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BUILDING NEW INDUSTRIES.

The Southern Field, a magazine issued from the office of the Land and Industrial Department...

Many evidences of growth are visible at Marion, North Carolina, on the Asheville division of the Southern Railway...

Marion is a furniture town, and has four large plants in which many men are employed in the making of sideboards, dressers, bedroom suits, and other articles for the household.

The population of Marion is twenty-five hundred. Water is supplied from mountain springs eight miles away, and electricity for lighting purposes is furnished through a water power development.

Legality of State Bond Issue to Be Tested.

Governor Kitchen issued tonight a statement as to the validity of the \$500,000 bond issue, to the effect that the State officers have no doubt of the legality of the act, but since the issue has been raised by prospective purchasers, it is thought best to have the Supreme Court settle the matter.

WORKING LOCAL PEOPLE.

Traveling Entertainers Have Reduced the Method to a Science

It used to be that itinerant entertainers—people or companies who go from town to town giving public entertainments for which they charge an admission—had to pay a tax before they could give an entertainment in a town. Wise administrators of municipal government saw the justice of exacting this privilege tax, as it was not fair for itinerants or outsiders to take from a town a bunch of money without paying something to the city government for the privilege.

They approach some local institution—a church or some organization for charity and propose to give a performance for the benefit of the institution and "go slinks" with the proceeds. The local organization to be benefited accepts the proposition and starts out to get the free use of a hall, free use of the newspapers and the free use of every merchant's display windows for billboard purposes and exemption from the town tax, asking all this because the attraction is for the benefit of some local institution.

The Barkoot Carnival Company, which has just closed a week's engagement at Spencer, will likely be the last aggregation of its kind to exhibit in Rowan for some time to come, as it is understood that no release from the license tax is to be granted in the future on account of exhibiting "for the benefit" of charitable or other organizations.

Burke Plastered Over With Grants.

It is now said by W. B. Bachelor who is indexing the State's land grants, that it will require from three to five years to complete this most necessary work. To-day it was found that in one case where an entry of land was made in 1778 the grant was not made until 1798. The grant system in this State is miserable, and there are counties like Burke, for instance, which are plastered over with grants.

GRANT TO REPAIR FENCES

Big Trouble in Republican Camp in the Mountain Counties.

Asheville Dispatch, 28 John G. Grant, the Republican representative from this, the Tenth Congressional district, is spending a few days in Asheville and Western North Carolina. He is not as busy and as busy as he was previous to taking his seat in the Congress of the United States. Things are not going his way in this district as he thinks they should. He left Washington last week upon the pretext of coming to Asheville to meet his daughter who was returning from the West, but to those who are wise to the situation, he really came here, it is said, to repair his political fences. Several panels have slipped, and slipped lately so that now the gaps are wide and the breach great in chances of being renominated by his party next year.

Mr. Grant has given out a statement in which he admits writing a letter which had reference to the Saluda postoffice and a post office inspection. He said that it was a private letter and that it was not to be published without his knowledge and consent.

In connection with the Saluda case it is understood that a fight is being waged between Mrs. Hood and Mr. Hood.

Mr. Grant will endorse Byron Luther for the place, and will Mr. Luther is recognized as a man entirely fit and proper for it, the friends of Mrs. Hood are determined to put up a fight in her behalf that she may retain the office.

Farmer's Satisfaction.

Commonsense of Agriculture (Greensboro) is deeply gratified at the admirable arrangements made for the farmers' institute this summer.

The whole trouble is this, and comes from Republicans high in the councils of the party. Mr. Grant has written a letter, it is said, or rather dictated one to which he had affixed his signature in which the aforementioned statesman never writes letters, but this particular one was written and many are of the opinion that he wishes he had not written it.

The matter of this letter is being freely talked by Republicans and the letter is sought out. It is said that if it is true that a congressman of the United States has written a letter threatening to use coercive measures in order to influence a government official in the discharge of his duties, especially

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