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HOW TO AVERT SOME OF THE EVILS OF THE TOBACCO TRUST MERGER.

The slump in the price of tobacco of thirty-three and a third per cent. within six weeks after the merger of the American and Imperial Tobacco Companies is one of the worst blows the people of North Carolina have suffered. Fortunately for the farmers, most of them rushed their tobacco to market while there was competition between these giant corporations, and thereby obtained good prices for the bulk of their crop. Those who held for better times have lost one-third of the results of their year's labor-it has been transferred from the pockets of the men who grew the tobacco by their labor to the coffers of those who manipulate the markets by methods both illegal and wrong.

The men who will suffer the greatest immediate loss are the men who bought large quantities of tobacco at prices prevailing two and three months ago and have not yet disposed of it. Unless the price goes up, of which there is very little probability, they will lose heavily.

There is no wisdom in denying the dangers that confront the tobacco towns and tobacco farmers. They are face to face with the conditions that brought disaster, failures, loss to a greater or less degree to every tobacco town when the tobacco trust was organized. They depended then almost solely on tobacco. When the trust cut the price to the cost of cultivation, they suffered great loss. Many costly buildings, built in prosperous days, still remain vacant in those tobacco towns. The big tobacco towns of today can profit by their terrible experience by taking a reef in the sails before the towns. They will suffer less than those markets the trust will neglect or abaudon. But all tobacco towns, if they would ened almost to death. avert a portion of the ills that will follow in the wake of the trusts, must not put their sole dependence in tobacco. Their diversifying their business and their insingle business or industry will seriously injure its growth or prosperity. No town or city ought to be dependent upon a single source of income, particularly upon a product that may be arbitrarily reduced to a price so low in a few weeks as to cause immense shrinkage and consequent heavy losses. The tobacco town in North Carolina that continues to depend chiefly upon tobacco is sure to incur great losses unless it seeks to secure other sources of income and profit. It has taken years for Mt. Airy, Pilot Mountain, Roxboro, Henderson, Oxford. One With a Pistol and a Train Cuts off the and other tobacco towns to recover from the losses they sustained shortly after the organization of the tobacco trust. Durham and Winston, with the help and stimulus of great manufacturing establishments, suffered heavy loss and their progress was impeded by the action of the trust in reducing the price of tobacco. The experience of these towns eggs in one basket.

As to the farmers: they should protect themselves by diversifying their crops. In Person, Durham, Granville and trust's big reduction of the price of their the fire." The farmers in the newer, as deemed unnecessary. well as the older tobacco counties, should diversify their crops, grow less tobacco, more peanuts and cotton, and raise their own hog and hominy. They may not make so much as in raising tobacco at prices that prevailed before the English and American trusts merged, but they will live, keep out of debt, and save themselves the poverty that followed in dridge was shifting some cars and had the morning and Rev. J. N. Booth at for the cure of Indigestion, Dyspepsia, tobacco counties shortly after the tobacco trust was organized.

Farmers, tobacco dealers, tobacco warehousemen, independent tobacco manufacturers ought to be present in large numbers to exchange views at the meeting of the Tobacco Growers' Association in Rocky Mount Friday of this week, and seek to find a way to prevent the dire results that threaten the tobacco industry

Industrial News.

The Secretary of State yesterday granted to the Great Falls Manufacturing Company, of Rockingham, permission to increase the capital stock from \$100,000

The Eli Gurganus Co., of William ston, N. C., was incorporated yesterday. It is to do a general mercantile business deal in farm and mill products, take mortgages, bonds, etc., buy and sell fertilizer. The capital stock is \$60,000 and he incorporators are Eli Gurganus, H. M. Burras, and W. S. Harris.

The New Era Building Company, o Burlington, was incorporated vesterday, The company is to deal in lands, construct houses, buildings and works, use lands for streets, roads, etc., to improve property and to act as a real estate agency. The authorized capital is \$50. 000, shares \$50, and the company begins business with \$6,000 subscribed. The incorporators are W. E. Hay, C. A. Anierson and J. W. Murray.

