

A Noble Sentiment.

Private Dempsey, of the "Dublins" had done a few odd jobs at his captain's quarters for which he was duly rewarded. "I'd give you a glass of whiskey, Dempsey, only the mistress has gone out and I don't know where she put the keys. The only liquor left out is this bottle of Benedictine, and I don't think you'd care about the stuff, although it was made by the Benedictine monks." "I'll try it as ye please!" replied the soldier. A small liqueur glassful was handed to him, which he swallowed with evident relish. "Ah, sir, said he," as he smacked his lips, "heaven bless the holy father for makin' the drink, but hang the man that made this glass!"

The Snow Prayer.

A little girl went out one day to play in the fresh, new snow, and when she came in, she cried; "Mama, I couldn't help praying when I was out at play."

"What did you pray for, my dear?"

"I prayed the Snow Prayer, mamma, that I heard in the Sabbath School."

"The Snow Prayer! What do you mean, little one?"

"I mean that beautiful Snow Prayer in the Bible, mamma; you know it says 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.'—Sel.

Charlotte Observer. The educational section of the Woman's Club decided at a meeting held yesterday to begin a formal campaign against coca cola. "We are very much in earnest in the matter," said one of the clever, energetic members of the club yesterday, "and our fight will be for the protection of both men and women and especially young people. We are sure that the drink is harmful and everybody knows that it is injuring a large number of people in this city."

TRAGEDY AVERTED.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. M. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough had set in besides. Doctors treated him but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all throat and lung diseases. Guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn. Price 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottles free.

There are rich gold mines in Moore county. A report issued by the Lauffman Gold Mining Co., situated at Ollie says that there are in sight on what is known as the Jackson property alone 10,800,000 cubic feet of gold mining earth, winding down 60 feet 15 feet wide, 1,200 feet long, and in which is found 3,076 tons assaying \$20 per ton thus yielding a revenue of \$1,661,500.—Ex.

The devil has a mortgage on every man who makes his god. The devil has many mortgages.

It's funny, but black-haired women want their hair to be red, and gray haired women theirs to be black.

Some one has said that Ja-pau seems to be Rashin the fight. No doubt.

Go Back to the Original State. Get back to nature and take a short cut. It is found that a cure for appendicitis is to walk on all fours for 20 minutes four times a day. It is claimed that certain muscles around the vermiform appendix are brought into play and strengthened by this attitude. This is also a new cure for dyspepsia. It has also been found that going naked in all sorts of climates is good for lung trouble. It seems to be only a question of time when we will abandon houses and clothes, and bark good morning to each other from holes in the ground.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

It is quite a coincidence that Mr. Klutz is from the same town in which two other gentlemen declined election to Congress. In 1829 Mr. John Giles, of Salisbury, was elected to Congress and declined to serve, preferring his old office as clerk of the Superior Court. And only a few years ago Hon. Cerr Craigie, of Salisbury, was nominated for Congress, and although his election was assured, he declined to run. So Salisbury can boast of having had three citizens who declined election to Congress.—Chatham Record.

Always speak well of the dead and if you have time you might speak a good word for the living occasionally.

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Mr. W. A. Fowler, the boss weaver in Salisbury Cotton Mills at Salisbury who is in the city informs a Chronicle reporter that his mill has been forced to suspend temporarily—not on account of the high price of cotton as is the case with a number of other mills, but because so many of the operatives are suffering from the effects of vaccination that it is impossible to operate the plant. Mr. Fowler says there is not a great deal of smallpox in Salisbury but there are a few cases around Spencer and it was thought wise to have all the mill people vaccinated.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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NOTICE. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Adolph Penley, Sr., deceased, late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of Feb. 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Feb. 10, 1904. ADOLPH PENLEY, ADM. F. A. LINNEY, ATTY.

