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SCOTT AND PARSON JASPER.

The papers are publishing a story to the effect that Chairman Scott, of the House Committe on Agriculture, is opposing any Appalachian or White Mountain Forest legislation. He says that he is not at all convinced that the forests have any effect on the flow of navigable rivers. Also, that soil erosion is not due to deforestation. Mr. Scott and the Nev. Jasper, of Richmond, seem to be enjoying opinions which are about on the level. Parson Jasper said that the "sun do move," and he took his congregation into a field where he could follow the shadows of the sun to prove his proposition. Mr. Scott might take somebody to the mountains to watch conditions to-day and then after one intervening day, measure the conditions again and say that he has proved his proposition. No wonder that little headway is being made when such views are held by a member of the Committee on Agriculture of the National House of Representatives.

THE DOCTORS. It is a notable gathering of doctors in Charlotte to-day, giving impetus now world-wide against consumption. The warfare against this enemy to human life was begun less than a decade ago, yet it has spread all over the civilized world and all countries are now actively engaged in it, though none, perhaps, so actively as the United States. The thorough organization of the doctors in almost every State and their united efforts in the education of the people as to the prevention and suppression of the disease, will make a few years hence. It is not too much to predict that consumption will be conquered as yellow fever has been conquered and that the day ever undertaken for the benefit of

A NEW TARIFF COMMISSION.

central Northwest in support of a and he cites articles sustaining it. movement to hold a convention at a tariff commission and then to urge have a commission vested with semias to what the tariff on that item ought to be. Congress once before had a tariff commission, but it was practically a junior committee of the Ways and Means Committee. The new commission idea has been largely worked out by the National Association of Manufacturers, and has been pressed by them for ten years past. Congress is not particularly favorable to such a commission, because it prefers to retain the handling of the tariff as a political machine in order to pay political debts with unfair tarsubject could be investigated would throw entirely too much light on some of the items to suit politicians and defeat the use of the tariff for political purposes. The tariff is now largely used for fat-frying during a political campaign and a judicialminded convention taking testimony would largely destroy its facility for such a purpose.

OUR TRADE WITH PANAMA. This country seems to be doing fairly well in the matter of business with Panama and the present status encourages bright hopes for a vast increase when the canal is opened. Within the past five years, this counround figures, with Panama. It im-1907 a little over one and one-half be attended to, also. millions, and for the year 1908 to probably a little less than one and the fact that the foreign trade statemillion dollars; in 1905, to seven and ful. three-quarter millions; in 1906, to fourteen and a quarter millions; in lions in value.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS. Governor Kitchin's inaugural ad-

vor of the former and says a good he says reads like a speech to a jury. too early. Like Governor Glenn, he is satisfied as to the adequacy of the State proand that is as near as he comes to the Glenn-Mann report. He recommends merely experimentation in the drainage of State swamp lands, if that much. Governor Kitchin is satisfied with the status of child labor in the State and speaks the mill men fair. It is evident that he would have no disturbing legislation on that score at this time. He recommends the most drastic sort of legislation for the control or suppression of the trusts. He would have all foreign corporations put under a license system and the self be put to death. He speaks for strikes a happy note on the return of itself felt in the vital statistics reports | prosperity. The Governor devotes considerable space to the subject of education and urges a liberal policy toward the State educational institutions. He favors a "properly safe, is not far distant when tuberculosis guarded direct primary for electing will be among the rare afflictions the nominees of all political parties" as the best plan that can be devised have met in Charlotte to-day are en- for securing honest elections, and gaged in one of the greatest works speaks at length in behalf of it. He wants election expenses reduced-and humanity. Our town cannot pay them | small blame to him-and favors the publicity plan. He wants a law to cover that particular feature of elections. If we connot have a manda-There is a strong movement in the tory primary there is the other kind

While the hand of the politician is Indianapolis, about the middle of in evidence, the address is conserva-February, to formulate the plan for tive and shows broad-mindedness and liberality of thought. The attitude of it upon Congress. It is desired to the new Governor toward the public institutions of the State and his projudicial powers which shall investigate gressive views as to education will tariff items one at a time, and then commend themselves to all publicmake a recommendation to Congress spirited citizens. The State issues which he touches upon are well handled and on the whole, the address is a creditable production.

