

Guard Your Children Against Bowel Trouble

Many children at an early age become constipated, and frequently serious consequences result. Not being able to realize their own condition, a child's bowels should be constantly watched, and a gentle laxative given when necessary. Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets are especially well adapted to women and children. The Sisters of Christian Charity, 531 Charles St., Luzerne, Pa., who attend many cases of sickness say of them:

"Some time ago we began using Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets and find that we like them very much. Their action is excellent and we are grateful for having been made acquainted with them. We have had good results in every case and the Sisters are very much pleased."

The form and flavor of any medicine is very important, no matter who is to take it. The taste and appearance are especially important when children are concerned. All parents know how hard it is to give the average child "medicine," even though the taste is partially disguised. In using Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets, however, this difficulty is overcome. The shape of the tablets, their appearance and candy-like taste at once appeal to any child, with the result that they are taken without objection.

The rich chocolate flavor and absence of other taste, make Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets the ideal remedy for children.

If the first box fails to benefit, the price is returned. Ask your druggist. A box of 25 doses costs only 25 cents. Never sold in bulk. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

CO-OPERATION OF PEOPLE DESIRED BY SOUTHERN

Will Freely Give Assistance in Work for Advancement of Its Territory—Information Gladly Received.

The Southern Railway System invites the co-operation of all the people along its line in work for the advancement of its territory. It will freely give every assistance possible, and will be glad to have individuals and business organizations call upon it for aid in solving the development problems which come up, and contribute information which will help build up the communities of the Southeast.

Communications relating to locations or development work along the Southern Railway, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Georgia, Southern and Florida Railway and Virginia and Southwestern Railway should be addressed to M. V. Richards, Land and Industrial Agent, Washington, D. C.

For locations or for information on matters regarding the country along the Queen and Crescent Route, address T. O. Plunkett, Agricultural and Industrial Agent, Chattanooga, Tenn.

RESOURCES OF SOUTHEAST GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY

Exhibits at Fairs, Advertisements in Newspapers, and Circulation of Attractive Literature All Boost the Southern Territory.

The Southern Railway has long devoted much attention to fair and exposition exhibits, showing the resources and products of the Southeastern States. This year's exhibit work is almost entirely within its own territory. At state and other large fairs and expositions its is making comprehensive exhibits, largely agricultural, which are mostly of an educational character, and which show what the people of the Southeast and of special communities may do. A large exhibit will be made in November at New York City.

In the line of publicity for calling attention to the opportunities of the Southeast, liberal amounts are appropriated. The Southern Field, giving information about all the System's territory, is widely and regularly circulated. Booklets descriptive of the different states, publications relating to the various lines of farming, pamphlets giving general or special information or lists of lands or business opportunities are published for the benefit of homeseekers and manufacturers.

In advertising opportunities in the Southeast agricultural, trade and general publications in the North are used and special advertising is done in Europe.

Stomach Troubles Cured by Vinol

HERE IS PROOF
"I suffered so long from stomach trouble and indigestion, that I lost flesh rapidly—VINOL cured me after everything else had failed. It strengthened my digestive organs—gave me a hearty appetite, and I can eat anything without the slightest distress. I do not believe anything equals VINOL for stomach trouble and indigestion."

W. E. WATERHOUSE, Portland, Me.

Mr. Thos. G. Wallace, of Detroit, Mich., writes, "I suffered for years from a chronic stomach trouble. VINOL entirely cured me after everything else had failed."

It is the curative medicinal elements of the cod's liver, combined with the strengthening properties of tonic iron contained in VINOL, which makes it so successful in restoring perfect digestion, and at the same time building up the weakened run-down system.

Try a bottle of VINOL with the understanding that your money will be returned if it does not help you.

For sale by Moser and Lutz Drug store.

WAR ON THE BOLL WEEVIL; CAMPAIGN FOR GOOD ROADS

Interesting Methods for Helping the Farmers Fight Cotton Foe for Arousing Interest in Road Improvement.

The advent of the boll weevil into the territory of the Southern Railway System caused it to take up work to combat its ravages. To this end a cotton culture department was organized, with a chief and a force of field agents, each one of whom has had practical experience in growing cotton under boll weevil conditions, to cover the districts of Alabama and Mississippi where the weevil has already appeared or threatens. More recently the work of this department was extended to Southern Georgia along the lines of the Southern Railway and the Georgia, Southern and Florida. The agents of this department work in harmony with those of the United States farm demonstration bureau and with the state authorities, doing special work with the individual farmer in instructing him in the best ways to raise cotton under weevil conditions and in showing him how he can diversify his crops to the best purpose.

