tvery Day in the Year.

plication. Advertisers may feel sure at through the columns of this per they may reach at Charlotte a portion of the best people in a State and upper South Carolina. Is paper gives correspondents as this State and upper South Carolina. This paper gives correspondents as wide latitude as it thinks public policy permits but it is in no case responsible for their views. It is much preferred that correspondents signified names to their articles, especially in cases where they attack persons or institutions, though this is not demanded. The editor reserves the right to give the names of correspondents when they are demanded for the purpose of personal satisfaction. To receive consideration a communication must be accompanied by the true name of the correspondents.

VISITORS TO THE EXPOSITION III find The Observer at the North na Building on the grounds and on sale at the following named places Petts & Roeder.

nticello News Stand. The American Newspaper Co.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1907.

We hope we have made it understood that we don't care a rap if the fare case in the United States Supreme Court, provided only its side is adequately presented. The recently over-shadowing issue of State sovereignty and State self-respect being now definitely settled, the matter resolves itself into a simple question of dollars and cents. If it develops that the rate is really confiscatory the State should be glad to lose. Indeed, public sympathy should now incline to the railroads, for they hardly stand a fair chance. A rate may not be confiscatory and yet may be illiberal and unfair-we remain firmly convinced that the 2 1-4 cent provision should never have been passed. The Supreme Court can be relied upon to do justice as nearly as possiple. May the right prevail.

THE LEAVEN IS AT WORK.

"Vice is a monster of such frightful That to be hated needs but to be seen; seen too oft, familiar with his face, first endure, then pity, then em-

The following is from the editorial columns of The Greensboro Telegram,

"The antipathy of some newspapers to snything like State or government own-crable is really remarkable. They seem to start out with the inherent wicked-ness and impropriety of State or government ownership as a fixed principle and not as something to be demonstrated. Whatever tends to support their prin-ciple they welcome and roll as a sweet morsel under their tongues. Whatever tends to prove the reverse they cannot or will not see. Yet some of the very papers which go into conniption fits over State and government ownership view with teleration and often, no doubt varmly approve musicipal ownership If government ownership is not a veri-table bete noir on a small scale why should it not be regarded as a debatable question on a large scale? At any rate, there is no occasion for general sorrow when a State manages to get the whole or partial control of a railroad."

Fifteen months ago no North Carolina paper would have dreamed of such an utterance. But the Bryan educational campaign is in progress giving, is at work.

TWO BRANDS OF CENTRALISM. The suggestion that Mr. Bryan be retained for North Carolina and Vir-

must have impressed intelligent observers as decidedly queer. These ted by The Petersburg Index-Appeal; "One of the humorous incidents of the North Carolina and Virginia railroad troubles, now happily on the way to legal adjustment, was the proposition to retain Mr. Bryan to represent the States in their struggle against what was held to be Federal Court usurpation. Federal ownership of railroads, the child labor bill, and everything that looks to centralization of power at Washington, are dear to Bryan's heart. If that gentleman had half his wishes gratified there would be to North Carolina, or any other State that could, without Federal permission, employ and pay him for his services. We don't suppose he and urges these pernicious the sake of destroying States good for the people he advocates, no matter whether there are State lines in and that that eminent Democrat believ

To be sure. There is no more thorough-going centralist than Mr. Bryan, Mr. Roosevelt preaches centrailem as a good thing in itself; Mr. the ground that conditions demand from. If any one can point out a further difference between the Roosevelt and Bryan brands of centralism

It is held by most Texas attorneys statement to stand fire. He, as or drummer who handles trust goods, whether pecessaries or luxuries, ren-

"Not many years ago there was a period of long duration in which 'Old Sumptuary' held his place as if by divine right, in every properly constructed Democratic piatform. In those good old onys our Democratic friends did hearthy detest and vigorously denounce 'sumptuary legislation' in all their authentic declarations of doctrine. A Democratic platform that did not contain an antisumptuary plate would have been promptly referred back to the committee on resolutions. Other planks might be skipped by the brethren as they looked over the press reperts, but not one of them failed to give a sharp look for Old Sumptuary,' Finding him on guard, they felt that all was well."

It is not convenient Sunday night

stabute communities which had voted the public eye that the prospect of ture has just gone a bow-shot beyond excite general regret even apart from this in drying up the whole State the popularity of his policies and his though the last Democratic State und in favor of local option, and in his candidacy for the nomination for State loses the 2 1-4 cent passenger ed on every stump against State proeverlasting appeal to the Macon

> Constitution to remark: "Strange days, indeed, that the Democracy has come upon when, with sentiment like this the General Assembly puts itself to doing the very things, and many of them, which the announced party platform condemns!

