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FRANK THORNTON ALWAYS AHEAD, — OFFERS — HIS SPRING GREETING.

FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS I have been in the Northern and Eastern Markets making preparations for the SPRING AND SUMMER TRADE. I am at home again, and my packages are daily arriving on every train and steamer. I am at home again, and my packages are daily arriving on every train and steamer. I am at home again, and my packages are daily arriving on every train and steamer.

DRESS GOODS.

Of course Woolen will be worn, and especially early in the season. Here I can show every attraction in any color or material desired.

COLORED DRESS SILKS.

I have called to this particular department until the assortment is perfect. What more could you ask than to be able to get exactly what you want?

BLACK SILKS.

I exhibit a full line of these goods in all the qualities that we have always been familiar with, besides such new makes as French Arnautes, Satin in Duches, Satin Rasseme Tricoe and other novelties.

Mourning Goods.

With Jet Black Cashmeres from the cheapest to the best, and old fashioned Raven Black Alpaca, occasionally wanted. I have the goods of the day. Spanish Noted Nuns Veiling, Batiste Cloth, Italian Cord French Nuns Veiling, Catch Long Silk Wrap Henrietta Cloth and Siberian Crepe.

WASH FABRICS.

These goods are shown this season in greater variety than ever before, and promise to be very popular. Fallades to Toilet du Nord in Plaids, Checks and Solid Colors, Batiste Cloth, Checked, plain and figured, Crinkled, seersuckers in 8 ripes, Checks and Solid Colors, Found in good assortment, and the new Satteens and Gingham.

Zephyr Cloth.

This is an entirely new production in dress material for Summer Wear. It is just perfectly lovely and I want every lady to see it.

DRESS TRIMMINGS.

CORSETS—every size in all popular makes. Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Curtain Goods and everything else.

BUTTERICKS DRESS PATTERNS.

I am sole Agent for these Celebrated Patterns, and can supply a Lady with any pattern desired. A full, complete and perfect line always on hand.

ORDERS AND SAMPLES BY MAIL

We make a special feature of this Department. Orders for samples are selected and forwarded, and orders for goods are accorded the same attention as if the purchaser were present in person.

FRANK THORNTON, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C

WHERE TO BUY YOUR DRUGS

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T. R. HOOD, DRUGGIST

THE OLDEST DRUG HOUSE IN SMITHFIELD!

We do remind my friends that his house is now filled with a select stock of

PURE DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, STATIONERY

TOILET ARTICLES, BOOKS, CIGARS AND TOBACCO,

ICE COLD SODA AND VARIOUS MINERAL WATERS,

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I HAVE THE AGENCY FOR THE CELEBRATED

I. B. SEELEY RUBBER TRUSSES!

I GUARANTEE A PERFECT FIT IN THESE GOODS.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF PAINTING SOON, CALL AT MY STORE AND GET A COLOR SHEET AND EXAMINE MY LARGE STOCK OF

WHITE LEAD, OILS AND COLORS.

H. D. BLAKE
Late of Williamson & Blake,
Smithfield, N. C.

JOHN B. BLAKE,
Late of Dewar & Blake,
Raleigh, N. C.

BLAKE BROTHERS,

SUCCESSORS TO

WILLIAMSON AND BLAKE.

Will continue the grocery and provision business at the old stand.

Heavy and fancy groceries, hardware, tin ware, crockery, &c., meat, meal, flour, lard, sugar, coffee, molasses, star lye, Horsford's bread preparation, all grades chewing and smoking tobaccos, Rail Road Mills, Gail and Ax, Ralph's and Egerton snuffs, at wholesale or retail.

FARMING UTENSILS.

Shovels, Hatchets, Hames, Traces, Backbands, Hooks, Single Trees, Cotton Rope and a thousand other things the farmer is bound to have.

Agents for the Following Reliable Brands of Fertilizers

PIEDMONT "SPECIAL" for Cotton and Corn.

PIEDMONT GUANO, for Tobacco.

POCOMOKE, EDDY STONE, L. & R. ACID & L. & R. Amomiated.

OWL BRAND.

Supplies will be advanced on crop time where suitable arrangements are made. Very Respectfully,

BLAKE BROTHERS.

GENERAL NEWS.

Keened From Our Exchanges in Different Sections of the Country.

—The town of Blackville, S. C., almost entirely destroyed by fire.

—Ex-Vice-President William A. Wheeler is seriously ill at his home in Malone, N. Y.

—St. Patrick's day was observed in the usual way in many of the large cities on the 19th inst.

—A colored boy in Charleston, S. C., was stabbed and killed by four other negroes; the murders escaped.

—New men taking the places of striking railroad brakemen in Ohio were assaulted by the strikers.

—Mormon proselyters of Bayport, Mich., are creating or causing such disturbances that bloodshed is feared.

