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this State and upper South Caronna. This paper gives correspondents as wide latitude as it thinks public pol-ley permits, but it is in no case re-sponsible for their views. It is much preforred that correspondents sign their 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 correspon-dents when they are demanded for the purpose of personal satisfaction. To receive consideration a communication must be accompanied by the true name of the correspondent.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1907.

THE SLAUGHTER ON OUR RAILS.

A bulletin of the inter-State commerce commission for the year ending June 39th shows that our railroads more than kept up their bloody work. The killed number 5,000, an increase of 775 over last year, and the injured 76,286, an increase of 9,577. With all due allowance for the conditions presented by that very large proportion of our railway mileage where traffic will not justify the best either in road bed or equipment, the totals of killed and injured rise vastly too high. Such is the reputation for danger of American railroads that the foreign spinners who recently toured this country evidently felt as If they were taking their lives in their hands, and a story of the English delegation's arrival at Liverpool shows them experiencing relief almost like men returned from the dead. The bulletin refersito the extraordinary number of derailments, due in many cases to broken ralls. This circumstance should teach lesson both to the railroads and the steel manufacturers-to the railroads because, if the steel men can be be-

Heved, they are primarily responsible for her husband's death against Judge in that they insist upon so high a James Hargis, the notorious feudist proportion of carbon as will give the chief, and one Callahan, his hireling. rails a wear-resisting hardness and merits thoughtful consideration. Harconsequent brittleness at the expense gis has already paid a large installof toughness and consequent safety, ment on the judgment, and the re-

We fear, however, that it is really mainder is fully secured. A man who

transferrent by Stants are all Delleved to have app onfederate | commissions at the utbreak of the civil war has naturally excited no little interest-an in terest attended with repentment in G. A. B. quarters. While Captain DeRossett makes it clear that the information came to him indirectly and so cannot be personally vouched for by him, he deems his informant well worthy of belief. Lest any one should rashly suppose such action by the three distinguished warriors more than improbable we hasten to state that both Thomas and Farragut were Southern men, while Grant, though a native Ohioan, was living in Missouri when hostilities began. Moreover, Grant had quit the United States army under rather obscure circumstances and may not have been any too well disposed toward it. Thomas and Farragut were both in the position of Southern-born United States officers when their States, Virginia and Tennessee, approached the secession point, and it is at least probable that they hesitated for a time whether they should remain or follow the great majority of officers similarly circumstanced into the Confederate service. Col. Robert E. Lee, as is well known, resigned his United States commission to go with his State, although the chief command of the Union forces had been definitely offered him. So there is nothing intrinsically improbable in the statement with regard to the men who became distinguished as General Thomas and Admiral Farragut, while the most in his thoughts. claim as to General Grant is not altogether preposterous. We may further say that General Thomas in all likelihood did indeed make application to the Confederate authorities; for evidence of such action on his part was cited long ago and Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, now living in Richmond, has accumulated data which he deems absolutely conclusive. Concerning Admiral Farragut the matter must awalt proof. We find ourselves quite unable to believe the story so far as it concerns General Grant. If, as supposed, the whole controversy

is susceptible of settlement by reference to certain sealed letters now in the Louisiana Historical Society's archives we hope that the letters will soon be forthcoming. ONE WAY TO CHECK HOMICIDE.

The action of the Kentucky civil courts in awarding the widow of Attorney Marcum an \$8,000 judgment

as was the scope of the life just tak-en-rating and analysing and prais-ing who before paid little or no 2t-tention. This is always the story, though the indifference in the first chapters is not nearly so marked in some cases as in others. In the case of John Charles Mo-Neill, the folks of his State did not have to give themselves a particular amount of trouble to get in a grace-ful attitude of praising at his death. Foor fellow, forced to confess months ago that he was "looking at the from is was the

