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#### LET US NOT BE TOO HASTY-A CONTRAST.

There are no better or more selfcontained people in the world, taking them as a body, than those of Charlotte; but there is a mercurial element among them which is quick to go off at a tangent, which is unlike a popuintion the basis of which is Scotch-For years loafers, white and Irish. black, have had the habit of hanging around the four corners of Independence Square, defiling the pavements with tobacco juice and forcing people who have a right to pass through them to shoulder their way through. The condition was a nuisance and a subject of complaint on the part of people who had a right to complain. Yet when a municipal ordinance, designed to clear the streets of loiterets and to allow ladies or men on business or pleasure bent to pass through them In some degree of comfort, is invoked, voices are raised in protest against the tyranny of the police. It is not to be denied that the police have lately made two grievous mistakes in the enforcement of the ordinance; that their instructions were not sufficiently explicit or else that they did not understand them; it may be-we do not know-that the two gentlemen who know---that the two gentlemen who were ill-advisedly directed to "move on" and on whom hands were iaid, did not offer the satisfactory explana-tions which they could have given; but one swallow does not make a sum-mer; neither do two; and it is no rea-son for the repeal of a beneficent or-dinance that ill judgment has been manifest in its enforcement in two or even more cases. The value of the even more cases. The value of the regulation is not to be judged by these instances, which perhaps ought never to have occurred—again we say we do not know—but by general results; and it ought never to be forgotten that the ordinance was not made for any par-ticular class but for all. A little re-flection will convince all that the reg-ulation in itself is a proper and neceven more cases. The value of the ulation in itself is a proper and necessary one and should not be conrency provided for is wrong in princidemned on account of its misapplicaple" and by this analysis the bill is tion to two or more cases. Meantime the offending officers are entitled to be heard, and entitled, unless it appears that it would leave the country tled that they were wantonly brutal and not merely over-zealous in the discharge of what they conceived to be a duty, to a modicum of charity.

It may be remarked in passing that it is a strange contradiction that while there has been a miniature flurry over the enforcement of this old-new police regulation, the community is quite content that the half of one of its two principal streets should be fenced off for the storage of material which is to enter into a new building.

#### A TIMELY NOTIFICATION.

# CHARLOTTE DAILY OBSERVER, FEBRUARY 3, 1908.

tified last night and inflicted exceed-

ingly painful injuries. The accident

occurred about 11 o'clock near the

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Company. The young man seems to

Mr. Hemby Becomes Insane

REPLY TO "LIBERTY."

Law Answered and He is Challenged

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THE ALDRICH BILL NOW. PORTUGAL'S CRUEL TRAGEDY, TRAIN RUNS OVER YOUNG MAN. The New York Tribune, the paper Red-handed anarchy never had a of Hon. Whitelaw Reid. American more cruel crime laid at its doors than minister to England, thus comments the political tragedy of Saturday which bereft Portugal at one blow of upon the Aldrich currency bill as it has been licked into final shape by a King and a crown prince. For weeks cable dispatches have brought he Senate finance committee:

