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TRURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1907.

### A HOPEFUL SIGN.

We have searched in vain among the scores of exchanges that come to go to press. Bring on the news of this office to find a single paper that defends or excuses the performance of Mr. Davis in the Senate. They have received the address which he hoped would startle the world, with smile and ridicule; and the Southern papers seem to be interested only in keeping the nation reminded of the fact that the Senator from Arkansas is in no way related to the Jefferson Davis of history. Mr. Davis has parsed into eclipse. He aspired to the leading role of our political drama; he succeeded in becoming its Fool. He wished to wear the senatorial mantle of a Webster; he wears a cap and bells. The man and his inco-

while,

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

the students' concert last night

Delightful Recital of the Music Stu-dents at the Presbyterian Collegeherent harangue are even now being forgotten. But there is much signifi-The Programme in Detail. A very remarkable, affair, indeed, cance to us in the reception which in the auditorium of the Presbyterithe press of the nation gave to his an College. One is told that compaperformance. The day of the public risons are not in order, but one must man of Mr. Davis' type is passing do the justice to the head of the muaway. Popular ignorance and the sical department to say that the recital last night was the best ever sions which circumstances aroused heard in the college. The programme, in us, gave such men their chance containing organ, plano and vocal numbers, was varied and interesting. and demagogy flourished. But the and the performing young ladies ac-quitted themselves creditably in evmost careless observer can see that a newer, better order is coming to ery intsance. The two choral numpass among us. Education and in-dustry have worked their wonderful change. The one is training the people to think dispassionately and criti-ral aggregation, is composed of very other has called their sweet voices and bespeaks excellent minds away from 'he feeling that training in ensemble singing. The

tion that is coming into citizenship must be able to lead by right of power to think, to construct. We have had men of this type and have them now, but their name is not Legion. One can almost excuse the coarse and ill-mannered harangue of Mr. Davis because it has in some measure discovered us to ourselves. The people are coming more and more into their own. They are thinking. And when the people think, let wrong, falsehood, tyranny, oppression, superstition and demagogy beware.

inying before the public the news of ork if you keep up this clog-dance of expectation?

We push our work away, "ea sok" in our chair. Kings and Presare thinking of more important things. The faces of children shine upon us their light of joyous expectation. The sound of many feet of happy shoppers of the night fills that room. Old songs rise again to the lips. It is well; let these things dome. After all, the significant news of the

1907; He purpose was and is, the col-lection of just delus from people who make a practice of beating their bills. We use great caution to not accept any debts except those that we are aatisfied are undeniably honest and correct; we use publicity where a debtor is able to pay and will not pay. We believe that such debtors should be exposed to the public for the pro-taction of the public. During a four-months' stay in Statesville, we had signal success and were backed up and endorsed by al-most every business house in the city. We did and are doing a square busi-ness and challenge any man to show a single case where there has been any fraud or "any intent to defraud." The indictment in the Federal Court for "using the malls with intent to de-fraud." was instigated and started on the information furnished by s"party in Prescatt, Arkansas, whom we ad-vertised for non-payment of a just debt, after we had given the said par-ty full notice and chances to deny the debt, and after the honesty of the debt was established and the party had failed to pay. The crowd of dead beats who have fought us since the begin-ning of our business, are behind this day is not in the high transactions of Kings and parliaments. They have their place.- But if we could tell the story of the man who carries his wife to shop for their children to-night, his ideas his dreams, his purposes, we could give you the real news of the nation's life. The names of the makers of our destiny will not appear in public print to-day. They are busy planning for the great day; they look to the lights of home, and build in the children of the nation loves, ambitions and remembrances that will hold them to truth and honor when all other anchors drag. who have fought us since the begin-ning of our business, are behind this We are distracted as you see. The gates are opened and we pass through

indictment and are using this method to other days, and faces and voicesto injure and purchase immunity for But this will not do. The paper must themselves from the payment of their just debts hereafter. We have no doubt at all of the outmurders, speeches, acts of Congress, come of the indiciment and are per-fectly confident of securing full vindimovements of the great. We will draw back to the work and bend to