The Bladen Lumber Company, of New Bern, was incorporated yesterday, the purpose being to carry on the purchase and sale of timber and lands, manufacturing lumber generally, operating all kinds of plants for preparing lumber, owning and operating steamboats, tugs barges and vessels of all description, machine shops and tram roads. The capital stock is \$150,000, shares \$100 each, the company beginning with the full amount. The incorporators are W. B. Blades, New Bern; Charles G. Blades, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lemuel S. Blades, James B. Blades and L. C. Blades, of Elizabeth City.

KILLING WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Young Wallace Who Killed his Brother Now

(Special to News and Observer.) Rutherfordton, N. C., Dec. 15.-The sad killing, near here Saturday, of Watts Wallace, the 19-year-old son of Mr. A. D. K. Wallace, former chief clerk in the Sccretary of State's office, by his 14-yearold brother, Alfred, is one of the saddest killings that has happened in this part of the State for many years, and it has been the chief conversation since it happened. Until today it has been difficult to ascertain the facts. Several rumors have been afloat and sent out to the effect that the killing was not accidental and another that young Wallace immediately left home after the killing. Both stories are without foundation and are not true. The facts regarding the sad affair are these:

Mr. Wallace, the father of the boys, had gone to the Southern station to go off. The three boys, Vaughn, Watts and Alfred, went into their room after breakfast to get their guns ready for a hunt. The subject of robbers was brought up by Watts, who was sitting on the bed in

In the discussion, Watts, with a pistol in his hand was showing and telling Alfred how he would "work" a robber if W. C. Tyree, Rev. J. S. Hardaway, Rev. he were to tackle him. Alfred picked up an old-time gun and said, pointing it at Watts: "This is the way I would-" and land sang "Stand up for Jesus," and large the gun went off, blowing a hole as large

as a tea-cup in Watts' right side. Vaughn, the oldest brother, had in the meantime left the room. When he heard the shot he started for the house and Alfred screaming and hollering that he had killed his brother. Vaughn hastened to the room and found Watts dead. storm breaks in all its fury. Of course He died instantly-within three minutes the trust will continue to buy at certain after the shot was fired. Alfred did not stop when he met his older brother, but got out a horse from the stable and went to the station to tell his father, fright-

When he reached his father all that he would say was that he had killed him and it was some time before it could be learned of him whom he had killed. Several friends future growth and success depend upon of the young man spent about two hours getting him back home. Among other dustries, so that the prostration of no things he wanted to climb trees. His mind is getting weaker since the killing and he is closely watched by several. He has made the assertion two or three times that he will kill himself. His actions all go to show that his intentions are just such and that the affair has so grieved him that his mind is much af-

> The three boys are very bright and vere especially fond and devoted to each other. Their sister, who is in college at Asheville, arrived this morning and the funeral took place here this afternoon.

TWO NEGROES KILLED.

Other's Head.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Weldon, N. C., Dec. 15.-"Judge" Williams, colored, was shot by an unknown negro Saturday night and died Sunday night from the affects of the wounds. A woman of bad character was the cause, it appears. Williams said before he died that he went to the woman's house. He had had a difficulty about this woman several days ago. When he knocked at ought to cause other prosperous tobacco the door Saturday night, the door was towns, in this crisis, not to trust all their cracked open and some one fired upon him. No arrests have yet been made.

William Barclay, colored, was badly mangled by a Seaboard Air Line freight train Saturday night. He was on the trucks stealing a ride. He must have lost his hold and fell, the train dragging other counties, where the farmers years him from the Chockayotte Creek culvert ago were almost bankrupted by the for a distance of several hundred yards to Garrett's crossing. The man's head was cut off and he was broken all to money crops, the "burnt child will dread pieces. No inquest was held, it being

Southern Railway Wrecks.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15 .- The South-

ern railway last week had three serious accidents near Greensboro from open switches, and Saturday night the fourth one occurred on the yard. Mr. M. L. Algone into a siding on the yard, where a switch was left open and soon a freight train ran into his outfit. One engine was badly damaged, and several freight cars had their bumpers broken. No one was seriously hurt, except Mr. Aldridge, who

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was badly bruised and shaken up.

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THE GREATEST EVER HELD IN THE STATE

So Speaks Dr. Hufham of the Baptist Convention.