—It is proposed in Kentucky to make prohibition thorough by extending it to include the manufacture of jugs.

—One-fourth of the milk dealers in Boston are set down by the inspector of milk as professionally dishonest.

—A most rebellious excitement prevails in Newfoundland against the British government because of the latter's action in the colony's fishing laws.

—The Connecticut Legislature has passed and Gov. Lounsbury has signed a bill restricting railroad traffic in the state on Sunday. It goes into effect next June.

—The sheriff of New York has seized the place of business of W. E. Lawton, engaged in the fertilizer trade; he has disappeared, owing large sums of money.

—The Hon. Arthur MacArthur, associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, has forwarded his resignation to President Cleveland, to take effect April 1.

—Fifty thousand dollars of the contributions of the Knights of Labor have been expended in fitting up a sumptuous office in Philadelphia for the general officers of the organization.

—Alleged disagreements between Messrs. Moody and Sankey, together with the opposition of the Woman's Christian Temperance union to Francis Murphy, one of Mr. Moody's coadjutors, threaten to interfere with the success of the evangelistic movement in Chicago.

—A number of suspicious looking men have lately been making frequent visits to the vaults of the treasury at Washington, D. C. during the hours allowed for public inspection. They have been notified that they must not come again, and the officers in charge of the vaults have been instructed to keep a sharp look out on visitors in future.

—Considerable excitement has arisen in political circles in New York City over the appointment of Jas. C. Bayles as president of the board of health to succeed General Shaler, on the ground that he is a Knight of Labor. Mayor Hewitt said that he did not know or care what organization Bayles belonged to. If he had known that he was a Knight of Labor before his appointment, he might have asked him if he favored strikes and labor methods of coercion. If he had favored them the mayor would not have appointed him.

—A panic occurred at the Roman Catholic church of the Nativity, corner of Dashill and 39th streets, Chicago, on the 17th inst., the church was crowded and outside on the steps leading up to the church was a vast crowd, unable to gain admission. Suddenly there was a sharp crack, followed by a grinding crash and fully 200 men, women and children were precipitated ten feet, the front door platform having given way. Twenty-three in all received more or less serious injuries. Mrs. Kern, an aged woman, had her back broken, and P. O'Connor had both legs broken. Many people were injured by being tripped on. People inside the church were at first inclined to rush for the doors, but were calmed owing to the words of the officiating priest.

HENRY BLOUNT'S

Night Ride To Nashville.

[Published By Request.]

We had occasion recently to make a journey through the country to Nashville, and it was necessary for us to start some time before day. We shall never forget the delightful and thrilling sensations of that ride, and never will the glorious transfiguration—the splendid translation of night into day—fade from the tablet of recollection. It was a scene of heart-nursed reverence; for beauty and glory, and splendor and awe and God was there. When we started, everything seemed wrapped in slumber. Profoundest silence reigned. The breezes had stilled their sighs and slept; and the very leaves seemed dead. It was a mild, serene, holy, tranquil hush born only amid a midsummers night. The sky was dotted here and there with smallest clouds and while not big enough to dim a single moon beam, or shadow the radiance of the smallest of the twinkling worlds around them, still they threaded the scene with variegated colorings of beauty and sublimity as they floated noiselessly and gracefully away, like those white-winged birds of ocean which fly on waves. The moon, though in its last quarter and having spent much of its mellowing light and tranquilizing charms was still sprinkling down its chastened beams to mingle with the glory of the blinking stars, which now were not ashamed to test their powers with their once brighter rival. And while we were thus proceeding on our journey, spell bound with the eloquence of that silence and that scene which preached so beautifully from the pulpit of night of God and His glory, we were nearing another scene, still more grand, still more sublime, still more beautiful; for it was approaching dawn, when a struggle between day and night for mastery would begin. The smallest of the stars, like little timid children, crept out of sight and hid. The deep blue of the sky now began to assume rosier tints, and steadily, for a few moments, the magnificent panorama went on, as angels—glory crowned and with fingers splendor tipped stood on the crimson stage of ether, and shifted the gorgeous scenery of the skies. Along the eastern rim of the horizon the spray of molten gold—flung up from the fast rushing stream of morning's coming flood of light—fell upon the star sprangled folds of night's receding drapery, while high in the widening blue the moon to pale silver turned, as brighter arrows, more rosy barbed went flying across the way. The wild flowers opened their dewful petals, and fresh from sleep, breathed their sweetest perfume as an incense to morning. The grass, kissed by the sun beams, began to sparkle with the jewels the night had left. The river over which we at that moment passing glistened in the reflected glory, and with a ruby ripple, poured its waters onward to the sea, while o'er the gilded tree tops a flood of glory ushered in the God of day, upon whose smile the eyes of man can never gaze. And thus ended one of the grandest panoramas that mortals ever saw—a scene which God Himself did paint.

