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THE SOUTH'S OBLIQUE.

The New York Evening Post is authority for the statement that the "growing disorder" in this section is one among other reasons "why the Italian and Austrian governments are advising their citizens to settle anywhere in America except in the South."

REGULATING THEM TO DEATH.

It would seem that a man of average good sense, having money to invest, would about as lief have anything else as a railroad investment. Here we have the general superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line applying to the corporation commission for permission to discontinue what is known as the show-fly train between Raleigh and Weldon, on the showing that the company is losing \$24.75 a day on it, and the people interested rising up in protest against its discontinuance.

We have a comfortable hope that the Democratic State executive committee, which is to meet at Raleigh to-morrow evening, will decide upon Charlotte as the place for the meeting of the State convention but that assurance can be increased by the exhibition of an active interest on Charlotte's part.

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A VICTORY FOR MOLLYCODDLES

By a vote of 21 to 17 the New York City board of education has rejected the report of a special committee recommending the restoration of corporal punishment in the public schools. This course, doubtless proper enough if girls alone had been in question, relates equally to boys. It appears to have been largely dictated by numerous protests from mollycoddle organizations and individuals against the restoration.

In this connection the views of Dr. G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University and an educational philosopher of international reputation, are highly pertinent. Dr. Clark recently declared in a magazine article that under present conditions boys are losing in manliness, virility, pugnacity and all the qualities which lead men to subdue and possess the earth.

The small majority of the New York education board which voted to spare the rod may be wiser than Solomon, but we don't think so. While city-bred boys are under an immense disadvantage at the best, it is a safe prediction that well-nigh all the New York public school male youngsters who in future amount to anything for good or evil will have made the acquaintance of the disciplinary schools.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of February, according to the records of The New York Journal of Commerce, amounted to \$18,489,700. The figures for the same month of the three years 1906, 1907 and 1908 run strangely near together, those for the two Februaries preceding the last having been \$18,249,350 and \$19,876,000 respectively.

Secretary Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, submits to the cabinet figures which show that in January there was a large decrease in the number of Japanese immigrants arriving in the United States, the total number of arrivals for both the mainland and Hawaii having been 971 as compared with 5,000 for January, 1907.

The press of the country is manifesting considerable interest, as it naturally might be expected to, in the fact, discussed in yesterday's Observer, that Mr. W. R. Hearst, the favorite of the radical elements, without regard to party, has declared his intentions at last. Either he or some one owned by him will make the race on his new national party's ticket. It seems certain that if Mr. Bryan gets himself nominated yet again the Democratic candidate will run third in some very important States.

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THE SCOPE OF PRAYER.

Rev. A. J. Ransom at East Avenue Tabernacle Last Night—Interesting Service. "The Scope of Prayer" was the theme of an interesting and powerful sermon preached yesterday afternoon at the East Avenue Tabernacle by Rev. A. J. Ransom, of Spartanburg, S. C., from the text, found in Mark 11:25-26, which records the parable of the fig tree.

"The parable of the fig tree was spoken and the miracle wrought for the express purpose of teaching the people to have faith in God," said Mr. Ransom. "Any child of God who prays and does not doubt shall have his mountains of difficulty removed and his prayers answered for the Word says, 'Whosoever shall say unto the mountain.'"

The sermon last night was on the subject of God as a Mediator. Attention was first called to the fact there is but one God and but one Mediator. The qualification of Jesus as a middleman between parties at variance was found in the fact that he was a man, a God and a sinless being. Christ doing the work of a Mediator by executing the three-fold office of prophet, priest and king was the last thought developed.

"TIS TRUE 'TIS PITY"

Deputy Collector Albright to Pour Out Three Barrels of Whiskey in Rear of Postoffice This Morning—A Municipal Calamity.

In his keeping three barrels of rum-whiskey which this morning at 10 o'clock he will pour into the gutters in the rear of the postoffice building overlooking Vance Park. This act of Mr. Albright is not of his determination but in keeping with the Federal statutes which require that all contraband spirits not bringing at auction as much as the tax per gallon shall be poured upon the ground. The stuff is of inferior grade which accounts for the fact that no offer of \$1.10 was made for it.

TO ERECT NEW BUILDINGS.

Gulfport Trustees Decide on This—Mr. Hayne Davis to Speak in Greensboro.

Observer Bureau, The Beville Building, Greensboro, March 9. President Hobbs announces that the trustees of Gulfport College have decided to erect at once a library building and an administration and academic building as soon as possible.

