State Librarian

THE TIMES
STEAM BOOK AND JOB OFFICE
We keep on hand a full stock of
LETTER HEADS, NOTE HEADS, STATEMENTS, BILL HEADS, ENVELOPES, TAGS, VISITING CARDS WEDDING INVITATIONS, ETC., ETC.
GOOD PRINTING ALWAYS PAYS

THE CONCORD TIMES.

THE CONCORD WEEKLY TIMES
Leading Paper in This Section.
LARGE AND ESTABLISHED CIRCULATION
ESTABLISHED IN 1875.
If you have anything to sell, let the people know it.

John B. Sherrill, Editor and Owner. "BE JUST AND FEAR NOT." $1.00 a Year, in Advance.

VOLUME XX. CONCORD, N. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1903. NUMBER 26.

The powder puff may help to hide the ravages of time but it avails little to hide the ravages of disease. When the face is disfigured by eruptions, the treatment must go below the surface to the blood, which is corrupt and impure.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures disfiguring eruptions which are caused by impure blood. It cures scrofulous sores, erysipelas, boils, pimples, eczema, salt-rheum and other eruptive diseases which impure blood breeds and feeds.

"I was troubled with eczema from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet," writes Mrs. Ella Quick, of Cass City, Tuscola Co., Mich. "Could not walk at times nor wear my shoes. Thought there was no help for me—at least the doctor said there was none. I went to see friends at Christmas time and there heard of the good that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery had done for them, and was advised to try it at once. For fear that I might neglect it my friend sent to the village and got a bottle and made me promise that I would take it. I had been getting worse all the time. I took thirteen bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and ten vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, and used 'All-Healing Salve,' which made a complete cure. It was slow, but *sure*. I was taking the medicine about eight months.

"I would say to all who read this; try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery before wasting time and money."

The sole motive for substitution is to permit the dealer to make the little more profit paid by the sale of less meritorious medicines. He gains; you lose. Therefore accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cleanse the clogged system from accumulated impurities.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

DR. H. C. HERRING, DENTIST,
Is now on the ground floor of the Litaker Building.
CONCORD, N. C.

DR. W. C. HOUSTON
Surgeon Dentist,
CONCORD, N. C.
Is prepared to do all kinds of dental work in the most approved manner.
Office over Johnson's Drug Store.
Residence 'Phone 11. Office 'Phone 43.

L. T. HARTSELL,
Attorney-at-Law,
CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA.
Prompt attention given to all business. Office in Morris building, opposite the court house.

Drs. Lilly & Walker,
offer their professional services to the citizens of Concord and surrounding country. Calls promptly attended day or night.

W. J. MONTGOMERY. J. LEE CROWELL
MONTGOMERY & CROWELL,
Attorneys and Counselors-at-Law,
CONCORD, N. C.
As partners, will practice law in Cabarrus, Stanly and adjoining counties, in the Superior and Supreme Courts of the State and in the Federal Courts. Office in court house.
Parties desiring to lend money can leave it with us or place it in Concord National Bank for us, and we will lend it on good real estate security free of charge to the depositor.
We make thorough examination of title to lands offered as security for loans.
Mortgages foreclosed without expense to owners of same.

The Tourist Season
Opens with the Month of June,
AND THE
SOUTHERN RAILWAY
announces the sale of
Low Rate
Summer Excursion Tickets
From All Southern Points
To the delightful Resorts located on and reached via its lines.
These tickets bear final limit October 31, 1902.
That section of North Carolina known as the
"THE LAND OF THE SKY,"
AND THE
"SAPPHIRE COUNTRY,"
Is particularly attractive to those in search of mountain resorts, where the air is ever cool and invigorating, and where accommodations can be had either at the comfortable and well-kept boarding houses or the more expensive and up-to-date hotels.
ADDITIONAL SLEEPING CARS.
Placed in Service from Various Points to Principal Resorts, thus affording
GREATLY IMPROVED FACILITIES
For reaching those Points.
Particular attention is directed to the elegant Dining Car Service on principal through trains
Southern Railway has just issued its hand some Resort Folder, descriptive of the many delightful resorts along the line of its road. This folder also gives the names of proprietors of hotels and boarding houses and number of guests they can accommodate. Copy can be had upon application to any Southern Railway Agent.
W. A. TURK, Pass. Traffic Mgr. S. H. HARDWICK, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
Washington D. C.

