

GOOD TIMES ARE COMING

EVIDENCES OF PROSPERITY

An Observer Man Looks About the City and Notes Signs of Reviving Trade.—The Festival is at Hand—The Railroads, Cotton Mills and Mercantile Concerns Get Busy Filling Orders—Increasing Demand for Manufactured Goods—An Exciting Evening—Men, Women and Children Smile, Rejoice and Pass on—Time for Extensions and Expansion.

Prosperity is coming, stealthily, like a thief in the night, and will soon spread all over this great Southern land. Unlike the bulls of Bashan and the prohibitionists it comes not belching and blowing but quietly, and doggedly. The misers, the money hoarders, and the timid plutocrats are opening up their banks, their coffers and their old socks, and letting out their piled-up gold, silver and copper. The muck raker has slunk away, and goes hungry, and snarling around the dark corners and through the damp subways. Everybody is smiling, in his heart and filthy jugs in his hands. The uneasy laborer, who for twelve months has felt that any day his employer might shut up shop and let his machinery go idle, and cut off his means of existence, feels stronger, and surer, and his wife and children are happier and hopeful. The man who put his savings in a little home at an advanced price, when real estate was mounting higher and higher and money easy to get, sees smooth sailing ahead. His head is above water, and the horizon is brightening. The widowed mother who bargained for a lot on which to erect a house, when times were good, is full of cheer. The suspense is over and every man and woman of sense and foresight sees a better day for this community and section. Ten more years of such growth as Charlotte experienced from 1896 to 1904 will make it one of the most delightful cities in the land. Manufacturers, merchants, professional men, wage earners, fakirs, and all will prosper. New hotels, new opera houses, new office buildings, and new boundary lines will be demanded. Cotton fields will be turned into city lots, and real estate dealers will become bloated bondholders. A season of plenty and expansion is on the way.

NOT ALL DUE TO TAFT.

All of this promise is not due to the election of one William Howard Taft President of the United States, but confidence has been restored and money will circulate. The American people are proud, self-confident, and daring. They have spoken at the ballot box and now turn to the more pleasant and alluring game of money-making. Had Mr. Bryan been elected they would have been just as well satisfied with their efforts, and felt just as certain of a glorious destiny. Everybody—man, woman and child—is talking better times. Word to the effect that the panic is no more has been put out, and money-hoarders believe it. After confidence comes money—all sorts of money—and, then, prosperity.

An Observer man called on scores of people yesterday, and asked concerning evidences of good times, and he was told to view the promised land. Cotton mill managers, machinery manufacturers and sellers, railroad agents, farmers, wholesale and retail merchants, spoke in one voice, saying: "We feel it in the air." It is in the air—everywhere. North, East, West and South. Local business men who had just returned from New York, the great financial center of the country, declared that they had never heard more optimistic talk. They said the business sections were as active as crowded bees.

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BONDS PILE ON BIGGOOD.

Negro at Whose Home Much "Plunder" Was Found Tried on Larceny Charge and Case Sent Up.

John Biggood, the negro in whose room a large quantity of clothing was found Friday night, was yesterday placed under additional bond of \$200 by the recorder. The specific charge preferred this time is the theft of a pair of trousers on the 15th of September from C. W. Brady.

The negro, through his attorney, put up a vigorous fight and a number of lively clashes between court and lawyer kept the cultured congregation of spectators from lapsing into sleep. It was about the head of the witness for the prosecution that the controversy waxed warmest—the bone of contention being the old story which has lived real every recorder's court since the office was created—whether or not the police judge may ask witnesses questions which opposing counsel think a jury would not be permitted to hear.

"Is there anything else against the prisoner?" Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick asked.

"Yes," spoke up Mr. Thomas M. Christenbury, chief of the cohorts of blue-coats that defend the city against invasion. "His license as a restaurant keeper has been revoked."

"Who did that?"

"I did," replied the recorder's left hand man. "I ordered it done."

"You had no authority on earth to do a thing like that," replied the lawyer. "That right belongs exclusively to the board of aldermen."

"Well, I have done it, anyway," replied Mr. Christenbury. "Can the board of aldermen go down to the place and investigate and see whether or not it should be revoked?"

FOR THE WHITNEY COMPANY.

Effort Being Made to Rehabilitate Company to Carry on Work Near Salisbury.

The following Pittsburgh dispatch to The New York Commercial, which appeared on Monday's issue, will be read with interest throughout North Carolina.

Both New York and Pittsburgh financiers will be represented at a meeting of bondholders to be held in the Colonial Trust Company's offices here to-morrow for the purpose of rehabilitating the Whitney Company by the raising of \$2,000,000 to be used in finishing the work on a water electric power plant on the Yadin river in North Carolina.

