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TOP O' THE MORNING.

"The Word of God is ful"-Hebrews 4:12. The Word of God has so much power that it is going down through the ages irresistibly accomplishing everything it undertakes. It not only has power but it has almighty power in the sense that almighty power stands behind every promise to redeem it, and beyond every threatening to execute it. No weapon formed against it, therefore can ever prosper. The individuals, or even the against it, therefore, can ever prosacross the path of its onward movement in the world only thereby invite and insure their own destruc--STRICKLER.

Get busy if you are going to get anywhere in 1918

Glad to see yuh, but hope yuh brought yuh own sugah.

What are the people doing in addition to doing each other and calling it doing business?

hold right on to you .

to do your shipping leisurely. Mr. Hoover certainly ought not object if we could hoard some of this

golden sunshine on the Cape Fear. Our old friend, E. Nogg, is dead and

no more will he do his bit putting Christmas in "dese dry bones ergin." According to the Austro-Hungarian

outside the fighting zone." He guessed ought to sit up and take notice from right the first time. Here's to the gallant, dashing and

audacious Italians who rushed torpedo beats over the mines and under ure in to the harbor anchorage at Trieste and terpedoed two Austrian warships. That

a goat in Chicago complains that he was robbed of all his money and jewelry. At the same time, he was lucky. Chicago seems to have entirely overlooked his overcoat.

years of age. He acknowledges that he is fifty-five years old, so most any Wilup to his house and stopped.

Lots of people are without coal, wood and sugar because they paid no more asttention to Hoover than the ancients paid to Father Noah when he warned them that it would rain for forty days and leave them no ground upon which to rest the soles of their feet.

SEALS IN OUR WATERS.

The fact that a fur seal was shot and killed by Mr. George Biddle, last Wednesday at Myrtle Grove Beach, near Wilmington, reminds us that during our thirty years of "newspapering" in Wilmington, we have handled seal stories several times. Some two or three years ago The Star published a statement from Captain E. D. Wil liams, veteran seafarer and present harbor master of the port of Wilmington, to the effect that seals had not only been seen and caught along this coast, but had been seen right in the harbor at Wilmington.

Captain Williams read the seal story n the local columns of The Star yesterday, and this adjunct of this newspaper establishment accompanied him to the store of the Gilbert-Memory Company, on Market street, where the seal shot on Myrtle Grove Beach was on exhibition. The seal was about four feet in length, and was what Captain Williams called a "calf" or baby seal, possibly only one of a herd

vesterday, he has several times seen a large seal sunning on the limb of a sunken tree near the Dram Tree, just Several years ago he saw that seal or many as three seals lying on rocks of the breakwater at Federal Point, or Fort Fisher, about

It is related by Captain Williams that Captain Crump Moore, now of Hampstead, Pender county, but master of the little schooner Stonewall a few years ago, gigged a seal under the most peculiar circumstances while his vessel was trading between Wilmington and New River. One beautiful moonlight night while the schooner was lying at anchor in the bight at Topsail Sound, near Scott's Hill, with small lifebout tied up to the stern of the vessel, the crew of the Stonewall was awaked by a startling commotion in the lifeboat from which came a noise as if someone had taken possession. The little boat was rocking wildly and the oars lying loose in the bottom were rattling against in the bottom of the boat. The boat was drawn alongside the schooner and the intruder was promptly despatched with the ship's gig. Its valuable fur was sold to Messrs. Sam Bear & Sons, in Wilmington.

