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NOTICE.

In the future The Gazette and The News will charge regular advertising rates for notices of all kind of entertainments to which admission fees are charged or at which refreshments are served for profit. Cards of thanks and obituaries will also be charged for at the usual rate.

JAS. W. ATKINS, Editor The Gazette. HUGH LONG, Editor The News.

North Carolina has just cause to be proud of her record as a cotton mill building State during the year 1906. Of the thirtynine mills built in the South during the year the Old North State claims twenty-four. Gaston county has still more cause for congratulating herself on her record because half of the twenty-four, lacking one, she can claim as her own.

Mr. W. A. Fair has purchased the outfit, good will and subscription list of The Lincoln Journal and will issue the paper under the title of The Lincoln County News. The first issue under the new management appeared Friday and gives promise of an excellent sheet. Mr. W. N. Keener, owner and editor of The Journal, retires from the newspaper field at Lincolnton. Editor Fair announces that he has purchased new type and other equipment which is on the way. Here's wishing him success in his new field.

that Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn's star is waning fast. Close upon the heels of his disgraceful conduct in connection with his charges against Congressman-elect Hackett and Governor Glenn come the reports that receivers have been appointed for The Weekly Tar Heel, Mr. Blackburn's paper published at Greensboro, and tor the Tar Heel Club of the cook and bottle-washer. The average reader will not have to dig far back into his memory to recall the palmy days of this club, which was born not so in high places and gained some notoriety by launching the Can- Benefit. non presidential boom-now relegated to the limbo of forgotten things. Then too, so press dispatches from Washington state, he has failed to file notice of his proposod contest for Mr. Hackett's seat, the time limit therefor having expired. "It never rains but it pours" is an old saying the truth of which the congressman from the eighth doubtless acknowledges now. He has cut a sorry figure and has disgraced N. C. the State of his nativity.

The recent investigation by the inter-State commerce commission into the causes of the terrible disaster on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has resulted in a severe indictment of this railroad and others for the laxity with which the block system is operated. Within the past few weeks a number of wrecks, the resulting fatalities of which have footed up into the scores of lives, have occurred on oads which use the block system a system which has been prounced perfect. It seems that the employment of inefficient erators and the enforcement long hours on those who are ut is responsible. Engi-Hildebrand of the Balti-Se Ohio train which was d testified before the coma that the clocks on the were kept in bad repair the time did not mu at

all. He also testified that many employes were overworked and forced to remain on duty for many hours longer than they were supposed to work. We cannot but believe that the block system insitselt is the safest and best method of handling trains but the manner in which 'it is operated by many of the railroads seems to indicate criminal negligence and this should be remedied at any cost.

Joshua Simpkins.

The humorous comedy drama, 'Joshua Simpkins"; accompanied by a fine band and an excellent orchestra, will be seen at the opera house Thursday night, January 10th. It is a rural play in four acts bound together by an interesting plot and produced with special scenery carried by the company. In the third act a realistic saw-mill scene is introduced, when a real buzz saw is seen cutting through a real log at terrific speed upon which a human being has been helplessly bound by his enemies and left to an evident death. There is an abnnuance of comedy in the play, while there are many fine singing and dancing specialties incidentally introduced.

General News Items.

The sensational breach-ofpromise suit of Miss Lola Walker, of Asheville, against Col. D. E. Edwards, of Union City, Tenn, for \$50,000 has been settled by compromise. The terms are not made known except that Miss Walker pays the costs of the suit, \$1,000.

Charles W. Woolsey, one of the most widely known Connecticutans residing in North one disease, and it is interesting Carolina, died at his Asheville to note that of this number home, "Witchwood" Sunday, after a lingering illness. Colonel Woolsey, was an intimate friend and none among the negroes. of George W. Vanderbilt and Heart disease and pneumonia other members New York society | followed next in order after Lady Coply Hewitt, daughter of consumption with 25 and 20 the deceased, is en route from respectively. England, where she resides.

Life Insurance Versus Savings Bank.

