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CHARLOTTE—A HOME CITY.

The above caption may be little suggestive, but to us there is more significance in the "home" feature of this good city than in any other.

We heard a well known travelling man speak the other day in most glowing eulogy of Charlotte, not as a business center, a manufacturing center, a commercial or textile center; but as the best home town in any of the southern states. He stated that when his business called him away from the city he felt perfectly happy and contented because he knew that his loved ones were safe, were in a city-home-like, quiet, peaceful.

We firmly believe that this fact has had more to do in making the success of Charlotte secure than any other feature.

Did you ever hear of a family moving away from Charlotte, assigning as their reason that it was impossible to live a happy, quiet home life here? The answer is not needed. A family must indeed possess a strange and distorted idea of the requisites of a good home town who could honestly do this.

The News has ever taken great pride in the growth of Charlotte, has doted over her past progress, and revelled in the joy of her future possibilities. In fact every feature connected with the city has been commented upon save the home feature.

The situation of this city is such that her future growth and prosperity are secured, and this phase has been elaborated upon. Her position as the textile center of the Piedmont section has likewise been commented upon. The thrifty and up-to-dateness of her business men and their respective business enterprises have also been lauded. In fact the home feature is the only one that has been slighted by those who have been wont to praise the Queen City of the South.

A city is much like a family. In fact it is a family on a large scale. There is as great diversity in families as there is in cities. We have all seen families so wrapped up in business interests that the home feature was an unknown quantity, and we have seen cities of the same kind, in a family of this kind there is little true happiness.

But sometimes we are privileged to enter a household, where every member is happy, where the parents never grow old, where the children romp in gleeful domestic bliss. In a family of this kind you rarely ever hear of a "black sheep" or of some member "turning out bad." The children get an early taste of the joys of life and that portion of happiness tends to dissipate all future sorrow and to make of the child a happy, optimistic old man or woman. And so it is with cities.

This home feature does not detract from business progressiveness nor does it decrease the spirit of thrift and advancement. Rather the contrary is true, and our home city is a fine example of this fact, for there is no city in the south advancing along all lines more rapidly than is Charlotte.

Charlotte—a home city! Charlotte, peaceful, happy, patriotic, law-abiding, God-fearing, home-loving Charlotte. There is a world of significance in the word "home" and that significance is felt by all who live here. Our women are safe when left alone. Our children are safe. In fact the city is an overgrown home. There is a gentle spirit of quietude in the very air. There is a calm, law-abiding spirit which pervades everything in this city.

Our children join in making things happy. Our women unite in making things cheerful and home-like. And our men go about their work happy, but more happy when the hour comes to return to the homes to spend the evening and night in the joys of all that goes to make up happy home life.

We have dwelt rather extensively on the subject of Charlotte as a home town, but we believe not too much so. We believe the sentiment we have spoken of is felt, if not expressed, by all who are so fortunate as to be citizens of Charlotte; and to those who would choose a city for a home we would recommend the Queen City—the best home city of the south.

Wake Forest college won out in the inter-collegiate debate on last Monday night with Mercer College. The debate was on the question of immigration, a most timely subject, and was held in the Academy of Music, in Raleigh. Wake Forest has distinguished herself through these debates, having won several important ones within the past few years. A contest of the muscle, in baseball, etc., is alright, but a contest of the brain is far more creditable and praise-worthy.

You can't keep people from reading a paper that gives it to 'em first and best.

EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

Following close in the wake of the fearful story of death and ruin from the monstrous agent of death, Mount Vesuvius, comes the horrifying account of a fearful earthquake which visited San Francisco early this morning. The whole world will be shocked at the direful reports of the havoc wrought by fire and earthquake in that city. Other nearby cities were affected but San Francisco was the center of the tragedy. The report is fearful in every detail.

The Postal Telegraph and the Western Union Telegraph buildings in that city were early destroyed and consequently the reports of the extent of the terrible catastrophe are somewhat vague.

That which is heard is sufficient, however, to give an idea of the extent of the death and property loss.

The early reports state that buildings are collapsing all about and that fires are raging in the different sections of the city.

Many blocks have been destroyed and the loss of life is extremely great. One dispatch states that 1,000 persons have perished and that the dead bodies are being carried from the ruins in all parts of the city.

The fire followed close in the wake of the earthquake shocks, making the situation still more ineffably tragic.

To add to the blood-curdling story comes the report that it is impossible to get water with which to fight the flames.

When the whole story is known it is possible that it will be still more fearful than it now is.

The sympathies and hearts of the the colossal disaster, and who are with those who are suffering from the colossal disaster, and who are unable to do aught but suffer.

The early edition of The News went like hot cakes. Several hundred copies were sold in a few minutes and it only took a short while to exhaust the supply.

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MR. MOORE ON COTTON.

Gives Some Interesting Information On the Situation.—Plant For Not More Than 11,000,000 Bale Crop.

Twelve months ago the Southern Cotton Association enemies, by misrepresenting facts and conditions to cotton growers, induced hundreds of growers to contract their 1905 crop at about 8.50 cents.

This mistake on part of the farmer had much to do with the recent decline in spot cotton. So much cotton sold last spring went into the ports during January, February and March. It had the appearance of spot sales and caused many farmers to turn loose cotton which was not contracted.

