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A GARDEN SONG (GARTENLIED) FROM COLUMBIA.

Not long ago a local paragraph appeared in The Observer to the effect that a Charlotte lady was rejoicing over raspberries, tomatoes, chrysanthemums, roses and violets taken from her garden on the 11th of November.

The Columbia State's always shimmering local pride to boiling point. 'For Charlotte's three flowers,' breaks out The State explosively, 'Columbia has more than two scores to show.'

The State calls this muster-roll: 'Chrysanthemums, violets (end of Charlotte's list), lilac, oleander, amilax, petunias, salvia, canna, marigolds, crab apple, fragrant olive, Ume (Japanese plum), Japanese honeysuckle, four-o'clocks, astors, ageratum, eupatorium, mignonette, geraniums, verbena, morning-glory, evening-glory, or moon-vine.'

With this beautiful love of native heath The Observer feels a sympathy which renders reply difficult. We shall not intimate that any item in The State's floral exhibit was perhaps only a flower of the imagination;

The people of Beaufort are very desirous that the silver service which the State will present to the armored cruiser North Carolina be presented in Cape Lookout harbor.

NOT RESORTING TO SCRIP.

Report That Gastonia Banks Are Paying For Cotton in That Manner Are False.

This statement is false in every particular, there being absolutely no truth in it whatever. The Gastonia banks have not paid for any cotton with scrip, have met all demands in cash, and have never even thought of issuing scrip for any purpose.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED ARTICLES ABOUT IT.

From yesterday's Observer it was to be seen that the Seceders of the South have passed an order against the use of tobacco by ministers, elders, deacons, professors and college presidents.

The compulsory water wagon is so pre-eminently the band wagon for Southern politicians these days that the scrambling and pushing have become downright unbecomingly.

THE THREE PANICS OF THIS GENERATION.

The panic of 1873 hit the South much harder than the rest of the country because this section had come out of the civil war in an impoverished condition and was farming on credits procured primarily at the North. When the panic forced the withdrawal of these credits it made a great burden for the Southern farmer, and there was no other producing element in the South then except the farmers.

Now comes the panic of 1907. So far this city has withstood the storms most handsomely. No clearing house certificates have been issued nor any other expedient adopted in order to 'keep the pot bilin,' and work people have continued at work.

It is not intended here to brag when the noise of the storm can still be heard in the vanishing distance, but the intention is rather to suggest that we all do now as we did in 1892, to wit: Keep at work, pay our debts, thus turning money loose and keeping it in circulation, and forget all about the recent little financial jolt.

The Atlantic deeper waterways conference just held at Philadelphia marks an important step toward a permanent organization under the name of Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association was especially important.

Mr. Bryan's views upon present matters financial display a quite characteristic failure to grasp the situation. We will not repeat them here, for we could but join in the ridicule which they have awakened in many quarters, and that would be unkind.

The Observer's New Special Writer. This simple announcement appears at the head of The Charlotte Observer's editorial column.

The most interesting and important announcement in newspaper circles in this State recently was that of The Charlotte Observer to the effect that Rev. Plato Durham, formerly pastor of Trinity Methodist church, at Charlotte, has been added to its already brilliant staff.

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PRICE OF LIQUOR ADVANCED.

The whisky dealers are going to put the State on the water wagon ere the lawmakers will be able to again get together. The local saloons have just inaugurated a new scale of prices that is a corker. In the future old corn whiskey that used to sell at 25 cents a pint, and a pint thrown in for good measure with a half-gallon, will retail at 50 cents a pint.

Mr. Robert Hairston has returned from a short stay near Walnut Cove, where he was with the nurse, Peter W. Hairston, of Davie county, who was injured several days ago. He was on the Dan river looking after some property and was riding horseback, and when near the bridge his horse shied, throwing the rider into a ten-foot gully on the side of the road.

Mr. Warren J. Smith, a leading druggist of Athens, Ga., has been here to see his mother, Mrs. Jane Smith, who has been a patient in the Highsmith Hospital.

A Delegate Tells of What Was Done at the Recent Sessions Held in Tennessee—One Night Given to the Discussion of Erskine College.

The Associate Refined Presbyterian Synod of the South was in session at Elk Valley church, near Fayetteville, Tenn., November 14th to 18th.

Friday night a conference on Erskine College was held. Rev. John A. Smith, of Charlotte, addressed the Synod on 'How the Pastors Can Further the Interests of the College,' and Dr. James S. Moffatt, president of the college, spoke on 'The Needs of the College.'

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THE DAYS OF THE SEAGUIN—INSURANCE.

The directors of the Fayetteville Southern Life Insurance Company met in business session yesterday, with the following out-of-town members of the board present: John Elms of Aberdeen; J. W. McLaughlin and T. B. Upchurch, of Raeford; A. McDowell, of Scotland Neck; K. M. Biggs, of Lumberton; J. W. Ward, of Lumberton; Daniel Carter, of Buckhorn; L. Shaw and A. R. McEachern, of St. Paul's; J. W. Carter, of Maxton.

It would be a blessed thing if sentiment on the liquor traffic were in accord throughout North Carolina with the leading wise and temperate editors of The Wilmington Messenger yesterday. Unfortunately, it is not. Fanaticism, with many-thonged whip, is in the saddle.

The handsome \$25,000 First Baptist and Hay Street Methodist churches are progressing rapidly in construction. Of the former only the interior work remains to be done, and the congregation hopes to worship under its roof early in 1908.

Misses Ada Sassoms and Mattie McNeill, trained nurses of the Highsmith Hospital, have returned from special service at Bennettsville and Fairmont.

The Knights of Pythias of the fourth district had a very enjoyable meeting last evening. Business of prime interest to the order was considered, and after the convention there was a social gathering, with refreshments and brief, sparkling talks to enliven the evening.

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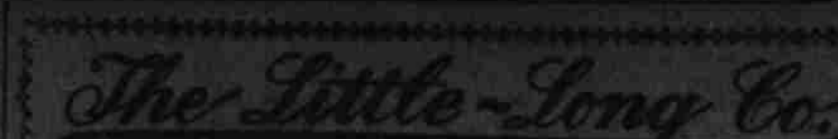
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The entire Sample line of genuine Alligator Hand Bags, Purse and Card Cases for Ladies and Gentlemen, bought at a big discount.

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LINENS The Linen sale goes merrily on. Big mail orders are coming in from many towns in North and South Carolina.

