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BRADSTREET BLAMES WEATHER FOR DULL TRADE LAST WEEK

Traveling Men Prefer Snug Offices to Travelling. Shoppers Stay in Doors. Food Stuffs Show an Upward Tendency. Money is Cheap and Demand is Slow

Trade in the larger lines remains quiet, first because of the very cold weather that has prevailed over a wide area, thus preventing road salesmen from getting about, and secondly because inventories still appear to be high. But small order business with jobbers is somewhat better, while city retail trade in overcoats, woolen underwear, gloves, hosiery, hats and caps and footwear has improved owing to the very low temperatures or storms that prevail. Outside of these lines distribution at retail has been very quiet, shippers preferring to continue at home rather than suffer a loss from a sudden drop in prices. In the south heavy rains have retarded distribution and prevented firm work. Under the circumstances, clearance sales at retail have not attracted much business. In short, the low temperatures have handicapped trade. Incidentally, traffic on the railroads has been hampered, motive power efficiency, especially in the west, has been reduced 30 to 50 percent, the strikes of the longshoremen at Boston affects the shipping at that port. Such foodstuffs as butter, eggs and potatoes have all been advanced, while cattle, sheep and lambs are also dearer, receipts and supplies having been reduced. Cattle on the western ranges are suffering. Coal in, of course, in better demand, but the railroads find it difficult to make shipments. The week witnessed the opening of prices on some staple commodities for the fall of 1912. Though irregularity is shown, the general tendency is upward, thus indicating a strong effort to keep the prices on a firm level and to induce

ROYSTERS HAVE ANOTHER FIRE ON SATURDAY

\$100,000 FIRE AT TARBORO ON SATURDAY DESTROYS A FERTILIZER PLANT.

PLANT WAS FULLY INSURED

THE THIRD FIRE OF THIS CONCERN WITHIN LAST 60 DAYS—FIRE NO. 1 BERKLEY, 60 DAYS AGO, LOSS \$100,000; COVERED BY INSURANCE—FIRE AT BERKLEY JAN. 12, \$225,000; COVERED BY INSURANCE—FIRE AT TARBORO, JAN. 13, \$100,000; COVERED BY INSURANCE.

Tarboro, N. C., Jan. 13.—The plant of the F. S. Royster Guano company was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$100,000 at least, and the plant is covered by insurance. In addition to the plant itself three freight cars on the siding were partly burned. The fire was discovered at 3:30 this afternoon in No. 2 engine room and before the fire department could arrive the flames were beyond control. Fortunately, it being Saturday afternoon, only two men were in the building at the time and these escaped without injury.

The fire is still burning and there is no possibility of saving the building or contents.

None of the local officers of the company would make any statement this afternoon as to the amount of the loss, but it is known that there were 11,000 tons of unmined fertilizer in the building. The damage to the fertilizer material, excluding salvaged can not be less than \$100,000, and any extra salvage recovered will not be more than sufficient to cover the value of the building. The cause of the fire is not known.

GOVERNOR WHO UPHOLDS LYNCHERS



Cole S. Blease, governor of South Carolina, has aroused a storm of severe criticism in the south as well as the north by his public and open avowal of sympathy with lynchers. He declared he would have led the mob which killed a negro rather than to have called out the militia to protect the man.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATORS WRANGLE OVER BLEASE'S VETO

Governor Blease's Veto Message is Couched in Such Language That Legislators Want it Expunged From the Records

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 13.—Two reports by the Judiciary committee—one recommending the expurgation of Governor Blease's veto message on the libel bill and the other recommending that the measure be passed over his veto—caused a lively debate in the house of the general assembly tonight. The discussion was continued until adjournment and the two reports will be taken up again on Wednesday.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Miss Elizabeth Royster Mayo Entertains in Honor of Her Guest, Misses Peck and Whitaker.

Miss Elizabeth Royster Mayo entertained at six handed euchre on Thursday night at the Elk's Home in honor of her guests, Miss Irene Peck and Mrs. J. S. Cox of Newbern, N. C., and Miss Anne Whitaker of Kinston, N. C. In the receiving line were Miss Elizabeth Mayo, in white Marquise over white satin, wearing Panama violets. Miss Irene Peck in gold spangled chiffon over white satin. Miss Mayo in yellow satin trimmed in lace. Miss Anne Whitaker in light blue brocade satin, trimmed in lace. Mrs. J. S. Cox in light blue mail trimmed in crystal and satin roses. Miss Julia Mayo in pink satin trimmed in white lace.

THE BIG CONTEST WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 8TH

The Time is Here! Greatest Efforts to be Exercised. Second Census Period Starts Today

The great voting contest will close February 8th. With twenty-four days more in which to work, the best time is here in which to exercise your very best efforts. Many of you will perhaps think you have already done your best work and wonder where you should seek next for subscriptions. The territory is all good. Much of it is lying right around us that has not been worked. There are some who are guilty but surely laying by the subscriptions and Daily Bonus others are sliding along on an easy sea thinking the others are lagging. Appropriate today. Do not carry. The weather is bad but time goes on and the end draws near, so its up to you to work. (Continued on Page 2.)

