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Who makes the clothes at home. All kinds of pressing and repairing.

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My 5 year-old Spanish Jack, fourteen hands high, will stand this season at his stable.

C. F. Moser

Burlington, N. C.

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A Review of Business Conditions.

That conditions are not what they should be, commercially, in most of the States, is a fact that become increasingly evident. In a review of business conditions published in this paper some time ago the statement was made that "times" were better, perhaps, in the Carolinas, than in any other section of the country. We are still of the opinion that this is true, broadly speaking, but there is evidence that money is hard to get where capital is sought for big projects and when this capital must come from the North.

From an advertising agency doing business in one of the cities of the East the Daily News has received proof sheets of an article published in the Chicago Daily News, April 30. The article, written by H. N. McKinney, is a study of business and financial conditions, exhaustive, and apparently dispassionate. The writer says that "Probably there is nothing that gives the absolute truth more correctly than the advertisements of 'Help Wanted' in daily newspapers. When business is good, business men advertise for more help and that number of these advertisements increases or decreases with the rise and fall of business."

Advertisements of 'Situations wanted' are not as correct a barometer of business conditions because when there is a general dullness in any line of trade the workers in that line of trade know they can gain nothing by advertising for situations.

A careful examination of the 'Help Wanted' advertisements in the daily papers of twenty-eight leading cities from the Atlantic to the Missouri River, for the week beginning March 2, 1912, and the week beginning March 1, 1914, shows a falling off of 29.18 per cent. Philadelphia shows a decrease of 42 per cent.; Kansas City, 40 per cent.; St. Louis, 35 per cent.; Detroit, 33.33 per cent.; Cleveland, 33 per cent.; Cincinnati, 33 per cent.; Grand Rapids, Mich., 25 per cent.; Indianapolis, 21 per cent.; Louisville, Atlanta and New Orleans show slight gains. 'Situations Wanted' advertisements in same cities show a gain of 5 per cent.

"Reports from different lines of business in these cities verify the accuracy of these figures as showing that business has fallen off to an alarming extent. 'The increase in idle cars, as given by the American Railway Association gives still further evidence of retarding trade. The number of idle cars January 1, 1913, as compared with 17,058 January 1, 1914, was 188,850, while April 15, 1914, there were 212,859 with every indication that the last half of April 1914, will show still greater proportionate increase in idle cars."

The thoughtful business man will look upon these facts and figures as both informative and impressive. It is agreed that underlying conditions were never better, that there is but one thing the matter, but this one thing—the lack of confidence—is fatal in some lines of business. Mr. McKinney ascribes the trouble to "tariff reductions, uncertainty concerning results of new banking laws, trust legislation and continual threats on the part of Congress and the administration for further investigation, and legislators, have frightened capital and stifled business progress, but most of all has the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the reduction of increase of freight rates unsettled business and destroyed confidence."

Whether Mr. McKinney has the right idea we of course have no way of knowing, at this distance from the great centers of population. We can only know what we are told. In his allusions to the Interstate Commerce Commission the writer of the Chicago News article is pointed. Of that body he says: "It should be absolutely impartial and as anxious to care for the railroads as for the public. Instead of this, however, one of the first acts of the commission was to employ Mr. Brandeis, who is known the country over to be vitally antagonistic to the railroads, as its counsel, and as the hearings have proceeded Mr. Brandeis has in fact acted in behalf of the commission as prosecuting counsel against the railroads. Not long since, Mr. Clifford Thorne, a railroad commissioner from Iowa, appeared as a witness against the railroads and was permitted to cross-examine the railroad witnesses as if he too had been engaged as prosecuting counsel, this too when as representative of the railroad commissions he may be called on to sit in judgment on the reasonableness of railroad rates. Such action on the part of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the prolonged delay has caused widespread doubt as to its fairness, or desire to do justice irrespective of persons, and its continued delay in deciding the case has done more to unsettle business and increase the number of unemployed than all other conditions combined."