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

Governor Kitchin is a great man for the primaries and favors the ironbound sort. The people will never agree on this question. We are a little bit disappointed that in the election recommendations, the Australian ballot was over-looked. The Australian ballot provides the fairest and most incorruptible of all eleciffs. A commission in which a tariff tions. Too much capital has been made in this State out of the coercive open ballot. It cannot be denied that hundreds of people do not vote their real sentiment out of a fear of being seen to vote against the dominant element at the polls. The Australian ballot is the best medium for securing an honest election, if an honest election is desired. The people want no better privilege conferred vupon them than the privilege of voting as they please, without espoinage or in-

For a long time, to the discredit of the city, no attention was paid to the law prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks. The resulting condition of the try has done a business of \$66,000,000 sidewalks was what might have been imagined. Quite recently, however, ported \$6,000,000 from that republic, the policemen have been paying atand found Pan amaa customer to the tention to the violations of this law extent of \$60,000,000. The imports and the parties arrested have been from Panama in 1904 and 1905, the adequately fined in the recorder's earliest dates for which the Bureau of court. The enforcement of this law Statistics of the Department of Com- is only by way of securing decency in merce and Labor presents figures, street conditions in Charlotte. It is to amounted to a little over three-fourths be hoped that the law will be in of a million dollars in each of the years continuous enforcement and not pementioned; in 1906 they amounted to riodically. The people who throw banearly one and one-half millions, in nana peels on the sidewalks ought to

John E. Monk, the Washington corone-half millions, though the precise respondent of The Industrial News, total cannot yet be stated, because of telegraphs that paper that after a conference with Judge Pritchard and ments covering the month of Decem- Mr. E. C. Duncan, President Rooseber, 1908, have not yet reached the velt has decided to nominate H. F. Bureau of Statistics in such complete Seawell, of Carthage, to succeed the form as to make possible an exact late Judge Purnell. Adams did not statement of the total trade of the get in because he does not live in the calendar year 1908 with any country. Purnell district. Seawell's appoint-The exports to Panama amounted, in ment is to be announced in a day or 1904, to a little over two and one-half two, much to the relief of the faith-

The murder of a mair in a church 1907, to eighteen and one-half mil- in Illinois, the burning of his body in lions, and in 1908, to about sixteen the church stoves, the flight of the Puck. and a quarter milions, estimating the murderer, who was the preacher in December figures, which, as above charge of the church, and his subsestated, are not yet available. This quent confession and suicide, are the makes the grand total of exports from elements that make up one of the the United States to Panama during strangest crimes of recent record. The the five years in question practically preacher was not of the make-believe Sketch. sixty millions of dollars in value and crazy sort, which is evident from the the imports therefrom about six mil- fact that he did not try to save himself on that plea in court.

CREEKS THAT SHOULD BE CA-NALS.

ress may be said to swing around Formerly two creeks ran from these propositions-State bank guarnorth to south on either side of Charanty deposits, railroads, corporations, lotte, forming eastern and western education and elections. He is in faboundaries. These conditions some time ago ceased to exist, for the town deal by way of explanation of it. As grew over and beyond the creeks and Three Months \$1.25 to railroads, the passenger tariff hav- now two creeks run through the10 ing been adjusted to the satisfaction town. The proposition has been made of all parties, he wants the Legisla- to canal these creeks and that is ture to do what it can in the matter what the exigencies of the times de-Business Office 78 of correcting the evils of freight dis- mand. The creek in the eastern part crimination against North Carolina of the city is fairly well drained, cities. He does not cite as many bridged and in some places rockcases as he might have done, but walled, but it leaves East Fourth this matter of discrimination is an street in its wild condition. The old story, a matter of common knowl- ditching, or canaling of these streams edge and the citations made by the out of the city and for a couple of Governor are sufficient. He wants miles to the south would conserve the the Legislature to continue the ap- health of the town, add to the compropriation of \$4,000 to help bear the fort of the people living along the expenses of an inter-State prosecu- banks, and enhance the value of both tion of the warfare against discrim- city and farming lands. The day ination in freight rates. Returning to is not far disant when the two the bank deposit guaranty, the Gov- creeks through the town must be ernor seems disposed to argue the converted into canals and the agitamatter with the Legislature and what | tion of the matter has not been begun