has been licked into final shape by the Senate linance committee: The Aldrich currency bill, as it finally onnes out of the Senate finance commit-tee's hands, has been considerably broad-ened in scope, apparently in the hope of has been criticism that has poured in upon H, especially from the West. The limit of the emergency circulation has been raised from £50,000 to 500,000,000. The variety of public obligations accept-able as the basis of circulation has been extended to include school district and township bonds and the minimum re-quired population of such areas has been fixed at ten thousand instead of twenty thousand. The provision of the original measure that banks outside of reserve or central reserve cities should be required to keep two-thirds of their reserves in cash in their own vauits bas been strick-of the Westorn banks that make it a practice to lend their reserves in Wall Street. Thus the one really good fea-ture of the original bill has been remov-ed in committee. The machinery for setting out this circulation for the original into the fundamental objections to the bill remain the same as when it was its the fundamental objections to the bill remain the same as when it was its the and the currency provided for is wrong in principle. Its volume and the needs of business, but upon the ability of the banks to buy er borrow bonds and upon the judgment of, the scretary of the Treasury, who is not al-ways an expert in finances, but upon the ability of the banks to buy er borrow bonds and upon the judgment of, the scretary of the Treasury, who is not al-ways an expert in finances, but upon the ability of the banks to buy er borrow bonds and upon the business being for and which will expand and contract which is based upon the business being for a wrong in principle. It is a matter of practice which has been thoroughly test by foreign nations. It has been is not a matter of theory. It is a matter of practice, which has been thoroughly test ban news at intervals of a state of unrest in Portugal, seemingly authentic reports ascribing the agitation to a plot to overthrow the monarchy and establish a republic. These stories were repeatedly smoothed over by official plant of the Elba Manufacturing denials and claims that the disorders were of a minor nature, and were held well in check by the govern-The ambulance was telephoned for bitherto loyal district. Underlying and the young man carried back on the engine to the yard conductor's office on the corner of Second and the ever-increasing distrust and hatred of railroad where the ambulance Premier Franco, which was aroused to fever-heat when King Carlos was where he was ministered to by skilled induced to dissolve the Parliament hands. It was found necessary and estublish the premier as practi-cal dictator. The climax of popular indignation was reached when, Fri-not known whether he will recover. day, the King issued orders to expel from Portugal all persons who had been guilty of exciting political disorders. Then the blow, evidently arefully planned, fell. That the regi- phis (Tenn.) Journal of Commerce, cides were hired assausing of these republican agitators is made clear this morning's dispatches, despite the transparent efforts of official. report to charge the crime to anarchists. Upon the baneful influence of Premier Franco the foreign press, in no trai bank. But in countries without a central bank. Such nations have a de-cided advantage over the United States in a business way. They experience no such violent and disturbing fluctuations in interest rates as this country does and no such difficulties in financing legi-timate business operations, like crop-moving as we encounts every year. uncertain tones, blames the startling culmination of the political unrest. In his retirement and the re-establishment of the Parliament seems to li the salvation of the monarchy.

Prince Manuel, whom the Council of State has proclaimed King, begins tage of personal popularity won by individual merit. With the lesson taught by this tragedy, at such fearful cost to his family, before him, he may restore normal conditions of prosperity to his distracted country. Certainly his opportunities are great, viewed at this distance. The cruelty of the murders was nothing less than dramatic story in yesterday's paper, such charges under a nom de plume, the most pathetic note of the tragedy. desperate effort to save them from the bullets of the assassins. Truly in firm or corporation is violating this this picture is the touch of nature act, or that such affiant has reason to left without a redeeming feature. Its that "makes the whole world kin"- believe that any person, firm or corall a woman and a mother.

to a bond-secured currency and it The Wall Street Journal says it is reaches the point of absurdity when it estimated that the number of idle rail- shall be the duty of such justice of the recognizes school district bonds as collateral, and a yet higher level when it road cars, standing on the sidings and requires banks to invest more in bonds at the terminals of the railroads of officer, directing him to search the susthan they are permitted to issue in the country is 250,000, and that "If pected premises, and if he shall find circulation. Whence does this "atro- these empty freight cars were put into city," as it is characterized by The a single train, the train would stretch, New York Journal of Commerce, de- in unbroken line, from New York to bankers' and merchants' associations better illustrate the extent of the inand by the leading papers of the dustrial depression.

MR. BAIN TO YOUNG MEN.

