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## A CIVIC BETTERMENT ORGANI-

There has been through the long years little on which to base a hope that it would come in our time, but those of us who live until next Wednesday will see the organization of a civic league in Asheville. The that was the supreme civic betterment effort. It exhausted the community. That league died dried up, There are certain evils that have sfaded into inocuous desuctude. And reached such proportions that the so the women have decided to undertake for Asheville a work that woother towns. What is a civic league? has been frequently pointed out that The year has been fruitful of hope the main trouble is the lack in politics and achievement for Asheville and Were we to undertake to set its limitations it would be in a sense to offer advice as to what they ought to be: Christian civilization. It is one thing, creased educational facilities. Good a thing we intend pointedly to refrain liowever, to discover'a lack, and an progress has been made in the cona thing we intend pointedly to refrain from doing. A society for civic improvement, in a city, however, is measurably comparable, we think, to a something about a house that is posed remedies, ranging all the way hotel, and have the work well ad-from simple cordials, stimulants, poul-vanced—and that has helped every presided over by a woman of culture, industry, good taste and real gentility; an air, as we say, that is the point of community of innumerable little things, and tasks, and thoughts; order, beautly, utility, cleanliness-the

It is hoped by those who have started this enterprise that the society, which is to be formed, and named at a meeting at the Henrietta, will have been found, it is not unrea-have the name of every lady in sonable to expect that the year Finley, we have the golf links.

1912 will be marked in American his
Great strides have been made by Asheville enrolled in its membership. This of course it will not have, literally, but it is to be broad, catholic, all-inclusive, the few who have begun it hope. What a power the united womanhood of Asheville would be in any work it might urdertake.

The Gazette-News whee them unbounded success. It tenders them

## OF FAR-REACHING IMPORTANCE.

ance in the industrial life of the naflon is the decision of President Taft to recommend the establishment of a labor commission, having powers analogous to those of the interstate commerce commission. The mighty changes incident to the development of corporations and unions, and the growing complexity of modern industrial life never have been adequately considered in the United States and an active and efficient government body. classes testify to the growing value of with power to deal with labor disturbances to ameliorate the condition of workers by investigation of conditions, the recommendation of legislation, etc., would be of inestimable benefit to those most intimately concerned liv, the means of fitting himself for and to society at large.

Rabbi Steven Weiss of New York and Miss Jane Addams of Chicago were among those who yesterday took up the matter with the President. body forcibly. He said:

We have yet to solve the problems of democracy in its industrial relationship and to solve them along demoupon the constitutionality of the laws to shorten the hours of women and of workers in certain trades, the reluctance of jegislatures to abolish child labor—it is necessary only to contrast this dead center of the social machinery with the speed at which it acts to prevent picketing and rioting during

the vast hosts of tollers would proba- of Oberammergau in what is adverbly make as much for the increase of tised, whereas it seems The Gozettethe efficiency of the human race as the somewhat extraordinary scheme outand yesterday before the scientista amount at Washington for tagging sembers of the human race and main them by mumber according to constic afficiency, and would be in-

## The Passing Year; It Has Been Good to Asheville

THERE is much in familion, mode of life and trend of private ambition and effort that compels grave consideration. There is a confusion of ideals and standards. There is a comparative laxness in custom, literature and the drama. Reckiess expenditure on the part of a considerable number indicates a great stress of social ambition and straining toward luxuries. There is a vast waste in public and private business, and as vast a complaint at its results. Unrest pervades the social structure. It is an era of protest. The pace of life in 1911 has been fast. An increasing number of minds are succumbing to it.

Insanity in the United States is inreasing faster, a special government nquiry shows, than population. The population increased 11 per cent in the five years, 1904-1910, while the population of the insane asylums in-oreased 25 per cent. There are 187,-454 patients confined in hospitals for the insane. Massachusetts has the argest ratio, 344.6 per 100,000 people; Arkansas the smallest, 16 per 100,000. Examination of the children in vaious parts of the country, and espec ally in urban communities, reveals a very considerable percentage of actual defectives—children who lack, mentally or physically. In Boston, for instance, this is 30 per cent or morehe exact figures are not at hand.

There continues a decided drift of City women religious workers went the population from the farms to the into the moral bogs of their town, and ural laws, but it is a condition tending to a constant increase of the cost of food.

