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### OUR CITY'S BANKS.

That was a gratifying showing, indeed, which the three national and four savings banks of this city made of their financial condition at the close of business on January 29th last. They had on deposit \$6,243,329 and their total resources amounted to \$8,263,376, both an increase in these two items of the last statement, made a little over two months previous. We consider this a remarkable showing for our banks and for the business of our city. For the banks of a city the size of ours to show deposits of only a few thousand short of six and a quarter million dollars and total resources of over eight and a quarter million indicates that it is well supplied with funds wherewith to conduct a tremendous business. It further indicates the confidence the people have in these banks. One of the savings banks had on the day the report was made deposits to the amount of over a million and a half dollars and so did one of the national banks. The banks of no other city in the state can show like figures.

This gratifying condition has been brought about by the wonderful growth in the business of Wilmington in all departments of trade, industry and commerce in the last few years, and the still more gratifying condition is that the banks are daily increasing their deposits and their total resources and the trade of the city is still on the forward move.

Our manufacturing, commerce and wholesale and jobbing trade has not by any means reached its climax; in fact it is just entering on the road to that degree of magnitude to which it is destined in the near future—it is just beginning—as the result of the awakening of our people to the possibilities ahead of our city. The chief causes of this new order of things are unity of action of our business men and the abandoning of old fogy ways of conducting business.

The thing to do to keep up this forward movement and to give it greater impetus is for all our people to "pull together." Let every man's first desire be to see the city go forward; to welcome any new industries and the enlarging and branching out for new business of those we now have; for what helps the business of the city adds to the general prosperity and is of advantage to each citizen, whether capitalist or wage-earner.

The splendid showing of our banks shows that such spirit prevails to a large extent, but it can be increased. More interest generally could be taken in the plans and schemes for extending and diversifying the business of the city by those who have the means and the inclination to do so. Let it be remembered that every new enterprise benefits the whole citizenship, and not alone those who have means to subscribe to its capital stock and the ability to successfully manage the new plant.

### A WAR MONSTER OF THE SEA.

The generally slow-going Britishers performed a wonderful feat in the launching of the huge battleship Dreadnaught just a few days over four months from the day work was begun on her. That beats anything the enterprising Yankees have ever done. The Dreadnaught will be in commission within twelve months from the time her keel was laid. She is a new type of battleship, the hugest floating war machine ever constructed, and the British admiralty is anxious to get her into commission as soon as possible in order that her qualities and effectiveness may be thoroughly tested before work is commenced on other vessels of the same type.

She is an outgrowth of the naval warfare between Russia and Japan. Great Britain had naval experts on all the Japanese warships, who studied the maneuvers, the action, the offensive and defensive powers of the warships engaged. Their reports were turned in after the battle in the sea of Japan. Based upon these reports were drawn the plans for the Dreadnaught.

The greatest secrecy is observed as to her plans of construction. It is

said, though, that she will have a displacement of 18,500 tons, but that this will be the least remarkable of her new features. She will carry ten 12-inch guns, of a new type, with a muzzle energy of 49,568 as against 33,622 in guns of the latest types of battleships. It is further said that in battle the Dreadnaught would be able to discharge every minute ten shells weighing 850 pounds each with sufficient force to send them twenty-five miles. She will carry no other guns except eighteen 3-inch rapid firers. This is about all that is known about her. The secrets as to her mechanism are still closely guarded.

A monster of the sea she will be indeed, and if all is true that is claimed for her she will be invincible as a coast defense vessel or one to destroy sea ports and coast defenses. It will not be known, though, until she has been given thorough trial whether she will be as effective an instrument of destruction as her size and armament would indicate.

### NEED OF A STATE REFORMATORY.

The Presbyterian Standard in referring to the necessity in this state of a reformatory for youthful criminals, says "that an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure is a principle of criminology that North Carolina does not seem to be able to get into its head." It speaks of "the slowness with which the reform school idea finds a place in our system of economics."

It does not seem to us that the idea is making any progress at all. It may be, though, that if the Presbyterian Standard and other papers of similar influence in the state will continue to hammer on the heads of the political economists and politicians of the state they can after awhile succeed in getting into them a sensible idea on this subject. This is the only way to bring about the greatly needed reform. Keep at it. We hope these papers will not let up until such a system is inaugurated.

We believe most every one admits that it would be a good thing to have a reform school, but the cost of it is what sticks in the crop. Legislators hesitate at appropriating funds for such an institution while, in the meantime, the state and the counties are spending thousands of dollars annually in the prosecution and the keep of youthful law breakers with little prospect of the latter not becoming again a burden on the tax payers as soon as their terms of imprisonment in county jail, on chain gang or in penitentiary are over, to say nothing of the horde of youths who are being educated by the present process of punishment into hardened criminals, instead of being given a chance to reform and become good citizens, as they would have in a reformatory school.

Putting aside the moral question, is it not cheaper to the state to spend two dollars in reforming a wayward youth inclined to crime than to spend one in making a debased man and confirmed criminal of him?