Uncle Sam is a slow paymaster and hibition laws, and demands that there he is a close one, too, as of necessity be a strict enforcement of them to he must be. In December, 1095, the the end that the will of the people Western Union Telegraph Company shall triumph. He does not favor a presented a bill to the War Depart-State-aid plan for building good | ment for \$755.28, for a single teleroads, as it would work an inequality gram that had been sent from Alaska among counties. He would have a by Explorer Amundsen. He had no State Highway Commission appointed money, but he did have 1,049 words to draft a plan of good road building in which to tell the government of his and report to the next Legislature, discoveries, so he sent the message "collect." The government gets out of paying the aforesaid bill of \$755.28 on the ground that Professor Amundsen was not authorized to send his book "collect" over the Western

The women behind the civic improvement club have manifested somewhat of a tendency to crowd themselves to the front lately. They are not backward about tackling propositions that need their atten-Were they so, their organizatrust that destroys a rival should it- tion would be of no good and they seem to appreciate that fact. Meanliberal treatment of the domands of time, The Chronicle's columns will the State's charitable institutions and always afford them room to say whatever might be on their minds.

> If the Legislature does not break up the system of county government | second-class. of convicts, Rowan should count on years to come in the persons of the five men arrested for shooting a

The East Avenuers have come forward with an official call for bitulithic paving and they should be given every square foot that they call for. The East Enders should be treated as fairly as the South Enders.

Charlotte pays for its water, gas and electricity by meter measure. We are inclined to think that a meter inspector would be a good institu-

Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, takes the Democratic stand for local option, but the indications are that Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga will be legislated dry.

It would not take the Legislature more than ten minutes to pass a law giving the people the Australian ballot, and it would be the best ten minutes' work it ever did for the State.

It is to be said of ex-Lieutenant Governor Winston that he acquitted himself during his term of office with

Governor Kitchin has had an auspicious inauguration. May his administration fulfill all of its good

One thing that the visiting doctors

will find in Charlotte is the most completely equipped sanatorium in President Roosevelt and Senator

Tillman can now get up and brush the dust from their clothes.

SPARKLERS.

Gems from the Jewel Case of Newspaper Paragraphers.

late. Ruby-Yes, the poor girl has lost an arm! "What! Lost an arm?" "Yes. Tom has stopped calling. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Pearl-Dora Sugarleigh looks so sad of

"What are you going to give up for the New Year?" "Not much. I gave up about all I had for Christmas."

Stella-When will she come out in society? Bella-As soon as her parents

Wiggles-I hear Bjenks has been very ll. Is he out of danger yet? Waggles-Well, he's convalescent, but he won't be out of danger until that pretty nurse students on last Tuesday broke all who has been taking care of him has

New Year's Day (on way through deep snow to the station) .- First Commuter-Made your New Year's resolution Brown? Second Commuter-Naw; what's sion and I'm livin' here yet.

Cleveland Leader. The Man-Well, it's just this way. If I buy you a new winter coat I'll have to Wife-You sweet, generous thing, you.

Kansas City Journal. Bilkins-You don't mean to say that the farmer showed the chauffeur how to make the automobile go? Wilkins-Sure thing! He hooked a mule to it and hauled it to town.

