

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

COMRADES: A Story of Social Adventure in California. By Thomas Dixon, Jr. Illustrated by C. D. Williams, New York. Doubleday, Page & Co. (Stone & Barringer Co., \$1.50).

"Tom" Dixon's work is of interest to the whole country-full of novel readers, on account of its possessing a certain virility of thought and style, and a certain boldness of treatment, which although verging at times on the broad, at least never leaves the reader in doubt as to the message intended to be conveyed.

Dixon is essentially a preacher first, a novelist afterwards. He himself explains his withdrawal from the ministry on the ground that he saw a wider field of usefulness in a literary career.

"Comrades" evidences that his active mind has reached out to a new direction and come in contact with a set of forces, widely different from those he has hitherto touched, but not one whit less interesting or important.

"Comrades" is very much less of a story than its predecessors. The "Ku Klux" novels and "The One Woman" were dramatic presentations which held one's interest from cover to cover.

There is an ancient fable about the cloud on the horizon, no larger than a man's hand when first observed, which quickly covered the heavens and put in jeopardy the world.

In this volume, of nearly three hundred pages, by the way, Dr. Flack has striven as becomes the historian. "The purpose of this study," he says in the preface, "is to pass historical judgment as to the purpose and objects of the amendment, the powers intended to be granted to the Federal government as well as those to be prohibited the States, and not to pass political judgment."

Dr. Flack does not go to the source of the amendment, but rather to the objects of the amendment, and the extent to which the courts have recognized them; the latter, because, as he has pointed out, some never told before, yet told now on good authority, are well and impartially given.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7th, 1909. Site Selected For Washington's Public Building. Special to The Observer.

SOUTHERN PINES ITEMS.

Some of the Unusual Attractions Offered Northern Strangers. New Stock Law in Effect. The Great Benefit-Entertainment For Roads Continues.

Special to The Observer. Southern Pines, Jan. 28.—Peach trees in blossom at the gardens at Southern Pines are among the attractions the sand-hill have set for the Northern stranger.

The act of the present session of the Legislature allowing McNeill's township to issue bonds to improve the roads, indicates a continued enthusiasm in road work in the vicinity of Southern Pines.

One of the best factors in road improvement in this section is James Boyd, the Pennsylvania man, whose road work has been a model for the most capable from holding office.

Entertainment at Waynesville For Benefit of Library. Special to The Observer.

Popular Oxford Physician Able to Ride Out. Special to The Observer.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

DR. W. O. NISBET. Announces removal of offices to Rooms 612 and 613 Realty Bldg.

F. L. BONFOY ARCHITECT. Supervision of Construction. 311 N. Tryon St., Room 4.

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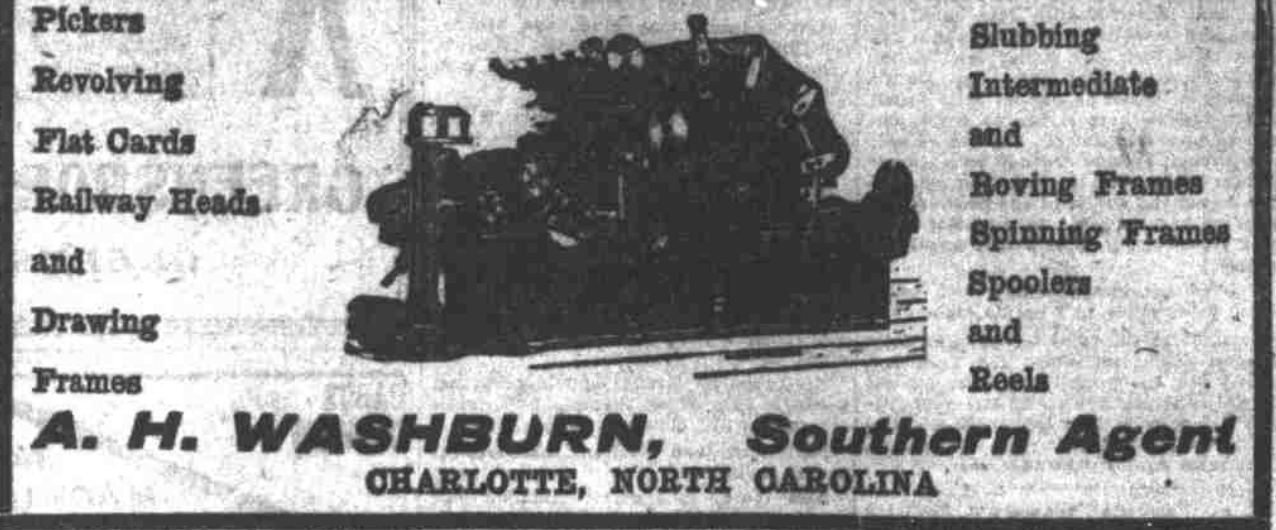
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Pay the Freight on Silver Dollars. Washington Herald. "Unless the government resumes the preparation of express charges upon silver dollars," said Frank J. Hare, who is interested in the banking business in Kansas City.

Popular Oxford Physician Able to Ride Out. Special to The Observer. Oxford, Jan. 26.—Dr. S. D. Booth, who has been seriously ill, is considerably improved, and is now able to meet his friends, who gladly welcome him to each day.

"I have been subject to Rheumatism and Indigestion for a number of years and tried one doctor's treatment after another for stomach trouble until I was firmly convinced that doctors' medicine could not reach my case. It did not even relieve me. Whenever I would eat solid food my stomach could not retain it, and I was constantly having vomiting spells after eating. My system became weakened down and nervous. I was at the time county treasurer, and I became so nervous and my hand became so shaky from it that I could scarcely do the necessary writing. Finding I must change my treatment, I determined to try Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. I bought three bottles of the Remedy and by the time I took them I knew it was better. Then I continued and took it regularly over a year. Those vomiting spells would return for some time, but I stuck to the Remedy. Before I started on the Remedy I was subject to severe attacks of Rheumatism and my legs hardly turn in bed. I think first and last I have taken a hundred bottles of the Remedy. It has made a perfect cure of my Indigestion and Rheumatism. It is the finest medicine I have ever found for breaking up colds. I have recommended it to my tenants and to my friends everywhere. It is a remedy that never disappoints, and I cannot say too much in its praise. I would not take thousands of dollars for what it did for me."

BERRY A. PARKS. Aaron, N. C., May 11, 1907.

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