It is stated on what seems to be good authority that a large amount of the money sent by friends in this country to Jews in Russia has not been received. Orders have been sent out from St. Petersburg that the postoffice money orders should not be cashed, the excuse being that the remittances are made for the purpose of assisting in the revolutionary movement. Local post officials in this country have confirmed the report in many instances. The letters returning the money orders contain many reasons given why they cannot be cashed, the one above designated being the chief. Thus while the Russian government is grinding down and impoverishing this class of citizens it refuses them the privilege of securing assistance from friends abroad.

The figures from the report of the commissioner of labor and printing on the pleasure and health resorts of our state will be a surprise to a great many of our people. The Charlotte News has gathered the following figures from that report: There are 333 such resorts in the state and last year they entertained 181,814 guests at \$2,319,602 were brought to the state by them.

President Cassatt says he is not afraid of an investigation of the Pennsylvania railroad, if he was who would expect him to say so?

Wonder if those congressmen who are making such desperate efforts to induce congress to pass an anti-railroad pass law would not feel pretty flat were they to succeed?

From all sections of the country comes the cry for more labor, and it grows more urgent each year. The Charlotte Chronicle says on this subject:

Ten years ago the south had more labor than employment. Today she has more work to do than labor to do it. At the Panama canal, on the cotton plantations and farms, on the tobacco farms, in the southern cotton mills, everywhere on farms, in factory, in railway work the cry is for more labor.

### NEW OATH IN COURT.

Our superior court judges are moving up in the enforcement of temperance laws, seeking to promote temperance without unnecessary severe penalties. The Catawba County News says that a remarkable scene was witnessed when Judge Cooke administered the following oath to three young men who had been violating the law:

"You solemnly swear upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that each one of you will not touch, within one year, one drop of any spirituous liquors, malt or wine."

If they will keep that solemn oath, the young men will be saved and their families not feel humiliated by seeing them sentenced to work on the roads.—News and Observer.

We presume these three young men were indicted for some offense committed while under the influence of liquor and on conviction or submission had judgment suspended on taking the above oath. We hope Judge Cooke's plan will succeed. If they were young men of principle and heartily ashamed of their conduct and determined to lead better lives, the judge's course was eminently proper. It was far preferable to sending them to the chain gang and thereby, perhaps, making confirmed criminals of them. He was right in giving them a chance to reform. But we think it would have been better had the judge, after a serious lecture, discharged them under promise or bond to appear before the court at some future date and show that they had kept sober and been good law-abiding men. Having taken this solemn oath, a single violation of it without any evil consequences, might be the cause of making the young man worse than before. He would certainly feel greater humiliation and maybe despair at his ability to reform. Besides, we do not believe in the multiplying of oaths. It destroys much of their force and solemnity. The tendency is to make men regard them lightly, even those taken in judicial proceedings.

A congressional investigation of a powerful corporation like the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is a very different thing from laying bare all the conditions and transactions of the company. The latter is never done. Of course President Cassatt has no fears of the former, should it be ordered.

### Mr. D. W. Crump and Miss Nannie Watson Married.

On last Wednesday afternoon Mr. W. Crump, accompanied by a party of his friends, left for Tatum, S. C., where he was to wed Miss Nannie Watson. Part of the party spent the night at Bennettsville, returning with the groom Wednesday morning to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Harriett Watson, where the ceremony was performed.

Mr. D. W. Crump is the senior member of the progressive firm of Messrs. Crump & Floyd, and is one of our most worthy young men, one who holds the confidence and esteem of all who know him. In short, he is a young man of sterling worth. The bride is one of Marboro's accomplished daughters, and is held in the highest love and esteem by those who know her best.—Lumberton Argus.

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A Syndicate of Eastern Capitalists Found to Take 500,000 Bales at 13 Cents a Pound.

Atlanta, Ga., February 12.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, made the following announcement today:

"I have secured an agreement with a syndicate of eastern capitalists, headed by E. R. Thomas, to take 500,000 bales of middling cotton from southern planters at the minimum price of thirteen cents a pound, deliverable at interior points or the ports, by or before July, 1903, the deal to be closed as soon as option on the syndicate's requirement shall have been secured.

"The agreement further provides for the taking of all cotton ready for market next August and September from the crop of 1906 at the then market prices, to be not less than the minimum price fixed by the Southern Cotton Association. This agreement is not intended to affect holders, who are demanding a maximum of 15 cents at present. New York bankers are prepared to finance fully all southern bankers in assisting holders of cotton for higher prices. Option contracts will be forwarded upon application to all cotton growers."

Exposition to be Held in Tampa. Washington, February 12.—Representative Sparkman (Fla.) introduced a concurrent resolution today authorizing the President to issue proclamations asking states to participate in an exposition to be held at Tampa, Fla., in 1908. The resolution also provides for naval participation in the exposition and for the issuance of an invitation to foreign powers to send exhibits. The exposition is to especially emphasize the importance to the world of the isthmian canal and to hasten its completion.

Nominations by the President. Washington, February 12.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Postmasters: North Carolina—C. W. Teague, West Durham; E. L. Ware, Kings Mountain.

Virginia—C. M. Keelz, Harrisonburg; G. L. Hart, Roanoke; W. H. Faulkner, South Boston; R. A. Fulwiler, Staunton.

Midshipman Meriwether Pardoned. Washington, February 12.—Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., of Louisiana, a member of the third class, convicted and sentenced to dismissal for hazing has been pardoned by the President.

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