth. What is left of the ate and Federal soldiers. Better cut Democratic organization is a Hamilthat feature out. There is opportunity tonian organization and doesn't seem to know it. The original principles of for more harm than good to come of joint meetings of these former fors. the party and those by which it lived

A FOG IN LONDON.

on them and still believe in them have Strange Experiences of Those Caught been discredited and are become pollin It. From the top of St. Paul's the fog ook-

CHARLOTTE DATEY OPSERVER DEBRUARY 2, 1906.

WHO SET IT A-GOING?

While the statehood bill was pending

in the House Washington corres-pondents of papers in New York, Bos-

sota, visited the White House and in

FIVE YEARS OF INSOBRIETS.

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said to Stemerson: "I appointed the man you recommended (to a Federal I think the Keeley Institute, pecially the one at Greensboi managed as it is, by such humane m man you recommended to a percent in managed as it is, by such humans men of the as and my administration. Had I grandest blessings vouchsafed to poor against the statehood bill I would not have made that appointment as you ful influence for five long years hardly knew what it was to be sobe for three years of that time; but thanks to the most high God and the the House and denounced the report Keeley Institute, I am tohard-working man. I had almost lost my self-respect, the respect of my dear wife and children, and almost crazed my sainted mother and father President and myself on Saturday last President and myself on Saturday last or at any other time." Upon which the Washington correspondent of The situte, of Greensboro, N. C., and its the Washington correspondent of The New York Times sent his paper this statement: efficient corps of officers and at-tendants. I do not know how to praise the Keeley Institute enough. words failing to express my thoughts. "Both Mr. Steenerson and the President

I left there on the 12th day of June are said to be anxious to know who 1990, and have been at work spread the story that such an interview that time to try and pay my debts ever occurred. It is due both of them to contracted when under the influence of the deadly stuff, and I am about Halvor Steenerson, a Representative in to succeed, not having drank a drop of whiakey, wine or cider since I left there. God being my helper, I never Of course this is the truth, and there intend to again. Every one knows is no record that Mr. Steenerson has what temptations are thrown in the chirped since. And this story teaches way of a traveling man, but I am,

that when a statement about a public cured of the disease and give the Keeley Institute at Greensboro" and its gentlemanly, humane managers ing newspaper, followed by a denial all the credit for it. by the public man, it is safer to pin L. L. BENNETT. faith to the first statement than to

Reidsville, N. C., Oct. 29, 1904. If you have a friend who might be benefitted, please send names to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.

Reeley institute, Greensooro, N. C. ficiency of oxygen and allied to theatre headaches, is prevalent at present, and, indeed. I am a sufferer myself." Victims of the fog yesterday included Mr. Balfour, who was going down to Manchester at 2 o'clock, and had to visit over an hour before the train could start. He encountered, however. a party of guests going to Chatsworth, Incuding Lord and Lady Gosford, and, with a magnaine under his arm, made the best of the long wait by walking up and down the platform with them. The amusement provided by the book-stall becoming exhausted, an automatic sweetmachine was tried. Mr. Balfour accepting a plece of butterscotch from one of his young friends. Last night was one of the worst in re-cent years for the West End theaters and music halls. Business was virtually at a standstill, and those managers who had sold out all their reserved seats found big gaps in the stalls and balco-nies. At all box offices booking was practically suspended, and after 6 o'clock the telephones were being frantically rung by people afraid to venture out into the fog, and who asked whether they could have their seats changed for anoth-er night. The unreserved parts of the house were practically empty. "Except an earthquake," said one man-ager, "nothing hurts our business more than fog. Snow is bad enough, but fog is a catastrophe.

London Mail.

Blind Men's Dogs.

Do blind men keep dogs because they are useful, or merely to excite the com-passion of the passerby? Tha was the question addressed to several blind trou-badours on the curbstone in different parts of London by a representative of the Dailly Mall. The first was an exceptionally intelli-gent and respectable man, who stood in the fading light of mid-afternoon in Kingsway. At his feet squatted a large, grave, woolly dog/ with an empty tin mug strapped round his neck. An amused expression crept over his face at the querry. Do blind men keep dogs because they

"Well, sir, I think the gentlemen who says it's cruel to keep dogs with blind men don't know the whole story by a bit. It's a queer story hasn't more sides than

Mr. Robert B. Tar Mr. Bobart R. Turnet died it bls home, at 30 West Third street, at 9 ocjock lass night. He had been ill for about a year, He was 48 years ald and inaves the following manod chil-dren: Mesure A. M. R. W. D. and Frank Turner, Mrs. C. E. Mullis and Miss Napey Turner. The remains will be carried to Steele Creek for burial, but the funeral ar-rangements have not been made.

A Card of Th

A Ourd of Thanks. To the Editor of The Observer: J wish to thank the many good peo-ple who were so kind as to help me in asking the Governor to pardon my hushand, W. L. Brookshire. While the Governor did not see fit to grant the pardon, J want them to know that I have not forgotten their kindness and that J feel just as thankful for their efforts as if he had been pardoned. SOPHIA E BROOKSHIRE. Hickory, Jan. 31, 1905.

