

WHY THE GREEKS PROSPER.

They Work 16 Hours Every Day and Save Three Times a Day—Their Secret is an Open One—While Others Play the Greek Laborer at his Fruit Stand—He is an Everlasting Teller. "Why is it that the Greeks of this city prosper so well?" asked an Observer reporter of a wholesale merchant yesterday. "That is easy," answered the merchant. "If you will watch the Greeks you can readily see why they make and accumulate money. They work from 6 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock at night every day, except Sunday, the year round. While the average man is busy 'taking' Christmas, Thanksgiving or some other holiday, the Greek boys are at their posts, selling fruits and confectionaries. Being affable, agreeable fellows they attract customers, and once when they get their hands on a piece of money they generally keep a good slice of it. The Greek lives the simple life; his food is substantial, but plain. He lets the other fellow have the luxuries while he takes the fare of the men of old. "Stop a minute and reflect! Do you pass the fruit stand of a Greek? How often do you miss him? Isn't he always there? If you come up town early in the morning you see him at his place of business. When you go home for dinner he is still there. When you return to your work he greets you with a smile. When you pass by at night, going to the opera house, he is among the fruits, and when you pass by at midnight, on your way home, he is there. In fact, he is the first man on the street in the morning and he is the last to leave at night. "Why, I look for the Legislature to pass a law against the Greeks, requiring them to keep shorter hours. "What is there to keep the Greek from making money? He works early and late and saves three times a day. He wastes nothing. He rubs and grooms his fruit as the good Virginian does his hunting horse. The Bible said 'to the ant thou slungard,' but if the people of Charlotte do not care to go to the ant let them go to John Pappendemas. "Show me a native who sticks to his work like the Greek does, and I will show you a man who has money in the bank. "The Greeks here are healthy, strong fellows, with plenty of energy. They do not starve themselves for the almighty dollar. It is hard work and thrift that counts. Some of our people could learn a lesson from the Greeks. "The Greeks do not bring their women to this country, but they send them money. Unlike the Syrian the Greek believes that his wife, or his sister, should do nothing but housework. They will not permit their women to clerk in their stores or peddle in the old country. THAT PERSON 'POSSUM. He Took Refuge Under the Book Case in the Mule Pen. It has been stated in The Observer that Mr. Rufus Person was kind enough to donate to the Mule Pen a 'possum. The boys who received the mammal, knowing nothing of his disposition, left him alone in the middle of the floor, believing that he had gone to sleep for the night, when he lay down on his side and drew his feet and head and tail together. But, old hunters like the Scotchman, Red Buck and the Old Man, would have known that the beast was just "playing 'possum." Therefore, when the last man departed for his supper, Tuesday night, Mr. 'Possum shook off his fit of lethargy and looked about for a safer place. Being young and inexperienced he did not dare pass out of the door into the hallway, to freedom, but he sought a cover and found it under the book case. All night Tuesday night and all day Wednesday the boys wondered where Mr. 'Possum had gone, but no one dreamed that he was still in the Mule Pen. But, yesterday afternoon, when James and Willie put their wits together and began to search for that 'possum they moved the book case and there found him securely pocketed away. At this very moment the little creature is somewhere, feeding and fattening for a good hot pot and a peck of potatoes. CAPT. POLY JACK AT IT AGAIN. He and One of His Boys Fell Out and Made Trouble. It will be recalled by the readers of The Observer that Capt. Poly Jack, a rather distinguished-looking citizen with gray mustache and ruddy complexion, accused a negro huckster of robbing him on the highway some weeks ago. The case went to the recorder's court and the negro was dismissed, the evidence of Capt. Poly Jack being discredited. Well, Capt. Poly Jack is in trouble again. He had some misunderstanding with one of his sons yesterday and the boy had him arrested and carried to the police station, where he whittled away the time during the afternoon. The recorder will listen to Capt. Jack's tale of woe this morning. Old John Barleycorn seems to be very damaging to Capt. Poly Jack's nerves. In the case of Capt. Jack against the negro it was evident that the former had seen visions while the latter drove him about the town. Nursery Association to Meet. All the members of the Charlotte Day Nursery Association are requested to meet in the Carnegie Library, this morning at 11 o'clock. The annual election of officers will be held. The present board is composed of the following named: Mrs. Winward G. Rogers, president; Mrs. A. H. Washburn, first vice president; Mrs. J. A. Russell, second vice president; Mrs. E. C. Regester, recording secretary; Miss Julia Robertson, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer. New Church Building in Concord. Rev. G. R. White and Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr spent yesterday in Concord, conferring with members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church there regarding a site for their proposed new house of worship. The Concord church has been organized for several years. Services have been held in a chapel. The members are now ready to begin the erection of their own building. New Assistant Ticket Agent. Mr. Krauth Thom, late assistant ticket agent of the Southern at Greenville, S. C., has been made assistant city ticket agent in the Charlotte office, taking up his new duties last night for the first time. Mr. Thom is capable and obliging and is a tip-top man for the place. He will be succeeded at the Greenville office by Mr. W. J. Standcock, of High Point. How much of your life is spent trying to get well. It requires but a month or two to put the system in a groove on their feet with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 25 cents, Tea or Tablets. S. R. Jordan & Co.

