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SHOP TALK.

In view of the increased cost of news print paper and printing material of all kinds, many publishers have been brought face to face with one of two alternatives: Raise the price of subscription or cut down the size of the paper.

But something must be done. We are up against a serious problem—as every other publisher is at the moment—of producing his paper one way out of the difficulty is to get more for our labor in the way of a surer pay—not in increased price of the paper and promises to pay, which are not realized in too many cases—or at least when it is needed in the regular course of business.

We have to pay cash for practically everything that enters into the makeup of the paper—labor, blank paper, type, etc. No waiting on a customer, two or three years and then quit or be cut off and consider the debt settled. It's "come across with the stuff" every time—and it requires money to do it. This may be strange news to some folks—that an editor needs money in his business. But whether he needs it or not, the folks he has to deal with act with singular unanimity as if they do, and while it may be a freakish notion on their part in order to maintain amicable relations and coax them to let us have what we want of them along from time to time, we must gratify that notion or the stuff stops coming.

The moral of this is plain. The blank paper, the typesetting, the ink, the press work—everything necessary to producing the printed page—must be paid for each day, and yet some persons seem to think that the newspaper can go on indefinitely without being paid for—the amount is small and therefore of no consequence to the publisher.

This is to say that we are going to revise our mailing lists and drop the names of those who are in arrears and not paying for the paper. The close of another volume and the beginning of a new year is an auspicious time to close old accounts, and while we would rather close them by giving receipts for money paid, it is preferable to close them without further loss.

The date on your address label shows the time to which your subscription is paid. If in arrears this is a polite, business like request to pay what you owe. If you are not behind then this "never touched you" and our wish is that your tribe may be increased.

Speaker E. J. Justice takes issue with the Governor and all the other lawyers in the State concerning the railroad rate matter, and says he will withdraw from the case rather than be a party to the compromise.—Greenville Reflector.

Smartest man that the whole bunch, Justice doubtless thinks he is.

COMMENTING ON THE TOO FREQUENT practice of fathers allowing their boys to have guns, the Statesville Landmark says:

If the boy whose father entrusts him with a gun would always shoot the old man when the time comes for somebody to stir for his foolishness, much could be forgiven. But unfortunately it is usually some innocent person who suffers.

The New Horn Sun has changed from a morning to an afternoon paper. This was done for obvious reasons one of which was the more convenient schedules by which out of town subscribers could be served more promptly and to better advantage. But whether it radiates in the morning or in the afternoon the Sun shines just as brightly and is equally welcome wherever it sheds its rays.

PRESIDENT W. A. GARRETT and other officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railway have just made an inspection tour over the lines. The Monroe Journal says when the officials stopped over in Monroe Mr. Garrett put out the information that the Seaboard Air Line had handled 14,000 more passengers in North Carolina in August than for the same month last year and had received seven thousand dollars less for so doing.

The Oxford Public Ledger recently entered upon its twenty-first volume whereupon we congratulate our good friend Editor John T. Britt. Few towns can boast of so good a paper as the Public Ledger. It has been a great factor in the growth and prosperity of its town and community and well deserves the liberal patronage it enjoys. The Public Ledger is one of the best weekly papers in the State and is a prime favorite in this office.

If the Democratic press of the State can settle the question of place for the meeting of the next State convention of the party it looks like Charlotte will surely win. We think it is time to give that city a showing in this matter. We can see no reason why she should not be the choice of the State committee, as she is very plainly the choice of the majority of the Democratic editors of the State. So here is to Charlotte, and may she be successful in securing the convention.—Wilmington Messenger.

When winds shriek high in Fenwick gloe, And waters wail with their key, Protect yourself, from disease be free, Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.—Parker's Two Drug Stores.

A GREAT NEWSPAPER.

Sunday's Charlotte Observer was a special Christmas number consisting of 61 pages, aptly illustrated and full of interesting reading matter. It was truly a great paper—great in other respects beside its mammoth proportions—surpassing anything that has yet been achieved in North Carolina journalism.

The item of white paper alone it required 130 miles, in a strip 34 inches wide, long enough to reach from Charlotte to Reidsville, says the Observer. If 34 inches is a quantity hard to carry in your head, reduce the sheets to the width of a single inch and you have 4,080 solid miles. In other words, this strip, were any one disposed to test it, would cover Charlotte tangibly with a point in the Pacific ocean more than a thousand miles to the west of San Francisco.