draw back to the work and bend to the same endless task. But we are very tired. Several Southern papers have re-plied to The New York Sun's calling Senator Davis, of Arkansas, Jeff Da-

tinue our business fully as vigorously as before and shall continue to use vis II. We are convinced that they know neither The New York Sun nor the United States mail in our legili-mate way until forbidden to do so by the proper authoritity. We are guil-ty of no violation of law, State or Federal, and will establish this fact the price of paper. As for us, we will play Dominoes-something worth

when called upon to do so. The immunity from paying just debts which the dead heats desire, is not theirs yet. We believe in our business and believe that we are violating no law in exposing to the public the meanness of the vultures that prey upon the ublic. The man or woman whom the tide of adversity has carried down, and who makes an honest effort to pay, is not the person whom our methods are directed against; we make

no war on them. THE BAD DEBT COLLECTING AGENCY, INC.

TOBACCO GROWERS' MEETING. President Kerns Issues the Call--Negroes Have a Serious Fight. Special to The Observer

Reidsville, Dec. 18 .- President- H. O. Kerns, of the Virginia and North Carolina Bright Tobacco Growers' minds away from 'he feeling that once ruled their political life, and forced them to be cosmopolitan in fhought and spirit. We are listening with lessening interest to the man who addresses himself to class, polit-ical or sectional prejudice. Breath can no longer be substitute for brains; violent feeling can no longer take the place of thought. The man who aspires to lead the genera-tion that is coming into citizenship Pastor Hedley, is arranging for the observance of a week of prayer beginning the first Sunday in January. The co-operation of the other denominations of the town will be asked; and services wil be held at the different churches each night. Mr. J. H. Fetzer, who is boarding out at ex-Sheriff Rankin's, fell yesterday and fractured one of his ribs. Dr. Jett dressed the wounded member, and Mr. Fetzer is now resting comfortably. Rufus Slade and Dave Hooper, two colored men, who reside east of Reidsville, engaged in a fierce fight on Scales street, in front, of Harris & Hubbard's Monday about noon. When the combutants had been separated it was discovered that Hooper was severely cut in several places about the body, a wound just over the heart making his recovery doubt-ful. His wounds were dressed by Dr. S. G. Jett, who thinks he has message to-day from Fayetteville

The "Christmas Edition" of The Charlotte Daily Observer, issued last Sunday, was the largest, and, speak-ing from the standpoint of a news-paper, pure and simple, the most creditable assessment edition of any paper printed in North Carolina.

Sunday's issue of The Charlotts Ob-server—the Christmas issue—consist-ed of 64 pages. In addition to the usual matter the paper contained many stories, poems and other mat-ter of a high class suitable to the holiday season. The issue was a fine one—Statesville Landmark.

One of the most of creditable Christmas editions of a newspaper in North Carolina was the last Sunday issue of The Charlotte Observer. It contained 64 pages and it was not all devoted to advertisements, but the bulk of it was good, appropriate read-ing. The Observer knows how to pro-duce a good paper and when it an-nounces its determination to pro-duce something good, you may depend on seeing great, results.--Durham Recorder.

Last Sunday's Charlotte Observer was that paper's "Christmas edition." Its magazine section, devoted especi-ally to Christmas reading matter, contained two designs which were the artistic work of Miss Atha Hicks, of this city. This is an item which will especially interest the friends of Miss Hicks in this city, and all who have had the good fortune to see them heartly congratulate that young lady on her artistic work.-Wilmington Messenger.

The Charlotte Observer did itself proud in its Christmas edition of Sunday. It contained 64 pages of in-teresting and entertaining matter and is a gem from any viewpoint. Among the many striking contributions was the poem "Because," from the pen of Cleveland's gifted son, Rev. Plato Tracey Durham, and whose literary work loses none of its whose literary work loses none of its beauty and brilliancy by comparison with that of the lamented John Charles McNeill .--- Shelby Star.

