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CHILD LABOR.

Two years ago a bill was introduced into the general assembly of North Carolina to put an end to child labor in factories. There was a strong sentiment 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.

Here is the agreement, which was signed by a hundred or more mills: We, the undersigned cotton mill owners and managers agree to the following, taking effect March 1st, 1901:

- (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.
(3) That we will co-operate with any feasible plan to promote the education of the working people in and out of the mill...

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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.

It seems that the resolution introduced into the State Legislature yesterday by Mr. Blount, to have the Governor appoint a special commissioner to investigate the charges of discrimination in freight rates brought by North Carolina shippers, is not showing the proper consideration for the State's Railroad Commissioners.

After a sitting of fifty-one days, the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission has concluded the hearing of witnesses and after devoting next week to the arguments of the opposing factions, the commission will retire to formulate its findings, to which it is needless to add, a great deal of interest attaches. It is said that the commission has heard 566 witnesses. Nine of these were called by the commission, 244 by the union miners, 155 by the non-union miners and 158 by the operators.

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 Massachusetts 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 Bay State.

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 to have a new cotton mill, to cost \$450,000. How the South does grow!"

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POETS ONLY WRITE WHEN THE SPIRIT MOVES THEM.

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The Beginning of the Building Season is Most Here,
FOR THE BEST Virginia Lime, Portland and Rosendale Cements,
Plaster, Mortar Colors, Hard Wall Plaster, Plastering Hair, Doors,
Sash, Blinds, Window Glass, Shingles, Laths, etc., go to
B. F. WITHERS
202 South College Street, Charlotte, N.C.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

ANNUAL REPORT

North Carolina Corporation Commission of the Charlotte Building and Loan Association, of Charlotte, N. C., for the year ending December 31, 1902.

Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like Loans on bond and mortgage, Cash on hand, and various financial figures.

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Par value of each share \$100. Number of shares sold during the year 455. Number of shares cancelled and withdrawn the year 234.

This is the Dull Season
In our line as a rule, but we have our shop full of work. We can take that old Vehicle of yours and Repair and Reclaim it so you won't know when it comes back to you.

For Sale
Well established and located Merchant Tailoring business. Nice stock and fixtures and good and growing patronage. Will yield handsome income.

List Your Property
I have more, both for sale and rent. I have more calls for both than I have property. I devote my entire time to this line, without any side business.

ANYONE WANTING Fresh Corn Meal
for table use can get it fresh at the Star Mill. Order by phone, postal or in person.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the present session of the N. C. General Assembly for letters of incorporation for the "Mecklenburg Water, Light and Power Company."

HAND BAGS

Our new line of Hand Bags has just arrived. Black, Grey and Brown. The VERY LATEST For the Ladies : : : : GARIBALDI & BRUNS

RED MEN!!
We have just received an assortment of Red Men Badges, Buttons and Pins. : : : Come and see them, you will find just what you want. : : : : The Palamountain Co.

Good Housekeepers..
know the importance of quality in kitchen furniture, and trade here. We can supply complete outfits for the culinary department of the best goods manufactured at a very reasonable price.

Kitchen Goods : : : :
is perhaps more complete than any like line in this section.

Allen Hardware Co.
Leading Hardware Dealers.

IS YOUR SITTING ROOM Cold?
Is your old heater out-of-whack? Does it burn lots of fuel and give little heat? If it does it costs you money you ought to save.

More Heat at Less Cost
Will use less fuel—save money, and give what you want—warmth. Come today and make a selection.

WE HAVE GREAT VALUES IN POUND PAPERS
AT 25 AND 50c. PER POUND : : : : Stone & Barringer

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J. S. ARCHBELL
JSA
Saturday and Monday Will be Big Days at Our House Clearing Sale

PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM ALL QUARTERS TO THIS MONEY-SAVING SALE, AND THEY SHOULD, FOR WE ARE ALMOST GIVING AWAY SOME LINES OF GOODS THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD. WE ARE CONDUCTING THIS SALE ON PURELY BUSINESS PRINCIPLES. WE HAVE NO FAVORITES, AND OUR POLICY IS TO BE FAIR TO ALL.

JOIN THE HAPPY CROWDS OF SHOPPERS, AND COME HERE AT ONCE, FOR THE FOLLOWING BARGAINS, DON'T PUT IT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW, IF YOU DO THEY MAY BE GONE.

Dress Goods
In this line we are giving some very exceptional values.

Blankets and Comforts
We have only a few Comforts and Blankets left. We advise you to come and buy at once before this sale is over.

White Quilts
We have these for double and single beds at attractive prices.

Curtain Swiss
2 pieces 40-inch Curtain Swiss. Special. . . . .8 1-3c.

Think of These
36-inch Bleached Domestic. . . . .5c. Good Towels for. . . . .2c. each

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IF PRICES TALK

No doubt the way we have cut the prices on Shoes, Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, etc., is enough to make them scream.

- 50c. Negligee Shirts. . . . .at 38c.
\$1.00 Lion Brand Shirts. . . . .at 50c.
50c. Undershirts. . . . .at 38c.
Good Undershirt. . . . .at 25c.
And Undershirts as low as. . . . .at 10c.
Linen Collars, worth 10c. . . . .at 5c.
10c. Socks, fast colors, made at our factory. . . . .only 5c.
All Rubber Suspenders, worth 10c. . . . .at 5c.
Suits worth from 7 1-2 to \$10.00. . . . .at \$4.98

Clothes Bargains for Men and Boys : : : :
\$3.50 to \$4.00 Suits. . . . .at \$2.98
Boys \$1.50 Suits. . . . .at 98c.

Great Shoe Sale
Saturday and Monday \$1.25 to \$2.00 Ladies Shoes in sizes from 2 to 5 on "Job Counter. . . . .at 75c.
Not the latest styles but good goods.
Misses Shoes, sizes from 11 to 2 off styles. . . . .at 75c. a pair

Men's Sample Shoes from 98c to \$1.50 Pair
Such values cannot be hid under a bushel of words. Read and run : : : : :

BELK BROS.

Cheapest Store on Earth Wholesale and Retail
BOTH PHONES 256 11-15-19-21 E. TRADE STREET

The New Store

We now have a full and complete line of Dress Goods for the spring and summer and will be in good shape to serve the people, and can show you something good and nice for little money. Come early and get your choice while we have some good values yet in the winter goods that we have cut prices on, and as you will need them, come and save yourselves money for we must have the room to display our spring line, as it is large and our room small. We are still offering

Men's Clothing

at a very down price. If you don't get some of these good Bargains in Clothing, Rubbers, Blankets and Comfortables and many other things throughout our store, it will be your fault, not ours, as this will always be a real Bargain Store.

The Johnson Bargain Store

14 NORTH TRYON STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

WE HAVE LATEST MACHINERY

That Irons Shirt Bosoms, Cuffs and Collar Bands in a Way That Would Be Impossible to Get By Any Other Way of Laundering Them. Give Us a Trial.

Charlotte Steam Laundry

BOTH PHONES

E. M. ANDREWS

DON'T BE IN DOUBT ABOUT SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER. BUY YOUR Furniture and House Furnishing Goods . . . . . Of the Old Reliable E. M. ANDREWS, Largest Dealer in the Carolinas

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