"Won't you take my seat?" said the man in the street car as he lifted his hat to the pretty girl. "No, thank you," she replied. "I've been skating all the afternoon, and I'm tired of sitting down."

The Missionary-And what course do you intend to take with me? The Savage Chief-Oh! the ordinary one; you'll follow AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DAILY INCIDENTS, FACTS AND COMMENT GATHERED FROM

HOLD-UP IN GREENSBORO.

Man Taking Observations on a Street Corner is Rushed Off and Robbed. Greensboro Record.

A most sensational case was re-

J. B. Harrison, a native of Ohio, a relative of the wife of Mr. Ed Smith, says while standing on the corner of South Elm and West Lee streets yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock, and taking forcible possession of him rushed him to a secluded spot under street, and there robbed him, first pulling his overciat over his head and them and to the State. warning him that the least outcry would cause his instant death. It is only a short distance from the place where he was seized to the spot where he was robbed and he says the whole thing was accomplished so sorely afflicted last week. His eyes quickly that he hardly realized what suddenly turned red and he became was up. His purse was taken containing one twenty dollar bill, two seriously ill. At last account he was fives, one two and one one-dollar bill, doing well. So far as known no cause as well as a note for \$497.00 on which is given for this peculiar physical \$102.00 was due, payable to J. B. Har-, phenomena. rison, besides a receipt for dues to the Masonic lodge, of which he is a member. No personal injuries were in-

Mr. Harrison is spending the winter here with his neice, Mrs. ed. Smith. At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was not dark; the electric lights had been put on, though it was not what might be called broad daylight. It was a bold job and a most risky one, though as far as known no one seems to have seen the robbers rushing him away.

Close to the Second-Class.

Lumberton Robesonian. The stamp receipts at the Lumberton postoffice for the year ending December 31, 1908, were \$7,295.38, as compared with \$7,089.73 for 1907, showing an increase of \$205.65. Stamp receipts of \$8,000 would place the office in the second-class, and it is more than probable that the receipts would have reached that amount last year hat it not been for the general financial depression. If the year 1909 is a good one in a business way next year

SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS. Pennsylvania Capitalists Sign Water-

Works Contract. Rock Hill Record.

Mr. Martin Maloney, Hon. H. Burd Philadelphia, are in Rock Hill to-day forest fires liable for the resulting damto straighten out the water problem. The editor of The Record had an interview with these gentlemen this morning in Mr. R. T. Fewell's office, and we feel justified in saying that the water problem which has for so long troubled Rock Hill is no longer a problem, but has been solved, tled at Hingham, Mass., in 1836. Some of These gentlemen will remain here until to-morrow night.

opinion. Mr. Maloney has signed a tucky. Thomas Lincoln, the President's contract with the Sydnor Well Pump father, was a carpenter. Co., of Richmond, Va. This contract the editor of The Record read this morning. It calls for the drilling of three 12-inch wells, and the cost will probably reach \$30,000. Mr. Maloney abundance of water for all purposes.

More Money for Aragon Mills. Rock Hill Record. As will be seen by a legal notice appearing on another page of this paper, the Aragon Cotton Mills will hold a meeting of the stockholders on Wednesday, February 10, for the purpose of providing for an issue of \$200,000 of preferred stock, thus doubling their original capital stock of \$200,000—giving the mill a capital stock of \$400,000.

The purpose of this increase of with the machinery as originally conto equip the mills with 22,000 spindles and 560 40-inch Draper looms.

The C. C. & O. and Its South Carolina Columbia Dispatch, 11th to Spartan-

burg Journal. Representatives of Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad were before the Supreme Court to-day to ask that the State be mandamused to issue the company a domestic charter, which the secretary had refused on the ground that the act had not been was tendered as fee, which he contended should be \$7,000. The object of the proceeding is to get the court's construction of the charter law.