THE DRUMMERS' LICENSE TAX.

The State Treasurer is daily receiving letters from various parts of the country in regard to the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court concerning the tax on drummers. Until the full text of the decision is investigated, it is the intention of Treasurer Bain to abide by the existing law of this State on the subject, and parties entering this State as commercial agents within the meaning of the act will be required in all respects to conform to its provisions. If, however, it shall be found that the decision of the United States Supreme Court is in conflict with the law of this State, then it will cause such a deficiency in the appropriations for the agricultural and other departments as to necessitate an extra session of the General Assembly to supply the remedy.

STATE NEWS.

—The amount of home-made manures used by the farmers this year will be double that of any previous year. This is a step in the right direction. — *Murfreesboro Index.*

—A number of men from Ohio contemplate locating in North Carolina will probably settle in or near Newton, as they have an eye on this place and surrounding country.

—It appears that another railroad will soon run in two or three miles from that place. It will cross Roanoke River between Norfolk's Ferry and Palmyra, and go on South. — *Scotland Neck Democrat.*

—For the week ending March 5th, the combined sales of leaf tobacco at the several warehouses amounted to 324,281 pounds—a decrease of 243,816 pounds compared with the previous week. — *Durham Plant.*

—While a North Carolina jury was "hung up" on the case of a thief, whose trial they had heard the criminal, at large on bail, committed other thefts, was arrested, indicted, tried before another jury and sent to prison for eight years.

—On account of the low prices of tobacco, many farmers are discouraged, and will raise more bread stuff this year than heretofore. Let every farmer make his meat and bread first, and then give his attention to cotton and tobacco. — *Lexington Dispatch.*

—While over at the Court House a day or two ago, the Register remarked that he was then registering a deed, the value being \$10,240.00. To record a deed of this amount in Cumberland, is something beyond the usual custom. — *Fayetteville Observer.*

—We understand that a disease has made its appearance in the eastern portion of Burke and within a few miles of Hickory, which resembles small pox. Several have died of it, and old army men who have seen small pox, can see but little difference in the appearance of patients having either disease. — *Piedmont Press.*

—Mr. Julius Poovey, who lives about a mile beyond the Hickory toll bridge, showed us, last Saturday, a white rat, rather a rare animal in these parts. He says that he has seen as many as half a dozen at once in his barn picking up corn from the horse troughs. They are game fellows and whip off the grey rats. — *Lenoir Topic.*

—Mr. Chas. B. McMillan's three year old child, an intelligent bright-looking boy, can tell you without hesitation the name of any State in the Union, and can also point on the map any place you may ask for. He does it so easily that you would think he could read, but he does not know a letter in the alphabet. It is truly wonderful. — *Fayetteville Observer.*

—Last week, on the 7th inst., Mr. C. W. Westbrook had asparagus for dinner not merely a stalk or two, but enough (of this finest and best of spring vegetables) for a large family. It is very early for it, and shows something of what we may look for in that line in the near future. An exchange says he has seen the Mammoth asparagus sell in Baltimore for \$1.00 per bunch. Another says it will pay as much as \$800 per acre. — *Fayetteville Observer.*

—Wheat is looking very fine. — There were 243 instruments admitted to probate in this county during the month of February. — A gentleman in the lower end of the county informed us a few days ago that he planted last year 5 acres in peanuts and on the same farm thirteen acres in cotton, and made more money on the peanuts than on the cotton. He sold his peas for 73 cts a bushel. They are now worth \$1.30. He also told us that the farmers of that section would diversify their crops this year more than ever before. — *Roanoke News.*

MR. BEECHER'S SUCCESSOR.

Dr. Lyman Abbot Said to be the Choice of the Officers of the Church.

New York special to the Philadelphia Press says: At a meeting of the officers of Plymouth Church last night, the question of a successor to Mr. Beecher was discussed. It was decided that an offer be sent to a prominent Congregational clergyman in this city. Although the name is withheld from publication until his decision is announced it is currently reported that Dr. Lyman H. Abbot is the man. Dr. Abbot would not be seen today. A member of the church and a near friend of Mr. Beecher said that the question of a permanent pastor in Plymouth church is still unsettled and likely to remain so for weeks. The trustees will hold a meeting on Friday night. The same evening a public meeting in behalf of the projected monument to the late Henry Ward Beecher, in the Brooklyn City Hall plaza will be held. The arrangements are not completed, but well-known speakers are expected to be present, and there is every promise of making a successful start for the movement. Dr. Tower, secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Congregational Church in this city, will fill Mr. Beecher's pulpit temporarily.

