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NEED OF IMMIGRANTS.

While a great deal has been said and written, especially in the immediate past, regarding the south's possibilitiez and unquestioned opportunities for the investor, the manufacturer, the artisan, the home seeker-these utterances emanating for the most part with natives of the south and published in southern journals having a home circulation, and in many instances followed by good results in the upbuilding of the various sections thus inadequately putting forth their claims, there has lacked the primary keynote to the solution, namely a clear understanding as to the best practical method of bringing these advantageous conditions before the people having capital to invest or homes to make who are desired as an addition to our citizenship.

Let us consider the city of Wilmington and the country immediately surrounding it. So far as is known to the writer there has been no practical etfort made to advance the growth of the city by the wide-spread presentation of facts as to the climate, soil, opportunities for profitable investment, and the hundred and one things calculated to hasten the growth of a place which is destined to become one of the largest, most important, progressive and beautiful cities on the South Atlantic coast.

The possibilities of this section are perhaps not fully known and appreciated by our own people, or being known we have failed to take advantage of the conditions, owing to the probable lack of capital with which to embark in the many pursuits waiting to be availed of. What is needed is the coming among us and lending the additional stimulus of their practical experience and thrift, natives of other parts of the country who are not so forcunately situated as to climate, etc., as are we, and to reach this class, no matter what may be done or said among ourselves, the dissemination of facts regarding this country, and the awakening of interest in outsiders, must be accomplished before we can reasonably hope for the rapid advance in growth and prosperity that would naturally

follow. It would appear, and the matter is respectfully submitted to the Whimington chamber of commerce as a suggestion that the compilation and publication of data setting forth the various openings for investors, the attractions of climate, location, social, school and religious conditions, and particularly a list of lands for sale within a radius of fifty miles, the distribution of same to be made among the real estate agents in the north, east and west, who in consideration of such effort as they may make in the sale of property, should receive a fair commission, would be a step in the right direction.

That there are thousands of families of good character, adequate means and intelligence in the more rigorous parts of this country who are dissatisfied with the climatic conditions and are seeking more congenial climes there is no doubt, and it would seem the time is now ripe to attract to this section a part of the tide of immigration now pouring southwards.

The adoption of the suggestion as to securing the co-operation of real estate agents, especially in the smaller towns and communities in the territory north of Mason and Dixon's line, would create in each of those towns an energetic solicitor and advertiser for this section, and would have the effect of creating a vast amount of enquiry and interest in this neighborhood.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

Chairman Bailey of the state anti be? saloon league is calling on the temperance forces to organize at once, so as to do effective work-offensive and defensive-that will influence the state legislature in the forming of laws designed to further promote terperanc in the state. He intimates that th saloon forces are ready to make strong fight on any new legislation that may be offered and also for the repea of some of the anti fiquor laws passed during the last legislature.

It seems to be generally regarde that the liquor question will be one o the most important that will come before the legislature, forces of both sides having been more thoroughly perfecting their organization during the year and deciding more definitely the plan of action that they will follow.

In the election of many of the present senators and representatives this liquor question has been of paramount in fluence and the stand taken for or against the saloons has determined in many cases the success or defeat of a candidate. The alignment of forces has been very thorough for some time

and there is now little doubt that many bitter fights will be waged. As to the strength of the respective

sides in the legislature it is not possible yet to determine, but the general impression is that neither side will have a very large majority.

Among the bills that will be introduced in the legislature are the following: (1.) To repeal the Watts act.

(2.) To make the county-not the municipality-the voting unit in local

(3.) To make the township-not the municipality-the voting unit in local option.

(4.) A bill to repeal the present antijug law, which, it will be recalled, was enacted by accident, its framers designing that it should apply only to a year \$1.00; six months 50 cents, in limited territory, while as passed it applied to the entire state.

(5.) A bill to limit the number of dis-

pensaries in a county to one. (6.) A bill to apply the prohibitory feature of the Watts act to towns of five hundred population or less.

"So the fight is on already for the position of collector of customs of this port. It is a pity to begin to bother Collector Keith so early in his term."

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 29, 1904.

Editor Messenger. I see you still sem to beworried over the custom house, I suppose because I have the office, but will say to the one of The Messenger's staff who seems to be so worried because I hold the place

I see you still seem to be worried over it, as he can't hold the office, if at all, certainly not before five years.

Respectfully, B. F. KEITH.

No, Mr. Keith,, The Messenger is not worried over the custom house. In fact if we recall correctly there has been no mention of that institution or its distinguished collector in the columns of this paper for many months past-considerably over a year.

The information on which the paragraph was based was obtained from Washington dispatches to some paper the name of which has escaped our mind, but these dispatches said that a fight would be made and even went so far as to give the name of one of the candidates.

To all applicants for that comfortable berth it will be discouraging to know that it will do no good to fret over it, at least for five years.

This gratuitous information may b the cause that will prevent many heartaches and much politicing for a time.

The reference "to the one of The Messenger staff" is ambigous, but we wil pledge the entire staff, and office force, not to worry over the custom house realizing that to fret uselessly for five years would be a great waste of energy and some other things.



The Durham Herald shows evidence of marked prosperity. It comes out in enlarged form and printed from a perfecting press. Editor King has more room for his ciever paragraphs, which is a matty: of congratulation for his

The Christmas holidays have been unusually delightful ones in Wilmington. With weather conditions almost perfect, many former citizens returned to spend the season with relatives or friends and a large number of clever and charming visitors, everything has worked to make the time pass most pleasantly.

