

Political peonage in the South! The Republican brand of political peonage has about as rank a hold down North as the alleged Democratic article has up South here.

News comes from over the sea that peace between Russia and Japan is certain within six weeks. Preliminary negotiations (pourparlers) are said to be going on in Paris. What the terms will be or what terms are proposed is a matter of conjecture. Russia would rather take chances of being whipped some more than to pay an indemnity, yet it seems likely that Japan will demand and insist upon indemnity as a condition of peace. The dispatches intimate that the first formal conference between representatives of the two powers will probably take place in Copenhagen.

One of the eloquent speakers at the Tar Heel banquet in Greensboro last week called attention to the rivalry between North Carolina and Michigan in the manufacture of furniture. Only Michigan is ahead of North Carolina in this industry, while in furniture woods and timber our own State was said to be ahead of its rival on the great lakes. Both of these statements will carry a measure of surprise to the uninitiated. If the latter is true, it is not too much to hope that one day North Carolina will not be long in taking first place in the manufacture of furniture.

That is a good sermon on the "Youngest and smallest newspaper foreman in the United States" which we copy from the Elizabeth City Tar Heel. He is a boy who simply attends to his business and gets along. He attends to his business because he wants to—would rather do it than not. We heard the opinion that he was never a clock-server, and was never afraid he would do his work so well or so much of it that he would earn more than his wages. Lawrence Homan, foreman of the Elizabeth City Tar Heel linotype newspaper office, is a good example for lots of boys not doing half so well.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS.
John Young, the noted writer of romances, died last Friday afternoon. It was his home and his family was by his bedside.
In the grand jury indicted in connection with the explosion at the terminal of all classes and goods have publicly announced their convictions.
The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company's facilities located at East Gastonia, Ga., was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night. Loss \$250,000; insurance about half that sum.
There is a bill in the heavy lifting around the town. Both sides are getting themselves to shape for another great onslaught in one place or another should fail.
The special division of the supreme court of New York has just rendered a decision allowing John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, a fee of \$25,000 by professional services.
The Southern Railway Company has awarded the contract for the construction of the double track from Durham to High Point, and work will begin at once as the weather will permit and the material can be obtained.
Fall Farm Work in Spring.
From week ending the past two weeks has been about that of fall of the year. Heavy rain and plowing out has been the order of the day in a good many sections of the county. The plowing has been done in a most satisfactory manner. The soil is in good condition and the work will be done in a most satisfactory manner. The cold weather has not caused a great deal of injury to the crops in the field over winter.

GASTON IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

Interesting Sketches of Senator Oscar F. Mason and Representative Robert A. White and Hutchison.

The Raleigh News and Observer has recently published the following appreciative sketches of Gaston's representatives in the General Assembly: OSCAR F. MASON.

Oscar F. Mason was born in Gaston county July 8th, 1863. He was educated in the local schools of the county, after which he read law under L. M. Hoffman, of Dallas, and Col. G. M. Folk, and was licensed to practice law in September 1888, and for some years has had a leading practice of Gaston County. He has always been a Democratic leader in his county and section and has been for several years chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Gaston county. He was a member of the State Senate in 1899, and in the House in 1901, and by a large majority. He served as chairman of the Committee on Appropriation, and was on the following committees: Judiciary, Rail Road and Railroad Corporations, Insurance, Constitutional Amendments, Congressional Apportionment.

Mr. Mason took high rank in the Senate of 1905 as he had in previous legislative bodies and justly ranks among the first lawyers of that body. He is a debater of uncommon ability and power and added greatly to his reputation as a learned lawyer. As chairman of the committee on Appropriations, he rendered the State great service.

It required him to have a thorough knowledge of State institutions and their needs, so that in cutting down estimates and practicing economy no mistakes should be made. Senator Mason gave much of his time to this matter and had the gratification of seeing the bill pass the Senate without a dissenting vote, something that had not been done before in a generation. He voted for the Ward bill and all conservative temperance legislation.

