W. C. DOWD,

President and General Manager.

A. W. BURCH.....Adv. Manager.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Give your subscription to your reguto legitimate advertising.

gind will be accepted by this paper, All unsigned communications will be low as twelve years of age." Rejected communications will not be

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1908.

DR. CAMPBELL ON CHILD LABOR.

read by Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, paster restrictive, is demanded. * * * Club of the mountain capital. Dr. formers would be willing to stand. reading of authorities,

and the child labor problem, are "byinventions were:

used by the difference between the Whitney's invention the south's cetton ought to be sufficient.

in the fields stimulated African slavlem. The corresponding demand for labor in the factories brought forth. child slavery, with its momentous cor

The number of bread-earning children under 15 years reported in the 1900 census was 1,750,178. Of these 1.661.971 were on farms, which is healthful labor, leaving 688,207 children "employed in trade and transportation, in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, in domestic and personal avenue grade crossing. service." Of the last numbered probably 186,358 children are from 10 to

ty of children in the glass-blowing comprehension. and coal mining industries. Of the boys who pick state out of the coal its best to abolish grade crossings running through the chutes in the coal- and thereby protect the lives and

er the black specks antil the whole gressive cities in other lines, has lung is discolored, and I have seen made a record for herself in this parboys who have been away from the ticular which is the wonder if not breakers and min s for eight and even the admiration of all who behold. ten years, cough up these particles For instance, in building the new whenever they we e attacked by a car line to North Charlotte an over-

the writer of the pamphlet takes the lished, and within a few weeks time Square Garden tonight. estimate of the child labor committee emphasized the great mistake made.

to give me his views on this subject. danger to every man, woman and W. Kleiser, of Portland, presided. lent and beneficent. He has expended a good deal of money in efforts to improve the conditions of the mill people as regards body, mind and soul. In answer to a question concerning night work, he writes: 'I do not hesitate to say that women and children ought not to be employed in any capacity for night work, and I have fully decided not to do any more of it. If we have to work at night, we WHI take young men and boys over sixteen years of age. But I must say that I do not think it is the proper thing to work even men at night, as I think night work tends to demoralize them, and I don't believe any man who sits up all night, or even the greater portion of the night, feels as well as one who sleeps at night and works in the day. We have been running a little at night to even up in some of our departments where we were short, but l voluntarily closed it down, and in doing so I am giving up \$500 to \$1,000 per month. I think the greatest evil

"As to the education question, says forms an important part is he, 'I believe every child ought to be compelied to go to school for at least THE NEWS PUBLISHING COMPANY, so many menths in the year. I don't hesitate to say that I think children are better off at work than spending their time in idleness on the streets, unless they are at school.' .

In answer to a question as to the 1. C. PATTON Editor physical effect, he writes: I have seen EGWARD A. BANKS..... City Editor, a great many children work in the mills from ten to twelve years of age, but I have never seen any bad results, E. C. SHERRILL. . Circulation Manager. as the work is not of such a nature as to hurt the child. This applies eshalf the time out of doors playing ball. The work of the girls who do the spinning is very light. Of course, I school until they are at least fourteen to eat. to sixteen years of age; but there are tar newspaper carrier or 'phone 115. | a great many cases where the parents The columns of The News are open are not able to support their families without the children's work, and in this so objectional advertising of any case I think there ought to be exceptions to allow the children to work as

"This is a suggestive letter, which returned unless accompanied by stamp. gives the point of view of the better class of mill men. If all were of this stripe, there would be little need of child labor reform. 'The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient; * * * for manslayers and men-stealers.' (I Tim. 1:9-10.) It is only when commercial-The child labor literature of our ism steals and slays the children of the country has been enriched by a paper nation, that legislation, punitive and

