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MR. ODELL RETURNS FROM TRIP ABROAD

SPECIAL AGENT OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AT HOME.

Returns After Spending a Year in Foreign Markets Studying Trade Conditions For the Benefit of American Cotton Manufacturers.—Visited Many Trade Centers And Studied Conditions.—Will Leave Next Week on Trip South to Meet With Mill Men and Boards of Trade to Discuss Conditions.—Will Be Connected With the Department at Washington.

Mr. Ralph M. Odell, special agent of the Department of Commerce, arrived Saturday from Washington and will spend the holidays here with his father, Hon. W. R. Odell.

Mr. Odell has recently returned from a stay of two years abroad in the interest of the Department of Commerce. The purpose of Mr. Odell's visit to foreign countries was to study trade conditions of special interest to cotton goods manufacturers and exporters and to furnish reports to the department for the purpose of distribution, among the American manufacturers.

Mr. Odell went abroad for the department in October, 1912, going to Assyria and thence to the Souhan. After remaining at these places for about six weeks Mr. Odell went to Lyden, Arabia. This is one of the most important points for the distribution of cotton goods for the Red Sea district. Mr. Odell reports that the American manufacturers predominate in the trade there and that the largest part of the goods are the gray goods manufactured chiefly by the cotton mills in North Carolina.

After leaving Lyden Mr. Odell went to Abyssinia, British East Africa, Uganda, Zanzibar, German East Africa, Portuguese East Africa and South Africa. Mr. Odell spent from six weeks to a month in each of the above places with the exception of South Africa, where he spent the last three months of his stay.

Mr. Odell will be in Concord until December 29th when he will leave on a trip South in the interest of the department. He will meet the manufacturers and discuss trade conditions with the Chamber of Commerce in various Southern cities. Mr. Odell will carry samples of the goods used in the manufacturers and show the American mill men the kind of goods their competitors are sending to the export trade centers. His itinerary will include visits to North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana. He will visit a number of principal cities, including Memphis, New Orleans, Nashville, New York, Boston, Fall River, New Bedford, Lowell, Providence, New York and Philadelphia.

At the conclusion of these visits Mr. Odell will go to Washington and be connected with the Department of Commerce there.

Dog Show Opens in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—The annual bench show under the auspices of the Associated Specialty Clubs of Pittsburgh opened in the old City Hall today and will be continued over tomorrow. In the variety and high quality of the entries the show has never been equalled in this city. Among the classes that are particularly well filled are the collies, bulldogs and Boston terriers. The toy spaniels and other of the small varieties of the canine kingdom also are well represented. The judging of exhibits and award of prizes began this morning and will be continued until the show closes tomorrow night.

Harness Plant Increases Capacity.

Mr. A. C. Lentz, of Gold Hill Route 2, was a Concord visitor Saturday. Mr. Lentz has the distinction of being a part resident of three counties. He lives in Cabarrus, attends church in Stanley and gets his mail in Rowan. In addition to farming Mr. Lentz is engaged in the manufacturing of harness and has established a good business in this line. He makes a specialty of durable, wagon harness and when his plant is going at full time he turns out 10 sets a week. He is planning to increase the capacity and has secured an additional man for the harness works for the coming year.

Mr. J. A. Furr Left Sunday for the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, to have an operation performed. He was accompanied by Dr. Caldwell.

MR. JOHN B. McALLISTER LANDS POSTOFFICE.

Representative Doughton Recommends Former Register of Deeds for Postmaster at Mount Pleasant.

Congressman R. L. Doughton has recommended the appointment of Mr. John B. McAllister as postmaster at Mount Pleasant. Mr. McAllister will, no doubt, be appointed.

The recommendation of Mr. McAllister ends a spirited but by no means bitter contest, for the position of postmaster at Mount Pleasant. Seven candidates stood the examination. The successful appointee and two others made the highest grades and, under the rules of the civil service, the appointment was made from the three highest.