The figures which are calculated to make the un-informed rub their eyes. The paper white paper alone on cost yesterday's paper was printed cost no less than \$700 in cash. The weight of this, the paper, not the cash, was 13,800 pounds, nearly 7 tons. Nor did the office boy carry the papers to the train in his arms. For this purpose 237 huge mail sacks, as large as could be secured, were called into use, besides two big transfer wagons, drawn by strong and lusty steeds.

Such was the Christmas edition in the large. Such were its physical proportions, its tangible concreteness. But back of all this were weeks of careful planning and painstaking execution. Material must be accumulated, and the printer must be written, department features must be invented and secured, illustrations must be procured, and it must be seen to that the issue was well rounded and symmetrical, no department, from poetry and art to advertising, being slighted.

Yesterday's Observer was the largest ever issued from a newspaper press in North Carolina. The New York papers, even their Sunday editions, looked small beside it at the news stands yesterday.

GREAT BATTLESHIP FLEET SAILS.

Commenting on the sailing of the great battleship fleet under command of Admiral Evans from Hampton Roads Monday on their long cruise to the Pacific coast and the far East, the Wilmington Messenger says:

The progress of this fleet of sixteen battleships will be closely watched by all the civilized governments of the world. Their coming will be in the nature of an experiment. The world will be anxious to know how successfully these big engines of war can make the journey halfway around the world. If the trip is made without mishap it will tend to increase respect for our navy and respect for the American navy. It will be such an undertaking as was never before successfully carried out by the navy of any country.

How Expositions Pay.

Richmond Times Dispatch. If the Jamestown Exposition was a financial failure it was far from being unique in that regard. Only one American Exposition ever made money. That was the Tennessee Centennial, held at Nashville in 1897, which closed up all its accounts and distributed a 6 per cent. dividend among its stockholders. The Omaha fair paid stockholders 90 cents on the dollar, aided by liberal contributions from the railroads. Portland settled with its subscribers on the basis of 30 cents per cent. Philadelphia paid back nothing at all. These comparisons are made by Mr. Frederick J. Haskin, an independent journalist of note, who takes anything but a gloomy view of the success of the Jamestown Ter-centennial. As he emphasizes, the fruits of an Exposition are not in any sense the immediate and direct returns. "From the Denver Fair," he says, "came a mine boom, from the Portland an increased immigration in the West, from the Jamestown, but gradually the results enumerated, but future benefits to Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia, that will mean the investment of many millions there."

It is significant to note how the unprejudiced verdict upon the Jamestown Exposition has gradually changed in the last two or three months, until we find it now characterized as having "more nearly achieved its general aim than any fair the world has known." Mr. Haskin describes it as "the most perfect of the nation's exhibits which finally put in readiness," and his expectation of large future benefits to accrue from it is founded on sound reasoning. It is worth noting at this time that despite all obstacles and a disappointingly small attendance, the Jamestown exhibits than at any previous fair in the history of our country.

Movement to Reopen Jamestown Exposition Successfully Launched.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—At a meeting held today by the board of trade at which the various business interests of Norfolk were represented, the movement to re-open the Jamestown Exposition next summer, was successfully launched and a committee was named to push the matter to a successful issue. It is believed that the necessary funds, railroad rates, exhibits and special features can be secured.

Trial Catarrh treatments are being made free, on request, by Dr. Shoop, Racine Wis. These tests are proving to the people—without a penny's cost—the great value of this scientific prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by Thomas Bros.

Hon. Ashley Horne for Governor.

The Selma News published in Hon. Ashley Horne's home county, says this of him about his candidacy for Governor. And it may be said in this connection that a man's neighbors ought to be the best judges of his character and fitness:

Mr. Horne is so well known throughout the State that he needs no introduction at our hands, and his strong and admirable traits are so many that it would be in bad taste for this writer to comment upon or commend them to the readers of this paper.

Mr. Horne justly belongs in the list of the leading men of the State and he is admirably fitted to meet the requirements of that large class of North Carolinians who for years have wanted a business man as chief executive of the State.

In his youth his environments were poor, but his heredity and his will power great and this is handsomely evinced in the greatness he has achieved. He truly exemplifies personal integrity, industry, steadfastness and is a man of ability and resourcefulness. His high regard for the attainment of his State to which he is so loyal. He is in full sympathy with the State and its best traditions and all things which make for it the leading State of the South.

