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IT IS "REVEREND" SPIRITS.

Speaking for that head-spring of Anglo-American undefiled, Iredell county, The Statesville Landmark recently threw a bomb into the camp of the "reverend spirits" disputants by declaring the correct form to be "reverent spirits" and citing the Century Dictionary for corroboration.

NEWBORN'S BI-CENTENNIAL.

Newborn is contemplating a celebration of its two hundredth anniversary in 1910. This will look pretty old to the interior boroughs of Salisbury, Salem, Hillsboro, Fayetteville and Charlotte, the oldest of which, we believe, did not receive a charter until 1753, although settled earlier.

THREE CENT VICTORY AT LAST.

Tom L. Johnson's seven-year traction contest has terminated, and now, thanks to him, the people of Cleveland, O., pay only three cents per fare. Tuesday, when the fruits of victory became available, was celebrated by having the entire population of over 500,000 ride free as much as it would, and the proposal is made to celebrate every anniversary in the same manner.

The whites and blacks in Tuesday's

mix-up at Columbia appear to have had a regular Tennessee-Republican-convention sort of a time.

COL. WATTERSON CALLS OFF.

Col. Watterson thinks the ship has sunk. In an editorial of two and a quarter columns, written from New York to The Courier-Journal, he sets forth his efforts of a number of months ago to unify the party upon Governor Johnson; but that they failed and now the Bryan tide cannot be stemmed. We quote: "All that could be fairly said, intelligently said, I have tried to say, that with the two factions of the East and West hating each other worse than they hate the Republicans, the representative of neither faction could be elected. Either faction might beat the other. Hence Mr. Bryan could not hope to run so well in the debatable States as some one else to be agreed on—Johnson preferred—and I see no reason now to change this opinion."

"Mark the sequel. The time has passed for 'some one else.' Mr. Bryan retaining the lead, it is too late for 'some one else,' the conditions what they are; and I confess that I am in sympathy with Mr. Bryan in refusing to be ruled off the track by a group of New York politicians, whose motives are, to say the least of them, suspicious, which will support no ticket except one framed by themselves, and which do not agree with one another touching the ticket to be named. Whatever his claims may be, or may not be, Mr. Bryan has his rights, and no thoughtful man can, or will say, that he cannot be elected, the issue dictating equally of the unthinking, the interested and the prejudiced to the contrary being of no weight whatever. In American politics anything is possible. Assuredly, Mr. Bryan may be elected; as an affair of dinner pails, if empty, he will be. . . ."

The Courier-Journal is a Democrat, not a Republican, and, standing by the singularity of its record, it will support the ticket to be headed by Mr. Bryan, as actively and as earnestly as if it represented its original preference and opinion."

FAITH THE RULING POWER

REV. DR. H. E. KIRK PREACHES

Pastor of Franklin Square Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., preached to the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church at Wednesday Evening Service—Analyzes Faith in Its Relation to Man and the World.—When Man Fell He Became the Servant of What He Was Intended to Rule—Christ Came to Gather in Himself the Consequences of Man's Sin.

"And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"—I John, 5: 4. Rarely if ever does one hear a sermon more clearly, clearly, incisively logical, clothed with in language more expressive, terse, and suggestive than that which Rev. Dr. H. E. Kirk, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, Md., delivered last night to a congregation which entirely filled the church. A church building filled on Wednesday night is an unusual sight anywhere. The special cause of the evening's outpouring was the appearance of Dr. Kirk, who is in a sense the prospective pastor of the Second church. It has extended to him a call to its pastorate.

There was, consequently, more than usual expectation in the congregation which greeted him, but in no respect was there disappointment. In the prime of middle life, differing not in any distinct type in appearance from either the former or the latter, the one who last filled the pulpit, in the role of prospective, Dr. Kirk threw into his sermon the vigor of thought and of utterance so evident in his physique. Dr. Kirk chose as his text the passage quoted above at the beginning, and his sermon was a masterly analysis of the subject opened up by it. Down deep in the heart of man, he said, is a powerful passion to be a master, to have a grip upon the world, to be effective, to bend the world to his own will. Two fundamental ideas are outstanding in the text: First, that the world is to be overcome, and, second, that faith is the means by which this mastery is to be accomplished. There is a widely-spread and popular but unauthorized view that the world is a thing to be possessed. The prize of the effort made to possess it is mastery. There is a second conception that the world is an arena for activity, a race course, or a battle field. In another idea it is presented as a thing to be known, a book to be read, a mystery to be studied and observed not a counting house, not a battle field, but a field for discovery. Knowledge is here the reward.

The man who holds to the conception of the arena will be inspired in his effort by desire for a reputation. The man who belongs to the third category will regard all accomplishment as a thing to be done. According to his idea, the man who will be master is the philosopher. And yet all of these fall far short of the significance of the text. The only kind of world that man needs to overcome is the system of forces which are in opposition to God. The bending of the world, with all its resources and capabilities to the realization of ourselves as children of God, and to God's service this is the task, while.

SHOULD BE MASTER.

God's original intention was that man should be the master of the world. To this end He bade man go forth, telling him that the world was made for man and that he was to rule it. "Make it obey you, realize yourself as a child of God" was the Divine injunction. "In all the exigencies of life, play the man." And this is the explanation of the text. It is to be heard to be a master. When man fell he became a slave of the thing over which he was master. From that moment on the race has been blinded.

