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BUILDING ACTIVITY IN CHARLOTTE.

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.

Considerably more than half of the million dollars has been spent for new residences, this indicating something of the growth of the city.

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.

The demand for new houses in Charlotte is such that the building of houses for sale offers an attractive field to the real estate concerns.

The whole State is watching the progress of the movement for the commission form of government in Charlotte.

It is expected that more than 50,000 Red Cross Christmas seals will have been sold in Charlotte by Saturday.

Some folks base their opposition to woman suffrage on the ground that men will be influenced in their votes by their voting wives.

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 Star.

"In The Wilmington Star, yesterday morning, Col. Thomas Clawson, the editor, prints an appreciative review of Erwin Avery's 'Idle Comments'.

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 Trinity College.

THE HOOKWORM FIGHTERS.

North Carolina's efficient corps of hookworm fighters, consisting of Drs. John A. Ferrell, Strosnider, Pridden, Covington, Hughes and Jacobs, has gone to Little Rock, Ark.

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 40 or more counties 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 latest counties to make appropriations for the hookworm campaign are Haywood, Hoke and Union, while the work has just been completed or is now in progress in Anson, Franklin, Lee, Henderson, Iredell and Scotland Counties.

It is not improbable that the lawyers of Charlotte will make an attempt to have the approaching Legislature make Mecklenburg County an independent judicial district.

The Ladies' Home Journal declares that the present school system in this country is a failure.

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.

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 States.

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

It will be Professor Taft after March 4.

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.

"Sweets to the sweet." One drug store in the city anticipates that its holiday sales of fine candies will reach \$6,000.

The finishing-touch of every Christmas package and every holiday letter should be a Red Cross Christmas seal.

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

Charlotte is to have a gas show. That is good. Then next step, an electrical show.

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

PICAYUNES

(New Orleans Picayune.) Circumstances alters bookcases.

A society belle should have the right ring.

The new automobile dance must be 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 men make a name for themselves when they spell Smith Smythe.

Somehow or other the girl with her first diamond ring loses all interest in gloves.

Prosperity spoils some folks, but others seem to be able to get spoiled without it.

Some people have the idea that a plugged dime, like kind deeds, should be passed on.

A kiss is what the child receives free, what the young man steals and 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, yet no woman is arrested for carrying concealed weapons. The reason is obvious.

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

The average problem play these days makes a fellow wonder how the actress gets into her dress in the last act.

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 year while he demands \$1,500, refusing to accept the smaller sum.

The New York Bible Society reports for the month of July an increase of over 100 per cent in the distribution of Scripture above that of any preceding month.

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 polishing it with rotten stone and olive oil will restore the surface of old pewter.

The municipal authorities of Berlin 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 typewriter company to test its machines before they leave the factory, at a speed faster than the eye can follow.

A recent German patent covers the use of carbonic acid gas in a machine which sprays mortar or plaster on a 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.

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 cremations in Germany, as against 6,500 in 1910.

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AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA Daily Incidents, Facts And Comment Gathered From The Newspapers Of The State

WANT UNION DEPOT.

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

The Norfolk Southern will soon be in Charlotte. The grading between Mount Glebe and Charlotte is about completed. The road comes within two miles of the Union line at Brief and within 18 miles of Monroe.

The Teachers' Training School. (Greenville Reflector.) The meeting of the County Teachers' Association was held in the auditorium of the Training School last Saturday.

New Milling Company For Statesville. (Statesville Landmark.) Work is in progress on the new building for the Star Milling Company at Bloomfield and the contract for the machinery for the new plant has been let to the Robertson Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania.

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 issue we hope to tell our readers that the mill is a surety.

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

DAVIDSON NEWS

Many College Students Have Finished Examinations and Started for Home.

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 line for home. The first train out is their train. College closes for the holidays tomorrow at noon.

Realty transactions this week were: The sale of the "John Yount" lot on Sloan street by R. D. Mooney to A. M. Moore and the purchase of two lots by Charles Mooney from John L. Stewart in the rear of the former's property thus giving Mr. Mooney an entire block of six lots on the side street that runs north at right angles to Concord street.

MAY DUPLICATE ELIZABETH PLAN

The members of the aldermanic committee appointed to take up the question of double-tracking Central avenue with the representatives of the Charlotte Electric Railway, appear to be on the point of an agreement in effect that the Central avenue work shall be carried out after the plan adopted on Elizabeth avenue. The duplication of this plan will afford the property owners on Central avenue opportunity to secure a certain rebate on their assessments for street paving, while the street railway company will not be asked to pave as much space as would be required under other circumstances.

It is almost the view of at least a part of the committee that the double track should extend the entire length of Central avenue, the argument being advanced that the appearance of the avenue will be made much more desirable with a symmetrical arrangement of poles and tracks that would be the case if the double track ends at a point midway on the avenue.

Friend (in 1925)—So next year's ears are going to be 90 feet wide? Auto Agent—Yes, You see, we must have room for the number on the back.

Farmers Demand a Dog Law For State.

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 who are in sympathy with the development of the State. We all know that sheep produce wealth, but how about dogs?

500,000 Pounds of Fish at One Catch.

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 tons 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.

As a proof of the fact that this section has been unusually dry for several months, Mr. Andrew J. Harris' well, which the 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 floor." There are other wells in the county that have been giving water as long as the oldest people living can remember, have failed during the past few weeks, and the families who have been supplied by these wells are now at a great disadvantage in getting water.

The Chicken Fattening Plant.

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 meat, would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, the remaining plant being the most expensive part of the equipment. It is planned to handle eggs also, and to use waste milk from the creamery to fatten the chickens.

Big Hunter After Iredell Birds.

Iredell County hunting license was yesterday 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.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Forty Persons Get Good Salaries at Greenville. (Greenville Piedmont.) 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 on their incomes, showing that they are liable to tax.

The total income of the forty-odd persons who confessed they are liable amounts to \$99,775. Auditor Gullick says there are still a few persons whom he has notified to come and see him about the income 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 year.

Tar Heel State as Viewed by a South Carolinian.

We had occasion to visit North Carolina last week, and we are here to testify that the Tar Heel State is making wonderful strides industrially and otherwise. We arrived at Salisbury about 4:30 and just as our train pulled in from the south a train load of workmen came in from railroad shops at Spencer. They consisted of Irish, Italian, German, Scandinavian, English, Polish, African and American workmen. It reminded one more of a metropolis than anything we have seen in the South. It was truly a cosmopolitan crowd.

Fight Tuberculosis.

The recommendation that the State launch an active campaign against tuberculosis and provide in each county, if need be, sanatoriums for the treatment of patients suffering from this disease, is worthy of consideration. The State Board of Health, in its annual report, calls attention 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 sanatoriums where the open-air cure may be taken be established under the care of the State is worth considering.

CHRISTMAS FETE BY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Forest Grove A. R. P. Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment on next Monday night, December 23, this being especially for the benefit of the younger children who are anticipating the event with great satisfaction. In addition to the essential Christmas tree there will be a program of music, songs and tableaux. Mr. William Norman will amuse the audience for awhile with the 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 church.

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Remember we sell everything men, women and children wear, from the cheapest to the best. Come, you will find the goods we offer different from what you have been buying, and our prices much lower than you would expect to find them. We have done twice the business in Charlotte this year that we expected to do. Come, we will be pleased to show you them if you don't buy anything. Every dollar's worth we sell helps to sell another. Red Iron Racket Department Store 32 East Trade Street Next to Charlotte Hardware Company

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