Subsequent events leave little doubt that most of the points advanced by Mr. McKinney are well taken. Mr. Brandeis has admitted that the

railroads must have more revenue, and while he is theorizing on how they should get it thousands of families are hard put to it for bread. The Pennsylvania alone has laid off between thirty and forty thousand men. We should think a better way to handle the situation would be to grant the small increase asked for by the roads, if it will give the idle men employment again, and then let the theorists do their theorizing later when less harm might be done. Mr. McKinney thus concludes his review: "That which will rightly but quickly revive business, giving employment to those now out of work, is imperatively demanded and nothing will aid in bringing this much-desired result so much as quick, intelligent, impartial action on the part of the Interstate Commerce Commission and next to that, similar action on the part of Congress regarding 'Trust' legislation. Nothing so disturbs and unsettles business as uncertainty, and of the latter we have had during the last year killing abundance."

"Unless conditions are quickly changed the number of unemployed will be largely increased, with all the suffering thereby entailed."

"It is time that a government of the people, by the people, should show some disposition to care for the people."—Greensboro News.

Koettlers Gets Life Sentence.

Chicago, May 2.—Sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Kraft, a Cincinnati widow, was imposed on John B. Koettlers today by Judge McDonald in the criminal court. Koettlers, known as "Handsome Jack" almost collapsed as the sentence was pronounced.

Koettlers was found guilty of killing Mrs. Kraft with a hammer in a Chicago hotel in November, 1912.

Meanwhile, Colorado is providing the eral thing.—Greensboro News.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following unclaimed letters remain in the postoffice at Burlington, N. C., May 2, 1914:

Gentlemen: Mack Brandon, Crowson Forrest, W. D. Holt, S. H. Hubbard, Ed. Keadle, R. L. Long, J. M. Mitchell, Jess J. Preyer, J. H. Ross, Frank Richard, Jess Webb.

Ladies: Malinda Albright, Mrs. Cassie Overman, Mrs. Julia Robertson, Mrs. Bettie White.

Persons calling for any of these letters will please say "Advertised" and give date of advertised list.

F. L. WILLIAMSON,
Postmaster.

T.R. Thanks Brazil for Its Solicitation.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 2.—Theodore Roosevelt has sent a dispatch from Manaus to Dr. Lauro Muller, the Brazilian minister of Foreign Affairs, thanking him and the Brazilian Government for its solicitation during his stay in South America. Mr. Roosevelt reached Manaus yesterday on the steamer Dunstan on his way down the Amazon river.

Mr. Roosevelt in his telegram to the foreign minister, says: "Our journey was one of hardship and at times dangerous, but it was very successful. For 35 days we struggled with the rapids of the river; for 48 days we were out of sight of human habitations. We followed the course of the river for over 900 miles."

Mr. Roosevelt will go down to Para, at the mouth of the Amazon, on the Dunstan. At Para he will transfer to the steamer Pancreas for Barbados.

Aged Woman Carpenter.

Elinston, May 2.—A message received here says that Mrs. Eliza Gordon, one of the best known women of Washington, N. C., is a capable carpenter at 85 years old. Mrs. Gordon, who has outlived all but one of her children, who included the late Seth Gordon, one of the most influential business men and politicians of Oklahoma, climbed upon the roof of her two-story home, in which she lives alone, and nailed on shingles with which to stop a leak. The repair was thoroughly made, after which the slight, gray-haired woman patiently descended to the ground. Passersby who stopped to witness the scene applauded. Mrs. Gordon has for half a century been an honored citizen of the town. She is one of its most industrious residents at her ripe age.

Mr. Bryan is still determined to make a very gentle, tranquil sort of war.—Greensboro News.

With all this trouble brewing another back to the farm movement ought to prove popular.

But if the A. E. C. can't fetch Huerta down P. D. Q., it is a consolation to know that the U. S. A. can.—The Greensboro News.

I hold myself indebted to anyone from whose enlightened understanding any ray of knowledge communicates to me. Really to inform the mind is to correct and enlighten the heart.—Junius.

