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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1907.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S

those outside the large Eastern cen- The Winston Sentinel tells: tres, are still hugging large stacks of idle cash Secretary Cortelyou may find himself compelled to begin calling in public deposits gives cause for some apprehension. Treasury revenues continue to show a deficit and the supprehension of th gloomy anticipations are entertained for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Since November 1st the customs receipts have fallen \$6,000,000 short of the corresponding period last year and the internal revenue receipts \$5,000,000. Moreover, although panic conditions are over, no general tendency back toward a normal state of affairs is yet observable, and consequently the deficit promises to continue. Receipts from the Panama bonds are being swallowed up the fast as they come in, and while town. "On June 19th the officers made a raid on the blockaders in this section, and after a battle in which it was thought that some of the blockaders were wounded, eight of them were captured by the officers. They were tried at the September term of the District Court at Greensboro and seven of them were sent to the pentientary." as fast as they come in, and while the country. The unfortunate Secretary's difficulties are greatly increased by the fact that the hoarding call, are nearly all located in sections already offended with him for helping New York first; while the New York banks have brought down their reserves quite low enough by the energy and public spirit shown in meeting all demands upon them. However conducted, a withdrawal policy would inevitably give rise not only to troublesome charges of favoritism but I'd te shame'. I would, to real suffering and business dissatis-faction. Further liquidation would Wid my eyes. faction. Further liquidation would be enforced and conditions in every If I was you, you baby, way undesirable for a presidential To look at supp'n' wut I did n' year from the standpoint of the party in power would come into existence. wise receiving payments in the form of certified checks upon those banks. In this manner the cash could be left will doubtless be adouted, and we hope and trust that it will serve its purpose effectively. Given but judi- Kentucky is an organization known

Times shows is inspiring but very un- "anomaly," likely to prove contagious. While a day of deliverance surely awaits the Democratic party somewhere in the future, it will hardly come about in form and manner suggested.

Thus the valued Waynesville Cou-

The Observer, in a leading original Wednesday says: The Observer and a thoroughly nawise and unaste politic beaders conspicuously sil-fitted to be sident of the United States. While is an anii-convention speech of says seemed contemporary still it makes a fraid that a post-convention speech of says seemed contemporary still it makes a fraid that a post-convention speech of says seemed contemporary still it makes a fraid that a post-convention speech of says seemed contemporary still it makes a fraid that a post-convention speech of says and the post-convention speech of says and that a post-convention speech of says and says and that a post-convention speech of says and says

strike until the insult was repeated. This is the view of the matter presented by the Washington correspondent of The New Orleans Pica-

"Mr. Williams worked like a slave ascertaining the qualifications of the new Congressmen and endeavoring to put ten pegs in nine holes. The result was not as gratifying as he had expected, for instead of smiles he received blows and vulgar abuse, which he resented with proper spirit and a due amount of force. Mr. Doarmond, of Missouri, who has been a thorn in the side of every leader since Mr. Bailey, of Texas, occupied that office, was the aggressor in the unpleasant argument immediately after the House adjourned this afternoom."

The difficulty had its origin in the personal animosity of the Missouri Representative. He has long thought himself the rival of Mr. Williams, who has easily defeated his aspirations for the leadership of the minority. Disappointed in his ambition, he has for years hung upon the flanks of the Mississippian, making his task as leader as difficult as he knew how, finally, for reasons of vengeance, inveighling him into a personal difficulty. And this is, by common consent, the long and the short of the matter.

SMITHTOWN.

As was said in Sunday's paper, the tory of the blockaders and blockading at Smithtown, the raids of the revenue officers in large bodies, somewhen many banks, perhaps most of Of Smithtown? Where or what?

Of Hendricks, the officer who was the working balance now stands at killed last week, The Sentinel says he course in law. The Department of plus now on deposit with the banks of Justice has been liberal in its offer of reward for his murderer.

