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#### AN INTERNATIONAL TRUST.

For some time there have been intimations that the steel trust was in some way prepared to give up its tariff of seven dollars per ton and let steel rails be put upon the free

Now comes the definite story, pubin The New York Tribune, that the steel rail makers of the world have formed a combination, or trust, and that the combination has the price of rails better in hand than if they relied upon the tariff.

## FRUIT CROP LORE.

At present the outlook for the crop is not encouraging, but one cannot tell. If the fruit trees bloom in late January and early February and a killing frost comes along, there is a chance for re-blooming in March and a good crop. If, however, the blooming process is delayed until near the ordinary time and a cold snap comes, it is good-bye to the fruit crop. Twice in the past decade, the elm trees in Charlotte have been caught in early leaf by a freeze and the leaves wilted like potato plants, but in a week or two the green leaves appeared again and shade was as abundant, if not as early as usual. If the premature fruit blossoms are killed early enough to permit of a second blossoming, the fruit crop will be even safer than

STIR OVER ANTI-TRUST BILL The tobacco interests of Durham and Winston are exercised over the prospective passage of the anti-trust bill pending in the Legislature. The Winston Sentinel explains that Mr. Lockhart, father of the bill, "represents Anson county in the General Assembly, a county which produces no tobacco, while several of the most ardent friends of the bill are also from counties that have no tobacco trade. It is understood that the representatives of almost all counties in which tobacco is produced or manufactured are opposed to the bill." The Winston tobacco board of trade has held a meeting and formulated a strong protest against the passage of the bill. The measure is aimed specifically at the American tobacco trust and its branches, but the trouble seems to be that it would not only hurt the trust, but would injure all branches of the tobacco trade in this State, farmers, buyers and manufacturers alike. It would seem that some way could be devised to protect the interests of an industry upon which the prosperity of many North Carolina towns is dependant.

## CONSERVATION OF WATER.

The rainfall gives us waters which run back to the ocean in streams. The President has pointed out in a special message upon conservation (among other things) that these waof the economical uses to which the waters in the streams may be put are (1) power by hydro elecrical development, (2) transportation by canals, (3) irrigation and (4) municipal water supply.

The dams built for power purposes make long stretches of navigable water. By a system of locks and canals with the lakes or ponds of the power developments, exvaluable and economic stretches of water navigation might often be extended from the natural heads of transportation in the waterways far into the interior. This would help to regulate rail rates and would add much to the transportation facilities in the territory through which such waterways would run.

We think it is extraordinary to what uses we are putting the waters in developing electric power plants, but there are other uses equally important and to which they might be put without impairing their power values, as, for example, transportation.

SHIPS FOR WAR AND PEACE.

Congress provides two new, big battleships. It is charged and denied that these two monsters of war are voted with an eye on Japan. But why continue to augment the number of our fighting vessels, when we have no transport ships for men, munitions and supplies? These are as necessary to the navy as fighting ships are where the scene of battles may, if it should come, be in Asiatic waters twelve thousand miles away from home whence coal and supplies must come. England's fighting ships were of no practical use in her African war. Far the most essential element in that and the one essential element which led to success was her merchant marine ships which under arrangements with the government was turned into an auxiliary navy to transport mules from New Orleans for use at the scene of war and men from England and her colonies and supplies from wherever they could be bought.

We need a goodly lot of fighting ships but these are of only half efficiency without transports.

Fighting ships are fit for nothing but war. The naval auxiliary of transports could be used for merchant service in time of peace. Or a fine merchant marine would help develop navy, in time of war.