The appointment of Mr. McAllister will be received with satisfaction by the patrons of the office and gratification by his friends. He is one of the most loyal workers in the Democratic ranks in Cabarrus and has given liberally of his time and means to further the interests of his party in this county. As a citizen he ranks in high esteem and is in every way capable of handling the affairs of the office.

It is understood that the office in Mount Pleasant will be moved into the new store building now under construction by the Mount Pleasant Mercantile Company.

BOX SUPPER.

Patrons and Pupils of McGraw School Enjoy Pleasant Evening.

The teacher, Miss Jewel Deal, and patrons of McGraw School, in No. 11 township, gave a box supper Friday evening, December 19. About 20 boxes and six cakes were contributed. Several contests were entered into, which created much interest. One was a guessing contest. A certain kind of seed was put in a cake, which was presented to the person who guessed correctly. Miss Mamie Bonds was the winner.

The other was a voting contest for the prettiest girl present. The names of four young ladies were entered, Misses Effie Litaker, Margie Cline, Pearl Litaker and Nannie Litaker. Miss Pearl Litaker was the winner of this cake, being followed closely by the others.

County Superintendent Lippard had been invited to attend this supper, but owing to pressing business, he could not be present. However, he was remembered and a box sent to him the following day.

We wish to thank our friends, especially of the school, for their help given us. The sum realized was nearly \$40, which will be used for the benefit of the school room.

ONE PRESENT.

"DEGRADED AND HANGED."

Zapata in Circular Thus Disposes of Huerta and Blanquet With Shooting For Rest of Cabinet.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—The traitors, Huerta and Blanquet, after a very short process, will be publicly degraded and hanged from the balconies of the National Palace as a warning to all. The rest of the cabinet will be shot after being judged.

Such is the sentence passed by Emiliano Zapata in a circular, dated Mila Alta, December 16, which appeared in the capital tonight. It was addressed to the inhabitants of the city of Mexico.

Zapata says that at a war council it was resolved to take the city by fire and sword "on a day which for the better success of the assault is to be unknown until the moment the fight begins."

Yeggmen Make Haul at Mt. Gilead Office.

Mt. Gilead, Dec. 21.—Burglars entered the postoffice here some time Saturday night and stole \$700 worth of stamps and \$300 in cash. The burglary was discovered early this morning when the office was opened, and was supposed to have been committed some time between midnight and 4 o'clock in the morning.

So far there is absolutely no clue as to who the marauders were, but it is believed they are the same who have been entering other North Carolina offices the past few weeks. The job was neatly done and the only evidences discovered were not of a nature to lead to an identity of the parties.

The Schmidt Trial.

New York, Dec. 22.—Alienists were called today in defense of Hans Schmidt. The State fought their testimony on the ground that the murderer of Anna Amuller is shamming insanity. Dr. Lichtenstein, the Tombs physician, was the first witness cross-examined on Schmidt's confession.

CURRENCY LAW BY TONIGHT EXPECTED

LEGISLATIVE WAY GREASED FOR SPEEDY ACTION.

Conferees Meet This Morning to Put Final Action on Bill After a Session Lasting Till 3 O'clock This Morning.—Leaders Hope to Rush Report Through by Late This Afternoon.—It is Expected That the President Will Sign at Once.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The legislative way was greased for speedy action in the Senate and House on the currency conference reports. The conference conferees met this morning to put the final touches on the compromise bill, after a session lasting until 3 o'clock this morning. The leaders hoped to suspend rules and rush the conferees' report through by late this afternoon. It is expected that the President will sign at once, as he has been kept in touch with the changes made by the conferees and is well aware what the bill contains. There is expected to be a bitter fight by western Senators against the conferees' action eliminating guarantee bank deposits.

New York, Dec. 22.—A new and healthful impetus to business will result from the enactment of the currency bill, is the opinion of Samuel Untermyer, who conducted money trust investigation. He said he regarded the enactment of the currency bill as a great triumph for popular government.

UNION COUNTY HOG.

Netted 727 Pounds and Cost Its Owner Just \$45.

