Col. Mulberry Sellers, has the fame Greater Charlotte reached you?"

of Bi Hawkins, "Bi, my boy, it has. I am glad to se you. I need you in my business. pecting, indeed. I am on the right pike now. No turn outs. The real thing is in my grasp. Millions in sight. Easy, just as easy as shaking ripe 'simmons often the tree."

St Hawkins—'Is it a close corporation?"

Col. Sellers-"By no means. The cheme is advocated by wise and onorable men, boosted by the city papers. No money is necessary for advertising. Nothing to do but scoop n the eagles which will be in the air everywhere."

Hawkins-"If it is so certain why won't these coupon clippers get ahead

col. 8 .- "They are a timid lot that love government bonds and the like. They lack nerve and besides they can't grasp the geographics of the situntion. I tell you, Judge Hawkins, there is nothing like it since Penn or some other fellow laid out Phila-delphia."

Si H .- "How much money will you Col. 8 .- "Not much. We can get

a real estate broker to finance the scheme. There will be no trouble about the cash. In the language of one of that tribe, 'it is the finest propomition extant.

Bi H .- "Don't keep me in suspense. Col. S.-"Fountains on every cor-ner, guttering with electric lights. Ain't that splendid? Mounted police, on cornstalk horses, with tassels in their helmets, banners (not billies) in their hands riding around doing good, instead of beating people on the head. It is grand, I tell you, all the nation will sing 'Great is Rubber Charlotte of the Carolinas.' like unto Diana of the Ephesians." Si H .- "Let us hear more."

Col. S .- "Hearken unto me, my boy, set close. I will come down to business. Charlotte township contains 24,000 acres more or less of farming land. Farming, you know, will be a mighty poor business in Charlotte township, city taxes on land, and city poll taxes (\$3 per poll) on tenants are not conducive to good farming and such people will be glad to sell out, for you can't make these farmers believe that taxing land will make it more valuable."

8 H .- "I thought you wanted people to live in the city."

Col. 8.—"So we do, but we can buy easier the whole township if we have fewer people to deal with. Then we can incorporate as Greater Charlotte. and the city will lay it off in lots and streets without cost. We will make every lot a corner lot, mark that, every lot a corner lot, and there will be lots of them, too-seventy-five thous-and or more. Parden the pun, but I can't help growing hilarious, it is such

beautiful proposition."

Bi H.—"How much will the land Col. Sellers-"About two or three

hundred dollars, and we can sell it for one thousand dollars after the CITY COLLECTS THE FIRST YEARS TAXES. Here is clubthe splender of the scheme.

more taxes the greater value. The city is bound to have the taxes or We can sell future lots on a ten years' delivery plan, at the end of the series we will be in the same. class as Greater New York"

Si H .- "Have you no sites to offer. factories and the like?" Col. S .- "Such want acres not lots.

Besides they don't like to pay city taxes, and, to tell you the truth. I don't believe we will have enough lots to go 'round. Si, you never had much head for mathematics, but solve this sum: If 18,000 people live on 1,400 acres in Charlotte, how many will 24.-600 acres in the township support? But as I said, you are not given to figures, and the answer is only 30s .-966 souls. People will come here from the ends of the earth."

81 H .- "If you have no manufactures, no farms, what will develop the township, and make "Greater Charlotte grow?

Col. S.—"What makes trees grow? What makes men grow? They grow because they can't help themselves. A township grows, if municipally taxed, because it can't help itself. Greater Charlotte will be no exception; besides it will have miles of streets, acres of free air, not polluted with millionaires' coal soot like Pitts-

81 H .- "You speak of water, won't It cost much money to cover such a vast expanse of the earth with water

Col. 8 .- "I thought you would ask that question, and I am prepared to answer. The Charlotte Observer has always advocated airships from a purely scientific standpoint, and water from the Catamba as a natural necessity, but I have a practical and cheaper scheme without pipes or pumps. We will have an actual water line from that river, and as we wing the air in our airships, we will rain down pure water for domestic purposes, so the township will have plenty to drink; otherwise Greater Charlotte will be as dry as the Sahara Desert, and if not naturally dry we will make it so by legislative enactment." Si H .- "But there is also a project

to take in the 2 1-2 mile circle."

Col. 8.—"Well, that is a small conmideration: the lands will be in proximity to Charlotte and we will have quicker sales and greater profits and no matter whether it is all or part of the township the same prospects are in sight. There are millions in it for

81 H .- 'So you will remain here

Col. B .- Yes, I will open a land office, an aerial navigating office right over The Observer building, where blue points can be furnished, land leeds printed and general information on all matters pertaining to township lands, city water and free air, all we have left." W. W. P.

Death of Prominent Man. Beath of Prominent Man,
Solicitor J. M. Johnson, of Marion,
S. C., died yesterday at Johns Hopkins,
Baltimore, where he went some time
ago for treatment. He was 70 years
old and had been solocitor in his
district for three decades.

Mrs. L. R. Hagood, of this city, is
a daughter of Mr. Johnson. She and
Mr. Hagood go to Marion this morning to attend the funeral.

