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CHILD LABOR.

ment at the time in favor of its passage and doubtless the measure would have been placed upon the statute books, but for the fact that just as it was about to be passed, the attorney of most of cotton mills in the State agreed to sign an agreement to do just what the bill would have required if it had become a law. This agreement has not been kept by all the parties, while there are some mill owners who did not sign it. Child labor therefore has existed in North Carolina in the past two years. Reference to the report of the Labor Commission establishes this

signed by a hundred or more mills: We, the undersigned cotton mill owners and managers agree to the following, taking effect March 1st,

(1.) That one week's work shall not exceed sixty-six hours.

(2.) That no child less than twelve years old shall work in a cotton mill during the term of an available public school.

Provided this shall not apply to children of widows or physically lisabled parents. Provided further that ten years shall be the lowest limit at which children may be worked under any circumstances.

(3.) That we will co-operate with any feasible plan to promote the education of the working people in mit to our part of the burden and the State, and will cheerfully sublabors to advance the cause of general education.

(4.) On the basis of the above agreements of the cotton mill owners and managers we hereby petition the Legislature not to pass any labor laws at this session of the Legislature.

If the provisions of that agreement were just, then it is just to pass a law embodying those provisions. If most of them carried out their agreement without hurt to their business, then it is right to pass a law compelling all of them to do what some of them pledged themselves to do.

Discussing this all-important matter Miss Coffee Returned Missionary Office furniture..... the News and Observer well says: "Even if this agreement had been kept in North Carolina it does not go far enough. In some instances it permits children of the ten ler years of ten to work in the cotton mills. That is a blight upon the civilization of the State and ought not to be tolerated another day. It does not occur often? No, thank God, most of the mill men work. are too humane to permit it. But it ought not to be possible for it to hap-The agreement as to children under twelve years of age is not a real agreement. It provides only that they shall not work "during the term of an available school term." That is, the children | self and will soon wed a doctor. may be kept in doors at school four months or more and indoors in the factories eleven hours a day throughout the balance of the year. How much sunshine will they then be able to enjoy? And without plenty of sunshine they cannot grow to be strong and ro-

"It was with deep regret that we heard rich cotton mill owners in the Senate Chamber plead against the proposed legislation. They have done interest, Restoring health (through much for their State and we honor them for it. But they had an opportunity yesterday to do a grander thing by advocating the legal exclusion of Texas, who writes: "Two years ago I the children from the mills than they ever before had an opportunity to do. It would have been a grand thing if they had urged the passage of a con- months but got worse all the time. of child labor, these gentlemen are ping away, strength and energy were standing against the inevitable. As gone and I stood in fear of the dreadcertain as day follows night, legisla- ed asylum. I would not have given tion of this character will be adopted, It is wisest and best that it should be done now and in co-operation with the most progressive mill men of the

that has ever been witnessed in this I eat anything I want and nothing State was when many of its leading seems to disagree with me. citizens, men of wealth, culture, refine- "I don't take any medicine at all session of the N. C. General Assembly eigh to beseech the General Assembly, Battle Creek, Mich."

The Charlotte News by wholesome legislation, to rid the state of the evil of intemperance. These men had no personal ambition to gratify and they received no compensation. Many were there at a sacrifice of time and money. Their prayers must have weight, their earnestness will carry conviction. Never in its history has the old State been so wrought up against the drink evil. On the other hand the rum-sellers are up in arms and are fighting legislation to the last ditch. Something must be done. This issue is paramount to all others and this Legislature has an opportunity set before few, if any, of its predecessors. It has an opportunity to curb Cure this destroying evil and the children and the children's children will rise up o call its members blessed.

terday by Mr. Blount, to have the Governor appoint a special commisliscrimination in freight rates brought by North Carolina shippers, is not showing the proper consideration for Two years ago a bill was introduced the State's Railroad Commissioners, tem. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all into the general assembly of North | Matters of this nature should properly Carolina to put an end to child labor be brought before this body or carried in factories. There was a strong senti- to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for adjustment and as the latter the case of the North Carolina shippers, it would seem unneccessary to put the State to the expense of a special commissioner.