AGENTS WANTED.
LIFE OF T. DEWITT TALMAGE, by his son, Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage and associate editors of Christian Herald. Only book endorsed by Talmage family. Enormous profit for agents who act quickly. Outfit ten cents. Write immediately Clark & Co., 222 S. 4th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Mention this paper.

25 CTS PISO'S CURE FOR CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION 25 CTS

SAM JONES' LETTER.

Atlanta Journal.

I have been noting with interest the acts and doings of the Georgia Legislature as the days of the session are drawing to a close.

They have really had up but two bills in which there is a common interest to the people of Georgia: One is the appropriation bill, the other the tax bill. The tax bill seems to cover everything on top of the earth and under the earth. Their franchise clause in the tax bill is one of the most important with which they have had to do. If they will only be wise in their discriminations between occupation tax and franchise tax. There is a difference that makes the odds, and there are the odds that makes the difference. If Georgia is taxing values, then it is only just that all values should be taxed. It requires wisdom, justice and patience to reach right conclusions and do the right thing towards everybody and everything. The can tax some things out of the State. They can run the business interests out of the State by unjust taxation. But whatever is just, let it be done though the heavens fall and everything leaves the State except the poor farmer, who cannot leave because he is too poor to go.

There is much being said about lobbying. Everybody thinks lobbying is going on with the legislature. Of course, what everybody thinks is not altogether a lie. Corporations can employ counsel. Monied interests can afford to employ lobbyists. But the average poor devil in this country is not able on the one hand to employ counsel or lobbyists, nor is he wise enough on the other hand to form a combination with his class to employ lobbyists and counsel in his behalf. The only way that anything can be well taken care of is by employing first-class brains to look after it—whether it is in business or legislative matters.

There are some things which ought to be taxed to the limit, because they tax the patience and the pocket books of the masses. Whiskey ought to be loaded down to the guards, and a legislator who would be lobbied with in the interest of liquor is not fit to hang on the back door of perdition. He would not ornament the devil's back yard.

I suppose coca-cola had counsel lobbying in its behalf, for what is a thousand dollars on the manufacture of coca-cola? That may not be the profits of a single day made by its promoters.

What is $2.50 per annum tax on a slot machine? They ought to be taxed out of existence, and if they cannot be taxed out they ought to be kicked out.

And a tax of $10.00 a week on these dirty, driveling, indecent street fair shows! That ought to have been put at a thousand dollars for each painted, half-nude woman, and more or less on every other dirty thing that is shown up in these street fairs.

And so it goes.

But when legislation is proposed along certain lines that touch certain corporate interests in Georgia, it is said that paid counsel and lobbyists turn up on the scene. I am utterly opposed to lobbying unless all interests go into the business. It is unfair and unjust for one interest to have its lobbyists, and another interest unprotected and unchampioned by either counsel or lobbyist. The farmer—and he is the man who gives us the staff of life—whether crops are short or long, whether he must mortgage his land or deliver his last bale of cotton, and sometimes his bushel of corn in order to pay his taxes, he must pay them all the same, and never in the history of this State were taxes so hard to pay as they are in this December month, 1902. Hard first because they are so high; hard secondly, because the farmer has so little with which to pay. That is what makes me say, a just estimate upon all values is the only just way to settle this whole question; and while corporate interests may suffer, they only get in the bed and lie down with the masses in Georgia as they suffer.

The sturdy old Georgia farmer, who made his ten bales of cotton this year with three mules, pays two of them for guano, two for taxes, and then tries to settle with the merchants, doctors and preachers with the balance of his cotton, has to sit down to work out the problem: How many times does six go into four? He winds up by saying: "By Granny, it won't go at all." There is one each for four of the crowd, but the other two must go without.