"BE SHAME"

The first shipment of the new book ceived yesterday and in it is found a sible to eyes that know the touchescaped the eye of the writer. It is headed as above and runs thus: Little baby, wut you see?

Done more 'n crowed

This was one of the cleverest of For the country's sake, it is greatly John Charles' conceits. He ran to be hoped by everybody that any much to dialect poems of children, such injury to business can be avoid- one of the best of these being "Bawith equal favor in both political and will readily recall. "Lyrics from financial quarters is that the Treas- Cotton Land," by the way, is largely mry begin paying its bills through given over to dialect, in which he ex- faces of strong men, brave, scarred, checks on the depositary banks, like- celled, and which is absent from "Songs Merry and Sad." The new book surpasses expectations. It is a

Among the lawless elements of

clous management by the Treasury as "Night Riders," which makes it its Department and less narrow policies business to destroy tobacco fields in eral business situation would clear it pose of helping the price. Of the the italian government, under its thor in characteristic pose, to regain harmony. In its essence, government of the United States to tically his own selections from candor and of wisdom, advise with for, as The Petersburg Index-Appeal charge. one another upon the declaration of says, "It is an anomaly in our form principles and the choice of a candi- of government that the treaty-makdate." Among the names suggested ing power is conferred on the United his best in dialect, still he showed his are those of Grover Cleveland, Alton States without the corresponding deep insight into life, his love of the B. Parker, Richard Olney, Franklin power to keep treaty faith." If Ken- simpler things and his power of sym-McVeagh, Judson Harmon, James M. tucky refuses to pay the damages de- ing forth the ordinary life of the typi-Guffey, George Gray, David R. Fran-manded the United States government cal negro of the fields. He seemed to John Sharp Williams, Don M. cannot compel it to do so and thus Dickinson, Henry Watterson, Edward there will be presented the spectacle weaknesses. And he was a master of W. Carmack, William J. Bryan, and of this country making faith without negro dialect. Some critics have de-Clark Howell. Faith such as The the ability to keep it. It is indeed an

committees appointed to attend the dying man for rest. Tals man has funerals of Senators and Representatives make frolics of the occasions. The public welcomes this volume of his

If it be your good fortune to know such a man, be somewhat careful of your words as you address him. He holds pity to be an insult. If you have tact, becken in some way to him; call across the abyss of allence that surrounds him your hailing cry of respect and good cheer; it may comfort him. And his need is sore. You will pass some such man on the street to-day, perhaps, and he will done in all across the abysis of the sore. You will pass some such man on the street to-day, perhaps, and he will done in all across the abysis of the sore. street to-day, perhaps, and he will smile and wish you "merry Christ-mas" with the old beautiful courtesy.

ly removes his mask of smiling, stately politeness. Between calling for help and death, he chooses the lat-ter. But sometimes he is caught off his guard; the mask drops in a moment of unconsciousness. Then if you be brave you may read the story, written by fearful lightning, upon his

Another was added to the majestic company-well, let us say yesterday. For his sake you will pardon a change of circumstance and place. Let us say that it was in the club; that some homeless bachelor was seated at the plano playing; that twiwas on the world; that the sound of footsteps of happy Christ-mas shoppers came up from the street and, blending with the plano's xoice, sang out the old song of love and life. It was for a moment only that the mask dropped but that moment was long enough for the flash of revelation. The mask came down again and the man, smiling and courteous, passed out of the room-into the street. If his name were written here your day would be filled with wonder; for his smiling gentleness has made many happier and he is well beloved. But he shall not be betrayed. He will fight out his battle Christmas time? and fall at last with a smile upon his

"Oh, what a howld story and at Cwistmas, too." (You lisp as beautifully as Tillie Vevver, madam.) It may seem strange to you, but it is because of the happy day that this is written here. It may interest you to know how some men spend Christmas. And this man is but a type of many that will pass you to-day.

