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CHRISTMAS.

Christmas! What a world of happi ness and of sadness there is in tha word. What different emotions i awakens in the breasts of those wh celebrate this greatest of Christian festivals. To the little ones it is day of joyousness. To those who have outgrown childhood, but have little ones following in their footsteps and in whom all life's pleasures are centered, it is a day of calm enjoymen in the preparation of the surprises and the happy festival for them; ever though in their memories there are lingering regrets, sad thoughts of little stockings that will not be hung in this time, and dim recollections of the happy times the day brought to then in the years long ago, which can only return in their efforts to give the same happiness to their innocent ones who still believe in Santa Claus. To thos who have passed beyond the stage even of making preparations for the happiness and pleasure of children is one of the saddest days of the year there is the recollection of the happy days of the long past when the happiest part of the Christmas work was in preparing to make others happy, al of whom have passed away or have grown beyond dependence of loving parents for their Christmas times and scattered here and there over the broad face of the land, have their cares and joys which prevent the old family reunion when all lived together cr could be gathered under the family roof tree at Christmas tide. Truly it is a day of rejoicing and of sadness. With many the joy is mingled with sadness and the sadness with a peaceful joy.

At this happy Christmas time when all the world seems bent on pleasure and rejoicing let these who have money to spend remember that there are many among them who have little or none wherewith even to purchase bare necessaries of life, to say nothing of the good things that all are supposed to have on this occasion. Help some one who would not otherwise be able to do so to have a happy Christmas today and yours will be all the happier to you. To do so it is not necessary to spend a large or even smatl amount of money. Give what you can in money to the poor; it may not be much, but what you can spare will help to add to the enjoyment of the day to some one less blessed than you in the goods of this world; but this is not all you can do in the way of making this a brighter and happier day to some other. A visit to some sick or afflicted person, a cheerful greeting and bright salutation to some me you know is depressed and down hearted, a hearty shake of the hand to some other saddened by care and trouble-all these will help to make happier the day to some who but for your act might pass it through in sorrow and sadness, seeing no pleasure or gladness in it. This is a day when no man should live for himself. It is Christ's day when every one should feel the call to do something to help his fellow man.

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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 establish ment of a state immigration bureau on the plan of the one that is being so successfully conducted in South Car-Nina, and are advocating making the port of Wilmington the port of entry for steamers bringing immigrants to our state.

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. Nearly all immigrants who came over on the Wittekind are pleased with their new homes and are giving satisfaction to their employers.

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. That decision was made in the matter of the immigrants brought over in the Wittekind at the solicitation of State Commissioner Watson, of South Sarolina. The other was the discovery of a clause in the immigration law, which was overlooked by the departments of commerce and labor and of justice, by the attorney of the Charlotte mill men who were indicted for inducing mill operatives in Engemployment in their factories. Mr C. W. Tillett, one of the attorneys for the defendants, announces that a close inspection of the immigration laws reveals the fact that section six provides that skilled labor may be imported when labor of a like kind cannot be obtained in this country. The mills to which those operatives were brought had much of their machinery standing idle because they could not secure the desired skilled labor in this country. It is said that because of this discovery the prosecution will be

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. We must have the immigrants selected in Europe and brought by steamer directly to our chief seaport, whence they could be distributed to their future homes in our state. The Durham Herald truthfully says that "North Carolina can put it down that those who land in Charleston will not be allowed to come up this way until South Carolina gets all she wants; and nobody can be blamed for this". We cannot expect the commissioner of South Carolina or of any other state to exert himself to secure immigrants for North Carolina when his state is needing them so badly that he goes to the trouble and expense of a trip to Europe to secure them for his state. If we are to get them we will have to do so by our own exertions and at our own expense. That cannot be denied. After quoting the above from The Herald, the Chronicle, of Charlotte, says that "the only thing for this state to do is to establish an immigration bureau and send a man to Europe after the people. North Carolina must look out for her self. Nobody else is going to do it for her. With an immigration department established it would be an easy thing to secure a steamer to bring the immigrants to Wilmington. The thing is to have our own agent to solicit the people we want and land them at our own port

. All of which is as true as Gospel 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.

WIMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE

Wilmington has gotten into the ex-tension-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.—Industrial News.

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. They are becoming impatient at the delay and feel that if annexation is delayed

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 Charlotts get ahead of them in the boundary limits extension contest. The only fear they have is that Charlotte may strain the friendly relations between the two cities by the desire to re-establish her former navy yard and attempt to attach Wilmington for a suburb for the purpose of securing a more convenient one than the first she had. Wilmingtonians, however, would fight that proposition to the bitter end, though they would not object to closer relations with that city in the way of making her the manufacturing suburb of her seaport.

THANKS, BROTHER HARRIS,

We feel "mightily holped" up about that big dinner in the Selwin-when the hotel is finished. Negotiations are progressing very satisfactority and we are more convinced than ever that Brother Hariss intends to do the thing up bown whenever that half a million dollar hotel is ready to entertain guests. During the two years-more or less-that the invitation has been hanging fire because of delay in firing up the range in the Selwin's culinary department we have not for a single moment doubted the sincerity of Brother Harris or the bona fides of his invitation and have been none the less confident in our ability-when the happy time rolls around-to do full land to come to this state to accept justice to the occasion. Our appetite has been whetted, and our earnest iesire for early completion of the Selwin increased, however, by the receipt of the following specialdispatch received vesterday afternoon.

Charlotte December 24. The Messenger,

Wilmington, N. C. Keep your appetite whetted. dinner is coming along. Merry Christ-WADE H. HARRIS. 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? Has that remark anything to do with the fact that Charlotte is a dry town and Wilmington a mighty wet one, and for that reason would you like us to bring along a few "whetsones" when we come to partake of that dinner? "Any way and any how," a merry Christmas to you and to all the

The Industrial News says that some evil-minded persons are accusing the prohibitionists of raising the price of eggs" just at this time when the "nog" is the favorite way of many -both pros and antis-of celebrating the joyous occasion. We can't believe it, for the "morally stunted" are no more anxious for the cheap price of eggs just at this season than are many of the other persuasion.

Chronicle force.

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. The commissioners made the county a party plaintiff to the suit, which was lost and now it is said the county will have to pay the costs-. Looks like a case of monkey, cat and hot chestnuts.

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. Opiates are poisons and croton oil is a violent poisonous purgative. Refuse to accept any but Foley's Honey and Tar in a yellow package. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates or dangerous drugs and is the best cough and cold cure. Jos. C. Shepard, J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.

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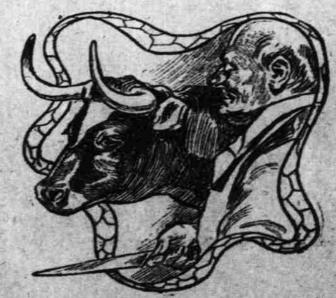
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