#### FULL TEXT OF RATE BILL. as Accident Occurs On Southern Road Near Elba

to cross the

Act Prescribing the Maximum Charge Which Railroad Companies May Make For Transporting Passengers as Finally Ratified by the North Manufacturing string of freight car Carolina Legislature northward on the

Southern Ballway Following is the full text of the rate Il as finally passed and ratified by struck a young white man named the State Legislature: Allen who was not more closely iden-

BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PRESCRIEING THE MAXIMUM CHARGE WHICH RAILROAD COMPANIES MAY MAKE FOR TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Section 1. That no railroad com track, not knowing that the train pany doing business as a common carrier of passengers in the State of North Carolina shall charge, demand and the young man carried back on or receive for transporting any passenger and his or her baggage, not exceeding in weight two hundred was pounds, from any station on its railmet. The wounded man was then road in North Carolina to any other station on its road in North Carolina. taken to the Presbyterian Hospital a rate in excess of 2 1-2 cents per mile, and for transporting children under 12 years and over 5 years of age one-half of the rate above prescribed, and for transporting children under 5, years of age, accompanied by

any person paying fare, no charge whatever shall be made: Provided, This paragraph is from The Editor that where the amount of the ticket W. S. Hemby, editor of The Memat the prescribed rate would amount to any figure between two multiples has been stricken with a mental disof five, the price of the ticket shall be the multiple of five which is nearest the price of the ticket at the rate Mr. Hemby is a native of Union county and twenty years ago or more above mentioned, or in the event that established in Charlotte The Evening the amount is equi-distant between two multiples of five, the price charg-ed for the ticket shall be on the subsequently, having changed hands, the morning paper of the city, and the immediate predecesbasis of the higher of these two multiples of five: Provided further, that

no charge of less than ten cents shall be required: Provided further, that owned and operated Independently His Attack on Representative Parson's railroad companies in North Carolina. whose mileage of road in said State is

to Come Out From Behind a Nom one hundred miles or less may charge de Plume. a rate not exceeding three (3) cents To the Editor of The Observer: per mile: Provided further, that in In The Observer of this date is an dependently owned and operated railhis career, it is said, with the advan- article signed by "Liberty," and dated road companies in North Carolina. at Charlotte, which refers to a recent whose mileage of road in said State is act that Mr. W. L. Parsons, the worthy ten miles or less may charge the same Representative in the Legislature from rate which is now in existence on said Richmond county, had passed for his roads. This provision shall not excounty, and while it is not necessary tend to branch lines of railrload com for me to defend Mr. Parsons, as he panies controlling over one hundred is amply able to do that for himself, miles of road, whether chartered I desire most emphatically to say that in or out of the State; also, that newly he is not a "misjudged zealot, who in constructed railroads or the portion the name of law has undertaken to of railroads which may be construct-perpetrate most horrible atrocities." ed shall be exempt from the operaand, in this connection I will say that tions of this act for two years after shocking. To those who read the Mr. Parsons is not guilty of making completion, to the extent that they may charge a rate in no case to ex-As to the act that was passed fac ceed three cents per mile. A charge perhaps, was the courage of beautiful following is the third section taken of 15 cents may be added to the fare from a certified copy of the bill; "That of any passenger when the same is Queen Amelle, who threw herself in upon the filing of an affidavit by any naid on the train, if the ticket might front of her sons as a shield in a person before a justice of the peace or have been procured within a reasonthe mayor of any incorporated town able time before the departure of the of Richmond county that any person, train. That the North Carolina con poration commission, its employes and assistants, shall have no power of authority to fix, change or to in any fatal weakness, as indicated before, is by "divine right" a queen, yet first of as prohibited by this of sale, liquors, manner enforce the provisions of this as prohibited by this act, which reason shall be set forth in said affidavit, and rairoads at 2 1-2 cents per mile, or if such justice of the peace or mayor to fix, change, or in any manner en-

shall deem such reason sufficient. It force the rates permitted to be charged by this act. And the North Caropeace or mayor of an incorporated lina corporation commission, its emtown to issue a warrant to any lawful ployes and assistants shall have no power or authority to change the amount of baggage which is prescribthereon any liquors in excess of one ed by this act shall be carried by quart, it shall be his duty to take all each passenger, free of charge; and liquors so found into his possession to shall have no power to enforce the be used as evidence on the trial of the maximum possible try in Section 4 rive its support? It is opposed by Prescott, Arizona." Nothing could warrant against the said person for of this act, better illustrate the extent of the inpenalties provided for in Section 4 Sec. 2. In the case that any rail

prima facie evidence of his keeping it for sale in violation of this act." If there is any despotism in this act I must confess that I am too stupid to detect it. I am free to admit that if I ment by any other railroad company