The Pledges at This Convention Have Broken all Records --- Dr. Jones Preaches to Veterans---Other Interesting

Events of the Last Day.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 15 .- Before leavng for his home this morning, Dr. J. D. Hufham, that veteran Baptist and true Christian gentleman, of Hendersan, who has perhaps attended as many Baptist State conventions as any man in the State, was asked by your correspondent, what he thought of the convention-to sum up the effects of the great assembly in just a few words. "It was by far the largest religious gathering ever held in the State," he said in reply. "I am told by the committee on entertainment that they furnished homes for nearly seven hundred people. I say best because more work was done. The effects will be great to the denomination. Not only did we meet all of the pledges of last year, which were the largest up to that time, but the pledges at this convention break all You can say that it was the records. greatest Baptist convention ever held in the State," he said in conclusion.

Yesterday the last sessions of the convention and Woman's Missionary Society were held and today the great crowd of ministerial and lay delegates and visitors said good-bye and left for their homes. All of the trains were crowded during the day. While there was a tinge of sadness in the voices of all as they said good-bye, still it was a happy crowd. The unanimous verdict was that the greatest convention in the history of the Baptist denomination in this State had just come

The final session of the convention was was packed to its utmost capacity. Dr. R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, preached a fine sermon. After the sermon Dr. Marsh assumed the gavel to hold the last exercises of the convention. He spoke appreciatively of Durham's hospitable entertainment and said that the convention in more senses than one had been the greatest in the history of the denomination. Appropriate remarks were also made by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Dr. Thomas Hume, Dr. J. William Jones, Dr. S. J. Porter, Rev. J. J. Lansdell. Just before the close the vast throng arose numbers pressed forward to shake hands with Rev. W. Cary Newton, the young minister who is to leave in a short while for China, where he will take up the work of a missionary. He made a short talk in which he said that he never knew how well he was loved until this convention. At 10:18 o'clock Dr. Marsh called on Dr. Willingham to offer the convention closed.

ciety was held in Trinity Methodist Lity. church. It was attended by many ladies, well thoughts by a number of ladies Graham, N. C.

Practically all of the pulpits in the city were filled by the visiting Baptist ministers yesterday and last night, colored churches as well as those of the white people. In addition several went to Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Graham and

Burlington to preach.

the day were Dr. F. C. McConnell, secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, of Atlanta, who preached in the First Baptist church yesterday morning. Dr. R. J. Willingham, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, preached at Main Street church in the morning and the First Baptist at night. Rev. A. E. Brown, of Asheville, assistant corresponding secretary of the State Board of missions, preached at Main Street Methodist church last evening. Yesterday morning Dr. J. William Jones, of Richmond, the veteran chaplain and Confederate soldier, preached a special sermon to the old veterans at Trinity Methodist church. The veterans attended in a body. He preached on Stonewall Jackson, the Christian soldier. At night this pulpit was filled by Rev. C. J. Thompson, the new pastor of the First Baptist church, it being his first sermon here since accepting the call to become pastor of the church here. Dr. E. E. Polk, editor of the Baptist

Reflector of Nashville and member of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist convention, filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church at the morning hour. He spoke on the exalted name of Christ. During his sermon he referred to the greatness of Caesar's talents; the grandeur, of Gladstone's greatest general for defense, Lee the greatest for defense, but above all stands the name of Jesus, the only perfect and sublime character. At night this pulpit was filled by Rev. Samuel J. Porter. At the Second Baptist church two ex-pastors preached-Rev. George J. Dowell in

Among those to leave today were Dr. R. H. Marsh, Oxford; Dr. J. William Jones and Dr. R. J. Willingham, Richmond; Dr. F. C. McConnell, Atlanta; Dr. E. E. Polk, Nashville; Rev. W. C. Newton, who will soon sail for China; Dr. J. D. Hufham, Henderson.

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Wilmington Offers a Curiosity in the Shape of a Pullman Porter Who Was Robbed

of Bis Cash. (Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15 .- Grant Gra ham, a bad negro of Cumberland county has been jailed at Fayetteville in default of a \$30 fine, imposed upon him by Justice of the Peace Gillis. The negro went to a camp meeting in Seventy-first township, kicked up a fuss, disturbed the wor shippers and finally broke up the meet-AND ITS WORK WILL LIVE shippers and maily broke up the meeting by shooting the preacher in the leg Graham was such a terror in the com munity that none of the negroes dared molest him. When the preacher fell with bullet in his frame the congregation dispersed to the four points of the compass, leaving their spiritual adviser to care for himself as best he could.

