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**Weather Forecasts.**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—For North Carolina threatening with rain tonight and possibly in east portion Wednesday much colder.

If you get dry some of the good water, such as Statesville's fine water system furnishes.

& One North Carolina editor says he did not vote for prohibition, but they cannot make the law too tight for him.

We wish it were possible to run the roads to suit each man in the county. But such is an impossibility.

The girl who took the \$1,700 out of the thief's pocket in a bank in Grand Rapids the other day needs to be rewarded well for the act.

How are you holding out with your new year resolution? There is no danger of your going into a saloon, and breaking that resolution, for there is none for you to go in.

In Minneapolis the street car conductors let persons who do not happen to possess a 5 cent piece sign up a promissory note for the amount. If they do not pay they are sued. Wonder if they can get their money by suing, for they say it is hard to get blood out of a turnip.

**PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH**

We are in the midst of a sordid and material era. Money is the main thing; it is the hard cash that counts. The rising generation seems to be hopelessly out of tune with the teachings of the New Testament; and it is even said in some of the more thoughtful periodicals that prosperity is to be looked for where there is material prosperity, and the person who asserts to the contrary has the bible knocked out of his hands by a misinterpretation of Butler's Analogy. So let it be for the present.

In spite of the attractions of the greed for gain, it may be said that the people of the South are reading more books than ever before, and every book read, whether it be good, or indifferently bad, it is a victory over the financial pomp of the age. There was a time when the prosperous class in this section were the greatest readers, and before the war some of the best and complete private libraries were to be found in the homes of the planters.

But war is a great disturber of taste as well as a destroyer of fortunes. Many of these private libraries went up in smoke from fires kindled by General Tecumseh Sherman and most of the others were dispersed; and for a time—a good many years in fact—the Southern people have not been noted as great readers—or, to put the matter in a different and truer shape, they have not been greedy buyers of books.

We have been told in the past by more than one publisher that the poorest book market in the country was to be found in the South and even now some think it a practical waste of money to advertise their books in the south. But there has recently been a change so far as this section is concerned. The book-sellers insist that, therefore, they must be reading more.

There is a greater demand for books of the hour as well as a renewed interest in the volumes that have stood the test of time. Now, this is a very significant develop-

ment, and it stands for a more substantial form of progress than that represented by the industrial expansion over which so much unnecessary noise is made. That this statement is true only a moment's reflection will suffice to show.

The fact that the book market in the South is widening and expanding is a sign of intellectual progress. In a smaller degree it stands for spiritual progress, and calls for more rejoicing than an increase in the number of cotton spindles in this section, which often represent the number of traps set to catch and smother the intellectual activities of thousands of children, who are at least as important to the state as the amount of capital invested in the cotton mills.

This is progress in the best and highest sense, for the reason that it will inevitably lead to a keener appreciation of the finer issues of life. Some of the books for which there is a demand may be indifferently bad, but no matter; even an indifferently bad book contains some good, and human mind will instinctively assimilate the good. There is no more hopeful sign than that of an increased demand for books among the people of this section.—Joel Chandler Harris, in Uncle Remus's—The Home Magazine for January.

**Life 100,000 Years Ago.**

Scientists have found in a cave in Switzerland bones of men, who lived 100,000 years ago, when life was in constant danger from wild beasts. Today the danger, as shown by A. W. Brown of Alexander, Me., is largely from deadly disease. "If it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, which cured me, I could not have lived," he writes, "suffering as I did from a severe lung trouble and stubborn cough." To cure Sore Lungs, Colds, obstinate Coughs, and prevent Pneumonia, its the best medicine on earth. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by Statesville Drug Co. Trial bottle free.

**Prohibition's Fierce Fight In Tennessee.**

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4.—The Tennessee legislature meets this year with every indication that the fight for statewide prohibition will be the chief issue of the session.

Both sides have lined up for the fray and the struggle undoubtedly will be bitter one.

Though large sections of the state are now "dry" the prohibition element declares that it will not rest until Tennessee has joined the ranks of Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and other states in prohibition of the liquor traffic entirely.

The Pendleton law now on the statute books gives local option to cities of less than 100,000 inhabitants. The four-mile law is practically prohibitive in operated territory. The Democratic party platform pledges the party to "take no backward steps" in liquor organization, but to extend and apply those laws to all portions of the State not now embraced in their operation whenever the people of the communities to be affected thereby give their consent.

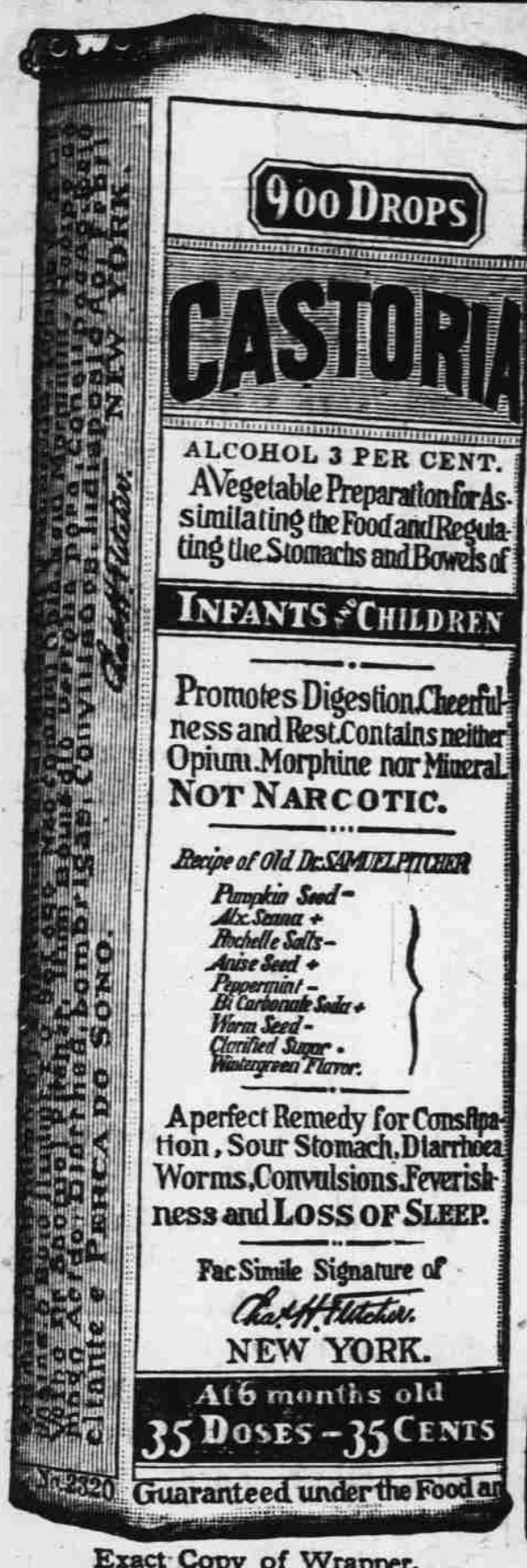
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