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SOUTHERN POLITICS AS SEEN BY AN ACUTE OBSERVER.

The reviews of Southern conditions which Mr. William E. Curtis, the noted special correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, is sending to his paper from this section display characteristic insight.

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Concerning the passenger rate question proper Mr. Curtis gives two interviews as fairly representing North Carolina public sentiment on the subject.

The other interview formed part of Mr. Curtis' conversation with the very prominent politician already mentioned. We follow him in quoting:

Such is the impression which political conditions in this State and section make upon a trained and highly intelligent observer.

with the new, but the risk of minor politicians for the compulsory water wagon has spent his plank.

McCUE'S MISFORTUNE NOT MRS. BRADLEY'S.

Deeming the "unwritten law" considerably below the standard of civilization which prevails in the District of Columbia and recognizing that "brain storms" have been ridiculed to death, counsel for Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, ex-Senator Brown's slayer, are relying primarily upon the old-fashioned plea of insanity.

Mrs. Bradley, it appears, is more fortunate in this very important regard. There are times when people who have no family scruples against putting up such a defence find insane relatives wonderfully convenient.

We are much pleased to learn, through an appreciation by Mr. Carlos McLeod, of Carthage, in Saturday's paper, that Moore county holds its famous razor-back hogs in quite as high esteem from the standpoint of strength, speed and spirited behavior as we do.

The Mississippi Supreme Court has decided that the obnoxious "Go to hell" is not profanity. "The sentence 'Go to hell,'" wrote Justice Calhoun in delivering the court's opinion, "conveys an invitation which the person addressed need not accept unless he is inclined to do so."

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A CARD FROM R. L. ABERNETHY.

Declares That He Did Nothing Wrong in Connection With the Fettering of Stock at the Recent Fair. To the Editor of The Observer:

Inasmuch as a good deal has been said in the papers regarding my controversy with the officers of the Mecklenburg Fair Association, where they held up the payment to me of the premium money I won, at their meeting, I thought the Fair Association officials would give me a fair showing, and for that reason have withheld saying anything for publication. Having, however, been asked by so many, including many of my leading friends of Charlotte to do so, I have decided to say that I did nothing wrong in regard to entering my stock, and every animal I entered as mine is on my farm, and I have registration papers for every one as I represented to have on that occasion, and I can both show the stock and registration papers to any one desiring them.

Not caring to say any more at this time, thinking it best to withhold it till further developments, but before closing I want to say that every elected official of the fair has treated me very courteously and nice up to the present time, and that it was not for personal feeling of some who have made a failure in some things, and will injure the Fair Association if permitted to continue monkeying with it. I would have already had my justly earned money.

COIN MOTTO IN THE LAW.

SALMON P. CHASE THE ARCHIBOR. Although President Roosevelt Finds No Warrant for the Words, Congress Authorized Them in the Coinage of 1857—Fears of Pennsylvania Pastor in 1861.

The statement in President Roosevelt's letter of yesterday to the effect that there had been no warrant in law for placing the motto "In God We Trust" upon United States coins, naturally suggests the question—how and by what authority did the motto get there?

That question is fully answered by a report of the director of the United States Mint, reprinted in 1897 in The Bankers' Magazine of this city. A first suggestion of such recognition of the Deity came, in 1861, from a Pennsylvania clergyman, who feared that antiquarians of the future might deduce that the United States had been a pagan country because of the absence of any evidence to the contrary on its coins.

But the form of the recognition as it was finally adopted and stamped upon the gold and silver coins was determined by Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury in President Lincoln's Cabinet. There was no specific act of Congress directing that the words "In God We Trust" be put upon the coins, but, although President Roosevelt found no "warrant in law" for the words, it is a matter of record that the Secretary of the Treasury ordered the director of the mint to stamp them on the money, and in 1864 Congress authorized such devices on the coins as should be fixed by the director with the approval of the Secretary.

Further legislative authority for the motto was given by the coinage bills passed by Congress in 1865 and 1872. The report of the director of the mint is as follows: "From the records of the department, it appears that the first suggestion of the recognition of the Deity on the coins of the United States was contained in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Hon. S. P. Chase, by the Rev. M. R. Watkinson, minister of the Gospel, Kidderly, Pa., under date of November 13, 1861, which was as follows: 'The Ridgely, Pa., Nov. 13, 1861. Dear Sir: You are about to submit your annual report to Congress respecting the affairs of the national finances. One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition of the Almighty God in some form in our coins. You are probably a Christian. What if our republic were now shattered beyond reconstruction? Would not the antiquarians of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation? What I propose is that, instead of the goddess of liberty, we shall have next to the thirteen stars a ring inscribed with the words, 'perpetual union,' within this ring the all-seeing eye, crowned with a halo; beneath this eye the American flag, bearing in its field stars equal to the number of the States united; in the folds of the banner the words, 'God, liberty, law.' This would make a beautiful coin to which no possible citizen could object. This would relieve us from the ignominy of heathenism. This would place us openly under the Divine protection we have personally claimed. From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as the least of our present national subjects that must be agitated. M. R. WATKINSON, Minister of the Gospel. Hon. S. P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury. 'Under date of November 20, 1861, the Secretary of the Treasury addressed the following letter to the director of the mint: Treasury Department, November 20, 1861. Dear Sir: No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in his defence. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition. Yours truly, S. P. CHASE.