"On the whole, my friend's letter of the First Preshyterian church of furnishes an excellent platform on Asheville, before the Pen and Plate which I believe most child labor re-

of his subject a fine judgment, a valu- that if the small boys spend at least able persual study of conditions and balf the time out of doors playing ball, they are not likely to be seriously injured by spending the other half in

that it is a remarkable fact that the "But, however it may be in my good two most serious social problems in friend's mill, is it the ordinary custom America today, the negro problem of the mills to grant the boys this liberty? And however light the work, is it a good thing for girls, especially products of the mechanical industrial (in the critical period of their physical ism which has produced our material development, to stand on their feet all prosperity." Four mechanical devices, day long, to breathe a close atmowith the introduction of steam power, sphere laden with lint, to have the unceasing whire and din of machinery in wrought a Titanic revolution in the their ears, and the monotonous lines of industrial world; yet also set in mo-varn before their eyes from morn till tion great social revolutions. These eve, and thus to spend 'the long year linked with heavy day on day?"

cotton yarn, patented in 1769, Comp. the warnings of such men as Ruskin, vating the railroad tracks, supported ton's spinning mule, in 1775, Cart. Lord Ashley, Lord Macaulay and by handsome stone bridges, (su wright's power loom, in 1787, and Eli others, the writer pointed to the fact ways if you please) and the rail-whitney's cotton gin, in 1793. The in-Whitney's cotton gin, in 1793. The in-that England found from 40 to 60 per siness overhead, and the city with sudden and tremendous impulse to the cent of her recruits unfit for service in safety and uninterrupted business on manufacture of cotton goods, and to the Boer war, and the royal commist the streets below, and I will be will the culture of the cotion plant; an sion, investigating the cause, said child, ing to guarantee that every piece of impulse whose power may be meas labor had done much to produce the two statements, that ten years before degeneracy. A word to wise nations



Mr. F. C. Abbott Takes Issue With The News

To the Editor of The News:

Dr. Campbell devotes a good deal of provement, one which will benefit a better strets and sidewalks and let space to the awful tax upon the vitali- very large part of the city, is beyond up on the viaduct for a while. The

gressive city in the country is doing streets. breakers, Mr. Francis H. Nichots says: add to the convenience of the citi-"The tissues of the boys' longs gath- zens, Charlotte, one of the most prohead crossing was abolished and a Coming to the se there cotton mills, most dangerous grade crossing estab-

a shocking accident at that very point that there are 60,000 children, from Also on Mint street extension, near defended it gives against Schooler 6 to 14 years old in cotten mills, the Pipe & Foundry plant, another which number will be doubled in five overhead crossing has been changed. Hoppe and Moringstar. years. The problem in the south is and a grade crossing established just discussed dispassionately and conserve main line of the Southern Railway, and several narrow escapes have all Pacific Coast Billposters and Dis-"But after all, is work in the cotton ready been recorded from the swift tributors' Association convened in

"Having a friend who owns a cotton And now, when there is a strong Washington, California, Nevada, Ida-

The only food in which celery

WHEAT FLAKE CELERY FOOD

pecially to the boys, who spend at least! It acts admirably upon the nervous system. Palatable, nutritious, easy of digestion and ready

> 10 cents a package. For sale by all Grecers

child who has occasion to travel (! East avenue, and a large part of the population it is, a most incomprehensible opposition is developed.

I believe, after ten years experience in real estate business in Charlotte, that the valuation of every property on East avenue is seriously affected by this grade crossing, and I know it to be a fact that certain citizens have sold their holdings on East avenue and removed to other sections of the city because of this one condition.

Is Charlotte content to remain generation behind the rest of the country in this one matter, or is 1 think, however, the reformer, she to hold her reputation as the would take exception to his statement most up-to-date city in these parts Harmful Child Labor in United would take exception to the results of working by making use of every possible op-He brings to the discussion young children in the mills. It is true portunity to remedy such civic defects, which are a danger to her citizens and a hinderance to her pu-

One of your correspondents in opposing this matter refers to the proposed viaduct as "the great bridge mounting up above the tops of most of the stores on East avenue.'

Why don't he say "mounting up over the moon, it would be almost as much in line with the facts.