In 1875 The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J., issued Policy No. 82,489. at age 33, for \$10,000 on the 10payment Life plan, with an annual premium for ten years of There are additional evidences \$499.70. The Annual Cash Dividends were applied on the | Seventeen Years Old, to Be Started accelerative endowment plan, with the result the Police matured in 1900 as an endowment at end of twenty-fifth year (age 58), the Insured receiving \$10,332.47 from an investment of \$4,997.00.

When the policy matured, the Insured left \$10,264 with the Company and has since received \$482.41 (4.7%) a year. If the scale of dividends in use in the years 1901-1904 be continued, he will receive \$482.41 (4.7%) a year as long as he same city, of which he was chief leaves the principal sum (\$10,-264) with the Company.

To h ve deposited the same amoun. (\$499.70 a year for ten years) in a savings bank, with interest at 3% compounded annually, would have been to lose the \$10,000 insurance for the many moons ago. It received twenty-five years and to have the endorsement of Republicans had at end of that time but \$9,192.55, or \$1,139.92 less than he received from the Mutual

If at end of twenty-five years, he desired to withdraw interest on his accumulations with the Bank, the annual income would have been \$275.78, as against \$482.41 from the Mutual Bene-

The Company returned to the Insured every dollar of premiums paid with more than 31/2% compound interest and in addition provided \$10,000 insurance for twenty five years.

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Thanksgiving Decorations. There are a great many inexpensive table decorations that add to the attractiveness of the Thanksgiving table. says Farming. A very pretty custom is to have some simple little gift for each of the guests. The room itself can be decorated with fall foliage and with cornstalks or sheaves of grain. Of course these things will appeal more particularly to the women on the farm than the men folks, and the thing to do is but to keep them in the dark as to what is being done. The one thing that should be on hand, if there are any children present, is the jack o' lantern made out of a pumpkin. It is almost as much a part of the Thanksgiving dinner as the turkey itself to the children.

Next May will see the opening of the great Irish international exhibition, says a special London cable dispatch to the New York Sun. The guarantee fund now amounts to \$1,000,000, Lord Tyeagh beading the list with \$50,000. The building will resemble in scheme hose of the late Paris exposition. A dinent feature will be a great me, the elevation of which will be unl to half that of St. Paul's eathedral, London. If King Edward does not open the exhibition he will at least honor it with his presence at a later date. Ireland hopes and believes that her exhibition will be the finest the world has seen since the London exhi-bitions of 1851 and 1872.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

-Cotton seed 30 cents.

-The city schools resumed work yesterday after a two weeks holiday vacation. All the teachers are back in their accustomed places.

-Saturday, January 19th, the centennial anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee. It will be fittingly observed by the Gastonia chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

-There will be a meeting in the Loray school house Friday night for the purpose of re-organizing the baseball team. Last year Gastonia supported the best team in this section of the State and even a better team will be gotten together this year.

-The Armstrong Company is moving to-day from the J. Flem Johnson & Co. building to its new quarters in the same block eastward. The store room thus vacated is to be occupied by Mr. E. N. Lineberger who will carry a general line of

-Statistics are usually dull things to the average man but the December number of the Bulletin of the North Carolina Board of Health contains some figures which are not uninteresting. It was issued last week and contains the vital statistics for the last month of 1906. Of the deaths reported by 22 towns with an aggregate population of 118,600 white and 79,350 negroes, making a grand total of 197,950, there were 283 deaths, 133 of whites and 150 of negroes. This shows a temporary annual death rate of 13.5 per cent for whites and 22.6 per cent for negroes. Consumption caused 40 deaths, more than any other 30 or 75 per cent were negroes. There were two white suicides

CITY FOR YOUNG LADS

One of Their Own Projected at Winona, Ind.

THERE WILL BE EIGHT WARDS

Community of 5,000 From Eleven to

Boys are to have a city all their own at take Winona, Ind., where a community of 5,000 persons ranging in age from eleven to seventeen years will be organized as a complete municipality, with wards, city council, mayor and administrative departments, says a Chicago dispatch. Such is the plan for a boy Chautauqua to be associated with the Winona assembly, which has been formed by philanthropists of that body. The boy city is to make its bow to the public during three weeks in next Au-

The movement was started a short time ago in Indianapolis at a meeting attended by thirty prominent business and professional men connected with the Winona assembly and Winona Technical school. J. M. Studebaker of South Bend is chairman and Judge Willis Brown of the juvenile court of Salt Lake City director of the venture. The 5,000 boys, who otherwise would speud their vacation time in sweltering cities, will be taken to the Indiana lake and taught co-operation and discipline, together with the more academic subjects of the lecture room.