Monroe, Dec. 20.—Mr. G. W. Montgomery, of Buford township, killed a Duroc Jersey hog this week that was two years old that will probably compare favorably with any killed in the State this year. The hog netted 727 pounds and cost Mr. Montgomery, according to a record he had kept, just \$45 to feed him and fatten and at the market price for pork the day he was butchered, 11½ per pound would have brought him \$83.60. Mr. Montgomery is a progressive farmer.

THOUSANDS OF WILD ANIMALS STARVING.

Two Hundred Hungry Ones Followed Train Into Texas Creek, Col.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 22.—Two hundred hungry antelope, deer and other wild animals followed a train into Texas Creek, Colo., during the last snow storm, according to the conductors. Thousands of wild animals are starving, the feeding grounds being covered now.

Saunders Given Bad Threading.

Elizabeth City, Jan. 20.—Charles O. Robinson, one of Elizabeth City's prominent citizens, walked into the office of W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, this afternoon, and after a few words with Mr. Saunders, gave him a thrashing, badly bruising his face.

Editor Saunders printed an article in last week's issue of the Independent concerning the street costume of a society lady. Mr. Robinson construed the article to refer to his wife. He asked Mr. Saunders if he had her in mind when he wrote it. Saunders gave him an evasive reply and ordered him out of the office. It was then that Mr. Robinson struck him several times in the face, hitting so rapidly and so hard that Mr. Saunders did not get a chance to return the blows.

12,823,206 Bales Were Ginned During 1913.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The seventh cotton ginning report of the census bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that 12,823,206 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1913 had been ginned prior to December 13, to which date during the past seven years the ginning averaged 89.5 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to December 13 there had been ginned 12,439,036 bales, or 92.2 per cent of the entire crop; in 1911 to that date 13,770,727 bales, or 88.5 per cent; in 1908 to that date 11,904,269 bales, or 91.0 per cent, and in 1906 to that date 11,112,789, or 85.6 per cent.

Remember, we give 500 votes in Pony Contest for every dollar paid on subscription to either The Times or The Tribune. Get your friends and neighbors to pay their subscriptions and get the votes.

WINSTON, DORTCH AND WEBB APPOINTED

Seawell, Logan and Dockery Were Removed Saturday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—President Wilson today sent to the Senate the names of Francis D. Winston to be district attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina. W. T. Dortch for marshal in the eastern district and Charles A. Webb to be marshal for the western district.

Senator Simmons wired Judge Connor asking him to appoint the vacancies created by the removal of Seawell and Dockery. It is assured that tips will be done.

Senator Overman, however, failed to get Mr. Webb in as quickly. He wired Judge Boyd asking him to put Webb in Logan's place, and the answer came that Judge Boyd had had no official notice beyond receiving a telegram from the attorney general, and that as it was after office hours he would take no official action until Monday. Meantime, he said, he was writing Senator Overman fully.

It is to be inferred that Mr. Webb will not fill the vacancy in the west until he is confirmed by the Senate.

The appointment of Mr. W. C. Hammer will be delayed until after Christmas, but both Senators Overman and Simmons think that Mr. McReynolds will finally endorse Mr. Hammer.

THE ORDER OF TIPLERS. HOLD A CONVENTION.

Express Office is Swarmed With People Wanting Liqueur Refreshments.

The Ancient Order of Tiplers held a convention at the express office Saturday afternoon and evening. From many points they came to attend the gathering and the result was that the office was packed and jammed with members awaiting their turn to fondly embrace a gallon of John Barleycorn.

"As these pass out, let others follow," was the order of Agent Busbee, who delivered the wet goods to the followers of Bacchus. Ten and twenty deep they stood in line for a time to await their turn to be served.

"Joe, Red Eye Red Nose," the agent would call, picking up a package.

"Here," would come a response from Red Nose back in the crowd and he would wedge his way to the book and register.

"Mr. Delirious Tremens."

"Present," Mr. Delirium would call out and put his John Hancock on the book.

"Mr. Jug Snakebite!"

"Here," answered Snakey, as he turkey trotted to the book.

And thus the convention proceeded. One hundred and thirty gallons were received during the day.

