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The complaints of a good many farmers of this county are beginning to hurt because of the way they have treated Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the state division of the Southern Cotton Association. A number who were in the city yesterday favored the idea of calling upon the farmers generally to subscribe something to help defray the great expense to which Mr. Moore has gone within the past 12 months, travelling all over North Carolina, and in many parts of other States, in their interest.

The first thing that will likely be done is to secure payment of all bale levies and other dues which are binding upon members of the association and turn this over to Mr. Moore. There are quite a number who are willing to go down in their jeans and make private subscriptions to a fund that will go to Mr. Moore. They feel that they have not done their duty by him, and while he was away trying to uphold interest in the work of the farmers, they stayed at home, reaping the benefits of his work without any cost at all to them.

It is an open secret that Mr. Moore has displayed a wonderful spirit of patriotism in this matter. At his own expense he has traveled many hundreds of miles, hired teams to carry him across the country, endeavoring to stir up interest in the farmer's work and to organize them into a strong band. It is also known that he has succeeded and that his labors have benefited the farmers generally of the State and this county more than can be measured.

He is ignorant, so far as is known, of the intention to re-imburse him to some extent, but he is a man who will continue to spend his own money attending to other folks' business, if there is no other source of revenue. The disposition among the farmers to come to his rescue merits encouragement.

TO THE CHILDREN.

Santa Claus Would Have a Word With You—Lend Him Your Ears at the Legal Rate of Interest.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church is distributing 2,000 copies of The Bulletin, bearing on the front page the following letter:

Santa Claus Headquarters,
December 10th, 1907.

To the First Baptist Sunday School:

Will you please tell the children of Charlotte through your paper that I have made arrangements to be in your Sunday school room on North Tryon street, on Christmas night, from 4 to 10 o'clock, and will bring with me a plentiful supply of candies, fruits and presents for all the children who may have been overlooked for any reason in the distribution of happiness and gifts. It is my earnest desire that no one in Charlotte shall fail to be remembered at this glad time, and if any desire to make known their wants, they may do so by sending a letter to postoffice box No. 765. With love to all the children.

Yours very truly,
SANTA CLAUS.

The Sunday school joins cordially in this invitation, and will endeavor to assist the old man in every way possible in giving pleasure to all who will come, among other things rendering an attractive programme which is now being prepared.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

Pastoral Relations Between Two Members and Their Congregations Dissolved Upon Request.

At a called meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery yesterday morning in the First Presbyterian church the pastoral relations between Rev. Mr. DeVane and the congregation at Morven, and between Rev. W. T. Waller and the Seversville congregation, were dissolved, both of these men having accepted work outside the bounds of the Presbytery. The former leaves in a few days to become pastor of an Oklahoma church, and Mr. Waller has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Bartow, Florida.

Immediately after the adjournment of Presbytery, its home mission committee held a short meeting, when a number of matters were taken up and discussed. It is proposed to group the Hopewell and Williams Memorial churches and a committee was appointed to make an investigation and report at a later meeting. Churches that are not self-sustaining were discussed in a general way.

A Company Which Will Make Automatic Safety Crossing.

Considerable interest has been shown by Charlotte capitalists in the project of the Lancaster Automatic Railway Crossing Company, which will have its foundry and machine shops at Manchester, Va. Stock has been subscribed by numerous Charlotte people. The company has patented an invention which it claims will solve the question of stops at grade crossing, remove all danger and thus rival the air brake as a necessity. It is said that every time a train stops and starts the railroad company loses $5 in wear and tear of machinery. Besides lots watchmen have to be maintained at a great cost. Recently, too, in one year, a total of $37,778,000 was paid out in damages to property and person. All this, it is hoped by the projectors, will be done away with. The men originally backing the enterprise are mainly Virginians, like ex-Gov. A. J. Montague, of that State.

Ginners' Report To-Day.

The government will issue a ginners' report this morning at 10 o'clock, which covers the amount of cotton ginned up to December 13th. Local merchants look for very little influence to be thrown upon the market as a result of the report on account of the fact that it will be in the neighborhood of the national ginners' report which was issued several days ago, showing that 9,393,000 bales had been ginned. The government report will not likely vary much from this.

A Marriage in Seversville.

Miss Mary Severs and Mr. Thomas E. Wingate were married last night about 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Severs, in Seversville. Rev. Mr. Berryhill, pastor of Paw Creek Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony. Mr. Wingate is from Paw Creek, but is employed at the Wearn lumber yard. The young people have the good wishes of many friends.