There will be eight wards in the boy city, each one of which will elect a representative to the city council. The council will meet once or twice a week. A grocery, a notion and a candy store, a soda water fountain, a restaurant, a photographic supply shop, etc., are to be owned and operated by stock companies of boys, each under the charge of an adult. At the end of the seasons the profits will be distributed as dividends. These various enterprises will be organized by the management and will be ready for busi-

ness the opening day. Each boy will be expected to provide his own provisions. He may bring them with him or buy them at the grocery and may eat his meals at the restaurant, where the prices will be only little more than cost. Fuel, laundry and other necessities will be supplied by the management.

The boys will live in tents holding four and eight occupants. These will be set up by the management without cost to the boys, the small advance fee charged each for his three weeks' residence in the city including his tent, cot, light, fuel, heat and water. There will be five permanent buildings in the city-the assembly hall, general store and supply house, gymnasium, band stand and electrical and shotographic shops,

One of the features will be a teleshone system by means of which the boys will be taught the rudiments of telephone engineering.

Hindoo to Study American Farming. Kansas will soon receive a visit from M. K. Pandya, superintendent of the state farm in Baroda, India, who is coming to America to spend four years studying agricultural methods, says s Topeka correspondent of the Emporis Gazette. The young Hindoo wants to study tobacco and sugar and wheat and corn. Mr. Coburn will invite him to come to Kansas to study wheat and corn, and it is expected that Mr. Pand-ya will study tobacco in South Caro-lina and sugar in some other southers

UNCLE SAM'S KEEN DEAL

Details of a Scheme to Save

\$20,000,000.

AN IRRIGATION LAKE PROPOSED

United States Government Is Building a Dam In New Mexico Near El Paso, Tex., Which Will Pay For Itself and Thwart Large Mexican Claim-Row Farmers Will Be Aided.

About ten years ago a Mexican collector called at the office of Uncle Sam and presented a bill for \$20,000,000, says an El Paso (Tex.) correspondent of the St. Louis Republic. Upon Uncle Sam's inquiring as to what he owed Mexico \$20,000,000 for, he was informed that certain citizens of his country residing in Colorado and New Mexico had used such quantities of water from the Rio Grande river that the Mexican farmers had not been able to obtain enough water and in consequence had suffered loss and injury to the amount of the bill.

But Uncle Sam could not see how he should be held responsible for this, and though the collector called frequently be could never make Uncle Sam acknowledge that what his people did in Colorado should be grounds for damages to people in Mexico. Another feature was that if the bill for \$20,000,000 was settled, what benefit would the farmers whose crops had been injured by lack of water receive from it?

The last proposition evidently se Uncle Sam to thinking and finally, out of his Yankee shrewdness, he evolved a scheme which for bur ness and diplomatic finesse is almost unparalleled. When the collector called again Uncle Sam delivered himself somewhat in

this way: "See here! I absolutely refuse to ac knowledge that I owe you \$20,000,000. If I did I would settle it, but I don't. Now, I will make you a proposition, which is fair, and will repair all the damage which you claim my people in Colorado and New Mexico have done to your people. I will supply free of charge to the farmers in Mexico, whose crops you say are ruined. 60,000 acre feet of water-in other words, enough water to irrigate 60,000 acres of landif you will receipt that bill or throw i away, I don't care which, just so you do not call on me again for money."

The bill collector, or, rather, the minister, reported the proposition to the Mexican government, and as the offer was more than generous, it was accepted. The only question was how was it to be done, but Uncle Sam had planned that out.