Since the recent fire that practically destroyed the college library, many former students and other friends of the college have donated money and books for the new library. Mr. Hayne Davis, of New York, who attended the recent Hague peace conference, will be in Greensboro Thursday and Friday to confer with Mayor Brandt, president of the Greensboro branch of the North Carolina State Peace Society, and the other officers of the local body. A State peace conference will be held at some point in North Carolina in May.

ALABAMA NEGRO MISSING.

Masked Men Take Him to the Woods and After Flogging Him Order Him to Skip Out.

Birmingham, Ala., March 9.—Considerable mystery surrounds the disposition made of a negro named Sam Malone at Athens, Ala., last night. According to the information received here he was taken from the city jail at midnight by 75 masked men, conducted to the woods and severely flogged after which he was ordered to leave the county. He has not been seen since and there is some doubt as to whether he was able to leave after the flogging. The greatest secrecy has been maintained about the affair.

Malone, it is said, made an improper spectacle of himself before two young ladies, who were passing his house during the afternoon.

Charlotte Policeman Goes Adrift in Norfolk.

The following advertisement has been handed in: "Officer Lost. A Charlotte policeman, about 25 years old, was sent to Norfolk, Va., by the chief of police with a soldier boy. The boy piloted him safely to Norfolk. After the prisoner released the officer, the policeman decided he would take a view of the city and was lost. A liberal reward will be paid for his return. Description: 5 feet, 9 inches from the ground, when he is standing up; weight between 200 and 400 pounds, without his shoes on; affects beautiful, curly hair, is a fluent speaker and has a habit of shaking his leg when sitting down, as if he were in charge of a baby; shoes not numbered. Return to city hall if found and Chief Christenbury will pay reward."

Seasonal Dope.

The Charlotte, Winston and Greensboro papers have already begun to dose out dope to the fans. We hope to do the same thing after that meeting in Wilson.

THE FIGHT OVER A ROAD.

People of Durham County Divided Into Factions on the Matter of the Route of a Road—Mrs. Julian S. Carr Very Ill—Other News Notes. Special to The Observer.

Durham, March 9.—Usually the question of building a new macadamized roadway is not of interest outside the local territory in which the work is to be done, or at least throughout that county. But there is now a fight on over the building of a good road from here to Orange county, known as the Rigbee or the upper Chapel Hill road, into which so much hard work and bitterness has been injected to make it of more than local interest.

Some time ago the board decided to build the Rigbee road to the Orange county line, and sent the road supervisor to the Orange line to work this way, and he carried with him sixty or seventy convicts. Since then the work has been pushed very rapidly, and at the last meeting of the board there came in a petition and representation from the West Durham section, asking that the road be diverted from the original route and built by West Durham. It was contended that the cost to make the change would probably be \$250 less than the original route intended. There was much argument over the matter and the opposition to the change began to show ugly teeth. The vote was taken and it stood two to two and it was decided to postpone the matter to an adjourned meeting to be held to-day so that Mr. A. Owens, the absent commissioner, could be present and decide the matter.

Mr. Owens was not present and the more than one hundred men who had gathered in the interest of one side or the other were disappointed in that another meeting will have to be held. But there was a letter from Mr. Owens that made the hearts of the Rigbee people glad. The absent commissioner is now in Washington with a sick wife. Mr. Owens' letter was a strong one. He said that he did not think the other members of the board would take seriously to the proposed change; that the matter had been fully heard and he considered finally decided. But if there is a serious consideration of the matter at all, he wanted to appeal to the usual courtesies of the members of the board to await until such time as he could come back and consider the matter with his presence. This shows that Mr. Owens is against any change to the West Durham route.

Mrs. Julian S. Carr, wife of General Carr, is confined to her room. She has been ill for several days and since yesterday has been quite sick. Mr. Eugene C. Lindsey left to-day with his family for Baltimore and from there will go to Texas to travel out from Fort Worth. He has a position with a large firm as representative. The books for the registration in the two school districts where special elections have been called for increased taxes to insure better schools have closed. In the Frooter school district there is at least a certainty that the district will go for the special taxes. This election will be the 17th. The Bahama school district election will be the 18th. It is said that the vote in this district will be very close.

Prof. C. W. Massey, superintendent of the public schools of the county, is now on his last trip of inspection and round-up in supervision of the school work for the year.

MR. BARNARD'S STATEMENT.