BANKS PAY BIG DIVIDENDS.

Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company Declares a 50 Per Cent Dividend—The Profits of the Other Financial Institutions. The handsome sum of \$145,000 was distributed in cash dividends among the shareholders of stock in seven of the city's leading financial institutions during the past year. The First National bank's list of banks with cash dividends aggregating \$30,000, which is 10 per cent, on its capital stock of \$200,000. Of the realty companies, the Southern Real Estate, Loan and Trust Company is far in the lead with cash dividends of \$37,500, or 50 per cent of its capital of \$75,000. This realty company thus exceeded the First National Bank by \$7,500, a truly remarkable showing. During the year, 1906, the Commercial National Bank declared two dividends of 6 per cent, each on its capital stock of \$200,000, the amount distributing aggregating \$24,000. The First National Bank declared two dividends during the twelve months of 5 per cent, each. This on a capital of \$300,000 amounted to \$30,000 dividends. The Charlotte National Bank, on its capital of \$125,000 declared two dividends of 5 per cent, each. The aggregate amount of dividends thus totaled \$125,500. The Merchants and Farmers' National Bank also declared semi-annual dividends of 5 per cent, on its capital stock of \$200,000. The dividend checks amounted to \$12,000. The Southern States Trust Company declared two dividends of 3 per cent, each on its capital of \$200,000. The dividend checks amounted to \$12,000. The Charlotte Realty Company, during the year, 1906, declared a cash dividend of 10 per cent, on its capital of \$50,000. The amount distributed was \$5,000. The Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company last week declared its dividend for the year 1906. On a capital of \$75,000, a dividend of 50 per cent was declared, or \$37,500 in cash. The surplus of this institution is now \$100,000 or \$25,000 more than the capital stock. The Southern Loan and Savings Bank, during the year, declared a dividend of 8 per cent, on its capital of \$25,000. The dividend checks amounted to \$2,000. Old Officers Re-Elected. The annual meeting of the directors of the Charlotte Trust Company was held in the office on East Trade street yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There were present: Messrs. W. H. Bell, J. M. Davis, G. P. Heath, H. G. Link, W. M. Long, Dr. J. F. Robertson, W. A. Watson and J. W. Zimmerman. The only action taken was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following named were unanimously chosen: Mr. J. H. Little, president; Mr. C. M. Patterson, vice president and Mr. L. R. Hagood, cashier. Elizabeth Hill Stockholders Meet. The stockholders of the Elizabeth Hill met in the office of President R. M. Miller, Jr., yesterday morning. The report of the president indicated that the past year had been a most prosperous one. A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent, was paid January 1st. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., president and treasurer; Mr. Vinton Liddell, vice president and Mr. Baxter Ross, secretary. DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills drives the poison from the body. A 25 cent box holds a week's treatment. Sold by Hawley's Pharmacy.

THE NEED FOR EXTENSION.

