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Weather Forecasts.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—For North Carolina fair and warmer tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness.

THE SOLID SOUTH.

Instead of breaking the solid south we had better maintain it as a rallying point and nucleus for conservatism and real democracy. Instead of going over to the Republicans we should bring the Republicans and the great Democratic masses of the country to us. In a movement of this kind Virginia can take the lead. She has sons with the strength and brains and gifts, but under the influence of forty years of repression and following meekly the leadership of others they have become timid. Almost in any condition and in any department of endeavor the bold policy is the best and the advantage is with the attack. We would like to see some Virginians go right to the front and announce that the south intends to take charge of the Democratic party, to invigorate it back to strength and purpose. We think that to make the aim of such movement the nomination of a southern man for president or vice president would be to belittle it to mere politics and squabbles. Practically in 1912 it will make no difference where the Democratic nominees hail from. War prejudices have disappeared. With the increasing intelligence and breadth of the people, even local and state pride has disappeared as a political factor. Nebraska eight years ago voted against Mr. Bryan, her foremost citizen, and this year Mr. Taft had to show Ohio better reasons than his mere birth and residence in the state, before he could carry it even by a much reduced majority.

THE BEST PEOPLE.

There has never been a phrase more badly abused than the above. Amongst certain elements "the best people" means the people who know least about life's real meaning and who contribute least of all to the public good. "The best people," in the society sense, are too trifling to make a living and too ignorant to discuss a current question with the smallest degree of intelligence. They are those who sleep late, advertise their weakness in the loudness of their clothes, who are skillful in the use of cards, who adore the dance and who emphasize the light things of life and ignore the real things. They grasp at the shadow and lose the substance. They float like foam on the billows and sprawl on the shore when the strong waves they rode rebound into the deep. They are the chaff of human society and glory in the fact they are not the solid grain. They imagine they are holding the earth together, but the only respect of consideration they gain or hold is that of those like themselves who hope to reach their realm. It is a pitifully small soul that can thus idle the days away on things that are not of the least consequence in the world to a human being. The best people are the sensible people of a community. They are those who are neither afraid nor ashamed of honest labor; who add their part to the strength of the state; who honor a man rather than his money and who fear God and love their fellows. We are glad that the froth passes for just about its true worth in North Carolina, and that

the light weights who imagine they are so important a factor in our society, amount to little more than a hill of beans. Charity and Children.

THE SOUTH'S GREATEST ERRORS.

The following is an extract from a speech by Editor Poe of the Progressive Farmer:

"Of all the errors our greatest has been the failure to recognize the fact that the prosperity of every man depends upon the prosperity of the average man—and in many cases the actual acceptance of the doctrine that the state is benefited by having cheap, untrained labor. We have seen on the contrary that such labor is a curse.

"And our second great error has been like unto it—the belief that even if prosperity of every man does depend upon the prosperity of the average man, we are too poor to train him. The truth is, that we are too poor not to do so. The fullest and freest training of the average man is the one and only positive guarantee of southern prosperity, and by his means the prosperity not only of our section and of our institutions and of society as a whole, but the prosperity of every individual—every farmer, every laborer, every merchant, every manufacturer, every professional man, every inhabitant as I have said, from the boy who blacks boots to the master-mind that builds your railroad systems or governs your state. And having once accepted this doctrine concerning the average man—and the average man in the south being a farmer—we shall not be slow to put into effect that large and comprehensive program of rural development which earnest men and women, working in many different lines have gradually brought into shape—a program which looks to the ultimate doubling of the output and the more than quadrupling of the profits of that occupation which engages the attention of more people in the South than all other occupations combined."

Where Bullets Fly.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. J., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says, "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c. at Statesville Drug Co.'s store.

TO DEAL WITH "TEDDY."

But Both Houses Will be Very Dignified—Will Adjourn Their Ante-Christmas Session This Week.

Washington, December 14.—Both houses of congress aim to conclude the ante-Christmas holiday work of the session during the present week. It is expected that both houses will deal during the week with the secret service section of the president's message. It is not anticipated that the question will be discussed to any considerable extent, as the members feel that a dignified course should be pursued.