NO INNOVATIONS NEEDED. CONNECTION MADE.

connection Saturday with the Sea-

The Chicago Clearing House Asso-

withdrawal from present channels of

investment should not be contemplat-

ed without due regard to its effect on

general business." The Chicago asso-

ciation, it seems, fails to consider

Postmaster General Meyer's state-

ment that all postal savings would be

deposited in the banks and that the

savings ought to be better safe-

guarded and they will be sooner or

Editor Scott C. Bone, of The Wash-

ington Herald, in his observations on

"Taft in Dixie," remarks: "Mr. Taft

has had a great time in the South-

a most enjoyable time. He has learn-

ed much, we think-and he has set

the South thinking in a way that will

bring happy results. Indeed, we feel

that his visit to Georgia will stand out

said that the Southern people

vious Republican President. His visit

to Dixie has brought about a feel-

ing that might be almost described

Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn returns

to Winston to-day to resume home

life as a private citizen. The people

of that town have arranged to show

their appreciation of his worth as offi-

cial and citizen by tendering him a

reception, an evidence of esteem

which will be as gratifying to the ex-

It would not be a bad idea for the

Greater Charlotte Club to annex the

Women's Club to look after the mat-

ter of city parks. The Women's Club

No primary system that could be

devised would give satisfaction to the

whole people, but peace and satisfac-

tion would come when the State is

provided with the Australian ballot.

The people of North Carolina who

want fair elections should get the

Australian ballot, or know the reason

The Women's Club seems to have

Now is a great time to catch the

horny heads in the meadow brook.

SPARKLERS.

Gems from the Jewel Case of News-

paper Paragraphers.

Mrs. Stubb-Let us see, John, who wrote

Dunno, Maria. Mrs. Stubb-Seems to me

it was a woman. Mr. Stubb-Woman?

Then, I guess it must have been Lot's

Mrs. Goldsteimer (they have just moved

into a new place)-My dear, I do wish

you would go out with me more and

meet some of the charming woman here.

Goldsteimer-Vy should I know them? If

did. I'd have to be giving up my seat

AND IT CLICKED.

Much gas is burning, so keep track of it

Click, little meter, for your work's begun,

Set the hands in steady motion.

That a cog space means a button

Take down every stray heat unit.

Just so many vap'rous chuggings

For you know they are

car.

man's

You'll get a layoff with the rising sun.

For you should take note.

Though each click is but a trifle,

Click, little meter, for the range is lit.

Little things make life-

Its a button for the collar

man's

man'g

wife.

Mr. Stubb-

got the janitors on the run.

Chicago News.

'Looking Backward?"

n der cars all der time.

Of the

grew.

For the

gas

has demonstrated the fact that it

knows how to go after results.

Governor as it will be deserved.

as one of contentment.

deposit accounts in commercial banks

Representative John M. Julian, of Rowan, was a member of the legislative committee of fifteen that made an inspection of the State Hospital board Air Line road, at Bostic. There at Morganton, Friday. Representing is a little surfacing up yet to be in a measure, we take it, the views done, but the joining of these two of the committee, he writes appreciaroads at the point named means that tively in The Salisbury Post, of con-Charlotte and Wilmington are now ditions at this institution. In general, open to Johnson City and the coal he says that the committee put in a fields. It means further that the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio will fulbers of the committee were especially fill its promise to open through pasimpressed with the magnificence of senger service between Charlotte and the scenery, the generally well kept Johnson City on February 1. Shortly condition of the institution and the after that date, the coal trains will revelations made as to associated feabe coming through. The inauguration tures, such as a colony plan, of which of the passenger service on February they had no knowledge. We are 1 will be on a local basis. The C., C. pleased to quote Mr. Julian as saying & O will probably deliver its train the suggestion of the State hospital from Johnson City at Bostic to the commission "that one board to con-Seaboard Air Line, which will carry trol the three hospitals for the insane it through to Charlotte and Wilmingbe substituted for the present boards ton. Following this arrangement will be the putting on of a Pullman car finds no favor with this committee. The members are almost uniformly service by the C., C. & O. from Wilopposed to any change in the present mington and Charlotte to Johnson plan of government. The eastern City, thence over trunk line connecmembers were emphatic in declaring tion to Cincinnati. All of the freight that even if the contention of rivalry and passenger traffic arrangements of stands, it should be encouraged, raththis new road are being developed er than discouraged in order to seaccording to promise. Connection at cure to the State the best service. Bostic is now a fact and has been But this is not the all-important phase made a week ahead of time. of the question. The argument grounded on reason that those men ciation has no use for the proposed adjacent to the territory immediately postal savings system and has adoptaffected are best qualified to pass upon ed strong resolutions against it. "The the needs of an institution in their savings deposits of the country," says section is accepted as safe and sound. the association, "are a much larger A citizen of Morehead, for instance, factor in the banking situation than is as widely separated in point of symany official statistics indicate, and any pathy and knowledge of geographical conditions from a citizen of Ashe-