"The plain truth of the matter is the functions, the sway, the principles of the Georgia Democracy have been superseded, temporarily, let us hope, but revertneless, effectually, at least for the When in the days of the old Dem-

ceracy did officials of the State, legis-lative or executive, dare to brush aside the party platform?" "Old Sumptuary" may still some standing in the councils of the

not stand for a prohibition candidate manute." Upon this our Charleston contemporary rémarks:

ginia in the recent rate law contest based. Perhaps it lies in the fact of Mr. Bryan's approciation of the West. Bryan's appreciation of the West. Bryan's Northwestern States, the foreign-chiefly the Teutonic and the Scandinavian element-is very strong in numbers and in offuence, and those people are not proinfluence, and those people are not pro-hibitionists. In the South we have com-paratively little foreign element, save in the cities. But we are trying to at-tract Europeans, and especially Teutons and Scandinavians. The immigration wave and the prohibition wave are not

concurrent forces. Now we do not believe this Bryan-Smith story but look confidently for or ove true the prohibition wave in the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the prohibition wave in the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the prohibition wave in the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the prohibition wave in the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the prohibition wave in the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh, last night," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh," and the eigh, last night, "and all estimates of the eigh," and the eigh, all estimates of the eigh, and the eigh, and the eigh, and South would be promptly arrested are purely problematic. of the inition. He believes in the peosie, and caything that to him seems for Mr. Marion Butler never dominatwill make all the difference in the ed the Populist party of North Caro- world in the yield. way or not. Needless to say that lims more completely than Mr. Bryan for an average crop, but I should not was not the Jeffersonian theory. dominates the Southern Democracy, be surprised on my return to find lims more completely than Mr. Bryan North Carolina there were prospects d the safety of the people and their A word or a nod from him would conditions changed. happiness lay in the preservation, unim-paired, of State lines. Mr. Bryan is a Jeffersonian Democrat with the Dem-berracy of Jefferson left out."

| Cause the Georgia and other prohibi-bear running over best prognosticator cannot tell what platform pledges and spitting upon the actual yield will be. North Carthe doctrines of individual liberty olina produces a very small percent and local self-government to scatter less than a million bales, but the to the tall timber. They might not same conditions obtain there as else-Bryan preaches centralistic doctrines believe with him but they would not where, and if it turns out that our more extreme than Mr. Roosevelt's on protest. Do they protest, except in the mildest manner, against the gov- country's output will be good. erament ownership of railroads and all a guess until the whole growth is the initiative and referendum?

If John Sharp, of Vancouver Is- State. he ought to have a medal. The In- land, should really turn out to be dex-Appeal has already deserved one. Raider Quantrell the story which identifies Peter Stunrt Ney, of North The Texas anti-octopus law went Carolina, with Murshal Ney would into effect Saturday and all octopus- take on an air of more credibility. made products are now under ban Not that we expect John Sharp's that under this act every merchant happens, is still alive and can be thoroughly investigated.

There is this morning another lers himself liable to a penitentiary phase to the miliroad-court embrogilo. to The Charlotte Observer, which is abence. All employes and agents of Judge Pritchard has cited three at- at the head just now. rusts are similarly threatened. It is torneys, who had said they would, if as to say that if this is really consulted, advise clients to sue for the s law's purport and the State au- \$500 penalty if charged ratiroad fare

ed this plank, in these words: "No very largely due to his practice, doubtsumptuary laws." National Demo- less learned from Klaiser Hohencretic platforms have carried such zollern, of not merely ruling over declaration from time immemorial, them but continually assuming some but it has ceased to have any bind- striking and talk-provoking role or ing force. Still, there are some old- pose-he is a great actor upon the timers who were raised on the doc- stage of public life, thanks to rich trine as an article of Democratic endowment of personality and fair fields who find it difficult to get away ability as a phrase-maker. Whether from it though there are others who as Bough Rider, hunter of grizzles, big kick it aside as ruthlessly as they do stick wielder, enemy of race suicide, that other old-time Democratic doc- denouncer of mollycoddles, or any othback number. The Legislature of characterized by virility and red-North Chrolina at its last session, for bloodedness he has made and maininsignee, did not hesitate to dry up by tained for himself so great a place in