This is the season of decay and weakened vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you'd retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way. 35 cents. Tea or Tablet. R. H. Jordan & Co.

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Planters of Southern Georgia, and in Tennessee at Every Old and Old Mother Lives on McDowell street, is one of the oldest people in town. She is Betsy Moore, a darky of the very old school.

TWO GO TO THE BAD.

Pair of Boys From Yorkville, S. C., Steal Three Pairs of Gloves From Shoemaker's Store on North Davidson Street.

Charged with the larceny of three pairs of gloves, which were found upon their persons when they were arrested, two bright looking lads of 14 years are behind the bars in the city lockup. Their names are Clarence Holmes and Mason Lee, both of Yorkville, S. C. The one is a son of Mr. John Lee and the other of Mr. W. E. Holmes, of the South Carolina town, from whence they wandered away three days ago, they say, to see the world. According to their story, they went to Salisbury, and there, either becoming homesick, or acting under the belief that there was nothing more to see, they turned then again toward their native heath.

The gloves were stolen from the store of Mr. W. G. Shoemaker yesterday on North Davidson street. One of the boys, it seems, went in and engaged the clerk in an interesting conversation, while the other made away with the goods. It seems that there is another boy also implicated. The pair from South Carolina, were arrested by Officers Fisher and Earnhardt on the Southern Railway track. The boys made no denial of their guilt. The gloves are valued at 50 cents a pair. What to do with these boys will be a problem for the recorder to wrestle with this morning.

RAILROAD MEN MEET.

Traffic Managers of Southern Hold Important Sessions Here Yesterday at the Selwyn.

An important meeting of the traffic managers of the Southern Railway system was held yesterday at the Selwyn Hotel, for the purpose of discussing matters appertaining to their work. Eighteen of the leading managers were in attendance from the various points. They were as follows: J. B. Munson, assistant freight traffic manager, Washington; R. L. Keilar, assistant freight traffic manager, Louisville, Ky.; J. H. Drane, general freight agent, Richmond, Va.; E. H. Shaw, general freight agent, Charleston, S. C.; D. Cardwell, division freight agent, Columbia, S. C.; G. G. Thompson, Jr., division freight agent, Greensboro; A. K. Orr, division freight agent, Asheville; H. S. DuVal, commercial agent, Augusta, Ga.; J. T. Rigler, commercial agent, Charlotte; A. B. McBee, station agent, Greenville, S. C.; A. C. Izard, station agent, Rock Hill, S. C.; C. D. Brem, traveling freight agent, Spartanburg, S. C.; C. V. Palmer, traveling freight agent, Greensboro; W. H. Gatchell, superintendent transfers, Washington; B. G. Fallis, superintendent, Greenville; A. H. Williams, superintendent, Columbia, S. C.; Marsh, station agent, Spencer.

Miss Strakosch to Come First.

Miss Phoebe Strakosch, who will sing the leading part in "Madam Butterfly" next Thursday night at the Academy of Music, and who occupies the most conspicuous place in the play, is a niece of Adeline Patti. Mr. Henry W. Savage, the manager, is sending her to Charlotte 24 hours ahead of the engagement so that she will be rested and in splendid condition on the night of the performance. The rest of the large company will follow in eight private cars on a special train.

Builders Settle Up.

The notice in The Observer a few days ago to the effect that indictments were contemplated against certain builders of the city who failed to secure permission from the proper city authorities before starting on their respective projects, was highly productive of results. Many have seen the authorities and made settlement in so far as this was possible, some coming in whose buildings were not known of. Hereafter the public will probably be more careful in the matter.

City Teachers to Get Salaries.

The teachers in the Charlotte graded schools both white and colored, will receive their pay this week for the month of December in full. The city teachers are thus faring somewhat better than those of the county, who may and may not get paid in full. Those who had expected to use the nonpayment of salaries as a pretext to escape giving Christmas gifts will now have to "come across." The total pay roll for November was $4,730.75.

Improvement of Property.

Marked improvement is being made upon the property lying on Clarkson street and Victoria avenue in the West end of the city. Recently as many as seven new houses have been built by property owners in that section. Messrs. L. L. Caudle and J. L. DeLaney yesterday purchased from the Home Realty Company eight building lots fronting on the car line in the same vicinity, the price being $6,000.

