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GLAD-HANDED CHARLOTTE.

ed by some remarks proceeding from gers?" a business enterprise. Compared with | tion. pleasant to him, but it was a lesson crops. to him. A large number of people terms welcomed him to Charlotte, gathered their corn crops These were about equally divided between men and women, It showed the PREVENTABLE MONEY DRAINS. lotte." The Spartanburg Herald lets tion pass unquestioned, but warns him in Spartanburg

Alderman Liles is right. In Char lotte people have a way of thrusting out the glad hand which does every stranger's heart good. Charlotte is not among those towns which enter-tain a grouch against the whole earth outside their borders. It is optimistic, open-hearted, good-natured, sunny-tempered, hospitable, friendly. Prospering beyond measure and with hardly see why any one should not be more than content with life. We suggest that Spartanburghers visit Charlotte frequently, or, better still, come here in a body and take up their permanent residence.

JUDGE BENNETT ON THE FAR-MER.

Judge R. T. Bennett, whose conand burdens the arm of the laborer ed rapidity. as he pushes it into the dark hole of the future." Every farmer who plants dustries is exorbitantly put."

If Judge Bennett realized what of the papers.

In announcing the completion of its some distance. third year The Wadesboro Ansonian says: "The paper has not pleased everybody, and since we have succeeded without trying to please anybody the resistless temptation is to go ance to no person or organization.' There is the true ring of the independent newspaper, and if The Ansonian stands by its declared purpose it will succeed beyond its editor's expectations when he launched it as an exers that he has entered upon the fourth year of his work "with higher appirations and a clearer conception of the country newspaper's true misnion in the world." May his aspirations be realised and his success reach

beyond his expectations. The Atlanta Journal says that 'road

dred tributes such as all his money, purchased for him.

FARMING UNDER DIFFICULTIES. The Gaffney, & C., Ledger tells this about the difficulties of farming in the mountain section:

'Those who live in this favored piedmont section do not realize the riches of indictment on the charge of cruelty to animals unless the dog had been outlawed by a magistrate in the manner to see the efforts put forth by the provided by law. The Henderson mountaineers to cultivate the soil. some of them manage to do mighty well. There is no telling what they could do if they had land a horse or mule could stand up on. You will understand this stand up on. You will understand this reference better when we tell you that the hills are so steep that the plow has to be drawn by a steer. No other draft animal can stand up on the mountain

These conditions are not near so adverse to farming as those of another described by Senator Vance to an au-Senator told the story, it was at the a commission as Senator from the

invited to deliver an address at a farand to hear him talk.

Senator an opening Looking up at of boats. the sky he said: "Yes, it is splendid The impression which Charlotte had been listening intently, asked: "What doing, mister-killin' nig-Alderman Liles, of Spartanburg, af- most as startling to his audience as necessary to the protection of the farter recently dropping in to establish was the suggestion made by the ques-Charlotte, says Alderman Liles, Spar- corn. The farms on the mountain tanburg is a cold and clammy sides are so steep the farmers have the country than it does about the As summarized by The Spar- to stand in the valleys and, with shottanburg Journal in the course of some guns loaded with corn, shoot it into appropriate comment: "He had an ex- the sides of the mountains. That's farmers be kept from engaging in this perience there, which was not only the only way they can plant their

"And" said the Senator, "every came to his place of business and mother's son of them believed it," but finds it. The Legislature and not he looking him up introduced themselves to his relief, no one thought to ask is to blame. and in the warmest and heartlest him how those mountain farmers

Noting the fact of a new home life insurance company with a million the truth of Alderman Liles' observa- dollars' capital. The Macon Telegraph remarks upon the millions which go that after this he can hardly hope for away from Georgia every year for much further preferment politically life insurance and observes further:

"We have here now a home life insurance company and a home fire insurance company, both of which ought to receive the cordial and enthusiastic support of Maconians and Georgians. Now, the next greatest need, to further stop the outof money is an automobile done if our own people will support