The management of the Southern Railway System has long held that the improvement of the country road meant prosperity and advancement alike to the railroad and the resident of its territory, and especial benefit to the farmer. Ten years ago, in 1907, it started out its first Good Roads train, which spent six months building demonstration roads, holding road conventions and agitating for better highways. There is just ending the tour of another good roads train, also out six months, operated by the Southern Railway System in Co-operation with the United States Office of Public Roads. In the years between, constant attention has been paid to work along this line.

EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WORK

How the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway is Conducted.

As an agency for the solicitation of men and capital for factories and for other industries and for immigration into the Southeast and for general promotion and development work, agricultural and industrial, within the territory of the various lines of the Southern Railway System the industrial department is organized.

The Land and Industrial Department, with jurisdiction extending over the lines of the Southern Railway, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, the Georgia, Southern and Florida Railway, and the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, has direct charge of matters pertaining to general development. At the head of it is the Land and Industrial Agent, with headquarters at Washington and with a substantial corps of assistants and large offices located there. Along the lines of the roads are district offices at St. Louis, Mobile, Macon, Bristol, Columbus, Miss.; Asheville and Columbia. The agents in charge of these offices give their assistance to all efforts to promote, in any direction, the growth of the territory adjacent to the railroad lines, find locations for industries or help in their organization, aid homeseekers or colonizers in securing the lands they wish, work with the farmers and others in solving the problems of markets or crops which come up, gather information about the opportunities or facts which will advertise their districts and in every possible way extend their co-operation and that of the railroad to the people of their territory in development efforts. The work of these agents, as that of the Washington office, has to do with both the educational and other efforts with the people of the territory and in the bringing in of new people and new capital.

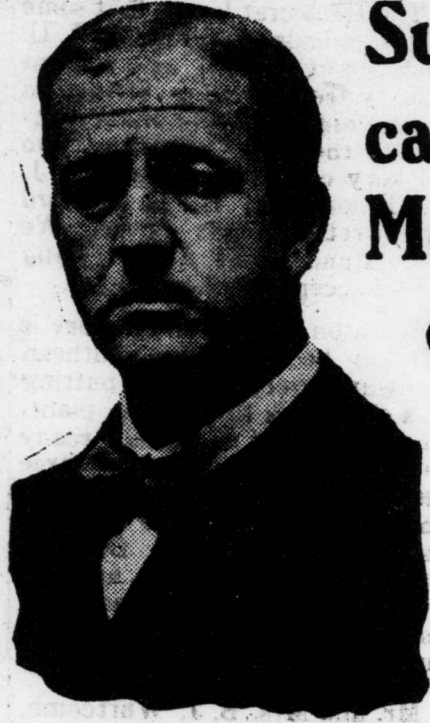
From the Washington and St. Louis offices industrial and immigration agents travel throughout the North in advertising the Southern's territory and in soliciting farm settlers and manufacturers to locate along its lines. An office is also maintained for this work at Harrisburg, Pa., and for several years a European agency has been established with headquarters in London. The agents of the company include specialists in timber, minerals and clays, in industrial locations and in other lines.

For the Queen and Crescent Route a similar line of work is carried on by the Agricultural and Industrial Agent, located at Chattanooga, Tenn. In the early days of the Southern Railway System it was believed proper that, while the needs of the territory in the way of immigration and of the development of the farm resources were not to be neglected, special effort should be made to call attention to the immense natural resources and advantages for industries of various kinds. The reports from the communities along the lines represented in the Land and Industrial Department show that in the decade from 1900 to 1910, \$400,000,000 were invested in industries. A good proportion of this sum represents the work of the Industrial Department.

At Dresden there is in the course of construction what is said to be the largest radiator in the world. This radiator is intended for the motor of an airship of 300-horse-power, and is made entirely of aluminum.

To Mothers and Others

You can use Bucklen's Arnica Salve to cure children of eczema, rashes, e, r, chafing, scaly and crusted humors, as well as their accidental injuries—cuts, burns, bruises, etc., with perfect safety. Nothing else heals so quickly. For boils, ulcers, running or fever sores or piles it is no equal. 25 cents at C. M. Sanford, Moser & Lutz, Walter S. Martin.



