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CHRISTMAS.

Christmas! What a world of happiness and of sadness there is in that word. What different emotions it awakens in the breasts of those who celebrate this greatest of Christian festivals.

At this happy Christmas time when all the world seems bent on pleasure and rejoicing let those who have money to spend remember that there are many among them who have little or none wherewith even to purchase bare necessities of life.

Maxton has established a board of trade. This is an evidence of progress and growth which we are glad to see in our sister city.

The finest 50c candy at 25c a lb, on sale the 22nd to 24th, only these dates, at Plummers.

AN OLD ADAGE SAYS

"A light purse is a heavy curse." Sickness makes a light purse. The LIVER is the seat of nine tenths of all disease.

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go to the root of the whole matter, thoroughly, quickly safely and restore the action of the LIVER to normal condition.

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THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION

We are glad to note that several of the leading daily papers of the state have taken up the matter of establishment of a state immigration bureau on the plan of the one that is being so successfully conducted in South Carolina.

The first venture by the South Carolina commissioner in the bringing of a shipload of skilled mechanics and their families to Charleston, whence they were distributed to various points in that state where they were greatly needed has proven most successful in every way.

Two facts recently announced have opened the way to bringing this class of labor into the state. One is the decision of Secretary Straus that the immigration law does not prohibit the states from sending agents abroad to induce foreigners to come to this country.

These facts open the way to secure the introduction of a desirable class of immigrants into this state, and the only way to do this is for the legislature to establish a bureau of immigration and let its commissioner pursue the same course as has that officer of our sister state.

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We need in this state the kind of immigrants who were induced to come over to work in the Mecklenburg mills and those who came to Charleston in the Wittekind. We do not think the most rabid advocate of the exploded principles of know-nothingism can deny that this is not only the best but the only way for our people to secure the kind of immigrants our state desires and needs.

Immigration of the right kind is the crying need of our section of the country. If we can once start the tide this way we will be able in a short while to do away with the soliciting part of the work and turn our attention to the selection of the class that we want of voluntary skilled and unskilled labor which will seek homes in our section.

WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE

Wilmington has gotten into the extension-of-city-limits game. From the way Charlotte is going about it our seaport city would be justified in discussing the question of taking in some of the West Indies.

Thanks, brother, for the kindly suggestion. The Wilmington people, however, have already given that matter serious thought and are only waiting for the incorporation of Cuba as American territory to make the island a maritime suburb of their city.

much longer they will have to content themselves with Turk's Island, or take in Porto Rico, which is rather too far away to suit their convenience. You may rest assured that the Wilmingtonians are not going to let the people of Charlotte get ahead of them in the boundary limits extension contest.

THANKS, BROTHER HARRIS.

We feel "mightily helped" up about that big dinner in the Selwin—when the hotel is finished. Negotiations are progressing very satisfactorily and we are more convinced than ever that Brother Harris intends to do the thing up down whenever that half a million dollar hotel is ready to entertain guests.

Brother Harris, we will be there. By the way, we would like to know what you mean by advising us to "keep our appetite whetted". Have we got to keep whetting it all the time from now until that dinner in the uncompleted Selwin is announced?

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We wonder how the taxpayers of the county of Craven relish the idea of having to pay the big bill of costs in the suit to annul the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

FOOD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. The Minnesota Dairy and Food Commission's analysis shows that Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar and Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar contained opiates and croton oil.

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If You Save... something out of your wages each week or month you shortly accumulate a neat sum which increases your confidence in yourself and inspires you with higher ideals.

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