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NEW NORTH CAROLINA BOOK.

It is gratifying to note that North Carolina is producing authors, and it is every now and then that we hear of some new writer or new book that comes to the front. Some of our authors, producers of both prose and poetry, are attracting wide attention, and if we mistake not there is one forthcoming new North Carolina book that will win a notable degree of attention. It is by Professor Jerome Dowd, of Charlotte, and while we have not had access to the manuscript as has the Charlotte Observer, we accept that esteemed contemporary's estimate of it as sufficient to indicate its merit and assure its acceptance as a work of an extraordinary character. The Observer says of it:

"Mr. Jerome Dowd, of this city, has concluded an agreement with the Macmillan Company for the publication of his first volume of a series of books in the nature of a sociological study of mankind from the standpoint of race. The series of books are to include three volumes on the negro races and other volumes dealing with the Mongolians, Indians, Semites and Aryans. The first volume treats of the Pygmies of the forest regions of Africa, the Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert, the Hottentots of Cape Colony and the Nigritions of the Sudan. The Nigritions include the types of negroes that were brought to America, and Mr. Dowd's aim has been to explain the influences of climate, race mixture, etc., upon the economic, familial, political, aesthetic, religious and psychological life of the negroes in their native surroundings. A study of this kind is intended to bring out general principles which can be applied to the solution of many practical modern problems relating to industrial, political and family life, and to art, religion, education and moral and intellectual culture. Incidentally the study is designed to furnish help to statesmen in formulating wise legislation wherever the negro and the white man live together under the same government.

"Mr. Dowd has been engaged upon this work several years, and the few persons who have examined parts of the manuscript know that he has produced something not only novel, but of interest and value. He is an able man, a most painstaking student, with a special faculty for research, and a writer of an attractive style. Those who know anything of the elaborate work which he has undertaken—which is upon wholly original lines—will wait impatiently for the complete volumes and will be surprised if they do not meet a prompt and cordial reception.

The subject Professor Dowd has selected to exploit is certainly one of deep interest. No doubt it will be more interesting than a romance.

WILMINGTON PROGRESSIVE.

Editor Hines, of the Kenansville Eastern Carolina News, has a kind word to say of Wilmington in this week's issue of his excellent paper. He has been looking our city over, and speaks in this way about it:

"There is hardly three towns in North Carolina now making the general progress that the city of Wilmington is showing. Real estate has gone skyward and only in a few sections of the town can property be bought at all. One and two story buildings are being carried 'higher up' and more room had to be made in this way. Property in the country for miles around, situated on the good roads of New Hanover, sells like property in the corporate limits. The wholesale merchants there are now supplying the trade that once went to the North. This is right, and Eastern Carolina merchants should stand by Wilmington and keep their money at home. The wholesale trade of Wilmington is said to be five times greater than it was even ten years ago. The city is making the greatest industrial progress in her history, and it is highly gratifying to the true Eastern section of our good old State to see this spirit of progress, as it exists on such a safe and wise financial basis, in our compass city by the sea."

Wilmington business men and people generally will appreciate what the Eastern Carolina News says. All visitors to Wilmington are struck with the evidences of progress here, and the growth of our city is demonstrated, not alone in the particulars referred to, but in all lines of business and industry. That Wilmington is a good place to locate it can be stated that every industry and business started here succeeds to a degree that is remarkable and even astonishing to those who are watching the city grow.

GOLD IN CATAWA RIVER.

Mind what we told you. The Star has predicted from time to time that the gold resources of North Carolina would attract greater attention sooner or later, and we added that the results would some day astonish the natives. It was only a few days ago that we spoke in that vein, and now

comes the news that the bottom of the Catawa river between Charlotte and Gastonia is being successfully dredged for gold. A special from Gastonia under date of May 30th, says:

"That there are treasures in the deep no one doubts, but the fact that the Catawa river is being dredged by a corporation of the State of New Jersey for gold makes us feel that the treasures are nearer home. The firm of Brown & Nobles, which is incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, have their river and harbor boat 'Klondike,' on the Catawa river, plying between Sloan's Ferry and Rock Island, a distance of three miles, dredging for gold. The 'Klondike' is fitted with a steam dredge, which gouges out great quantities of sand from the bottom of the river, and deposits it in a sluice boat where the ore is separated from the sand and then shipped for refinement.

"Several years ago the river was dredged by another company, whose boat, the 'Old Klondike,' was washed away by the freshet of five years ago. Since that time until about two weeks ago gold operations on the river were at a standstill. The new 'Klondike' is 30x80 feet, and has a 100-horse-power boiler for its motive power. The sluice boat is eight feet long and is what is known as a self-dumper. The ore, it is said, is worth \$20 per ton, and the present experiment promises a good paying investment. Wood is now being used as fuel in the boats, but as soon as the new macadam road is finished coal will be substituted."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—So long as the relations of Japan and the United States are friendly, if not cordial, the remarkable military activity of the new Asiatic power will be a matter of mild interest, only, to the average American. At the same time, every layman cannot view with absolute indifference the transfer of dominion over the Pacific Ocean from the United States to Japan.—Washington Post.

The story printed by the Chicago Record-Herald, to the effect that between 50,000 and 100,000 men are to be discharged by the railroads of the country before June 1, in order to reduce running expenses, does not read very well in view of the number of railroad accidents that are reported from day to day, the lateness of trains all over the country and the congestion of traffic at important centers.—Savannah News.

—A Wisconsin judge expresses the opinion that the rural free delivery of mail is running farmers crazy. He says that since the letters and literature of the farmers are delivered free at their doors they do not go to town so often, therefore there have become more isolated and homesome on the farms than ever before. The judge is probably one of those persons who think that a day spent sitting on a goods box whittling sticks and swapping inconsequential yarns is a day devoted to social enjoyment and the improvement of the mind.—Savannah News.

—In the midst of all its perturbations and tribulations the city of San Francisco is entering upon an experiment in municipal ownership. The city has taken over the Geary Street Cable Railway and it will transform it so as to use the electrical conduit system of propulsion. The preliminary investment is \$750,000 and what it will cost afterwards nobody knows. But it is satisfactory to know that Schmitz and Ruess, and the other grafters who were ready "to eat the paint off a house," have not made the city so poor that it cannot raise a little more money with which to buy playthings for its politicians.—Hartford Times.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Doctor, my wife runs to extremes." "How's that?" "She has a hot temper and cold feet."—Illustrated Bits.

—Mrs. Knicker—Man is inconsistent. Mrs. Bocker—Yes, he will sit in the bleachers at a ball game, but can't find a Summer resort cool enough.—New York Sun.

—"Why, man, what's the matter?" "I have just had one of those lightning lunches." "Well?" "And now I've got thundering pains."—New York Press.

—"Curses!" hissed the villain. "Curses!" muttered the audience. As the villain couldn't get his salary and the audience couldn't get its money back, the situation wasn't bettered a bit.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

—Pedestrian — What a horrible whine you have in asking for assistance. You ought to have your voice cultivated. Tramp—Dat's wot I wants money fer, boss. I'm tinkin' uv havin' me voice irrigated.—Chicago News.

—The beautiful blonde was presiding over a booth at the church fair. A strange man came her way. "Would you like to take a chance, sir?" she asked sweetly. "No, thank you," he replied. "I've already been married three times."—Chicago News.

—"Uncle Dick, how many toddies does the Colonel drink every day?" "Well, yo' see, boss, I eats de sugar de Kunnel leaves in de glass, an' long er about de middle of de evening I gets fuddled and loses count."—Lippincott's.

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