If you seek the joy that knows no sorrow; if you seek the peace that knows no conflict; if the beautiful draperies of your room shut out all the voices of this striving world, then many of this world's millions have no place in your heart. And you may forget my friend, the masquerader. Delude yourself with the belief that this is still Eden and the light of earth's first morning, beautiful and fair, still broods above the world. If this make you happy, it is somewhat worth while. But few can enter into your joy or be blessed by the vacant light of your smile.

row of the world and still smiles; of poems of John Charles McNell), there is a peace that comes out of "Lyrics from Cotton Land," was re- heroic battle. There is a light posskit which had heretofore somehow the burning touch-of tears. It is such joy, such peace, such light we seek. And many of us will find them, thank God.

The beacon light is more welcomed by sailors on storm-swept seas. The Christmas fire is our beacon and we the weary sailors. We may not bring ships laden with gold or flying some victorious flag, but we have sailed bravely and we look to the lights with joy. And we will be gentler to little happy hearts because we know the storm that is on the sea to which they will come when they sail out of childhood's happy haven.

So here's to all Christmas faces: to faces of little children with wide wonder eyes: to faces of boys and girls that still can flash with breathless ecstasies; to faces of women whose light of love is made more beautiful by the blending shadow of the ancient sorrow of womankind; to august, smiling. And across whatever pain, burden, tears and shadow of empty chairs are by all Christmas firesides may there flash the light of the face of God, the All-mother of the children of men.

"LYRICS FROM COTTON LAND,"

"Lyrics From Cotton Land," a volume of verse by the lamented John on the part of many banks, the gen- order to reduce the crop for the pur- Charles McNelli, has been published by the Stone-Barringer Company, of Charlotte, and is on sale. It is handself up completely and in short order, tobacco destroyed much has been the somely bound and illustrated, having The New York Times thinks it property of Italian citizens and now as a frontispiece a portrait of the ausees a way for the Democratic party treaty rights, has called upon the contained in this volume. It is pracmake reparation to these Italians for poems, the copy having been put into make reparation to these italians for the printer's hands before his death.

Cone or two poems were added by delegates, and there, "in a spirit of begets an embarrassing complication, those who had the publication in

Dialect poems make up the larger part of the book. Although it cannot know their point of view, their loves, nied this; but those who live closest to the negro as he is out on the farms of the South know that McNelli was The late Senator Mallory, of Flori- faithful to their spirit. This volume has interda, requested that no congressional est also from the fact that it contains committee attend his funeral. The request did credit to his sense. The prophecy and the other is the cry of a

Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no or thiddlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existing the great man a real fittle girl asking the great man a real question, it was done in all earnestness. "Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" In her childlike way she puts him on his oath, and he affirms to her earnest, frusting heart that there is a real Santa Claus. Did he deceive that child? Does he wish to convey to the child mind that there is a real invisible being who is in resility the source of all the good cheer that comes at Christians lime? If he does, who is that heing and what are his attributes? Does he wish to take us back to Greek and Roman mythology? Does this theory teach trusting childhood, the childhood of a Christian people, who the author and source of all earthly goodness is? These are not idle questions.

Deceptions are dangerous things, When truth is more wonderful and mysterious than fiction, why use fiction instead of fact? "The night shall be filled with music," if we could have

mysterious than fiction, why use fiction instead of fact? "The night shall be filled with music," if we could have ears to hear it, and the gentlest gehyrs are laden with angelic voices and ears touched by the divine finger. An omnipresent God is more wonderful than a fantastic, unreal Santa Claua. Why not lead the child to a profound truth, through an entrancing mystery, built en fact, rather than to seek to do this through goblin stories, which smack of heathen mythology? Is there anything more wonderful, in all creation, than the story of the Christ Child whose birth we celebrate? Is there anything of the premises and the thrift of the

the Heavenly Guest comes with His good gifts, than it is that Santa Claus brings them. The greatest distinction is that one is a fact and the other a falsehood. Some children are thought to speak first a "gibberish jargon" and the task is left to the teacher to root out a false language and instill a true. They language and instil a true. They educate through falsehood into fact, supposing a child cannot receive the

Virginia shall have her question answered. She has been on he "anx-ious bench" a long while. There is no Santa Claus, Virginia, but there is a Heavenly Guest to whom you can speak in whispers, up in the twinkling stars, and He will hear all your wishes. He it is who gives "every good and perfect gift," of whom the angels sang on the first Christmas night, and who brings all the bleasedness on Christmas Day. He is a real live, loving King, who has a beautiful home for you in the skies, Virginia.