With reference to the volunteer speculations about the presence of seals in our waters, Captain Williams says it is quite possible that seals migrate this far down the coast either to winter or perhaps to feed, but he thinks it more likely that they came on an iceberg excursion from Labrador or the frozen regions of the Arctic circle. It is his theory that they were denizens of icebergs which drifted away with them and came down the coast along the east'd edge of the Gulf Stream. Huge icebergs sometimes melt down to mere ice flows between Cape Hatteras and Bermuda, which is just east of Hatteras, and there the seals, finding themselves out of ice, make for the nearest land in North Carolina, which seals as well as all seamen know juts further out into the Atlantic than any portion of the continent south of the New England coast. That is why seals come by instinct to North Carolina's far east'd shores, and it ought to be a potent and convincing reason why commerce should naturally come to the port of Wilmington-Southport. This port is far The longer you hold on to your mon- out in the Atlantic and is the closest ey, buddy, the longer will everybody South Atlantic port to the ocean lane between North and South America and the Panama Canal, hence the Port of Here's the week before Christmas. Wilmington, as all maps and naviga-You haven't got much time in which tion charts show, is the very nearest Atlantic port to the mouth of the Isthmian waterway to the Pacific commerce of the world. It also is, chart, the closest Atlantic port America. Commerce certainly ought to go to school to the seals and find

Wilmingtonians seeking to give publicity to Wilmington's premiership war minister, "Jerusalem will remain for commercial possibilities certanly the seals. They know something that would be of tremendous importance to Wilmington if the world were made to

NO PAY RISE IN TEN YEARS.

Uncle Sam's letter carriers, who deliver our mails at our doors, rain, hail sleet or snow, have not had a rise in their pay for ten years-not since Congress for increased pay in propor-

tion to the increased cost of living. been fifty years since Santa Claus drove | Carriers' Association. Representative Madden last April introduced a bill providing more pay for one of the most indispensable and deserving classes of Federal employes, and that bill is expected soon to come before the Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads, possibly to be reported at the

present or next session of Congress. The letter carriers probably wear It is said that the Bolsheviki are out more shoe leather than any class good-bye and makes up her mind to of ships is evident in the expressed delooting at Petrograd. They are acting of men going, and they are always go- live at home and board at the same termination of the Shipping Board to just as if this is the last chance they ing some, so in that one particular place? Bragging is a sort of second- build an experimental concrete ship of will ever have to get what they are of high priced shoes, added to crush- hand pipe dream so long as we wake 4,500 tons capacity. The Shipping after. The main difference between a ing prices generally, the letter car- up and go to eating out of the hand live claims of Wilmington and Savan-Bolsheviki and a pirate is that a pi- riers are up against it hard. How- of the West and looking to the North nah for the construction of this pio-

very reasonable argument for in- EXTERMINATING DAIRY CATTLE. creased pay. Arguments for an advance in wages have been summed up by officials of the New York Letter Carriers' Association and by similar bodies all over the country, as fol-

"The Postoffice Department is the on a self-supporting basis.

year ended June 30, 1917, its surplus 1907, a period of ten years; while evmany have since the war granted additional bonuses or fixed amounts to

ent high cost of living. "According to statistics of the Deed 50 per cent.

now cost 50 per cent more than in of the production of milk. 1907; and good shoes-with which they post with its many insured and valu- times. able packages, which has added much

stitution averaging between four and third." five years, during which time no fixed salary is allowed. "The maximum salary of letter cartwenty miles down the Cape Fear from riers is \$1,200, and it takes at least the slaughter of thousands of dairy nine years to reach this grade. During this period he will not average

> "Laborers in the Postoffice Department receive a salary of \$900. and feedstuffs for their cattle, found it imthere is but little if any substitution. "Letter carriers are not paid when ill, even though the illness is caused by exposure when on duty, or from ing enterprises, they were compelled any other effects of the weather, or to sell their cows to the butchers or from poorly ventilated or improperly lighted workrooms; and when unable to work they must be supported by who had raised their own cheaper feedtheir associates. In 1916 the New York Letter Carriers' Association paid tle. The Durham Herald, in pointing to its members nearly \$30,000 for sick

more than \$750 per year.

"Notwithstanding the failure of the Government to give them more favorable attention, the letter carriers are among the most loyal of our citizens: 3.000 of them in this city purchased the one-dollar a week plan, and neary as much of the second loan."

riers and their pay, as a matter of course, must come through Congress, and citizens generally who are interested in their cause can greatly assist the letter carriers in getting favorable action by writing to their Con-

passage of the Madden bill, the letter and comprehensive facts concerning the deserts and worthiness of the carriers, and they earnestly urge passage of the bill as a simple matter of justness. The bill pending in Congress provides that clerks in first and second class postoffices and letter carbe divided into six grades, as follows: First grade, salary \$1,000; second, \$1,-100: third, \$1,200; fourth, \$1,300; fifth, \$1.400; sixth, \$1,500. Clerks and carriers are to be promoted successively to the sixth grade.

