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Four doors above Charlotte Hotel.

Nov. 8, 1878

We no ice that resolutions have been introduced in the Legislature for the removal of the political disabilities of Ex-Gov. W. W. Holden. While we are politically as much opposed to Mr Holden as any man can well be, we do say that there should be found enough of the spirit of forgiveness for past offences to cause the passage of suitable resolutions removing his political disabilities. We hope our friends in the Legi-lature will unite in the preparation and passage of measures reli-ving him

The resolutions ought to pass.

Mortgagees' Sale.

of bands. - Goldsboro Mail, democratic.

Pursuant to a Mortgage made to the undersigned by Jam's Night and Roody Night his wife, on the 15th of January, 1878, and registered in Book 20, page 157, we will sell at public auction for cash, at the Court House in Charlotte, on Thursday the 27th day of February, 1879, a HOUSE and LOT in the 40 feet on Second Street and running back 70 feet, adjoining Armstead Mayo and others, being the ate residence of Jim Night and conveyed to him by Frank Alexander.

S. DEWOLFE, Mortgagees. Jan. 24, 1879 5w

NOTICE.

By virtue of a Mortgage executed to Sawyer Wallace & Co. by J. E. Stenhouse, bearing date August 28th, 1876, for a Tract of LAND lying in Mecklenburg county, near Davidson College, conflers his professional services to the citizens of harlotte and surrounding country. All calls, both Tract of Land at the Court House door in Charlotte, N C., for the purpose of satisfying the debts due under said Mortgage. Terms, Cash.

SAWYER, WALLACE & CO., per SHIPP & BAILEY, Attorneys. Jan, 24, 1879

Attention Farmers!

Call at Kyle & Hammond's Hardware House and xamine their "Dexter Corn Shellers" and "Feed Cutters"—the latest and best out. Also, new style adjustable Iron Foot Plow Stocks, a great improvement on those sold in this market last season.

We have a heavy Stock of Steel Plows, Clevises Single Trees, Steel and Iron Harrow Teeth, Heel Screws, Grass Rods, &c., which we can and will sell to the Farmers at prices lower than they can from Heaven, with one end in our hand, possibly afford to make them.

Nov. 1, 1878. KYLE & HAMMOND.

> A REQUEST! An Earnest Appeal!!

To those who are indebted to us by Note or Account to come up and settle at once. We have been very indulgent to our friends who are behind in their payments, and as "short settlements make long friends," we are compelled now to make this earnest appeal to all who owe us to come up and pay up. If it is impossible for you to pay all, don't stay away on that account, but come and see us and we may be able to arrange the matter satisfactory. Don't forget this is the first of January, 1879.

BARRINGER & TROTTER. Jan. 3, 1879.

Plows! Plows!!

The celebrated Oliver Chilled Plow; the Gale Plow; the Meihle Plow; the Tate Plow (reversible), for hillside and for subsoiling. A large stock of Steel Plows.

Hege's Feed Cutters. I expect to keep a full stock of Agricultural Im-My stock of Plows cannot be beaten by any one. have the best in the world, and will sell them at ow prices. Call and examine them before purchasing elsewhere.

WALTER BREM, Agent. Jan. 3, 1879.

Family Groceries. I have now in store a full supply of Groceries and family supplies.

Just received, Fresh Goshen Butter and New Buckwheat Flour. I have also a small Store for rent.

S. M. HOWELL.

Shuttles and Needles. Now is your time to buy the genuine Stewart Singer Sewing Machine, with all the attachments complete, for \$30.

Shuttles, Needles, Oil, &c., for all kinds of Machines for sale. Old Machines repaired or exchanged. BRADSHAW & CO., Address

Sept. 27, 1878.

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A. A. GASTON. DEALER IN Stoves, Tin--Ware And House Furnishing Goods, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

He keeps the largest stock of Stoves and Tin-Ware ever offered in this market. \$100 reward will be paid to any party that ever sold a larger or heavier Stove than the "Barley Sheaf." I have sold the "Barley Sheaf" for eleven years. Call at my Store under Central Hotel building.

Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware manufactured to order, and all Repairing promptly executed. A. A. GASTON.

E. J. HALE & SON, Publishers, Booksellers & Stationers,

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ty, all sizes. Slate and Lead Pencils, Pens, Inks, Mucilage, &c., &c. Those who favor us with their orders, by mail or in person, may rely upon having them filled promptly, and at prices which we believe to be quite as low as can be had in this market. E. J. HALE & SON,

Publishers, Booksellers and Stationers, March 29, 1878. 17 Murray St., New York.