NOTICE. North Carolina, Watauga county, Superior Court before the Clerk, B. B. Dougherty, D. P. Dougherty and wife, F. A. Linney and wife M. H. Linney vs. John Smith, Jake Smith, Sallie Smith, Fannie Smith, Joseph Smith, Nancy Fountain, Edgar Fountain.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county before the clerk for the sale for partition of the Dougherty lands bought of the Smith heirs and others, lying and being in Boone township, Watauga county on the waters of Boone creek, adjoining the lands of F. A. Linney, E. S. Coffey, J. F. Hardin and the heirs John Winkler, dec'd, and others and fully set out and described in the petition; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the Clerk's office in the court house in Boone, N. C., on the 5th day of March, 1904, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This Jan. 12, 1904. THOS. BINGHAM, C.S.C.

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\$7,500 Cash Contest THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION'S Great New Offer Upon Receipts of Cotton at All United States Ports From September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, Both Inclusive. Contest Opened Jan. 18th, 1904, Closes April 20th, 1904. DIVISION OF PRIZES. For the exact, or the nearest to the exact, estimate of the total number of Bales of Cotton received at all United States ports from September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, both inclusive. \$ 2,500.00 For the next nearest estimate..... 1,000.00 For the 5 next nearest estimates, \$25.00 each..... 125.00 For the 10 next nearest estimates, 12.50 each..... 125.00 For the 20 next nearest estimates, 10.00 each..... 200.00 For the 50 next nearest estimates, 5.00 each..... 250.00 For the 100 next nearest estimates, 3.00 each..... 300.00 \$ 5,000.00 Additional Offers for Best Estimates Made During Different Periods of the Contest. For convenience the time of the contest is divided into estimates received by The Constitution during four periods—the first period covering from the beginning of contest to February 10, 1904; second period, from February 10 to March 1, 1904; third period, March 1 to 20; fourth period, March 20 to April 20, 1904. We will give the best estimate received during each period (in addition to whatever other prize it may take, or if it take no prize at all), the sum of \$125.00. The four prizes thus offered at \$125.00 each amount to..... \$ 500.00 TWO GRAND CONSOLATION OFFERS. First—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 138 prizes) coming within 500 bales either way of the exact figures..... \$ 1,000.00 Second—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 138 prizes and not sharing the first consolation offer) coming within 1,000 bales either way of the exact figures..... 1,000 00 Grand Total..... \$7,500.00 In case of a tie on any prize estimate the money will be equally divided. Conditions of Sending Estimates in This Port Receipts Contest. Subject to the usual conditions, as stated regularly in The Constitution each week, the contest is now on. Attention is called to the following summary of conditions: 1. Send \$1.00 for The Weekly Constitution one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest. 2. Send 50 cents for The Sunny South one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest. 3. Send \$1.25 for The Weekly Constitution and Sunny South both one year, and send TWO ESTIMATES in the contest—that is, one estimate for The Constitution and another for The Sunny South. 4. Send 50 cents for ONE ESTIMATE alone in the contest IF YOU DO NOT WANT A SUBSCRIPTION. Such a remittance merely pays for the privilege of sending the estimate. If you wish to make a number of estimates on this basis, you may send THREE ESTIMATES FOR EVERY \$1.00 forwarded at the same time estimates are sent. If as many as ten estimates are received at the same time without subscriptions, the sender may forward them with only \$3.00—this splendid discount being offered for only ten estimates in one order. A postal card receipt will be sent FOR ALL ESTIMATES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS. Where subscriptions are ordered, THE ARRIVAL OF THE PAPER ITSELF IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT YOUR ESTIMATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS CAREFULLY RECORDED. 5. The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time. The estimate, the money and the subscription go together. THIS RULE IS POSITIVE. Secretary Hester's Figures Covering the Period of the Contest. TOTAL PORT RECEIPTS. from 1st September to 1st May (inclusive) of following year. The period covered by this contest. COTTON SEASON. 1897-98..... 8,333,662 1898-99..... 7,993,455 1899-00..... 6,843,134 1900-01..... 6,346,312 1901-02..... 7,218,179 1902-03..... 7,378,627 SALES IN COTTON CROP. This is merely for your information and is not the subject of this present contest. It is given only as an additional aid to an intelligent estimate. 11,109,994 11,274,840 10,383,422 9,438,416 10,680,680 10,727,559 The figures above are certified by Secretary Henry G. Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who will furnish the official figures to decide this contest. Address All Orders to THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Ga.