I see the committee on the cow shed has reported. I am not one of the committee who made the investigation; nor am I the lessee of the W. and A. railroad, but there is more than one question involved in the remodeling of that depot. First: Is there a new union station to be built in Atlanta? If so, when will it be built, and will it be occupied by all the railroads running into Atlanta? If these questions are answered in the affirmative, and satisfactorily answered, then it would be the heighth of foolishness to make the lessees of the Western and Atlantic railroad put that old depot in first-class repair. It would be a waste of money without bringing returns either to the state or the lessees. I know Major Thomas to be a man of sense; a man of judgement, and, above all, a man of fair dealing. He is not a man that you have to send the sheriff after or put the governor on to, but he is a man who will do right everywhere and every when. Perchance, if the chairman of the committee on investigation of the "cow shed" had not blocked the wheels two years ago there might have been a magnificent union station now standing in place of the old one, and the state's property protected. But I will say, without sheriff or governor to enforce the stipulations of the contract, that so soon as that new depot matter is settled, forthwith will Mr. Thomas proceed to meet the state's authorities on a proposition to either vacate the old depot, or if he is to use it, will put it in first-class repair.

We all know that patience has been exhausted long ago in reference to the state of things involved in the problem of a new depot for Atlanta. It is one thing for railroads to improve their own property; it is another thing for tenants to improve the property of a landlord. But with patience stretched out a little longer Atlanta will have a magnificent depot in which all the trains will run, or she will have two depots; one a magnificent, and the other repaired so it will be habitable and comfortable. I am one citizen who wants to see the depot problem settled and there are a million others in George like me, perhaps.

Let the Georgia legislature cut down its appropriations about $250,000, stand by its present tax bill, adjourn and go home sober, and I will be satisfied.

Yours truly,
SAM P. JONES.

P. S.—Has any of the official family of The Journal resigned? You throw a rock into a crowd of dogs and hit one, he don't turn to another dog and tell him that he will give him a dollar to run and holler for him, but every dog does his own running and hollering.
S. P. J.

Circumstantial Evidence.

It is a rule to which good lawyers usually adhere, never to tell more than one knows. A newspaper tells a funny story of a lawyer who carried the rule to the extreme.

One of the agents in a midland Revision Court in England objected to a person whose name was on the register, on the ground that he was dead. The revising barrister declined to accept the assurance, however, and demanded conclusive testimony on the point.

The agent of the other side rose and gave corroborative evidence as to the decease of the gentleman in question.

"But sir, how do you know the man's dead?" demanded the barrister.

"Well," was the reply, "I don't know. It's very difficult to prove."

"As I suspected," returned the barrister. "You don't know whether he's dead or not."

The barrister glanced triumphantly round the court, but his countenance gradually underwent a change as the witness coolly continued:

"I was saying, sir, that I don't know whether he is dead or not, but I do know this: They buried him about a month ago on suspicion."

Latest Government Maps of North Carolina.

Two excellent maps of portions of North Carolina have recently come from the press of the United States Geological Survey. One of them, that of the Williamston quadrangle, shows a section of Bertie, Martin, and Pitt counties and that portion of Roanoke Valley between Hamilton and Williamston. The other, that of the Cranberry quadrangle, shows the extreme northwestern portion of the State, in the heart of the Blue Ridge, and includes portions of Mitchell, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe and Wilkes counties, N. C., and of Carter and Johnson counties, Tenn. Grandfather Mountain, with an elevation of 5,964 feet, is the highest represented on the sheet, but many others are seen to reach the 5,000-foot elevation. Both these maps are unusually accurate in detail showing all roads and trails and even indicating the locations of dwellings in the country districts. They employ contours, or lines of equal elevation, to indicate the topography, which give vivid impressions of the shapes and slopes of hills and mountains, especially in the Cranberry quadrangle.

Wounderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for the Piles, too. 25c, at Fetzer's drug store.

"They say she fell in love with him because of his beautiful hair."

"And it was understood that her splendid form was what appealed to him."

"Ah, too bad! He's bald and she's getting stout."

It isn't advisable to pick a quarrel before it is ripe.

THE BENEFICENT RESULTS OF IMPROVED HIGHWAYS.