HE GAVE AWAY A FAMOUS MOUN-

zen who is so generously public spirpublic one of the most picturesque mountains in America. Certainly, every word that the Charlotte Observer

t is encouraging to know that the Government is so instantly appreciative of its value that no time will be lost in the institution of Grandfather lished in the Blue Ridge territory. Senator Overman is doing the state and incidentally the Nation, a service

the "Land of the Sky" and it is a mag- ing. nificent scenic object in the midst of a group of the highest mountains east of the Mississippi. In Western North Carolina there are twenty-eight peaks more than 6,000 feet high. Grandfathe sky in the midst of surroundings of the most romantic description.

and the rain froze on the doorsteps ord. and pavements, but, as usual, the snow staid away from the Sunny Cape Fear artificial stone should not appear to the a blanket of white.

rate 2 ts more-like a profiteer.s. ever, that is merely incidental to their to ask the blessing. Go to! neer ship, and as a matter of course all

The Food Administraton at Washington is very much exercised about the possibility of exterminating dairy cattle and calves, owing to the high cost of feed, and the commission, having knowledge of the fact that many only Government department which is small dairy farmers have already sold their cattle to butchers, has called at-"For the year ended June 30, 1916, tention to the serious condition preits surplus was \$5,823,236. For the vailing in European countries because of the necessity of getting rid of ani-There has not been an increase in mals for which it is almost an imposthe salaries of letter carries since sibility to purchase feedstuffs on acery line of industry has increased the count of the war. The experiences of wages of its employes to meet the European countries is a warning to gradual rise in prices since 1907, and Americans, and so the Food Administration has issued the following imthe regular wages to meet the pres- pressive facts:

"The sale and use of cream has been prohibited in Great Britain by partment of Labor, the union wage government order, except for infants, rates in all industries show an aver- invalids and for butter making, acage increase of 20 per cent since 1907, cording to information received by and retail prices of food have advanc- the United States food administration. Forage conditions in Europe general-"Letter carriers' uniforms-of which ly are now such that the number of they must purchase two each year-- cattle cannot be taken as indicative

"In France the number of cattle must be supplied-are almost out of has decreased about one-seventh, During his towing experience on the reach. Their work is now heavier and while the production of milk has de-Cape Fear, Captain Williams repeated more exacting than formerly, includ-creased from two and one-half to one ing the immensely successful parcel gallon as compared with pre-war

> "In Vienna the daily supply received prior to the war was 900,000 litres. "The present entrance salary is \$800; This has been decreased to 200,000 lit should be \$1,000. The present max- tres. In Berlin, notwithstanding the imum salary is \$1,200; it should be national necessity for safeguarding The entrance salary is \$800 the health of children, the milk supis attained only after a period of sub- ply for children has been reduced one-

> > This warning comes none too soon, indeed if it is not too late to prevent cattle all over America. When dairymen right here in Wilmington, who depended altogether on commercia; possible to pay high feed prices without losing money on their small dairydispose of them to big dairy farmers stuffs and provided pasturage for cat-

"Owners of dairy cattle should think long and hard before they butcher the calves to be butchered, for upon \$179,000 of the first Liberty Loan on this watchfulness depends the future milk supply of the nation. The high prices paid for beef will be a great That summary is sufficient to show temptation to the owners of dairy catthe reasonableness of the claims of the letter carriers, and those of us the letter carriers, and those of us the letter carriers, and those of us the letter carriers and those of the letter carriers and those of us the letter carriers are now asked to make the suprementation to the letter of the letter of the letter carriers and those of us the letter carriers are now asked to make the suprementation to the letter of the letter of the letter of the letter carriers are now asked to make the suprementation to the letter of the le good dairy cattle as there will be when the war is over, and the people of the old country begin making preparations to restock their land.'