Sixty miles north of El Paso, in New Mexico, the Rio Grande flows through a deep canyon, sometimes as a mere trickle of water and again as a mighty flood, almost filling the canyon. To build a dam at the end of this canyon and thereby make a lake forty miles long and twelve miles wide was a simple proposition and required an expenditure of only \$7,200,000. But, even more, the country around Eagle near where the dam is to be built needs wa-

Therefore the dam is to be built big enough and strong enough to hold as a reservoir most of the water sent down in flood time, not preventing in the least the usual flow of the river, but to supply enough water to irrigate 180,000 acres of land in New Mexico and Texas, as well as furnish abundance for

the 60,000 acres in Mexico. The expenditure of \$7,200,000 to satisfy a \$20,000,000 claim would strike the average business man as a fairly good stroke of business, but Uncle Sam had planned deeper than that,

The 160,000 acres in New Mexico and Colorado, well irrigated, will bring forth abundant crops, and farmers would lose no time in taking advantage of the opportunity of securing this land, especially when the government was behind the irrigating privilege. Therefore the farmers have been notifled that for the first ten years they will be required to pay \$4 a year an acre for water, after which the water would be supplied to them free.

It is evident that if \$4 a year be paid upon each acre for 180,000 acres for ten years the total will be \$7,200,-000 and that Uncle Sam will recover all of the money which he expended in making the dam build up many prosperous farms, satisfy Mexico and not ose a cent on the transaction.

It is proposed that this dam shall be completed in five years. Bids have been received at Washington for the preliminary work, costing \$200,000, for the diversion of the river by means of a canal in order that the dam may be built with the least possible delay. The canal will be dug near Leasburg, N. M., and will be big enough to allow the giver ample room for all the water it brings down.

In connection with this deal of Uncle Sam's it should be borne in mind that the flow of water which ordinarily courses down the bed of the Rio Grande will be rather increased than diminished, as the dam will be constructed with gates to allow a steady current, but the lake will hold in reserve much of the flood water, which heretofore swept everything before it and disappeared in a short while, leaving the river in that section of the country but a pitiful brook, exasperatingly inadequate to the farmers' needs.

North Carolina's Grape Crop. An immense grape crop has been harvested at Medoc, N. C., says a cor-respondent of the Littleton Times-Herald. The writer was informed by Mr. Vincent that the crop would reach 12,-000 bushels. The old Burn building has been replaced by a beautiful structure 45 by 145 feet and filled with casks that hold from 1,000 to 20,000 gallons

each. Engraved Cards For the Divorced. An innovation has been introduced in Parisian social circles, according to a special cable dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean from Paris. When a divorce is obtained, both parties to it will send to friends engraved notices of the fact, indicating where their homes will be in the future. Several engravers have already beautifully engraved sample cards in their win The most concise reads: "M. X. has the honor to inform you that he has been divorced from his wife. After Nov. 1

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The Southern Securities Trust Co., will be open for business January 3d, with offices in the Citizens Bank building. The the Citizens Bank building. The object and purpose of this corporation is: First, to invest their capital stock in gilt-edge stocks and securities; then to do a general commission business in mill stocks, any kind of securi-

ties, yarns and cotton. Mr. John H. McDowell will be on the road in the interest of the yarn and cotton department within a week or ten days, or as soon as they make their con-nections in the North with the yarn people.

Mr. J. A. Glenn has been elected president of the concern and will have charge of the business; Mr. C. M. Glenn, treusurer of the Southern Securities & Trust Co., will at present manage the firm of the J. A. Glenn Company and the Bottlers Re-shaping Machine Co. If you want to buy or sell

stocks in any corporation, it will be well for you to communicate with this firm. They advertise for the stock, or advertise the stock you have for sale, running regular advertisements in the Gastonia, Charlotte and Northern papers, charging a small commission for their services. All transactions strictly private, whether you buy or sell. If you have something you are dissatisfied with, we advertise same for sale without using your name; if you want to buy mill stock, bank stock, or a piece of real estate, go to see them. The charter granted to this firm by the State is very elastic and gives them power to act as administrator, guardian, or agent for any person, firm or corpora-

After being refused a loan of \$5,000, a foreigner later identified as Robert Steele, threw a bomb into the building of the Fourth National Bank of Philakilling delphia, instantly Cashier W. Z. McLear and himself. Six others were injured, two of whom may die.

All the negro troops in the regular army are to be sent to the Philippines to do service. They are all included in the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry and the Twenty-fifth Infantry. It is stated that this move does not signify any discrimination against them but that, in the regular course of events, it is their time to go.

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