Window Glass and Paints. 500 BOXES WINDOW GLASS, all sizesat prices lower than have been known in this city for the past ten years. A Full stock of all kinds of PAINTS and OILS. For sale by Oct. 11, 1878. J. H. McADEN.

Cream Cheese. 100 Boxes selected Cream Cheese on consignment and must be closed out, at Jan. 31, 1879. R. M. MILLER & SONS'.

Dimensions of Heaven.

Some curious figures about Paradise. And he measured the city with the reed twelve thousand furlongs. The length, and breadth, and the height of it are equal .- Rev. xxi; 16.

Twelve thousand furlongs, 7,920,000 feet, which being cub d, 596,793,088,000,000,-000,000 cubic feet. Half of this we will reserve for the throne of God and the Court of Heaven, and half the balance for streets, leaving a remainder of 124,198,272,000,000,-000,000 cubic feet. Divide this by 4,096, the cubical feet in a room sixteen feet squa e and there will be 30,321,843,750,-000,000 rooms.

We will now suppose that the world always did and always will contain 990,000, her son's pardon, asserting his innocence. 000 inhabitants, and that a generation lasts The Czar seemed touched, and promised to for 381 years, making in all 2,970,000,000 give the youth a personal interview. The every century, and that the world will stand 100,000 years, or 1,000 centuries, City of Charlotte, situated in Ward No 2, fronting | making in all 2,970,000,000,000 inhabitants. Then suppose there were one hundred worlds equal to this in number of inhabitants and duration of years, making a total of 297,000,000,000,000 persons, and there would be more than a hundred rooms sixteen feet square for each person.—Biblical

The Habit of Prayer.

Some bad boys tried to persuade a good ittle boy to play truant. "No, no; I cannot," said he.

"Why? now why?" they asked. "Why?" answered the little boy, "cause t I do, I shall have to pray it all out to God on my mother's knees to-night."

"Oh, well," they said, "in that case you

had better not go." You see what a bridle the habit of prayer puts on a little child. Prayer acknowledges God's goodness, God's authority, God's right to us. It is remembering God. The reason we sin so is because we forget Him. Nobody can bring daily to mind His adorable character, what He wants us to be, and what He wants us to do, and go on do ing wrong, for prayer, like a chain let down twitches us from evil and draws us toward

Oh, what golden moments are those when a pious mother gathers her little ones about her, and teaches them, not to "say their prayers," but to open their little hearts in patience and trust and love to the Redeemer who die I for them. Then is the time, in earliest infancy, for the Spirit of Christ to have not secured the ballot, they have in enter in and mould their souls into His likeness. Mothers, see to it that His print be there first. - Christian Commonwealth.

An art critic, going into a gallery in a state of mild inebriation, to criticise some pictures, sees himself in a glass, and, taking out his note-book, writes as follows: they vote on all school matters. Teaching, First room, head of a drunkard, no signatures; has a great deal of character; red nose; remarkably truthful. Must be a portrait from life; think I've seen that face

Fruit Trees Ready for Delivery. Those who have not yet taken Fruit Trees (ordered) will please apply at J. H. Henderson's Store. Choice Trees furnished for Spring delivery at

low rates. Apply as above. T. W. SPARROW. Feb. 14, 1879.

Important to Ladies. Just received a lot of new ABDOMINAL COR-SETS. Give them a trial and you will be pleased.

Also, a new lot of Dress Buttons, black and white Satin, Monogram Ruffling for Skirt Protectors, Colored Piques and Plaid Nainsooks. The best Seamless Kid Glove in the market. Also, a large lot of Kids in Street and Opera shades. A full line of Dress Trimmings always on hand Give me a call.

T. L. SEIGLE, Opposite Charlotte Hotel, Tryon Street Jan. 31, 1879. Charlotte, N. C.

Blacksmiths' Tools.

We have a complete stock of Blacksmiths' Tools of the best quality and at prices that will put them within the reach of every Farmer.

KYLE & HAMMOND. Nov. 1, 1878. Oils! Oils!! Linseed, Strait's, Machine, Lard, Sperm, Kerosene and other Oils in quantities to suit customers at bottom prices.

L. R. WRISTON & CO. Jan. 31, 1879.

J. C. Burroughs Invites farmers to call and see his Iron Corn Shellers. Jan. 17, 1879.

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HARRIS' EMPIRE COMPOST.

