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Rebuilding Whitney.

The State Prison Board has hired two hundred convicts from the State's Prison and put them to work at \$1.50 a day each.

The first batch went to the Hardy Construction Company, of Whitney and they will work on the dam at Whitney. There are 150 in this squad. The other force of 50 went to Randolph county and will work on the roads of that place.

In placing these the board is much pleased. It has been fighting the old plan of building railroads that may ever have rails or locomotives and have stood for the cash basis of hiring out. The State feeds and guards the men and the construction companies work them. The rate is considered very good and pays a good profit to the State, students of that phase of State's affairs say.

The larger batch will work on one of the greatest pieces of development in the world to day. Whitney is to have \$15,000,000 spent on it. Six years ago the panic arrested and totally destroyed a venture of \$7,500,000 of which \$6,000,000 had been paid in. That tragic waste and loss will prove worthless. The Southern Aluminum Company will not even use the \$1,000,000 dam which spans the Yadkin river and is as handsome and costly piece of work as there is in the United States.

The spectacular Narrows will be developed and the gorge that marks it as one of the freaks of nature in North Carolina will be flooded by the great dam which the State Prisoners will help to build. They start to work in a few days.—Ex.

Picayunes.

New Orleans Picayune.

A dollar in the hand is worth two on the subscription list.

A headline says: "Cattle are scarce and high." So is meat.

If poverty was a disgrace, perhaps more men would go to work.

The depths of an orator cannot be told by the length of his tongue.

Whiskey and griel make a very striking combination at a wake.

People who can't get in a word edgewise should sharpen them up a bit.

It's all right to have plenty of go, but staying qualities should not be overlooked.

The number of mothers who hope that "my boy might turn out a ministers" is diminishing.

Why is it that it takes a hired girl four hours longer to mop the front gallery than the back porch?

We think it about the proper time to begin correspondence with country relatives. Hot weather will be here before we know it.

The Mexican soldier's military career seems to consist of saving himself in some battles so that he may live to save himself in others.

A San Francisco minister wants a brass band in his church instead of an organ. That's it—that's it exactly; give us more brass bands and less giggling choirs.

New York newspapers are noticing the fact that a thief carried off a ton of coal without waking the family. A ton of coal is so small nowadays that any smart boy could run off with one.

Owner of Millions Wants American Wife At Once.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 18.—Otto Buck Spencer Churchill, aged 46, claiming to possess an estate worth \$30,000,000, temporarily a resident of South Bend, wants a wife; must have her by July 25, 1914. Here are his requirements:

She must be fairly good looking and not under 21 nor more than 40 years old; must not weigh more than 140 pounds; must be able to stand ranch life, like hunting and riding and like travel; must shoot a little; must be able to play the

piano or some musical instrument. Widows are not objected to, provided they have no more than one child."

Under the will of Samuel Spencer Churchill, late of London, England, and St. Johns, Canada, by which Churchill declares he came into possession of his estate he must marry before that time or \$270,000 cash, now in the Bank of England, will go to English charity.

The Dog Again.

We are printing in this issue two articles about dogs, that we want every reader of this paper to look up and read carefully. One refers to four persons being treated now in Raleigh, for hydrophobia caused by two puppies. Just think of the agony and suffering these people are enduring and will endure for many months. Though they may be treated and cured from all effects of the dread infection, yet the very thought of its breaking out in the system at some time in the future will haunt them as a nightmare. All this human agony caused by two worthless puppies that could have been of no real value to any one. The other is the county in Mississippi that is furnishing school houses with money raised from tax on dogs. Now if people must have dogs, the sensible thing to do is to tax the animals so heavily that they will be few and far between. Take for pets other animals, sheep, pigs, cattle, horses and even fowls, these are all of value to the owners and seldom ever a menace or in any way dangerous. Let us get away from the dogs and tax what few that are kept to such an extent that the owners will soon tire of them.—Lenoir News.

How It Is Done.