Throw Beer Bottle Into Ivey's Store.

An unknown person threw a beer bottle through an upstairs window at the rear of J. B. Ivey & Co.'s store yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. A large hole was torn in the glass and the ladies in the room had narrow escapes from what would certainly have been very painful injuries had they been struck. The thrower of the bottle escaped and there is no clue to his identity.

AMUSEMENTS

The advance sale of seats for the engagement of Cyril Scott in "The Prince Chap," at the Academy of Music next Tuesday evening, opens to-morrow. It is voted one of the most delightful plays ever presented and has scored as successfully in London as it did in New York. It contains as much laughter as sentiment; and while by no means essentially a child's play, has interests that haven't been surpassed since the days of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and taking the New York criticisms as a forecast, promises more novelty than the stage has witnessed in a long while. It is generally admitted that since the "Trilby" craze, it is a question if there has been such a delightful reproduction of artist studio life as that shown in "The Prince Chap."

"THE WALLS OF JERICHO."

"The Walls of Jericho," by Alfred Sutro, is recognized as one of the strongest society dramas that have been written in many years. It is interesting as a play, and while it is not intended to preach a sermon, it does so nevertheless with stirring effect. Society people and students of social life have admitted on all sides that the arraignment of London's smart set is one of the most forceful and purposeful attacks on the frivolity of the so-called smart set that has ever been placed upon the stage, its appeal being all the more convincing because the play is modern, its characters real, its language up-to-date, and its incidents true.

In "The Walls of Jericho," Mr. Sutro has set forth in striking contrast the useless and useful member of society, society in its broader sense, and out of these contrasts he has built an exceptionally uncommon play. Each of its four acts is meaningful, and from first to last the forwarding idea of the narrative is never forgotten. The play is designed to stimulate thought rather than to stir the emotions, and in doing this it serves an unusual and wholesome purpose. The dominant theme of "The Walls of Jericho" is the sin of indolence.

"MADAM BUTTERFLY."

That Charlotte society and musical circles are not behind those of other cities is apparent in the flutter that has already started in anticipation of the coming presentation of Puccini's enchanting opera, "Madam Butterfly." Charlotte may not have a "diamond horseshoe" of parterre boxes, as they have with the opera in New York, but there need be no mistake concerning the wealth and enthusiastic inclination to make the best of what is already possessed, and it will be fully shown when the brilliant and well-gowned audience welcomes Mr. Savage's grand opera stars on their first appearance in this city, at the Academy of Music Thursday evening, December 26th. Grand opera alway affords an opportunity for a display of fine toilettes, beauty and dazzling jewels, and society expects to make the most of it. Every woman of prominence is secretly planning a sartorial surprise.

During the next few days invitations for opera parties will be sent out, and from the number now being planned there is sure to be someone that will be disappointed on account of the limited supply of seats. Seats go on sale at Hawley's this morning.

WHAT A BLESSING.

Many Charlotte People Are Learning to Appreciate.

What a blessing it is.
Sought after by thousands.
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Nights of unrest, days of trouble.
Any itching skin disease means this.
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To Greeks Who Used January 7th and the Orthodox Have No Observance on December 25th.

Probably few people know that, although December 25th is so almost universally celebrated as Christmas Day among the nations of the world, among some it is not, conspicuously in the case of Greece. In the larger cities of this country where there are Greek colonies the day is celebrated, when it arrives, which is not until January 7th, or 13 days later than the Protestant Christmas. The reckoning of the Greeks is according to the Gregorian calendar.

According to the strict religious rule, which governs the Hellenians, for 40 days preceding their Christmas they cannot partake of anything in the way of food except vegetables and a few oysters, crabs and shrimp. After this the devout Greek takes the holy communion on Christmas Day and makes confession and is absolved from his sins. The head of his Church, the Greek Orthodox, is Pope Joachim, who rules from Constantinople. At 12 o'clock on the night preceding Christmas the Greeks are expected to assemble at their churches where religious services are conducted by the priests until 5 o'clock in the morning, when the people return to their homes. They celebrate December 25th simply by giving presents and resting.

Is Your Name Written There?

The Bad Debt Collection Agency is still pert and chipper. It has placed a bulletin board in front of the 4C's Building and invites passers-by to look out for the names of people who fail to settle their debts. "D. B. stands for dead beats. B. D. stands for bad debts. We collect bad debts from dead beats," ran the inscription yesterday. The board will be watched with interest.

