

MR. C. E. KING'S AFFAIRS

A REPLY TO RECENT ARTICLES. Former North Carolinian Desires to Correct the Impression that he is "Down and Out" Because of Certain Attachment Proceedings—He Explains the Attachment Affair, Which, He Says, Has No Significance—Whatever—Eases Stock of Other Property Upon Which No Attachments Have Been Levied.

My attention has been called to certain publications which have been made in many of the newspapers of North Carolina, regarding an attachment secured against my New York office some weeks ago. It appears that, on account of this statement, the interested press of North Carolina has written down the incident as "another turn in the wheel of fortune, and has drawn the charitable conclusion that the attachment can have no other meaning than that I am "down and out."

In February of this year I entered into a contract to purchase a controlling interest in a New York industrial corporation. I paid on account of that contract approximately \$190,000. I gave notes to the amount of \$48,500, representing the deferred payments.

The party of whom I contracted to purchase this interest entered into an agreement with me to render certain services in part payment thereof. This contract he violated, and because of this violation I was obliged to pay one of the notes above referred to, amounting to \$17,500, which was due and payable November 1st.

This party attempted to force me into payment without regard to his violation of the contract. In furtherance of his attempt, caused an attachment to be levied on my New York office, which he was able to do without judgment for the reason that I am not a resident of New York.

The volume of business passing through my office during the month of November, in spite of the paucity of actual cash transactions far exceeds \$300,000, which is much in excess of that done by any other financial agency in New York or Boston during the same time.

The Alton Manufacturing Company— brass works—on Greenwich street, New York, in which I am largely interested, continues as if nothing had happened. The glass works division of the same company, located at Sandwich, Mass., is in full operation, there being nearly 300 people employed in the two divisions of the above concern.

The Douglas Copper Company, in which I am largely interested and for which I am sole financial agent, continues without interruption. This concern employs at the present time about 2,500 people.

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MILLS AND MARKETS

JORDAN TO FARMERS. Cotton Growers' President Sangrains Over Conditions and Trade Outlook and Encourages the Holding of Cotton For 15 Cents.

The following letter printed and sent out by President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, will be of interest to farmers, especially those who are losing hope that they will ever be profited by holding on to their cotton.

"Headquarters Southern Cotton Association, Atlanta, Ga., November 27, 1907.—In the face of the present monetary stringency and the strenuous efforts of bearish manipulation to depress prices for spot cotton, the cotton growers all over the South are standing firm in their heroic purpose to maintain the market and prevent the anticipated panic of rash sales."

"The recent census ginner's report does not indicate a crop in excess of 11,000,000 bales, due to the very short yield in the Southwest. "Production in foreign countries is reported at least 2,000,000 bales short of the notes above referred to, amounting to \$17,500, which was due and payable November 1st.

"The money stringency is fast being relieved and the business will soon assume its normal level. Sell no cotton that can be financed, or held, at present prices. The future strength of the cotton growing interests of the South depends upon winning the victory in the present struggle. Let every man in the South do his full duty and the reward will be sure and swift in the realization of higher prices."

"Yours truly, "HARVIE JORDAN, "President Southern Cotton Association."

ITEMS FROM THE GRANITE CITY

Not a Case of Serious Illness in the City—Mission Sunday School's Good Work—Cotton Mill Discontinues Night Work. Special to The Observer.

Mount Airy, Nov. 29.—The health of this city has never been better than it is to-day. If there is a serious case of illness in the corporate limits of Mount Airy, it has not been heard of, and it is saying a great deal for a town having from 5,000 to 6,000 people.

The Worker Mission Sunday school now has about 130 pupils enrolled and perhaps 100 in attendance on an average. This is a great work and the Baptist preacher, Rev. J. E. Smith, and his co-workers are accomplishing a great deal of good. The little mission is growing and some day will be a power for good.

Mrs. S. F. Vaughn, of this city, attended the Lee-Kerner nuptials at Kernersville Wednesday. Capt. Tober Taylor has resigned his position on the police force, and Mr. J. B. Jackson has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Fashions Change in China. South China Post. Fashions are beginning to change even in Kwelin. The other day an English speaking Chinese student from Canton, but a native of this city, came upon me. He was fairly well dressed in foreign style. I asked him if the people stared much and he said no, but hundreds crowded round to "look see" when he and his brother from Japan took their sisters out for a walk. In fact they were so much annoyed by the crowds that they appealed, not very successfully, to the police.

MOORESVILLE MATTERS.

Cotton Warehouse Now Ready For Business—New Bank Will Open Its Doors Monday, Captain and Mrs. Fraser on a Trip to Florida—A Family Returns From Texas. Special to The Observer.

Mooresville, Nov. 29.—The Mooresville cotton-holding warehouse is now open for business, having begun Wednesday, and the first man to place cotton for storage was Mr. C. E. Ludwig, who put in three bales. The opening of the warehouse means much for the farmers and those who have cotton lying around the various gins exposed to all kinds of weather and at the risk of loss by fire and theft.