The democracy of the State could not select a man who is better equipped all round to succeed our present distinguished Governor than the Hon. Ashley Horne of Clayton.

"Triumph of Justice."

Commenting on the decision of the Supreme Court in reversing Judge Long's \$30,000 fine against the Southern Railway, the Raleigh Evening Times says this:

We believe that justice has triumphed, that the law has been upheld, that the people of North Carolina have faith and confidence in their highest legal tribunal and that they will therefore approve, those who do not also applaud, the action of the Supreme Court of the State.

This paper believes that corporations of every kind should be treated with the same measure of even-handedness that is meted out to individuals and to business enterprises generally.

If the State of North Carolina is to prosper and grow industrially and commercially in the future our courts must stand for the doctrine. We do not think that excessive fines or class legislation will ever attract capital or industry or good people to come into North Carolina and locate and be of and with us.

We believe the decision just rendered by our Supreme Court will do much to advertise and establish the fact that North Carolina courts (the great safety-valve of society and business and civilization itself) will not uphold either in the future.

Why Talk of War.

Richmond News-Leader. It seems to us that the talk of war in connection with the departure of the battle fleet of the Pacific is as idle as it is wicked. Some of the most earnest men to be found here can bring about just that end, namely, by harping continually on its possibility and probability. We have no quarrel with Japan. She has nothing to gain and nothing to lose by seeking trouble with us. Her credit and resources were stretched by her conflict with Russia and it would be almost impossible for her to borrow money anywhere in Europe to prosecute war with us. Our credit is unlimited and hers would be dubious, and would be made even more so by the prospect of a long and costly struggle and almost inevitable defeat. The common sense of the world would realize that this country which never has been beaten, would not submit to a defeat from Japan nor accept of a doubtful result. The American people would rather fight ten or twenty years and, if necessary, build three or four navies greater than they have now than suffer the loss of prestige and power that would come with our overthrow. It would be a battle not only of peoples and governments but of races.

The Japanese know all this as well as we. They know that as we have given them no cause for offense and we are a peaceful and courteous country, trying to live in peace with our neighbors and the world. It would be absurd for them to undertake to resent our sending our own navy upon any high sea and on a visit to our own Western coast. We will not possibly extend our arms aside from the plain and obvious facts and the frank and open statements of the President and trying to find some hidden or sinister design behind this expedition. It is easy to see that at a 3,000 mile journey actually at sea will give us the best possible demonstration and test of the efficiency of the navy and offer the best possible training for men and officers. It is a practice march on war and nothing but the mere desire to be sensational or to create excitement unnecessarily can explain the persistent purpose to regard it as a hostile demonstration or as meaning war.

Best Settled by Letting Them Stay Away.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. The Nashville Board of Trade seems to be in a perplexing quandary as to whether or not to invite the Conference for Education in the South to that city. The perplexity should be easy to dissipate. This Conference as is well known is but a part of what is commonly called the Ogeden Movement. If we may be permitted a suggestion, we would say to our good Nashville friends that the only invitation that or any other Southern city can, with propriety or self respect, extend to Mr. Ogeden and the Ogeden Movement, or to any of its branches or agencies, is an invitation to get out of the South and stay out. If we may believe recent public statements of the Commissioner of Education of New York State, relative to illiteracy in that commonwealth, there is ample room for Mr. Ogeden's activity right at home. But be that as it may, the South has no need of Ogeden or Ogedenism and the less it has to do with either the better for it.

Ring's Little Liver Pills wake up lazy livers, clean the system and clear the skin. Try them for biliousness and sick headache. Price 25c. Sold by Kerner-McNair Co.

Awarded Gold Medal.

T. W. Wood & Sons, the Well Known Seedsmen of Richmond, Va., Awarded Gold Medal for Finest Exhibit of Seeds at Jamestown Exposition.

Messrs. T. W. Wood & Sons, the well known seedsmen of Richmond, Va., were awarded a Gold Medal for the finest exhibit of seeds at the Jamestown Exposition. The distinction thus obtained demonstrates the merit that Wood & Sons' famous "Prize Medal" seeds have and it is the recognition of the value of their goods.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says of the award: The exhibit of T. W. Wood & Sons, which attracted attention from the opening day of the Exposition, was one of the most elaborate and certainly the best of its kind in the great Exposition.

