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An exchange strikes the nail squarely on the head when it says good men and true men may differ about politics, religion and all matters of opinion; but no man should differ now as to the necessity of a general effort to revive business, employ labor and establish a demand for production.

We regret very much to note that Mr. Charles F. McKesson has withdrawn from the editorial staff of the Morganton Herald. An ornate writer and experienced newspaper man, his retirement is a loss to the profession of journalism in the State. He is succeeded by Mr. R. A. Cobb, the former publisher. Our best wishes attend both gentlemen.

EX SENATOR Patrick Walsh, of Georgia, who was in Washington recently, said this:

"It is to be sincerely hoped that prosperity will come to the country through the incoming administration. Every patriot hopes for that. The Republicans will have the responsibility and if their methods and policies are for the general good, to them will belong the credit. But if they fail to carry out the promises they have made that, if entrusted with power, great benefit would accrue to the country, then the Democracy will meet them at Phillips. Any man who reckons that the Democratic party is dead is making a serious mistake. If I am not greatly mistaken it will be very much alive in 1900."

NEW SPECIES OF SNAKE.

Mr. Jas. P. Cook, of Concord, tells the Charlotte News of a peculiar snake that was recently killed in Stanley county. "The body was of a brownish color, the head being black. The snake was seven feet, six inches long and two feet from the head two small legs projected from the body, these on each leg were six well developed toes with claws, two of the claws being a quarter of an inch long."

The News says that Mr. Cook himself saw the reptile and measured it. It was of a variety never seen in those parts before. As Mr. Cook is a reputable gentleman (a retired, and therefore a reformed, newspaper man) we believe what he says, although this sounds very much like a "snake story." But as he further says the reptile has been sent to the State Museum at Raleigh, some time we may have the pleasure of seeing it for ourself.

THANKSGIVING.

Throughout this broad land last Thursday was observed as a day of Thanksgiving to a beneficent God who has given His people both the seed time and harvest, and showered His mercy and kindness upon them in many ways. The following Thanksgiving editorial is from the Rocky Mount Argonaut.

When we look abroad and realize the suffering, distress and sorrow in other less favored portions of the world we surely must appreciate the propriety of the people of the United States in giving humble and heartfelt thanks to-day. The past year, although not so prosperous as many could have wished, has brought no great distress or trouble to this people and the future is bright with promise of better days. This is particularly true of the South. This section of the union is growing steadily and every year sees numerous enterprises started and capital becoming interested in the development of our unbounded natural resources, and best of all every indication goes to prove that this era of progress has just commenced, the day of prosperity just dawning, and that the near future will find the South in the position intended by the great Creator, one of the foremost and most prosperous sections of the earth.

For all this the people of this country should be thankful; happy in the present but determined to work, hope and pray for better days.

In the meantime let us

"Plead our God for wondrous wealth Through all the bright, benignant year: For shower and rain, for ripened grain, For gift and guerdon, far and near. We bless the countless Powers above, That watched us through the peaceful days, That led us home or brought us thence And kept us in our various ways."

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TO ADVERTISE NORTH CAROLINA.

Capt. W. H. Ramsour of Charlotte has placed a contract with the car building firm of Jackson and Sharpe, in Wilmington, Del., for a car to be used in advertising the resources, products, manufactures and minerals of North Carolina. It will be patterned after the fashion of the Florida car and like which it will travel over the United States. The contract price of the car is \$10,000, it is to be finished in North Carolina woods, which are as pretty as any found in the world. This is the enterprise of the North Carolina Advertising Company of which Capt. Ramsour is manager. The materials for stocking the car are being gotten ready and will be ready to be placed by the time the car is finished. There will be fish and bird display of all kinds from the east; bears, deer and various kinds of game from all parts of the State; woods of all varieties; the different products of the soil, gold, silver, and the various other minerals and in fact it will be an exposition on wheels. It will visit the people of all the cities and towns in the North, East and West.—Rocky Mount Argonaut.