The grapes which dye thy wine are richer far

Through culture, than the wild wealth of the rock;
The suave plum than the savage-tasted drupe;
The pastured honey-bee drops choicer sweet;
The flowers turn double and the leaves turn flowers. —Browning.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat suggests that "we may yet save Huerta from a drunkard's grave."—Greensboro News.

It is now feared that the anti-trust bills, the Five Brothers, are going to get lost while the captains are shouting.—Greensboro News.

Are you one of those persons who were wondering, the other day, whether spring ever would arrive?—Greensboro News.

If curs bite they must be kicked. —Dryden.

The constitution of a country being once settled upon some compact, tacit or expressed, there is no power existing of force to alter it, without the breach of covenant, or the consent of all the parties.—Burke.

Smooth Jacob still robs homely Esau: Now up, now down, the world's one seesaw. —Browning.

Of all that is written I love that which the writer wrote with his blood. Write with blood and thou wilt learn that blood is spirit.—Nietzsche.

Too Much Publicity.

"I disapprove of the Senate having secret sessions. I favor the utmost publicity for everything."
"I did; but since the new gowns came out I think the women are going a bit too far."—Seattle Post.

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Buggies! Buggies!! Buggies!!!
5 Car Loads on Hand

Babcock Hackney Tyson & Jones
Durham Southern Rock Hill
Washington

And many other reliable makes. All bought in Car Lots.

Hackney is known to be the Best and Newest buggy built in the South. We have the biggest line of Harness ever shown in Alamance County. Full line of Hardware, Paints, all kinds of Roofing at low prices. We buy everything in large quantities which enables us to make you lower prices than you get at other places.

Come to see us if you want good goods at low prices.

HOLT & MAY

JUST RECEIVED A LARGE SUPPLY OF
Garden Seeds
 IN BULK and PACKAGES.
FREEMAN DRUG COMPANY
 Phone 20, Burlington, N. C.
 Everything Promptly Delivered
REXALL STORE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Ed Speed, of Kinston, is the guest of her mother for some time.

Miss Vivian Steele left yesterday to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Ireton, on Route 6.

Mrs. J. T. Thompson and Miss Leslie Andrews, of Greensboro, were the guest of friends Sunday.

Mrs. James Crutchfield, of Swepsonville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crutchfield.

Miss Flora Sharpe spent Sunday on Route 4, the guest of her parents.

Mr. Grant Clapp, of Whitsett, Route 1, spent Saturday and Sunday in town the guest of his brothers, B. M. and Wyatt Clapp.

Elon College defeated the Burlington High School boys at The Piedmont Park Saturday afternoon by a score of five to seven.

Miss Mamie Holt returned Friday from Wilmington where she spent several months.

Mrs. George D. Hunt and daughter, of Wilmington, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Holt, for some time.

Mr. T. N. McNeally, of Salisbury, spent the week-end in town with his friends.

A special sermon will be preached to the Juniors Sunday at 3:30 at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. D. H. Tuttle. The members of the Order are asked to meet at the hall at three o'clock and will march to the church.

Rev. J. D. Andrew was heard by a large crowd at the Reformed Church Sunday night. In a very brief way he told about the work of Catawba College, of which he is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jessie left Sunday night for their home in Missouri. They will go by Norfolk and Washington. Mr. Jessie has been connected with Tickle & Co., in the sales stables.

Mrs. Emma McAdams died Monday morning at Stokes Sanitarium, Salisbury, where she was carried about two weeks ago for treatment. An article on the life and death of Mrs. McAdams, written by one of her friends will appear in another issue.

Save money and buy your underwear at Buchanan's 5-10 & 25¢ Store.

Mrs. C. B. Hobgood, of Reidsville, is the guest of relatives in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cheek, of Route 1, spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of her brother, Mr. L. A. Sharpe.

Miss Mamie Lynch and Miss Douglas, of Mebane, spent Sunday with Miss Addie Lynch.

Miss Catherine Elder has accepted a position with Buchanan's 5-10 & 25¢ Store.