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## New Embroidery

It is too much to believe that the anti-railroad agitation in North Carolina is to subside more than momentarily with the compromise adopted new Legislature which meets in Janusry next and we shall be much and the currency measure adopted. agreeably surprised if the railroad passenger rate issue is not injected into the coming campaign and the people set by the ears over a return to one of 2 cents. Whether they will be very tolerant of a renewed agitation is open to question; it occurs to us that they would not welcome it; that will be too late for them to protest after they have nominated for the Legislature men who "have it in for the company," for having nominated them they must vote for them. We don't like to be a prophet of evil but the people ought to be put on notice and it is not too early to do so. If they don't want this whole matter reopened and the work of last week perhaps undone they need to have a care as to the men they nominate for the next General Assembly.

There is no disputing about taste, but it occurs to us as not being in the best of taste or spirit to have entered into a compromise with the rallroads, which was mutually agreeable, and now to gloat over them and represent in effect that they have been handiffed, clubbed into subjection and de to beg for mercy. Mr. Buxton said in substance on the floor of the Senate that "we have been called here to right a wrong;" and that is the way the people look at it. It is the opinion of a great many able and well-informed men that if the rate case over the hearing of which Standing Master Montgomery was presiding had gone on through the courts the State would have lost, but both parties to the suit were ready to compromise and quit and there is no great glory in the outcome for either. The less boasting, therefore, the better.

It was said in our special Washington correspondence yesterday morn- State prohibition is giving adherence "The prohibition campaign " to the initiative and referendum, then proposition. He belongs to a type of citizen that believes that, so long as a man is not disobeying the laws of the land and is not interfering with the rights and privileges of others, he ald be permitted to work out his

cept that of Mr. Aldrich himself, who can push anything through the Senate or defeat anything, and that of Speaker Cannon, who is equally omnipotent In the House. It is more than likely by the Legislature last week. That that, with these elements of strength agreement may be abrogated by the behind it and having the passive support of the President also, it will be

country, financial and other. It is not

apparent that it enjoys any favor, ex-

It is truly said above that "the cur-

The Observer has not, until the appearance this morning of Mr. Adams' last Raleigh special, done justice to the 2% cent rate or the enactment of Representative Dowd, of Mecklenburg, for his skillful work in securing the passage by the House of the Senate rate compromise bill as a substitute for the Weaver-Preston bill, the Buxthey have had enough of this sort of | ton amendment to the Senate bill havthing and would not like to go ing been first rejected. This was efthrough it again right away. But it fected by quick action and tactful management, in which he had the valuable assistance of Mr. Doughton, of Alleghany. The Senate blll, more nearly than any of the four which were projected upon the House, met the terms of the Glenn-Finley agreement, and it is a pleasure to offer felicitation to Mr. Dowd, who led in the matter, as well as to Mr. Doughton, upon the success of their effort to have the House accept It.

> Discussing the vigorous and systematic effort which is making to dry first blush it would appear the proper thing to leave the question to a vote of the people this is impracticable; vote at all [which they do not], they want to vote on the more important subjects," and further along, that are the merchants, right here in your dry or wet" and "if a prohibition bill doubt that prohibition would prevail." Now wouldn't that jar you?

