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SHORTER HOURS.

Week before last we recorded the most welcome news that the Aurora Mills, of Burlington had adopted the 10-hour day. Last week we mentioned the fact that the Spencer Mountain Mills were working on the 10-hour system.

This week it is our pleasure to state that the Proximity Mills, of Greensboro, employing 1,100 operatives, will inaugurate the 10-hour day on January 1, 1903.

When we recall that these mills a few years ago were working 11 1/2 and 12 hours per day we can appreciate what an advance is being made for the bettering of the conditions of the toilers. These three mills employ about 1,800 operatives, who will thus be enabled to secure more of the best things in life.

And this is but the beginning. One by one the mills of the State will recognize the advantage to them, as well as the operatives in a shorter work day, and before another year shall pass we confidently expect to see the majority of the mills inaugurate this reform.

It is generally conceded that our next Legislature will pass a child-labor law, and with the children in the schools and a 10-hour day for the mills, a brighter day will have dawned for the Old North State.

THOROUGH PACED ECONOMY.

A young man living in Cincinnati is a close worker in money matters, that is, he stays close to the shore with his expenditures. He had the good luck to marry a girl whose parents are quite wealthy, and is at present living with his wife in one of his father-in-law's houses.

One day not long since, while discussing affairs with a friend, the latter asked:

"Did the old gentleman give you that house?"

"Well—er—no, not exactly," was the answer. "He offered it to me, but I wouldn't accept it."

"How's that?" asked the friend.

"Well," answered the man who had made the lucky matrimonial venture. "You see, the house really belongs to me. I'm living in it, rent free, and I'll get it when the old man dies. If accepted it now I'd have to pay the taxes."

Stanley Spencer, the flying machine man, comes honestly by his aeronautic tastes. His father and grandfather were balloonists, and both his brothers are skilled aeronauts.

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THE UNION SHALL EN-DURE,

and its praises shall be heard when its friends and its foes, those who support, and those who assail, those who bare their bosoms in its defence, and those who aim their daggers at its heart, shall all sleep in the dust together. Its name shall be heard with veneration from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and away upon the river of the North and East to be wafted in gentle breezes upon the Rio Grande. It shall rustle in the harvest and wave in the standing corn, and the extended prairies of the West, and be heard in bleating folds and in lowing herds upon a thousand hills. It shall be with those who delve in mines, and shall hum in the manufactories of New England, and in the cotton gins of the South. It shall be proclaimed by every wage-earner, and the name of Union will be whispered by the mother to the babe at her knee. It shall be lisped in the earliest words, and ring in the merry voices of children and swell to heaven upon the songs of maidens. It shall live in the stern resolve of manhood, and rise to the mercy-seat upon woman's gentle availing prayer.

Holy men shall invoke its perpetuity at the altars of religion, and it shall be murmured in the last accents of expiring age. Thus, shall the Union survive and be perpetuated, wherever steam drives and engines throb and shriek its greatness, and when it shall be proclaimed that time shall be no more, and the curtain shall fall on this life, and the good shall be gathered to a more perfect Union, we can look back without regret and say: "I was a Union man."—Fla. Labor Journal.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The police sometimes get those who help themselves.

A rolling stone never makes an up-hill fight.

If a man gets too fresh he deserves to find himself in a pickle.

A trifling argument may end in a record-smashing quarrel.

To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

The rooster does the crowing but the hen attends to business.

There's a difference between feeling bang up and bunged up.

Only a mean man enjoys seeing another's man's wife smoke a cigarette.

Some of our friends, after starving us on earth, hope to meet us in heaven.

A disregard of appearance is as often due to a lack of sense as of dollars.

The tastes of a millionaire are often imprisoned in a pauper's purse.

Virtue is its own reward and genius is frequently found in the same class.

Pride makes some people ridiculous and prevents others from becoming so.

A genius is a man who is able to dispose of his troubles for a consideration.

Some women could not be happy unless they were just bunched up in trouble.

Lieutenant Peary lost two toes while on his last search for the North Pole.

Editorial Notes.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Workingmen, read this paper and patronize the merchants who advertise in THE HARBINGER.