Atlanta, our wide awake neighbor o the south, has just completed a viaduct to relieve grade crossings and certainly considers it a blessing t

the city and not a curse. Springfield, Mass., and Hartford Conn., two of the most beautiful cities in New England have removed Showing that England was deaf to just such crossings as this by elbusiness property along the street has been enhanced in value because of the great improvement made.

If certain property owners on East avenue will stop drawing on their immaginations and study the facts, they will realize that they are opposing their own interests, as well as those of the city by opposing this much-needed improvement.

F. C. ABBOTT.

The Let Up on the Viaduct.

We need better streets and sidewalks more than a viaducts at this time. No tice Eighth street from Church to Tryon streets and Sixt street from Poplar to Church streets in wet weath er. They are as bad as the worst I for one was very much astonished ed. People are all taxed the same rate. to read your editorial last night op- Some enjoy good strets and all the posing the plan to abolish the East comforts, while others, less favored have to submit to anything they can For a paper which has stood so get. Vance stret from Tryon to the steadily for the best interests and railroad in wet weather, you'll find the development of Greater Charlotte to sdewalk so muddy that you have to oppose this very much needed im- take the middle of the road. Give us \$60,000 for its construction would help Just at this time when every pro- wonderfully in the beterment of our

PROPERTY OWNER. Near East Avenue.

For 18.2 Billiard Title

New York, March 27.-Lovers of billiards are much interested in the match between George Sutton and Willie Hoppe for the 18.2 balkline billiard championship, which takes place in the concert hall of Madison

Sutton is the holder of the title having won it several years ago from defended it since against Schaefer,

Pacific Coast Billposters.

San Francisco, Cal., March 27.—The mill seriously harmful to small chill running expresses coming into the annual session in this city today with representatives present from Oregon, mill, I wrote to him a few weeks ago possibility of the removal of a grave ho and Montana. President George



JUDGE ITS MERITS,

The best way to test the curative powers of the Bitters is to give it a fair trial. We know from the past 54 years' experience that it positively cures ailments of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys or Bowels, and you will be con vinced also. This great

Hostetter's

Stomach Bitters

has established such a remarkable record of cures that it speaks for itself. That's why we urge you so strongly to try it without delay. It will strengthen and tone the entire system, aid digestion, and

Heartburn, Cramps, Biliousness, Poor Appetite, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Costiveness, Headache, Insomnia, Female Ills, Colds

and Grip. Try a bottle today. We guarantee it absolutely pure.

"Winter's Grip Is Gone"

Spring rules. Our Big Establishment is full of it. The brightness, freshness and beauty of the new season are reflected everywhere. At no other time of the year do the immense stocks of this Great Establishment show forth to better advantage than right now, when all nature is bursting forth into new life and putting on her new garb. Sumptuous spread of Money-Savers in all departments.

> NEW COAT SUITS New Separate Skirts.

\$ 7.50 value, at \$5.00

Shirt Waist Season.

Beautiful White Tailored Waists, splendid quality India Linon, would cost \$1.50 each to buy material and have them made. Our price......\$1.00

> SHOES! SHOES! "New Line Ladies' Oxford Ties.

In all the latest styles. If your feet are tender or hard to fit give us a trial. New goods arriving daily in all departments. Keep in touch with

BELK BROS

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

THE

SPRING OPENING

Our Greatest Millinery Success

A conservative estimate is, that more than Twice as many people visited the Store during this Opening as in any former Opening.

We thank every one who came for helping make it the Great Success it was.

Miss Dawson's Hats Made a Greater Hit Than Ever.

Every one loud in their praise of the Beautiful and Stylish Hats she had to show.

The Millinery Opening **Continues**

You have a most cordial welcome to come back to look, try on and compare the Hats any day and any time convenient to you.

New Pattern Hats Will Be Turned Out of Our Workrooms Every Day

and the New Ideas from the Fashion Centers will be received here from time to time as soon as they are out.

Ready For a Big Saturday Tomorrow

Special Bargains in every department in the store. Read our Whole Page Advs telling all about them.

EFIRD'S