> Mr. Julian is confident that the committee will vote to give the Morganton institution "every penny it needs and see that no unnecesssary innovations are introduced." Legislature could not improve upon the present system of management. It should be very slow to endanger the successful and satisfactory management of the State hospitals by making them the objects of doubtful experiments, or "innovations," as Mr. Julian calls them.

ville as a Canadian and a Mexican.

The committee accepts the proposi-

tion, then, that piedmont and west-

ern North Carolinians should regulate

the control of an institution that ad-

mits only those in their respective

territory, conceding at the same time

this privilege to eastern North Caro-

#### THE WIRELESS.

The value of the wireless telegraph service has just had a practical demonstration in the collision of the two big steamships, off Nantuckett, Saturday morning. The ships in collision more vividly as the days go by as were the White Star liner Republic one of the real, epoch-making events and the Italian liner Florida. The of his life." At any rate, it can be collision occurred at early dawn in a dense fog. The Republic later went look more hopefully to Mr. Taft than to the bottom, but not until its 400 they had reason to look to any prepassengers were transferred to the crippled Florida, from which, in turn, they were transferred to the Baltic. As soon as the accident occurred wireless messages were flashed over the sea, giving news of the accident and the location of the ships involved. In a short time, the big steamships Baltic, Furnessia, New York, Lorraine and the Lucania were making their way to the scene. Meanwhile, the officers on shore of the colliding ships were kept informed of the situation and were enabled to send orders of instruction and relief. The surviving vessel of the collision, the Florida, was in a very perilous condition by reason of injuries and overcrowding when the Baltic came to the rescue. There is no doubt that the appearance of the Baltic averted a far greater disaster. One can imagine what the probable consequences of an accident of this sort would have been in the days before the wireless.

This is the season for the honoring of Abraham Lincoln's memory. The magazines are full of Lincoln biographies and Congress is talking about building a "Lincoln Way," which means a turnpike, from Washington to Gettysburg. But while most movements are in the shape of perpetuating Lincoln's memory, his native town, Hodgonville, Ky., has redeemed it. It was from that town that Lincoln put out with a cargo of whiskey down the Mississippi, as his first mercantile venture. Now Hodgonville has decided by a vote of over 1,000, which means nearly the whole of its population, to be henceforth a dry

Perhaps the police will be now given orders to arrest people who throw banana peels on the sidewalks. Almost any day a man can kick a dozen or these bone-breaking traps from the pavement between Independence Square and the depot, and it is about as bad on other streets. One of the accidents daily threatened has come. The city should not wait for somebody to break a neck instead of a shoulder before being aroused to the desirability of enforcing the banana peel ordinance-for, we believe, there is an ordinance of that kind made and provided.

The movement to enlist the interest of the government in the matter of parking its property, a half block in width and an entire block in extent flanking the postoffice and assay buildings, is to be commended. At a comparatively small expense an elegant park could be secured and one that, with an entrance between the two buildings, would prove a public benefaction. It has been talked of before. This time we hope the talk | Click, little meter, it is up to you. will not stop until the improvement Big oaks from acors, so they've told us,

Mr. Taft is off for Panama, to-day, foreign trade in American products in the best ship in the navy bearing in time of peace and be quickly turned the name of the best State in the to transport service, as part of the Union. A pleasant journey and a safe return for him! New York Sun.