TO FARMERS. fact that we sell, and have now on hand, the

Chemicals for making Harris' Empire Compost, Which has been tried in this section for a number of years, and many farmers will testify to its value,

For Cotton it has no superior, and is the cheapest article ever offered, and parties purchasing it can philosophy, and soon became fond of apply- daughters?" said the remorseless interrely upon getting something free from adulteration ing technical names to common objects. viewer, turning to the other caller-a lady and in all respects reliable.

For price of ingredients, apply to WILSON & BURWELL, Sole Proprietors, Charlotte, N. C. Jan. 17, 1879

NORTH CAROLINA Hôme Insurance Company, Organized in 1868,

Has paid over \$175,000 in losses. Insures all kinds of insurable property against loss or damage by fire upon the most reasonable terms. All losses prompty adjusted and paid. Build up home enterprises and thereby benefit yourselves Jno. G. Williams, President; W. H. Crow, Vice-President; W. S. Primrose, Secretary.

THOS. H. HAUGHTON, Jan. 31, 1879.

A Thrilling Incident of Russian History.

Of the late Czar Nicholas, 'A Russian Nihilist' tells in the North American Review, a striking story. A young student, a relative of the writer, had, with a few friends, formed a literary society, in which the works of contemporary political economists, publicists and philosophers were read and debated. The secret police denounced this society as a revolutionary organization and the young student was imprisoned and condemned to Siberia. All H. Wells, a Mormon pounder and expoundpossible influence was brought to bear upon er of note, and the editor of the Woman's the Czar, but in vain, and at last the young man's mother, meeting the Czar one day in the Summer Garden, knelt and implored latter was brought to his Majesty the next day, and the Czar, forcing him to his knees, before the image of the Saviour, exclaimed: "Can you swear before the Almighty God that neither you nor your associates had any criminal design against my life? Can you swear that you believe in the holiness and eternity of the Russian autocracy?" The surprised prisoner answered: "I can swear to your Majesty that neither I nor any of my friends had the remotest idea against your safety. As to the autocratic form of government, I cannot conscientiously swear that I believe in its eternity. The history of other countries teaches us that the time must come, even in Russia, when the people itself will take part in its government." The Czar tenderly embraced the student, and giving him a ring drawn from the imperial finger, said: "This is a token of respect from your Czar. You have been sincere and truthful to me, and there is nothing I hate so much as a lie." He then approached the writing table where lay he student's sentence of exile, and with one stroke of the pen-signed the paper! roof is left over me to die under. If you contrived instrument to utilize the body of "I pity you from the bottom of my heart," people drive us out of Utah there will be the testator is recorded by Dr. Forbes Winshe said; "you are an honest man, and an nothing left but ashes. Nobody shall en- low. A Frenchman, disappointed in love, honest man, true to his convictions, is more joy the fruits of our hard labor and priva- determined to commit suicide. Previous to dangerous to autocracy than an unprincipled rascal. Therefore I must punish you, though never was this duty more painful to me than now. God bless you, my son, and judge me merciful if I should appear to be in the wrong." Then once more embracing

the student, he dismissed him to Siberia.

Woman's Progress. Lucy Stone says that, although women her time vastly improved their condition. She remembers when a woman was thought competent to teach only the small children in the Summer schools, when her pay was a dollar a week, and she was expected to board around. Now women are professors in colleges with good salaries. In 4 States sewing and keeping house were the only occupations regarded as suitable for women. Now the census records seventy-one occupations that are open to women. No woman was a public speaker out of the Quaker Church. Now all platforms are tree to them. The lyceum offers to the woman lecturer the same open field that it does to a man. The pulpit and the bar are both occupied by woman. The woman physician did not exist. Now they have a successful practice in every large city and many of the smaller towns. There was not a college in the world that admitted women. Now there are not only distinctly colleges for women, but a large number that welcome women to all their advantages. It is not many years since a married woman could own nothing that she earned; could not make a will of anything she possessed; could not sue or be sued; could not carry on business; had no lawful right to her children, and could not even be their guardian; nor had she the right to her own person. Now, in most of the States, all this is changed or very much modified.

[While the opening of all respectable avenues for female employment is right and proper, no respect should be shown women who engage in public ecturing or manipulating politics in any shape or form. Give the dear creatures plenty of babies to nurse and private employment, and they will al-

An Evening at Home.

We visited once in a large family where it was the duty of each sister in turn to provide the evening's occupation; and there was a pleasant rivalry between them as to whose evening should be the most en joyable. The brothers entered fully into have done wrong; nor do we believe our the spirit of the simple home entertainments, and were as loath to be obliged to spend an evening away from home as their sisters and parents were sorry to have them absent. Every one spoke of this family as an uncommonly united one, for every member showed such a strong attachment for the We would call the attention of farmers to the home, to which each one contributed so much pleasure.—Lady's Journal.