Hickory, Jan. B. 1906. TWO LAST DAYS Price \$1.00 Each THE OBSERVER PRINTING HOUSE, CHARLOTTE, N. C. PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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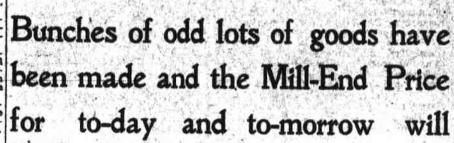
WANTED-Salesman to sell staple arti-cle; liberal commission. Address Box 627, Richmond Va.

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WANTED—Drug clerks to prepare for North Carolina Pharmacy Examination in June. Quiz begins in March. Corres-pond with, "Chemist," Box 406, Greens-boro, N. C.



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same returns if the shipments were of lumber or cotton.

We have pleasure in giving thes contemporaries and their towns the henefit of the above statements, yet would impress upon the reader that the speaker and condemned the new The Observer has made no mis- propaganda. statements. It was not dealing with pounds of freight, with rates of freight or with water shipments, but with goods in carload lots, expressed in numbers of cars. In all that it professed to set forth it was entirely accurate

The following is from The Denve Republican

"The Indiana Crooked Arm, the handsome young wife violate the law of the land, as they do, of Sub-Chief Cricked Ario. Ben Long but many of them were reared to it street, Ear is the son of Chof Hig Molicine The elopers are graduates of Carlisie, where and are unconscious of their moral by wi they first not and tearned to love each turpitude. How much greater the other. Before their departure Mrs. guilt of swarn officers, whose business number of the trains were not more than other Before their departure Mrs. guilt or sword officies, within At Crooked Arm took over \$20 in money it is to hold the fillett distillers within ing that had been seven by her husband. The law to the extent of their ability to Long Ear leaves a hear broken young do so, who swear falsely to accounts to The United States and monities are looking for the nameways

The Industry 11 uppears, take on the habits of the white man in more ways. than one it is outs patiend that they some of the evils slong should in subwith the good in cavilization. The incident above related is pointed out as an argument against education of the red man, text at cars do but fifthe see. vice in that direction.

Mr. Will Alken, who was formerly city editor of The Asheville Chilzen and Asheville correspondent of The Observer, went to Montana six years ago to engage in newspaper work and has just been taken from the staff of The Montana Daily Record by Governor Tode who makes him his private secretary. The Record says the appointment pains more than it pleases it for Mr. Alken was "a beloved memher of its staff for a long time," and "in this office he did his work and did it well." This is cas; enough for North Carolinians to believe, for here he was a very capital newspaper man. The Observer congratulates him upon his recognition by the Governor of Montana.

Benator Thomas M. Patterson, of consequences of the Same and that all those present were South frequences to the public beam of the public beam of

dent, however, there is some satisfac-tion in the fact that those who hissed the president of the board of aldermen were the minority. The majority of those present supported the views of mist vising and failing in a dead sience around, and above and be-neath, and you get the impression given by the log to one 350 feet above the pave. I put this little coat on her; then we take ment. The death-like stillness was occa-stonelly broken by the hum of the traffic to keep warm. When it is wet we don't be but for the most part the fog stilled all noise railroads

were the minority. The majority of those present supported the views of the speaker and condemned the new propaganda. The Richmond News Leader has evidently been reading the testimony given in the trial of the revenue cases at Greensboro, and has read it aright. The seems to be evident," It says, "that the indicators At Waterloo there was the totation of the indicators At Waterloo there was the fourth of the indicators At Waterloo there was the fourth of the indicators At Waterloo there was the fourth of the indicators At Waterloo there was the fourth of the indicators At Waterloo there was the fourth of the indicators At Waterloo there was the fourth of the indicators At the destined of the fourth of the indicators At the destined of the fourth of the indicators At the indicators "It seems to be evident," It says, "that the internal revenue department in North Carolina is saturated with rascality." Wherefore every just con-

rascality." Wherefore every just con-ligain, train from Southampton, due at 4:10, train from Southampton, due at 4:10, train from Southampton, due at 4:10, teamed slowly into the station. People teamed slowly into the state at a state to the 4:12. The viction of one of the offenders should train be halled with appause. It is quite "The Indians of the throw agency are be halled with apprause. It is quite who came hurrying up from the city at much wrought up over the sensational bad enough that the ignorant, incor-elopement of Een Long Far and Mrs. rigible monshiners should persistently delayed train cape in. With the evening rush of homewardbound people in ple in full swing at laverpool Great Eastern Company put on known as their "fog service", a good many trains are elimi-Is known

minutes late. M 5 welock, with clouds of fog envelop-At a arctice, with clouds of tog thereing ig King's Cross, link boys sprang up as by magic and conveyed foot passengers and from the station. But these uides were not infailible for one pracagainst the government, swear to the guides were not infamine for one pro-titioner, after leading a client from King's against the government, swear to the titlener, after leading a client from king's desired to stills which have not been destroyed at all, or who strike hands with the blockaders and share with them the profits accruing from There were exciting scenes on the District and Metropolium railways. Travel-

