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BUSINESS DEPRESSION

ALL OVER COUNTRY NOW THING OF PAST

The Effects of the 1907 Panic Have Been Put Behind and Business Again Normal.

The Asheville Gazette-News carries the following interesting story of the "tiding over" of the period of money stringency and the return of the country to its former prosperous conditions:

"The freight business of the Southern Railway is practically back to the 1907 basis," was the information that the Gazette-News man today obtained from the division freight office of the Southern Railway in Asheville. To understand what that means it was explained that the year 1907, preceding the panic, was the greatest year in freight traffic in the history of the Southern Railway, and practically true of every railroad in the United States.

This means that business is getting back to the stage it was before the panic, and that prosperous times are ahead.

"Not only is the Southern Railway handling practically the same business it was in 1907, but it is doing so with greater satisfaction to the general public, there are comparatively few complaints about delayed cars, and inability to secure empty cars; there is not the general freight blockage which this section suffered two years ago.

WORKING FULL FORCE.

"It was stated that practically all the industries along the line of the Southern Railway were working full force, except a few cotton mills, which have temporarily closed down to curtail products. There has been a notable activity in the furniture industry, which was almost paralyzed by the recent panic. Lumber is reported as getting back to its normal stage. The beginning of the shipment of lumber for export is a good sign that prosperity is returning.

The movement of coal is reported as being about normal, and many cars are hauled by Asheville to South Carolina and points in this State.

GOOD FREIGHT BUSINESS.

"The freight traffic on the Murphy division has been particularly heavy this fall, and large shipments of apples, potatoes and cabbage have been made to northern markets. The lumber plants along the Murphy division are beginning to make large shipments. A new industry just opened up on the Asheville and Spartanburg line, is the hosiery mill at Flat Rock—a branch of the Tyrone Hosiery mill. This mill is now beginning to make shipments.

The Carolina Lumber and Box factory at Biltmore has been a considerable factor in handling the apple crop—it has supplied boxes and barrels.

THE FIBRE COMPANY.

"There is one industry located in this section that has been going day and night, grinding out its products. This is the champion Fibre Company at Canton, the establishment of which has changed within three years a small village of 300 to a town of 3,000 or more, with modern improvements. This plant is now shipping an average of 200 cars of pulp per month; besides a number of cars of tannic acid, and coarse wrapping paper.

"It was learned from official sources today that during some months the freight receipts at the Canton office—by receipts being meant the business received and originating at a station—almost equalled the receipts at the freight office of Asheville. This means that located just 18 miles west of Ashe-

MR. JULIAN DIED YESTERDAY

End Came After Long Illness. Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. D. R. Julian, one of the most prominent of Salisburyans, father of Mr. John M. Julian, editor of the Post, died yesterday morning at 8:35 o'clock. Mr. Julian has been identified with business interests of Salisbury for many years, being 60 years old, and having come to that town at the age of 18. He also had business interests in Spencer. Surviving him is his devoted wife and four children, Mrs. Dr. W. B. Dutera, John M., David W., and R. L. Julian.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. John's church and the interment will be in Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

MISTRIAL IN WATKINS CASE

Jury Stood Six for Conviction and Six for Acquittal.

The case of Constable Fleet C. Watkins, of Black Mountain, charged with the killing of John Hill Bunting, a Wilmington travelling-man, in Gladstone Hotel, at Black Mountain, on the night of August 7th, has resulted in a mistrial. The jury was hopelessly tied up from the beginning, every ballot taken resulting in a tie—six for conviction and six for acquittal.

The case was given to the jury Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The Magnolia Club Delightfully Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gatewood

On last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gatewood entertained the Magnolia Social Club and the Halloween party. About fifty of Spencer young people were present and participated in the pleasures of the evening. Games of various kinds, music and refreshments were provided in abundance, after which a number of splendid ghost stories were told in the midst of which "the devil" impersonated by Mr. R. J. Goode, appeared on the scene creating consternation to the many visitors. During the evening solos were rendered by Misses Effie Hartman and Elva Brown. An interesting feature of the evening was an "apple ducking" in which Miss Hattie Miller, A. K. Sharp, E. J. McCormick, and Walter Burton, got a good ducking.

The refreshments which were tastefully prepared by Mrs. Gatewood consisted chiefly of fruits, sandwiches, cheese straws, chocolate and coffee. In the game contests Mrs. J. F. Miller won the first prize and Mr. Frank Perry received the booby.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Gatewood was beautifully decorated for the occasion in autumn leaves and Japanese lanterns.

Dwelling on Wheels.

Tuesday morning about ten o'clock there passed up Salisbury avenue a dwelling house on wheels, drawn by a large raw-boned horse and a very small mule; driven by a woman, and followed by a man leading a white bear. Perched on the rear end of the "house on wheels" was a little child, probably two years old, holding on to a six-inch plank. The sight drew the attention of all along the route taken by the queer outfit.

Now is the time to subscribe for the Crescent. \$1.00 a year.

ville is a town with a freight business comparable to that of Asheville and shows what an important point Canton, within so short a time, has become, by the location of a great manufacturing plant."

