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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1908.

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 and bowed his neck to what he conby declaring the correct form to be

reverent spirits" and citing the Century Dictionary for corroboration. This important new development has increased the turmoil and brought about a general re-alignment. Warring factions represented by The Norfolk Landmark and The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, find common ground here, each taking vigorous exception. "The emendation," loudly asserts The Virginian-Pilot, "is preposterous. Nothing not sentient and animate can be 'reverent.' for the word implies a state of feeling, an attitude of mind or heart towards some person or object. To be 'reverend' is to be worthy of or to invoke reverence; to be 'reverent' is to be disposed to revere that which is 'reverend.' A 'reverend' smell might be properly applied to the odor of incense clinging to the robes of a priest after swinging the censer; but a 'reverent' smell would signify that the smell itself had the faculty of revering." Apparently convinced by this reasoning. The Norfolk Landmark lets up on The Virginian-Pilot for alleged blundering argument that a "reverend smell" is a good smell, and pitches whole-heart-

COL. WATTERSON CALLS OFF. Col. Watterson thinks the ship has In an editorial of two, and a sunk. 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 falled and now the Bryan tide cannot be stemmed. We quote: "All that could be fairly said, intel-ligently 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 be agreed on-Johnson preferred-and see no reason now to change this opin-

"Mark the sequel. The time has passed for 'some one else,' Mr. Bryan retaining the field; 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 hem, 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 usual thoughtful man can, or will say, that he annot be elected, the ipse dixit equally but 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 sincerity 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 preterence and opinion."

Col. Watterson has his rights, as he correctly says Col. Bryan has his, and one of these is the right of free speech. But it can be said in truth that his judgment is not equal to his party loyalty or his brilliancy. But anyhow, he has called off the dogs

ceives to be the yoke of fate.

Newbern 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, discovery. Knowledge is here the rewe believe, did not receive a charter until 1753, although settled earlier; while it must seem like Grecian an- in his effort , by desire for a reputatiquity to the lively young borough of Greensboro, which is about to celebrate its first centennial, and like Egyptian or Chaldean antiquity to will be master is the philosopher. many a quick but solid growth of the And yet all of these fall far short of last few decades. In a sense, no town

away from the coast is older than this present generation; for not until then did the South re-awake to industrial life after a half-century's slumber, finding the new opportunities far wider than those unwisely sacrificed for slavery long before. The town-building marvels of the

West, except, of course, for periods immediately after the first opening of certain attractive regions to settlement, have been fairly rivaled in North Carolina-as often as not upon sites inhabited for several generations Hence a number of our or more.

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FAITH THE BULING POWER REV. DR. H. E. KIRK PREACHES

FAITH THE RULING POWER REV. DR. H. E. KIRK PREACHES Pastor of Franklin Square Presbyteri-an Church Preaches Fine Sermon to Congregation of the Second Presbyter-ing Service—Analyzes Faith in Its Relation to Man and the World— When Man Fell He Became the Servant of What He Was Intended to Hule—Christ Came to Gather in Hinself the Consequences of Man's Sin. "And this is the state victory that over Pastor of Franklin Square Presbyteri-

"And this is the victory that oversometh the world, even our faith"-I John, 5:4. Rarely if ever does one hear a ser-

mon more cleanly, clearly, incisively logical, clothed withal in languages expressive, terse, and suggesnore tive than that which Rev. Dr. H. E. Kirk, pastor of Franklin Square Presbyterian church of Baltimore, Md., delivered last night to a con-

gregation which entirely filled Second Presbyterian church. which entirely filled the A church building filled on a Wednesday night is an unusual sight anywhere. The especial cause of the evening's outpouring was the appearance of Dr. Kirk, who is in a sense the pros-

ective pastor of the Second church. It has extended to him a call to its astorate. There was, consequently, more than expectation in the which greeted gregation in no respect there disappointment. In the prime of middle life, differing not in any distinct type in appearance from either the former pastor or 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 pasage quoted at the beginning; his sermon was a mastery 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 get a grip on the world, to be effec-tive, to bend the world to his own will, Two undamental ideas are outstanding in the text; First, that the world is to be overcome, and, second, that faith is the means by which its masis to be accomplished. There is tery a widely-spread and popular but un-authorized view that the world is a thing to be possessed. The prize of the effort toward this end is wealth.