George W. Pickett, a foreman of the Street Cleaning Department of the city, was stricken with paralysis on the street here yesterday and died two hours later in the hospital. Persons saw the man stagger and almost fall in the street, but thinking he was under the influence of liquor, they paid no attention to him. He was 57 years old and leaves two small

The naval recruiting station here in charge of Ensign Hanrahan was closed last night, about a dozen recruits having been obtained.

Live Oak Camp, No. 6, Woodmen of the World, of this city, unveiled a handsome monument this afternoon in Oakdale cemetery over the grave of their late sovereign, E. B. Burkheimer, who died last July. An oration was delivered by Mr. Robert Ruark, of the Wilmington

An innovation recently introduced in the county public schools, which has proved immensely popular, is the employment of a teacher to instruct the pupils in vocal music, visiting each school at stated intervals each week. This is helping interest and attendance.

It is seldom that a Pullman car porter turns up in a robbery case as the person robbed, but it was that way in a report which came under the observation of the police last week. Chauncey Carroll, an industrious negro, who runs on one of the cars out of Wilmington, had by dint of hard work and various tips saved up something over a hundred dollars towards payment of a home for him self and wife. The money was left by him over-night in his house in the south ed the house, smashed a trunk in which held last night. The First Baptist church the treasure was kept and made away with it. As usual, the burglar left no

MRS. JANE S. S. LONG DEAD.

A Notable Woman Passes Away at the Age of Ninety-One.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15 .- Saturday night, at ten o'clock, Mrs. Jane Stewart Stockard Long, died at her home in Graham, aged ninety-one years. The intelligence of her death was wired her son here, Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville and he left at noon today for the old home. The funeral services were conducted from the old Long homestead, one and a half miles east of Graham, today at two o'clock, the interment being in the family burial ground at New Providence Christian church. Mrs. Long had been a remarkable specimen of a healthy, vigorous, mental Christian and physical attributes, and survived her husband, the closing prayer. This was done and the late Jacob Long, seven years. It is said that she simply died of old age, and was Yesterday afternoon the third and last resigned and waiting for the summons, session of the Woman's Missionary So-strong even in answering the call to eter-

The following sons and daughter sur-"Woman's work in Central China" was vive this glorious mother: Dr. John A discussed by Miss Bettie Price Yates, Long, of Odessa, Md.; Hon, Jacob A. Memorial Missionary to Changhai, China, Long, of Greensboro; Judge B. F. Long, who is now on a visit to her home at of Statesville; Rev. W. S. Long, D. D., Asheville. She was followed in addresses Rev. D. A. Long, D. D., Mr. George W. by Dr. B. J. Willingham and Rev. Long, M. D., and Mrs. Elizabeth Clenden-W. Cary Newton. Then there were fare- ning, wife of J. N. H. Clendenning, of

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BIGH POINT EVENTS.

The Junier Order, the Poultry Association and a Wet Dry Town the Topics,

(Special to News and Observer.) High oPint, N. C., Dec. 15 .- Guilford Council, No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M., will splendidly entertain the State Council, which meets here in February. At the last meeting night it was decided to raise \$500 in the lodge to entertain the council. An elaborate banquet will be tendered its members at the new "Elwood" on the closing night.

The North Carolina Poultry Association, which convenes here in its second annual meeting, gives promise to be a The dates are January 16-20. It will be held in the Anchor warehouse, a spacious room.

John Archer, a local distributer of corn juice, was up before the mayor yesterday and convicted, on the different counts. He was bound over to court. This is a character; and said that Alexander was dry town in that it has no licensed saloons but undoubtedly lots of liquor is sold here right in the heart of town.

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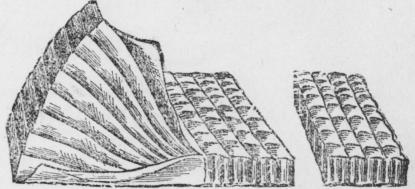
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