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RAILROAD SCHEDULE In Effect Nov. 29, 1925,

arge passengers coming from be-nd Washington. All trains stop in Concord except o. 38 northbound.

BIBLE THOUGHT -FOR TODAY-Thoughts memorized, will prove a priceless heritage in after years.

DO GOOD TO ALL MEN:-Let

y unto them who are of the ho hold of faith.—Galatians 6:9, 10.

PREDICTS GOOD BUSINESS IN

The Alexander Hamilton Institute. an agency which keeps accurate tab on the business pulse of the nation, on the business pulse of the nation, feels that the new year will see a continuation of good business in the United States. In some lines business should be better, say officials of the Institute who have made a thorough study of all factors that enter

According to this authority the factors which are favorable to a continuous uation of good business during 1926 are the following:

are the following:

1. The credit of the Federal Reserve Banks is not over-extended.

2. Merchandise inventories and mercantile credits are generally heal-

3. . Prices of building materials not increased much during 1925 4. Building contracts are large enough to insure a continuation of activity for some months to come.

5. The large corn and cotton crops

form a back-lot to prosperity.

Adequate transportation facili-

Ecd insure prompt deliveries, a factor in keeping the merchandise sit-

Railway buying will be up to average or better.
8. The just attitude of the Commerce Commission insures stability in

ministration and Congress makes for optimism in business

10. The Locarno Treaty indicates constructive trend in Europe. . There are some unfavorable factors

ber of cases disposed of within a week's time. He has not resorted to might sessions; rather he has kept the court functioning without interruptions and long debates throughout each

preme Court from decisions made by Judge Oglesby and in five of them he was sustained. The outcome of appeals does not necessarily determine the worth of a judge but just the same it speaks well of the ability of Judge October to know the history autoir. Oglesby to know that he was sustained in five of his six appeals during his first six months on the bench.

Judge Oglesby bids fair to become

ne of the most prominent and most uccessful of the Superior Court

It is understood that the Concord Ministerial Association is discussing plans for the formation of an organiord whose duties shall be to see that all needy persons cared for. Suggestion was made this paper several days ago that such an organization should be here and we feel certain that the ministers will follow their plans in such a manner that a very efficient organization will soon be functioning

But For Wife Old Negro Probably
Would Have Perlshed.
Statesville, Dec. 31.—John Scott,
negro, had an intensely exerting experience while starting a fire with a
mixture of gasoline and kerosene.
Had his wife not dashed a full
bucket of ice-cold water on her husband he would not have lived to tell
the tale.

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1 The blaze followed the can and a terrific explosion was the instantaneous result. Scott's clothing was instantly ablaze but the presence of mind of his spouse, who was seated by his side, inthrowing a big bucket of ice water on him quickly extinguished the flames. The physician who was called later in the morning found the negro suffering from a few severe burns and from the shock of having frozen clothing next to his body. The negro is unable to say which is worse, the burns or having his only shirt, rigid with ice, in contact with his body and not enough warmth in the room to thaw it out.

RABBI AT GREENSBORO ACCEPTS CHRIST AS MAN

But Declares Belief That He is Son of God Only in Sense All Men Are Sons of God.
Greensboro, Dec. 31.—Rabbi Minton Ellis, of the Reformed Jewish-congregation here, preaching in Temple Emanuel tonight, declared that all Reformed Jews are thoroughly in sympathy with the 4 declaration of Stephen R. Wise, of New York, who lately stirred the religious world by his announced acceptance of Jesus as a man. Greensboro, Dec. 31.—Rabbi Minor Greensboro, Dec. 31.—Rabbi Minor Silves of the Reformed Jewish on Fellis, of the Reformed Jewish on Fellis, of the Reformed Jewish on Fellis, of the Reformed Jews are thoroughly in sympathy with the , declaration of Stephen R. Wise, of New York, who lately stirred the religious world by his announced acceptance of Jesus as a man.

"We do not accept him as Christ." the Rabbi said, "but as one of the great line of prophets, the Sonof God as their lives reveal God-like attributes. We accept Jesus as a man."

Rabbi Ellis is a cember of the Greensboro Ministerial association, composed of the Protestant ministers of the city to speak in the synogogue pulpit.