THANKSGIVING.

The custom of having a day set apart for Thanksgiving to Almighty God for past favors, blessings and protection is a very good custom, and when rendered from sincere hearts cannot fail to meet the approval of the High and Holy One. The creature should be ever grateful to the Heavenly Benefactor, and praise, prayer, confession and thanksgiving can never be out of order or offensive to the great and mighty God of the universe. So it is well for public authorities to suggest a day for general praise and thanksgiving. Each man searching his own heart and reviewing his own life will be moved to make special thanksgiving for himself for those gracious favors and loving kindnesses he has received from his maker, unworthy as he knows himself to be. The contrite and sincere soul will receive a blessing in return proportioned and adapted to his needs, and perhaps to his solicitations. If God shall see that it will be best for him that he should have those things sought.

Whether you are happy or depressed you are bound to honor God and thank Him in your heart for such multitudinous benefactions as He has showered upon you all your days. It is wise you will earnestly seek the continuance of the Divine clemency and strive to enter in through the gate into the Eternal City.

God has been very merciful and long suffering towards the people of this country. Greatly undeserving as they are neither pestilence, famine nor war has entered to devastate and blast as with the mildew of death. God reigns in righteousness. He holds command of the armies of Heaven and of earth. He is indeed the Lord of Sabbath. He can restrain. He can remove. He can destroy. He can bring order out of chaos. He can thwart the plans of enemies and sever the band of conspirators. He can overrule and control the plottings of bad men and preserve to the people their liberties, rights, monuments, and to the several sovereign American Commonwealths their autonomy and rights under the constitution.

There is great occasion for thanksgiving and praise that it is as well with us as it is. It could be so much worse. Let us then gather in the churches to offer unto the Almighty God of nations the incense of grateful hearts for manifold mercies, kindnesses and blessings.—Wilmington Messenger.

Major C. T. Pieten, is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling man says is one of the best hotels in the South. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Pieten says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by M. Dorsey, druggist."

SOUTHERN MAN AND SOUTHERN MACHINERY.

Last week we noted the remarkably fast time made on the Seaboard Air Line with a special train between Welton and Portsmouth, when the distance—78 miles—was covered in 72 minutes including one stop. In this connection the News and Observer calls attention to a fact worthy of note. It says:

Not a great while ago when an engineer on the D. L. W. railroad made a big run with a Brooks engine, the Brooks Company presented the engineer with a handsome gold watch.

The famous run of 78 miles in 72 minutes by Engineer H. J. Heilig, on the Seaboard Air Line, was made on a Southern made engine, manufactured by the Richmond Locomotive Works. Mr. Heilig's fine run has been widely commented on all over the State. He is one of the most popular engineers in the State, as well as one of the most tried and true. He deserves all the good things that are being said of him, and more besides.

It is pleasant to know that this run was made by a native Southerner on an engine manufactured in the South. Southern men and Southern manufacturers are at the front.

The Modern Pandora's Box.

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Dr. R. V. Pierce, Dear Sir—I have taken the "Favorite Prescription" and I can recommend it to any body that suffers with any female disease. I have tried several doctors prescriptions but none did me the good that yours did. Yours respectfully, MATTIE TERRY. Postmistress, Sherrer Hill, Dallas, Co. Ala.

FIVE MEETINGS CLOSED.

A Great Work in Henderson—An Influence Set in Motion the Effects of Which May Never be Known.

After two weeks of earnest, consecrated work here Evangelist W. P. Fife closed his meetings Sunday night. Words fall us in doing justice to the power and influence of his preaching. He had large crowds to hear him at every service Burwell Hall being taxed to its utmost seating capacity. People came in large numbers from long distances in the country and the city. Those in town made up such crowds as Henderson has never known before to attend upon the preaching of the Gospel excepting only the Pearson meeting a few years ago.