At a recent Farmers' Convention, the State Engineer of New York delivered a sensible and timely address. The following extract from it could be read with profit in our own State by every advocate for the improvement of our public roads:

It is a query if the use of the electric trolley and a perfected system of macadam roads throughout our state which will permit of hauling the largest of loads from the farm to the market on any day of the year, whether the season be wet or dry, these roads furnishing the opportunity for rural free mail delivery, will almost, if not quite, revolutionize the agricultural portion of our state. With these conditions brought about the mechanic can live several miles from the manufactory and have a farm consisting of 5, 10 or more acres upon which his family will be raised, they having the benefits of the mail twice a day, the daily newspaper, and the advantages of quick and cheap transportation to the village or city, either by electric car, bicycle or automobile, as the case may be; thus relieving the congested districts that are now occupied by tenement houses in the larger cities, bringing our farms to higher state of cultivation and schooling the farmers' children, both the boys and the girls, for a higher sphere in life than they have been able to attain heretofore with the farms isolated by reason of bad roads. I do not think that I am stating it too strongly when I express the belief that the influences exerted by these means for the future development of our state are greater than any that have been brought to bear from the nation's birth to the present time.

The improvement of the highways of our country is the greatest problem the people have to solve in connection with the whole system of transportation. We are appropriating millions of money for building canals and railroads, yet 95 per cent. of all the material that passes over our canals and railroads must in the first instance pass over primary roads, namely, the highways. In connections with our canals we are doing an immense work; we are still appropriating money and making them efficient; our railroad corporations are expending hugh fortunes in reducing grades and making their roads straight and smooth; steamboat companies are expending great sums in enlarging the capacity of their ships and increasing their speed. What does all of this avail if we, who are to be the most benefitted, do not undertake some sensible system on a business basis for building and maintaining, in a wise manner, the common roads of the country? When this has been done, and when that good time comes (and it is as sure to come as tomorrow's sun is to rise), then will our boys be willing to stay on the farm and our daughters be willing to become farmer's wives; the isolation of farm life will then have passed away, and instead of our boys and girls leaving the farm to go into the crowded cities more will be willing to go from cities to the farms; then we will have free mail delivery and the telephone, and we will be the happy and contented people that the Almighty intended we should be when he gave us this rich and beautiful heritage.

All They Could Afford.

As an illustration of the nature of Southern negroes, the Rev. D. J. Sanders, the negro president of Biddle University of Charlotte, North Carolina, related the following incident to some members of the Presbyterian General Assembly at a recent meeting. The story is reported by the New York Times.

Negroes are great lovers of pomp and ceremony, of titles and decorations, and the members of a large but ignorant negro congregation in North Carolina conceived the notion that it would add very much to their influence as a church if their pastor could append the initials D. D. to his name.

One of the brethren learned that a certain institution in the North would confer such a degree for a price. He wrote, and got a letter from this institution, stating that fifty dollars would secure the desired honor.

Meantime the members of the congregation went to work to raise this fifty dollars, but their utmost efforts failed to secure more than twenty-five dollars.

The committeemen put their heads together, and it was finally decided to send the money, with this message, to the Northern institution:

"Please send our pastor one 'D.,' as we are not able to pay for the other at this time."

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in the stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Fetzer's drug store.

Permission to acquire land has been granted to the Jews in Russia.

"THE IDLE RICH."

Youth's Companion.

"What would you do if you had a million dollars?" is a common question. Many people like to amuse themselves by answering it, and the answers are as varied as human nature. The prize offered by a newspaper for the best reply was awarded to the man who said he would have a pair of suspenders for every pair of trousers he owned. The desire for personal comfort, more luxuries, wider opportunities for pleasure, is almost always uppermost in the minds of those who thus spend their imaginary wealth. Seldom or never is one heard to express the wish to employ himself at anything of the nature of a regular business or occupation.

In reality, no man knows what he would do if he were possessed of riches, and that fact ought to make one charitable—at all events just—toward those who are indeed millionaires.

The follies of young men of wealth get all the publicity they deserve. It is often another matter with the industry, the energy, the faithful performance of duty by those who are matching exceptional opportunities with exceptional efforts.