Post and Flagg's Cotton Letter.

in minlature A better demand at a sharply higher basis is reported for sharply higher basis is reported for low grades in the southwest where merchants are said to have sold cor-ten of that type but with good staple to the mills in rather large quantity and to the finding now that ideas as to price are stiffening in the interior as demand to fill such engagements comes into competition with that from merchants and others for in-vestment purposes.

A steady demand for raw material eems to be in sore which might be

BOST AND FLAGG.

3. The cost of living has increased moderately in 1926; a further increase in 1926 would be reflected in a higher cost of doing business and demands for wage increases and strikes.

4. Hates on time loans (stock exchange) have risen from 3 1-2 to 5 per cent. during the past year.

MAKING FINE RECORD.

No Superior Court Judge in North Carolina is performing his duties more satisfactorily than Judge John M. Oglesby, of Concord. Judge Oglesby has been a big factor number of cases disposed of and the large number of cases disposed of and the few appeals taken from his decisions tell the story of the efficiency and jadicial temperament he has displayed.

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A Year Of Interesting Centenaries

New York Dec. 31.—The year about to begin will be marked by many interesting centenaries, both in America and in Europe. A lecentury ago both continents were emerging upon a marvelous era of industrial expansion, due to the birth of the steam railways and the invention of laborsaving machinery. The year 1826 also was marked by notable progress in science, the arts and literature. The people of the United States commemorated the semi-centennial of their independence. The Fourth of July, the great day of celebration, became noted in American history by the simultaneous death of two patritiots and former Presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.

In the almals of the American stage the year 1826 is remembered for the first appearance of the three great actors, Edwin Forrest, William C. Macready and James Kent published his "Commentaries on American Law." In England, arts and letters flourished in the same degrees. Scott and Coleridge were at the height of their fame. Alfred Tennyson published his earliest verses in conjunction with his brother; Elizabeth Barrett also brought out her first pomen, and Macaulay was adding to his fame. With his genera. also brought out her first poems, ma Macaulay was adding to his fame | In

and Macaulay was adding to his fame with his essays.

The first railway in the United States, a horse-power line three miles long, was completed at Quincy, Mass., for carrying granite to tide-water. Western Reserve College was founded in 1826, and the state libraries of the Massachusetts and Maryland came into existence the same year. The first large suspension bridge in the world was opened across the Menai Straits.

The Society of the War of 1812 ty. An earnest attempt was made was organized in New York City. A charter was granted for the Mohawk out success.

One of the sensations of the yea was the strange case of Willian Morgan, which gave rise to the for mation of the Anti-Masonic party In the early part of 1826 Morga and an associate in Batavia, N. Y

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW New York, Dec. 31.—The cottonarket has been higher during the ast week. The prompt stopping of the first January notices just before thristmas day evidently started a cov ing movement in the near mont hese first January notices repre-ented practically the entire local ock of government classed cotton at the market acted as if the supthe market acced as it rise sup-lies attracted here from the South-or delivery during December had not cen sufficient to protect the short edges in the January and March po-titions. At any rate, there was ac-tive buying of these months either to ver short contracts or transfer dges to the later delivery and the hedges to the later delivery and the advance was led by tanuary contracts which sold up to 20.20 on Wednesday or 190 points above the low level of the previous week. Later months were held back by selling against near months purchases, but shared in the advance with July selling up to 19.04 or 104 points above the recent low price, while October advanced from 17.64 to the low point last week ta 18.45. At these figures the advance was cheeked by realizing but the offerings were absorbed on comparatively moderate reactions and the market showed a generally steady

New York, Dec. 31.—After a rief show of activity in the early rading the market lapsed into the sual perfunctory affair prior, to a oliday period and fluctuations were

There are some unfavorable factors which will act as, a drag on further expansion. Some of these are as follows:

1. Loans against realty mortgages and steek exchange securities are unusually large.

2. Some localities are adversely affected by the small wheat crop and the reduced prices of corn and cotton.

3. The cost of living has increased moderately in 1926: a further interval.

James Walker will be installed to

James Walker will be installed to lay as mayor of New York, in suc-cession to John F. Hylan. This is the date for the municipal elections in many of the principal rities of Ontario. For the thirty-seventh successive

For the thirty-seventh successive year Pasadena today will stage its New Year carnival known as the Tournament of Roses.

One hundred and fifty years ago today the first flag bearing 13 red and white stripes was raised over American headquarters in Cambridge.

Mass.

Mass.

A consolidation of the Florida cities of Daytona, Daytona Beach, and Scabreeze, under the name of Daytona Beach, is to come into effect today.