Senator Carter will press his postal savings bank bill in the upper house.

If you haven't the time to exercise regularly, Doan's Regula will prevent constipation. They induce a mild, easy, healthful action of the bowels without gripping. Ask your druggist for them. 25c.

The thing that can make a man appreciate a fat girl is how nice and warm she is to be close to on a cold sleigh ride.

Mother do you hear that rattling in your babies throat? Put a little Mothers' Joy on it and stop it at once.

Items From Faith.

Mr. John Kuykendall has returned with his bride from Asheville where they have been for two weeks.

Mr. T. P. Gant has moved to Faith.

P. Alex Peeler got the contract to build Boyden Leffer's new residence and has a force at work on it this week.

W. S. Earnhart received the contract to finish up Charles McCombs new residence and is at work on it.

Rev. C. B. Heller has an extra fine strawberry patch coming on in his garden.

Peeler, Bame & Co., shipped their granite vault to High Point, N. C., Dec. 12th.

Milas Bame moved on the old Enoch Phillips farm to raise cotton next year for Peeler Bros., who own the farm now.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shuping from Barron's, Ga., are visiting at Mr J. L. Shuping.

There will be a lot of painting done here in the near future.

Mr. H. W. Cauble is having his residence painted.

The Christmas tree at the Lutheran church here will be on Thursday, Christmas eve at 1:30 p. m.

The building stone for the new state building at Raleigh is being loaded on the cars today, December 14th from the Phillips mountain quarries.

J. T. Wyatt, Faith, N. C., wants the address of some orphan children so he can direct Santy Claus to go see them.

The free school here is the largest in the county.

Would Mortgage The Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route No. 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw; one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at Statesville Drug Co.'s store.

Accident Report.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 people yearly are killed in accidents in this country, according to a report by the bureau of labor issued today.

In the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania there is an average annually of 3.18 fatal accidents for every 1,000 men employed.

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MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Mrs. Brady's Helpful Hint to Her Faithful "Micky."

The Brady's used to drive several miles amass every Sunday in "the little thrap" with th' ould gray mare." Micky, "the boy," a being of many summers, whom custom and a conservative tradition had, in spite of his uncertain years always treated as the possessor of perpetual adolescence, drove. Next him sat Mrs. Brady, decorous in black, while scattered about the straw in the body of the vehicle, was a large assortment of "the childer"—Bradys of all ages, sexes and sizes, bare-legged and other wise—each exuberant and articulate.

It remains to this day a disputed point among the Bradys as to what memory of earlier and more frisky days induced "th' old gray mare" to behave as she did on this particular Sunday.

Rounding a corner, she swerved into the ditch, and before Micky, the boy, could cope with the situation, a pile of Bradys, vertical and horizontal, had had been dumped into the ditch, with the little trap turned over and resting on top of the struggling heap.

Then, high above the babel of cries came Mrs. Brady's voice. "Pull me out Micky, for the love o' hivin! The black legs is mine!" —Cleveland Leader.

