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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1912 BUILDING ACTIVITY IN CHAR-LOTTE.

Charlotte has invested practically a million dollars in new buildings during the present year, and even this sum is just a bit below the total for 1911, when the permit was issued for the new \$300,000 Commercial building. However, a round million dollars is a pretty neat sum to put into new buildings and improvements in a year, especially when it is considered that no really large buildings have been erected during this year.

Considerably more than half of the million dellars has been spent for new residences, this indicating something of the growth of the city. The demand for new houses is so great that one local concern, the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, is divering practically all of its energles to the building of new homes for sale, and literally dozens of homes, from modest cottages to handsome residences that command proces of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 are being constantly built and sold. The Carolina Realty Company, the Stephens Company, the Thies-Smith Company and other concerns also are building new homes for sale and none of them have hal may trouble disposing of them at sotisfactory profits.

Wilmington, Rock Hill and other cities that are growing so rapidly that they have a famine of houses for sale and rent could get some points from some of the live Charlotte realty concerns, especially the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Conceany, which is the institution of Mr. E. D. Latta, who has probably done more for the development of Charlotte than any other one man. This concern has built literally hund-ens of homes, developing the largest residential suburb of the city, its plan being to build the houses and offer them for sale on terms as easy or in many instances much easier than the purchaser could build through the building and loan assoclations. Purchasers are encouraged to use the building and loan and in fact the concern itself uses the associations liberally. The demand for new houses in

Charlotte is such that the building of houses for sale offers an attractive feld to the real estate concerns, especially those who are interested in land development, and the competition between the real estate concerns and individuals serves to act as a check and to keep the price of houses from going to unreasonable extremes. With renting property the same is true. There are scores of persons of moderate wealth in Charlotte who find renting property a most excellent investment and, are turning all of their profits back into the same channels and enlarging their holdings. Here again competition keeps the rents from becoming unreasonably high.

The whole State is watching the

progress of the movement for the commission form of government in Charlotte, A few days ago The Greensboro Record staed that Charlotte was going about the matter in the wrong manner by considering the board of aldermen at all, it being a matter for the citizens themselves. Following the latest developments. the decision of the advocates of the progressive move to have a mass meeting and let every citizen express himself regarding the details of the plan, The Record says: "At last Charlotte is on the right track to secure a commission form of government. Seeing that a majority of the aldermen are opposed to the innovation, the citizens have resolved to secure a charter, have the Legislature authorize an election and let the electorate decide the matter. This is the only way to go about it, but when the campaign is on those favoring the proposition will need some mighty astute workers in the field."

It is expected that more than 50, 000 Red Cross Christmas seals will have been sold in Charlotte by Saturday. That number is just half the apportionment for Charlotte, and Wilmington and some other cities have done better. Charlotte can't afford to linger among the apathetic, Use the seals on all of your Christmas reminders, and if you don't send any buy some seals and give them to those who can use them.

some folks base their opposition to woman suffrage on the ground that men will be influenced in their votes by their voting wives. Well, if the combination street sweepers man is the best man we do not see that harm could come from her ling the vote of the weaker

BOTH OF THE COLONELS WRONG

It is so seldom that one is able to 'take up" Col. Wade H. Harris, editor of The Observer, and Col. Thomas Clawson, editor of The Wilmington really gives rare pleasure. Colonel Harris says in The Observer this

"In The Wilmington Star, yesterday morning, Col. Thomas Clawson, the editor, prints an appreciative review of Erwin Avery's "Idle Comments," the second edition of which has been issued by Stone & Barringer of Char- have. lotte. Colonel Clawson, however, has fallen into error in crediting the was compiled from the files of The Observer by a committee of Chapel Hill alumni, selected for the purpose, and the task was performed with fine discrimination. It is a pleasure to note the splendid reception accorded the book by the North Carolina public. In itself, this demand constitutes an eloquent tribute to the worth and talents of the dead writer."

