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In talking over the immigration... question as it affects Southern mills, Mr. Loomis... labor famine in all sections of the... and especially in the South. He stated that the appointment... of Hon. Oscar Straun to the... of the Department of Commerce and Labor would result in... a more liberal construction of the... laws and that immigration South would be encouraged... as much as possible. It is now the opportunity of the... Southern States to secure a... class of immigrants from the... declared Mr. Loomis. "I am glad to see that South Carolina... about the matter in such an... manner. North Carolina... do likewise. I understand that the... Legislature, at its... session, will be asked to pass a... bill embodying these suggestions... that a sum is to be appropriated for the... of securing immigrants."

TRAIN FORCES DEMORALIZED.

The Great Trouble With the Southern... Men Have Become Superstitious and Have Lost Confidence in the Road and in Themselves—Radical Measures Necessary. The block on the Southern was the... topic of discussion in the hotels and clubs yesterday. Lawyers, merchants, mill men, and Southern... employees commented on the situation. The discussion... in the Charlotte yards, but included the... system. A railroad man who runs into Spencer declared that the... in Charlotte was but as a... in a tea pot when compared with the... that exists there. "According to the statement of General Manager Ackert given in this... morning's Observer," said he, "there are more... than there are at home. When one comes to consider that almost every town of any... importance in the Carolina has... cars... in the Spencer yards, then some little idea of the... there may be approximated."

A prominent manufacturer declared yesterday that the prime trouble now with the Southern was that its... force was demoralized without... leaders. "The employees, many of whom are untrained and... unskilled trainmen, have been given too much to do and the inevitable... result has set in. The traffic has... rather than diminished and no... have been made for handling the... The trainmen have become... of evil and are not able to do their full... work. Of all the men in the world... employes are the most superstitious. Almost all of them carry a... in their pocket and there are few engines but what have a... called over their door or in some conspicuous place. When one wreck occurs, the trainmen, engineers, conductors and flagmen are... that two more are to follow. Until those two wrecks do... all are afraid that they will figure in the... In such a state of mind, the crews cannot do their... work satisfactorily. None rest easy until the... of men has happened."

With the Southern, under present conditions, the wrecks follow on one another so fast that they almost overlap. The men are in a state of demoralization. The attention has... into all departments until the efficiency of the system has been almost wholly destroyed. Until the Southern simply takes the bull by the horns, and regains the confidence and interest of its men, the present state of things will continue. Let the officials issue a sweeping order refusing for a stated period of time to accept any cars from other lines at transfer points and then clean up their own house. This will be a radical step but radical measures are absolutely necessary. The South is losing millions of dollars on account of the inability of the Southern to handle its shipments with any degree of expedition."

Review of Reviews.

The life story of E. H. Harriman, the man who reorganized the Union Pacific Railroad and created the... is told at length in the January Review of Reviews by Carl Snyder. Very little material of an... nature has heretofore been printed concerning the career of "Boss of Roads," as the editor of the Wall Street Journal very aptly styles Mr. Harriman. The article by Mr. Snyder is both illuminating and convincing. It is based on a thorough study of the Western railroad situation, and of Mr. Harriman's relations thereto.

The Selwyn Hotel Kitchens.

Anyone interested in cooking should visit the kitchen of the new Selwyn Hotel and see the ranges, copper vessels and all sorts of culinary utensils, which are now being installed. When finished the equipment of the Selwyn kitchen will be equal to any in the country. The details are of the latest patterns and designs. The Duparquet, Hoult & Monrose Company is the concern supplying the outfit.

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292 MARRIAGES IN 1906.

292 White and 237 Colored Couples Joined Together—Why More Negroes Were Married Than Whites. The records in the office of the register of deeds show that during the year 1906 licenses were issued in Mecklenburg county for the marriages of a total of 529 couples. Of this number 292 couples were white and 237 colored. During the year 1905 514 licenses were issued. For each license was paid \$2, half of which goes to the State and the other to the register as a fee. Register of Deeds W. M. Moore will open a new book this morning. It will be noticed that more than two-score more negro couples were married than white couples, although the white population of the county is much greater than the negro population. A reporter yesterday remarked upon this fact to Register Moore and asked for an explanation. "That is easily explained," replied Mr. Moore. "A white man is always endeavoring to increase, or raise, his standard of living, and he is especially anxious to do this in contemplation of matrimony. A larger number of white men will not marry because they do not earn a sufficient salary to support themselves and wives in the manner in which they would like. With the negro it is different. A negro has no regard for any sort of standard of living, except to live today the best he can; and besides, the negro man marries often to get a woman to help support him. The great difference in the proportion of marriages of the population of the two races in the county is indicative only of the difference between the two races themselves."