He might have gone to Boston and tried to forget his home and he would never have become anything except Scotch sand-hill poet he was. But he did not want to forget. He knew the influences and scenes that made him, and even his other friends admitted that these were always fore-

But who cares about Charley as a verse-writer who knew him as a com-

have all his works bound 'together so that we may get a more systematic idea of his genius. But any time we will put aside such a book to laugh with a friend about the cold day when John Charles was speaking to a jury and his thundering remark when an avalanche of melting ice solid from the roof of the temple of the matter it may he said that Bey. announced himself a candidate 'for

gently with the young man, gently." Or think again of his enthusiasm when he sat before the Hotel Morgan a few nights before his death and described a fodder-pulling scene he had

just witnessed at his father's home that day. Those who read his poems are fortunate, but to his' intimate friends his verses were but small stones girt around the larger jewel of his personality.

proposition.

ad some very far, and Messra, ris, the president, and Jam harpe, the scentary and tra-tere completely exonerated. An announcement of the trial w

The shapters is not nearly so marked in some cases as in others.
In the case of John Charles Mohaw to give themselves a particular in the subscript of the trial was sent your paper by Mr. Paul Leonard, a sont your paper by Mr. Paul Leonard, a sont your paper by Mr. Paul Leonard, a sont in the subscript of the trial was sent your paper by Mr. Paul Leonard, a sont particular to the prix company the part of the trial was end the sont your paper by Mr. Paul Leonard, a sont part of the trial was sont your paper by Mr. Paul Leonard, a sont part part by Mr. Paul Leonard, a sont part part of the prix company the prix company through one of its one the sontes of the sand hills is untouched. Any poet must have these. Listent The colors of ind the was turned in to the Prix Company the sand and the part reflections of boyhood sur roundings. The State at large mourns the loos of her most giften maker of liferature, his other friends make and the poeks of the Prix Company tailing a confession of Spite maker of liferature, his other friending there work sont and the poeks of their own product, the was refered to forget his home and the differed to forget his home and the would not have been beenfield in the fried to forget his home and he would not the was fered the trial was the maker of life tail was sent the sont and the poeks of the frix Company fail the Prix Company fail the Prix Company for the son Company the amount of its claim-65 and then in turn Mr. Leonard returned to Weaver \$5. The note had evidenily been changed after it was first made out, but the Frix Company could not have been benefited, nor do the people who know them believe that they would have done so for any amount, even if they could have benefited by it. Nor do the people believe Mr. Leonard, would have done so, with intentional wrong, and the natural conclusion is that the note was changed at the time it was drawn in order to

at the time it was drawn in order to bring it up to the price agreed upon, and then afterwards forgotten.

verse-writer who knew him as a com-rade? We have read his "October" to grow thoughtful; his "Ask Me Not" to feel the leaping of youth's blood; his "Rejected Scotsman to laugh, or his lines "To sleep" to feel sympathetic. Some day we hope to have all his works bound together so that we may get a more systematics sime time and seen able to evade for that we may get a more systematics sime time and seen able to evade for

sild from the roof of the temple of of the matter, it may be said that Rev. justice, "Listen at me, gentlemen; T. E. Weaver at one time wrote the I'm shakin' the house down." Or about his opening sentences when he announced himself a candidate 'for the organ with no interest. If his state-ment in that letter was correct, there announced himself a candidate 'for should or would have never been any the lower house of the General As-sembly, at a meeting in the court tion with many is: Did he know what house here. "They tell me I am too he was writing at that time, or did he young to represent you in the Legis-lature. Don't say that about me-re-member what the Bible says, 'Deal A. E. CROWSON, ently with the young man gently.'"

Statesville, November 12th. HARD WARN SPINNERS.

Agree That the Most Conservative and Careful Operation of Mills is Necessary in Addition to Curtailment by the present money situation."