Most of the business places, including warehouses and saloons were closed during the morning service, a fact which Mr. Fife and those who were in sympathy with and aiding him in his work appreciate fully. And this was all the more remarked upon because the closing up was not unanimous, some few keeping open. Taken as a whole perhaps such powerful and effective sermons were never heard in Henderson as Evangelist Fife preached for two weeks. He seemed to surpass himself at each succeeding effort. But there was no cessation of display—no straining after effect save to convict and to convert. Mr. Fife dealt not in metaphors nor wasted time in vague theorizing. He went to the Bible for his authority and preached the Word in its purity and simplicity. His sermons were characterized by an earnestness of manner, directness of speech, power of unctious and sincerity of purpose seldom equalled. They were not only strong but powerful. Powerful in conviction, powerful in delivery, powerful in convincing argument. People hung upon his words and heard him gladly. Saint and sinner praised alike while others criticized. Nor would it have been natural had it been otherwise.

But the Evangelist did a great work in Henderson and the town is better for his coming. It is estimated that counting the number of backsliders and new converts together the number who openly made profession was between 350 and 400, though we had not supposed it was so large as that. Most of these were persons from the country, some of them living at a considerable distance. So it will be seen how wide spread the influence of these meetings has been.

The attendance at night being so great the Hall could not accommodate them, Mr. T. H. Leavitt, Gospel Worker, from Wilmington, who had aided Mr. Fife in previous meetings, held special services for the colored people at the Colored College. He had large crowds to hear him and we are told that his work was highly successful, the colored people taking fully as much interest in his preaching as the whites did in Mr. Fife's.

Thursday morning Mr. Fife preached a special Thanksgiving sermon taking for his subject "Joyousness." His talk was belittling the occasion and his appeals in behalf of the contribution for the different orphan asylums of the State resulted in about \$100 being raised for that purpose, which was properly distributed and promptly forwarded by the committee having the matter in charge.

Saturday night Mr. Fife preached to men only in the Methodist Protestant church. At the Baptist church a woman's prayer meeting was in progress at the same hour. Both services were well attended and the meetings were of a refreshing and enjoyable character. Mr. Fife closed the series of meetings proper Sunday night. The occasion was one never to be forgotten. It was the most solemn one we ever witnessed. Instead of closing with a big jollification and praise service as he intended it was turned completely around and partook more of the nature of a funeral after some terrible catastrophe had overtaken the community. It was awful for its very solemnity, such a time as many in the congregation hope never to experience again. The causes therefor need not be mentioned here.

It has been Mr. Fife's custom in closing his meetings to thank his helpers—the choir, organists, ustons, and other workers—for their assistance, but Sunday night he was in no humor for speaking about such things, and we take this opportunity to express to each and every one his grateful appreciation of the aid given in whatever capacity.

Monday morning Mr. Fife made a talk especially to Christians. His subject was "The Bible and How to Study the Scriptures and asked his hearers to jot down the passages as aids to the study of God's Word, grouping his remarks under two headings—first, "Why," second, "How" to study it intelligently and helpfully.

Special mention must be made of the choir. This was composed of some of the best voices in town and under the direction of Mr. H. A. Wolfson they had been well trained in singing the songs used on this occasion. Miss Kate Dean was organist at the morning services while Miss Fannie Burton played for the night meetings. Both young ladies performed their duties well and faithfully. Mr. Wolfson's solos were greatly enjoyed. His selections were always timely, each number being rendered with a warmth of feeling and sweetness of voice which made it a favorite at all times. The ushers were alert and accommodating and their offices will be long remembered by those who shared their kind attentions.

Beside \$300 raised for the expense account a handsome purse was presented to Mr. Fife as a "free will offering." This was the work of the finance committee subscriptions and a congregational collection being taken up for the purpose before the meeting closed.

Mr. Fife goes from here to Louisa where he will begin a two weeks meeting next Sunday. May his work be as fruitful of good as it has been here.

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LETTER FROM ARIZONA.

A Henderson Young Man Writes Interestingly About the Far West.