Both of the Colonels are wrong. The committee that was entrusted with the task of compiling the works of Mr. Avery consisted of Dr. Edwin Mims, then professor of English literature at Trinify College; Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, at that time head of the department of English at the University; Mr. J. P. Caldwell, Mr. J. W. Bailey and Rev. Plato T. Durham, the latter a classmate and fraternity mate of Mr. Avery at Trinity College. The committee practically turned the work over to Dr. Mims, who selected it and arranged it in the admirable order in which it ap-

THE HOOKWORM FIGHTERS. North Carolina's efficient corps of nookworm fighters, consisting of Drs. John A. Ferrell, Strosnider, Pridgen, Covington, Hughes and Jacocks, has gone to Little Rock, Ark., to attend a conference of hookworm specialists from all of the Southern States. As The Chronicle has remarked before North Carolina is leading all of the Southern States in the campaign for the eradication of the hookworm and the Tar Heel experts will no doubt have a prominent part in the confer-

The hookworm has been costing the South literally millions of dollars annually in impaired or destroyed efficiency, and the knowledge that the State Board of Health has been able to accomplish such results and that 60 or more countles of the State have been progressive and wide awake enough to make the trivial appropriations necessary to secure the services of the State experts and offer the treatment free is extremely gratifying. The expenses of the corps of experts are borne almost wholly by the State and the Rockefeller Hookworm Commission, the counties contributing never more than a few hundred dollars.

The latest counties to make appaign are Haywood, Hoke and Union, act. while the work has just been completed or is now in progress in Anson, Franklin, Lee, Henderson, Iredell and Scotland Counties. The majority of the countles of the State have already had hundreds of their citizens, men, women and children. the lethargic minority.

It is not improbable that the lawyers of Charlotte will make an attempt to have the approaching Legislature make Mecklenburn County an independent judicial district. Notwithstanding the holding of numerous special terms of court here during the past two years in addition to the regular terms the criminal and civil dockets are about as congested as ever. The business of the court has increased and is still increasing at such a rapid rate that practically the entire time of a judge is demanded. The General Assembly will no doubt increase the number of judicial districts in the State and effect a number of reforms recommended by the State Bar Association and it is hoped that in the redistricting Mecklenburg will be made a separate district.

The Ladies' Home Journal declares that the present school system in this country is a failure. Such a statement is ridiculous. It is undoubtedly true that there, are many defects in teaching methods, etc., and there is abundance of room for improvement, but our schools are not a failure. And they are undoubtedly improving each year. Possibly the campaign of The Ladies' Home Journal will help some.

We have very kind feelings toward the suffragettes, but some of those women do make such fools of themselves. Take the tramp from New York to Albany by a little squad of freaks, for instance. The cause of equal suffrage is steadily and rapidly gaining ground, but such stunts that do not help it.

One bad effect of the Blease episode at Richmond has been to give unthinking people the impression that all the lynching bees inhabit Southern hives, when as a matter of fact some of the most horrible and most indefensible lynchings have been in the Northern and Central Western

There is no danger that anyon who was on the streets of Charlotte yesterday afternoon and last night will think the purchase of the new flushers is an extravagance.

It will be Professor Taft after

The second edition of "Idle Comments," the compilation of selections, of the literary work of the late Isaac Erwin Avery; is attracting much attention throughout the State and it Star, both veterans, that the occasion the amount of publicity attending the coming out of the edition is any indication it will be quickly exhausted.

"Sweets to the sweet." One drug store in the city anticipates that its holiday sales of fine candles will reach \$6,000. Just think what a good time the Charlotte girls are going to

The finishing touch of every Christcompilation of the work to the pres- mas package and every holiday letent editor of The Observer. The book ter should be a Red Cross Christmas

> Get some Red Cross Christmas If you have already gotten some, get some more.

> Charlotte is to have a gas show. That is good. Then next stop, and electrical show

Too bad the papers can't urge ear-Christmas shopping any more.