We actually heard a union man mentioned for a city office the other day.

Mr. H. L. Steele is holding down the proof-desk at Edwards & Broughton.

W. D. King's new ad. tells you where to get your Christmas oysters and fish.

Read Dobbin & Ferrall's new ad., which tells about Christmas Gifts.

Read Mr. Turner's new Toy Store ad. It is the place to get toys cheap.

Read the new ad. of William E. Gwaltney, druggist, who keeps pure drugs and fine candies.

Those wishing hair switches will do well to read the new ad. of Mrs. Kate I. Neal, of Graham, N. C.

Don't fail to read the new ad. of Mr. Len. H. Adams, who has been merchandizing longer than any man in the city.

We believe every workingman should subscribe for and read THE HARBINGER, but many refuse to concur in our belief.

The Typographical Union has raised its scale of wages, and they will ask the employers to sign a two-year agreement.

The Clerks' Union report a great awakening of interest among the membership, and consequently an increase in membership.

Capt. L. W. Smith, having made a fortune sticking type and proof-reading, has retired from active service. (This is a joke.)

Our County Commissioners may know more about it than we do, but in our humble opinion they made a mistake in displacing Supervisor McMackin.

We have been asked as to the church relations of John Mitchell. He is not a member of any communion, but is of Presbyterian parentage.

The whole country is shocked at the exposition of the fearful conditions which obtain in the anthracite coal fields now being brought to light before the arbitration commission.

Chairman Dughi reports that the coming Red Men's Orphans' Bazaar will be the biggest thing of its kind ever held in this State. Subscribers to the fund continue to flow in, but "Lay on McDuff, and Mr. Dughi will tell you when he's got enough."

The present issue of THE HARBINGER will be the only issue till January 3, 1903, when this paper appears again. As is customary, THE HARBINGER, after almost a year (50 weeks) of prosperous existence, will take a week's rest and will make Volume II a better paper than Volume I.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS.

It gives us pleasure to note the movement for a summer school for teachers to be held in Raleigh at the A. & M. College. The college buildings are admirably adapted for this school; and as they usually lie idle in summer, it will be a great gain to have them put to this fine use. Raleigh, too, is an ideal place for such a school. It is the educational center of the State; rich in culture, character and schools; full of historic associations; the great heart of the State. Here, assuredly, is a good place for school teachers to assemble, to study their professional problems, to touch elbows and enthuse one another. Doubtless they will come in large numbers; for the summer school will draw them by its attractions; and Raleigh will attract them by her institutions, her hospitality, her many beautiful sights. All Raleigh will welcome them.

The summer school will accomplish much good for the State. It will offer professional pedagogic training to all teachers who come, thus making men more skillful in teaching the ordinary common school branches; it will offer instruction also in French and German, Latin and Greek, English literature and higher mathematics, thus equipping the teachers with more knowledge; it will try to teach everybody music, with a view to the introduction of singing into every school; it will have a kindergarten and a model practice school and will arrange associations for the study of children,—child-study clubs; it will give introduction in agriculture and nature study, and will show the teachers how to conduct simple experiments and make cheap apparatus, thus enabling the country schools at least to make a start in teaching agriculture, which is now required by the school laws of the State; and finally, the summer school will teach manual training or hand work, as well as head-work, in wood, iron, leather, and drawing.

This is a great schedule, well mapped out, worthy of the school it represents and of the people for whom it is established. The whole State will look hopefully to this school and will turn anxious eyes to Raleigh—and Raleigh will do her duty.—Raleigh Post.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

King Edward owns china the value of which is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Emperor William has taken to wearing glasses, alternating at times by wearing a monocle.

The Czar has conferred the Grand Cordon of the St. Alexander Newsky Order on Ambassador Tower.

Herr Krupp, the German gun-maker, who died recently, was an enthusiastic botanist, an ichthyologist and a patron of art.

The widow of Herr Krupp has given 3,000,000 marks to establish a benefit fund for workmen in memory of her husband.

Lord Reay, chairman of the London school board since 1897 and president of the Institute of International Law, has been appointed first president of the British Academy.

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