There is by no means a catalogue of the principal things that are to be viewed with alarm. One prefers to ook at the many interesting and inspiring things on the other side of the picture. Human nature is not going men got so far on one occasion as to to be very different in 1912 from what hold a metting and elect officers, but it was last year, or last century. But t cannot be doubted that there is what may be called an arousing of

average man cannot overlook, ignore or long forget them, and there is a strong popular determination to seek men have undertaken and done in carnestly for a remedy for them. It and business, of simple honesty, which this vicinity. It has been one of ought to be a very fundamental of a marked moral advance. It has inother to remedy it. The condition is struction of good roads. Our people admittedly serious; and there is a mul- have reaped knowledge of road buildtitude of doctors, which perhaps is not ing gained by costly experiment the altogether a reassuring fact. But in past decade. the mistress of the house. There is the number and variety of the pro- Green decided to complete the big tices, alteratives to dynamite and sui- business and put heart into the cide, there is indication that careful munity. Why recount what Mr. Grove students of government and of human- has done for Asheville, and encouragattempting to devise remedies. we believe that some fundamental dif-ficulties, some real underlying faults other demonstration that Asheville that can be simply cured, have been people can get together and do things. discovered. It is also more than possible that the patient is not nearly as united city? Look back at the magnisick as is generally supposed. If ficent achievements of the past decade it be true that correct remedies tory as that period when the words

calculated, one-fifth of the world's since progress in science, invention and dis-when overy has been made. And the year just passed is the culminating one of Carolina that the time had come for that achievement. Think of it—we united action to achieve the grand are permitted to live as much in one development the future held for all co-operation, without reserve, and year, to be present in point of time this section. trusts that they will use its columns with as much achievement, as transfreely for any messages they wish to convey to the people.

These are but sketches. Although not without its weed of sorrow, arrive, anxiety and stress, doubt and

hange their signtficance.

there is a spirit clamorous for the a people. Let us pledge posed by militarism. Without under- North Fork water.

## THE Y. M. C. A. NIGHT SCHOOL.

The young men of Asheville, it is gratifying to observe, have never been so appreciative of this opportunity as Rabbi Weiss put the need for such a at present. The past term the school has had 40 students. There are many times that number of young men in the city who ought, by giving up cratic lines. In order to arrive at the the diversions which occupy the hours workers' point of view, it is necessary they are not compelled to work, to only to review the long list of occupathe diversions which occupy the hours avail themselves of the opportunity tional diseases, the failure of both employers and the state to prevent them or mitigate their effects, the lacy of employers' liability laws, the failure to provide adequate safeguards in dangerous vocations, the attacks upon the constitutionality of the laws appears the fours of women and of spirits.

> Greater western North Carolina will have \$6,000 tourist capacity next summer: and if they are willing to injoy the bliss of sleeping out do of attainment. We dis-proper regard for labor, our glorious summer nights, we'll rest grappling with this manage to take care of several hun-

The vastness of the world's material achievement furnishes plausibility for those who incline to deplore the closing year has seen launched what is planned to be the most stupendous church effort in the history of this country-which its originator and leader, Fred B. Smith, chose to call "the Men and Religion Forward Movement"; the old revival, the old camp meeting, but organized along modern business lines, financed, systematized, with trained workers, aiming to combine the efforts of the earnest men and women in community after community and spread sweep, like fire; which goes into the statistics of a city, finds out what wages girls are pald, and how churches compare with barrooms in number and finances; which undertakes the practical conservation of men, and boys, and women, and girls; inquiries into allegations of right and wrong between class and class, labor and capital. The other day in Kansas offered each hopeless sister there a respectable home, to be conducted as an ordinary boarding house, its address kept secret; offered to every one the means of earning a living; this is a development of the "Men and Religious Forward Movement." It aims to spread over the whole country. in the coming year.

advancement have recorded notable achievements in economy of effort and minimation of purpose the past year. Donations and bequests for chari-

Organizations and forces for moral

table and philanthropic purposes in the United States were, in 1909, \$75,-

Mesers. Lange and ity, as well as reckless empiries, are ed Asheville to do for itself? Thes And things are on every tongue. One When will we learn that we are We are a united, a courageous, a pow Finley, we have the golf links.

Great strides have been made by

the idea of business farming during the year; great enthusiasm has been engendered. There is the western "political party" came entirely to North Carolina fair; a great begin In the past 20 years, it has been ning. Behold what has developed alculated, one-fifth of the world's since the morning of September 29 when D. Harris invaded this sanctum and bade us proclaim to western North

difficulty, the year that lies Throughout Christendom today dying has been good to us cessation of war; for arbitration, rea- the king of beverages, the living, glo-An event of far-reaching import- son and justice, and for the abatement rious memorial and to unity of purof the grievous tax on industry im- pose and courageous public spirit-

The value to the community of the Y. M. C. A. and its work is steadily increasing. The educational department returns to the community many times what it costs, in the increased efficiency of workers; many employers of those who attend the night these employes. The night school favorable auspices possible. tends to equalize opportunity for those capable of improving it; it affords the boy who must work in order to live and perhaps to help the famthe life contest with the more fortu-

nate youth.

exhibition to be given next week, "F. H. C." appears to be under a misap drama is to be enacted by person upon the Auditorium stage.

Mr. Kipling has probably sent marked copy of those verses in which he advised against making any truce foreign secretary.