"The North Carolina episode is pretly complicated for hot-weather moralizing. Doubless, the constitutional lawyers, in due time, will get around to deciding whether Governor Glenn had a patriot's devotion to State rights; or whether the excited Times was rightly inspired when it said that if Mr. Roosevelt had not been made a coward by self-interest and calculation, he would call his Rough Tuders together and imitate the swiftness of Andrew Jackson when another together and imitate the swiftness of Andrew Jackson when another together and Mitth Corolina stood on Governor of North Carolina stood on State rights."

hitherto unbounded good fortune.

to have fallen into. Clearly its reference is to the nullification proceeding still greater. And there are still greater things in store for Mebane. of South Carolina in 1832.

others of like character, moves The Asheville firemen having taken first prize in the tournament at Wilming ton last week, The Citizen of yesterday has a cartoon representing the man with laurel saving at the same That is quite a proper form of speech seeing that the editor of our contemporary is an Englishman.

Mr. Stevenson an Old Man-He is Now 72 and Falling.

Washington Herald. Adiat E. Stevenson has been almost after the awards. some standing in the councils of the national Democracy but he has lost light since 1900, when he was Bryan's be classic in design, and will be conout in the Southern States.

Adding L. Stevensor in the Southern the Southern States out of the political lime. The Rowan country courthouse will not be consuming made in the national camstructed of pressed brick, with a As related to this discussion an in- paign. Few Washingtonians who re- granite base. It is possible that the teresting new story is current. The call him so pleasantly realize, per-plans will be changed so far as to haps, that the is an old man. He has permit the erection of an entire gran-Charleston Post, discussing the sweep passed the allotted three score and ite building. If this is the case the three decades ago, and then came country, sets against this alleged state back into public life in Cleveland's the plans for many of the handsome of affairs a recent "report that Mr. first administration as First Assistant public buildings in the South Atlantic Brytan, who seems to own the Demo- Postmaster General, when he became States in recent years. At present cratic party, or to think that he does, widely known as the headsman, ow- there is a building boom in will not stand for a probibitionist on will not stand for a prohibitionist on minor postoffices. Retiring in 1889 ings are in course of construction: the national ticket with himself. Ac- he returned to the Capitol in March, cording to The New York World Mr. 1893, as Vice President, having been Bryan has stricken off the list of pos- elected on the ticket with Cleveland in his second successful race. sibilities for his running mate the Stevenson was much esteemed in the livered at the name of Hoke Smith, of Georgia, be. United States Senate, and when this church yesterday morning by the as-United States Senate, and when his sociate pastor, Rev. Mr. R. T. Colt. term expired was the recipient of a sociate pastor, Rev. Mr. R. T. Colt. The "Mystery of the Church" was ilquor, eavs The World, Bryan can- ber of the commission that was sent abroad in the effort to bring about international bimetallism. This was on the ticket with thimself, nor can his lest public service. In a recent he afford to have it understood that interview he expressed himself as in of thought. he stands for such a man even for a favor of the nomination of Mr. Bryan by the Democrats this year. During It is to be regretted that he is so has visit to Richmond and the Jamestown Exposition it was observed that "This is an extremely interesting statement and we should like to know the true value of it and if that is anything material, to know upon what it is gives the appearance of a man whose gives the appearance of a man whose race is about run. He is full of interesting reminiscences of his life in Washington and association with statesmen, now gone to their last rest. Mr. Stevenson still lives at Bloomington, Ill., but passes a good deal of his time with his children and grand-

Cotton Crop. Washington Post. "It is impossible to tell at this time what the cotton crop of the United States will be," said Col. D. A. Tompother staple so dependent upon the production is up to the average it will be pretty safe to predict that the

Colonel Tompkins is largely interested in the cotton business in his

The Champion Poetry Critic.

Norfolk Landmark. Norfolk Landmark and The Charlotte Observer, to translate a certain poem,

Birmingham Ago-Heruld.
North Carolina admits the author thousties undertake rigid enforcement great discomfort awaits Texans. The pear before him at asheville to-day. Court, but its contempt for the double-cedings.

