

THE condition of the mill operatives in the South is much better than that of those in the North, notwithstanding the slanderous report recently made by some of the government employees at Washington, and which slander upon the Southern mills was promptly refuted by Senator Overman. An examination was made last week by a committee of Congress as to the condition of the operatives at the mills at Lawrence, Massachusetts, where there has been a most serious strike. This investigation has disclosed a most pitiable and outrageous condition among those operatives, far worse than anything that has ever existed in the South.

As an illustration of the condition of the operatives at Lawrence, as revealed by the Congressional investigation, it was found that on an average only one in twenty owned an overcoat (in that very cold climate), that meat was eaten only once a week and then of an inferior quality, and that only a very small number ever wore underclothing of any sort.

THE Roosevelt forces in this State are organizing for a mighty effort to secure his nomination. Last Friday a meeting was held at Greensboro by a number of prominent Republicans from different parts of the State and steps were taken to organize thoroughly the friends of Roosevelt. Among those who participated in this meeting were Hon. Spencer B. Adams, the former State chairman of the Republican executive committee, ex-Congressman Richmond Pearson and ex-Congressman Charles H. Cowles. A campaign committee was appointed with Hon. Zeb V. Walser as chairman. The committee appointed from this congressional district is Mr. J. J. Jenkins, of this (Chatham) county.

THE attention of delinquent tax-payers throughout the State should be called to the fact that no man, who is liable for poll tax, can vote next November unless he pays his poll tax on or before the first day of May. That day will soon be here, now only about six weeks distant, and all those who have not paid had better hurry up and pay in due time. Some persons think that they can pay by the first Monday in May, but this is a mistake, for they must pay by the first day of May. It will be in time to pay on that day, for the constitutional amendment (adopted in 1900) says "on or before the first day of May," but it is rather risky to put off anything until the very last day.

OHIO is agitating some very important amendments to her constitution. The constitutional convention of that State, which has been in session ever since the 9th of January, has already passed four amendments of great importance which will be voted on by the people for adoption or rejection. One of these amendments provides for woman's suffrage, another provides for the licensing of the liquor traffic (and strange to say this amendment will not be opposed by prohibitionists or liquor men), another amendment provides for a modern system of highways throughout the State, and the fourth amendment provides that in civil actions a verdict may be rendered by three-fourths of the jury.

ROOSEVELT'S only excuse now for being a candidate for the Republican nomination is that the people demand it and he feels it to be his duty to accept it if tendered to him, and yet strange to say he is doing his utmost to secure the nomination by every means possible. He has not only appointed a campaign manager (Senator Dixon) but he is about to "take the stump" himself and make a personal canvass and make speeches all over the country in his efforts to obtain the nomination. That does not look much like he thought the nomination was being "tendered" to him!

THE centennial of the First Baptist church at Raleigh was celebrated last Sunday with most impressive and interesting exercises in the morning, afternoon and at night. That church has much cause for such a celebration, not merely on account of its age but chiefly on account of the great good accomplished by it. When the church was organized one hundred years ago there were only nine white members, and now it has over eight hundred, besides several other churches in Raleigh founded by it with a present membership of about 3,000.

THE educational progress in this State during the past decade has been not only very remarkable but very gratifying to all persons who wish our State to increase in prosperity. When the suffrage amendment was being discussed in 1900 its advocates promised that increased facilities should be provided for teaching all the children in the State, so that no white man would be disfranchised because of his illiteracy, and this promise has been most faithfully fulfilled.

Our State Superintendent of Public Instruction has recently issued a bulletin showing the progress made during the decade from 1901, from which we copy the following:

1. The annual expenditures for elementary rural schools has been increased from \$1,018,157.34 to \$2,126,695.50, more than doubled.
2. The average term of the rural white schools has been increased from 76 to 93 days, nearly one school month.
3. The value of rural schoolhouses and grounds has been increased from \$1,146,000 to \$3,004,416, near trebled.
4. Three thousand four hundred and fifty-six new schoolhouses have been built since 1902, more than one a day for every day in every year.
5. Expenditures for salaries of white rural school teachers have been increased from \$621,027.97 to \$1,126,059.83, nearly doubled.
6. The average monthly salary of white rural teachers has been increased from \$25.39 to \$34.47, and the average annual salary from \$299.77 to \$413.67, an increase of more than 60 per cent in the annual salary.
7. The enrollment in the white schools has been increased from 293,868 to 360,121, an increase of 22 per cent. The total white school population of the State has increased less than 11 per cent.
8. The average daily attendance in the white schools has been increased from 166,500 to 235,872, an increase of more than 41 per cent.
9. The number of rural white school teachers has been increased from 5,570 to 7,047, an increase of 1,477.
10. The expenditures for salaries of county superintendents have been increased from \$23,596.85 to \$78,071.75; the average annual salary of the county superintendent has been increased from \$243.27 to \$796.65.
11. The number of special local tax districts has been increased from 18 to 1,167. In 1910 about \$300,000 was raised by local taxation for the rural schools. Nearly \$900,000 was raised by local taxation for the rural and city schools.
12. Since 1905 the number of rural schools having more than one teacher has been increased from 851 to 1,355. No report of this previous to 1905.
13. The number of rural libraries has been increased from 473 to 2,772. In addition, 914 supplementary libraries have been established. These libraries contain 265,758 volumes of well selected books, costing \$96,870.
14. Since 1907, when the rural high school law was passed, 202 rural public high schools have been established in 93 counties, in which were enrolled in 1911 nearly 7,000 country boys and girls.

According to the Year Book of the British Cotton Growing Association, the 1911 crop grown in countries under British control was no less than 7,181,000 bales of 500 pounds.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

A Prince Poisoner

By FREDERICK BINGHAM.