The action of those Georgia farmers who have started out to reduce the cotton crop by burning a part of their own stock is characterized by The Raleigh Post as frenzied foolishness, which is an apt name for their method of doing business.

Charlotte becomes dry beginning with the first day of this year. What will The Charlotte Observer's morally this?

People are often heard to express the wish that they could know what would today ordered an investigation so happen in a certain time, but wonder how many, if they were given the chance, would be willing to look a year hence and see things as they then will

GROWING UP

There's something the matter with the child that fails to grow up. A child that grows up too much, however, without proper filling out of flesh, is almost as badly off. Nothing will help these pale, thin "weedy" children like Scott's Emulsion. It supplies the rounding out of flesh and the rich inward nourishment of blood and vital organs which insures rapid growth a healthy and uniform develop-



TRUCK TEST FARM.

Every possible inducement should be effered to State Horticulturist Hume when he visits Wilmington to induce him to have the state truck test farm located in this section. The great advantages of such a farm are manifold, and especially in this immediate vicinity, it would be of incalculable benefit in the promotion of the trucking indus-

This remarkable region, discovered almost by accident, has been reclaimed ilmost from waste land, till now it bears truck products of great value, that are rapidly making a desirable and prosperous suburban back ground and feeder for the city.

Other regions between Wilmington and Goldsboro, or Goldsboro and New Bern, or near Chadbourn, are making earnest efforts to secure the test farm, The people of these sections realize the worth of such a thing. Are our own people to be behind them in the appropriation of a splendid opportunity? We think not, and The Messenger urges that everything possible be done to secure the test farm for this immediate vicinity.

If the business of Wilmington increases during the coming year as much as it did last year there can be no kick coming. Without doubt the year just closed has been by far the most prosperous the city has ever experi-

The "Tom Watson Magazine" has recently been organized in New York with a capital stock of \$125,000. We can soon expect some revelations from the Populist leader about how to run the country. He modestly admits that he is the most capable fellow that could be made president, but of course if the people won't take him and the country goes to the bad its their fault, not his. He gives the warning often and straight.

Today is the time for the forming of new resolutions. Nine persons out of every ten, probably, will decide to change some habit and the decision is made in all earnestness. But it won't last long. Some New Years resolutions last awhile-a month or two-others are broken before sun up on the 2nd of

ELECTION IN DENVER.

Sweeping Investigation to be Made on Everything that Bears on the Recent Voting.

Denver, Colo., December 30.-Stretching its hand so as to cast a shadow over stunted do for their "sow paw" after every man and woman in any way implicated in election frauds of the city and county of Denver on or before, or after November 8th the supreme court sweeping in its scope that every phase of the election may be scrutinized and everything that bears in any way upon it may be made known by judicial in-

> Alva Adams Democratic candidate for Governor who appeared from the returns to be elected, but who declaared that he does not want the office tainted with fraud, asked the court to open every Denver ballot box but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballots and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures and in brief, all election matters.

> Attorney Samuel W. Bedford for Adams, and Attorney Henry J. Hersey, for the Republicans, asked the court to make its order of such breadth that the court need not stop at anything in the investigation. The court said that was what it meant to do and instructed the lawyers to agree upon the wording of the order and present it to the court for approval next Tuesday.

As there are 204 ballot boxes it is evident that several months will be consumed in the examination of their coptents by the two handwriting experts who have been appointed for this work. It is expected that the court will be asked to make an order placing special watchers at the court house to guard the registration books until such time as the investigation is made.

F. A. Williams chairman of the Re-

publican committee has published the following statement over his signature: "Our ivestigation into the conduct of the recent election in Denver has developed the fact that approximitely 20,-600 fraudulent votes were cast or counted for Alva Adams in this city. There is now no reasonable doubt that Governor Peabody and the entire Republican state ticket was fairly elected on November 8th by the votes of a large majority of the legal voters of this

Republicans as well as Democrats admit that the opening of all the Denver boxes complicates the political situation in Colorado but believe that it means there will be no serious trouble as predicted.

It was announced late today that the Republican plan to unseat Democratic Senators had been modified and that possibly only Senators Borne and Healey who were seated by the Democratic majority on contests two years ago, would be turned out.

It also was reported that on the advice of influential Republicans the proposition to memorialize the United States Senate to unseat Senator Teller would be abandoned.

VENEZUELA SLANDERED.

Senor Pulido Characterizes Reports Affecting His Country.

Senator Don Augusto F. Pulido, charge d'affaires of the Venezuelan Legation in Washington, said yesterday:

"Unless it is done to create a sensation, I do not see the reason why certain newspapers should be intent upon doing my country all possible harm by the publication of faked stories about President Castro and slanderous reports on the condition of affairs in Venezuela, which seem to be a page torn from some old book on the Inquisition or tales from a feudal medieval baron. Aside from the sensational, unless such reports are published to vent some personal spite. I cannot see the reason they are made public.

"Of course, the educated American is by far too clever to give credence to such tales. I have resided long enough in this country to fully understand the most prominent characteristics of the American people and to appreciate their spirit of fairness and sound common sense, and so I have confidence that no thinking American will believe such stories.-Washington Post.

Expecting no favors and few courtesies, the Democrats are in a position to enjoy whatever trouble the Republicans may have among themselves .-Durham Herald.



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