No Lawyer For Complainers Suggested Contempt Proceedings For Lyon—He is to Be Ignored. Asheville, March 9.—Alfred S. Barnard, former mayor of Asheville and one of the attorneys for the Fleischman Company, who has been brought before the South Carolina dispensary commission, was asked to-night concerning the report that some steps would be taken to have Attorney General Lyon, of South Carolina, arrested. His attention was also called to the interview in which Lyon was quoted as referring to attorneys representing the creditors of the State dispensary who have brought suits as "harpies," and in reply said: "No attorney representing the complainants in the South Carolina dispensary cases has ever suggested so far that contempt proceedings should be instituted against Mr. Lyon on account of his remarks concerning Judge Pritchard and his criticism of the judge for appointing receivers."

"The Attorney General seems to be seeking notoriety but it is not probable that any further attention will be paid to him. It is almost inconceivable that any lawyer worthy of being elected to the high office of Attorney General in a State in which the people are wroth for their uniform courtesy and the people of North Carolina should have attempted such aspersions as Mr. Lyon is reported to have cast upon counsel who appear in opposition to him in this litigation. It must be either that the Attorney General has been misquoted or he has permitted his disapproval to get the better of him."

ANNA GOULD COMING HOME.

She Will Sail Wednesday For New York and It is Reported That Prince Helle is Coming Too.

Paris, March 9.—Mme. Anna Gould, accompanied by her children, will sail on the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinz Wilhelm Wednesday from Cherbourg for New York. She expects to remain in America for three months. It is reported that Prince Helle de Sagan has made arrangements to leave for the United States. Recently it was reported that Mme. Gould had been married to Prince Helle de Sagan, but she immediately authorized an absolute denial of this. She also announced her intention of leaving at an early date for the United States with her children. To have her children with her on the trip it was first necessary to obtain the consent of Count Boni de Castellane, her former husband, as required by the decree of divorce.

No More Than Deserved.

"Shades of Calhoun!" exclaims The Union Times, which is incensed because Judge Pritchard "takes this sovereign State by the nape of the neck and proceeds to pull and haul our State officials to the best of his and call of every lowdown whiskey house." Yes, but "Shades of Calhoun," to think of South Carolina engaging in a "lowdown whiskey house" is a disgrace! We are still rasping the fruits.

CONDUCTOR SERIOUSLY INJURED

Run of Ladder on Car Gives Way and He Falls on Gravel Platform—An Interesting Visitor in Concord—Farmers Beginning to Sell Their Cotton. Special to The Observer.

Concord, March 9.—Yard Conductor John Troutman sustained a serious injury at the Southern depot at this place yesterday afternoon while attempting to mount an outgoing freight train. He intended going over to Charlotte to spend the night with his mother, who lives in that city, and was climbing a side ladder to a box car when the top rung gave way, causing him to fall to the hard gravel platform with terrific force. His shoulder was dislocated and his face badly bruised. He is resting quite well to-night, however.

Mr. Mason E. Mitchell, of Panama, is in the city for a few days, having been called here on account of the death of his uncle, the late B. P. Rogers. Mr. Mitchell is one of the most interesting men that has ever visited this city. He was born in Arkansas but his father was a native of this country. He was for a number of years paymaster in the service of the United States navy, but for the past several years he has been associated with the International Banking Company of Panama. He has traveled over the world, even into the "intermost parts."

TREASURER LACY IMPROVING.

He is 35 Pounds Heavier Now and Hopes to Return Home Soon Fully Restored to Health. Houston, Texas, Chronicle.

The State Treasurer of North Carolina, Hon. Benjamin Rice Lacy, is spending a few days in Houston. He arrived yesterday from Solomonsville, Ark., where he spent the past three months as a special vacation tendered him by the State, in order that he might be restored to health and again be able to take up the active duties of the office he holds and continue to render North Carolina the faithful and efficient service he has given during the past ten or twelve years, during which time he has been repeatedly re-elected State Treasurer under the several different Governors.

Mr. Lacy's health is greatly improved, the dry Arizona atmosphere proving a welcome panacea for asthma, from which he has been a sufferer for several years. He is now 35 pounds heavier than when he left his home, and hopes, by ending his vacation with a few days spent in the balmy atmosphere of Houston, with a side trip to Galveston where he will enjoy the gentle Gulf breeze, to add at least five pounds more ere he reaches his home in the Old North State.