"The Whitney Company is a concern started by George I. Whitney of the recent firm of Whitney & Stephenson, which has been in the hands of receivers for some time. About \$5,000,000 already has been expended which will be lost unless \$2,000,000 more can be raised. A. O. Brown & Co., of New York, represented most of the Eastern bondholders and put forth litigation which blocks plans for reorganization by Pittsburgh holders of bonds in the Whitney Company. Both sides will be represented to-morrow and it is thought an agreement to finish the work will be reached."

BOTH NEGROES CONVICTED.

Rutherford Jury Finds One Guilty of Murder in Second Degree and Other of Manslaughter.

Rutherford, Nov. 17.—The trial of George Lewis and Jim Logan, both colored, for the murder of West Pinger, also colored, came to a close this morning, when the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree against Lewis and manslaughter against Logan. The jury was given the case late yesterday afternoon, but did not return its verdict until about 10 o'clock this morning, when Judge Justice sentenced Lewis to a term of fifteen years in the State prison and Logan seven.

There was one other murder case on the docket for trial, that of young Padgett, for the murder of his father, near Henrietta, some two months ago; but this was continued until the January term. The young man is out on bond.

Judge Justice will leave on to-morrow morning's early train for Shelby, where he will preside over the civil term of Cleveland Superior Court this week. He was to have begun court there yesterday morning, but being in the midst of the murder trial here could not leave and the court in Cleveland was continued until the disposition of the case here.

WATCHED FIFTEN YEARS.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. P. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine, 25, at W. L. Hand & Co.'s drug store.

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 No. 22. Bacon & Raven... 25
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ALL SORTS OF EVIDENCE.

The first reporter met, after he started on his rounds, was Mr. J. P. Carr, who conducts an extensive draying business. "What about business?" was asked. "Is it improving?"

"Yes, sir. In my work of delivering goods I can tell you sells goods and who does not. Within the last twenty days car loads of all sorts of merchandise has been coming here. The merchants are busy early and late. I am having more boxes of goods than at any previous time in a long while."

"How are the brick plants of the community doing?" a brick yard man was asked.

"Our business has been picking up since the last of July. November of 1908 compares favorably with the same month in 1906. For the first time in months we are getting inquiries from railroads."

"You can say too, that lumber is in more demand than it has been at any time for a year. The big piles of lumber left in some yards when the panic came are rapidly disappearing and soon the saw mills will be humming again."

DEMAND IS GOOD.

The cotton manufacturer is the happiest man in the city. He has been in close quarters for months. His goods have remained in the warehouse. In order to keep his operations he has run his plant at a loss. There was no demand for his product.

"What about the cotton mill business?" a well-known manufacturer was asked.

"Everything looks better," was the reply. "There is a demand for our goods. We can get a better price now than we have been able to do before within ten months. Three months ago we could not get rid of anything. The growing demand for mill products is the best evidence of changed conditions. The price is still low, but the demand is there."

"If the manufacturer will go slow and not overwhelm the market we will soon be all right. If the market is crowded with goods it will become frightened. If when he asks for 100 pieces he gets 1,000 he grows timid. We must nurse the business back to a healthy condition."

"White goods, prints" said a visitation cotton factory owner, "are selling well. There is real demand for stuff, and our goods are moving well."

REV. R. E. HOUGH PASTOR.

Accepts Offer From Chalmers Memorial A. R. P. Church in Dilworth.

Rev. R. E. Hough has consented to take charge of the pastoral work of Chalmers Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, which was tentatively organized Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in Dilworth. This will be good news to those who propose to attend the services at the new church.

In its meeting yesterday in adjourned session the First Presbyterian of the R. F. Church accepted, after some discussion, the report of this organization, which was presented by Rev. Dr. R. G. Miller. Some questions were raised as to the regularity of the proceedings, some of the members who were asked to serve as officers being then members of other churches and practically all those who joined as members being at that time members of other churches.

It was pointed out, however, that while these things were not according to the rules of the Church strictly interpreted, yet they offered the best solution of the situation which presented itself.

REV. W. A. McAULEY ORDAINED.

Rev. W. A. McAuley was regularly ordained a minister of the gospel by the First Presbyterian of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. Mr. McAuley has already done considerable ministerial work in this section. He goes to Tampa, Fla., soon to take a position there.

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THE MACHINERY BUSINESS.

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"The freight business picking up," said the newspaper man of a railroad agent.

"Yes. There are no idle cars about here now." This means a great deal. Two years ago the Southern Railway had a car famine. Fifteen months later empty cars were to be seen in every station yard. Recently, when the demands became weak, the loading cars were pressed.

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