ROBERT A. WHITE.
Robert A. White was born in the house in which he now lives on March 28th, 1841. He was educated in the common schools of his native county, and was attending a high school in 1861 when the war broke out. He volunteered in the Confederate army and was a member of the 26th N. C. Regiment, Lane's Brigade. He was at Appomattox as first lieutenant of Company B, 26th N. C., and was wounded at Jerrico Ford. There was no man in the army braver and more modest than Mr. White. When he laid down his sword he returned home and took up the battle of life in which as a farmer he has been successful. He has always taken deep interest in public affairs and from his youth been an influential leader of the Democratic party. He was sheriff in 1868 and in 1880. He served two terms as county commissioner and one term as member of the board of education. He was elected to the Legislature in 1889 and again in 1905. He is a Presbyterian. Mr. White has been married three times, first in 1866 to Miss Eliza Ferguson, of Kings Mountain; second in 1875 to Miss Annie Hartzoge, of Lincoln county, and third to Miss Rachael White, of Kings Mountain. In election of 1904 he was chosen by a majority of 1,234 out of a total vote of 2,100. He served in the House on the following committees: Finance, Liquor Traffic, Enrolled Bills, Deaf, Dumb and Blind, Salaries and Fees, Printing and Election Law. He was a warm supporter of the Ward bill, and of all wise temperance legislation. He was deeply interested in the bill permitting the citizens of Gaston county to vote on the issue of \$300,000 bonds for road improvements. Mr. White was one of the safest and wisest legislators of the General Assembly.

CHARLES ROBERT HUTCHISON.
Charles Robert Hutchison, of Mt. Holly, was born September 26, 1860, in Gaston county. He was educated at the public High schools of Gaston county. On February 19, 1896, he was married to Miss Dora Davernport, of Mt. Holly. Mr. Hutchison is a cotton manufacturer and dealer in general merchandise, having large commercial interests, and in matters of business judgment had no superior in the Legislature.

He was elected to the Legislature of 1905 without opposition, and the interest he manifested in special legislation was chiefly that effecting the manufacturing interests and concerning labor. He was an industrious and faithful representative of his people, and always sought to promote measures that would be to their welfare.

He served on the committees on Manufacturing and Labor, Claims, Trustees of the University, Counties, Cities and Towns and Roads and Turnpikes.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing With Our Neighbors Just Across The Line.

Yorkville Register, 24th.
Brick laying has been commenced in dead earnest on the plant of the Neely Manufacturing company's building, the first having been laid on last Wednesday. Messrs. Keller & Co., have arranged to push the work without delay.

There is a growing confidence in the steadily enhancing value of Yorkville real estate. There have been but few transfers of late in the town; but from many infallible indications there is a feeling that the business outlook generally is better than it has ever been. It is a noticeable fact also that there are more world-beaters of real-estate than there are sellers.

As the result of the conference between representatives of the Clover Manufacturing company, Tavora Cotton mill, Neely Manufacturing company and the town of Yorkville on the one hand and Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr., vice president of the Catawba Power company on the other hand, in the rooms of the Commercial club last Tuesday afternoon, the representatives of the cotton mills and the town submitted to Mr. Lee a proposition looking to the bringing of the power to Yorkville and Clover. The proposition was virtually an acceptance of the terms offered by Mr. Lee on behalf of the Catawba Power company, and although he did not feel authorized to close, he, on his departure left the impression that the power company would accept. One of the conditions of the proposed deal is that the Yorkville and Clover people must secure the right of way for the line from the power company to their plants and construct the said line in accordance with specifications to be furnished by the power company. The power company agrees to refund the entire cost of construction, except a part of the cost of right of way in power. The task of getting the right of way will devolve upon the Yorkville and Clover people entirely. They, however, anticipate but little trouble, reasoning that not only will the building of the line work no injury or inconvenience to the properties which it will cross; but all of these properties will derive much benefit from the fact that they will thereafter be conveniently located with reference to inexhaustible power that may be utilized at any time for cotton ginning, sawing, pumping, manufacturing plants or other purposes for which it may be required.