Georgia. Charlotte has two well- follows up the action of Congress with managed local fire insurance com- executive orders undoing this class of We are acquainted with one North ference in temperament and ideas on Carolina automobile factory. Char-140 automobiles and adds to the num- sued in reference to these commis ber continually, should have an automobile factory, and a really goodsized one at that. A much more imtributions to the columns of his portant advantage than even this town's papers always attract atten- large local market would be the city's tion because of the hard horse sense position as a manufacturing and disthey contain as well as the unique tributing centre. If a good proporexpressions with which they are in- tion of insurance money and autoterspersed, has an article in the cur- mobile money were kept at home and rent issue of The Wadesboro Anso- the West were no longer paid some nien on the condition of the crop. two hundred millions each year for In speaking of the recent heavy rains corn and other crops equally well he says: "Meantime Jupiter Pluvius raised here, the South would find ithurries forward the immature grass self getting rich with greatly increas-

SINGULAR RAILWAY ACCIDENT. The other day two middle coaches success or failure, realizes the apt- of a passenger train on the Lehigh is quite another thing. If there are ness of this expression. Again, in Valley Railroad left the rails while speaking of the arduous life of the the train was running at high speed. farmer Judge Bennett says: "Small The coaches ran on the crosstles for ing the last three periods from one grain is to cut the next two weeks nearly a mile and then jumped back and the hard fortune of those who to the rails. As wonderful as was work the chopping block of all in- this performance equally as remark- to tell what the party will be three train crew knew any of the cars had great pleasure his writings give to left the rails until they had gotten the reading public he would not be back in proper position. The joint so timid about appearing in public caused by the cars' return to the rails ter "would say for the encouragement print and would more frequently caused the conductor to stop the train share his thoughts and his musings in order to see what was the matter. with his friends through the columns Investigation then made showed that some of the cars, then on the rails, had been running on the crossties for

> railway accidents on record, is youched for by a special correspondent of The Philadelphia Record. The cor- sheriff and his fellows the popularity respondent fails, however, to state of lynching where it involes conwhether failure to detect at the time tempt of Uncle Sam's Supreme Court that the cars were off the track was will be considerably abated. due to the splendidly ballasted and amouth condition of the roadbed or that it was such a rough piece of fore about quebracho. road that a car being off the track did not make perceptible difference

According to Mr. William Hanhart. secretary of the savings bank section of the American Bankers' Association, the actual and visible savings of the mous total of \$9.466,411,488. This intar" is being successfully used on a cludes the savings in life insurance number of the streets of its city. This companies and building and loan asis an effort, we suppose, to draw more sociations, as well as in banks, and North Carolinians to the city and to is easily the largest in the world. It make them stick after they get there. represents a per capita savings of over \$118. In view of a point recent-In these days after his death Henry ly made by The Norfolk Wirginian-H. Rogers is receiving by the hun- Pilot with reference to per capita statistics, we shall bid every reader inwhile he yet lived, could not have quire whether he has or deserves his DOGS AND SHEEP-RAISING.

Commenting on the ruling of Judge Allen that one who kills a sheep-killing dog, even if the dog is caught in the act of killing sheep, is liable to ner provided by law, The Henderson Gold Leaf says:

"What about killing sheep by biting what about killing sneep by biting and tearing their flesh to pieces? Is that not 'cruelty to animals' more than shooting? And are not sheep entitled to some protection from dogs as well as dogs from men? Fact is, the lawmakers are afraid to legislate against the dogs for the protection of either sheep or himan belows." human beings

It strikes us that The Gold Leaf's the act of killing the dog as the only dience of Illinois farmers. As the means of preventing it "killing sheep by biting and tearing their flesh to time he was vainly knocking at the pieces," if done at the time the dog door of the United States Senate with is making the attempt, for it is one act of cruelty-if it be such-done to Governor of the State in his hand. prevent a greater. But as a punish-In the spring of that year he was ment to the dog the law does not permit it to be done. Were that permers' gathering in an Illinois town. missible it would be a recurrence to When Vance arrived in the town he the old-time practice of holding anifound his fame had preceded him and mais responsible under the criminal he was an object of much curiosity law for their conduct just as human to the farmers, who gathered around beings were held. In those days anihim at the hotel, prior to the speak- mals were brought into court, put on ing to get a good look at the ex-rebel trial and if found guilty sentenced to death or to some lighter corporal pun-While the hayseeders were stand- ishment-a proceeding as senseless as ing around some one made a remark | Xerxes' order to have the sea lashed about the weather. This gave the with chains for breaking his bridge

