works. The mule teams were used in connection with the construction of dirt embankments along the four and a half mile canal from the dam to the power house. These embankments are now nearly finished and what lit-tie more dirt is needed can be readily haule, to its destination over the very complete system of railroad which ex-tends all along the canal. Another thing, very few contractors find it a paying proposition to use teams in "earth work" when the weather is wet as may be expected in December, January and-February. The shut-down for three weeks instead of the January and February. The shut-down for three weeks instead of the usual ten days is easily accounted for. The great majority of the force at Whitney have been working with no fet-up for the past three years and all were anxious for a little extra rest before the final spurt of the next six months which will be busy ones in-deed. The contractors, knowing this, selved the opportunity to thoroughly overhaul their steam shovels and gen-eral plant and now, during these holeral plant and now, during these holmanufacturers will be to produce a idays, a force of mechanics is engaged replacing worn parts with new ones and making certain that nothing

will snap or in any way delay the work from now on. It is positively certain that on Jan-uary 6th operations will be resumed with no less a force than that which was laid off on December 14th and it is equally assured, within the boundary of the equally assured, within the bounds of attitude he would be fully justified, as human prophecy, that the promises far as certain important lines are con-made by Mr. Whitney last October cerned, and circumstances are accuwill be fulfilled so that Salisbury and the surrounding country shall enjoy the fruits of the great enterprise. The engineer corps has already laid the routes of the transmission lines from Whitney to Salisbury and Albemarle wanted will be noted, and the prime while, at the time of writing, it is underbed in broducing this condition will nearly finished with that to High make goods unless on order. Point. A great quantity of the electric equipment is already on the ground waiting for the completion of the power house to be put in place. ter the first of the year, but th's improvement may be indefinitely post-

Particular plans have been taken by poned by an unwise decision by manyour correspondent to vouch for the accuracy of every statement made above. If pessimists would only consider that the most gigantic por-tion of the work, the construction of your correspondent to youch for the the huge granite dam, has been for months an accomplished fact there would be no uneasiness and the old optimistic, but correct, feeling would at once assert itself.



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THE WEATHER,

Washington, Dec. 23 .- Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina, fair and older Tuesday; with snow in mountain districts; Wednesday fair; fresh west winds.

South Carolina, Georgia and east Florida, partly cloudy and slightly colder Tuosday; Wednesday fair; fresh west winds.

West Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and east Texas, fair Tuesday and Wednesday; light west winds. Tennessee, partly cloudy Tuesday

Wednesday fair. Arkansas and west Texas, fair Tuesday and Wednesday. Kentucky, clearing Tuesday; Wednes

desire for goods on the part of the buyer which has been conspicuously day fair. West Virginia, snow or rain and cold-er Tuesday; Wednesday fair, except snow in mountain districts.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.

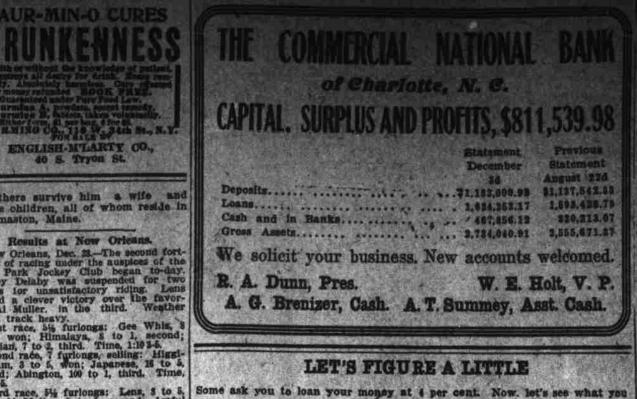
Charlotte. Dec. 23.-Sunrize 7:23 a. sunset 5:16 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees).

Highest temperature ...... Lowest temperature ..... Mean temperature ..... mulating which would give weight to the theory. Recognized authorities Excess for the day ...... Accumulated deficiency for month... Accumulated excess for year ...... have given expression to the belief

PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m.,. Total for the month 

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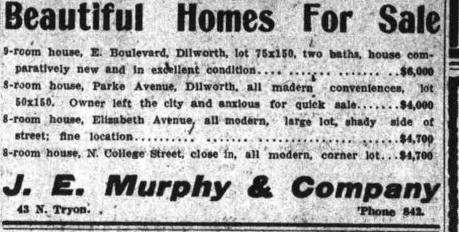
To-morrow, Christmas Day, being a legal holiday, the banks of Char-



get. Deduct 2 1-6 per cent. for taxes, and you've got 1 5-6 per cent. left. Others tell you to put it in first mortgages at 6 per cent. Well, that sounds good, but let's see what you get out of this: Deduct that same 2 1-6 per cent. for taxes, and you have 2 5-6 per cent. left. Now, try the Mutual B. & L. Association. Your money, if shares are carried to maturity, will earn you nearly 6 1-2 per cent, and nes at that, mind you, taxes paid. How do the 4 and 6 per cent. gross compare with 6 1-2 net?

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### BRYAN SHOCKS LYNCHBURG.