Dolly Madison Crepe 10¢ per yard at Buchanan's 5-10 & 25¢ Store.

Mr. Charles Murphy and sister, of Corbett, spent several days recently in town with relatives.

Misses Clara Hughes and Ruth Whitmore spent Sunday with friends in Elon College.

Spring dry goods at Buchanan's 5-10 & 25¢ Store.

Mr. J. D. Bason is in Jacksonville, Fla., attending the Veterans reunion.

Mr. Emstley Coble has accepted a position as salesman for the Burlington Hardware Co. Mr. Coble is the son of Mr. J. F. Coble, of Burlington Route 1.

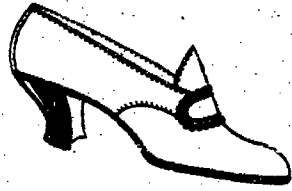
Messrs. Joe Thompson and Arthur Huffman spent Sunday near Mebane the guest of the parents of Mr. Thompson.

Mrs. J. F. Starr, of Julian Route, and son, Reginald, of Greensboro, spent Sunday the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mariah Hoffman. Mrs. Starr is spending a few days this week with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Neese, of Guilford county, spent Sunday and Monday in town the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. W. Luther Cates reports 64 chickens hatched from 67 eggs. Mr. Cates raises the Barred Plymouth Rock.

On Thursday night, May 14th, a District Meeting of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held. A number of noted speakers will be present.



QUEEN QUALITY SHOE

Our new stock of **QUEEN QUALITY SHOES** for Spring and Summer is here. We have some splendid new models in low cuts to show you.

New Colonial and Pump designs of beauty and style combined with greatest comfort to feet.

See this Pump—it's the very latest thought.

Patents and Dull leather, \$4.00. Other grades and styles similar at \$3.50 to \$2.50.

Full line of the celebrated "ONYX" hosiery to match in silk similar and lisle 50 to 25-ts.

FOSTER SHOE CO.
 Burlington, N. C.

Fine fancy Wine Saps and Pippins at Strader's. Nicest and best. Call 526.

The Mashee.
 They's talked quite a lot of the mashee;
 The shirt that they give him is short.
 There's nothing much bolder or brasher;
 They hale him with joy to the court.
 The which is quite right, I am certain,
 And still it looks sometimes to me
 That they's drawing too friendly a curtain
 On the work of the little mashee.

Her hat brim's a little too flaring
 Her skirt hem's a little too tight;
 Her glance is a little too daring,
 She's powdered a little too white.
 Her lips are a little too rosy,
 Her laugh is a little too loud;
 Her walk is a little too posy,
 As she strolls through the thick of the crowd.

You can count her each black by the dozen,
 She's "nice"—just as "nice" as can be.
 She may be your sister or cousin,
 She's not? Well, you watch her and see.
 Now I haven't much use for the mashee,
 And still it looks sometimes to me
 By the work of the little mashee.
 —Miriam Teichner in Youngstown Telegram.

Tarboro Woman Suicide.
 Tarboro, May 1.—Mrs. E. T. Felton, aged 65 years, committed suicide here early today in an unusual manner. Escaping from the vigilance of her daughter, at whose home she lived for two years, she went to the Tar River fully dressed and waded into the river until she was swept down stream by the strong current. The body was recovered late today. Surviving Mrs. Felton is her husband and five children.

Mrs. W. E. Swim, of Mebane, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. George L. Curry this week.

Mr. John Boone, of Mebane, spent several days recently visiting his sisters, Mesdames John Foster and G. L. Amick.

It is apparent, however, that all interest is not going to be lost in the fourth class postoffice.—Greensboro News.

Looking For an Opening.
 An Irishman walked into a hotel and noticed two men fighting at the lower end of the room. Leaning over the bar, he earnestly inquired of the bartender: "Is that a private fight or can any one get into it?"—Life.

Just as present there seems to be no two more peaceful spots on earth than Vera Cruz and Colorado. It's a way they have in the army.—The Greensboro News.

Washington obstinately shouts, "Peace, Peace," when it knows that T. R. is even now on the high seas.—Greensboro News.