PICAYUNES

(New Orleans Picayune.) Circustances alters bookcases.

A society belle should have the The new outemobile dance

e a kind of breakdown. Sign on a restaurant: "Our fish cannot be approached."

It is possible that Caesar's death was due to too many Roman punches.

Some mer make a name for themselves when they spell Smith Smythe.

Somehow or other the girl with her first diamond ring loses all in-

Prosperity spoils some folks, but thers seem to be able to get spoiled without it. Some people have the idea that a

be passed on. A kiss is what the child receives free, what the young man steals and

plugged dime, like kind deeds, should

the old man buys. Next to the art of talking is the art of listening. The art of saying something is a poor third.

A woman's tongue is her weapon, vet no woman is arrested for carrying concealed weapons. The reason is

Whenever a man tells us that he has never spoken an unkind word to his wife we wonder if it was chivalry

The average problem play these days makes a fellow wonder how the propriations for the hookworm cam- actress gets into her dress in the last CANDING WALLES

ODDS AND ENDS

Dr. F. C. Curtis has served as chief of the health board of Newton, Mass., for twenty years without salary because the city only offers \$1,000 a treated. Mecklenburg lingers among year while he demands \$1,500, refusing to accept the smaller sum.

> The New York Bible Society recrease of over 100 per cent in the distribution of Scripture above that of any preceding month. The total distribution during July exceeded 50,-000 volumes of Scripture.

Bachelors are more liable to become insane than married men, according to a report by government investigators at Washington.

Soaking in a weak solution of potash for several days and then polish ing it with rotten stone and olive oil will restore the surface of old pew-

The municipal authorities of Ber-lin have forbidden men to smoke while driving automobiles, ruling that many accidents have been due to the practice.

An ingenious machine operated by an electric motor enables one type-writer company to test its machines before they leave the factory at a speed faster than the eye can fol-

A recent German patent covers the use of carbonic acid gas in a machine which sprays mortar or plaster on wall of a building to hasten the setting of the material so sprayed.

If the heat and muscular effort expended by an average man in a day could be converted into electrical energy it would be sufficient to run a sewing machine motor for 100 hours.

In the woolen trade during the last ten years Great Britain has made nearly five times as much progress as Germany and fifteen times as much as France.

The German ministry of education proposes to introduce the use of the cinematograph in various courses at institutions of higher education. Films of courses in anatomy, biology, and bacteriology are already available in Germany. A leading philanthropist has presented two fully equipped moving-picture machines to the schools of Berlin, one of which is ing, while the street railway company to be used in the higher normal will not be asked to pave as much schools and the other in the high space as would be required under oth-

There has been a marked increase in Europe in the use of cremation as a method of disposing of the dead. Last year there were 7,555 cremain Germany, as against 6,500 in At present there are 30 crema-in Germany and almost as many in Italy. In England there were 1,038 cremations in 1911, as against 840 in 1910. Recently Switzerland has passed a law which practically makes interment exceptional.

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AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Dally Incidents, Facts And Comment Gathered From The Newspapers Of The State

WANT UNION DEPOT.

Charlotte's Need of a Union Depot Remarked Upon Coming of the Norfolk Southern Will Make the Demand Greater.

(Monroe Journal.)
The Norfolk Southern will soon be in Charlotte. The grading between Mount Glicad and Charlotte is about completed. The road comes within two miles of the Union line at Brief and within 18 miles of Monroe. But the greatest interest Monroe people and those in this section generally have in the new road will be in the connections at Charlotte. When the road gets to that city there will be two great lines centering there, and since Charlotte is always on the lookout for improvements, the city ought to demand a union station. The needs and the conveniences of the traveling public imperatively demand this, and if the roads are unwilling voluntarily to build a union station, the city ought to ask the Corporation Commission to require it. Charlotte is a pleasant place, but useless trans-fers and loss of time by reason of failing to make connections between roads is not pleasant. Charlotte is the only town of the first rank in the State that has no union depot.