ENTIRE SOUTH ENVELOPED IN MANTLE OF SNOW

EXTREME COLD AND MUCH SUFFERING IS CAUSED BY BLIZZARD—TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED.

TO BE WARMER TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Within the last 24 hours extreme cold in the North Atlantic states, snow and rain in the South Atlantic states and local snows in the lake region, gave the territory east of the Mississippi river one of its most disagreeable winter weather spells in many years. Indications tonight, according to the government weather bureau, were that temperatures would rise east of the Mississippi river and in the South-west. On Monday, the mercury is expected to ascend on the Atlantic seaboard in the East Gulf states, and in the Northwest. Storm warnings are displayed along the Atlantic coast from Jacksonville, Fla., to Norfolk, Va., as well as on the North Pacific coast.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13.—Leaving in its wake snow and sleet-hound cities for the first time in years in many cases, the cold wave tonight had reached the South Atlantic coast and was well on its way into Florida. Reports from Jacksonville state that the thermometer dropped from 51 at 7 a. m. to 32 at 3 p. m., and snow was falling slowly. A counter disturbance over Central Florida has prevented the cold wave from entering the peninsula and little damage to fruit and vegetables is expected.

COUPLE WED LAST NIGHT BY REVEREND SEARIGHT

Mr. Jesse J. Phelps and Miss Hallie Jackson joined in wedlock last night. Reverend H. B. Seagriff, pastor of the Presbyterian church, united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the home of Mr. R. L. Cotton in East Eighth street, at 8:30 o'clock last night. Mr. Jesse J. Phelps and Miss Sadie Jackson. The ceremony was witnessed only by the family and Mr. and Mrs. Seagriff. Mrs. Phelps was a native of Washington and a popular waitress at the Hotel Louise. Mr. Phelps is a son of Mr. E. T. Phelps, keeper of Oakdale cemetery and is himself a painter, employed by Mr. Cotton.

TRAIN NO. 5 DERAILED NEAR WALTONSBURG

Passenger train No. 5, Norfolk Southern, Raleigh division, running from Norfolk to Raleigh, was derailed Saturday near Waltonsburg, the tender leaving the track and carrying with it the passenger and Pullman coaches. Traffic was delayed all day Saturday and Saturday night, but trains were running over the road as usual yesterday. In the absence of official reports the cause of the derailment is unobtainable. The remarkable part of the performance is that no one is reported as injured. Police Officer George Morgan's condition is regarded as critical, as he is completely paralyzed on one side.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATORS ARE DOING SOME STUNTS

The Virginia Legislature is in Session and Among the Bills Introduced are the Following:

To prohibit the transportation of more than two gallons of ardent spirits at one time from wet into dry territory, under heavy penalty, is the purpose of a bill introduced in the House of Delegates by Mr. Bain of Southampton county. The bill provides for the first offense a fine of from \$50 to \$100, with imprisonment for not more than sixty days. For the second offense and for each succeeding offense the guilty party shall be sentenced to jail for not less than six months nor more than twelve months, and fined not less than \$100.

WILSON AND HARMON VIRGINIA'S CHOICE

Legislators Poll the Legislative Body. Wilson 54 Harmon 52. Taft 4. Roosevelt 2. Underwood and Clark Have Supporters.

Seventy-two members of the Virginia General Assembly expressed themselves today on their choice for President of the United States. In the House, twenty delegates voted for Wilson; twenty-eight voted for Harmon. Four wanted Taft returned and two were in favor of Roosevelt. In the upper branch, fourteen of eighteen senators favored Wilson; four wanted Harmon. This gave Wilson thirty-four votes and Harmon thirty-two. Several Democrats did not favor either Wilson or Harmon, wanting Underwood or Clark.

APOLLO CONCERT THIS EVENING

Third of the Series of the Lyceum Course Will Be Heard at the School Auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight.

The Apollo Concert Company and Bell Singers will be heard in the school auditorium this evening. They come here under the auspices of the Lyceum Course, and of this particular attraction press reports are exceedingly favorable. The Pickayune of New Orleans, refers to Arthur Wells as "an expert in playing the piano." The "News" of Bell Plains, Kans., says of G. E. Holmes: "He is a fine saxophone player, as well as a most excellent flute soloist." Of Mrs. Alta Wells, the "Times" of Daily Herald says: "The efforts of Mrs. Wells in the role of accompanist, were enjoyed as much as any single feature of the program." Miss Coyle M. Spring received the highest praise of the press where she has appeared. City Editor, the handy man with the trombone, is a strong support to the Company.

BABY BURNED TO DEATH CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS

Parents Left Five-Year-Old-Nurse With Infant—Death by Burning the Result.

Staterville, N. C., Jan. 13.—Left alone for a few hours to nurse her baby sister, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Gillespie today accidentally treaded the candle into the fireplace. The baby's clothing ignited and it was burned to death.

MR. OWELL RESIGNS

As Superintendent of Mutual Machine Co.—Jesse Mitchell, Esq., Resigns.

Mr. H. B. Cowell has resigned his position as Superintendent of the Mutual Machine Company, the resignation to take effect at once. On Saturday evening the employees tendered him an "oyster" in appreciation of the esteem in which he was held by his subordinates. He will be succeeded by Mr. Jesse Mitchell who will enter upon his duties tomorrow morning.