All quiet in Mexico, says Washington; they are still trying to lynch refugees in Tampico, says Galveston.—Greensboro News.

Oh, well, the season's young yet.—Greensboro News.

B. A. Sellars & Son
 For The Good Old Summer Time



Your dress requirements are many. This store can supply you r wants to your perfect satisfaction. We are sure. We make a study of what discriminating women want and then provide it for them is dependable qualities and at fair prices. **New Arrivals 50 Tub Dresses.**

Of the newest Spring and Summer styles of creps, rice cloth and voils.

Dainty lace and embroidered trimmed in all newest colors. Prices \$3.00 to \$12.50.

Coat Suits
 Still a big selection left That will allow all who have not yet purchased an ample choice to select from. As an extra inducement to the late buyers we are now offering all Coat Suits at a reduction of from \$250 to \$5.00.

B. A. SELLARS & SON
 Burlington, N. C.

Following in YOUR Footsteps papa



That Little Chap's Future Depends Upon You, Mister Father.

The influence of your personality and disposition will be reflected in him a few years hence.

Your ways will in all probably be his ways—In your steps doth he trod.

Most essential is it then, to teach him the WAY TO THIS BANK. Bring him with you occasionally, as often as you can, when you make your deposits. **BETTER STILL**, start him with a little bank account of his own, and note the pride and interest he will take in making it grow.

First National Bank,
 Burlington, - - North Carolina
 ACTIVE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPOSITORY.

ALL THE HITS IN SPRING CLOTHING



Silk Stripes and Silk Checks in many varieties. Stripe effects in **Worsted and Serges** are the go.

Fine All Wool Fabrics, good workmanship, Styles that are **Correct.** You will wonder why the price is so low as \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 & \$17, instead of \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 & \$20.00.

Big selection to choose from. Staple styles for **Elderly Men.** Special Models for **Young Men.**

Headquarters for Boys' Clothing.

The largest line to select from. In the **New Norfolk and Balkon Styles.** Sizes 3 to 18 years, from \$2.00 all the way to \$10.00. Call in and look through.

B. A. Sellars & Son

LEADING CLOTHIERS.
 Burlington, - - North Carolina.

Washington, April 29.—Secretary Daniels said tonight that he does not believe the Mexico City report that Manzanillo had been bombarded by an American warship or that marines had been landed at Salina Cruz.

He said he was in constant communication with Rear Admiral Howard, whose last report was that all was quiet on the Pacific Coast.

The cruises Raleigh was due to arrive at Manzanilla today and the Denver is at Salina Cruz. The Denver carries no marines, according to Daniels Does Not Believe Report.

navy department officials. Secretary Daniels late tonight telegraphed Admiral Howard the Mexico City reports, asking for an immediate reply.

It will go hard with the war correspondent if Huerta fails to start something. Roscoe Mitchell, well known in this State, is among the correspondents at the front.—The Greensboro News.

Beasley hasn't qualified even to run for congress. Another foul conspiracy of capitalism—or was it the insurance companies?—Greensboro News.

Seven Sentence Sermons. To be discontented even wealth is a vexation.—Ming Sum Pauu Keon.

They that touch pitch will be defiled.—Shakespeare.

ALAMANCE COUNTY'S
 Oldest and Largest Bank

ESTABLISHED 1894.

The Earning Period of a Man's Life is His

Harvest Time

LIFE'S WINTER will soon overtake you. ARE YOU WASTING THE FRUITS OF YOUR HARVEST? WILL THE STORMS OF OLD AGE FIND YOU WITH AN EMPTY GRANARY?

Let this blank be your granary and you will reap a harvest of golden gains.

"MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES."

Start an account with us today and keep safe the results of your industry.

United States Government Depository

ALAMANCE LOAN & TRUST CO.

"THE BANK WITH THE CHIMES."

Burlington, - - - N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Isley and little daughter, Maurine Wilson, of Hightower, spent a part of last week visiting their father E. A. Isley at Hill Top.