The Teachers' Training School.

(Greenville Reflector.) The meeting of the County Teachers' Association was held in the auditorium of the Training School last Saturday The principal feature of the program was an address by Dr. A. C. Monahan, Director of the Division of Rural Education in the United States Department of Education, Washington, D. C. In speaking of the training of teachers, Doctor Monahan paid the East Carolina Teachers Training School a high compliment. He said he had visited normal schools in a part of the United States and in every part of the United States and had never found so earnest and so good a spirit in any of them as he found in the Training School here.

New Milling Company For Statesville. (Statesville Landmark.)

Work is in progress on the new-building for the Star Milling Com-pany at Bioomfield and the contract for the machinery for the new plant has been let to the Robertson Manu-facturing Company of Pennsylvania. The new mill will have a capacity of 130 barrels and it is expected to be in operation by March 1. When the new mill is completed the milling plant on Patterson street and will use the material in erecting a storage house and elevator for the new plant.

Cotton Mill for Mocksville.

(Davie Record.)

Mocksville stands a mighty good chance of securing a cotton mill in the near future. There is some money as well as talk behind the movement this time and in our next isthe mill is a surety. For six years we hope that our dreams are about to be realized at last,

All Would be Out of a Job. (Durham Herald.) If all the streets in this town were paved we would have to adopt the commission plan of government as no-body would want to run for alder-

DAVIDSON NEWS

Many College Students Have Finished Examinations and Started for

DAVIDSON, Dec. 19 .- Rev. Dr. C. M. Richards leaves this morning for Greensboro to attend a meeting of the finance committee of the Barium Springs Orphanage, to be held in that city today.

Rev. J. C. Kennedy, the blind preacher of Mount Mourne, was a visitor at the manse here this week, the first time that he has been out of his home since his serious hurt, happening two years ago.

The chapel auditorium was by no means full this morning, quite a large fraction of the students having finished their examinations, and with this accomplished they taken an air their train. College closes for the holidays tomorrow at noon. No chapel services are held so that the examinations may begin at an early hour and every one be through his work by

Realty transactions this week were; The sale of the "John Yount" lot on Sloan street by R. D. Mooney to A. M. railroad shops at Spencer. They Moore and the purchase of two lots consisted of Irish, Italian, German, by Charles Mooney from John L. Scandinavian, English, Polish, Afriproperty thus giving Mr. Mooney an

ELIZABETH PLAN

avenue with the representatives of the Charlotte Electric Raliway, appear to be on the point of an agreement in duplication of this plan will afford the property owners on Central avenue opportunity to secure a certain rebate of their assessments for street pavspace as would be required under other circumstances.

It is alsot the view of at least a part at a point midway on the avenue.

Farmers Demand a Dog Law For

(Morganton Messenger.) Our farmer friends are asking for a dog law, and the question naturally arises, Will they get it? Heretofore our legislators have been heartily in sympathy with the dog and have refused to take up any measure that has a tendency to curb his depredations. It is a well known fact that sheep and dogs do not get along very well together. The dog generally comes out on top. It is also a well known fact that if there were more sheep in North Carolina and fewer dogs the State would be much richer thereby. The actions of the next General Assembly will be watched with a great deal of interest by those with a great deal of interest by those who are in sympathy with the development of the State. We all know that sheep produce wealth, but—how about dogs?

600,000 Pounds of Fish at One Catch. (Newbern Journal.)

Citizens of Beaufort who were in the city yesterday told of an enormous catch of fish made by fishermen of that town last Saturday afternoon. The entire fleet of fishing boats participated in the catch and more than 6,000 pounds of fish were hauled in. These were brought in to the local dealers and hundreds of boxes were packed and shipped away. With such an enormous supply on hand the storage facilities were inadequate. Before all the fish had been disposed of by the fishermen they were selling as low as one penny a pound and at this price many were purchased to be used in fertilizer plants. This was the largest catch in several years, the price paid for the entire catch amounting to more than \$1,500.