The Chronicle understands that the AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio made

> DAILY INCIDENTS, FACTS AND COMMENT GATHERED FROM THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATE

> > STRINGING TOBACCO BAGS.

An Industry in Mt. Airy That Puts

Out From \$100 to \$125 a Day.

The stringing of tobacco bags is

becoming quite an industry in the

city of Mount Airy. Mr. T. J. Thomp-

Blue Ridge Breeze.

tendent to Mr. Thompson.

Concord Tribune.

city, for its erection.

Henderson Gold Leaf.

Morning Star.

funeral.

coming in quite lively.

ANOTHER COTTON MILL.

Capt. J. M. Odell to Embark in the

Business Again.

Contract for the erection of an-

other cotton mill in the city has been

a spinning mill 100x60 feet, one story

and a basement and has closed a

contract with R. A. Brown's Sons.

The fact that this mill was to be

built has been a matter of rumor for

some time, but the letting of the

mill is to be built on the ground near

the Magnolia between the Magnolia

and the Cotton Oil Mill. Thus is ad-

ded another chapter to the story of

Concord's progress during the year

Book on the Burwell Family.

Rear Admiral W. T. Burwell arriv-

ed in Henderson last Friday to visit

his cousin, Mrs. John D. Cooper. He

is an enthusiastic player of golf, and

is just from Pinehurst, where he

took part in the tournament, and

though this was his first tournament

When not playing golf Rear Ad-

he came within one of winning a

miral Burwell is interested in "kin,"

and he has collected what "The

Family" consider the most accurate

and complete record of the Burwells.

The Wilmington Strawberry Market.

made their appearance on the local

Rocky Point were offered yesterday

at 37 1-2 cents per quart retail. Next

week it is expected berries will be

Suicide of a Cabarrus Man.

Salisbury Dispatch, 24th., to Charlotte

Relatives in Salisbury received

telegram this morning announcing

that Mr. Erastus Suther, who lived

near Mount Gilead church, several

miles from Concord, had committed

suicide. No particulars were given.

Mr. Suther's wife, who is a sister of

Mr. A. W. Winecoff, has been here

under treatment of Dr. John White-

head and went home only a few days

ago. Mrs. C. M. C. Barger, a daugh-

ter of the deceased, and Mr. Winecoff

left this morning to attend the

Native grown strawberries have

A number of quarts from

contract assures it being built. The

the well-known contractors of this

Capt. J. M. Odell is to build

BRINGING OUT THE COTTON.

Ten Cents Causes a Jam in Concord-Farmers Scrap For Place in Line.

Concord Tribune, 23rd. About 1 o'clock the jam at the platform became so intense that the police force had to be called out in order to prevent trouble among some of the cotton sellers who were scrapping for positions in line to the platform. The trouble arose from the fact that there were two lines-one from the south end and one from the north end of the street. They met at the gate leading into the scales, and when one wagon started in front of another, the men in charge became a little huffy, but no fight ensuedonly a few hot words. The matter was soon adjusted and the men were sent their way rejoicing. Ten cents is the price set by the

Cabarrus Cotton Association and the Farmers' Union for the staple, and when the price reached ten cents this morning, the farmers felf in line and the solid phalanx that blocked the city's streets is a result. Ten cents has caused many bales to be let loose to the manufacturer and cotton dealers, and as a consequence many of he farmers who were unwilling to let their staple go for less, are today satisfied. There are others, however, who are holding for still higher prices, and it is hoped that they will not be disappointed. There were more than three hundred bales sold on this market to-day and it is said to be the busiest day in cotton circles that the city has experienced within displacement of them involving their the past four years.