Esquire T. P. Nicholson is doing carpenter work at Ossipee.

The people of Mt. Hermon are building an entrance and tower to their church which will add much to the appearance of it.

Mr. E. A. Isley, who has been confined for three months, is not any better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Neese visited on Rock Creek No. 1 Sunday.

Broken-Hearted.

High tragedy turned to comedy and comedy to farce at a postoffice in West London recently.

Shortly after 5 o'clock a young man entered. In his hand was an open letter, delicately perfumed, on faintly tinted paper. The subtle fragrance of the letter drew the attention of the customers, who noted also the somewhat agitated angle of his hat and a certain wildness in his eyes.

Making swiftly for the telegraph counter, he scribbled on form after form, crushing them in succession and throwing them aside. Finally, with an air of somber satisfaction, he threw the last form across the counter, accompanied by a sixpenny piece.

The girl behind the counter picked up the form and read it quickly.

"Another half-penny please."

"Nonsense," the young man said. "Only 12 words."

"Thirteen," replied the clerk. This—pointing with her pencil—should be two."

Unconscious of the interest taken by some half dozen customers, the young man took up the telegram. "You might as well charge 'forgive' as two words."

He read the telegram half aloud: "Please forgive me. Am broken-hearted."

GEORGE.

The clerk, who had moved away to consult her superior, returned. "I'm afraid 'broken-hearted' must go as two words."

"There was a slight titter from a 'George.'"

"But," he argued, "I've sent it as one word before for a half-penny."

"There was a slight titter from a 'flapper' at his elbow, and a line of smiles looked at him across the counter. "George," however, was of the builder breed. With a swift stroke he crossed out "me" slung six pence once more on the counter, and, somewhat scarlet of face, marched rapidly from the postoffice.—London Correspondence in Philadelphia Record.

A Victim of Dead Beats.

Webster's Weekly, one of the papers that has been trying to live on the old I. O. U. plan, has been forced to the wall. "Of the people who owe it money will pay up, the paper may be able to start again. We would rather advise Editor Cayton to chuck his subscription book into the kitchen stove and take a new start. A debt on subscription to a newspaper is about the most worthless asset that could be imagined. A large per cent. of the people do not consider a newspaper debt a legitimate obligation, and it is the last thing they will pay. This condition is spreading out of the old-time horse system of doing business by edifice. It has been with many of them anything to get names on their books—if they could not get a dollar in cash they would take a load of wood, a ham, or a bunch of onions, and if they could not get such trifling barter they would take the name anyhow, as that may be more valuable to live on. The wonder is that so many papers have managed to drag along. But in recent years the North Carolina publishers have been manifesting more of a disposition to consider their properties as business propositions and requiring cash on delivery, and every paper in the State that has been making any pretense at a cash business has been prospering. The Observer hopes to see the old-established Weekly delivered from its financial troubles and enabled to begin a new life under better conditions.

The Twice-A-Week Dispatch approves of the above editorial most heartily and wishes that all newspapers could devise some way to weed out all dead-beats. Any person who will take a paper from the mails and then refuse to pay for it, well, they are the meanest person ever.

Having a Good Time.

Hicks—What kind of a girl is she?
Wicks—Oh, her dream of a good time is to sit in the dark, with a muf in her lap, between two young men, and let the young men hold each other's hands inside the muf.—Exchange.

Simple Explanation.

Willis—"What's the election today for? Anybody happen to know?"
Gillis—"It is to determine whether

we shall have a convention to nominate delegates who will be voted on as to whether they will attend a caucus which will decide whether we shall have a primary to determine whether the people want to vote on this same question again next year."—Puck.

Willie Wants to Know.

"Pa, how can guns kick when they have no legs?"
"Don't ask absurd questions."
"Guns haven't any legs have they, pa?"
"Certainly not."
"Well, then, what's the use of their having breeches?"—Boston Transcript.

Progressive Plunkville.