The Development Planned for This Year and the First Few Months of 1907 Justify the 2 1/2 Mile Limit or More Says One Man—Charlotte Will Need More Room Before the Projected Plans Are Carried Out. Some gentlemen were discussing the new boundary proposition yesterday, and the burden of their talk was to the effect that the new works planned for the next year, or 18 months, were sufficient cause to extend the limits of the city. "The new hotel," said one man, "is not yet in operation and therefore its influence is not yet felt in bringing more people here. The new Young Men's Christian Association building will be an important structure and the association itself will become, with its enlarged facilities a more important factor in building up the city." Continuing the speaker said: "Very few people yet comprehend how much the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is being enlarged. The new building is to be a sort of combination hotel and college. There will be in it a large number of rooms for living rooms for the young men. The association already has an educational department in operation and this will be very much enlarged and provision will be made for this feature. "This all means that the city is growing in city features and must grow in population, which means more area. The proposed two and a half mile limits are none too much and the township would be better." Another member of the party said: "You didn't begin to enumerate all of the new things planned for and practically contracted for. There is the Charlotte Realty Co.'s skyscraper, on the Osborne lot, the new auditorium, the money for which is practically raised, the Latta Power Plant, the car line extension to Hoags and Mr. Latta's statement to the board of aldermen that he would put the line to the river within a year. All this will require more population and population means more land in the city." Elizabeth Hill Stockholders Meet. The stockholders of the Elizabeth Hill met in the office of President R. M. Miller, Jr., yesterday morning. The report of the president indicated that the past year had been a most prosperous one. A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent, was paid January 1st. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., president and treasurer; Mr. Vinton Liddell, vice president and Mr. Baxter Ross, secretary. DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills drives the poison from the body. A 25 cent box holds a week's treatment. Sold by Hawley's Pharmacy.

The Mere Possession of a Stieff Piano puts the seal of supreme approval upon the musical taste of its owner. CHAS. M. STIEFF

GOOD UNDERWEAR. So many men are dissatisfied with the Underwear they get. Most of the time the fault comes from careless buying. Such a variety of good Underwear as we are showing makes a right selection easy. In brief, we have all sizes in Cotton, Wool and Cotton, all Wool and Silk and Wool, \$1.00 up to \$4.50 Per Garment. Hardly think you'll want to look anywhere else after seeing our splendid line of Underwear. Yorke Bros. and Rogers.

IVERS & POND PIANOS. Piano buyers should write for our new catalogue picturing and describing our 1907 models. In tasteful and artistic case designs these surpass any we have ever made, but they will appeal to music-lovers chiefly because of their beautiful tone and quick responsive action. The IVERS & POND PIANO is built for a lifetime, and costs less than one-half the average piano to keep in tune. Call and see the new models we have just received from the factory. We sell other makes of pianos also. You will find the best that money can buy on our floors. Easy monthly payment plan if you wish. Only 6 per cent. interest charged for carrying the account. Parker-Gardner Comp'y

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A PAIR OF ODD PANTS. OFTEN SAVES THE PRICE OF AN ENTIRE SUIT. We have a magnificent stock of ODD PANTS, made of the best material and guaranteed to fit. Come and look at the line. LONG-TATE CLOTHING COMP'Y GOODS SENT ON APPROVAL RETURNABLE AT OUR EXPENSE.

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. Ed Mellon Comp'y

PROTECTION. There are a great many kinds of protection, some theoretical, some practical. The protection that we wish to call your attention to is not by any means a theoretical proposition, but one of the most practical ones ever submitted. Protection to the body is a very important thing, a thing that cannot be overlooked without doing harm. We were never in better shape to furnish this very protection than we are this season. In our line of Overcoats and Raincoats we have the protection that really protects. It is needless to suffer the inconveniences of bad weather, when you can buy such elegant garments as we are offering and at such reasonable prices. SIZES FOR EVERYONE. In carrying as large a stock of Coats as we do, we are in position to fit any size man from the extremely tall, slim man to the very squatty fat man. We have the sizes here for everyone. Ed Mellon Comp'y

Good Furniture Need Not be Expensive Furniture. Your dining room should be made the most inviting place of the home, as well as all the conveniences should be added to lighten the duties of the housewife. No dining room is complete without a sideboard, Extension Table, Chairs, China Closet, Buffet or Side Table. All these furnishings are essential for entertaining guests and to the home comforts of the family circle. Dining room Furnishings can be had here at very low prices, which means you can obtain these goods from this store at less prices than is usually charged elsewhere for same quality of goods. Golden Oak Sideboard, regular \$140.00 Our January Price \$115.00 See our 8-foot Pedestal Table, 45-inch top, full quarter-sawn oak and highly polished golden finish; regular value \$21.50. Our January price \$18.00. Tables range in price from \$5.50 to \$76.00. Don't supply your Furniture wants until you see McCoy. He'll save you money. W. T. M c C O Y SOUTH TRYON STREET.