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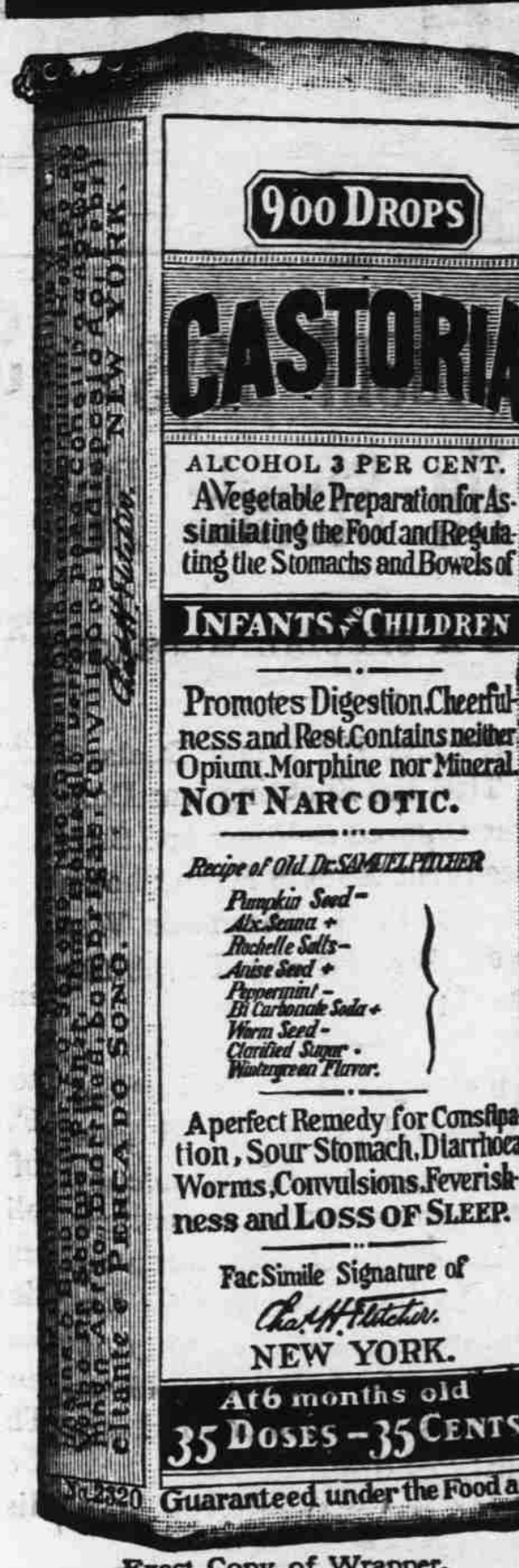
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NOTICE

Chas. Brincefield will apply for a pardon Dec. 18.

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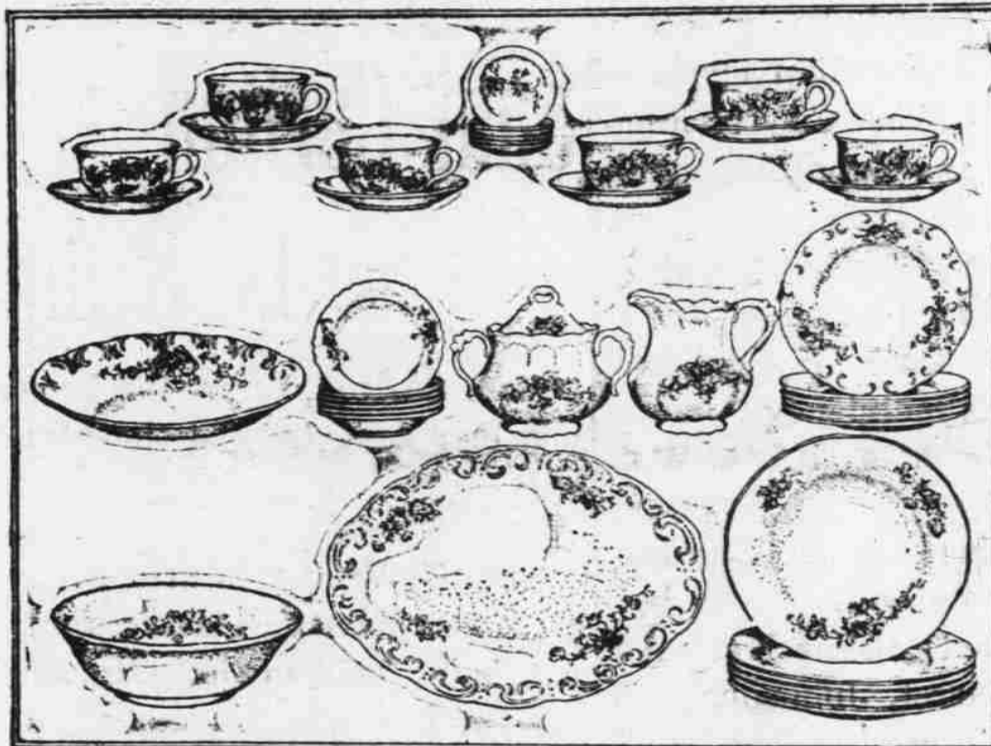
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