If you start the New Year in Asheville you have the satisfaction of knowing you start under the most

All records of production of hog and hominy in western North Carolina are about to be shattered. Watch.

All western North Carolina marche into the year 1912 united in high pur

If you do not wish to get left in

the 1912 procession, start right. It is going to be the best sort

year for planting apple trees.

Happy New Year, everybody! The great annual swear-off.

"Sacrilege."

Editor of The Gazetie-News:

Profaming sacred things. Ought is to be allowed in a land of Christian civilization? Once in ten years as Oberammergau, after careful religious training, the scenes in the last days of our Lord and Savier are presented by living actors. Persons of the purest moral and religious character are selected to act the part of the Christ and his immediate followers. The scenes are so impressive and interesting that thousands visit the place when the performance takes place. Ministers and devoot Christians fine a spiritual uplift as they gaze on the scene so like the reality of 1878 years ago. Editor of The Gazette-News:

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perchandise of their ideals we ough to have the severest condemnat To have our Lord, God's beloved Son, pictured, or represented by a living person in a theatrical perform-ance, is enough to shock the sensibilities of anyone bearing the name of Christian. And to gaze on an attempt to represent the agony of the cross, when he bore our sins in his own body on the tree, would be heart sickening

beyond description. And all the persons appearing are represented by ungodly, irreligious men, and only for the sake of the

noney to be made out of it.

It is to be hoped that our pastors have taken the matter in hand and an influence our aldermen to procannot be done to so instruct their congregations that not a Christian man, woman or child will sanction this sacrilege by their presence.

Asheville, Dec. 20, '11.

West Asheville Water Question.

Editor of The Gazette-News; In reporting the meeting held last the United States were, in 1909, \$75. evening. Friday December 29, in West lenses. Catch them laughing, playing. 000.000; in 1910, \$163,197,125; in Asheville the Citizen omitted to report 1911, 248,007,875, "Am I my brother's keeper?" asked Cain.

RAY'S STUDIO, president of the Buckeye Water company. Mr. Hayes said, "the Buckeye Water company has water sufficient to supply West Asheville for many years." He also offered to sell water to the proposed new company at the same rates charged by the city of Asheville.

ONE PRESENT.

Asheville, Dec. 39, '11.

PACKERS' POOL

## IS LAID BARE

(Continued from page 1) N. C. Hartwell, of Swift & or E. J. Martin of Armour & Co." continued Mr. Veeder. "All the firms who attended, paid their proportion-ate amount of the rent and other expenses which was determined by the volume of business done in fresh beef

in territory A."

Workings of the Pool,
In response to another question, Mr.

"The offices in which these meetings were held adjoined the law office of my father, A. H. Veeder."

"What were your duties as secretary of these metings?" "The preparation of statistics," was

"What was done at those meetings of the packers?" "I received two statements every Monday from each of the firms," Mr. Veeder replied, "one showed the total shipments in territory A. made by each

firm for the week. The other state ment gave the prices received for the fresh beef sold by each firm. I tabu-lated these figures into one statement for use by the packers at the Tues-day meetings."

weekly statement showing the cost, average, selling price and margin of profit on all beef sold at each point in territory A, these percentage statements he said were mailed to repre-sentatives of each of them Monday night in envelopes marked "personal."
"Was there any other statement

regularly mailed to the members?"
"Yes, every Tuesday after the
weekly meeting I would send a letter with Adam-zec, "the bear that walks their allotment in pounds to be shiplike a man," to Sir Edward Grey, the ped in territory A. during the curren

"Can you give us the form of th

"They read about like this:
"Dear Sir: Your shipments into territory A, the coming week will be 90 per cent of your maximum allotment or eight million pounds." "Did each member receive a copy of what the other was to ship?"

Court then adjourned until next

## THE MARKETS

active and prices were higher at the opening of the stock market today. Standard stocks followed in moderate fashion the spirited advances in numerous specialties. New York, Dec. 26 .- Trading wa

erous specialties.

The market closed strong. The whole list stiffened again in the final dealings.

STOCKS.

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ı	Atchison		723
t	Brooklyn Rapid Transit.		763
3	Baltimore & Ohio	Jane	1932
3	Amat. Copper	664	44
3	Canadian Pacific	2471	242
3	N. Y. Central	1984	108
	Chempeake & Ohio		721
	Erie sarrivaria	****	223
	Great Northern pfd		127
	Illinois Central	1401	1012
	Mo., Kans. & Tex.	See.	APU.
a	Louisville & Nashville	-	1553
	National Land	****	545
	Missourt Pacific	48	295
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Gen. D. W. C. Lee Breaks Hip. Richmond, Dec. 30.-General D, W Curtis Lee, Robert E. Lee's son, is seriously ill at his home near Burke station, Fairfax county. The distin-guished Confederate soldier, aged 80,

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