Dr. Murphy Still Improving.
The many friends of Dr. P. L.
urphy, superintendent of the State
cepital at Morganton, will be glad
know that he continues to imove. Within the last week he has
lifed his strength and is doing very

or the sake of justice to the sted and for the good of human-it is my right and duty to recom-de Hollister's Rocky Messissin We owe our country and our

THE TROUBLE LOCATED.

the Remains of Thief, the Southern Manufacturers' Club's Pet Cat, Causes Consternation in The Observer Office—The Boys Grimed and Bore R for Several Days, But It Passed All Bounds—Tub Allen and Willie Farrell Make a Dollar and Save the Lives of Many Resporters and Others. "What is it?" asked the Big Duffer

Wednesday morning, as he came in holding his nose. "We were just wondering," declared

the gentleman from Gandersburg, bending to peer under his desk. "It's awful," said Diehle.

"I can't imagine," put in Dellinger.
"Dead rat," suggested Ada. "Jack Dog must be dead," ames, the ianitor.

"But ain't it strong," said all. That was early in the morning. At noon The Chronicle reporters began to get wise.

"I don't like the atmosphere of this room," declared Frank. "Whatever it is it's worse than the South Carolina dispensary." Wideman

"I don't catch on," declared The Cub. "It must be Pabbe remains," sug

gested Willie Farrell. As the day wore on the atmosphere thickened. "Ah, a rat," said the Old Man, with

his nose drawn up, as he walked

through the hall at \$:15 o'clock in the afternoon The Mule Pen regulars caught on Tuesday night and left the building swearing that they could not return unless it was steeped in carbolic acid. "It's a deceased vulture," declared

Buck "Cats," declared Lucas.

"It's violent," said Adams. Wednesday night came and went and the mystery grew and the odor Thursday, when the night workers arrived, the day contingent was on the roof garden, keeping books, writing ads and wondering. cess. One child, a girl, was nearly The office, the Mule Pen and the Old blind for one year, and two bottles Man's sanctum were deserted, and all who visited the job office or the composing rooms entered the building by the side door in the alley or passed through the hall on a dead run. with their hands to their noses.

"It's flerce,' said the Big Duffer, life. I got her to use Mrs. Person's "I'll go to California," and off he

fornia; they had to grin and bear it. As the clock struck nine Thursday night the Old Man crossed the ball with blood in his eye, and, entering the Mule Pen, he said: "Boys, we must locate the trouble or suspend the paper. I can't stand it. Why, I had a lady visitor this afternoon and all the time she was talking to me ! could see her catch her breath, sniff the sir and wince. I couldn't say a has ever used. The boy has had ec-

About that time Capt. George F. Bason, of Gastonia, and Judge James, years old. I would recommend Mrs. Boyd, of Greensboro, came in Person's Remedy to every one for from the Southern Manufacturers' almost any disease."

"I have a bad cold." said Capt Bason as he took hold of his nose and

Holy Moses and hot air! What in the d-1 is it?" said Col. H. C. Cowles as he entered from the club. "A nigger! Anybody to go under the building and make a search," said

the Old Man. "Tub." shouted a reporter to Dick Atlen's oldest boy. "Here is a dollar for you if you will get a lantern, go and take it out

Will you go with me Willie?" said he to Willie Farrell. Willie hesitated.

"I'll go first and divide the profits with you." urged Tub.
Out the window and down to the pigeon hole in the wall the lads

Two minutes later they came out bearing the remains of Thief, the old black and white cat, the property of Mr. H. A. Webber. He had given up the ghost after a brave struggle. The end came right beneath the Old Man'

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Harold Runge Discharged. Deciding that there was no technical evidence of crime against the defendant, Recorder F. M. Shannoh-house yesterday morning discharged Harold Runge, the young man who was bound over to the Superior Court Wednesday morning on the charge of attempting to rob a messenger boy of \$15. Mr. C. D. Bennett, counsel for Runge appeared in court yesterday morning and made the point that as there was no overt act and that the evidence only showed that the defendant had made preparations to make the attempt. He cited several decisions to prove his point and the recorder conceded to it. Christmas **Presents** for All Rev. Harold Turner to Men. Rev. Harold Turner will address the meeting for men at the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Tur-

ner is the new pastor of Brevard Street Methodist church, and he is a

very able speaker. He has chosen as his subject: "Sin. and its Con-sequences." The feature of the ser-

vice will be the opening song service and a vocal solo by Mr. J. C. Watson. Every man in the city is

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now a stout woman. One of my

mother to use the Remedy with him

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eczema and she has been giving it to

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walked out. "I promised to play a game of whist in the club twonight" sold Judge Hoyd as he drew his handkerchief and backed into the hallway of the club. Are You a Judge?

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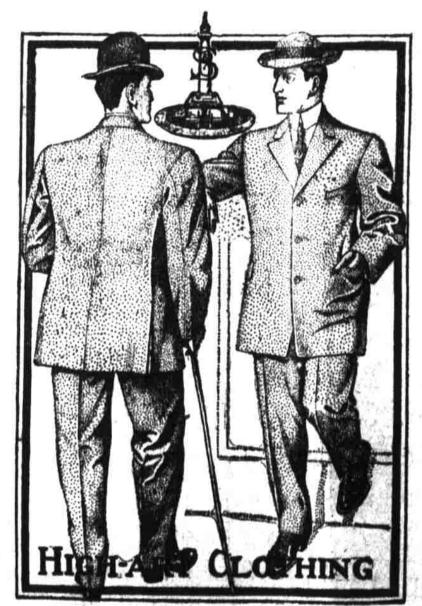
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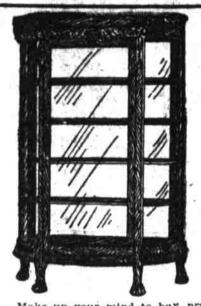
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