### A Western View of Settle. sheville Gazette-News.

The fine political work accomplished during the recent national campaign by Hon. Thomas Settle, of Asheville, one of the most eloquent speakers and astute politicians in the South, has spread, and in a recent ssue of The San Diego, Cal., Sun is a short story relative to Mr. Settle's political activity with a very fine likeness of that gentleman. The story is captioned: "Young Man Who is Breaking Up the Solid South." The story is a special and says: "Thomas Settle, of North Carolina,

the man who has been doing things to the Democrats in the heart of the solid South. In the last election Settle as the leader of the Republican forces in North Carolina succeeded in electing three Congressmen besides winning other lesser victeries over Democrats. Settle has long been recognized in the South as one of the most active and able polison of the late United States Judge Thomas Settle. He has represented his district in Congress and is a lawyer of marked ability. It will be interesting to see what Mr. Taft will do toward making him more valuable to the Southern wing of the Republican party."

Schools Closed on Account of Epidem-

Newbern Journal.

Under advice of the county health officer, the city schools will be closed to-day. Announcement will be made later when they will again. The reason for closing is on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria prevailing now in the city.

Able to Go Driving. Statesville Mascot.

It is reported that Hon. R. Z. Linney, of Taylorsville, who was very much worse the lrst of the week, is now greatly improved, and was able to be out driving on Thursday after-

## PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Vernon Bailey, who has charge of the Division of Geographic Distribution of the Biological Survey, has done much traveling in the hunts of animals and written much concerning their habits. The gophers is one of the animals of which he has made a special study, though he has written about hundreds of others, particularly about those of the life with the aid of a gas tube, while Mississippi Valley and of the District of his wife and children were ebsent from at the time were two letters containing

Berlin is not the place in which to seek accurate and unbiased information concerning British diplomacy, yet there may be a basis for the Berlin story that the British Government and the Turkish Government have reached an understanding to t he effect that the Sultan shall use his influence with the Mohammedan priesthood in India in support of the Indian Government. British influence has been a substantial aid thus far to the reform regime at Constantinople and the Young Turkes would gladly help England in India, through the Mohammedan priesthood, in order to make sure of British support in the future against certain European Powers.

Vulkanol, a new artifical paving stone that is being tried in leading German inecessary noise and held a meeting cities, is a mixture of crushed basalt or similar rocks with a small percentage of The material is made into blocks by hydraulic pressure, burned about twelve days in a special furnace and cooled slowly. Pavements are laid on concrete or macadam, thin sheets of the vulkanol being used for sidewalks. It is claimed that the pavements cost less than granite or concrete, are tough and durable, are so hard and close-jointed as to be quite free from dust and are more

easily cleaned than other kinds. Some new anecdotes of Ibsen have recently appeared in the Christiana Oereblad from the pen of the Munich painter, Coming into the Hans Heyerdahl. Scandinavian Club in Munich one evening. Ibsen said to him: "Two Norweigian priests have just called upon me. They were on their way through Munich, and wanted to thank me for 'Brand.' They are quite satisfied with the poetry of it, and think Brand a lineal picture of a strong man's fate, as well as a wellrounded-out character, composed with a glass disk was done in Goblain, master's hand. Of course, I nodded in a France, and the cost was \$50,000. friendly way, and was very thankful for their approval, but," he added, laughingly, "these good men have, like so many others, wholly misunderstood 'Brand,' took him seriously. But the whole drama is only meant as irony. For the man who wants anything or nothing is certainly crazy." Ibsen frequently told Heyerdahl that his works were wholly based upon is own experiences, adventures and ob-

A dispatch from New York to the Baltimore Sun says: "Had Arthur C. Matthews, a maker of teeth for dentists and living in Seventh avenue, looked in his letter box before he committed suicids late yesterday, in pique that he had not received an expected remittance, he would have found two letters that might have saved him. Dr. Matthews was distinguished at Yale in dentistry and in Y., and checks were sent him varying & Forsyth street