The Dope Law.
Conced Times.
An act regulating the sale of cocaine, opium and morphine makes it unlawful for any one to sell, or give away these drugs except upon the written prescription of a reputable practicing physician, veterinary surgeon or dentist, which prescription shall not be refilled unless directed by the attending physician. No veterinary surgeon is allowed to prescribe cocaine, opium or morphine for a human being.

A DANGEROUS HABIT.
Gladstone's Physician Gives Warning Against a Growing American Custom.
The growing habit amongst Americans of taking a mint tablet or some other so-called digestive after eating a hearty meal, is something that Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Gladstone's physician, advises strongly against, saying, "It is absolutely dangerous to take into the stomach remedies which are popularly supposed to aid in the digestion of food."

There is nothing known to the science of medicine that can perform the work of the human stomach. Drugs do not and cannot digest the food. They simply decompose it. What can be more revolting or disgusting than the thought of taking something into the stomach that is going to turn the good food you have eaten into a mass of corruption.

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Deputy Sheriff L. C. Hilton, of Polk county, was shot and instantly killed at Tryon Sunday by Tran Durham who had been arrested by Hilton for carrying concealed weapons. Durham was attempting to escape.

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ROBINSON BROTHERS, THE SHOEMEN.

Youngest and Smallest in the State.
Elizabeth City Tar Heel.
A little man—he is only sixteen and not bigger than a minute—but manly in his ways, stepped into the editorial office of this paper Saturday and notified the writer: "Mr. H—you can only have seventeen inches for your 'Glances next week.' That meant for me to cut my coat according to my cloth. This diminutive youngster, who gave me the instructions about how much space was left for my column, is Master Lawrence Homan, foreman of the newspaper composing room, anocrat of the department over which he holds sway. I want to make a little sermon with him for a text.

Lawrence Homan is the youngest and smallest newspaper foreman in the United States. He came to the Tar Heel office two years ago last October as "devil." He was clean-up, galley boy, messenger and later press boy, at \$1.25 per week. Now he is foreman, and earns almost a man's salary. Listen to his duties: He handles all the type which is set on the linotype; he "makes-up" the paper, and sets all the advertisements; corrects the proofs after being read by the editor. He does this all, himself, and does it quickly, accurately, and well. He is business like, prompt, polite, sensible and yet when he gets out among his companions he is a boy, through and through.

Ever since Lawrence began earning a dollar, he began contributing his wages to the support of his home folks. With his increased responsibilities and salary, he continues this practice. He does not spend his earnings for cigarettes or like harmful frivolities. Many men have struggled all their lives, and never accomplished as much as Lawrence Homan. He has a trade saw, and knows it well. He is independent of the world which is later years would howl at his door if he had spent his youth carelessly.

There are boys older than this one, who are neither giving



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Shoe Department!

Our spring stock of shoes is coming in. The last shipments are being made this week and in a few days the stock will be complete. If you don't see our new spring shoes before buying you will do yourself an injustice.

Carpet Department!

Spring cleaning-time is at hand, and Spring cleaning calls for new carpets and new matting. We thought of this some time ago and prepared to meet your needs in this line. We have just opened a big new line of matting, pretty patterns and new designs. They are worthy of your attention and we trust you won't miss the opportunity of seeing them. DO IT NOW! Our entire store is being put in readiness for the Spring trade. The goods you want are here, don't fall to come and get them.

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Mrs. J. W. Gladden, Cancer of breast, Onden, S. C.
W. B. Roost, Cancer of throat, Rock Hill, S. C.
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Dr. W. H. Wakefield
OF CHARLOTTE
will be in Gastonia at the Falls House on Saturday May 6th for the purpose of treating diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and Fitting Glasses.
The Doctor can be seen in his Charlotte office in the Hunt Building on every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Also on Sunday by emergency cases. My6c1d

Mr. J. F. Swanney, foreman of the book-binding department of the Queen City Printing Company at Charlotte, was run over and killed Saturday afternoon by a street car. He was riding a bicycle when killed.

The Shelby Star says that Mr. J. Frank Gaffney has the contract for making 100,000 brick for the Henrietta Mills and he will make them at his yard in Shelby. The brick are to be used in building a new power house for the Henrietta Mills and an electrical plant is to be installed at an early date.

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