> body has brought out the following inter- will be passed before Congress adjourns esting reminiscence: "When Benjamin that will give us the required relief." Franklin was a lad he began to study One evening when he had mentioned to his who might be eighteen or twenty-eight father that he had swallowed some acephalous mollusks, the old man was much alarmed, and suddenly seizing him, called loudly for help. Mrs Franklin came with warm water, and the hired man rushed in with the garden pump. They forced half a gallon down Benjamin's throat, then held him by the heels over the edge of the porch and shook him, while the old man said: "If we don't get them things out of Benny he will be pizened sure." When they were out, and Benjamin explained that the arti- child." cles referred to were oysters, his father fondled him for an hour with a trunk strap for scaring the family. Ever afterwards General Agent, Charlotte, N. C. Franklin's language was marvelously simple and explicit."

The Mormon Women.

Brigham Young's daughter interviewed. The Washington Post was recently visited by two Mormon women in the interest of polygamy. The younger visitor, who is by no means bad looking, was the widow of a man named Williams, and his second wife while in the flesh, and is the thirtieth home was happy." or fortieth child of Brigham Young-she didn't know which. The elderly lady was Mrs Emeline B. Wells, the wife of Daniel

Exponent, of Salt Lake City. They were interviewed as follows: "How long have you been a Mormon of very high antiquity. Records of such wife?" said the premium interlocutor of documents have been discovered dated from "How long have you been a Mormon the Post, who had been summoned by tele- the remotest period of man's civilized exisphone while the ladies were engaged in de- tence. Indeed, it has been stated by one sultory conversation.

"Nearly twenty-five years." "And all that time have lived in reason-

able peace and quiet!" "Never had a quarrel during the whole

"With husband or associate wives?" "With neither." "What do you call the other wives of

your husband?" "We call each 'sister." "And what do the children call them?" "They call their own mother 'mother'

and the other wives 'aunt.'" "Your husband was one of the high dignitaries, was he not?" "Yes, in President Young's time he was councillor to the President, commander of

Lake City and one of the apostles." "How long have you been in Utah?" Salt Lake, and there I intend to die if a drums. Probably the most fantastically

can prevent it." "Is that the sentiment of all the Mormons-male as well as female?"

be justified in such a course." the law of 1862 as construed by the Su ed to the subject of his misplaced affections, preme Court."

"Oh, no. We expect to abide by the law, however unjust. Still, we cannot body. undo what has been done. We are wives and mothers. Our families have endured for years. To attempt to enforce that law in its retro-active sense would be to break up our homes, illegitimatize our children and waste our substance. Bad, designing and avaricious men will urge the Government on to such a course in the name of morality and religion, merely to enter into and enjoy the fruits of our hard labor. I

"Then what do you want?" "First, we ask for a repeal of the law of 862. Failing in that, we ask for amnesty for all violations of that law since 1862. We also want such legislation as will legitimatize our children beyond all question,

is that that we do not intend to stand."

preserve unbroken the relationship of families as they now exist."

"Then in that case would polygamous practice be abandoned in Utah?" "I suppose so. Here and there there might be fanatics or enthusiasts who would insist on breaking the law from what they might term their religious convictions; but, like the violators of law elsewhere, they would have to stand the penalty. They might get around it as you do in more refined and moral countries-call

their extra wives their mistresses." "Have you been sent here to urge action on Congress?"

"No. We knew nothing about the Supreme Court's decision when we left home, out we have remained at the request of our people to endeavor to have something done. The condition of our co-religionists is a very peculiar one. If the law is enforced half of the men in the Territory could be put in jail, and the women and children would starve."

"Isn't that an incident of all religious

"Not necessarily. We believed we were doing right, and that under the Constitution polygamy was as legal as we considered it moral. The Congress passed a law tion, it is absolutely necessary that it should against us, and now the Supreme Court be supported by your faith as well as my sustains the law. We do not believe we own. This is an occasion where I cannot children are illegitimate, but the law says differently. We ask, therefore, to be protected from absolute ruin."

"And how do you succeed?" "Well, we find strong friends everywhere. Senators and Members whom we expected the least from have shown themselves ready to listen, quick to understand and disposed to act. Mrs Spencer has helped us amaz- that the world was certainly coming to an ingly. She has been with us almost con- end this month, has not yet ventured to ex-How Franklin was Cured.-Some stantly, and I have great hopes that a law

"And you are one of Brigham Young's years of age.