Never Satisfied. Durham Herald. Some of them have grumbled because a prohibitionist was not elected Speaker of the House, just as if the thing had not been settled in May. in amount from \$1,000 to \$3,000. . The checks increased after he had married and his obligations grew. Arthur was rather more of a spendthrift than the family would countenance, but the re mittances continued to come. In the recent holidays he got a check for \$3,000 and spent it quickly. He sent for more

## ODD THINGS IN THE NEWS.

money, and when it did not reach him as

soon as he had expected he ended his

the house. In the letter box of the flat

According to a clause in the will of William Griffith Wilson, of Baltimore, who died on December 31st last, the member of the class of 1894 of Princeton University who, at the time of the twenty-fifth annual reun on of have living the largest number of children, is to receive a loving cup, valued at \$50, from his estate.

The Boston Professional Women's Club has taken up the matter of unrecently at which the subject was discussed by Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, of New York, the prophet of the Anti-noise Association.

The annual conference of those interested in the use of horse flesh as an article of food has just closed in Paris. The statistics showed that last year over 60,000 horses were slaughtered for food in France and 30,000 in Germany.

Among the recent inventions of women is an individual car strap, invented and manufactured by Mrs. J. M. Merrck, of Boston. It may be carried around in a shopping bag and attached by its hook to the rod in the car or on the loop of another

News comes from Pasadena that the great 100-inch glass for the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory is defective. The casting of the great Miss Charlotte Mansfield, an Eng-

lish writer, has sailed for Cape Town to take a lonely tramp of 8,000 miles toward Cairo. Two thousand miles of her journey will be through the wilds of Central Africa. "While it is true that men of all

nations and races profane the name of God, yet Americans are the most profuse swearers of any country in the civilized world," says a member of the Men's Bible Union.

Although 9,795,689,000 common brick were made in the United States in 1907, the production was 2.31 per cent, behind that of 1906. Illinois and New York lead in the industry.

One of New York City's old

# Something New on

#### Sale Every Day at son, of this city, has charge of, as superintendent, one of these agencies and he informs us that his pay roll runs from one hundred to a hundred and twenty-five dollars a day. The first three days of this week he says he counted one million twenty-eight thousand and nine hundred bags. Mr. Thompson informs The Breeze that this is a growing industry here, and while it is not a big industry, it helps out wonderfully in creating a greater prosperity for our city. The EFIRD'S business has grown to such proportions that Mr. T. J. Blackburn has been employed as assistant superin-

The new Goods being bought by our Mr. Efird in New York this trip are coming almost by the Car Loads

Keep an eye on our Advs. and watch the date for the greatest Embroidery and White Goods Sale we have ever had.

## Linen Lawns

36-inch fine sheer quality all pure Linen Lawn, Special Regular 50 cent quality fine sheer Linen Lawn full 

## Brown Dress Linen

A good heavy quality Brown Dress Linen regular 15 cent value, Special...... 10 cents per yard

New Striped Linen Suiting in all the new colors for Spring Wash Suits...... 10 cents per yard

## New Perceles

New yard wide Percales light ground, neat patterns a regular 10 cent quality, Special. . 81-3 cents per yard

# New Side Band Calicoes

Several new cases Hamilton Prints in all the new patterns' with Side Bands, in Browns, Turkey Reds, Black and White, Blues, etc., warranted Fast Colors, 

## New Shirting Prints

Best quality Shirting Prints in all the pretty Light Patterns in Light Blue and Pink Polka Dots, Pin Stripes, etc., with or without Side Bands for Shirt Waists and Children's Dresses, etc.... 5 cents a yard

## White Lawns

40-inch fine sheer quality White Lawn 10 cents per yard 40-inch fine sheer Persian Lawns a regular 18 cent val-

Keep an Eye on the Always Busy Store.

# DEPARTMENTSTORE

The One Price Cash Store Cor. Trade & College Streets athletics. His parents were indulgent.
He was the son of J. A. Matthews, a churches, built 119 years ago and known as "The Rock of Methodism," is now a vaudeville theatre. It is at Stores Also Concord, N. C.