Notorious Yeggman Again Under Arrest.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 20.—William McKinley, alias "Dayton Scotty," an notorious yeggman known to the police of the country as the leader of the Nolan-McKinley gang of safe breakers, who was paroled by Gov. Glase on November 27, after serving a part of a 10 year term in the South Carolina penitentiary for blowing a safe in a store at Montmorenci, S. C., on Dec. 16, 1902, was arrested here today accused of breaking into a store at Moore, S. C., on the night of December 10.

McKinley before being tried for blowing of the safe at Montmorenci had just completed a five-year term in the federal prison at Atlanta, where he was sent for cracking a postoffice safe in this State after being arrested in Columbia by postoffice inspectors.

Christmas for the Bluejackets.

New York, Dec. 22.—The five thousand officers and men aboard the four United States battleships now in port are looking forward to a merry Christmas. The battleships are the Utah, Florida and Arkansas and the flagship Wyoming. Nearly \$200,000 has been dealt out to the officers and men by the paymasters and from this huge sum the men are making liberal contributions for the Christmas spreads. Six and eight course menus will be the order for the Christmas dinners aboard the ships. In the meantime the bluejackets are enjoying liberal shore leave. During the entire week all but absolutely necessary work will be dispensed with on the ships.

All the cotton mills of the city closed Saturday for a week, with the exception of the Locke Mill. The Locke Mill will close tomorrow evening. Many of the operatives are taking advantage of the holidays by outing trips and visits.

THE IMPENDING ATTACK ON TAMPICO

SIX AMERICAN WARSHIPS OFF THE PORT.

One German Cruiser is En Route There.—Rebels Reported to Be in Possession of all the Country Around, and Have Begun to Advance on the Town.—Villa Says There Will Be No More Looting or Confiscation of Property.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—An impending renewed attack on Tampico is expected today, according to advices received here. Six American warships are off the port and the German cruiser Bremen is en route there. The rebels are reported to be in possession of all the country around Tampico and have already begun to advance on the town.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—There will be no more looting or confiscation of property in Chihuahua, according to the announcement by Gen. Villa. The dispatches say he had publicly executed six rebels caught looting as an example. The protest by the United States against the confiscation of Spanish property is believed to have caused the order.

Vera Cruz, December 22.—It is learned from a semi-official source that prominent business men of the republic plan to ask Huerta to get out by January 1, as it is the only thing that can avert a complete financial wreck in Mexico.

GETS TWO YEARS FOR SELLING COCAINE.

Charley Scott Sentenced to the Roads For Selling Cocaine to John Koonce.

Charley Scott, colored, was arrested Saturday charged with selling cocaine. He was tried at the police court this morning. John Koonce, colored, was the chief witness for the State. Koonce testified that he purchased a package of cocaine from Scott. The sale was witnessed by Policeman Eudy, who hid behind an automobile and watched the delivery. A package was also found on Scott when he was arrested.

Scott was sentenced to two years on the roads. It is the opinion in police circles that Scott was agent for persons "higher up" in the cocaine traffic in Concord.

The Litaker Public School.

The new Litaker school house was built in the fall of 1901. It is located two miles south of Concord, in No. 11 township.

It is a school that is called a one-teacher school, but from the amount of work being accomplished it would make one think that there were two teachers in this school. A number of people in this community have always been interested in this school, but this year it seems that everyone is working and the school is an universal community interest.

The schoolhouse is located at a beautiful place, the grounds afford ample room for the children to play. The faithful work of teacher and patron have brought about some changes. The floor has been oiled, the desks re-arranged and painted, the inside of the school house repainted, curtains and shades are at the windows, pictures adorn the walls.

A box supper was held last Friday night and the proceeds amply covered all expenses of painting, etc.

The programme, consisting of speeches, reading and songs, rendered by teacher and students on last Friday night has brought up the question of placing an organ in this school. We trust that this may be done in the near future.

A number of Concord's best citizens claim No. 11 as their old home, and they will be glad to know that it is making progress along school and agriculture lines with the other townships of the county.