We all admirs brilliant work. A stroke, par excellence in newspaper-dom, was the Sunday edition of The Charlotte Observer. It blazed the way to Christmastide, with good things wholesome and palatable food for thought, together with fresh news sparkling with the dew of energy upon it, like a brilliant meteor ath-wart the North Carolina journalistic firmament, leaving a shining glow in its track. It was a Christmas edi-tion, and put much cheer into this season of happy thought. It was The Observer's best plece of work-and it is noted for doing excellent things .-Durham Sun

The handsomest paper from a ty-pographical standpoint, and the most excellent from a literary standpoint, as well as the largest in size ever is-sued in North Carolina was the Christmas edition of The Charlotte Observer, which was issued Sunday. The issue bespeaks volumes for the et in violation of the isw, that the efficiency of The Observer's staff and Legislature has said that for this act mechanical force and for the com-pleteness of the establishment. The special feature of the paper, 64 pages directs the act to be done shall be pleteness of the cetablishment. The by and, the failroad company which special feature of the paper, 64 pages in all, was the 16-page magazine sec-tion, printed on book paper and em-bracing original matter from the best literary talent in North Carolina. It is a noteworthy fact that three of the feature pages were by Winston-Salem people as follows: "Hollday Custome is a noteworthy fact that three of the feature pages were by Winston-Salem people, as follows: "Hollday Customs of Historic Salem," by Mrs. John Paul Lucas; "Days of the Right Hand," by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson; and "How Parthenia Came Into Her Own," by Miss Jennie P. Buford.--Winston-Salem Joursal. The Charlotte Observer did itself proud Sunday when it issued a hand-some and interesting Christmas edi-tion consisting of 64 pages, the most ambitious effort it has yet made in the matter of a special edition. It was replete with good things for both young and old, lovers of fiction and of fact alike. It is gratifying to note that most of the material for this is-sue was furnished by North Carolin-ians, a fact of which The Observer is no doubt proud, as all Tar Heeis should be when a feat of extraordi-nary value is performed by home peo-ple and home talent. Mechanically the paper was, to use a slang term, a the paper was, to use a slang term, a beauty. The illustrations, many of which were also the product of home talent, were especially good and lent much to the attractiveness of the pa-per. The management of The Observer deserves much praise for hav-ing issued the biggest Christmas paper ever gotten out in the State,-Gastonia Gazette.

ENDRARG SHOPPING

With best winnes for the Institute noble work, I am, Yours very truly, H. O. COVINGTON, Laurinburg, N. C. Oct. 23, 1996.

argument from a populist-so might say anarchistic-stanipoint. Mr. Walker's opinion shows that is a well adjudicated principle

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oned." Justice Walker and the court for whom he speaks holds that the raliroad in this case can only be punished as the law prescribes. Chief Justice Clark, in his dissent-ing opinion, holds that the case of State vs. Snuggs Joes not apply in this case and that if it does that it should be overruled by the court. He argues that since the Legislature made it a misdemeanor in the agent to sell a ticket at more than a cer-tain price it is a misdemeanor in the company frat required the agent to

Rested clerks, store not crowded, goods better displayed, can get better attention and have more time-no rush and can get better deliveries. Try early morning shopping and get better service.

REASONS FOR

## French and American Clocks

One Imported Clock, chimes each 1-4 hour, mahogany frame, beautiful style ..... \$30.00 

One contemporary seems to be somewhat troubled by our suggestion that Mr. Roosevelt be sent to the Sen- and is a sure sign of a learned and ate when his present duties are at an end. In making this suggestion, and we are not the first to make it, we "Tarantelle," were not thinking of the question of party. There are some things that transcend even party is importance. The good of the nation certainly should be first in our plans political. And who will say that the full knowledge of this nation's problems, the one training in matters of sovernment and the intimate acquaintance

with men and affairs, that Mr. Roosewelt has gained in the discharge of the duties of his high office would not make him greatly useful as a Senator? The man has his faults cerfainly; we are not in agreement with all his policies. But these things cannot blind us to his strength and emiment fitness to serve the people of this quatry a a member of its highest deliberative body.