It is hardly probable that our courts weather. Were you men in my part will revert to that practice from the of the country this morning you would other extreme to which they have hear the guns popping all up the been forced by the statute which promountain sides." An old farmer who tects sheep-killing dogs from the fate sight as a preventive against future The Senator's answer was al- destruction of sheep-and which is mers' flocks. So long as the law "Oh, no," he said, "planting throws greater protection around the sheep just so long will sheep-raising be impossible in this country and our lucrative industry.

Judge Allen, it must be remembered has to administer the law as he

UNDOING ROOSEVELT'S WORK.

When Mr. Roosevelt gets the news rom Washington City that President those many commissions he brought temerity of the present Chief Execuive. He will also accuse "the man branch of the government. Congress commissioners, but it could withhold funds for expenses including salaries of the members of the commissions. presidential prerogatives of these two lotte, which now has something like men than the courses they have pur-

SOME PROSPECTS FOR 1912.

The New York World denies the asks the question: "What kind of a Democratic party will it be?"

which it cannot itself answer. The ery Hon. William Jennings Bryan, if appealed to, would make a reply, no swer-which means a correct onepresidential election to another, it would take a wiser man than Solomon

Seized with an acute attack of fairness, The Charleston News and Courwas made of wheaten flour that Genanything else." The truth will become lear to all after a while.

By the time Uncle Sam's Supreme Court finishes with that Tennesses

Anyhow, the tariff debates have which made running on it as comfort- taught a good many people some things which they didn't know be-

Will Bottle Thea-Soda.

The Brannon Carbonating Company has just closed a contract for the bottling rights for the new drink, "Thea-Soda" which has proved to be so popular and such a great success. Thea-Soda is now on sale at all the soda fountains in Charlotte, and this well-known firm of bottlers and ice cream manufacturers will also act as local sales' agents for the Thea-Soda

[For The Observer. A TARIFF PROTEST.

Solons, tax whate'er you will, As high an you royally please.-Things to wear and things to eat,-Run the tariff high on these; But Aldrich heed, 'the worth your If you double the duty on tea. To consider the daughters of millionaires MAJ. HEMPHILL'S TRIBUTE strangers if not entirely to the satisfaction of the home folks.

"CHARLOTTE IS A GREAT PLACE" Accomplished Editor of The Charleston News and Courier De-clares That Such a Celebration as Was Held Here Would Not Have Been Possible in Any Other Southern Town—Nothing Mythical or Allegorical About This City, But a Reality and One of the Greatest Realities in the Southland.

Charleston News and Courier.

"Governor Kitchin, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Carolinas." is how President Taft began his very notable and eloquent address at Charlotte last week. He knew very well that a large part of his audience was composed of people who had run over point is well taken when applied to to the Independence town for a day and he was well within the proprieties to flatter those who fortunately live on the right side of the line. made a great speech, one of the best that he has ever delivered. He did not threaten anybody, he did not talk 'politics' except in a broad way. He did not appeal to "my mother's peoor fall into fustian, if we may so use the word, and better than all, regarding his deliverance from a historical point of view, he did not commit himself to the acceptance of the important place because of its fine Mecklenburg Myth. The farthest he went in this direction was to say "The lever in him, and as it was wholly bounds every day. satisfying to the self-appreciation of the best people in the world. They the descendants of the Claimants it are distinguished, as Mr. J. L. Chamreally approached the dignity of gen- bers, of the Charlotte chamber of to dwell upon the "Declaration." At most, and at best, it could not be character, their independence, their regarded except as incidental to the love of freedom and their sense of great affair in Charlotte last week, justice. Of course, it served as an idea or, as and girls at home; they have preservthe Hon. Philip H. Gadsden, of this ed the traditions of the past; they own, has expressed it, as an allegory have kept in touch with the marvelabout which the real celebration was assembled, so to sav. as our readers must know, is a description of one thing under the imaze of another. For the present we may let it go at that; Heaven knows we should never mentioned the subject at all except for disciplinary purposes and for the truth of history.