The Merchants and Farmers' Bank will open its doors for the regular transaction of business Monday morning. It opens under very favorable circumstances, regardless of the financial scare, which has little or no effect upon Mooresville. Mr. E. W. Brawley is president, with Mr. A. W. Colson cashier, and with these two men at the helm of this institution, both of whom are well known throughout the section, they will establish for the banks at the very beginning of its course a feeling of confidence and security.

COMMUNION TOKENS.

An Old Custom Which Prevailed In Fourth Creek Presbyterian Church, Now the First Presbyterian Church of Statesville Landmark. Recently The Landmark asked some one familiar with the facts to write the story of the history of "tokens," the small pieces of metal that it was the custom in the old days to distribute among the communicants of the Presbyterian Church on communion occasions. So far no one has been moved to write, but we are informed that these "tokens" were usually distributed at the preparatory service on Saturday before the communion was celebrated on Sunday. In the old days it was customary to have two or three services—often service on both Friday and Saturday—preparatory to the celebration on Sunday of the Lord's last supper, which was a most solemn occasion. It was at the Saturday service, on the eve of the communion, so to speak, that the tokens were distributed among the elect—those who were to sit at the Lord's table on the following Sunday.

Whether there was any sort of examination before the tokens were distributed, whether they were distributed impartially among all church members or only among those believed to be, or who expressed themselves as ready and anxious to participate in the solemn occasion, and whether those having the tokens were admitted to the sacrament, are points on which information was desired, but this has not been learned. We take it, however, that tokens were given to all church members in good and regular standing, who expressed a desire to sit at the table and unless there was good and sufficient reason for the omission only those who had the tokens were admitted to the communion. In these days, at least in the towns, only one preparatory service is held before a communion and this is usually very lightly attended. The use of tokens was still the custom and only those receiving tokens at the

SEABOARD

"The Exposition Line to Norfolk." These excursions and excursions, as well as the line and connection with other companies, are given only as information, and are not guaranteed. East, South and Southwest. Schedules taking effect Aug. 4th, 1907, subject to change without notice. Tickets for passage on all trains are sold by this company and accepted by the passenger, and the understanding is that this company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time, or for any such delay as may be caused by strikes, accidents, or other causes to give correct time to connecting lines, but this company is not responsible for such delays. Trains leave Charlotte as follows: No. 44, daily, at 6:30 a. m. for Monroe, Hamlet and Winston, connecting at Monroe with 23 for Atlanta, Birmingham and the Southwest; at Monroe with 22 for Raleigh, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Wilmington; at Hamlet with 21 for Raleigh, Richmond, Washington, New York and the East. No. 35, daily, at 7:30 a. m. for Lincoln, Shelby and Rutherfordton, without change, connecting at Lincoln with C. & N. W. No. 10 for Hickory, Genoa, and western North Carolina points. No. 44, daily, at 8:30 a. m. for Monroe, Hamlet, Wilmington and all local points, connecting at Hamlet with 21 for Columbia, Savannah and all Florida points. No. 122, daily, at 9:30 a. m. for Monroe, connecting at Monroe with 23 for Atlanta, Hamlet and the Southwest; with 24 at Hamlet for Richmond, Washington and New York, and the East, with 22 at Monroe for Raleigh, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Wilmington. Through train on this route from Charlotte, N. C., to Portsmouth, Va., daily. Trains arrive in Charlotte as follows: No. 12, 8:30 a. m., daily, from points North and South. No. 41, daily, 11:30 a. m., from Wilmington and all local points. No. 121, 1 p. m., daily, from Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincoln and C. & N. W. Railway points. No. 25, 12:15 p. m., daily, from Wilmington, Hamlet and Monroe, also from points East, North and Southwest, connecting at Hamlet and Monroe. Connections are made at Hamlet with all through trains for points North, South and Southwest, which are composed of vestibule day coaches between Portsmouth and Jacksonville, and sleeping cars between Jersey City, Birmingham and Memphis, and Jersey City and Jacksonville. Cars are on all through trains. For information, time-tables, reservations and Seaboard descriptive literature apply to nearest agent. JAMES KERR, JR., C. F. A. 28 Selwyn Hotel, Charlotte, N. C.

preparatory service were admitted to the communion, the number of communicants would be very small. Now, however, the matter of joining in the communion service is left largely to the conscience of the individual. The old-time restrictions have been removed. It is also learned that the discontinuance of the use of tokens in old Fourth Creek Presbyterian church, and the First Presbyterian church of Statesville, resulted from this fact. After the organization of Bethany and Concord churches, which were formed from the Fourth Creek congregation, the tokens which belonged to the "mother church" were passed around for use at these three churches as the communion occasions came around. This led to confusion. Sometimes when they got ready to celebrate the communion at Fourth Creek (or Statesville) the tokens would be at Bethany, or when wanted at Bethany, they would be at Concord, or Statesville, etc. In this way celebrating the communion without the tokens was begun and by and by the custom fell into disuse.