The President and Mrs. Coolidge will open the White House to the public today for the customary New Yosa's recention.

Year's reception of visitors will throng

Thousands of visitors will throng Philadelphia today to witness the an-nual Mummers' Parade, a New Year pageant peculiar to that city. Many noted educators have beer invited to Coral Gables, Fla., today to attned the laying of the foundation stone for the \$25,000,000 University

Liberty Bell Rings Out the Old Year at Midnight.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—The Liberty bell at midnight tonight was success

chester news might improve materially should the demand for goods increase after the turn of the year. The figures published by the department of commerce on world crops showed rather a smaller yield prospect for India than previously expected and if anything seemed to help the tone of the market which was also influenced by the apparent failure of the advances here to bring in creased offerings from the south.

Mant i Ice-Bound For Experiments and the streets several blocks away.

Mant i Ice-Bound For Past Three Bays.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 31.—The town of Manteo, 50 miles from here, has been ice bound for the past three days, all mails and commerce of every sort being held up. All commerces between the island and the mainland is carried on regularly by boat and the ice has made-the only means of transportation impossible.

Durham Second Place.

Standard by the department of federary in \$40,162,000 into the national reverse between the island and the mainland is carried on regularly by boat and the ice has made-the only the sale of tobacco stamps.

After a hundred years of existence

Many persons in Australia have the town of Oxford, Ga., recently ported its first hold-up.

Firemen at Lexington Are Killed Answering False Alarm Jan 1.—The new year truck which was running at a high that also rate of speed, probably 50 miles an idlight the nice hour. Jan 1.—The new year truck which was running at a high that also rate of speed, probably 50 miles an idlight when one hour. Lacy's house was one of those olds wasn't any need of watching me, he wound up. "Do you believe that Aunt Celimena's in danger?" Connemara asked anxiously. "Well, of course, she has been safer," he admitted, "but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but there has been a split in policy between our make it nice and damp at times, but the nice and the same and t Three Firemen at Lexington Are

Lexington, Jan. 1.—The new year truck which was running at a his brought death and sortow into Lex- rate of speed, probably 50 miles brought death and sorrow into Lexington at midnight tonight when one of the town's fire trucks struck the rear fender of an autimobile and turned over three times. Three firemen are dead and three are injured. The dead are:

Doug C. Cope, 50 years old,
Ed Cope, about 25, son of Doug C. Cope.

Bobbed Ha

mara.

appearance his responsibility was a

an end, and had quietly melted out

of the picture like the gentleman he was. Maybe he had gone back to guard the treasure, or maybe he just had a date somewhere. What

ever it was his doggish fancy had turned to, he most certainly was no-where to be seen. "Bugle's gone," wailed Conne-mara.

"He's all right," assured Lacy."
Don't worry about him, he'll turn

up some time."
"I hope so. I never had a chance

to really thank him for all he, did for me. I don't want him to think me ungrateful."

"I'll explain it to him when I see him," said Lacy with a little laugh. That laugh was his mistake, for it

brought Connemara right back to

her topic. Too many men have made the mistake of laughing and appear-ing at ease when they thought they

had a woman sidetracked from a

"You haven't answered my ques-Why did you give

"Well," he faltered, "I am rather

"You're wandering," she warned. "Well, I'm puzzled about you— urious—so when Bugle came back o me after taking you the slicker, staged a little experiment that

rught to give me the answer to the ouzzle of you."
"Go on," Connemara commanded.

"Well, you see"-Lacy was speak-

to exclaim in very real distress.

out why?"

"So, thinking I am a crook, you sent the fifty thousand back to me.

"I told you I was impulsive."

"And yet there was a thought back of it all," he went on. "If you

"Start all over again," Connemara inished for him. "Yes, for an im-

finished for him. "Yes, for an impulsive act, it was very well thought

out. Well, let's see how it works.

rocky, and then Lacy would turn to help hers. At times she accepted

his assistance and at others would draw herself up haughtily and wait for him to walk on. By the time they had reached their journey's end