WAKE FOREST HAS A LARGE INCREASE

Biggest Enrollment Yet-To Debate on Postal Savings Bank Vs. Guarantee of Deposits—Boy Has His Feet Cut Off. Special to The Chronicle.

ity of the students have returned to work. At last it was resolved to use the Hill and resumed their studies in the class rooms for another five tling in the treacherous soil. Adequate month stretch. The regisctration of former records for the first day. Three hnudredand eighty-one students have enrolled at Wake Forest College this pressed, it offered a stable plinth, which session, which is a considerable gain has never required repair or renewal. In

known as the Fifth Friday Night de- "no ale or other intoxicating liquors be bates, which has been started by the allowed to be sold in any lighthouse," two literary societies, will accur on which order has remained in force ever January 29th. The question for dis- since. For the last ten years the light cussion will be: "Resolved, That a was kept and tended by women. postal savings bank is preferable to the guarantee of bank deposits-eith- BIG PUBLIC OWNERSHIP wear my old one another season. The er State or national." The following named gentlemen will take part in the debate: Affirmative, H. B. Jones, Eu; J. J. Best, Phi; Negative, W. R. Hill, Eu, and C. C. Wheeler, Phi. A very serious if not fatal accident

so nof Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Woodcliff, fell from a freight train and hsopital, where Dr. Stewart performed an operation. He is making a

Malaria Makes Pale Blood. The Old Standard GROVE'S is investigating a plan to develop a great power scheme for Alberta towns out malaria and builds up the system at Athabasca Falls, 150 miles away. tem. For grown people and children, 50c.

THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATE

First Meeting of the Grand Lodge in

THE MASONS IN RALEIGH.

Evening Times, 11th. To-morrow and for three succeeding days we will have with us a ported to the police last night. Mr. large body of the best and most representative men in North Carolina, the Masonic grand lodge. The meeting of the grand lodge, always a great occasion for the Masons, is of more than ordinary interest this year, from the fact that it is the first meeting in three negroes came up behind him the magnificent new Masonic Temple, and from the further fact that the temple will be dedicated at this meetthe tracks of the A. & Y. division of ing. The building is a splendid one the Southern Railway, near Bragg and the Masons have just reason for feeling proud of it. It is an honor to

His Eyes Turned Red.

Salisbury Post. Commissioner R. B. Peeler, who lives at Granite Quarry, we learn was almost blind. For a while he appeared

The Old Covered Bridge Disappears. Lumberton Robesonian.

A force of hands was put to work last week replacing the old covered Seaboard bridge across the Lumber river just above the station with a steel bridge. The old bridge has done service since 1880. The work is progressing rapidly, the covering having been torn away.

Jailed for Burning a Fence.

Concord Times. A man named Morgan and his sonin-law were arrested and put in jail here Saturday charged with burning Mr. Samuel Fisher's fence, in No. 6 township, last Wednesday night. Morgan is also charged with stealing a bridle from Mr. G. S. Kluttz.

Rifle Match Between North Carolina and Virginia.

Asheville Citizen. The First Regiment of the Virginia

will probably see Lumberton in the been accepted and will be held at Morehead during the summer. PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The forestry officials of some of the

New England States are to ask their Legislature to pass bills making railroads Cassel and Mr. Wm . Walker, all of and individuals proved responsible for ages. They also want the roads made to patrol all dangerous sections of their

tracks.

Lincoln's ancestry has been traced to Samuel Lincoln, who lived at Norwich, England. Emigrating to America, he sethis descerdants, who were Quakers, settled in Rockingham county, Va. The

Upon the strength of Mr. Walker's President's grandfather removed to Ken-One of the Great Lakes steamship com-

janies which operates a fleet of vessels engaged in the ore carrying trade is building concrete floors in its big steel says he is willing to spend this large ships. The company, says Popular Meamount of money to give the people chanics, was long confronted with the of Rock Hill what they need—an problem of constructing bottoms in the vessels which would do away with the constant repairs and the construction of new floors. When the vessels make the up-lake trip it is the practice to pump water into the hold for ballast, and the broken and worn out by the huge grab buckets employed in unloading the ore at the docks. The concrete eliminates the rotting out process and effectually resists the abuse of the grab buckets.