The method employed by the administration to get Republican postmasters out to make room for Democrats is working with unerring precision. A special agent is sent around, who reports in favor of Removals, on what ground nobody knows. The reports are held as confidential in the Department at Washington, and it does not appear that even the victim is informed of the reasons for his removal or given a chance to make answer. This would be the natural proceeding where charges are looked up, as has been done in some instances. As a matter of fact, no charges are really necessary under this form of manipulation. If inquiry is made, the Department merely explains that the removal was made upon the recommendation of a special agent and that the reasons are confidential. The worst criminals are given an opportunity under the national and State Constitutions to answer what ever charges are brought against them, but Republican postmasters under the spoils method of the present Administration are given no such chance. The Democrats are clamoring for the offices and are not particular as regards methods, just so they can get them.—Union Republican.

Contributing Our Mite.

A. Montgomery Ward who died in Chicago sometime ago, left an estate valued at \$15,000,000. Of this vast sum, North Carolinians contributed their proportion, no doubt, but not one cent of it will ever find its way back in any form. The money sent out of the State to mail-order houses helps to make millionaires in other States. That is all.

Not one cent of the money sent out of North Carolina pays taxes in North Carolina, none of it supports the schools and churches. It is lost to the State just as surely as if it were poured in a river.

Goods from mail order houses may appear cheaper than similar articles bought in local stores but

they are not. They are always inferior and even if they were superior, the local merchant, who contributes to the expenses in his community, should be given the preference.

Money should not be sent out of North Carolina to make millionaires in Chicago and elsewhere.—Raleigh Times.

The Old Man.

Be kind to your daddy, O gambling youth; his feet are now sluggish and cold; intent on your pleasures, you don't see the truth, which is that your dad's growing old. Ah, once he could whip forty bushels of snakes, but now he is spavined and lame; his joints are all rusty and tortured with aches, and weary and worn is his frame. He toiled and he slaved like a government mule to see that his kids had a chance; he fed them and clothed them and sent them to school, rejoiced when he marked their advance. The landscape is moist with the billows of sweat he cheerful shed as he toiled, to bring up his children and keep out of debt, and see that the home kettle boiled. He dressed in old duds that his Mary and Jake might bloom like the roses in June, and oft when you swallowed your porterhouse steak, your daddy was chewing a prune. And now that he's worn by his burden of care, just show you are worth all he did; look out for his comfort, and hand him his chair, and hang up his slicker and lid.—Walt Mason in Columbia (S. C.) Record.

North Carolina First in Cotton, Tobacco and Potatoes.

The Observer.

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Commissioner of Agriculture Graham announces that North Carolina leads the whole country for the fourth consecutive year in the amount of cotton raised an acre, the average being 239 pounds. South Carolina is second with 234 pounds. The government report closes on May, and in 1913 North Carolina reported 315 pounds an acre.

The tobacco crop in North Carolina is reported as worth \$30,988,000, exceeding Kentucky which is second, by more than \$200,000.

In sweet potatoes North Carolina is first with \$,000,000 bushels; Georgia second with 7,221,000. There is an increase in the quantity of wheat of 1,750,000 bushels over 1912, in oats of 7,000,000 bushels and in corn of 4,000,000 bushels.

Furthermore, North Carolina leads the whole country in the quantity of peanuts grown.

Commissioner Graham adds that the farmers of North Carolina have increased the debts of townships and counties this year very largely for progress in education, good roads and railroads and the fine crops show the ability of the people of the counties and townships to buy these bonds as they are due. The progress in the increase of crops and the wealth of the State has cost the State Treasury nothing, as the Agricultural Department pays its own expenses for the work it is doing from taxes collected the farmers.

Engineer Wouldn't Run Train Into Woods After a Man.

Ladies' Home Journal.

"The train struck the man, did it not?" asked the lawyer of the engineer at the trial.

"It did sir," said the engineer.

"Was the man on the track, sir?"

thundered the lawyer.

"On the track?" asked the engineer. "Of course, he was. No engineer worthy of his job would run his train into the woods after a man, sir."

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The Rural Mail Carrier's Job No Longer An Easy One.