BIRD SEASON OUT THE 10TH.

No More Quail May Be Shot After That Date—Little Legged Being Paid in the County. Thursday of next week, the 10th instant, the quail season in Mecklenburg county closes. According to law, birds may be hunted in the county but 40 days, beginning December 1. Owing to the fact that there is no game warden, very little attention has been paid to the law. Quail have been shot in the county ever since the first of November. Doubtless they will be killed until the first of March. A meeting of all those interested in the preservation of birds and game has been called for the 14th instant in Raleigh. A number of circulars have been received by Charlotte sportsmen and doubtless several will attend.

SOME COTTON FIGURES.

The Receipts From September to Date 11,672 Bales—1,637 Bales Sold During December. The receipts at the city cotton platform for the part of the season of 1906-1907 ending yesterday amounted to 11,672 bales. For the corresponding period of the last season the receipts were 12,446 bales, 774 bales more than for this season. For the month ending yesterday the receipts on the local market were 1,637 bales, against 1,333 bales for December of 1905. Only one bale of the staple was marketed in Charlotte yesterday. The best price quoted on the market was 16 cents a pound. For the corresponding date of last year the receipts were 13 bales and the best price was 11.50 cents a pound.

"Where is Lenoir?"

The Observer Printing House has just finished getting out a handsome pamphlet advertising Lenoir and its resources. "Where is Lenoir?" The booklet is exceedingly well gotten up, containing many scenes, including the "Happy Valley," the Caldwell county court house, the Hotel Archer, and a number of views near the town and a description of the town and its resources written in an attractive style. Lenoir has an elevation of 1,200 feet, a population of 3,500, two banks, two weekly newspapers, five schools, including a female college, good railroad facilities, a cotton mill, and numerous furniture, box, veneer and vehicle factories. There are many opportunities for good investments in the town and its progress. Citizens are bestirring themselves to let outsiders know it.

"PEACE ON EARTH" Yorke Bros. & Rogers Clothiers, Hatters, Furnishers, 21 West Trade St.

The Tate-Brown Co. Special Line Gloves \$1.50. In no other shop can you find a Glove as good as the York at one fifty. If you want to exhaust your patience, try it, or better still, let the York demonstrate why it is the standard one fifty Glove. Of Capeskin, in shades of Tan. Women's Manish Gloves, \$1.50. CHAS. M. STIEFF Manufacturer of the Piano with the sweet tone. SOUTHERN WAREHOUSE: 5 West Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C. C. H. WILSON, Mgr.

January Weather for 1899.

The following data covering a period of 23 years have been compiled from the records of the weather bureau for the month of January: The normal temperature has been 41 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1890 with an average of 51 degrees; the coldest month was that of 1887 with an average of 33 degrees; the highest temperature was 77 degrees on January 7, 1899, the lowest temperature was 1 degree on January 12, 1886; the greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any consecutive hours (record extending to winter 1884-85) was 5.5 inches on January 23, 1899.

Meetings for Boys During January.

The meetings for boys at the Young Men's Christian Association during the month of January will be made unusually attractive and interesting. For the Boys' Sunday Club, Rev. Dr. H. H. Hulsten has been secured to deliver a series of talks. This meeting is for older boys and meets every Sunday at 2:15 p. m. Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt will deliver a series of talks at the boys' Saturday morning rally, beginning next Saturday. Mr. Mallinckrodt is generally a boy when it comes to speaking to boys and his talks always find a lodgment in the hearts of his boy hearers. All boys from 15 to 14 are invited to these meetings, which convene at 9:45 o'clock.

Rev. J. L. Oates Appointed.

At a meeting of the board of home missions of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, held at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church yesterday morning, Rev. J. L. Oates of Hickory, S. C., was appointed to take charge of the mission field at Little Rock, Ark. Other business of a routine nature was transacted by the board, the following named members of which were present: Rev. Drs. W. W. Orr, R. G. Miller and G. R. White and Rev. Oliver Johnson, of South Carolina.

May Institute New Order Here.

Mr. John A. Wagener, Jr., deputy superintendent of the Southern Department of the Grand Fraternity of Philadelphia, Pa., with headquarters in Columbia, S. C., is spending several days in the city to decide whether or not he can institute a lodge in Charlotte. There are already 16 in South Carolina, but none in this State. The Grand Fraternity of Philadelphia was organized 25 years ago and is a very strong order. There are approximately 35,000 members in the Southern department.