Plans looking to the publication of a stock is to give the mills a larger book to contain the national songs of all working capital, and the money will rations, with words, translations and be used to equip their large building music, and to secure the publication by the United States Bureau of Education templated—the idea in view being of a pamphlet giving comparative rates of tuition and cost of living at the leading American universities for distribution in foreign lands, were adopted at the second annual convention of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs at Ann Arbor, Mich. The association has chapters at 1,700 universities with a membership of 1,500 students. The song book proposition was given into the hands of a committee, and Louis P. Lochner, of Milwaukee, president of the association, reported that the Bureau of Education had already encouraged the associations officers to complied with and that only \$3,000 expect that Congress will be asked for an appropriation to provide for the is-

suing of a pamphlet regarding American

universities. After being continuously in service for approximately 150 years, says The Scientific American, the Leasowe lighthouse, which has stood on the Wirral shore of the Mersey estuary at the entrance to structure is the oldest lighthouse in Great Britain, and stands upon a stretch of soft sand. Its construction was somewhat interesting. Although it is a massive building, wrought in masonry, and seven stories in height, great difficulty was experi-Wake Forest, Jan. 12 .- The major- enced in carrying out the foundation cotton for this purpose, being considered at that time the best material for setsupplies of this substance were immecargo of cotton was wrecked in the vicinity, and it was dumped down onto the sand at the site, where, becoming com-1765 the building was destroyed by fire. The first of a series of debates, and an order was promptly issued that

WAVE SWEEPS PROVINCES

Millions Being Spent for Utilities in British Columbia.

Winnipeg, B. C., Jan. 12 .- An occurred here Sunday afternoon about sweeping over the prairie provinces amazing wave of public ownership is sunset. Vassar Woodcliff, aged 14, a It is announced that Alberta is selling \$2,000,000 worth of bonds in Lonboth legs were cut off, one above and system. The premiers of three provdon to construct a public telephone the other below the knee. He was inces are seriously discussing a plan immediately hurried to the college of public ownership of great grain, elevators.

The Winnipez Council has awarded brave fight against odds for his dife. contracts for more than \$1,000,000 on civic power plant to cost \$5,000,-

"The Devil" at Royal to-day only.

EFIRD'S

When we make a price on any item, it is the price long as the lot lasts. We do get together several items to go on sale at one time, but when we do this the entire lots are cleaned up at the prices put on them.

It Is One Price Here

We are always on the lookout for anything that is good which we can buy under price. Taking quantities and paying spot cash we get some exceptionally good things. When we buy a bargain we sell one.

New Specials For This Week, to go State militia has challenged the First Regiment of the North Carolina militia to a shooting match, which has been accepted and will be held at On Sale To-Morrow Morning

> New side bordered, yard wide Percales. 10c yard Solid color Chambrey, short lengths, all colors 5c yard New side bordered Calicoes, beautiful light Shirting Colors, also Checks, etc., Standard qualities 5c yard

> Big Special in White Lawns

46-inch White Persian Lawn, the very finest quality, with slightly damaged edges......121-2 cents

An Extra Special Wool Dress Goods

All Wool Poplins, 42 inches wide, Black and Navy Blue, regular \$1.00 quality, the little lot to go at 59c a yard

Ladies' All Wool Oxford Gray Sweaters, all sizes \$1.48

Our new Jewelry Department has made a great hit. We are selling only the very best in this Department. The cheapest item sold in it fully guaranteed for 12 months. You will be told when buying exactly what is gold and what is gold plated.

A Jewelry Special for this week. Solid gold top Shirt Waist Pins, plain, and with beaded edges, these pure gold. Regular Jewelers price more than double our



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