THE LINEN MAKES THE DINNER PERFECT

No matter how pretty your table setting, how well served the dinner, how excellently prepared the courses—if your table linen has the harsh, dull, yellow look of home laundered work—you've neglected the factor that would have added the final touch, and so have made a commonplace affair out of what might have been a banquet.

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WANTED.

WANTED—By young man, room and board, private literary folk preferred. State terms. Address "D. W. B." care Observer.

WANTED—Position in private family as seamstress. Can furnish good references. Apply to "H." care of the Press, Darlington, S. C.

WANTED—Two good waiters; must be sober, polite and good character. Appleton, care Observer.

WANTED—Lady of ability to take charge of pantry for hotel; must have experience. Appleton, care Observer.

WANTED—To give away $25 for the best advertisement of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. Address Mrs. Joe Person, Charlotte.

WANTED—Regular boarders at No. 4 N. Graham street.

WANTED—To rent a piano in good condition. Address Music, care Observer.

WANTED—A good active clothing and shoe man Jan. 1st, 1908. Apply Lancaster Mercantile Co., Lancaster, S. C.

WANTED—Position as salesman in general merchandise or grocery store. Best of reference from former employers. Address "Worker," care Observer.

WANTED—Position by registered druggist; five years' experience. Address Box 311, Mt. Airy, N. C.

WANTED—Reliable white woman for cooking and general house work. Good wages to right party. Write or apply 1005 North Church street, City.

WANTED—For U. S. Army, able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 15 West Trade St., Charlotte, N. C.; 25½ South Main St., Asheville, N. C.; Bank Building, Hickory, N. C.; 417½ Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N. C.; 125½ North Main St., Salisbury, N. C.; Kendall Building, Columbia, S. C.; Haynesworth and Conyer's Building, Greenville, S. C.; or Glenn Building, Spartanburg, S. C.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Distillery, at once. Reason, death of owner. Address P. O. Box 12, Salisbury, N. C.

FOR SALE—Clean up-to-date stock of dry goods and notions in hustling town of 2,500 inhabitants. A bargain. Address "Dry Goods," care Observer.

FOR SALE—Improved Victor tapering arm talking machine and a splendid selection of records—about 60. All in first-class condition, as good as new. Bargain to cash purchaser. Address Victor, care The Observer.

FOR SALE—Clean retail stock of hardware, occupying the best business stand in the fastest growing city in the piedmont section of North Carolina. Cheap rent. Will inventory about $12,000. Enjoys a large and growing trade. Offered for sale on account of the owner's bad health. Such an opportunity seldom presented. Address Hardware, care Charlotte Daily Observer.

FOR SALE OR RENT—The Keerans home at 904 South Tryon street. J. M. Oates.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Fertile farm in Cabarrus county; eight miles south of Concord; in one, two, three, four-horse tracts. Write to J. N. Ingram, Concord.

FOR RENT—My residence No. 1009 Mint street. 7-room house. U. G. Dellinger.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ANNUAL MEETING White Oak Camp No. 2, "W. O. W." will be held in E. L. Keesler's office, 25 S. Tryon St., Friday, Dec. 20, 3 p. m. M. Kirshbaum, Con. Com.

MACHINIST-OPERATOR wanted for one-machine newspaper office in good town, to begin work first of year. Must be practical printer, sober and industrious and thoroughly competent to keep up machine. New model No. 8 to be installed. State wages wanted and experience. Gazette Pub. Co., Gastonia, N. C.

KING'S BUSINESS College, Charlotte, N. C., guaranteed good positions. Best teachers, handsomest equipment. Get our special Christmas offer.

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CHRISTMAS—Little folks' presents. None like a Shetland pony. I have the ponies. Junius H. Harden, Burlington, N. C.

BABY'S SKIN troubles cured by using Barium Water. Pimples, boils, sores. Write for booklet. Barium Springs Co., N. C.

TEACHERS WANTED—Second and sixth grade teachers for Dunn, N. C., graded schools. J. A. McLean, Dunn, N. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Families wishing a nice box of Florida oranges, my own raising, for Christmas. 'Phone 1113. J. A. Allison.

FINE A. D. COFFEES at Flournoy's. 19 cents each. C. B. Flournoy & Co.

J. L. S. B. CALL ON H. C. BECKWITH, Raleigh, N. C., for news of interest.

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