THE THROB OF A VIOLIN. Aye, love, the throb of a violin I hear tonight—that plaintive throb of a violin that, somehow, finds an echo in the forgotten—in the quivering that have so long sung this love of you!

TO MY BRIAR ROSE. Whur'er your home my briar rose,— Whur'er your name my ring should be, There's naught on 'er 'ill in a' the world Except the hair o' me.

EUROPE TO FINANCE TEXAS? Such is Plan Announced by Farmers' Union Cotton Company—English and German Cotton Firms Will Advance \$30 a Bale and Hold Subject to Selling Orders, It is Asserted—Middle Man Eliminated.

The Farmers' Union Cotton Company announces that through an arrangement perfected with English and German cotton firms by the Farmers' Union Cotton Company of Texas, the cotton crop of Texas will be sold to the foreign market by the farmer to whom it is sold, having agreed to advance \$30 a bale, the cotton not to be sold, however, but to be held on the other side for higher prices. Within two days an initial consignment of 5,000 bales is to be shipped out of Galveston. The plan enables the farmer to hold his cotton for higher prices, makes him independent of the monetary stringency and completely eliminates the middleman from the situation.

THE TRAIL. I followed the trail of the midnight moon, I down by the sweep of the stream, I slept on the mosses that grow on the cliffs That rise from the valley of dreams.

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AH, WEEL MY LITTLE LASSIE. Ah, weel my little lassie, An' your hair is cast sae lassy; But soon the mick o' sorrow, Hush your hairt aye an' your sighs! In the peace o' ower hair.

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A Four-Weeks' Course Greatly Improves Mr. Owens—Excellent Fare.

Mr. Owens—Excellent Fare. I went to your Institute in September, 1907, and received four weeks' treatment, and I can honestly and truly state that the treatment in every respect far exceeded my expectations.

With the greatest respect, I am, Yours very truly, J. L. OWENS. Harbinger, N. C., Oct. 4, 1906.

arrived at that stage where it was absolutely necessary to secure advances on their product or sell their cotton. The banks of the State have done the best they could. Our company has made this arrangement, which looks good to a majority of those to whom it has been submitted.

THE OBSERVER'S NEW SPECIAL WRITER. The Charlotte Observer announces the addition of Rev. Plato Durham to its staff, which will add much to its already strong aggregation of good writers.—Durham Record.

The Charlotte Observer has always played in luck in finding and securing good men. It announces to-day that Rev. Plato Durham has been added to the staff of the paper. Mr. Durham is one of the most brilliant young men in the Western North Carolina Conference. He is a vigorous writer and The Observer is fortunate to get him.—Greenville Reformer.

Rev. Plato Durham, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Charlotte, will retire from the ministry and accept a position on the staff of The Charlotte Observer. Mr. Durham is a young man of ability. Statesville people will remember him as delivering the Memorial Day address here last spring. He has been writing for The Observer for some time and his work has attracted attention.—Statesville Landmark.

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday announces that Rev. Plato Durham, who has been pastor of Trinity Methodist church for two years, has been added to the staff of the paper. This means, of course, that he will retire from active ministry. He is a brilliant and brainy man, and will be a valuable addition to the staff of The Observer, which paper has always had the best newspaper talent that could be secured.—Concord Times.

The Charlotte Observer on Thursday made a brief announcement that it had added the Rev. Plato Durham to its staff. The Rev. Mr. Durham is a Methodist minister and tendered his resignation to the North Carolina Conference the other day to enter journalism. The pulpit will lose an able, vigorous and brainy young preacher, but certainly journalism will experience a decided acquisition. That is evident from the fact that The Observer has discovered Mr. Durham. The Observer's "Old Man" is good at making discoveries, and it is quite apparent that he has discovered in Mr. Durham a writer of such brilliancy and ability that he laid hands on him. It is a scoop for The Observer.—Wilmington Star.

The Charlotte Observer to-day formally announces the new acquisition to its staff, predicted in yesterday's issue of The Evening Times, as follows: "The Observer has great pleasure in announcing that it has added Rev. Plato Durham to its staff."

It's "Emery" Any style you want most can be seen in our furnishing department from the Boys', Men's and Women's at \$1.00 to \$3.00. White and Colored, Solid or Fancy.

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that has the air of the best tailors' production and then, too, at a saving of \$5.00 to \$10.00. Our Overcoats and Raincoats are of latest fabrics and swellest styles, nobby or staple, and the price has a panic ring, too.

Scrivens' Underwear A natural Gray, medium weight Cashmere Undershirt and Drawers with that same elastic seam as in the Canton Drawers. Price per garment \$2.00. Scrivens' newest patent Cotton Flannel Drawers, all sizes \$1.25.

Hawes' \$3.00 Hats, \$2.50 These are this fall's shapes and styles, soft or stiff; cut to \$2.50.

Crossett \$4.00 Shoes, \$3.25 This is a swell lot of Patent Vics, Gunmetals, etc., cut to \$3.25.

Ladies' Fine Shoes "Sorosis," in all leathers \$3.50 and \$4.00. "American Lady" and "Artistic" \$3.00. "Florine" \$2.50. "Superba" \$2.00.

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