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CONDENSED MILK. The growth of the condensed-milk industry in the United States has been remarkable. It is figured out that sixteen million dollars worth of condensed-milk has been exported from the United States during the past decade two and one-half million dollars of it in the fiscal year 1908.

SPLIT BY THE TARIFF. The tariff debate is splitting the Democratic party far asunder, temporarily at least, as indicated by some of the debates in the House. We have told of the remarkably brazen speech of Representative Clark, of Florida. As was to have been expected, he drew down a good deal of wrath upon his head.

AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA. DAILY INCIDENTS, FACTS AND COMMENT GATHERED FROM THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATE. GOING ON RELIEF WORK. Army Officer Arrives and With Collector B. F. Keith Will Go on a Great Mission.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1909.

TAX EXEMPTION AS AN INDUCEMENT.

The town of Camden, S. C., as an inducement to secure the establishment of manufacturing enterprises, has voted to exempt new plants from taxation for a period of six years. It is an old plan and of doubtful efficacy. It was in operation in Charlotte once when a single factory was exempt from the payment of taxes, but as soon as the law expired, factories began springing up on every hand.

THE NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FARMER.

It is an easy matter to advise the farmers, but the suggestions given in a communication elsewhere are founded on common sense. The good roads bring the farmers into easy communication with the absorbent market of Charlotte and many of them have been making money through attention paid to the demands of the Charlotte market.

WORKING TO A PLAN.

Boston has caught the fever. The slogan of the Greater Charlotte Club, "Watch Charlotte Grow," is infectious and Boston is now following suit with the slogan, "Boston—1915—The finest city in the world." It is a high mark the Bostonians have set up to shoot at, but we wish them luck in the shooting.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Studies in the open air for school children are advocated by Dr. Alexander McAllister, a physician of Camden, N. J., for stamping out tuberculosis. According to intelligence from Egypt, says The Indian Trade Journal, a proposal lies before the municipal council for making Alexandria a free port.

SPARKLERS.

Gems from the Jewel Case of Newspaper Paragraphs. THE TEST. New York Evening Mail. It is easy enough to be pleasant when life goes on like a song.

RETURN OF THE BIRDS.

The birds of migratory instincts are here with few exceptions from their stay south and north of the equator. The big brown thrush has selected his perch on the summit of a post oak in my back yard.

GOVERNING FOR THE RACE.

Hon. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, was here Wednesday. Many friends in Cabarrus would like to see Mr. Caldwell represent this district in Concord and think that if he is nominated by the Democrats he can redeem the district.

CRUELTY TO CHICKENS.

A warrant was sworn out Tuesday for the arrest of the members of the firm of Hobbs-Henderson Company, one of the leading clothing and dry goods stores of Greensboro. The firm is charged with mutilating birds. At the opening of a big sale on Saturday, chickens, around which were tickets calling for suits of clothes, were thrown from the top of the store to the street below forty feet below.

CHARLOTTE'S WAY.

Charlotte is determined to give those who attend the May 30th celebration the worth of their money, says a change. That's a way the Charlotte people have of doing.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

The city is proceeding with the work of putting the proper cement paving trimming to the bitulthick street. Charlotte is going to present a noble front to the 20th of May hosts.

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Those who visit Washington these days report that the hotels are reaping a rich harvest. The tariff bill is engaging the attention of every interest in the United States. Many interests are permanently—that is, as long as the tariff bill continues under consideration—represented. New England is down in full force but the South is very little represented.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

The canvass for funds to meet the expenses of the 20th May Celebration will close this evening and it is hoped the result will be satisfactory. If it is not, then the business men of the town should voluntarily make up whatever deficiency there might be. Charlotte wants to make the mare go at a lively pace on this occasion.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

It is reasonable to suppose that the purchase of a \$45,000-corner lot by a national bank corporation means something like a new \$250,000-bank building.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

When The Durham Sun arises to make a few remarks it is always effulgently equal to the occasion. For instance, hear it on the subject of The Chronicle's home town: "Charlotte lays upon the bosom of North Carolina like a brilliant diamond brooch. She is the admired of all admirers. She will soon sparkle and scintillate with a brilliancy that will eclipse all other places, for the time being. She is to have President Taft to visit her on the 20th of May, and on that occasion Charlotte will exercise all of the loveliness of a beautiful Miss in the presence of her chosen admirer. Great is Charlotte, and great it is to have a President as her guest for a few days. We make our salaam to Charlotte."

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

The prize donkey offered by Colonel Bryan to the county making the greatest Democratic gain in the last presidential election, has been awarded to Esmeralda county, in Nevada, which showed a gain of 694 per cent. As the whole State of Nevada has but little greater population than Charlotte, it would be interesting to have the figures from Esmeralda county. There is evidently a great stretch between the total and the percentage.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

If the South Bound road is to be swayed back from Lexington to Salisbury and Concord to Monroe, why not to Charlotte thence to Monroe? Greater things than this have been accomplished in railroad work.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

You need not take The Chronicle's word for it if you do not want to, but there is likely to be still another new bank building under contract before 1909 is out.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

A vote on the Payne tariff bill is expected to be reached in the House, this afternoon, but the House vote will not settle the matter.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

The cleaning-up day idea is spreading. It was observed in Atlanta yesterday and that town made a lot of noise about it.

LOOKING FOR A PLAN.

Good evening! Any more candidates for mayor?

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Looks Like a Democratic Primary. The fight for the eastern judgeship bears some resemblance to a Democratic primary in North Carolina.

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