Everything. "You can take it from me," said a rural mail carrier to an Everything man the other day, "This business is getting too big for most any of us. I understand that in the West it is hard to get a man to carry the rural mails who knows anything about it. It used to be easy. You could drive along and put the mail in the boxes but in these days of parcel post the whole neighborhood is waiting wherever there are eight or ten boxes. You have to write money orders, you must bother with registered letters and the package business is getting enormous. These folks in the country know when to expect their package; they are down waiting for you and you must stop and talk, and it takes longer; the work is harder, and by the time the parcel post is well known it is going to be impossible for a man to get away with the mail with a one horse conveyance. You know when you are called upon to hit the grit on a cold morning at 8:30, loaded up with all kinds of mail and keep up the pace all forenoon, it isn't what some men think. I quit my job some time ago. I did a little subbing during the holiday rush—but no more of it for me."

Time To Stop.

The Greensboro News is having more or less to say about the North Carolinians who have made Danville their home, declaring that it is a very foolish thing to do, go to Danville to live. While the News is largely having a little good natured tilt with an exchange, it may well drive home this important lesson—that it is time for all North Carolinians to stay at home. There is no excuse or reason for a North Carolinian to go to Danville, or any other town and state. If there was a time for such, that time has passed, and every indication points to the whole world what many of us have believed all along—that North Carolina is the best state in the Union and every man of energy, brain and money ought to remain here and join in the development of the good old state. If the North Carolinians in Danville were withdrawn, there would be little left, such would also be true of some other settlements in various states of these United States. What we want to do now is to preach to our folks that this is the State of opportunity and keep them at home. We might also get a few of the most sensible now outside the bounds of the State to return to North Carolina before it is forever too late.—Yadkin Valley Herald.

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Small Boy Said to Have Caused Wreck of Train.

Investigation made by Superintendent Bennett, of this division of the Southern, with the derailment of the engine of Train No. 15 at Davidson Sunday night resulting in the death of the engineer and fireman, reveals the fact that a nine-year-old white boy placed a spike on the rail which caused the wreck.

The boy was walking on the track with two sisters, and the youngest one, says her brother put the spike on the rail.

The spike has been found and marks on it and engine wheel shows it was run over.

At the Bull's Eye.

To discontinue your advertising is to shut off the power, the car will run for some distance by its own momentum, but the stop is certain. There is no such thing in business as perpetual motion.

Mr. J. B. Gill Appointed Col. Cowles Successor.

Mr. John B. Gill of Statesville was Saturday appointed deputy clerk of the Federal court at Statesville, Charlotte and Salisbury to succeed Col. Henry C. Cowles, deceased. The appointment was made by Mr. J. M. Millikan of Greensboro, who is clerk of the Western District of North Carolina, and is approved by Judge Boyd. Mr. Gill's daughter, Miss Ruth Gill, is appointed deputy under her father, taking the place he held under Col. Cowles, this appointment being made by Clerk Millikan.—Statesville Landmark.

Lots of dresses will make their debut shortly on the outside of new actresses.

Skirts Slit, Girls Dismissed.

Denver Dispatch. Because they had slits in their skirts six school girls were dismissed today from the calisthenics class at the West Side High School by the instructor.

The instructor told the girls that she had authority from school board to dismiss them from classes if they appeared wearing slit skirts. No report of her action was made to the principal of the school.

B. C. Hillard of the school board said that no board action on the matter of dress had ever been taken.

The fathers of the girls, well-known business men, said they would bring suit if their daughters were not reinstated at once.

'Possum Wanted to Commit Suicide

Charlotte Observer. 'Possums have a way of wandering into strange places all about towns, but for sheer blundering commend us to this one that wandered into a restaurant kept by a colored citizen of Anderson and was captured there. He had encased himself in the very kitchen, too.

Now The Poisoned Telephone.

The poisoned telephone has put the poisoned pen out of business in Atlantic City, N. J., as a disseminator of evil tidings. A woman with a voice like the rippling honey on sugar biscuits has been employing herself recently to the annoyance of husbands and wives by calling and telling of seeing one or the other at a notorious cafe with another man or woman, as the case may be. More than 50 families have been annoyed and in many homes the dove of peace has ducked under the sofa.

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