After a sitting of fifty-one days, the Anthrecite Coal Strike Commission Loans other securities, bills has concluded the hearing of witnesses and after devoting next week to the arguments of the opposing factions, the commission will retire to formu- Interest due and unpaid. . late its findings, to which it is need- Ledger accounts. less to add, a great deal of interest attaches. It is said that the commission Here is the agreement, which was has heard 566 witnesses. Nine of these were called by the commission, 244 by the union miners, 155 by the nonunion miners and 158 by the operators. The stenographers took down approxmately 9,200 typewritten pages of Due shareholders, earnings testimony, or 2,300,000 words.

> A bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature calling for an investigation of the condition of Southern cotton mills in-so-far as child labor is affected, operated by Massahusetts capital. Wouldn't it be well for Massachusetts to go slow in this matter. From all accounts there's a rather hefty beam in the eye of the Other loans redeemed, bills

The Richmond Times Dispatch walks into the right church, but inadvertently sits down in the wrong pew:

"It is said that Rock Hill, S. C., is Individual accounts.. . . . \$450,000. How the South does grew! It's Charlotte and not our suburb. Rock Hill, that's to have the new mill.

Another of the Rooseveltian products who claims to hold a commission from Paid withdrawals, dividends. His Strenuousity is under arrest in England for swindling.

TO VISIT CHARLOTTE.

From Hoocha, China,

Charlotte is to have a very interestto the very letter by every mill owner | ing visitor soon in the person of Miss Ella R. Coffee, of Lynchburg, Va. This young lady is a returned missionary rom Hoocha, China. She is supported in her work by the Foreigh Missiony Society of Tryon Street Methodist wh. of which Mrs. J. R. Brooks is silient. Miss Coffee expects to visit and syllie, Concord, Charlotte and Number of shares in force at her places in the interest of her

Miss Coffee says that she receives a eat many letters from the Chinese; hey present all of their difficulties for pen in a single mill for a single day, her to solve. Most of the letters are about love affairs, asking her to help in these, the most perplexing of othly trials.

It is said that Miss Coffee has just ottled a problem of this sort for her-

Poets only write when the spirit moves them, and if the spirit doesn't move them the landlord does.

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not digest and I suffered dreadfully. "I went to Florida and stayed three servative bill prohibiting child labor. Came back to Georgia and finally came west. At this time I felt as if I were losing my mind. My health was alied this line, without any side business. losing my mind. My health was sliptwo cents to see the greatest city in the world but continued to travel, hop-

ing it would help me. "Finally I tried Grape-Nuts and I must say words are insufficient to ex- in person. press the good the food did me, I have een using it some time and my One of the most impressive sights I weigh more than I have in ten years.

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> Loans on bond and mortgage (face value)... \$44,100.00 receivable.... Cash on hand and in bank ... Furniture and fixtures.. .. Installments due and unpaid

> LIABILITIES. Due shareholders, due installments paid..\$32,625.19 Due shareholders, installments paid in advance. . Due shareholders, earnings credited.. 3,192.32 not credited...... 8,100.00

Borrowel money Installments due, unpaid .. Interest due, unpaid Ledger accounts. RECEIPTS. on hand January Subscriptions on shares . . 13,741.55 Mortgages redeemed (in whole or in part), . receivable..... Premiums received, entrance 114.00 Interest received..... 2.342.98 Fines received..... Real estate..... o have a new cotton mill, to cost Bills payable 4,800.00

DISBURSEMENTS. caned on mortgage.\$17,794.02 Loaned other securities, bills receivable. has turned out bad Major Schemink, Paid on withdrawals, dues. 5,044.35 94.50 Salaries..... 122 22 Advertising and printing ... 42.99 Taxes..... 569.11 1,800.00 Real estate.. : 20.25 442.81 Interest. Sundry expense items 34.99

> Individual accounts..... 5,084.45

Par value of each share \$ 100 Number of shares sold during the year Number of shares cancelled and withdrawn the year.. .. 234

the end of the year.. .. 1,171 In conformity with law, I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the sworn statement of the Charlotte Building and Loan Association, Charlotte, N. C., on December the 31st, 1902, now on file in the office of the North Carolina Corporation Commis-

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Chairman. H. C. BROWN, Clerk

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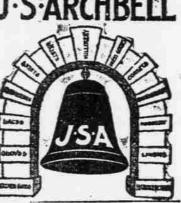
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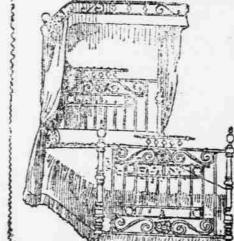
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