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ago as a vocenable citizen "of near the Metropolitan carriages which had no middle doors many passengers in the center seats were carried past their Cherryville" was completing an almanac it was found he had omitted in the center seats were carried past their manac it was found he had omitted station breause they were physicially unable to get out. "I've played association for fall in my time," said a middleaged and 10th of August, and on being asked for it replied. "A light 'skift' of snow will do I guess." Then we are to understand that a 'skift' of snow is a demunition small affuir, according to the Gaston county definition, and it is lihuminating. We are beholden to Mr. Dellinger 'The Clansman' made its initial ap-'The Clansman' made its initial aped for it replied. "A light 'skift' of

Clansman" made its initial apother. A motoromnibus in endeavoring to pass a rival carried away the steer-ing grar of the opposition. Another cut York on the night of January 8th and

played to standing room. But it was said that all those present were South-

"What, a watch?" and the interrogator glanced sharply at the closel eyelids. "Yes, sir; it's got no glass. I feel with my fingers." "So? And what o'clock now?" The breast of the blind man was quickly unbuttoned; his right hand slid far down ennewhere but the deaths. It's enne

unbuttoned; his right hand slid far down somewhere into the depths. He was using his marvellously-sensitive finger tips, while his questioner held his own chono-meter in paim, waiting, "Two minutes past 2." "Right, to a second." Another old man fn the neighborhood of fWestminister Bridge hughed at the notion that dogs disliked their blind mas-ters businless. "Bless 'ee sir; see that there dorg? W'y syou couldn't unt 'im 'ome wi' a 'oss w'lp; not 'im. iff 1 waan't along wil' 'im. Wot's 'e good for? Well for one thing, it'd take me I don't know

'ow long for to get 'ome ov an evenir if I 'adn't the pup on the string, would."

THE MORTUARY REPORTS.

What Records Kept by Cemetery Keeper Moses Thomas Show. The following is the mortuary report

for Elmwood Cemetery for last month Number of deaths, 12; male adults, 2; female adults, 4; children, 6; perito nitis, 1; still-born, 5; cancer, 1; dilated heart, 1; diabetes, 1; lagrippe, 2, and rheumatism of heart. L

Report of Pinewood Cemetery: Number of deaths, 22; male adults, 3; female adults, 8; children, 11; stillborn, 1; paralysis, 1; cause unknown 4: lagrippe, 3: inanition, 3; scrofula, 1 consumption, 2; tuberculosis, 3; apoplexy, 1; Bright's disease, 1; acute in-

digestion, 1, and gastritis, 1. MOSES THOMAS. (Signed)

Rumor of Real Estate Deal. For days past the rumor has been

current in the city that a big real estate deal was in progress which in-volved the transfer of one of the most desirable pieces of property in Char lotte. The reputed purchaser, the own er and several prominent real estate men were interviewed but nothing definite could be gained. All admitted that the report was being widely circulated but denied its authorization. That overtures have been made and that the matter has been talked of. many believe. The papers have not passed but there is no way of telling what may happen shortly. The lot re

WANTED-For U. S. Army, able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For infor-mation apply to recruiting officer, 15 West Trade street, Charlotte, N. C.; 40 Patton avenue, Asheville, N. C.; Kendall Build-ing, Columbia, S. C.; Bank Building, Hickory, N. C., or Glenn Building, Spar-tanburg, S. C.

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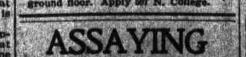
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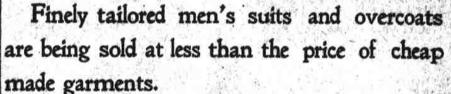
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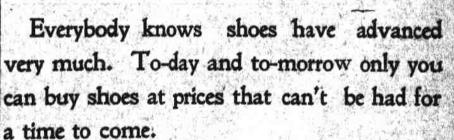
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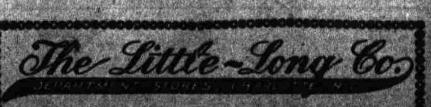




This is indeed a surprise counter, for the like has never been seen in this town for ONE CENT.

Articles of all kinds worth 5c to 25c, placed on a counter in each Trade and Tryon St. stores, any article for a PENNY. Come see the grab sale. Will be on sale to-day and to-morrow, or as long as it lasts. It may not last two hours.

HAVE YOUR PENNY READY.



pearance at the Liberty Theatre, New to pass a rival carried away the steer-ing grar of the opposition. Another cut the wheel off a gipsy van. played to standing room. But it was blank, suffocating mist, and was one of the worst spots in the metropolis. The