A feature of the exhibit, but not the only feature by any means, was the exhibit of cowpeas. This comprised the largest number of distinct varieties of this valuable pea ever exhibited anywhere in this country. The exhibit also covered all the desirable varieties of grass and clover seed known to the soil of the South and the West. An exhibit that was very attractive was that of the seeds of forage plants used throughout the entire country, and rich in nutritive value. It might be found the very best varieties of cotton seeds in use in the South.

Another very attractive feature was the display of seed corn. This comprised the sugar and dent corns that are now becoming so popular in the South and West. A most instructive exhibit was the large show of seeds from articles of the world, including the farmers of this country, a true conception of what the agriculturists in other parts of the world grow year to year. These seeds, from Australia and all parts of Europe, Messrs. Wood & Sons obtained these seeds at great expense with the view of making tests to determine which of these crops may be profitably grown in this country.

In addition to the splendid warehouse on Fourteenth Street, the firm also occupies two other warehouses which carry the supplies of seeds required for their trade, and two retail stores, one at each of the city markets to take care of the business of the city and country.

While the business of T. W. Wood & Sons is principally in the South, they have a business which extends all over the country, and they also do a considerable export business in different specialties. They were the first seedsmen in the United States to give full descriptions and general and specific information in their catalogues and other printed matter in regard to the use and value of cowpeas. It is not saying too much to assert that the extended cultivation and use of this valuable pea throughout the entire country is in a large measure due to the accurate and reliable information furnished in their catalogues and circulars.

Norfolk as Host.

Farmville (Va.) Herald. The man who says that Norfolk generally was guilty of extortion during the war is not far from the truth. While the business of T. W. Wood & Sons is principally in the South, they have a business which extends all over the country, and they also do a considerable export business in different specialties. They were the first seedsmen in the United States to give full descriptions and general and specific information in their catalogues and other printed matter in regard to the use and value of cowpeas. It is not saying too much to assert that the extended cultivation and use of this valuable pea throughout the entire country is in a large measure due to the accurate and reliable information furnished in their catalogues and circulars.

DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve—don't forget the name, and accept no substitute. Get DeWitt's. It's good for piles. Sold at Parker's Two Drug Stores.

A Reprint of Edwin W. Fuller's Poems.

Mr. W. W. Fuller, of New York, has done real service to the State in having reprinted the poems of his kinsman, Edwin Fuller. These poems were published some thirty-five years ago under the title "The Angel in the Hood." The book had become extremely scarce, so scarce that few except regular book collectors owned a copy.

These poems forever refute the dictum of some of our critics that North Carolina has produced no true poet or at least not this generation. Fuller was as genuine a poet as Keats, though of course no as intense in his genius. In fact in his genius as well as in his sad fate, his early death from consumption, he resembles Keats.

In behalf of myself and numbers of others who will be delighted to hear of it, I wish to thank Mr. Fuller for giving more of us an opportunity to read the poems of his kinsman, the very fibre of whose being was that of the poet.

Edward Fuller deserves and will in the fullness of time be recorded a niche far up in the temple of fame beside Timrod, Hayne and Lanier. The book is privately printed and I presume for private distribution. O. W. BLACKNALL, Kittrell, N. C.

A WOMAN'S BACK.

The Aches and Pains Will Disappear if the Advice of This Woman is Followed. A woman's back has many aches and pains. Most times 'tis the kidneys' fault. Backache is really kidney ache. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills cure it.

Many North Carolina women know this. Read what one has to say about it: Mrs. Nellie Benson Reeves of 218 North Tryon Street, organizer at the Episcopal church, Charlotte, N. C., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they have benefited me more than anything else I ever tried. I looked them up at a drug store and used them for my back and kidneys which have caused me great trouble and misery for a number of years. The use of this remedy wonderfully benefited me."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Christmas Dress Goods! This is Our Specialty! Many dresses are sold for gifts, and there is none more acceptable. Our stock of silks, woollens and cottons contains many choice styles. Black Silks. Yard wide Black Taffeta and Poie de Soie in dependable qualities, 8 to 10 yards to a dress. \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per yard. Black Woolens. Special weaves such as arinures, poplins, serges, wool taffetas, broadcloth and cloth, all fine wool imported cloths at \$1.00 a yard and upward. Colored Woolen Goods. Immense stock embracing everything that is good. Stylish, serviceable weaves in all wool fancies at 50 cents the yard. Special values in plain and woollens at 75 cents. All the good shades are represented. You can't go wrong if you select your Christmas dress here. GEO. A. ROSE COMPANY. "THE STORE THAT SATISFIES."