W. B. AULL.

China Grove.

ROEBLING QUITS ASHEVILLE.

Dry—The Prohibitionists Should Reform Drunkards by Stopping Drinking With Them—Leaves His \$500,000 Estate to the Northern Presbyterian Church. Trenton, N. J., Special to Washing-

It is believed here that John A Roebling, who will quit Asheville, No. because the city went "dry" at the last election, will live with father, Col. Washington A. Roebling, of this city, the builder of the Brooklyn bridge. Colonel Roebling will neither affirm nor deny the story.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.—John A. Berbling of the story of the stor Roebling's decision to leave Ashe-ville because it has voted for prohioltion has caused a lot of talk here. He has resided here for ten years, and spent much time and money in beautifying his estate, Beauxchenes, which adjoins George W. Vanderbilt's Biltmore estate. Now he will dee the \$500,000 property to the Home Mission Board of the Northern Pres-

Mr. Roebling says he regards pro-hibition as detrimental to the city's future welfare. He wishes it understood that no personal feeling enters into his purpose; that it is simply a matter of principle. He took an active part against prohibition in the campaign of last October. In explaining his ideas, Mr. Roebling said: "During all the years of my resi-dence in Asheville I have defended

byterian Church and go back to

These people come here primarily for the climate, or the scenery; they remain here because

they like the people.
"Where has been the discord and

principle and contrary to the fundamentals of our system of government."

Cashier Succeeds Side-Tracked New Orleans Bank President.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—Charles H. Culbertson was to-day elected president of the State National Bank to succeed William Adler, whose realignation resulted in an investigation by the electring house yesterday. Mr. Culbertson has been cashier of the sant.

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of the Christ Child whose that celebrate? Is there anything of the premises and the thrift of the beautiful than the thought that child comes into the life with material joys at that that time?

They all have their gardens and little farms and many have flower gardens. I should say that a majority of them own their own The story is no less wonderful that homes. Many of them are good car-the Heavenly Guest comes with His penters, brick masons, shoemakers, good gifts, than it is that Santa Claus etc. They have four churches and

We are most fortunate in having agents for both railroads, express and telegraph companies.

Prof. B. P. Caldwell, of Due Wst, S. C., is superintendent of our public school. His untiring efforts and very efficient work have brought the chool up to a standard of which we are all justly proud.

He is rather crowded, as the school

is in temporary quarters pending the completion of our handsome new school building which we hope will be ready in the early spring. Over 400 pupils are enrolled. "Fassifern," a home school for young girls, which prepares them for any college and of which Miss Kate C. Shipp is prin-cipal, was opened October 8th, and is the pride of Lincolnton. The building, which is a gem of modern architecture, with every convenience and comfort, is situated in a pine grove on a hill overlooking the river and giving as extensive and beauti ful view of the mountairs and the spiendid surrounding country. It is in the northwestern part of town and in easy walking distance for day pupils. Miss Shipp is so well known as one of the foremost scholars and educators of the day that very shortly after she opened her doors fifteen young girls, which was her limit for boarding pupils, rushed in and matriculated. These came from all parts of North Carolina and two of them from South Carolina. Besides

these there are fifteen Jay pupils from Lincolnton. Observer readers are enjoying the good work being done by "Red Buck" in Washington and hope he will con-tinue to talk Johnson vs. Bryan. There be scores of good old-time Democrats in this section who would like to vote and work with a will for a real straightout Democrat for Pres-

ress himself as in favor of the action of the Legislature in the ridiculou reduction and many of them agree that 21-2 cents a mile is too low that 21-2 cents a mile is Everyone hopes now that an early and satisfactory settlement will soon X. Lincolnton, Dec. 21st.