Every word that the Food Adminis-In a memorial to Congress urging tration, nor newspaper appeals, will carriers' organization present strong That is unfortunate but true, never-

riers in the city delivery service shall for their cattle, and also depend on are not able to feed. They can hardhighest bidder, as a matter of course. whether they will or no

This same inexcorable necessity has others, for farmers in all countries were compelled to send their cattle to slaughter or let them starve, which is beyond the question. We can conceive of only two ways to keep dairy MacRae gave to the Government in cattle off the market for slaughter the peak of Grandfather Mountain and One is for the government to buy the cattle, or for stock companies to be organized to buy up all such cattle.

By all means, the organization of National Park, the first to be estab- stock companies is the best and surest plan to save cows and calves. Well financed farms companies can buy in facilitating the establishment of this and keep such stock at a profit, but the small farmer who does not raise Grandfather mountain is no small cattle feed, or provide pastures, nor mountain but it is one of the noblest raises his own food, has no alternain the Appalachian range. It is in tive but to sell-warning or no warn-

CURRENT COMMENT

Recently we have had a wooden and a steel steamer in 78 days. These ther may not be so lofty, but he rears are extraordinarily good records, but his peak in a majestic manner towards they have been smashed. A steel ship was launched at Seattle 72 days after the laying of the keel, and the yard that launched it will after January turn out a ship every 30 days. But this Anyhow, the Charlotte News saw the record did not stand long, for another poetic side of the snow and sleet, while yard at Seattle completed a vessel within 64 days om the laying of the keel. These vessels were not built by The News saw a vista of beauty in the three relays of men, covering the 24 robe of white in which the forests and hours, but by men working one snift landscape were bedecked the past week. and overtime. The Shipping Board hopes to get most of the yards to work

The building of a ship from iron and region. The snow and sleet was heavy people of this time and day a performin the upcountry, with even Goldsboro ance stranger than was the suggestion getting enough to cover the earth with years back to the people of that time that ships could be made from iron. Experimentation has produced the practical concrete vessel and it has Don't we know enough to realize been found that these vessels have that we haven't got much to brag some advantages over either wooden or about till the South kisses the West steel ships. That some headway is at

- tropped to the second

THE TRUTH CAN'T BE REPEATED



Too often, but it bears repeating only because we are all human, and inclined to forget. So please remember this truth, that Christmas is only about one week and one day off, and to secure the best selection it is of vital importance that you had be your selection just as early as possible, and it is also important that you make your selection where the variety is greatest and prices the lowest, and naturally you will wend your way to Rehder's, as the most important place. Here you'll find a complete Department Store, workler, ful assortment and varied selection of newest nov. elties as well as a complete line of staples.

Last Minute Gift Suggestions

For the ladies, nice Coat Suit, Dress, Coat Silk Waist, Fur or Muff, Velvet Stole, Kiniono, Bath

Robe, Silk Petticoat, Sweater, Corset, Knitting Bags, Laundry Bags, fancy Table Cover, Center Pieces, Blankets, Comforts, Lace Curtains, Bed Spreads, Table Linen, Kid Gloves, Silk Hose, Neckwear. Many other things to make suitable gifts.

Gifts for Men-Overcoats, Suits, Shoes, Hats, Hosiery, Neckwear, Bath Robes, Watches, Scarf Pins, Belts, Umbrellas, Gloves Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Rain Coats, Silk Shirts.

Toys for the Children-Automobiles, Irish Mails, Baby Carriages, Dolls, Velocipedes, Tricycles, Desk, Chairs, Rocking Horses, Drums, Pianos, Erectors, Tool Box, Play Suits-Indian. Cowboy, Sailor, Boy Scout Suits.

For Anybody, appreciation gifts-Cut Glass, fancy China, Box Paper and many other things which we have not the space to mention. Everybody welcome.