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all parties. The improvements that are being made will be a great convenience to the shippers of Mebane and to the traveling public as well. Your correspondent believes that if all towns and shippers would adopt this pollow instead of gains into the the railroads and the people would get along better—and your corres-pondent wants to add his regard to the recent trouble between the railmore in proportion than the railroads from this legislation and agitation. From an actual canvass of the town of Mebane he finds only two business for license, and the Georgia Legisla- his quitting the stage is bound to acts of the Legislature in this mat-State and the South, as well as for the railroads. And your correspondent is not an attorney or an agent for the railroads, either, but a plain, everyday business man, who has traveled since January 1st, 1907, more than 10,000 miles on the railroads and paid regular rates, and in addition has given the railroads onsiderable freights. What the peowant is better accommodations

and better service. October 1st. 1905, Mebane made a third-class postoffice with \$1.100. postmaster's salary 1st, 1906, it was raised to \$1,300. April 1st, 1907, was raised olina? This is a curious error for a crease than any other office in publication of the position of Coslier's North Carolina. And I am advised two past quarters the increase is

Yours truly, W. E. WHITE. Mebane, Aug. 9th, 1907.

WASHINGTON ARCHITECTS WIN Milburn & Co. Will Design Courthouse at Salisbury.

Washington Post. Frank P. Milburn & Co., Wasaton architects, have been awarded first place in the competition for the \$50,000 courthouse to be erected at Sallsbury, N. C. The structure will be the courthouse for Rowan county. Contracts for the construction of the building will be let at an early date, and work will be started immediately

Frank P. Milburn & Co. have made bury, where twenty-one large build-

Brilliant Young Preacher.

One of the strongest sermons heard Mr. in a Charlotte pulpit lately was demagnificant silver service, sultably The "Mystery of the Church" was engraved, as a testimonial from the his theme. The sermon at the First Then he was made a mem-church last night was the complement. Both sermons showed exceptionally fine thought. There was originality, as well as logic, and a suggestiveness in ideas that surprising the listener into many new channels Mr. Colt is a brilliant young man.

Meetings at Cherryville and Lattimore.

Early next week Rev. L. R. Pruett will go to Cherryville where he will conduct a meeting of ten days or longer. He will be absent one Sabbath from his pulpit at the Ninth Avenue

Last Week Mr. Pruett conducted a successful meeting at Lattimore, as a result of which about a dozen new converts applied for membership in the church. In this meeting Mr. Mr. or Col. D. A. Tompkins on the Pruett preached to many of the friends of his boyhood, and the renewal of these acquaintances added much to the pleasure of his stay at Lattimore.

Swift & Company Rebuild Branch Office,

Work will begin at once, probably this morning, on the rebuilding of the up-town store room of Swift & Com-pany, located at the corner of Third and College street. It will be com-paratively a new building, as from \$3,500 to \$5,000 will be spent on the The present edifice is somewhat delapicated, but it will be put into excellent shape before it is left. Messrs, Swife & Company are doing

Change of Sunday School Hour. The Sunday school of the Ninth Avenue Baptist church has been changed from the afternoon to a morning hour. The change has not caused any decrease in the attendance and the work of the school is progressing in a most satisfactory manner in speaking of this yesterday, Rev. L. R. Pruett, the pustor urged the members of the congrega-tion who do not already do so to at-tend the Sunday school and witness the good work that is being accom-plished there among the children and young people of the church.

The Passing of Self-Defense. Greenville, S. C., News.

we confiess that we speak only the South Carolina language, and don't pretend or wish to speak any other. Therefore, we pass. Do you understand?"—Charleston News and Corrier.

An excellent reply. Go and sit next to The Charlotte Observer, which is

The Revised Version

Washington Herald. "Do you know what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina?"

"I do. But that ain't a vircumstance to what he said to the Southern Railway."

that my general appearance was that of a man ten years younger than

when I left home.

I most heartily and cheerfully recommend the Keeley Institute at Greensboro, N. C., to all who are in Greensboro, N. C., to all who are in need of its benefits as I was. It is a blessing to mankind. Long may it live and prosper.

With the greatest respect, I am, Yours very truly, J. L. OWENS.

Harbinger, N. C., Oct. 4, 1906.

The Lesson of July Failures. Wall Street Journal.

The notable feature of the uly rec collapses for the month are more numerous in manJufacturing lines, 28 per cent. of fire total being of this class. Undoubtedly the quain cause for this lies in the deficiency in funds. Shortage of working capital shows itself quickly in this form of enterprise, especially when prices have been rising, entailing additional outlays for materials of production to be followed by a turn in prices. Thus establishments are caught with high-cost goods upon their hands in a receding market, and failure is the natural consequence of such a condi-

The decrease in the number trading failures is probably due mor chants have been following for several months, than to anything else Furthermore, banks have been insist ing that mercantile houses should car ry smisller stocks and depend less up-on borrowings). This has had its good effect, as is evident in the decrease of trading failures from 569 in viv. 1906, to 531 this year, even though the habilities did increase

Still more striking are the real estate failures, which were 10 per cent. more numerous than last year and six times as large in their combined lia bilities of over \$3,000,000. Apparently these were not all small concerns because the average liability was \$88, 000, as reported in Dunn's monthly statement.

A Negro Economic.

To the Editor of The Observer: I have undertaken the preparation of an economic history of the negro, and an economic history of the negro, and am asking the aid of Southern papers in the preliminary work of locating and securing original material.

The plan of work necessary involves a consideration of the life of the Southern white people. I want information as is to be found in plantation books and recomb

ords of all descriptions: records of fac-tors and merchants: family records, diaries, etc.; in fact, anything of an au-thentic character throwing light on ante-bellum, reconstruction or more recent economic conditions in the South.

I am anxious to locate such material, and to correspond with persons having its custody; and with those whose personal knowledge would assist in its interpretation. The South is full of such material, and I shall be grateful to you and such papers as may assist me in material, and I shall be grateful to you and such papers as may assist me in locating its present whereabouts and ownership by reproducing this letter.

I may add that I am a Southern man, and that my interest is genuine.

Very truly yours.

A. H. STONE.

Dunleith, Miss., Augusta 3, 1907.

An Explanation of Certain Procedure Wanted by a Layman. To the Editor of The Observer:

To the Editor of The Observer:

We laymen do not know a great deal about law and things of that sort, but we do keep up a mighty thinking about how things are being managed now. The sort of the sort

But We Want to Elevate Politics,

Petersburg Index-Appeal. And now we have indiscreet newspaper advocating Hemphill, Gonzales and other South Carolina editors for various political places, as though newspaper men had no higher or more important mission than to dable in the divine waters of politics and ble in the dirty waters of politics and to hold office. The very suggestion is an insult to the profession and The Norfolk Landmark and Charlotte Observer should down on their marrows, criyng peccavimus; and implore forgiveness. Have they no sense of proportion or of perspective in such great maters, or would they wilfully belittle and degrade a profession which has honored them and made them the potential forces they are in the control and direction

Up to the President.

of public opinion!

Louisville Courier-Journal. Marion Butler, of North Carolina formerly a Populist leader, declares himself for Roosevelt for next President, and for Taft if he cannot have Teddy. The President, he says, is now almost in line for the original demands of the People's Party. How does the President relish this sort of

Going Back on Sam Jones. Rome, Ga., Tribune, State prohibition in Georgia, after

Rev. Sam Jones, himself, having succeeded in getting Atlanta to try prohibition, decided that he preferred bar rooms with high license and proper restrictions. Think of it!

The Old Apple Kind. Spartanburg Spartan.

Just now when the temperature is hitched up about the 90's the editor of the Chariotte Observer will please enlighten the public as to the variety of tree that makes the coolest shade.

Latest Novelties in Fall Suitings

Shadow-Striped **Broadcloths**

AND

Herringbone Serges

These are the latest productions for Fall and Winter Suitings and are highly quoted by all the leading style books as being the right things for tailored garments. We place them on sale Monday.

In the Shadow Plaid Broadcloths, we have Dark Garnet, with Brown; Dark Garnet, with Green; also Dark Green, with Purple. All 52 inches wide, for

Herringhane Serges mentinguone seiges

In Solid Brown and Blue, 52 inches wide, for ... \$1.50.

Shower Proof Silks

Dark Red, with large Polka Dots; width 24 inches.

The Onion Pattern in China

Is one of the popular patterns of the times. We have it now in open stock, in the old-time flow blue; everything necessary to make a complete Dinner Set of 103 pieces, in a very fine English Porcelain, with Haviland finish, for \$20.00.

We will sell any one piece, or as many pieces as you want at a time till you complete your set.

It's beautiful ware and the patterns are fine. Ask to

Sample China Covered Dishes

At About On e-Half Price

One real nice lot of French China Covered Dishes and Souptureens, bought from an importer's samples at a big discount. In neat, swell patterns and shapes, and awful cheap-only \$1.25 and \$1.50.

A Charlotte Fad

We fix them by the gross. Everybody is getting them. They are Safety Pins, gilted. We gilt them for 25c. per dozen. We fix them while you wait. We do it

Stetson's Fall Hats 1907

We've just received them. Come now, get one and get a full season's wear. The newest shapes and colors in soft or stiff \$3.50 to \$5.00.