"How's things in Plunkville?"
"Well, we couldn't induce Col. Goetlet to take the job of town marshal. Neither did we get a regional bank."
"Still you are not discouraged, I hope?"
"No; we are agitating for a season of grand opera."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Editorial Trouble.

"What's the matter Si?"
"Waal, ye see, I'm in trouble about the editorial policy of this paper of mine. The man that holds the tiller on the press is a Republican; the only cash subscriber is a Democrat, and the feller that sets my type who I owe five months' wages is a Progressive."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Liked the Quarters.

A passenger in a Pullman car was inclined to be rather friendly with the porter, but had not as yet given him any tip.

"Don't you enjoy your position?" the man asked as the porter was brushing his coat.

"Yes, sah," replied the colored fellow. "I likes de quarters heah very much—when I gets 'em."—Harper's Magazine.

The Employees' Resolve.

How will this do?

1. Ignatius, being of sound mind (of course) do hereby and hereon declare that during this Year, I will:

1st. Smile when the stenographer comes in.

2nd. Smile and look busy when the boss comes in.

3rd. Smile and get busy when a customer comes in.

4th. That I will serve the public as well that when a customer goes out he will say as much as he can to good-bye.

5th. That I will try to convince every one of you that we want to do business with you and that you will save time, money and nerve force by doing business with us.

What Is Home?

A world of strife shut out;
A world of love, shut in.

The place where the small are great,
And the great are small.

The Father's Kingdom, and the Mothers' and Children's Paradise.

The center of our affection, round
Which our heart's best wishes twine.

The place where our stomachs get
Three square meals daily, and our hearts a thousand.

The only place on earth, where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden, under the mantle of charity; such is HOME, SWEET HOME.

Reform in Dress.

When the General Federation of Women's Clubs met in Chicago in June I sincerely appeal to them to condemn the prevailing styles. I often feel ashamed of my sex. To love dress is not to be a slave of fashion. Beauty of dress is a good thing. Female loveliness never appeared to so good advantage as when set off by simplicity of dress.

No artist ever decked his angels with towering feathers. The love of beauty and refinement belongs to every true woman. She ought to desire, in moderation, pretty dress, and delight in beautiful colors and graceful fabrics.

Do let's have careful selections and modest taste. Wider skirts, for locomotion is crippled.—Mrs. Estelle C. Blaylock, of Norwood, in The Charlotte Observer.

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Everybody is taking their land and planting corn at this time. Some have not planted any at all. A good rain would help for the ground is getting pretty dry.

Mr. Russell Herbin called at J. W. Faucette's Sunday night.

Mr. J. W. Faucette and wife and Lofton Saunders, wife and baby were the guest of Mr. Bud Underwood Sunday.

Ask Martin Jones if he got much fooled Sunday when he called to see his girl. Hope he may have better success next time.

Miss Katie Faucette, Talmage Geringer and Mr. Gil Matkins and family were callers at J. R. Smith's Sunday. My! my! Uncle J. R. had plenty of good things to eat. We found out that its a place to go when you are hungry.

Several of No. 1 kids attended the services at Stony Creek Sunday.

John Faucette, Jr., and Russell Herbin visited Mr. Ubert Smith Sunday at The Hub.

Miss Kathleen Faucette spent last week in Burlington the guest of her kin people.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jordan and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday the guest of Mrs. Jordan's mother, Mrs. J. K. Somers.

Ask Louie Smith who he carried to church Sunday.

Miss Alene Bouldin and brother were the guest of their cousins Sunday, Misses Amanda and Joe Hooper.

We know that Uncle Buck Faucette enjoyed those good rations Sunday at Mr. Underwood's.

Route 8 News Notes.

Rev. Mr. Sample filled his regular appointment at Stony Creek Church Sunday. There was a large crowd present. Among those from a distance were J. F. Garrison, of Mebane; Mrs. J. H. Watson, of Graham and lots of other old members. They all come back to the old home Church.

J. N. H. Clendenin, of Graham, was out on No. 8 last week, looking after the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company.