Agreed Upon Last Week. At a meeting of the Hard Yarn Spinners' Association, held in the

Manufacturers' Club last night, the Yet those who have read will all general conditions were carefully and agree that Scotland county's poet pre- seriously considered, and it adjourned terday afternoon. Pupils in the voafter unanimously adopting the fol- cal department furnished a song re-

handsomely bound and illustrated, a history of the association, together with a complete commercial history of the banking, whelesale and manu-facturing industries of the State. Its towas and dries being included. The publication will be a work of art as well as a valuable business volume. The national convention will be hed in Milwaukee next June and it is the aim of the North Carolins divis-ion to raise a fund sficient to secure and entertain the convention on the following year, 1909. In order to obtain the necessary funds, the offi-cers of this division have adopted the plan of publishing a commercial his-tory of the State which will not only raise the money necessary, but will also be a splendid advertisement to the State and its commercial indus-ties as every delegate to the conven-tion at Milwaukee next year will be presented with a copy of the book as a souvenir and an invitation to come to North Carolina in 1985. Mr. T. Edgar Harvey, who is cheir-men of the plan block to an of the plan of the state and state in the sector of the state and splits of the book as a souvenir and an invitation to come andiomely bound and illustrated, SAMPLE

Mr. T. Edgar Harvey, who is chair-man of the publicity committee for the North Carolina division is in the city for a few days securing data and photographs of Charlotte for the forthcoming history. Mr. Harvey stated yesterday that he considered Charlotte one of the most important cities in the State and said he would give the matter of its advertisement through the history his personal at-tention, seeing to it that the city's natural advantages and spiendid his-tory are properly handled. It may be possible to land the convention and Charlotte will expect to do the entertaining, if it comes to this State. The Travelers Protective Associa-

tion has a membership of 41,000 with 181 clubs. Its membership is made up of bankers, manufacturers, traveling men who represent all lines of commercial industries.

MILLS IN GOOD SHAPE.

May Be Forced to Close Down on Ac-count of Over-Supply, But Textile Institutions are on Solid Foundation, Declares Prominent Mill Man

"Twelve million bales is a high estimate to make of the season's cotdeclared a prominent ton crop," North Carolina mill man,, who was in the city yesterday to attend the spin-ners meeting. "The general condition of the country, however, will, in my estimation, hold the price down to 121-2 cents as the maximum. There will not enough be made to make this a fair price under normal conditions but the financial troubles through which the country is now passing, will keep down the price.

"The mills of the State, so far as I know, are in good condition. Yarns are down to the extent of eight cents less than we were reveiving some months ago, but the mills are well supported. They will not suffer much except such loss as comes through closed doors. It may be necessary to shut down for awhile owing to the over-supply of the market-to curtail production-but aside from this, the textile institutions will not be seriously disadvantaged by

A Pleasant Concert Student Recital at Presbyterian College.

The first student recital at the Presbyterian College was heard yes-

SALE TO-DAY

Coat Suits Coats, and Skirts **Bought One-Third Off**

This week we bought one of the swellest sample line Coats and Coat Suits shown in this city this season. They are in Black and the leading colors of this season, handsomely trimmed, beautifully designed and well tailored. We bought the entire sample line at one-third off and will sell them just as bought. Lovers of rich garments can't afford to miss this sale when they get the latest and swellest at such a big discount.

These have their first showing to-day.

which must be held chiefly responsible for the country's huge railroad pleases with impunity so far as the for seldom having time to do things civil law quite another matter. Thus thoroughly and for willingness to take murder which cannot be punished by all sorts of chances; moreover, it is hanging or imprisonment can at least a people which holds human life very be made expensive. Why shouldn't cheap. Thousands are carelessly kill- it become customary not only in Kened on the railroads just as thousands tucky but some other States for a are wilfully killed with pistols. In so murdered man's widow or next of kin far as our railroad slaughter is thus to bring suit against the murderer a matter of national temperament it where the latter's financial status warwill be very slow in mending, but we rants such action? In this manner hope for a somewhat better record in the well-founded complaint that slaysucceeding years. There is certainly ers possessed of money enjoy more no lack of room for improvement.