The Russian prince who lately visited this country expressed, on his return to Europe, his surprise at the large number of rich young men here who work, actually work ever day, in offices, banks or factories. And yet no one showed him the improvements which Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt has made in locomotive, or the steam-turbine which Mr. John Jacob Astor has invented, or Mr. Peter Cooper Hewitt's lamp. He had not even a glimpse of the amount of work Mr. George Gould does in a day, or the multitudinous details of the charities to which Miss Helen Gould gives her time and her personal service, as well as her money.

What would you do if you had a million dollars? The man who criticizes "the idle rich" should first be sure that it is not alone the lack of money which keeps himself out of the category.

Trousers and Pants.

Ex-President Gates, of Amherst College, is said to have a fondness for bargain hunting that is almost feminine. As illustrative of this the New York Times prints the following incident:

"It is told that on a certain occasion Mr. Gates bought for $3 a pair of trousers that had been marked at $6 and had them charged. The first of the month a bill came in:

"'To one pr. pants, $3.'

"Mr. Gates crossed off the 'pants' and substituted 'trousers,' then remailed the bill. The first of the next month another bill came in:

"'To one pr. pants, $3.'

"This time the bill was returned, as before, but with the following legend: 'Dear Mr. Thompson, I am always careful about the language I use, and like other people to be the same.' The first of the third month Mr. Gates received a bill:

"'To one pr. pants, $3.'

"This time he went in person to visit Mr. Thompson. He explained his position to him. Thompson looked at him a moment, and then replied:

"'President Gates, I've been in the clothing business for 25 years. An' during them 25 years everything in my shop above $5 has been trousers and everything below $5 has been pants. It's pants you got, egad, sir; it's pants you'll pay for."

Facing the Music.

New Yorker.

The stereotyped sugared, reports of fashionable marriages pall. One hails with delight the Missouri up-to-date style of doing such notices. They run this way:

"Married—Miss Sylvia Rhodes to James Carnahan, last Saturday afternoon. The bride is an ordinary town girl, who doesn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her poor mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty, by any means, and has a gait like a fat duck.

"The groom is well known here as an up-to-date loafer, has been living off the old folks all his life, and don't amount to anything nohow.

"They will have a hard life while they live together, and the News hastens to extend absolutely no congratulations for we don't belive any good can come from such a union."

A Liberal Offer.

The undersigned will give a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to any one wanting a reliable remedy for disorders of the stomach, biliousness or constipation. This is a new remedy and a good one.
M. L. Marsh.

A new railway project for Asheville is on foot. The matter has already assumed definite proportions and is being actively taken in hand. The proposed new road is from Asheville to Burnsville to tap the South and Southwestern at a point for that place.

Capt. George F Bason, assistant division counsel of the Southern Railway, will move from Charlotte to Gastonia. He will be able to devote a portion of his time to private practice.

VENEZUELANS AS FIGHTERS.

Harder to Subdue Than Boers, Says General Molineux.

"The European forces in Venezuela have entered upon a bigger job than the subjugation of the Boers, if I have any military judgment," said General E. L. Molineux recently to a New York Herald reporter. "Unless this imbroglio is settled before the war spirit of the rural population of Venezuela is aroused. American as well as European property interests will suffer severely and many lives will be sacrificed too.

"President Castro has practically healed all internal dissensions by his spunky attitude toward the European powers. White men have rarely penetrated into the interior of Venezuela. Unless the custom houses and seaboard towns are quickly abandoned word of the situation will reach the half savage natives of the interior and a harassing guerrilla war will result.

"European officers, especially Germans, have drilled the native uniformed troops. The revolutionists have gradually acquired a considerable stock of modern arms and ammunition. From personal acquaintance I can state that the ellanos, or plainsmen, of the interior are the best fighters south of the United States. From now on any man or woman not of dark complexion will be a victim of their enmity.

"If the European light draft cruisers or gunboats have withdrawn from La Guayro and Puerto Cabello and intend to go around to Maracaibo, the immense coffee, cocoa and other interests of Europeans, and Americans, too, will suffer disastrously.

"Yellow jack, night and day, in season and out, will be President Castro's best ally. Venezuela has all the essentials for a prolonged fight within her borders—coffee, cattle and cocoa for food, hides and flax for apparel and an indomitable fighting spirit when once aroused. Taking a few small vessels and seizing a custom house or two is like crunching a paper shell almond, but a harder nut, a regular Brazil nut, will have to be cracked to hold them.