Saturday's Business.

Saturday was a great day for business in Concord. From early morn to late at night the streets were crowded with shoppers and the stores were filled. Christmas presents that adorned the shelves were taken down, wrapped and sold at a rate that caused satisfaction to the purchaser and delight to the merchants. People who have been engaged in business here for years report that Saturday's sales were among the largest enjoyed by the merchants in years.

See the new ad. of Mathews' Studio in today's paper.

POSTAL BUSINESS RUSHING

Uncle Sam, Acting Delivery Boy For Santa Claus, Causes Big Rush at Postoffice.

Uncle Sam is doing the delivery act for Santa Claus at a rushing pace at the local postoffice. The reindeers that have been used in song and story parveying Santa's manifestations of generosity have been replaced by the parcel post. And this method of transportation is worked in large gear, it being necessary to keep the throttle wide in order to make deliveries on schedule time.

Postmaster Buchanan and his staff of clerks are handling the holiday postal business expeditiously. An idea of the volume of the parcel post business may be gained by the fact that the postmaster and two clerks devote practically all of their time in sending the packages. Naturally the receipts are heavier and the work of "putting up" the mail and packages requires the services of several other clerks. The money order department is also handling a large volume of business.

The parcel post regulations require that the name of the sender be marked on the package. Postmaster Buchanan is anxious that the public take note of this regulation in order to avoid delay in making the package ready for the mails.

Another practice that is not received with favor is that of placing Red Cross seals on a letter in close proximity to the postal stamp. The postal department request that these seals be placed on the back of letters.

In order to handle the business Christmas Day the postoffice will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 9 and from 12:30 to 1.

EXERCISES AT JACKSON TRAINING SCHOOL

Boys of North Carolina's Institution For Giving Youths An Opportunity Observes North Carolina Day.

North Carolina Day was appropriately observed at the Jackson Training School Friday evening. The exercises were conducted at the King's Daughters' cottage, and in addition to the boys of the school a number of friends of the institution attended.

Superintendent Boger opened the exercises by explaining the purpose of North Carolina Day and welcoming the visitors to the school. The exercises consisted of songs, musical selections, declamation and readings by the Vanhoy Trio, Henry Crawley, Irby Waldrop, Harrison Byrd, George Bancom, Willie Sanderford, Henry Knott, Noswood Howard, Connie Betts, George Holder. At the conclusion of the programme Mr. D. B. Coltrane made a talk to the boys. Mr. Coltrane's talk was filled with words of wisdom and instruction to the boys and he was given most attentive hearing.

Following Mr. Coltrane's talk Miss Elizabeth Coltrane, upon the invitation of the school, favored the audience with the recital of a most appropriate selection.

The exercises were under the direction of Mr. Parker, a member of the faculty of the school. The manner in which the boys performed their task spoke eloquently of the care and training given them by Mr. Parker and reflected credit upon teacher and student.

Several North Carolina Postmasters to Draw More Pay.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The following North Carolina postoffices will be advanced from fourth class to presidential class January 7, the postoffice department announced today:

China Grove, Jonesboro, Kannapolis, Marshville, Murfreesboro, Norwood, Pittsboro, Rosemary, Walnut Cove and Zebulon. All except China Grove and Pittsboro pay salaries of \$1,100 each; they pay \$1,000 each.

Cotton Gin Destroyed.

Monroe, Dec. 20.—Mr. Sebern Stack, of Tradesville, S. C., lost his cotton house and about forty bales of seed cotton by fire this week. Mr. Stack had not ginned any cotton of his own but had stored it waiting for a field gin to come to his place and this was placed last Saturday for the purpose of ginning the cotton, but before operations could begin the fire destroyed the entire contents of the house.

Big Development Promised for Wrightsville Beach.

Wilmington, Dec. 20.—Beach and suburban development at Wilmington received a decided impetus yesterday with the announcement from the office of King & Seigler, real estate brokers, that they had purchased from the Ocean View Company a mile of beach frontage on the southern extension of Wrightsville and that this property would at once be taken over for high-class development.