Lacy's house was one of those old

know what the feeling is when-

SYNOPSIS

Connemara Moore has swam to shore from a yacht in Long Island sound. Sugle, a faithful dog, accompanied her. Bugle disappeared from the beach and returned bearing a you?" And then, as Lacy tried to stutter a reply, she continued: "Oh, greappeared bearing a package continued to put on. Then the dog you needn't protest, it doesn't make the continued of the protest, it doesn't make the continued of the c plad enough to put on. Then the dog you needn't protest, it doesn't material plants are plants as a package containing \$50,000, which the mysterious Pooch gave her the night before, but which she induced David Lacy to take. And now Lacy himself suddenly presents himself. Connie was much in the company of rum-runners of containing the property of the protection of the pr which she maucea Davia Lary is such as the company of rum-runners or revenue call Bugle but he had disappeared officers—she doesn't know whith—last is all sugle but he had disappeared. He may have felt that with Lacy's the may have felt that with Lacy's like recognishility was at

CHAPTER XIV-Continued

"If I have the strength," repeated Connemara. "You are not suggesting walking, are you? Isn't ere a team or a car we can use?" And the tone brought tears to La-

cy's eyes.

"Not a chance. I'm sorry, but

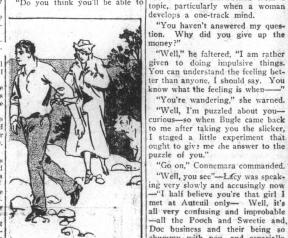
it's walk or stay here."

"All right," Connemara sighed,
"I suppose I'll be warmer walking, anyway. Just turn your back until I get this sailor's kimono draped-around me—and by the way, I sup-

Dose this is yours."

Lacy blushed, although, of course,
Connemara couldn't see him. He
was rather nicely ingenuous at times
for so experienced a young man. Finally Connemara was as well draped as she could be. "All right." steelled. "I guess this will do. I'll make you walk ahead of me, and that will give me a little bit

"Do you think you'll be able to



And so they started on their jour-

walk five miles in those?" he asked. pointing to her muddy little silver shippers.
"Why not? I've danced more

It was nice and generous of youthan twice that number and never thought much about it. If I can't stand them I can take them off, or "I should say so-fifty thousand dollars!" at least the heels. Come on.

And so they started on their jour-ney, Bugle at their heels, Connema-ra mineing along in her little highreally were the girl of Auteuil, I was safe, wasn't I? And if you were heeled slippers, the slicker slapping at her legs like a wet sail, the once carefully wound and jaunty turban now slipped rakishly over to the side of her head, damp and grimy. mixed up with that gang against your will, there was a nice tidy little sum of money that you probably had as much right to as any of the And Lacy—the always immaculate rest of the gang. Anyway, it gave Lacy, looking like nothing an outsityou a chance to break away, go ter of class would use as an ad for somewhere and—" "the well-dressed man"-strode or in front, forging ahead one moment

in front, forging ahead one moment and then, as Connemara called out to him, shortening his stride to keep one respectful pace ahead of her. As they trudged along, Connema-ra told her experiences and how she and McTish went over the side of the boat, and Lacy recounted the last dive of the Bloody Nuisance and the canture of the Bloomy and and the capture of the Filomena and her company.

she would gladly have allowed him "I got away because they thought I was knocked up so badly there wasn't any need of watching me,"

been a split in policy between our friend Pooch and the Swede, so I fancy for the present—till tonight, anyhow, they won't take any definite steps one way or the other."

Now they walked in silence, Lacy had led the way along the bçach instead of taking the road, and they had come to a stretch of hard sand where they were able to synchronize their gait a little better. Connemara even drew! devel with Lacy and, slipping her arm through his, allowed herself to be almost towed.

What Roads Do Fer a State. The Birmingham Age-Herald undertakes to put succinctly the value of good roads to a state by drawing a comparison of what has happened in North Carolina and in Alabama respectively, within the last feet years.

In 1920 Alabama and North Carolina began State highway construction.

tion.

In 1920 Alabama realty valuations were \$670.178. North Carolina's \$421.410.

In 1924 Alabama realty valuations hat that doesn't suit her than an hat that doesn't suit he

provided a charming background. However, pictures meant nothing to Connemara at this time, and La-cy was sensible enough to realize the fact. "The first thing you'll want is a change of clothes and then a piping hot breakfast, and there, waiting for us, is the person who can furnish them both,"

(To be continued)

were \$643,274,376,, North Carolina's \$1.672,549,000.

Because of efficient highway administration, North Carolina increased her real wealth more than a billion dollars, or almost four times in four years, In the same period, because of indicient righway administration, Alabama's real wealth declined \$27,000,000.

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