English buyers are again in the field, this time they are contracting for January, February and March delivery at 10 cents.

Watch those months and notice the heavy port receipts, do not forget this.

The English buyer tells the farmer that the ruling price for the 1906 crop will be 8 cents but to make sure of a supply to run their mills, they will now contract to take the 1906 cotton at 10 cents to be delivered in January, February and March, 1907.

However, this may effect the other cotton States. I can not tell, but in North Carolina there is not much selling for future delivery.

The cotton growers of this State are more familiar with cotton conditions than ever before, they study the question and are more careful as to how they make contracts.

The bankers, merchants and newspapers have done great good in cautioning farmers against selling cotton for future delivery.

This future delivery business is much in the way of the Cotton Association, because when the farmer has sold his crop he has no interest in the success of the Association.

New York speculators are now saying there is not cotton enough—sixty days ago the same crowd said there was too much cotton and the price must go to 9 cents.

To the farmers I wish to say that the officials of the Southern Cotton Association know as much about the wants of the world as do the speculators. My last report from the central office at Atlanta gives out the information that 10 to 11 million bale production in 1906 is all the world will consume at a fair price.

Stand by the Association, plant 25 per cent under 1904, do not be misled by speculators who take your cotton in the fall at a low price and run price up at planting time to deceive you. C. C. MOORE.

Yes! April showers, then the gay bloom of Easter bonnets, followed by May sunshine; then the presence of the blue violets and the right gold of the dandelion dotting the surface of the meadows green—and this is spring!—Black Mountain Eagle.

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Matthews Social News.

Matthews, N. C., April 18.—Mr. E. C. Grier, of Charlotte, spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Grier, of Matthews. Mr. Grier was accompanied by his friends, Messrs. Boyd and Matthews.

Misses Edith and Kate Grier are entertaining for several days their friends, Misses Mina and Ethel Patrick and Clara Grantham of the Presbyterian College.

Misses Lucy and Bessie Stewart had an Easter last evening, in honor of the visiting young ladies.

Special Easter services at the M. E. church yesterday. Father Hoyle in addition to his impressive sermon, interestingly said, "When he was twenty-two years old, he attended an Easter service in a Dutch settlement, where there was between one thousand and twelve hundred eggs broken at the church on this occasion."

"All the sisters carried redicules containing their eggs, while the brethren, large and small, wore full dress coats—known in that day as "frock tail coat." The capacious pockets of which, enclosed their martial weapons.

Take an Early Start.

Charlotte thinks nothing is too good for the 20th of May celebration, and speaks out accordingly. And Charlotte is right. If it wasn't too far to walk we'd go ourselves.—Daily Reflector.

When half a dozen women get together they proceed to lay out their neighbors and cackle.

A YOUNG MOTHER AT 70.

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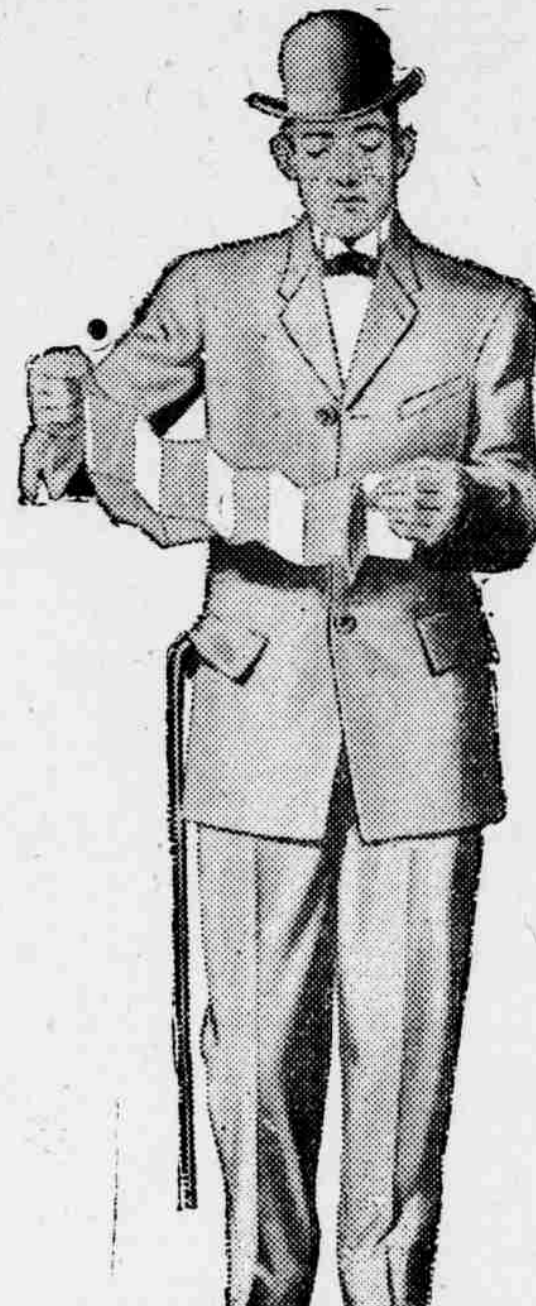
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