J. H. REHDER

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Black, white and colored Kid Gloves

\$1.98

North Carolina people will hope that on equal terms, but the minute they the excellent facilities at their home don khaki as private soldiers they are rificed so much, viz. port may win the day and bring to Wil- reduced to the rank of social inferiors mington the distinction of a govern- and menials. We care not a fig for ment concrete ship building yard .- | the regulations of the army if they reckoned with accordingly Charlotte Observer,

One of the young men of Char-A young captain also attended the dance and was with a young girl who is a friend of the private. When the music ceased, the private stepped up to his lady friend who introduced him to the captain. The officer refused to and the private soldier. gentleman of Charlotte coming into To the Editor of The Star: town from Camp Greene in his automobile picked up an officer who was vited them to ride and when they got in the officer got out, as he could not perform in this noble service. A team other war relief funds we entrea pany with two privates! And this, my ferent unions, composed of men who campaign is on this week that lords and gentlemen, is in the United have stood by labor's cause in our jzed labor can say, as did States of America! In France, we are community at great sacrifice, and who when he uttered told, no such distinctions are made enter this campaign with that same phrase to bleeding France the of between the officers and private sol- spirit of determination, that is char- day, "We Are Here But in the United States we ed to insult in order to maintain army which must be won. school for the army. This infamous suggestion from anyone outside (we are tempted to say infernal, for ranks, therefore, appeals to our felit is a better word in this connection) low craftsmen to rally to our support drives Malaria out of the blood and is the very spirit we are trying women fighting and who will fight to children. 60c. Here is the situation! We win this great war. are urging our young men to enlist

violate the very spirit of American democracy and trample in the dust the fulness we should be eager to gra-A reputable citizen of Charlotte very thing for which our fathers bled and overcome problems in such come cial realm at all. Because a man is a captain, he should not be allowed to make himself a fool.-Charity and

> ORGANIZED LABOR'S PART IN THE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Mr. Jos. H. Curtis, Team Captain, gone to the front. Points Important Facts. Heeding the call of our great Presi-

dent and Labor's true friend, Wood- be carried to success by joining for new members this week. Organ- who have subscribed so liberal ized labor has been given a task to Liberty bonds to ride into Charlotte in com- has been chosen from among the dif- to rally to your duty and whe acteristic of our membershp, to strive

> The Labor, organizations' Red Cross Arouses the Liver and Purifics the B team was formed without dictation or | The Old Standarad general streng and do their "bit" to aid these noble builds up the system. For adults

Events are transpiring every day in the service of their country. So which fully convince us that after long as they wear citizens clothes this great conflict is over, organized they can associate with army officials labor will reach that goal for which

care of during their absence, and are sure that for their sake we

this campaign, and by so doing them in their efforts to comfort take care of our comrades who This membership campaign booster" undertaking and canno

loyally stand by the Red Cross

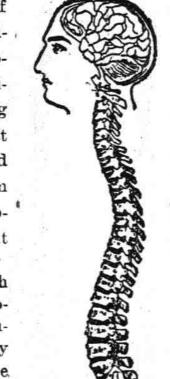
Christmas Slippers. For every member of the family

FREE CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

It is my desire to inform the people of Wilmington and vicinity that I shall, beginning December 17th, 1917, and continuing for three months, conduct a free clinic between the hours of 5 and 6 P. M., three days a week-Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays-for the benefit of those who are suffering from disease or afflictions and who are financially unable to pay for such service.

In making an extensive study of the situation here I have come to realize that there are a great many people who, because of physical infirmities, are poor on account of not being able to work. It is my belief that these people are entitled to good health and to be placed in a position where they can again work and support themselves and those dependent upon them.

Knowing through experience, both personal and clinical, that Chiropractic adjustments can greatly benefit the majority of cases, I offer my services free to the poor and those unable to pay for such service.



This offer is made to men, women and children alike; it is not my intention to confine my work to any special diseases or afflictions, whatever your ailments are or disease may be, I shall be pleased to help you.

There is no money consideration attached to this offer, my service is yours for the asking. I want to help you to get well and to prove that Chiropractic will get you well when other methods have failed, for this reason I am prompted to make this free offer to the poor of our city.

Children must be accompanied parents or guardian.

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