The editorial from The Wilmington Messenger commendatory of Mr Justice Walker's delivery of the opinion of the North Carolina Supreme Court in the rate case, which we are reproducing in another column, is one of the most thoughtful, careful relaws of the rate case decision we nave seen. To the mind of The Mes-Justice Walker's pronounceent is a learned dissertation of the

r, in which the court betrays deep march and careful sindy, while the Scattered all along the way. As they march in proud array.

The Mobile Register has the fol-to his chance, we think. Now, if he can-not sin, and does not win, we have the problem at last solved. Mr. Bryan, with a united party behind him, and yet a production of an an analyse a political term is an analyse of an a political term is an analyse of a set a political term is an analyse of a set a political The sconic Register has the tol-ring to any: If Mr. Bryan can win he is entitled his chance, we think. Now, if he can-win, and doom not win, we have the blem at inst solved. Mr. Bryan, with united party behind him, and yet a hure, will be disposed of as a point for as far as the presidency is con-tract. It is worth a grant deal to the mornalle party to have this problem will be disposed of as a political as far as the presidency is con-it is worth a grant deal to the ratio party to have this problem his a joke? If not, we have a on to ask. Where was The Mo-ingister when the storm of '96 roo struck us?

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by Moszkowski, all piano numbers, and all three did well and were hear-tily received and applauded.

The second part of the programme was opened by the playing of an ar-rangement for eight hands of the first orchestral suite to "Peer Gynt," by Grieg. This number was very ef-fective and enjoyable, and the Misses Harris, Wilkins, Martin and Carr displayed considerable ckill in ensemble playing. Remarkable talent was shown by Miss Pearl Smith in her rendition of Moszkowski's "Caprice Espagnol;" she has a very fine, clear technique, resolute and vigorous touch and plays with abandon. Miss Smith is also well acquainted with the proper usage of the pedals which truly encouraging and invigorating in these times of pedal cuddle-muddle able teacher. Misses Ethel Todd

and Melva Carr. who rendered the "March Grotesque," by Sinding, and "Tarantelle," by Milis, respectively, is well known here and has quite a reputation as one of the finest plan-

ists in the city, and one might say that she bids fair to become as fine an organist as she is a planist. etteville, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Chapman, of Lynchburg, Va., were registered at the Selwyn last night.

Mr. A. G. Lynn, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday. THE MARCH OF LIFE.

The following poem was written and published a number of years ago by Capt. Duncan McNelll, father of the late John Charles McNeill:

Onward, onward, ever onward, March the hosts of mortala on! Out of mists and clouds of morning Marching to the setting sun. Scenes entrancing, Streamlets glancing; Oceans spreading. Sunlight shedding: Mountains looming. Cat'racts booming: Hills and value on ev'ry hand, Beasts, birds, fruits through all the land.

Onward matching, contests waging, O'er the mountains and the plains Out of morning mists advancing Into evening mists again. Men and women, Frierds and formen, Frierds and formen,

All partaking Or forsaking. All the blessings and distressings

stating that a nephew was critically ill and had been carried to the hospltal there for an operation. Mrs. Oliver will leave to-morrow for Fay-Dr. J. C. Walton, of Chase City, Va., was in town Saturday and given

the glad hand by his numerous friends here. The doctor says the report that he will locate in Durham is an error. He will spend the winter in New York City, attending

clinics. Asconding Bank Treasurer Captured. New York, Dec. 18 .- The Pinkerton detective agency, in this city, confirmed to-night a report that William

F. Walker, the absconding treasurer of the New Britain (Conn.) Savings Bank, had been captured at Ensenada, lower California. Positive Identification has been made and Walker has consented to return to Connectient without resort to extradition proceedings.

How to Get a Husband or Wife,

Mocksville Courier. Any young people who are anxious to get married will do well to adverto get married will do well to adver-tise in The Courier, as the "Gentla-man" who had the "ad" in a few weeks ago is now well on his way to the matrimonial altar, but his success was not so well in Davie, so he has taken one from another county. May they live a long and happy life.