Mining in the Klondike. Minneapolis Journal. "Mining in the Klondike is strenuous work and after putting in a summer there the miner has fully earned a winter's rest," says David Burr, an engineer who has just returned from the Klondike to spend the winter. "It's ten hours a day without any stop for Sundays, holidays or anything else, and if you can't stand the pace out you go. On the dredges it is a little easier, for while the dredges are kept going all the time, the men work only eight hours, three shifts being used on each dredge. The pay is good, but the men are mighty glad when the season is over. "Nearly all the mining in the Klondike country is done by big corporations. Their plan is to buy out all the mining claims on a stream in which they want to operate. A mining claim is 100 feet long along the stream and 1,000 feet on each side of the centre line of the stream. First they dredge out the bars and riverbeds for the entire length of their holdings, which may be ten or twelve miles and then, and then this work is done they wash out the benches on the banks. They surely do clean up everything in the gold line. "Wages are good in the mining country. Ordinary miners and laborers receive \$5 a day and found, and engineers can put up a nice little pile in a good season."

Southern Railway

N. B.—Following schedule figures published only as information and are not guaranteed, October 31, 1907. 1:30 a. m., No. 44, daily for Washington and points North, Pullman sleeper and day coaches to Washington. 2:30 a. m., No. 5, daily, for Richmond and points North, Pullman sleeper for Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Newbern and Morehead City, at Danville for Norfolk. 7:30 a. m., No. 29, daily, for Atlanta, Pullman sleeper and day coaches, Washington to Atlanta. 8:30 a. m., No. 27, daily for Rock Hill, Chester, Columbia and local stations. 8:45 a. m., No. 44, daily, for Washington and points North, Pullman sleeper, Pullman drawing room sleeper, Pullman dining car and day coaches, Atlanta to Washington. 10:35 a. m., No. 23, daily, for Columbia and Augusta. Pullman sleeper, Pullman dining car and day coaches, Washington to Augusta. Dining car service. 10:55 a. m., No. 35, daily, for Washington and points North, Pullman Drawing Room sleeper to New York and Richmond. Day coaches, New Orleans to Washington. Pullman sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman drawing room sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman sleeping car, Observation and Club cars, New York to New Orleans. Pullman sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman sleeping car, Observation and Club cars to New York. Dining car service. 1:30 p. m., No. 25, daily, except Sunday, freight and passenger, for Chester, S. C., and local points. 2:30 p. m., No. 24, daily, for Washington and points North, Pullman sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman sleeping car, Pullman drawing room sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman sleeping car, Observation and Club cars, New York to New Orleans. Pullman sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman sleeping car, Observation and Club cars to New York. Dining car service. 3:30 p. m., No. 35, daily, for Atlanta and points South, Pullman Drawing Room sleeper and day coaches, Washington to New Orleans and Birmingham. Day coaches, Washington to New Orleans. Dining car service. 4:30 p. m., No. 21, daily, for Columbia, Savannah and all Florida points. 5:30 p. m., No. 42, daily, for Atlanta, Pullman sleeper and day coaches, Charlotte to Atlanta. 7:30 p. m., No. 23, daily, for Washington and points North, Pullman sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman sleeping car, Observation and Club cars, New York to New Orleans. Pullman sleeper, Pullman dining car, Pullman sleeping car, Observation and Club cars to New York. Dining car service. 9:30 p. m., No. 21, daily, from Columbia, Savannah and all Florida points. Through Trains Daily, Charlotte to Roanoke, Va. Schedule in effect Nov. 23, 1907. 11:00 am Lv Charlotte, So. Ry. Ar 2:30 pm 1:15 pm Ar Winston, N. & W. Ar 2:00 pm 2:00 pm Lv Martinsville, Lv 11:45 am 4:25 pm Lv Rocky Mount, Lv 10:30 am 4:25 pm Ar Roanoke, Lv 4:30 am "Daily. Connect at Roanoke via Shenandoah Valley Route for Natural Bridge, Luray, Haguerstown, all points in Pennsylvania and New York. Pullman sleeper Roanoke and Philadelphia. Through coach, Charlotte to Roanoke. Additional train leaves Winston 7:30 a. m., daily except Sunday, for southwest Virginia and Shenandoah Valley points. Trav. Pass. Agent, W. B. EVELL, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Roanoke, Va.

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BURGLARS TROUBLE HICKORY.

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A Lady of a Christian Spirit.

Statesville Landmark. At the trial of one Donathan, in Surry Superior Court last week, for killing his landlord, Eades, the wife of the murdered man said she did not want Donathan convicted of murder in the first degree, for that meant hanging, and she did not want him hanged, she said, because she felt that he was not prepared to die, but that if sent to the penitentiary for a long term she was sure he would have time and ample opportunity to get ready for death. Considering the fact that Donathan gave her husband no time to repent, but shot him down and then beat his head to a pulp, this would seem to indicate that Mrs. Eades has the Christian spirit of forgiveness in full measure, being content to leave vengeance to the Lord. Donathan was convicted of murder in the second degree and received the maximum penalty—30 years—but his wife Mrs. Eades wishes influenced the verdict is not known.