J. B. Cantrell has purchased a fine horse from Mr. Tickle. He is very proud of her and has cause to be, a nice animal.

J. H. Ross left Monday for the old soldiers reunion at Jacksonville, Fla. Hope he will have a pleasant trip and get home safe.

Mrs. W. T. Warren, of Altamahaw, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Isley.

Rev. A. F. Isley and wife attended memorial services at Long's Chapel Sunday.

There will be a moving picture show and speaking at Maywood on May 14th at 2 o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited. No charge for admittance. It is under the auspices of the Tomato Club, conducted by Misses Scott and Reinhardt, and Messrs. Hudson, Turner and Robertson. Come out and enjoy the afternoon.

Mexican and American Ideals.

The Winston-Salem Journal refers to the fine work Villa has done to "keep the Mexican people in sympathy with American ideals, as typified by the Wilson administration."

Americans who have gone to Mexico to study conditions at close range agree that the vast majority of the men in the armies of Carranza and Villa have no idea what they're fighting for. Primarily their idea is to loot, or they long to shoot some real or fancied enemy, and get away with it, as a "soldier."

Villa himself has no conception of American ideals. They have no comprehension of the best Mexican ideals, much less American ideals. Villa and his poor followers have no idea what Carranza and his limited number of educated friends are talking about when they speak of the need of changing the constitution, and there is a suspicion that Carranza would rely upon the military power to keep him there should he ever get control of things in Mexico City. Mexico is three hundred years behind the really civilized nations.

Villa once wanted to shoot up and loot a defenseless village. Huerta made him apologize. That is why Villa hates Huerta so much that he is willing to join hands with the United States in the efforts to crush the de facto President. The relative worth of some of these Mexicans is thus presented by the North American Review:

"But never mind. Mr. Hart pronounces Huerta unfit and consequently unworthy of recognition. So let it be. What then? Carranza? What? Carranza, who has left the conduct of the campaign to Villa—a man who combines the lofty qualities of a practical bandit and train robber, a safe breaker and a captor of nunnery; a man who habitually, deliberately and in cold blood kills fellow Mexicans who have opposed him, musket in hand like men, and who has surrendered?" Carranza? Never.

"Then Villa, perchance—villa, whose 'shocking business is nothing but plain, despicable murder; murder

without any military advantage; murder for the sake of killing; a man who has as much capacity for civilized government as a bull in a ring; a man who seizes upon power that he may benefit himself and massacre his enemies?" Villa? A thousand times No.—Greensboro News.

Perhaps the Americans in Mexico City are not anxious to leave. Anyway they seem to be faring very well.—Greensboro News.

The Washington Post: "The worst feature of Up Sinclair's mute grief is the vociferous poetry that follows."—Greensboro News.

George Tinnin Given 13 Years.

Greensboro, May 3.—In the Superior Court yesterday George Tinnin was sentenced to the state prison for a term of thirteen years, having been found guilty of improper relations with a white girl under the legal age limit. Tinnin will be carried to Raleigh at once to begin his term.

There was testimony that the negro worked last spring at the home of Ruth Kimrey in Greene township while her father was ill, looking after the farm and doing general work. It was last fall that he left the country, and it was the past winter that the girl gave birth to a child. Search was immediately made for the negro after she had confessed and he was located in Pennsylvania where he was arrested.

South American Intermediaries May Visit Mexico and Talk to Vic.

Washington, April 28.—The Mexican crisis now is centering on the issue between those who are seeking through the good offices and intermediation of Latin-America to find some middle ground for pacific adjustment, and those who regard a resort to arms as an inevitable consequence of what has occurred.

Throughout today two distinct branches of activity were manifested—that of the envoys of Argentine, Brazil and Chile in formulating

Reports Are Encouraging.

Washington, April 29.—Americans today continued to leave Mexico and tonight encouraging reports came to the State and Navy Departments from all quarters. Admiral Badger reported that all American refugees are now out of the Tampico district. Those few Americans who remain, he said, have lived in Mexico many years and would not suffer maltreatment even if operations were commenced in that district.

At that Burns got a big free ad.—Greensboro News.

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