TUCSON, Pima Co., Arizona, Nov. 24. EDITOR GOLD LEAF:—Encouraged by the improvement of my health in this Southern clime, I feel it a privilege to write a short article, and, upon request, I will gladly do so, hoping you will find a place for it in your columns instead of the waste basket. For three years I suffer with weak lungs, having hemorrhage after hemorrhage till my health was a wreck, my physician suggested Arizona, the best climate for consumptives. Reluctantly I gave up my home in Sumter, S. C. and came to Tucson the 23rd of August. This town is situated on the Southern Pacific railroad, 200 miles South of Los Angeles, California, and is completely surrounded by a barren chain of Rocky Mountains. Its elevation above sea level is 2,400 feet and population about 10,000.

We have magnificent churches, school buildings, hospitals and sanitariums, and several good hotels. One must not think as I did, and associate the West of to-day with the wild days of years ago. Of course, this is a country of magnificent distances and the manners and methods of the native born are not exactly in accordance with those of the East, but such as those have to be looked for outside the towns, in the wilder and more remote districts. In the towns is found a social condition of cultivated manners and habits as elsewhere. The children go to school and the people to business, pretty much as in the East.

The savage Apache is becoming more docile and has learned of late to confine himself to his reservation, except a few renegades who would not submit at the time of Geronimo's surrender. Outside their reservations they are unsettled and carry their depredations. They are recruited from the mountains of the Mexican border into which latter country they carry their depredations. They are recruited from the mountains of the Mexican border into which latter country they carry their depredations. They are recruited from the mountains of the Mexican border into which latter country they carry their depredations.

The population, especially in and around Tucson, is gradually replacing them with wood, brick or stone. The latter are inclined to ease and indolence, and when brought in contact with the American, have to give way before his superior intelligence and energy. Their language is smooth and oily and has considerable fascination for the "Gringos" (American nickname). They cling to their noble (ancient sun-dried brick) flat-roofed houses, which are admirably adapted to the hot climate, but which do not meet the approval of the American, who is gradually replacing them with wood, brick or stone.

It would be hard to find a more lovely climate than Arizona in winter, but for those afflicted with pulmonary troubles all seasons are suitable. The extraordinary rarified atmosphere is a marvel. Standing in the valley in which Tucson is situated, six separate ranges of mountains are plainly discernible, almost from beginning to end, the farthest being at least 95 miles distant along the range which leaves no doubt as to its remoteness.

Even at this distance their outlines are pretty plainly observed. Single trees are discernible on the face of the Santa Catalinas, about 15 miles away. The normal condition of the atmosphere at this season may be said to be calm, with a warm glow, which brings repose to the senses and vigor to the body. The percentage of humidity is very small, almost the minimum. The physicians here claim that the climate of Tucson and vicinity, has advantages over Colorado in that it is warmer, and California or Florida, because it is dryer.

No that I am tired, overworked being after a reasonable stay here. I have assumed the rough, outdoor life, and have forgotten the sedentary railroad office. I had not been here a week before I gained flesh, and now weigh, in little more than three months after arrival, 150 lbs. My weight was 125 pounds when I came. I have been pressed to each and every one of my friends to return to my native home with J. Knox Corbett, a South Carolinian, who has done much for my health and welfare.

I trust the foregoing may be an humble means of helping those in the primary stage of pulmonary affliction, to realize what this dry and bracing climate means for them, before the disease has taken deep root. Of course, for those in the advanced stages the effects of any climate are doubtful. I am grateful to Dr. Wood, of Sumter, my physician who candidly recommended Arizona at the time he did. Medicine avails little or nothing, is positively harmful at times. Turn to nature, in the form of localities—the great healer. If this letter obtains relief for one sufferer, I shall feel well repaid for the writing.

Yours very truly, WM. L. CLACK.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., has written: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can confidently recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2925 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, writes: "I have used your Bitters for several years, and I can truly say that it has cured me of my chronic constipation, and I feel better than I have for years. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at M. Dorsey's Drug Store."