Mr. Taft's visit to Charlotte was

nost highly appreciated by all the people of both Carolinas. We believe that he is the first President who has visited this North Carolina town, and his reception was as sincere as it was enthusiastic. So far as we could judge there was no politics in it in a mean and partisan sense, but only a complete fraternization as was most happily expressed by Mrs. Stonewall ackson in her welcome to the Presdent as "the harmoniser of all our The best thing said about Mr. Taft's address at Charlotte was by one of the greatest newspaper men in the South, who is not remotely assoclated with The Charlotte Observer, and who said after the President's deiverance at the Auditorium: hat was a fine speech, but it was a dangerous speech." "Dangerous," however, we should say only in the way that it may make not only North but other States in the Carolina. North, as well as in the South, depatable political ground. This is what we have all been hoping for in a theoretical way and bemoaning the onditions which would not permit it. If it shall result from what Mr. Taft' said in Charlotte the other day, why should any man who has been chaffing inder the restraints of party obligations regard the President's utterances as dangerous? We may divide upon issues but not upon race, so that against the threat of Republican aclvity in the South on policies of goveconomy there is one cry to which all white men in these parts will resues, however, were not discussed by life insurance companies in the State. could more clearly illustrate the dif- Mr. Taft, nor should they be consid-All that we wish to do now is to express our pleasure at his long; coming to Charlotte and his whole-

As for the celebration in Charlotte we do not believe it could have been done better by a lown rive times the rainstorm, which blew up from the South ('arolina side, there would not have been a single thing to mar the pleasure of the occasion. magnificent even under all the climatconfusion. The town was decorated from end to end and side to side with the most lavish display of bunting we have ever seen. More than four hundred United States flags were contributed by the War Department at Washington for the occasion. Evpublic building and mercantile establishment and private residence on the principal streets was in gala at-Three splendid arches, looking as if they had been chiselled out of Parisian marble, stood on three of these arches was placed at regular intervals white marble columns resting upon white marble cases in honor of the Signers of the Declaration, and the space between these arches was called the Court of Honor. Within the distance or four or five squares forty thousand electric lights blazed during the nights of the celebration, making the scene fairylike in splendor and advertising to all the day at 5 o'clock after a long and painworld that this town of Charlotte is ful lliness. Her husband and two the true electrical centre of the South. The electrical display at the Great mother of the wife of the late Dr. Exposition in Buffalo was more ex- W. S. Lacy, of Norfolk, Va., and also or artistic than the display at Charlotte. In addition to the illumination of the arches and the long double row of lights on the principal streets pendant from the towers of cour towers of court nouse and city hall and high buildings were great ropes of electric lights exquisitely outlined against the sky. The grandstand, in front of the court house, was built to seat ten thousand neople, and this stand in the day time and at night was one of the most attractive features of the occasion. The place was filled with music, all sorts of bands from all sorts of places contributing their melodies to the delight of the thousands of people who thronged the streets.

The grand parade on President's Day was one of the most extensive and elaborate that has ever been seen The regular in any Southern town. nfantry from Fort McPherson, Ga .: the crack cavalry corps of the United States army from Fort Myer. Washington; the splendidly drilled troops men of Rockingham. He was honorof North Carolina; the marching clubs of the working forces of Charlotte; the handsomely designed floats of the business houses of the town the artistically decorated automobiles. many of them driven by lovely wo-men, and miles, it seemed to the spectators, of other marching clubs and associations made up a spectacle which has neved been surpassed in the South. Everybody in town kept open house; the hotels were crowded; the private residences were filled; the whole town was alive with the thous-ands of visitors that poured in from every quarter. There were receptions and entertainments of all sorts, and in spite of the weather the occasion

One of the most brilliant events of the week was the reception at the residence of Mr. Tillet, given in honor of Governor Kitchin, of North Caro-To this reception three thous and invitations were issued. residence was most beautifully decorated with electric lights and Chinese and Japanese lanterns, and here was assembled in fact the beauty and chivalry of both Carolinas. The visitors from Charleston can never for get the wonderful brilliancy of this entertainment and the beauty of the well gowned women who were pres-Neither will they torget their

most charming reception at the residence of Dr. Gibbon, nor can they say too much in appreciation of the splendid courtesies extended to them by D. A. Tompkins and J. P. Caldwell. of The Charlotte Observer, and their aides and accomplices,