Nebraskan Responds to Virginia Invitation With an Offer to Speak for

W. E. Curtis, Washington Correspond ent Chicago Record-Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., has had a very se were jolt. Not long ago, when a flesta was in preparation down there a committee was appointed to secure some great attraction, which would draw 19th. the people from the surrounding country into the town to spend their money. The first and unanimous suggestion was a speech from William mings Bryan, and the committee sent an invitation to the Peerless One Ħ. to come down and orate. As Lynca-burg is the residence of Hon. John W, Tianiel, one of the members of the United States Senate from Virginia, whose differences with Mr. Bryan are known throughout the civilized world. believed that the latter would it was jump at the opportunity and embrace other notable benefactions. it with gratitude and fervor. Hence the committee of invitation suffered an son College, which institution he left unexpected sense of injury when they to join the Confederate army at the received his reply, and were informed breaking out of the civil war. At that his price for such little visitations the close of the war he traveled

Was \$500. They had expected to pay Mr. Bryen's expenses and to entertain him to the full extent of the "Southern hospitality" that we hear so much about. But facy were innocent enough to suppose that a public servant, a candidate the presidency and the leader of the Democratic party, would gratefully welcome an occasion that would bring him in contact with the first families of Virginia and other elements of the Democratic party in that State. Indeed, an invitation from Virgints has never before had a cash alue. No man of any importance has ever demanded wages for talking to the people of that State. Never before have they been asked to pay for the presence of any guest. The house hops of the Episcopal Church ently assembled upon Virginia soil and thoroughly appreciated Virginia pitality. The British ambassador, the French ambassador, and the nawal representatives of all the great powers of the earth have been the ored guests of the mother of Presidents, and the proud people of that State would as soon think of offering the King of England \$500 to honor them by his presence as to pay that ar any other sum to William Jennings

Under these circumstances you can and by imagine the feelings of the com-militee of arrangements when Mr. Bryan's mercenary demands were made known to them. No action war aken. No action was necessary. Mr. letter and the whole subject orice of Mr. Bryan's presence) to pay

# COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.

on for coughs and colds is now be sensor for coughs and colds is now hand and too much care cannot be d to protect the children. A child is in more likely to contract diphtherin carlet fever when his has a cold. The ener you care his cold the less the Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is note reliance of many mothers, and of those who have tried it are will-to use any other. Mrs. F. Starch-of Ripley, W. Ya. myr. "I have ar used anything other than Cham-ning Cough Remedy for my child.

current depression from other periods lotte will be of quiet in the past is the absence of either in the primary market or in distributors' mands, and it is almost axiomatic to declare that cond!tons can only be improved by seeing to it that the same condition is continued throughout the market.

It does not seem unjustifiable to

expect an improvement in demand af-

DEATH OF DR. E. P. GEORGE. Former Resident of Charlotte Passes

Away at His Home in Maine-Practiced Dentistry in Germany-A Man of Large Benefactions.

News reached the city yesterday of the death of Dr. Edward, Payson George which occurred at his home in Thomaston, Maine, last Friday, the Dr. George was a brother of Mrs. M. A. Prather, of this city, and had many friends and acquaintances here who will be greatly distressed hear of his passing away.

Dr. George was born in Grotton, N. When a small boy he moved to Charlotte with his parents, his father being Mr. Asa George, who resided here until his death-a man of striking personality and one of the charter members of the Second Presbyterian church, who made in his will a liberal bequest to the church, besides many

Dr. George was educated at Davidabroad for several years and then studied in Boston, afterwards locating is an acknowledged fact that American destistry is the best the world over and it is not surprising that Dr. George, being himself one of the most skilful practitioners, soon acquired a large and lucrative practice. Some years ago, he gave up active practice and moved to Geneva. Switzerland. for the purpose of educating his children in the fine schools of that city. Later he moved to Thomaston, Maine, where he resided until the

time of his death. About a week before his death, a small wound, like the sting of an insect, was noticed on one of his hands, and it was soon discovered that blood poison had set in. It was thought at first that it could be held under control, but after a few days, alarming symptoms developed and despite the efforts of most skillful physicians and surgeons, death resulted in a very few days.

Inheriting from his father benevolent traits of character, Dr. George himself was noted for his many benfactions. It was the gift of \$5,000 from him that enabled the Y. M. C. A. to establish what is known as the Asso-ciation Health Farm, near Denver, Col., an enterprise which has since received large ald from various sources and which is now one of the most successful institutions in the country in combating the dread disease, tuberculosis. He also made a most liberal contribution to the Piedmont Industrial School, near this city. res sliently laid on the table and an ninent member of the committee down of Mr. Bryan's presence) to pay r a balloon ascension. GOOD COUGH MEDICINE FOR COUGH MEDICINE FOR check, there came a letter bearing the news of the death of the beloved brother. With characteristic thought-

fulness he requested before he died that no telegrams be sent announcing his fliness or death, but that after the

by inness of death, solt that alter the event, a letter be written conveying the news. Dr. George's last visit to Charlotte was made in April of this year. He was a man of large information and batters that and in a solution and having lived and traveled in many iands he had a fund of root many involvedge, which made him a most instructive and entartaining gentle-man. Builde his sister, firs Proth-



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