Naval Enlistments Break All Records. Washington, Dec. 16.—The naval enlistments took a boom in November when 2,350 men were recruited, a number never equaled in a similar period. On Dec. 6 the record showed there were 35,992 men in the naval service, or within about 2,500 of the full number allowed by law. Scores of young men desired to make the trip to the Pacific with Admiral Evans' fleet. The King of all Safety Razors. The Arnold Safety Razor. It's new, simple and handy. Come in and look it over. At B. S. ARONSON'S.

Henderson Mattress Factory WORK HANDMADE AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. To meet the popular demand I have decided to do a retail business and in future will sell my mattresses direct to the trade. I make Hair, Felt, Shuck and Excelsior Mattresses, and repair same on short notice. Charges reasonable. Come in and see my work and get my prices. If you need a mattress I can make it to your interest to buy from me. All grades and styles from \$1.75 to \$15.00. My \$15.00 Felt Mattress in fancy ticking and hand-strips cannot be equalled for the money. My \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.50 Felt Mattresses you would have to pay from \$2.50 to \$5.00 more for the same quality anywhere else. Work room in rear of Sam Parham's store, Main street, near Beck's meat market. G. E. MORRIS, JR.

KEEP WARM! Don't be pinched and uncomfortable going about in the cold when you can just as well be warmly clad and comfortable. This is Overcoat Weather. Lock through our stock of handsome tailored Overcoats and make a selection. You'll be surprised at the High Values you can get here for a Low Price. Here is one of the most stylish garments of the year—nothing nicer—perfect hanging—well tailored. We have them in a great variety of cloths and styles. From \$6.00 to \$25.00. Big stock of Stylish and Up-to-date Clothing for Men and Boys. Clothing that looks right when you buy it—looks well after you wear it. SAMUEL WATKINS.

GRAND THEATRE B. S. ARONSON, Manager. Friday, December 20th. HENDERSON CONCERT BAND MINSTRELS. Music, Mirth, Melody. A high-class entertainment consisting of the LATEST SKETCHES, JOCKS, FUNNY SKETCHES, ACTS, QUARTETS, TRIOS, DUETS, TETTS, both vocal and instrumental. All selected and arranged to make the best class Minstrel Show and Road Company. SEE Fred Castello and Ernest Brown in their side splitting comedy sketch. Witness the wonderful performance of Payne, Woodworth and White in Acrobatic Spectacles. Show your appreciation of the Band by coming out to this entertainment. Grand Street Parade and Band Concert at noon. Prices 25, 35, 50 and 75c. Reserved seats at Pine-De-Loe.

INSURANCE Life Fire Health Fidelity Accident Casualty Insurance Department Citizens Bank. RICHARD C. GARY, Manager. Notice of Summons. NORTH CAROLINA Superior Court, VANCE COUNTY. I, John Lovestier, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the petition filed in the above court at Vance county, N. C., on the 17th day of December, 1907, in the case of John Lovestier and others, vs. Dora Lovestier and others. This publication of the petition is for the purpose of notifying the parties named in the petition to appear and answer to the petition by or before January 20th, 1908, the date set for the trial of the case. The petitioner prays for judgment for the lot and improvements according to the prayer of his petition. HENRY PERRY, Clerk of the Superior Court. T. T. Hicks, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice to Dairymen. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons concerned that the Board of Town Commissioners at their last meeting passed a special ordinance governing and regulating the sale of milk within the town of Henderson, said ordinance to go into effect the first of January, next. This is to notify all persons interested to see me and ascertain the provisions of said ordinance so they may be held in compliance with the same, or they will be held to penalty for violating the law. H. T. POWELL, Town Clerk.

A Man is known BY THE CANDY he sends OF COURSE It's Hagley's SHE WANTS. KNOWN THE WORLD OVER FOR PURITY, QUALITY & FLAVOR. Sold at our Stores by Sales Agents Everywhere. THERE CAN BE NO MORE DELICIOUS GIFT FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

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