"Fort San Carlo, which commands the upper approaches to the town of Maracaibo and Lake Maracaibo, is not without a great deal of defensive power against the heaviest guns the European fleets can possibly present. The inhabitants of Apure, the province between Caracas and Maracaibo, are known throughout South America as brilliant fighters. To them was due the winning of independence from Spanish rule in 1814-20. It will be a tedious, harrowing matter for any power to establish a foothold or any permanent occupancy against the consent of the natives."

Putting Up a Boy's Lunch.

Burdette.

A recent writer—and she writes as one whom any boy would love—tells how she saw a mother put up a lunch for her boy to take to school, and then she tells very prettily how she would have put up that lunch, and I know she would do just as she said. But she didn't go far enough. Now, if I were going to put up a lunch for a boy thirteen years old, I wouldn't take a little tin pail, nor yet a neat little covered basket; I would just take the market basket, if the family wasn't going to use it that day, and I would cut up a loaf of bread, and trim off every bit of the crust to keep the boy from lying about it, and telling me that he ate it and didn't fire it over the fence when he came home. I would cut that loaf into slices and spread on the butter until it began to fall off, then I would stack on the sugar as long as it would hold. Then I would load in a couple of links of sausage and some slabs of ham, a dainty cluster of hard-boiled eggs—say half a dozen—all the cake there was in the house, and fill up the rest of the space with pie, and then stuff two of his pockets full of apples to eat during school hours, and fill the rest of his pockets with nuts, and give him five cents to buy "taffy." Then if that boy came home at four o'clock and said he didn't have enough luncheon and couldn't he have a piece, I would give him the keys to the cellar, cupboard, pantry, cake chest, and fruit closet, and yielding to dark despair, go out to the barn and hang myself. We were a boy myself, once.

A Marvelous Invention.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut paste and hang wall paper. The field of inventions and discoveries seems to be unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and saved many a life. Thousands have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their general verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for throat and lung troubles. Every 50c and $1.00 bottle is guaranteed by P. B. Fetzer druggist. Trail bottles free.

A Deduction.

"Your wife," said the embryo Sherlock Holmes as the stranger entered his presence, "is an intellectual woman."

"Right you are," replied the stanger.

"But how did you know that?"

"By the buttons missing from your coat," answered the great detective.

A SURGEON'S KINDLY ACT.

It is pleasing to read from day to day of the many charitable deeds of rich men with a view to the betterment of society and humanity at large. Free libraries, colleges, hospitals, etc., are brought into existence that the common people may take advantage of them along with the well-to-do. Great men in the profession, also are showing a disposition everywhere to help the unfortunate.

The recent proffered service of Prof. Adolf Lorenz, of Vienna, at Chicago, is a notable instance. He had been called there to operate on a child of Mr. Armour for hip trouble. The following day he visited the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and in the presence of 400 doctors and students performed the same operation for distorted hips on nine children varying in age from 6 to 10, free of cost. They had already been treated without success by other physicians.

The hip joint of the first subject was a large projection caused by the head of the dislocated femur pressing against the flesh. There was a corresponding depression in the groin, deep and discolored, with the surrounding flesh shrunken and unnatural in appearance, indicating the point where the head of the dislocated bone belonged. The surgeon took the leg in his hands, drew it up at right angles to the body, and then gave a series of rapid twists and pulls. He then pointed to the spot where the dislocation had been so apparent. The ugly protusion was gone; the depression beside it was gone, too, and the entire hip appeared like the other. No knife was used and nothing had been done, as was formerly believed indispensable, to prepare the socket for the presence of the dislocated femur. Skill and precision of movement, which showed a knowledge to a hair's breadth of how far to move and twist had wrought what will be a cure.

Giving Christmas Presents.

News and Observer.

It may well be questioned if the beautiful custom of giving Christmas presents has not, in the case of many, lost its beauty and significance. The remembrance of friends on the yearly festival is one of the best evidences of the true Christmas spirit, but if the custom degenerates into a business of swapping gifts in a spirit of commercialism, it is a profanation of the real Christmas spirit.