> Well Dry at Christmas Time. (Henderson Gold Leaf.)

As a proof of the fact that this section has been unusually dry for several months, Mr. Andrew J. Har-ris' well, which he says has given forth water in abundance for 52 years and has never been affected by a drought before, is now "as dry as the There are other wells in the county that have been giving water as long as the oldest people living can remember, have failed during past few weeks, and the famihes who have been supplied by these wells are now at a great disadvantage in getting water.

The Chicken Fattening Plant. (Catawba County News.)

A Government expert has been in hickory talking to the folks about putting up a plant for fattening chickens. A plant that would handle a car load a day, about 2,500 fowls or 10,000 pounds of mest, would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, the refrigerating plant being the most expensive sue we hope to tell our readers that part of the equipment. It is planned to handle eggs also, and to use waste we have been yelling for a mill and milk from the creamery to fatten the

Big Hunger After Iredell Birds, (Statesville Landmark.) Iredell County hunting license was esterday issued to George Von L. Meyer, Secretary of the United States Navy, one of the number of distinguished Northern sportsmen who come here each Winter to shoot birds.

on their incomes, showing that they

Moore and the purchase of two lots by Charles Mooney from John L. Stewart in the rear of the former's entire block of six tots on the side street that runs north at right angles to Concord street

MAY DUPLICATE

The members of the aldermanic committee appointed to take up the question of double-tracking Central effect that the Central avenue work sanitoriums where the open-air cure shall be carried out after the plan may be taken be established under adopted on Elizabeth avenue. The the care of the State is worth con-

of the committee that the double track should extend the entire length who are anticipating the event with of Central avenue, the argument be- great satisfaction. In addition to the ing advanced that the appearance of essential Christmas tree there will be the avenue will be made much more desirable with a symmetrical arrange- leaux. Mr. William Norman will ment of poles and tracks than would amuse the audience for awhile with be the case if the double track ends

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS. Forty Persons Get Good Salaries at

(Greenville Pledmont.) Returns on incomes in this county have been made to the extent that when these taxes are all paid the county will have received from its income paying business men this amount of \$1,777.75. Already some forty-odd persons have made returns

Greenville

are liable to tax.

The total income of the forty-odd persons who confess they are liable amounts to \$99,775. Auditor Gullick says there are still few persons whom he has notified to come and see him about the in-come tax, but who have not yet made their returns, and he asks that they do so at once, this week.

The assessment this year, it is said, is ahead of the return for last

(Gaffney Ledger.)

We had occasion to visit North Carolina last week, and we are here to testify that the Tar Heels are making wonderful strides industrially and otherwise. We arrived at Sallebury about 4:80 and just as our train pulled in from the south a train load of workmen came in from the can and American workmen. It reminded one more of a metropolis than anything we have seen in the South. It was truly a cosmopolitan

Fight Tuberculos's. (Spartanburg Herald.) The recommendation that the State aunch an active campaign against

tuberculosis and provide in each county, if need be, sanitoriums for the treatment of patients suffering from this disease, is worthy of con-sideration. The State Board of Health, in its annual report, calls at-tention to the need in this direction. The climate in this State is regarded as most favorable for the treatment of the disease and that hospitals or

CHRISTMAS FETE BY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Forest Grove A. R. P. Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment on next Monday night, December 28, this being especially for the benegt of the younger children a program of music, songs and tabthe tricks of the ventriloquist, presenting "The Sick Boy in the Hospital,' and other characters. The entertainment will be open to the membership of the church and their friends and to the little folks of the

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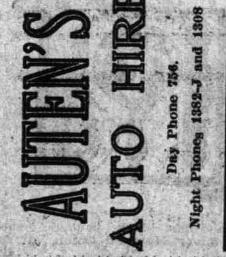
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