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There was a time in Italy when the Italians got rid of those who stood in their way by means of poison. At that time Italy was divided up into a number of petty principalities and dukedoms. These former rulers are still called princes and dukes, but their power has been merged in the king. There was formerly a grand duke of one of these little territories whose power was absolute and who used it simply to gratify this poison passion which pervaded Italy at that time. He had a way at a feast of honoring a guest in this wise: He would send his glass to the guest with his compliments, proposing to change glasses with him. The guest who accepted the honor would then rise, bow and drink from the duke's glass. The wine in it would be poisoned and the last the guest would ever drink.

The duke's domain took in a principality adjoining on the south, the duke having poisoned all the members of the reigning family—save one princess—and then appropriated their dominion. This princess he brought to his capital and desired to marry her that he might unite the two countries under a common dynasty. She was unwilling, and through motives of policy he preferred to wait rather than force her into the proposed marriage.

One night while the grand duke was sitting at a table on a raised dais, a number of guests seated at tables beneath him, the door opened and a stranger walked in, unannounced and uninvited. There was a vacant chair beside the princess, and after deferentially asking her permission he accepted it and at once entered upon an animated conversation with her. The grand duke looked on astonished and mad with jealousy. While he was honestly and misshapen, the stranger was astonishingly handsome. He paid no more attention to the host than if he had not been present. The duke turned to one of his attendants and ordered a glass of wine. The attendant, who was the official poisoner, went out and in a few moments returned with a glass of wine on a silver.

"Take it to the stranger," said the duke, "with my compliments, and say that I would pledge him with an exchange of glasses."

The glass, with the message, was carried to the stranger, who took the former from the silver, arose and addressed the duke.

Sanford Express: We are told that Dilly Foushee, an old colored woman, who lives in the Cum-nock section, is 114 years old and is strong and active for a person of her age. — We are informed that the Egypt Improvement Company is stocking its big farm at Cum-nock with pheasants. The pheasant is a very fine bird and can be found in some sections of the west. They are larger than the partridge.

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Mr. J. N. Holding, a prominent lawyer at Raleigh, died there last week after a long sickness, aged fifty-five years.

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EXECUTRIX NOTICE.—Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of Thomas E. Carroll, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to present the same to me on or before the 21st day of February, 1912. This 21st of February, 1912.
SALLY J. CARROLL, Executrix.
Hayes & Bynum, Attorneys.

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RE-SALE OF LAND.—By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham county, in the case therein pending entitled, "Joe W. Gattis and others vs. Ethel Gattis and others," I will, at the court-house door in Pittsboro, N. C., on Saturday, the 30th day of March, 1912, sell to the highest bidder a tract of land in Baldwin township, Chatham county, N. C., adjoining the lands of A. D. Burnett on the north, C. C. Smith on the east, W. P. Powell on the south and Frank Tripp on the west, containing about 140 acres and being the land on which the late W. M. Gattis died, seized and possessed.
Terms of sale: One-half cash, balance in 6 months, deferred payment to bear interest at 6 per cent and title reserved till all purchase money is paid. This February 28, 1912.
R. H. HAYES, Com'r.
Hayes & Bynum, Attorneys.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF LAND.—By virtue of the power and authority of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed duly executed by J. E. Welch and wife of Chatham county, N. C., to C. C. Fry, of Moore county, N. C., on the 30th day of March, 1908, which said mortgage deed is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham county, in Book 87A, page 232, to which record reference is here made, default having been made in the payment of the note or bond secured by said mortgage deed according to the terms therein stated, the undersigned mortgagee will, on Saturday, March the 30th, 1912, at 1 o'clock p. m., at the court-house door in the town of Pittsboro, Chatham county, N. C., expose and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract or parcel of land embraced in said mortgage deed, to-wit: In Bear Creek township, Chatham county, North Carolina, bounded by J. F. West on the south, and E. S. Scott on the east, E. J. Welch on the north, J. T. Moore on the west, being the lands known by the "E. J. Welch land" containing (125) one hundred and twenty-five acres, more or less. This February 21st, 1910.
C. C. FRY, Mortgagee.
W. R. Clegg, Attorney.

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LAND SALE.—Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court in the special proceeding therein, entitled "W. M. Eubanks and wife, Ida Eubanks, and others vs. E. G. Muse, et al," on Monday, the 18th day of March, 1912, at the court-house door in Pittsboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder the following described tracts of land, to-wit:
1st tract, 1/2 acre and being in the town of Pittsboro, N. C., on Hillsboro street, beginning at an oak on Hillsboro street, Thompson's corner, running with said street in a northerly direction to London's corner, thence in an easterly direction with London's line to W. F. Foushee's line, thence in a southerly direction, with Foushee's and S. W. Frewer's line to Noe's corner, thence westerly with Noe's and M. T. Williams' line to the beginning, containing 17 acres, more or less, except, however, about 13 acres sold to B. Nooe by the sheriff of Chatham county described in a deed registered in Book 100, at page 100, the land herein alleged to be held as tenants in common, being about 4 acres of the above described land allotted to the said S. M. Holt as his homestead in a civil action, entitled "A. P. Perry vs. S. M. Holt," a description of which homestead is found in the judgment roll in said action.
2d tract, in Centre township, Chatham county, containing about 80 acres and being the tract of land on which the said S. M. Holt was residing at the time of his death, bounded on the north by the Cooper place, on the east by the lands of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company, on the south by the Bland lands or C. J. Bright, and on the west by the Bland land or Bright land, being situated about 5 miles east of Pittsboro, N. C.
Terms of sale: Half cash, balance in 6 months deferred payment to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent annum, and title reserved till all the purchase money is paid.
This February 30th, 1912.
R. H. HAYES, Commissioner.
Hayes & Bynum, Attorneys