THE WORK OF THE FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

The New York Herald enumerates the following as the most important bill passed by the late congress:

1. Settling the succession to the Presidency.
2. Regulating the counting of the electoral vote.
3. Repealing the tenure of office act.
4. Forfeiting and restoring to the public domain about fifty millions of acres of land.
5. Prohibiting the ownership of land by aliens.
6. Effectively dealing with the crime of polygamy.
7. Referring all private claims to the Court of claims.
8. Ordering a thorough inquiry into the affairs and management of the Pacific railroads.
9. Authorizing the President to deal with the fishery troubles.
10. Regulating inter-State commerce.
11. Reducing the fees on postal money orders.
12. Extending the free delivery system to cities of 10,000 inhabitants.
13. Relieved the merchant marine of a number vexatious and needless burdens.
14. Redeming trade dollars.
15. Prohibiting the use of convict labor on public buildings.
16. Ordering the adjustment of railroad land grants.
17. Allotting lands in severalty to Indians.
18. Authorizing the issue of small silver certificates.
19. Giving money for congressional library.

SILENT SUFFERERS.

In many human bosoms an ocean of trouble is rolling and tossing its billows in fiercest fury, forcing its spray out at times through the eyelids in briniest tears; but so bravely and so silently and so unrumorously is it borne that no one dreams of the trials that are surging and roaring in the hidden depths within. That beautiful calm of fortitude, which mantles the brow in such lovely serenity, and that soft mild light of cheerfulness, falling like sun beams from Heaven and playing over the features in such a glimmering sheen of beauteous lustre, would seem to whisper that all is peace and rest within the grief-reefed caves of feeling. But, oh, not so. We can't dive through the shining surface and see the rocks on the bottom, against which the waters strike and foam and surge and seethe in all their terrible fury. No, that is hid and it is given unto the heart alone to know and feel its throes and its agonies. Many a smiling face beams over a heart whose brightest dream is broken and whose sunlight has gone forever, even at a brilliant sky sometimes droops its iridescent beams of radiance above a dark and sobbing and moaning sea. — *Wilson Mirror.*

IS BINGHAM DEAD?

The Mute Murderer of Miss Turlington Said to be a Suicide.

There has been considerable talk in Raleigh, N. C., for a few days past, about the case of Walter Bingham, the murderer of Miss Turlington. Bingham's family have gone into mourning, and his mother and sisters say he is dead. Bingham's mother has written to friends that Walter had taken his own life, and she letters stating that he committed suicide at Niagara Falls, by jumping from a train as it passed over the suspension bridge. It is claimed by the family that the description of the man who thus took his life agreed with that of Bingham, save in one respect—that being, that the man had on a light overcoat. Walter, when last seen at Raleigh, had on a dark overcoat. Only one member of Bingham's family, it is said, admit that Walter was insane, though there is a streak of insanity in the family. Most of its members make a point of never admitting this. Great sympathy is shown for the family, particularly for Bingham's mother, who is a Christian woman of the highest moral and social standing.

WHY IT DON'T PAY.

"Farming doesn't pay." Why should it? That bank on the corner won't pay either. Present your checks at the counter and the teller would politely tell you that there is nothing to your credit there. Why? Because you haven't made any deposit. For the same reason that farm of yours won't pay you anything. You haven't kept your account good. You have been drawing on it constantly, and making no deposits, until now the farm, like the bank, refuses to honor your checks. You can't fool the old mother earth. She conducts her affairs on business principles and expects to get value received in the shape of industry directed by good sense and correct judgment, before she responds to the call for dividends. Farming does not pay, nor does anything else pay until you give it something to pay with. — *Western Plowman.*

MR. BEECHER'S RELIGIOUS BELIEF.

The sermons on evolution preached by Mr. Beecher attracted the widest attention. To Rev. George Morrison, of Baltimore, he wrote: "The formulated doctrines, as I hold them, are: A personal God, creator and ruler over all things; the human family universally sinful; the need and facts of conversion; the divine agency in such a work; Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in human conditions; His office in redemption supreme. I do not believe in the Calvinistic form of stating the atonement. I do not believe in the fall of the human race in Adam and, of course, I do not hold that Christ's work was to satisfy the law broken by Adam for all his posterity. The race was not lost, but has been ascending steadily from creation. I am in hearty accord with revivals and revival preaching with the educating forces of the Church and in sympathy with all ministers who in their several ways seek to build up men in to the image of Jesus Christ by whose faithfulness, generosity and love I hope to be saved and brought home to heaven."

A STRANGE WILL.

Edward Kuehl, of Omaha, Neb., 69 years old, was found lying dead in a bed at 319 South Tenth Street. Kuehl was a well known eccentric character about Omaha. He was shoemaker by trade, but made a great deal of money by telling fortunes. In his will he directs that John Baumer take charge of the remains and see that his body is cremated, and all his expenses and debts paid, and then that the residue be offered to the Franciscan Sisters. His ashes he desired placed over a certain bar in the city, where he was accustomed to drink. It is thought that the money and property will amount to \$3,000. Mr. Baumer will take the body to Buffalo and have it cremated at once.