installed a latest-model Duplex per- laid partly to rest. Those least liable fecting press capable of turning out over six thousand complete newspapers an hour. "A few years ago," says The Record in making this an- well-to-do damage suit defendants nouncement, "the daily newspaper their strength becomes, weakness. It business was an uncertain experiment in Greensboro, but the marvelous part of the slayer's total expenditure growth of the city, in which The Record hopes it has been a factor, has phans even though, where special cirmade it a necessity and brought to it a patronage that justifies it in the ex- prudence calls for such heavy outlays penditure for one piece of machinery as a jury canvass of the trial county, alone more than the price of one of with a formidable array of imported the average State newspaper plants a counsel to make assurance doubly few years ago." Such cyldence that sure. True, there would be many a newspaper of high type has met people found refusing to seek or acwith great prosperity should be grati- cept blood money even under presfying to every one; our well-grounded sure or dire need-most of the world esteem for The Record and Editor has gone far since those primitive Reece renders it very gratifying in- times when folk law decreed that a deed to us. Hearty congratulations,

Thinking it a pity that Andrew Jackson's parents could not have only turn the amount, once collected. foreseen the turmoil they would cause, over to a charitable institution. The The Montgomery Advertiser expresses main idea is to provide a punishment regret that they did not arrange to applicable in at least some murder To slint eve, my threshold cn, and see Stars, one by one. Stars, one by one. Flash into the dark heacens. Oh, happy only the place where Montgomery Suits by murdered men's estates now stands existed then. If there against murderers are all right and were a Monigomery News and Cou- we should be glad to see more of rier we shou.4 not be at all surprised them instituted. to hear the claim that such an arrangement was not only contemplated

but put into effect.

The Asheville Gazette-News likes an act of meddlesomeness almost very much a recent sketch of its equal to his simple-spelling performmountain neighbor, the late J. Wiley ance. It is quite true, as he declares his State, but over the whole State Shook, which appeared as a local in his public explanation, that this and beyond its borders. With his relstory in The Observer, but under- beautiful and solemn motto becomes takes to correct the statement that a subject for jest by reason of its Mr. Shook was once a preacher. Ney- inscription on coins and quite true sad loss, his untimely death is to his ertheless, that's just what Mr. Shook that most people who combine rever- community, his State and his Southwas, and if his own testimony about ential feeling with good taste will this part of his career is to be be- agree with his views, but we submit lleved he was a successful one.

Do-your-Christmas-shopping - carly all alone and offhand. injunctions are beginning to make their annual appearance in the newsopers. They are well moant and if To the Editor of The Observer: headed would save untold misery to clerks and others who bear the brunt of the holiday rush, but human na- Overman is entertaining the bishop ture is the same one Christmas as another and we fear that they will again this week. be wanted.

enjoys and has long exercised the sents the largest figure in the tal Carolina literature." privilege of murdering just when he was bursting into full slaughter. This is a people noted criminal law is concerned finds the some one arises to say that the majority of the world's leading men keenest blade cutting soonest through the scabbard. I think the idea wrong as a general death often finds weak spots in the armor of bright young men. Two many geniuses have lived to old age to allow an idea to stand that it is not wholesome to be smart.

But whether 'twas Fate's application of a rule that caused it or not, how sad his death was! Country scenes and sincere hearts have lost their loved interpreter; thousands of assured and more nearly invariable immunity than those less prepared to old folks, feel the heart-sickness The Greensboro Record has just for fending off annoyance could be of friendship, and the Old North State mourns that Death has stricken one of the few of her sons that have to the criminal law would be the very set themselves to the task of removones most liable to the civil law, for ing the reproach for her lack of let-

when murderers figure in the role of ters. It came just when his full strength was descending on him. One of the have a battle to fight, and to win bits of verse that a there must be a proper coalition of is certainly desirable that a good prettlest little North Carolinian has written, I give forces and unity of action. in full below as apropriate. It was should go to needy widow and orwritten by a woman, was printed at that all the mills will stick to the the time of the death of Avery, and cumstances exist, he may decide that is equally befitting the death of the Scotchman:

"What, here so soor! Sunset and night? Why. I have work to do that needs the And day's broad light! On the palette there, the colors are

but set. The canvas still unwet, And it is night! "How shall it rise-That heavenly strain-On heavenly wings to woo the listening

slayer might compound with his vic-**Ekles** To carth again? While lies the violin there untouched, tim's relatives for their natural right of revenge-but all such people need unstrung.

e sorg unsung. Ard it is night! "How sweet 'twould be, My work all done-My folded hands how blest, But-'tis already, night!"

Tributes to Mr. McNelll Gratifying Home Folks.

Laurinburg Exchange. In ordering the legend "In God We The relatives and friends of John Trust" omlited from the new gold Charles McNeill are necessarily elated

coins President Roosevelt committed at the many expressions, from many sources, that show the lofty esteem in which this bright young man was held not only in one section of atives and friends we rejoice at the many expressions of appreciation of the efforts of poor Charlie, and the

We shall never see his like land. egain. that he took a good deal upon himself

Who are the people best qualified to say what is needed to correct ex-isting evils in railroad management and what should be done to imprave

who are daily thrown in contact with the railroad managements, whose en, tire business is done in connection

"POINTER." Salisbury, November 14th.

Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

I noticed in this morning's paper

cital in the college auditorium at 5:30 login resolution: And he.

production."

consideration.

mand a continuance.

rectors

80

others.

morrow.

The first annual meeting of

stockholders and directors of

Farmers and Merchants' Bank

The reports of the officers made a

very favorable showing at the close

What to Watch For Now.

An Observer Man Re-Visits Trinity.

Mr. Ural N. Hoffman, class of '03,

-Mr. T. D. Miller, secretary and

Laurinburg Exchange.

Trinity Chronicle.

"Resolved, That the present condio'clock, which was splendid from be-While a large numginning to end. flower, must die. Now, and then tion of the yarn market has not been equaled in a number of years, and her of the performers were making that these conditions warrant, not their first appearance, their voice have died young, on the idea of the only the previously provided for one- show already the good method and careful training of Miss Helena Wade, third curtailment, but the most careful and conservative operation of all their teacher. Misses Rozelle, Hard-of our mills to the end that the great- ing. Abernethy, Stewart and Hood though est possible curtailment of production were those rfom the higher grades. may be secured by the individual mills and their voices showed the development which has come from longer exas may best meet their individual requirements, and the requirements of perience. The chorus, as sung by conditions as outlined herein, even to the entire class of 33 young ladies

was full and glear and the whole rethe extent of an entire cuntailment of cital did great credit to both pupils The meeting was probably the most and teacher. representative yet held for the pur-

The paino class of the director of pose of giving this matter considera-tion. In addition to the 750,000 spin-give their recital this afternoon at people, high and low, from children dies at the meeting last week, there 5:30 o'clock. These recitals are opwere represented about 250,000 spin- en to the public, and after this will dles last night, and the subject of be combined and take plave every curtailment was given an exhaustive Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The general opinion seemed to be

Things That Joe King Thinks. Durham Herald.

that frequent meetings should be held in the future in order that the spin-Both sides have about concluded ners could keep in close touch with that the recent election was a dogeach other. They realize that they fall.

Raleigh should vote it out just to be in the fashion if for nothing else. Mr. Bryan may know what is the It appears to be practically certain matter in Nebraska but he is careful

to say nothing about ft. proposition to curtall. The proposi-Why don't they tell the Governor what he should do about it and let tion which confronts mem is realized as being serious. They feel that the the thing come to a head.

market will be relieved by the first of If Mr. Roosevelt really does not the year, at which time the curtallwant it again he need not worry over ment will cease unless conditions de-

what they are saying about it. The Governor's proposition to the rallroads was fair, but it will still be fair if the things is left to the courts. The prohibitionists are getting busy

Stockholders' Meeting of Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Stanley. in Salisbury, but, as for Winston, there the the don't seem to be any of them there. As Mr. Bryan does not lay the of Stanley was held yesterday afternoon blame on the President the rest of you should hunt up some other exat that place. The old board of diwas re-elected as follows: cuse for it.

Certainly the politicians should wel-Messrs, P. M. Brown, Robert Glasgow. ome the advent of a new rallroad J. F. Flowers, W. L. Jenkins, of Charlotte; B. F. Carpenter, R. H. Morri-son, E. L. Pegram, J. M. Reinhardt t means that much more capital for

and C. T. Abernethy, of Stanley. The Mr. Bryan has said many things former officers were also re-elected, as follows: President, Mr. W. L. Jen-kins; vice president, Mr. B. F. Carand hinted at many others, but he has never said or hinted that would not have it. penter; cashler, Mr. J. M. Reinhardt.

If Mr. Taft does not know what is going on while he is away he is having a much better time than if he

of this, the first year of the institu-tion's existence. No dividend was dewas here. The President was no doubt in earclared, however, the profits being nest when he said he would not have it again, but this sort of thing is passed over into the surplus account. The bank has \$10,000 capital paid in.

likely to shake one's rest We have naturally had it in for the theatrical trust ever since discovering that it had put this town on the cir-

cuit with Graham and Burlington. Once we watched for "Idle Com-ments," then we watched for "Songs, Merry and Sad," now we watch for The funny part of it is that the stringency has not effected some of the theatrical companies that have visited this town during the past "Reportorial License," and may the

fates favor us with a longer contin-uation of these than they did of the month. Those people who had money in the banks and could not get it out

have no occasion for jumping onto Mr. Cortelyou for trying to prevent a

Not Much Significance in It. Statesville Landmark.

was an appreciated visitor on the campus recently. While he was in school here he took a high stand as a The Landmark makes no pretence political wisdom, but it is unable to political wisdom, but it is unable to see how, either party can extract any great amount of comfort out of Tuesday's balloting. The Democrats did not quite hold their own, for they lost Kentucky, but the gain of a Governor in Kentucky does not assure the Republicans the electoral vote of that State next year. As to the New York situation, viewed from the standpoint of previous contests, we can see no significance at all in the result there. the result there.

Sample Skirts **Big Discounts**

While we have had two days' sale on these, still the lot was so large that there are many choice models left, but won't last much longer at these prices.



They are divided into five lots:

Lot No. 1. Skirts worth \$5.00 and \$6.00. Choice. \$ 3.50 Lot No. 2. Skirts worth \$7.50. Choice.....\$ 5.00 Lot No. 3. Skirts worth \$10.00. Choice \$ 7.50 1 Lot No. 4. Skirts worth \$15.00. Choice......\$10.00 Lot No. 5. Skirts worth \$17.50. Choice \$12.50 No Skirts sent on approval, but money refunded, except on those altered.



Hush; You're Talking Treason. when he decided a matter like this Wilmington Messenger.

that Governor Glenn was to preach in Baltimore this week, but Senator Overman is entertaining the bishop of the M. E. Conference held here this week. "POINTER." with the railroads, or a handful of lawyers and politicians who have had no training in railroading or com-merce and have only a superficial knowledge of either?

student, winning the Trinity College scholarship. He is now doing some good work on the staff of The Char-lotts Observer.

present conditions-the business men treasurer of the Statesville Cotton Mill, spont yesterday in the city with his brother, Rev. Dr. R. G. Miller, who is at St. Peter's Hospital. He is rapidly improving and expects by go to his home in the country to-morrow