"The Charlotte Observer," says The Scottish Chief, of Maxton, "writes derisively of the 'initiative and referendum' except as to prohibition for the State. As to that it says: "We do not understand how there could have been contrary opinion about the maiter." If this is an inconsistency, if a declaration in favor of an election on

1851 will be recalled by persons then the Legislature is equally guilty; so living in the State. Dr. J. J. Mott was the Legislature of 1880 and so is organized the forces that defeated the every believer in local option as everybody was until within the past few weeks

Sermon at Trinity Methodist Church were opposed to liquor legislation and Urging Young Men to Trust in was in favor of turning the stuff loose Christ as the Surest Way to a upon the people, that I would be op-Cleanly, High Toned Life-Four Be-setting Sins. I wish to say that I had nothing whatever to do with the Rev. E. L. Bain preached a very strong sermon last night at Trinity introduce it until I saw the notice in church. His text was Psalms; 119:9, the papers that it had passed, but I Wherewithal shall a young man am in hearty sympathy with it and would feel proud if I had been the

cleanse his way? By taking heed author of the measure, and would conthereto according to thy word." The scientiously think that I had done a minister declared that the young man great service for Richmond county. If "Liberty" will sign his name. I has wandered away from the ways of shall take great pleasure in answering rectitude. There are three great ways his questions in regard to the acquiopen to him: the way of rectitude, escence of the Christian people in such the way of untruthfulness and the laws, so far as I may be able

way of life. The chief besetting sins Mr. Bain classified as lying, profanity, gambling and association with defiled wo Taking up the first part he men. spoke as follows:

"The most severe allegation, to the mind of a man, is to call him a liar. Lying is the basest of all evils. It is truly written in the word of God, "Thou shalt not lie.' All men reent being called a llar. They resent it physically, as well as morally. God will not establish a man if he is a llar, either in word or in undertaking. I trust there is no one in this audience to-night that lies. If there is, young man, the way to cleanse yourself is to heed the Word of God and trust in Him. "The young man who will take the

ame of the Lord, our Creator and Washington Post says that while at in vain.' This being a common sin, obtain provisions and arms the ati-You should need the Word sented? of God and always trust Him. "Gambling is on the increase. Here

'Congress, therefore, will determine town, offering 'lucky number' prizes for the District whether it shall be as inducements to purchase. It is all gambling. I would just as lief buy a State lottery as to accept a ticket should come to a vote, there is little from one of these. It is the same as investing your money in a bucket shop. The young man who goes to

> morally. I would rather be a poor bucket shop or any similar place Young man, you would not have your dear old mother know that you went to the bucket shops, would you? Then vou would not have your mother to know that you took chances of getting a lucky number at a drawing

"Young men should not delight in keeping company with vile and low people. Hs who does no will never Beware of the defiled woout. win man, shunning both bodily disease and loahsomeness of soul and spirit. When the young man does such things the angels hide their faces from him.

Even God's heart melts in pity for him, seeing him going straight to the stocks. If you trust in Him you will

"According to The Little Rock Ga-zette, Arkansas produces 200,000,000 that he alone can win and accomplish Mrs. Hilda Ho shingles annually." Every one of should be permitted to work out his shingles annually." Every one of which could be well employed in pad-ocratic doctrine, by George! and yet Dr. Mott is a Republican. " Not to a Republican." A fundamental Dem-br. Mott is a Republican. " A fundamental Dem-ding the wild man the State has just now sent to the Senate.

doing business in the State, the rate for carrying passengers thereon as prescribed by this act shall be deterpassage of this act, and did not know

charging, demanding or receiving any T. A. SIKES. Hamlef, Feb. 1st, 1908; HARROWING TALE OF THE SEA.