CHRISTMAS EDITION ECHOES. How the State Press Looks Upon The

The Charlotte Observer of last Sun-day was a mammoth Christmas edi-tion, which was a credit to the pubdence in Asheville I have the as-the city's good name. But the as-the city's good name. But the as-lishers of that enterprising newspa-sertion was made by leaders of the lishers of that enterprising newspa-per. When it comes to getting out the ing to its opportunities, Asheville was news or doing anything else that re-about the worst place in the United quires enterprise and brains, The Ob-States. Asheville is broad-minded server men are always "on the spot." pitable, liberal and progressive. It py new year to ye, one and all.—San-has a large element of visitor-resi-

The Issue of The Charlotte Observe one week ago to-day was one of the most creditable feats of journalism violence that characterize so many places? We hardly had such a thing as a labor problem. Our people tity, but in the quality of its matter to make this the great resort town of the South.

were united—all working together to make this the great resort town of the South.

"Now there has come a discordant note. A strange philosophy is being preached among us. We are told that grown men are unsuited to be the judges of their personal habits. The sort of people who have been attracted to Asheville as a residence town will not take kindly to infringement of their personal liberty. They will resent the proposition that they are unable to regulate their own affairs without the assistance of a policeman.

"To drink alcoholic liquor is not wrong per se from any point of view. Therefore to sell such liquor is not wrong per se. Prohibition is an attempt to declare a thing wrong which is not wrong. Is the saleon a cause, or an effect? Saleons exist because men drink. Let the prohibitionlats who would reform the drunkard stop drinking with him.

"The consensus of opinion of the best and strongest minds is that high license is the best system of regulation; that prohibition is wrong in principle and contrary to the fundament."

When first, her Christmas watch to keep came down the alient angel, sleep, with anowy sandals shod. Beheiding what his mother's hands

LASTDAY LAST CALL CHANCE

We shall not open Christmas Day, but will keep open till about 12 o'clock to-night. So everybody had best supply their wants early in the morning, and especially if they want us to deliver them. We would also ask that everybody having goods sent out to be patient, for it may be late in delivery. We would also ask as a favor that every one that can to carry all small packages.

To-Day Is Toy Day

And we still have a very good assortment-good ones as well as cheap ones.

Make the Children Happy

It costs but little in our Toy Department. .5c. to \$15.00

Great Stock of Jewelry

No selection in first-class Jewelry, Cut Glass, Diamonds, Watches, Fobs, Bracelets, Tableware, Sterling Silver Novelties beats ours.

10c. to 50c. Mechanical Toys

This is the greatest line we have ever shown for the money—they are very good. You should see them.

\$12.50 to \$15 Automobiles \$10

Special price to-day on these high-priced Automobiles.

Children's Rockers

These are serviceable and please the children, too. Rockers.... \$1.00 to \$3.50

Stout Mission Chair or Rocker \$1.50 Morris Chairs.....\$4.00 to \$6.00

Men's Bath Robes \$3 to \$10.00

A beautiful assortment of Colors in Turkish and Blanket Robes. They make fine gifts for men. We have Bath Room Slippers too for men and women at \$1.50.

Full Dress Emery Shirt

You can't beat an Emery.' They fit, and the price is \$1.00 and \$1.50 Full Dress and Tuxedo Ties, all sizes..... 25 and 50c. Best 25 and 50c. Christmas Neckwear yet. Special lot Christmas Neckwear in Christmas boxes, one in a box75c. and \$1.00

Furs Sell Fine

Those two lots sent on consignment are selling fast because the price is lower than usual.

You Get Clocks Cheap

The price is cut almost in two. They are not off styles, either, but the latest to be had.

Store Closed Wednesday

And no one will be in the store to deliver goods, so please see that you have all your purchases before we close to-night.