At the time of his election, ten years ago, as Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, Mr. Lacy was identified with one of the prosperous savings banks in Raleigh, which he organized and made successful. His opponent, although politically strong, was defeated and Mr. Lacy was elected by a very large plurality. In each election since he has had clear sailing, no rival attempting to break his great hold upon the people of North Carolina. While the various State candidates, from Governor down, are now in the midst of one of the most heated campaigns for nomination, Mr. Lacy has been occupying in the balmy Southwest with no political fences to "build." In fact, his expense account for election the second term amounted to only a few postage stamps. Being a teetotaler, and every citizen of the State knowing it, makes his campaign easier than those candidates who "set 'em up" constantly.

FLOTILLA OFF FOR PANAMA.

Little Vessels Leave Lima For Long Run—Men and Officers Pleased With Peruvian Hospitality.

Lima, Peru, March 9.—After an eight day visit the American torpedo boat flotilla sailed this afternoon for Panama. The little boats got under way about 2 o'clock and with an exchange of salutes, steamed speedily out of the harbor and turned north for their 1,200-knot run. The flotilla arrived here three days ahead of time on account of its extended visit. The Peruvians found ample opportunity to display their hospitality and the American officers and men were highly pleased at the entertainment arranged in their behalf. But notwithstanding the round of entertainments, Lieutenant H. I. Cone, in command of the flotilla, did not neglect to put his boats through a series of manoeuvres for the benefit of his own men and the enjoyment of specially invited guests on several occasions. The destroyers left Callao in better condition, it was said, than when they steamed away from the United States, and not a man will be left behind.

Thomas B. Wanamaker.

Charleston News and Courier. Thomas B. Wanamaker, who died in Paris Monday, lived all of his life in the shadow of his father's reputation, but some features of his own career were far more striking than anything that the elder Wanamaker has ever done. Although the victim of disease and a man of a naturally retiring disposition, he appears to have inherited his father's genius for organization. Ten years ago he purchased The Philadelphia North American, at that time a small and moribund publication, although the oldest daily newspaper in America. Wanamaker at once set about the task of rejuvenating it and making it an active and influential force in politics. The measure of his success is evidenced by the fact that the North American is to-day one of the greatest and most powerful of American journals. We cannot say that we admire it particularly. Its views are not always our views, nor its ways our ways. But that it is vigorous and courageous must be admitted by all, and that it has pursued a course that was nearly always high and often daring in seeking to revivify the political life of Pennsylvania is also true.

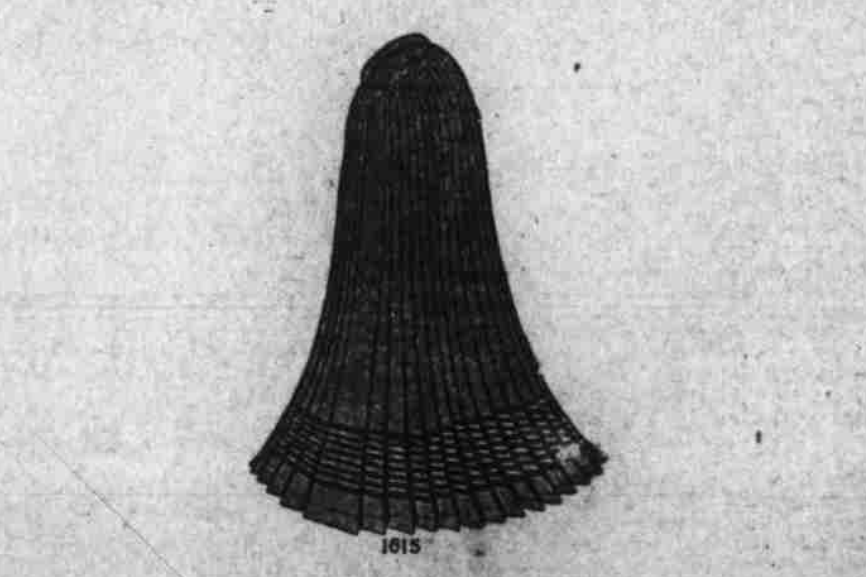
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WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS



Manufacturers have this season put forth their greatest efforts in producing the most beautiful garments for women, and our buyers, after most careful investigation, placed large orders for the newest styles and fabrics shown. Many of these were for single garments of a style or material, thus giving an exclusive Suit, which is so much desired. Tuesday morning many new Suits will be shown, ranging from the inexpensive Business Suit to the more elaborate Voile or Silk for Dress.

Don't fail to see on Tuesday our beautiful Net Waists at... \$2.50 to \$5.00



Strong values in Voile, Taffeta, Chiffon Panama and Fancy Skirts will be on sale Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Lot No. 1, at... \$ 5.00 Lot No. 2, at... \$ 8.50 Lot No. 3, at... \$10.00

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