Senatorial Campaign Named. Con

Washington, Dec. 18 .- The Senavassington, Dec. 18.—The Sepa-tors who will serve on the Demo-cratic congressional campaign com-mittee for 1908 have been named as follows: Clay, Taliaferro, Martin, Stone, Newlands, Latimer, Owen, Culberson and Taylor.

-The Elizabeth College Choral So-clety will meet to-night for rehearent at \$:30 o'clock.

Measure. Moses and Casear Cone, of or reensboro, were visitors in the city of at night.

### JUSTICE WALKER'S OPINION.

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Commendation For the Able Decision in the Rate Case—Based Upon a Well Adjudicated Principle of Law —Compared With Judge Clark's Version.

punishment than that which the Leg-islature has specified. Chief Justice Clark says that the Legislature intends to make the rall-road guilty of a misdemeanor as it made the agent, and that at least the failroad was an accessory to the set of its avent

act of its agent. To this Justice Walker replies: "The statute itself, by its very terms recognizes this fact-that the corporation can act only by its agent, and therefore that the act of its agent and therefore that the act of its agent is what renders it liable for the pen-alty. If a corporation can act only through its agent and thereby be-comes in law completely identified with its agent, how can it be acces-sory to its act, for in such a case it must be accessory to its own act-which is a legal absurdity." The act prohibited is the act of the corporation, done at its command by its agent, and the Legislature pre-scribes as a punishment for it that the corporation shall be liable to a penalty, and the agent shall be pun-ished criminally by fine and imprison-ment.

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ished criminally by fine and imprison-ment. Judge Clark makes answer to this, that the Legislature intended, some-thing else than it said; that "every-holy knows that the Legislature in-tended to use the full power of the law to make the railroad companies obey the law." Judge Walker holds on the con-trary, that the Legislature is presum-ed to know the law and to have in mind the existing law when it emots a new one, and that "the legislature intent is so clear and unmistakable to know the law is so plainly excressed." Without evaling, in the slightest degree, the object justice's arguments, Judge Walker meets every noint Jun-ties Clark makes, and plainly and with candor considers them in detail and disposes of them on well estab-listed principles. Taileed bis oplicin is highly cred-tiches is indicity, as well as for the soundness of the legal principles on which it is based. If will re-dound to his credit in the years to come as an immerial and teered furist, and as a judicial writer. This reputation on an enduring basis as one well consilted to adom a basis his judicial position.

Degree in Free Mesonry Conferred on Booker Washington.

Boston, Dec. 18 .-- The degrees in Free Masonty ware conferred en Booker T. Washington, president of Tuskagee Institute, Alabama, by Wil-Tuskagee institute, Austaina, by the liam Lloyd Marshall, grand master of Prince Hall, Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Massachusetta, to-night, at the apariments of the colored masons. H. C. Binford, grand master of the grand lodge of Alabama, in whose jurisdiction Dr. Washington resides, officially machined the granting of the degrees and sent a letter of con-gratulations.

### Special Lot 25c China

In Jap and French goods-Cups and Saucers, small pieces for table; in fact, most anything you can think of in this lot for 25c. Look at the counter in China department. You want to see that big sample line Hand-painted China and those Sample Oriental Vases. They are awful cheap.

# \$1,50 Mission Rockers

These are serviceable Chairs and Rockers for Children Other Rockers and Morris Chairs from. .\$1.00 to \$6.00

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If you have no wife, get one for your mother or sister. These are going for much less than regular bought Furs and Muffs.

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Several thousand dollars worth have just been sent us for holiday trade-Brooches, Bracelets, Rings, Lockets, etc.

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To be patient with our deliveries, as it takes time, and when convenient, if they will carry small packages they will confer a great favor on us and the delivery boys, who have to deliver till possibly 1 or 2 o'clock.

### Request

Those getting goods through mistake of delivery will kindly notify us. No goods sent on approval, as we are too busy.

The Little - Long Co.