CLEANINGS FROM GRANVILLE.

Happening Across the County Line as Reported in the Oxford Papers.

[From the Democrat.]

Twenty-two turkeys were slaughtered for the Thanksgiving dinner of the orphan at the Asylum. Could the people of the State know the care, comfort, love and kindness the fatherless receive at the hands of the Asylum officials, their hearts would warm toward this institution and those in charge of it.

Capt. Skinner of the Granville Grays with ten picked men mounted on bicycles went over to Henderson Station to attend the Fife meeting. After services, the Bike Brigade was re-inforced by Dr. E. T. White and Mr. S. H. Smith and made a raid on the hotel, and captured one of Masseburg's famous dinners.

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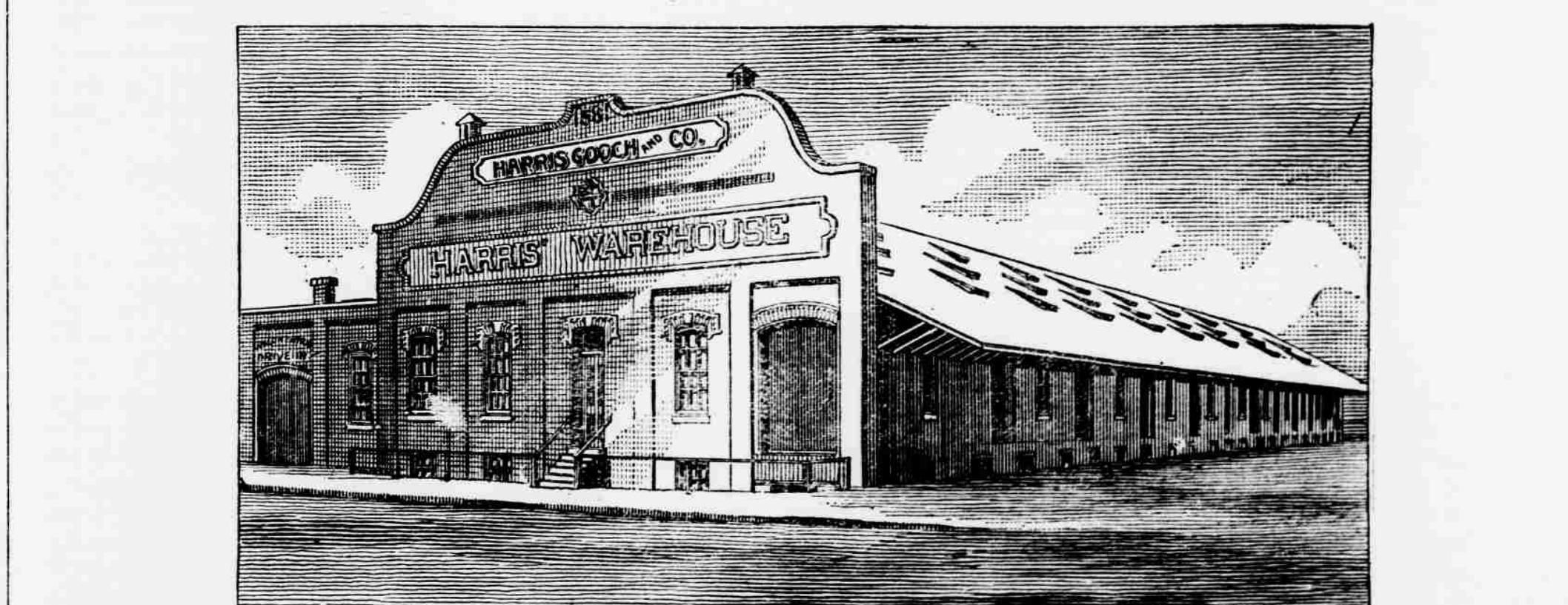
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