"Well, I believe I am about through," said a lady in a store in Raleigh, on the 24th, after several purchases. "I have bought a present for everybody to whom I am indebted, and tomorrow I will be able to strike a balance that makes me even with the world." Is there not too much of that sort of giving of Christmas presents? Have we not come into a sort of keeping a credit and debit account with our friends, taking care to measure as to cost and beauty by the standard of the articles we have received? When it enters into the mind to put gift against gift, dollar against dollar, to make mental calculations to be sure to give about as much to this friend as he has given to us—does not the beauty of Christmas giving all turn into sordidness? Are we not in danger of letting the prevalent spirit of commercialism steal away the strongest citadel of the spirit of love and generosity?

Vanderbilts Distribute Gifts.

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 25.—At Biltmore house this afternoon the hundred employes of Vanderbilt's estate were given a most elaborate Christmas entertainment. Exercises were held in the banquet hall of the Biltmore House. In the center of the hall was the largest holly tree to be found on the Vanderbilt estate, a mammoth tree that towered to the ceiling of the immense room. At one end of the hall was a large star made of hundreds of incandescent lights. Beneath the Christmas tree were stacked presents of every conceivable nature. There was a gift for every person who worked or stayed on the estate. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, with their own hands, distributed gifts to the assembled and wished each a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Music was furnished throughout the afternoon by the First North Carolina Regiment Band.

Which are You?

Journal and Messenger.

An Arabian spothegm divides men into four classes, as follows:

He who knows not, and knows not he knows not; he is a fool, shun him.

He who knows not, and knows he knows not; he is simple, teach him.

He who knows, and knows not he knows; he is asleep, waken him.

He who knows and knows he knows; he is wise, follow him.

But there is a fifth class, and it is perhaps the largest of all. It is composed of those who know not, and yet think they know. They are not merely ignorant of their ignorance, but so conceited that they regard it as the perfection of wisdom.

An order from South Africa for 18,000 horse plows have been received by a plow manufacturer in the United States.

Consumption

Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork," was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago.

Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The idea behind it is that fat is the food the consumptive needs most.

Scott's Emulsion is the modern method of feeding fat to the consumptive. Pork is too rough for sensitive stomachs. Scott's Emulsion is the most refined of fats, especially prepared for easy digestion.

Feeding him fat in this way, which is often the only way, is half the battle, but Scott's Emulsion does more than that. There is something about the combination of cod liver oil and hypophosphites in Scott's Emulsion that puts new life into the weak parts and has a special action on the diseased lungs.

A sample will be sent free upon request.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St., N. Y.
50c. and $1; all druggists.

With An Experience
OF
YEARS 7 YEARS
IN WRITING
Fire Insurance, settling losses and representing
First Class Companies,
Southern, Northern and Foreign, we ask your patronage.
Our facilities for Employer's Liability, Accident and Health Insurance are excellent.
G. G. RICHMOND & CO.
'Phone 184.

THE
Concord National Bank.
With the latest approved form of books and every facility for handling accounts,
OFFERS A
FIRST CLASS SERVICE
TO THE PUBLIC.

Capital,	$50,000
Profit,	22,000
Individual responsibility of Shareholders,	50,000

KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT WITH US.
Interest paid as agreed. Liberal accommodation to all our customers.
J. M. ODELL, President.
D. B. COLTRANE, Cashier.

Healthy Children

are kept strong and well; weak and puny little folks are made vigorous by the use of that famous remedy—
FREY'S VERMIFUGE
Corrects all disorders of the stomach, expels worms, etc. Palatable and positive in action. Bottle by mail, 25c.
E. S. FREY, Baltimore, Md.

WANTED—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly cash salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 340 Caxton Bldg., Chicago.

Merchant Tailor.
Clothes Made to Order.
Cleaning and Repairing
done on short notice.
I. WISSBIRG,
Over Patterson's store. Union Street.
Ap.3—tf.

Dr. Woolley's PAINLESS OPIUM AND Whiskey Cure
SENT FREE to all users of morphine, opium, laudanum, elixir of opium, codeine or whiskey, a large book of particulars on home or sanatorium treatment. Address, B. M. WOOLLEY CO., 104 N. Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia.