

LOOKING TO SELF-SUPPORT.

Officers of New Charter. Have in mind means by which the revenue of the city can be so increased as to make some departments self-sustaining, and at the same time to light upon the tax-payers two instances at hand.

While the decisive issue in regard to the revised charter now pending is whether to have a straight or qualified commission, there are other changes being agitated which are really of great interest and importance. One of these is the marked change in contemplation in regard to increasing the revenue of the city with a view to making some departments practically self-sustaining.

Having behind them the records of past administrations which were confronted with the proposition of having an annual floating indebtedness of so small consequence, the present officials are agitating decided alterations in the matter of taxation in order to make the income of the municipality co-ordinate with the necessary operating expenses.

With this end in view, the taxing of citizens to support the health department is being widely agitated and is thought a matter of absolute fairness and sense by present holders of the reins of government. It is being argued that it is not a business proposition to operate a health department for the city at an annual cost of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the benefit of the health of the individual citizens, while no special income is derived from them for such a service.

It is not expected that the health department altogether self-sustaining. There is always a more or less amount of charitable work to be done in connection with its operation, but the work of cleaning up the premises of firms and individuals is weekly and daily in some instances is believed to be a burden from which the city ought to get some relief.

"A small tax or payment from individuals and corporations," said a member of the board of aldermen yesterday, and he spoke the sentiment of others, "for this detail work in connection with the operation of the health department is absolutely the only way to increase the efficiency of this important service or to run it in the future to any degree of success. The city hasn't got the money, about \$25,000 a year, to clean up the premises of people, while they really ought to do the work themselves. If they are not going to do it, they certainly ought to pay the city for doing it. This is one of the most expensive departments of the city and I am of the opinion that the new charter should stipulate some plan by which the citizens would be made to pay for it as they would pay for any other personal work done for them by another.

"By the payment of a small rental fee for sewer connections by all the citizens, this department, which is another of prime importance, could be put on a basis of self-support. The city stands in dire need of a sewer extension, but there is no money in the treasury with which to do the work. It would require only a short while for the operation of a remunerative law to secure funds sufficient to carry the sewer lines all over the city, and the citizens really would not be unduly burdened with taxes. More sewer lines means more water and this means more money for the city, a thing that is needed above all things else for the improvement and continued progress of Greater Charlotte."

These are two of the subsidiary laws which are being thought of as worthy to become a part of the new charter. And there are still others looking to a betterment of the financial situation of the city with which, to their uniform regret, the members of the present administration and others of the past, have become well acquainted.

CONVICTS FARED WELL.

People of Derita and Mallard Creek remember Owen's Camp and had an Elaborate Spread.

It is not too late to chronicle the fact that one of the most sumptuous feasts ever celebrated in this section was given to Owen's camp, on the Derita road Thursday. The good people of Derita and Mallard Creek sections brought forth the best of fare in unlimited quantities, giving the leaders of cheerless lives the most delicious repast many of them ever enjoyed.

Turkey, goose meat, duck and rabbit occupied prominent places on the menu, or would have, if there had been one. The county commissioners granted all the convicts a holiday Thursday and considerable liberty allowed. They spent the hours wrestling, picking banjos and dancing and singing. It was altogether such a day as to make them wish that Thanksgiving Day came oftener than once a twelve-month.

And let not the fact be forgotten that among the refreshments served between dances was a barrel of locust and "limon" beer, good enough to make The Charlotte Chronicle and The Statesville Landmark sigh.

Seventeen New Members.

Under most encouraging prospects the congregation of the new Dilworth A. R. P. church has started its life. Organized two weeks ago with a mere handful of members, it is expected that seventeen former adherents, but members of no other congregation of the same faith, will become identified with that church at the service today.

Rev. R. E. Hough, who has charge of the work, is a bustling young minister of influence and attractiveness and his friends predict the building of a strong church under his administration and that of the faithful few who started the organization. Rev. M. P. Cain preaches to this congregation to-day.

One-Block Almost Ready For Use.

The Farmers' Union warehouse, within the Mecklenburg division is building at the corner of Sixteenth street and the railroad, is rapidly nearing completion. The building, with sprinkler attachments and other improvements, will cost about \$12,000. It is expected that the building will be ready for service by the first of the month. As a result of the latest improvements, a rate of 10 cents per bale has been secured from the insurance companies.

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A THANKSGIVING INVENTORY.

Great Things Along the Line of Industrial Progress Which the South Has Done and is About to Do.

An inventory of accomplished facts of Southern progress since 1880, when it was enabled to resume its normal career, and of its material resources still to be thoroughly developed, makes it impossible for the South's Thanksgiving celebration to be condensed into the one day set apart by the civil authorities. Things that have been done are broadly suggested in the following figures of increases on various lines in the past twenty-eight years:

Population, from 16,369,960 to 26,834,705, or by 10,464,745, equal to 63.9 per cent.
True value of property, from \$7,505,000,000 to \$12,573,684,216, or by \$5,068,684,216, equal to 67 per cent.
Capital in manufactures, from \$257,244,664 to \$1,100,000,000, or by \$842,755,336, equal to 326 per cent.
Products of manufactures, from \$427,497,177 to \$1,490,000,000, or by \$1,062,502,823, equal to 248 per cent.

Capital in cotton mills, from \$21,000,000 to \$266,000,000, or by \$245,000,000, equal to 1169 per cent.
Active spindles in cotton mills, from 667,754 to 10,443,781, or by 9,776,027 equal to 1454 per cent.
Active looms in cotton mills, from 14,323 to 222,539, or by 208,216, equal to 1453 per cent.

Cotton used, from 108,694,889 pounds to 1,633,518,849 pounds, or by 1,524,823,960 pounds, equal to 1375 per cent.
Capital in cotton-oil mills, from \$3,800,000 to \$90,000,000, or by \$86,200,000, equal to 2248 per cent.
Cotton produced, from \$97,801 tons to \$445,221 tons, or by \$347,420 tons, equal to 352 per cent.

Coke made, from 372,436 tons to 2,894,471 tons, or by 2,522,035 tons, equal to 677 per cent.
Value of lumber products, from \$29,000,000 to \$335,000,000, or by \$306,000,000, equal to 1055 per cent.

Lumber cut, from 3,410,294,000 feet to 19,303,983,000 feet, or by 15,893,689,000 feet, equal to 466 per cent.
Value of farm products, from \$640,000,000 to \$2,235,000,000, or by \$1,595,000,000, equal to 249 per cent.

Bales of cotton raised, from 5,733,934 to 10,582,966, or by 4,849,032 bales, equal to 85 per cent.
Value of the cotton crop, not including seed, from \$312,303,000 to \$614,034,000, or by \$301,731,000, equal to 97 per cent.

Corn, wheat and oats raised, from 577,338,440 bushels to 818,318,000 bushels, or by 240,979,560 bushels, equal to 41 per cent.
Value of mineral products, from \$13,117,830 to \$25,513,347, or by \$12,395,517, equal to 187 per cent.

Coal mined, from 6,037,003 tons to 9,429,835 tons, or by 3,392,832 tons, equal to 56 per cent.
Iron ore mined, from 442,454 tons to 2,167,837 tons, or by 1,725,383 tons, equal to 390 per cent.

Petroleum produced, from 179,000 barrels to 2,739,057 barrels, or by 2,560,057 barrels, equal to 15113 per cent.
Phosphate mined, from 190,763 tons to 2,153,194 tons, or by 1,962,431 tons, equal to 1031 per cent.

Railroad length, from 20,612 miles to 67,181 miles, or by 46,569 miles, equal to 225 per cent.
Exports from Southern ports, from \$264,905,753 to \$948,098,715, or by \$683,192,962, equal to 258 per cent.

Aggregate resources of national banks, from \$171,464,172 to \$1,100,117,838, or by \$928,653,666, equal to 541 per cent.
Capital of national banks, from \$43,620 to \$162,558,220, or by \$118,938,200, equal to 274 per cent.

Individual deposits in national banks, from \$64,733,249 to \$521,271,537, or by \$456,538,288, equal to 702 per cent.
Deposits in State banks, savings banks, private banks and loan and trust companies, from \$82,444,576 to \$624,752,437, or by \$542,307,861, equal to 657 per cent.

Expenditures for common schools, from \$9,796,040 to \$37,687,415, or by \$27,891,375, equal to 283 per cent.
Total record of achievement is as nothing compared to what the South has yet to do in realizing fully its vast potentialities. To begin with, its area of 506,847 square miles is for the most part scarcely populated, when one considers the more than 100 persons to the square mile supported in New England, or the 93 persons to the square mile in such a State as Illinois. When the density of population in the whole South shall be equal to that of Illinois there will be 75,000,000 inhabitants of the South, nearly the population of the whole country in 1906. That there is room for such a population and a support for it is obvious in the fact that of the 616,446,980 acres of land in the South, but 337,951,734 acres, or 55 per cent. of the whole, are in farm land, and of the farm land but 116,779,896 acres, or 34 per cent., are improved.

President Lee Still at Work.

Mr. W. T. Corwith, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, received yesterday the following telegram from President W. S. Lee, dated at Great Falls, S. C.:

"Just arrived from New York. Immediately secured one new member, but I can't keep up with the membership campaign. Will arrive in Charlotte to-night. Expect to find great results in new members."

Mr. Lee secured a number of members in New York City the other day and when last heard from was contemplating the establishment of a branch club in that city.

Refreshments at the Bazaar.

Mention has not been previously made of the fact that the oyster booth of the lunch department of the great Red Letter Day Bazaar will be under the general charge of Mrs. E. W. Thompson, whose surpassing skill guarantees that this feature of the affair will be all that could be desired. She will have the assistance of Mrs. J. H. Weddington.

Routine of the Peace-Preservers. On Hall, colored, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging gambling. The offense alleged is of not recent date. Will McCall, white, was arrested, being intoxicated. J. W. Ramsey was made a prisoner on the charge of beating his board bill.

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A LAD LOSES HIS EYE.

Young son of Mr. Alf Porter, of Steele Creek, suffers the loss of an eye from accident.

By an accident from the slipping of a sling-shot, Alfred Porter, Jr., son of Mr. Alfred Porter, of Steele Creek, has suffered the loss of one of his eyes. It having been received yesterday by Charlotte-physicians. The unfortunate accident occurred Friday afternoon when little Alfred with another boy was playing with a sling-shot. Calling on his companion to watch him do a stunt, Alfred placed the wooden prong of the contrivance under his foot and pulled the rubber. His foot slipped and the small rock which the sling contained hurtled itself against his eye, which necessitated the removal of the organ yesterday. Alfred is a particularly bright and attractive lad and many friends sympathize with him in the sad affliction which he suffers.

Rev. Dr. Detwiler to Preach To-Day. Charlotte Methodists will be interested in the services to be held at Dr. G. H. Detwiler, the new pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, by special invitation, will occupy the pulpit of that church to-day, returning then to Greensboro, where he is at present stationed. Dr. Detwiler was formerly the popular pastor of Trinity Methodist church and is considered one of the State's first preachers. Rev. H. K. Boyer and family will occupy the district parsonage after the last of the week, when Rev. and Mrs. Frank Miller move to Atlanta. Dr. Detwiler will then bring his family here to the Tryon Street parsonage.

Will Institute New Council Next Month. Not satisfied with the work already done in Charlotte the Junior Order United American Mechanics will institute a four district here next month. The new council's headquarters will be centrally located, near the square. The Junior Order is a patriotic order, with principles that, if adhered to, will make for the permanent advancement of the State and nation. It is the largest secret order in North Carolina, having a membership of some twenty thousand. Prof. Charles E. Barner, of Wake Forest, is State councilor.

Mr. Walsh Draws and Poetizes. A postal card of pretty design has been issued by Mr. Clyde Walsh, of this city and an attractive window display many of them in the Stone & Barringer store. It is also at C. H. Robinson & Co.'s and Woodall & Sheppard's. The picture is that of a cotton boll in full bloom. Snely and executed in four colors. It is a distinct credit to the youthful artist. The card contains the following blank verse:

Dixie-land, Oh, Dixie-land,
State of poet, theme of pen,
Oh, cherish thy white fields,
Blossoming forth with cotton-bolls.
Mr. Walsh is the author of the poetry also.