Woermann Liner, Wrecked Off Const of Liberia, Plundered by Piratical Negroes, Who Heeded Not the Sig-

nals of Distress. Hamburg, Feb. 2 .-- A thrilling account of the shipwreck of the Woermann Liner Ascam Woerman, which recently went on the rocks off Grand Bassa, Liberia and became a total wreck, is related by the sailors of the steamer who have arrived here. The night the steamer struck was a dark one and she seemed to be going to pieces rapidly. The crew took to

the boats and immediately thousands of piratical negroes in canoes, who had not replied to the signals of dis-Redeemer, upon his lips and use it tress from the stranded vessel, surprofanely is indeed base. The Lord rounded the steamer, swarmed aboard as commanded us, Thou shalt not and plundered her. When the seaobtain provisions and arms the atilyou may say that it is a hard task to tude of the negroes became so threatquit it. You who use profanity look ening that it was impossible for them down into your heart and ask your- to do so. They feared to lard on self the question, would you cleanse the hostile coast in the darkness and that "if the residents of Washington yourself, if an opportunity were pre- were compelled to stay in the small-When boats throughout the night. morning tame the crew landed and coding section bereof, or of any procamped in the brush for several days,

always fearful of an attack. Meanwhile they watched the negroes going to the ship and peturning and sil laws and clauses of laws in from her laden with booty. Finally condict with this act are hereby rethe vessel disappeared. After this the negroes departed and

the crew, taking to their boats again, rowed for 17 hours and were picked the bucket shop loses all he has. If ap, completely exhausted, he does not lose financially he will ing sceamer off Monrovia, ap, completely exhausted, by a pass-

#### Later Reports of Cyclone.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 2.-Passengers arriving from the line of the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Rallroad to-day, say that the cyclonic disturbances in the vicinity of Lucedale late Friday evening have been exag-gerated. The wind, coming up with a huge black cloud from the southconsiderable did west. property damage in the vicinity of Lucedale, damaging much timber. No official

damaging much timber. No official estimate of the loss of life is ob-tainable, but persistent rumors say that two are dead and six injured.

Five Injured in a Fire.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2.-Five ersons were injured, one probably probab sons were fatally, in a fire which destroyed

three-story apartment house on th western side of the city to-night." Holinguist suffered and internal injuries

mined for said railroad company by the rate prescribed by this act for the rallroad company, which owns, controls or operates the same. Sec. 3. That any railroad company violating any of the provisions of this act, or counselling, ordering or directing any employe, agent or servant to violate any provisions of this act by

rate greater than that fixed by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. less than \$500 and not more than \$5,-000; and any agent, servant or emplove of any railroad company who shall violate this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined or imprisoned, or both,

in the discretion of the court. Sec. 4. That any person or persons except those permitted by law, who accept free transportation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined or imprisoned. or both, in the discretion of the court: and any railroad or its employes agents, giving free transportation of any kind whatsoever, except that permitted by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall he fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000 for each offense.

Sec. 5. That an act entitled "An act rescribing the maximum charges railroads may make for transporting assengers in North Carolina," ratified on the 2d day of March, 1907 be and the same is hereby repealed Sec. 6. That no railroad company. agent, servant or employe of any vallroad company, shall be held liable a any nerson or found guilty of any fonan in any action, civil or criminal, whether hereinfore or hereafter inst! futed or begun, by reason of anything doue or attempted to be done in violation of said act mentioned in the prevision thereof.

Pan. 7. That Section 3618 of the Devisel of 1985 is hereby repealed conflict with this act are hereby re-Balage

for & That this pat shall he h pree from and after April 1st, 1908

Things That Joe King Thinks. Durham Herald.

And it is not all of them that want ohibition to prohibit. But then Mr. Buxton's plan would

have taken it out of politics. You fellows who think you missed on the railroad proposition can come out that much stronger for prohibition

There is no reason why a commun! ty that has prohibition by choice should be interested in a State election on State prohibition unless they want to force it on some community that apparently does not want it.

There were no threats this time to call the roll in the State convention.

In the Newspaper Field. To-day Mr. Minor Sadler Eillott takes a position on the local staff of The Charlotte Chronicle. To-day Mr. J. J. Gunther takes the were field for The Observer as solicitor and collector.

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