"Yes, sir," quite pleasantly; "I am one of his youngest children." "But you don't know which?"

"I do not. We never go by numbers." "Did your father leave you much property ?" "He left me my share. We all were

treated precisely alike. He left my mother

a good home and me a house and a certain interest in property, the same as every other "Your husband is dead?" "Yes, sir."

"How many wives had he?"

"Two. I was his second." "Did he leave you anything?"

"Yes; he left me a nice house, and one equally good to his other wife. I rent

mine and live with my mother." "How long have you been a widow?" "Nearly three years."

"And do you believe in polygamy?" "I certainly do. I married the man of my choice; he was kind to me, and our

But you only had one-half of him." "That is a good deal more than most women have of their husbands, if the truth was known." niten A bine

Blackstone informs us that testaments are

About Wills.

writer that Noah made his will in writing, witnessed it in accordance with law under his seal, and that in virtue of this document the world was subdivided among his children. Among the Greeks, Solon was the first to introduce testamentary dispositions, and in Rome they were unknown until the Twelve Tables were accepted as the basis of their law and custom. This mode of devising property was in force in England prior to the conquest; but the military tenures subsequently in voque forbade such a method of alienating estates. It is related of a citizen of our own country that he was so enamored of republican institutions, he desired by will that his body should be flayed, and the skin thus taken from him tanned. Of the toughened integument two the militia of the Territory, Mayor of Salt | drums were to be made; and he further bequeathed a sum of money, to be paid annually to a person who was to proceed to "With the first settlement. I went from the top of Bunker Hill on every Fourth of Nauvoo to Kanesville, and from there to July, and there beat a tattoo on one of these tions for over a quarter of a century if we carrying his design into effect, he wrote a letter to the lady who had jilted him. In another document he noted his last wishes, which he desired should be scrupulously "I think it is. We all feel that we would adhered to. His corpse was to be taken, boiled down, and the fat extracted. Out of "Do you mean by that that you will defy | this a candle was to be made, and presentin order that she might read his communication by the light provided from his own

Gamblers Locked in an Air-Tight Vault.

Among the desperate devices resorted to by the Chicago faro bank proprietors to evade the vigorous raids of the police, a favorite one is to lock up the inmates in fire proof vaults, which are supplied with ventilation holes for this purpose. Recently, George Hankin's place was raided and seventeen players were bundled into the vault, the door locked and the police admitted. Hankin and a colored servant remaining outside. Instead of going away, as usual on finding the room deserted, the officers, who were up to the dodge, sat down and waited. Noticing the ventilating holes, they stuffed paper into them, and again sat keep our names from being dishonored, and down and waited. In about an hour the air in the vault became so vitiated that the prisoners became desperate, and from the inside came faint cries: "Let us out, we are nearly dead." Even then the proprietor refused, for a time, to liberate them, and when he did, the seventeen inmates rushed out in a state bordering on suffocation. One old man was nearly dead, and all were terribly exhausted. The confinement of seventeen men in an air-tight vault only seventeen feet square was a dangerous experiment, which faro bank patrons will hardly consent to try again, and its disastrous result will be of value in aiding the police in their efforts to suppress gambling.

Four Miles of Faith.

A gentleman who had just patented a new religion deemed it necessary to quicken and confirm the faith of his proselytes by whooping them up a few miracles, and accordingly announced that he would fly over a ravine 6,000 feet deep and four miles

A vast multitude assembled upon the appointed day, and them he thus addressed: "Dearly beloved brethren, in order that I should perform the miracle which will now be presented for your intelligent appreciarun my faith alone. Do you, therefore, believe that by miraculous agencies I can fly over this yawning abyss?"

"We do-so say we all of us." "Then, dearly beloved brethren, there is no need of my flying across and wasting a

The fanatic who told his neighbors plain how it was that he came to rent his farm for a year ahead of that time-and what's more, to demand his rent in advance

AMERICANS OF NO ACCOUNT.-A Chinese couple were married by a Sacramento Justice, who informed them that, according to section 500,000 of the Code, it was necessary that the bride should be immediately kissed, either by her husband or somebody else. The bridegroom said it was contrary to Chinese propriety for a husband to kiss his wife before folks, but if the Justice would exclude the Chinese spectators, he would obey the law in the presence of the Americans, whom he regarded as of no account. His suggestion was followed, and he kissed his wife.

We pity the man who spends his evenings, six out of the seven, gossipping in the stores or bar-rooms, and is compelled to spend the seventh with his family at home because there is no other place open.