EFFECT OF SIN.

Not only has the influence of sin on the mind of man destroyed his perception of verity, but side by side with that it has brought upon him the thralldom of unsatisfied desire. "Man cannot live by bread alone," and there are times when he simply will not depend entirely on what he can see. Then comes the cry, "Where can I find God?"

Need of Overman Bill Shown.

As illustrating the need for the passage of the Overman bill, we may point to the application of the Burlington Railroad for a Federal injunction to restrain the Missouri railroad commission from changing certain rates. The court ruled that it had no right to take action in advance of the commission's order, but some other judge might not be so wise.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

CASES FROM MECKLENBURG

Shelby vs. Electric Company is Affirmed by High Court of Federal Circuit. State-Fourteenth District Appeals. Next Week—Fifteen Companies of National Guard to Take Part in Maneuvers at Fort Caswell—Nearby the Whole State is Already Organized by the Prohibitionists, Who Are to Close Campaign in Whirlwind Style—White Prisoner Escapes From Penitentiary—Raleigh News Gained in a Day.

The Holleman Building, Raleigh, April 29.

The Supreme Court filed opinions to-day as follows: Shelby vs. Electric Company, from Mecklenburg, appeal dismissed; Jones vs. Assurance Society, from Wake, reversed; Williamson vs. Holt, from Alamance, no error; Dadeon vs. Folk, from Surry, affirmed; Wright vs. Power Company, from Forsyth, new trial; Development Company vs. Southern Railway Company, from Davidson, error; Fidelity Company vs. Grocery Company, from Forsyth, affirmed; Parker vs. Fenwick, from Forsyth, affirmed; Kerper vs. Assurance Company, from Forsyth, per curiam, affirmed; Hughes vs. Henrietta Mills, from Mecklenburg, per curiam, affirmed; State vs. Baker, from Cleveland, per curiam, affirmed; Bank vs. Hosiery Mills, from Forsyth, dismissed on motion for insufficient transcript; Taylor vs. McKenzie, from Caldwell, compromised by the parties.

WORK OF PROHIBITIONISTS.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League in session here reports from all the 98 counties of which 91 have been fully organized, the remainder being small ones where organization will be effected this week. The estimates of the majority for prohibition in this State range from 25,000 to 60,000. The last two weeks of the campaign will be made a whirlwind and 20 speakers to a county will be put in the field. In many of the counties, Chairman Oates reports, a house to house canvass is being made by men and women. In all there will be more than 2,000 speakers this week, embracing most of the leading men of both political parties, and besides these there will be Ceburn Wright, of Georgia; Dr. Young, Governor Glenn, Judge Pritchard, ex-Governor Aycock, etc. It seems to be the opinion that the anti-prohibitionists cannot carry over 20 counties and possibly not over 12. Of course there are some doubtful counties like Forsyth, New Hanover, Rowan, etc., where both sides are certainly working hard.

To-day the series of meetings at the Academy of Music by Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon began. The night meetings will be held at the Baptist Tabernacle. The musical features will be special. Dr. Dixon is regarded as one of the ablest Baptist ministers in the country.

WORKS OF FAITH.

The story is yet unfolded of how much science owes to Christianity for its progress. Men used to think that mountains were huge excrescences caused by devil and hence were to be avoided. Now man crosses oceans to cross mountains. The unknown calls to them, because they have faith. The Bible says that faith will remove mountains. What sort of a man would give up by the minds of geniuses who saw that it was possible and who had faith, has time and again cut through the mountain which formerly presented itself as a supposedly insuperable barrier. If one it is believed that a thing is possible, it is done. Out two miles from the centre of Charlotte stands a post with the word "Limits." Here is one mile of achievement and two miles of faith. And as sure as you are living you will build out to these limits some day, because you believe you will.

PERMANENCE.

The third principle: Permanence. Where else in all our experience can we find that which does not change? No man can stand firm in time who does not get a foothold beyond time. A man of faith stands firm on time because he sees something beyond the realm of time. A common idea of duty is the doing of that which is unpleasant. You would not think, perhaps, that duty could become the master passion and a joy that the Bible could become more interesting than Robinson Crusoe. Open the Bible and you may read of the men to whom duty thus appeared, in the Old Testament how the prophets stood firm in their faith.

ANGIE FOUND GUILTY.

President of Dry Fork Distilling Company Sentenced to Four Years Imprisonment and Fined \$15,000. Danville, Va., April 28.—T. M. Angie, president of the Dry Fork Distilling Company, was found guilty in the Federal Court here to-day of having committed extensive revenue frauds on the government. The jury was out about an hour. Immediately after the verdict was returned Judge McDowell sentenced Angie to four years in the penitentiary and imposed a fine of \$15,000.

Was Kicked to Death by a Male.

Special to The Observer. Silver City, April 28.—Will N. Harris, a well-to-do farmer living in the Lindley neighborhood, was kicked by a male yesterday afternoon and died about twenty minutes afterwards. The burial will take place to-day at South Park Friends church. Mr. Harris was about 50 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

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