Success of Local Newspaper Means Success of Country

By ARTHUR BRISBANE,
Editor of the New York Evening Journal

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From the New York Evening Journal, Jan. 19, 1912

THIS newspaper has tried occasionally to emphasize the value of the thousands of local newspapers that ATTEND TO NATIONAL POLICE WORK in this country.

It is surprising and rather discouraging to note how little is done by the big advertisers to support the publications upon which THIS COUNTRY RELIES FOR ITS POLITICAL MORALITY AND ITS MATERIAL PROGRESS.

The Bayside Review says in its issue of Jan. 17, 1912: "The New York Evening Journal without question is the best friend the local weekly and the country journal has among metropolitan newspapers of circulation and influence. It has always when opportunity offered said a good, kind, encouraging word for the local paper and the local editor, and it has stinted neither space nor praise in its remarks. It has always strongly recommended the public to SUPPORT the local paper and the merchant to ADVERTISE IN IT as a good business proposition."

"Last Wednesday the Journal contained another of those illuminating editorials which appear on its last page, full of pregnant wisdom and sound advice, boosting the local paper."

This newspaper does as much for itself as it does for the local newspaper when it tries to emphasize the local newspaper's value.

Every individual, every newspaper, every concern of every sort in the United States, DEPENDS ON THE GENERAL PROSPERITY AND AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE OF THE COUNTRY.

AND THE PROSPERITY AND THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE COUNTRY DEPEND UPON THE WORK DONE BY SOMETHING LIKE TWENTY THOUSAND NEWSPAPERS, MOST OF THEM SMALL AND POORLY PAID FOR THEIR WORK, THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

These newspapers, and especially those in the smaller towns and villages, DESERVE THE STRONG SUPPORT OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND POWER INTERESTED IN THE PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES. That fact cannot be emphasized too often.

It shall be emphasized and repeated in this newspaper and in the other Hearst newspapers until the great manufacturers and advertisers come to realize that THEY NEGLECT THE MOST IMPORTANT AGENCY OF DISTRIBUTION AT THEIR COMMAND when they neglect the local newspapers of the country.

If other metropolitan newspapers fail to give credit to local newspapers, so much the worse for them. They are neglecting an opportunity to BUILD UP THE COUNTRY. Every locality needs its STRONG, WELL SUPPORTED LOCAL NEWSPAPER, protecting the local interests in its neighborhood.

THE EDITORIAL COLUMNS AND THE NEWS COLUMNS OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ARE TODAY WHAT THE TOWN MEETING USED TO BE IN THE OLD DAYS. IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER THE CITIZENS MEET MENTALLY AND DISCUSS AND THINK ALONG THE SAME LINES. THE EDITOR IS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF AN IMPORTANT LOCAL GATHERING. HE IS THE CUSTODIAN AND PROTECTOR OF LOCAL INTERESTS, THE DAILY OR WEEKLY INTERPRETER OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. HE IS THE SCHOOLTEACHER FOR GROWNUPS, THE MAN WHO USES HIS EYES, HIS EARS, HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTRY, HIS POWERS OF OBSERVATION, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BUSY MEN AND WOMEN AROUND HIM.

The day will come when this work will be RECOGNIZED AND REWARDED as it should be. And this newspaper will be very proud to have had a hand in hurrying along that day.

SOUTHERN RY.'S EXHIBITS

Interesting Display of Southern Farm Products at Land and Irrigation Congress.

New York.—At the American Land and Irrigation exposition, which recently opened at Madison Square Garden, there are displays of farm and orchard products from every portion of the United States and from Canada, but none excels the exhibit from the Southern states made by the Southern Railway system, which has expended several thousand dollars in collecting material for exhibit purposes from all parts of the territory served by its lines.

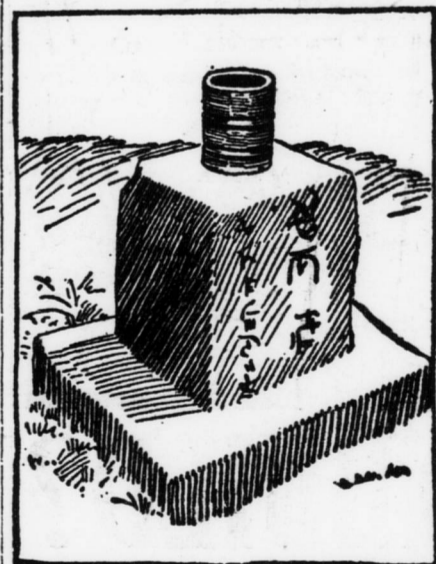
The Southern railway's booth is sixty feet long and the arrangements of the exhibit is most tasteful and attractive. There are exhibits of cotton, tobacco, the grains, grasses and forage, crops, sugar cane, and all kinds of garden truck and an unusually fine fruit display. The walls are covered by a large map of the South, sheaves of grain and grasses, a score of large colored photographs of typical Southern farm, field and orchard views. There are a half dozen tables of the Southern apples, which will convince all who see them that the Southern apple-growing districts are surpassed by none. Special literature has been prepared for circulation at the exposition telling of the Southeastern states and especially of their farmlands and products.