Mr. Ross Honored. Mr. John P. Ross received notice yesterday from Washington that he had been honored with the position of local representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. Mr. Ross has served as district representative for some time, and has made a worthy official. This promotion is a matter of gratification on the part of his numerous friends in the service.

In the Realm of King Cotton. Cotton receipts yesterday amounted to 290 bales, bringing on the market an average of 8.10 cents a pound. On the corresponding day of last year the receipts were 240 bales at 11 cents. Figures compiled at the platform show an increase of about 1,200 bales in the receipts this season over those of last, thus far there being 9,000-odd this year and over 10,000 last year.

Quail hunters the county over are rolling up their fowling pieces in anticipation of the legal letting down of the bars Tuesday, in Mecklenburg, until January 10th.

Indigestion—whether occasional or chronic—is subject to instant relief. Let Kodol digest the food. One must stop that irritation, else the stomach can never recover.

Special Christmas Offerings

- No. 1. Steiff Up, beautifully figured mahogany...\$375
- No. 2. Steiff Up, dark mahogany...350
- No. 3. Shaw Up, beautifully figured mahogany...325
- No. 4. Shaw Up, dark mahogany...300
- No. 5. Kohler Up, beautifully figured mahogany...275
- No. 6. Kohler Up, dark mahogany...250
- No. 7. Foster, art finish mahogany...250
- No. 8. Lester, mahogany...250
- SLIGHTLY USED PIANOS.
- No. 9. Steiff Up, dark mahogany...325
- No. 10. Shaw Up, dark mahogany...275
- No. 11. Ivers & Pond, figured mahogany...275
- No. 12. Kohler Up, figured mahogany...235
- No. 13. Kohler Up, dark mahogany...200
- No. 14. Kohler Up, dark mahogany...175
- SECOND HAND PIANOS.
- No. 15. Steiff, in elegant condition, fine tone...275
- No. 16. Marshall & Wendall, figured mahogany...200
- No. 17. Everett, forest green...150
- No. 18. Everett, oak...150
- SQUARES.
- No. 19. Masashek, most excellent piano...125
- No. 20. Groveteen & Fuller, excellent condition...85
- No. 21. Groveteen & Fuller...75
- No. 22. Bacon & Raven...35
- 25 Organs ranging in price from \$25 to \$75. These organs are in perfect condition; can't be sold from now.

Hawley's Pharmacy

TRYON AND FIFTH STS. Phone 13 and 266. Academy Advance Sale.

CORSET PARLOR TO BE OPENED

On December 1st I will open a Corset Parlor at 315 N. Tryon street, where I will continue the agencies of Redfern and La Marguerite Corsets as introduced by Mrs. Ramsey, of the Marguerite Shop.

MRS. NELLIE REEVES.

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Specifications for appraising and free sample sent on request.

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Luzianne Coffee

To Fix North Tryon Subway. The finance committee of the board of aldermen has appropriated \$1,500 for the purpose of improving the condition of the macadam road under the Seaboard bridge on North Tryon street. This is not as much as the board of public service wanted for this improvement, but was as much as the finance committee thought it could spare at the present. It is not known what sort of improvement will be made. The condition of this particular spot is exceedingly bad and considerable drainage work is necessary to be done before the road can be materially bettered.

The Long and Short of It. E. F. Curlee was fined \$10 yesterday morning by the recorder, by way of deterring him from future offenses in the direction of intemperate indulgence in the cup that intoxicates. Rachael Cunningham colored, was required to give \$100 bond for her appearance at Superior Court on the charge of retailing. The State's witness was Frances Mills, who complained that the defendant had sold her three pints, although it was not in evidence that the liquid was forced down the throat of the complainant against the witness's will.

Boys' Night School to Open. The employed boys of the city are invited to attend the reception in the boys' club rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, at which time the boys' night school will open. All working boys of the city who are particularly interested in taking up some of the branches of the educational work of the association are urged to be present to-morrow night, when full particulars will be made public regarding the school.

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