At The Y. M. C. A.

The members of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association will observe New Year's Day to-day and will keep open house to its friends this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. There will be a double header game of basketball between the following teams: the Business Boys vs. the High School, and the Tigers vs. the Lions, which are the picked teams of the boys' department. A cordial invitation is extended to every boy in the city and parents are especially urged to be present.

SELWYN-MANAGER ARRIVES.

Mr. A. L. Lightfoot, the Manager of the New Hotel, Comes to See That Everything is Ready for the Opening—Housekeeper Here Also. The opening of the Selwyn Hotel, February 1, is becoming more and more assured every day. Mr. A. L. Lightfoot, of Boston, Mass., arrived in the city yesterday as the special representative of Harvey & Wood, the lessee, to see that all the arrangements incident to the opening are finished according to schedule. Mr. Lightfoot will remain with the hotel until after its opening and perhaps longer. Mrs. McQuinn, the housekeeper, has also arrived and will superintend the furnishing of the rooms.

Maxwell Estate Worth \$300,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maxwell have returned from Augusta, Ga., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Maxwell's brother, Mr. T. R. Maxwell, which took place there last Thursday. The deceased was a native of this State who moved to Georgia years ago and amassed a considerable fortune there in the furniture business. His estate, which is estimated to be worth approximately \$300,000, he left to his widow and children, except some private donations to his brothers and sisters.

Files Get Quick Relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

Remember it made alone for Files—and it works with certainty and satisfaction. Itching, painful, protruding, or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Try it and see! Burwell-Dunn Retail Store.

WHO'S WHO? Numbers 7,090, 1,532 and 583 were the lucky ones at our annual drawing. The holders will be presented with amount of goods as advertised by bringing the numbers to our store. GARIBALDI & BRUNS

A Happy New Year. May your cup of happiness be filled to overflowing—and grief—may you never know its meaning. May your success increase a hundred fold—and reverse—may they never come. Here's health, wealth and joy, and once again A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Clothing To Fit. Perhaps you have become somewhat discouraged with Suits bought from stock. If you are discouraged, come and let us show you something. We delight in fitting the man on which the other fellow fell down. WE GUARANTEE A FIT EQUAL TO ANY TAILOR. Suits in abundance for Men, Boys and Children. Our stock can't be duplicated in the Carolinas. REMEMBER, MELLON'S CLOTHES FIT. ED MELLON CO.

Special Prices on Mahogany Bed Room Suits. We find on taking stock we have too many fine Mahogany Bed Room Suits. To move them at once we are going to reduce the price. Here is a chance to secure a bargain. \$275.00 Mahogany Suit, now only \$225.00. \$225.00 Mahogany Suit, now only \$180.00. \$175.00 Mahogany Suit, now only \$140.00. \$125.00 Mahogany Suit, now only \$100.00. \$100.00 Mahogany Suit, now only \$82.50. Napoleon Beds, new styles in Mahogany, just received and too late for the fall trade. These we will offer for a few days at money-saving prices. Our unusually large stock of Furniture and Carpets in all lines enabled us to take care of the holiday trade without reducing our stock to remnants, and home furnishers can be as well suited here now as if they had come before the holidays. We will offer special price reductions at this time!

Parker-Gardner Comp'y REST THAT RESTS. A few nights' rest on one of these Mattresses will surprise and delight you. Comfort, delightful, sweet and refreshing sleep come to those who use THE RED CROSS FELT MATTRESS. The most sensible and economical Mattress made, constructed of finest, cleanest, pre-pressed white cotton, so arranged in layers that it will not become rigid or lumpy. Retains its shape and is always elastic, non-absorbent and proof against vermin or impurities. Absolutely the most healthful Mattress known. Sleep on a Red Cross Mattress for sixty nights, and if not found entirely satisfactory, money will be refunded. Every mattress fully guaranteed. Price \$15.00. We carry a full line of Mattresses, from the \$6.00 Felt up to the Red Cross. This we consider the best. Try one of our Red Cross Mattresses on a Rip Van Winkle Spring—you can't find anything better. W. T. MCCOY SOUTH TRYON STREET.

We Wish each and every patron and friend of our store a very happy and prosperous New Year. May everything in 1907 be the best for you. Long-Tate Clo. Co. Goods Sent on Approval Returnable at Our Expense.