Each day an illustrated lecture on the Southeast is delivered by M. A. Hays of the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway. For this lecture 150 new colored slides have been made. The lecture covers the industries, the agricultural resources and developments, the scenic attractions, the resort centers of the Southeastern states, gives character studies of Southern life and tells about the wide variety of opportunities found in this section.

WORLD'S OLDEST RAIN GAUGE

Was Constructed by Order of Chinese King in the Year 1442.

Boston, Mass.—The first record of a rain gauge is of that one which was constructed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Hofo (1442), in China. The king ordered a bronze



Chinese Rain Gauge. Instrument made to measure the rainfall. It was a vase resting on a stone base and was placed in the observatory. Every time it rained he had his servants measure the water in the vase and report to him.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

LOCAL

Charity school near Conover closes today, no entertainment.

Accident will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for such emergencies. Two sizes 25 and 50 c at all stores.

The Newton News says the snow Sunday was the sixteenth one this winter.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels will lead to chronic constipation. Doan's Regulents operate easily. 25 cents a box at all stores.

The Bowman school near Catawba Springs will close Saturday March 9th.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. The result was lasting." Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

There will be a meeting of the good roads in Newton Friday night March 8th.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man an unhappy slave. For impure blood and sluggish liver, use Burdock Blood Bitters. On the market 35 years. \$1.00 a bottle.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Hickory Banking and Trust Co.

--- AT ---
Hickory, N. C. in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Feb. 20, 1912.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$111,044.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,208.54
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	1,030.00
Banking House	6,000.00
Furniture & fixtures	2,521.83
Due from Banks and Bankers	12,846.00
Cash items	2,593.49
Gold coin	715.11
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,223.64
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	1,821.00
Total	\$140,933.61

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	3,300.24
Deposits subject to check	58,232.78
Demand certificates of deposit	41,453.46
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,947.13
Total	\$140,933.61

State of North Carolina, County of Catawba, ss:

I, W. X. REID, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. X. REID, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of Feb. 1912.

C. A. MOSER, Notary Public.

My com. expires June 21, 1913.

Correct—Attest:

J. F. ABERNETHY, H. F. MCCOMB, J. A. MARTIN, Directors.

Directors.

SPRING SUITS

We have on display our advance showing of Mens and Boys high grade suits for spring, you will be surprised at the values we are showing this season.

Ask to see our immense assortment of Shirts 50c to \$4.00.

Moretz-Whitener
Clothing Co.
"The Quality Shop."

GOOD PRINTING PAYS

Visiting Cards, Invitations Announcements and Fine Linen Stationery

Tastefully Printed at

THE DEMOCRAT JOB OFFICE

GOOD PRINTING PAYS

ON THE SQUARE

Mill Work

That gives you the squarest value for the money you spend—maximum quality and quantity.

Mantles, Doors, Trim, Sash, Mouldings

Better let us quote you on your building needs—we will save you money.

Hickory Novelty Company

Spring Goods

Are arriving every day. We need to make room for them, so we will sell you high grade merchandise for a very low price for the next 15 days.

We keep everything in the line of Ladies and Gent's furnishings consisting of Clothing, Shoes, Hats, etc., also Ladies wearing apparel.

We have a splendid line of Ladies skirts to go from 98c up, and many other things we have which we cannot mention.

Gent's suits from \$5.00 up all quality and shades.

Boys and Youths suits marked down very low.

Come and look us over before buying elsewhere as we can surely save you from 25 to 50 per cent on everything you purchase from us.

Come and be convinced, the store to pin your faith to.

L. E. ZERDEN Prop.

INSPECT THESE Temporally Located in Field Building.

On March 11th I will have on display my lines woolens.

On March 20th I will have formal opening in room now occupied by Kimball Piano Co. where I will be permanently located.

Suits \$18.00 and up.

W. H. CLINKSCALES THE TAILOR "My Clothes Fit."