Such a celebration would not have been possible in any other Southern Charlotte is a great place, It was chartered by the Colonial Legislature in the year 1772 and was called Charlotte in honor of the wife of George III. It has always been an In 1890 its population situation. was 12,000; its population We thought that very 40,000 and it is growing by leaps and Its people are But our present purpose is not commerce, told the Press Association of North Carolina, for their high They have kept their boys ous developments of the present: they An allegory, are a hospitable, generous, true-hearted people. About one-third of the population is colored and all of it, white and black, is at work. It is a great manufacturing centre. . Waterpower capable of developing one million electrical horse-power lies within sixty miles of the town. Southern Power Company that supplied the current for the illumination of the town last week

There are five railroads in Charlotte and thirty-four passenger trains daily The freight business of the town yields the railroads \$2,000,000 Over four hundred traveling men live in Charlotte. More than \$1,000,000 has been invested in new buildings during the last year. eleven years the number of telephones in the town has increased from 130 postoffice amounts of \$114,600. Within one hundred miles of Charlotte there are 369 cotton mills operating 4,775. 000 spindles, 110,300 looms and repre senting a capital of \$140,000,000 There are seven banks in the town with total assets of \$9,976,000; three building and loan associations with an authorized capital of \$8,000,000. tric railway in the town. The assessed valuation of the property in Charlotte in 1908 was \$15,415,715. property being assessed at 25 per cent, of its market value. The bond ed indebtednes of the town is \$1,340,-000, and the tax for city purposes is \$1.20 on a valuation of \$100. About 30,000 bales of cotton are marketed in Charlotte annually. the cotton buyers of Charlotte chased not less than 300,000 bales of cotton The annual value of the production of twenty cotton mills, six trouser factories, seven machine shot and three votton oil mills last year Was \$10,725,000.

Charlotte has twenty-six miles of water mains and the welly capacity of its waterworks is 15,800,000 gal-It has 49 miles of hearers, 53 mlles of paved and macadam streets, 300 are light, 3 daily papers, 3 colleges. 3 preparatory schools, 15 grade ed schools with 5.004 children enrotied. 60 churches, 2 libraries, 5 hospitals, an auditorium with a capacity of sociation building which cost \$125. 000, a new twelve-story office building which cost \$325 000 and when was fire-proof hotel which cost \$290,000.

> There is nothing mythical or alle gorical about Charlotte. It is one of is real. One of the greatest factors in the development of the town is D. field county, South Carolina, and he has "made good" in Charlotte. What a wonderful thing it is for any part of the country to have had a town like Charlotte built up by the energies of its own people! It differs from Atlanta in the respect that Charlotte has made itself and it is as firm as the everlasting hills by which it is surrounded.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. W. S. Russell, of Gulf. Special to The Observer.

Gulf. May 26 .- Mrs. W. S. Russell died at her home in this place yesterdaughters survive her. She of the wife of Rev. Donald McIver. of Burlington, She was a good wo-man and will be sorely missed in the home, the church and the community

Mrs. Mary Harry, of Grover, S. C.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, May 26.—Mr. Zeb B. Harry, book-keeper for the Gastonia Cotton Manufacturing Company, is a Grover to-day, having been called there yesterday by the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Harry. Her death occurred yesterday morning at 8 o'clock and came after an illness of several months. The burial took place at Grover to-day. was 83 years of age. She leaves two sons and four daughters,

Mr. W. D. McRae, of Rockingham, Special to The Opserver,

Rockingham, May 26 .- Mr. W. D McRae, a highly respected citizen of our town, died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. For many years he was one of the most successful business ed in a political way, by election to the mayoralty of his town and to the office of register of deeds for his county. Mr. McRae was born in this county 48 years ago. He is survived by four sisters; Mrs. Dr. J. M. Covington, of Wadesbore; Mrs. John Wood and Mrs Cris Page, of Biscoe, and Mrs. C. M. Hobbs, of Rockingham.

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