There is a second conception that the world is an arena for activity, a race ourse, or a battle field. In another idea it is presented as a thing to be known, and hence a thing to be studied and observed not a counting ouse, not a battlefield, but a field for ward.

The man who holds to the conception of the arena will be inspired tion. The man who belongs to the third category will regard all accomplishment in terms, of knowledge. According to his idea, the man who the significance of the text. 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 reali-zation of ourselves as children of God. and to God's service this is the task

worth while. SHOULD BE MASTER.

God's original intention was that

his heart and surrenders all again to

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The Supreme Court filed opinion

Society, from Wake, reversed: Wil-

liamson ws. Holt, from Alamance, no

opment Company vs. Southern Rail-way Company, from Davidson, error;

In all there will be more than

Young, Governor Glenn, Judge

night

Tate vs. Johnson, Bruce vs. Mining Com-

Warlick, McBrayer vs. Ginn Company,

practical certainty who will be the Dem-

conventions this week and next week.

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After next week it can be told with

meetings

Way

Him who gave him life. You can't overcome a force without

another force. Men sometimes over-look this fact. The seasick passengers on a storm-tossed steamer might pass a hundred resolutions of protest without abating in the slightest de-gree the fury of the gale. We must appeal dismissed; Jones vs Assurance match a force with another force. Only by a process of angineering can the vessel be driven against the stormerror; Dodson vs. Folk, from Surry, ing seas. The world is a force. Our resolutions do not constitute a force. affirmed; Wright vs. Power Compa-ny, from Forsyth, new trial; Devel-Faith itself is not, when held in the hand. Until it enters and permeates your spirit, the world is your master Fidelity Company vs. Grocery Com-pany, from Forsyth, affirmed; Par-THREE VITAL PRINCIPLES.

This conception of faith has in it three vital and fundamental princi-ples uniting man to Christ like the

pany, from Forsyth, annuel, Par-ker vs. Fenwick, from Forsyth, af-firmed; Kerner vs. Assurance Compa-ny, from Forsyth, per curiam, af-firmed; Hughes vs. Henrietta Mills, from Mecklenburg, per curiam, af-firmed; State vs. Baker, from Cleve-and Clevetrolley unites the car to the vital force which propels it. Like the unconnectconed car, you are stationary. You cannot move an inch, of yourselves. The was land, per curiam, affirmed; Bank vs Hosiery Mills, from Catawba, dis-missed on motion for insufficient transcript; Taylor vs. McKenzis, from Caldwell, compromised by the three principles are: First, the principle of right perspective; second, of true progress; third, of permanence. When man fell into sin the small things began to look large and the large things looked small. Blinded, parties

WORK OF PROHIBITIONISTS. man has looked upon the world as be-The executive committee of the ing the thing worth while, because it North Carolina Anti-Saloon League in is closest at hand. When Christ comes session here has reports from all the into our life he satisfies our spiritual and 98 counties of which 91 have been ful-ly organized, the remainder being needs. He speaks the master word which becomes the food of that life small ones where organization will be and transforms it into a new being. It affected this week. The estimates of is the primacy of spirit in every phase of man's life. Everything depends the majority for prohibition in this State range from 25,000 to 60,000. The on our conception of what is most imlast two weeks of the campaign will portant. Cecil Rhodes is said to have be made a whirlwind and 20 speakers to a county will be put in the field. "thought in continents" so wide and vast was the grasp of his mental ho-In many of the counties, Chairman rizon. Many people are limited to city wards in theirs. And how small Oates reports, a house to house can-vass is being made by men and woand unimportant life seems to those men. of us, simply because our conception is 2,000 speakers this month, embracing too small. most of the leading men of both po-

"In all my earthly pilgrimage and litical partles, and besides these there n all my earthly struggles my aim will be Ceburn Wright, of Georgia: shall be to make this world the serv-Dr. ant of my spiritua life"-this should Pritchard, ex-Governor Aycock, etc. be the keynote. When we were young, It seems to be the opinion that the anti-prohibitionists connot carry over the world at night seemed full of lurking dangers. What was the matter? 20 counties and possibly not over It was the symbol of the unknown. Of course there are some doubtful countles like Forsyth. New Hanover, This is just what the world has been

to man since he lost sight of God. Ever present has been the fear of the Rowan, etc., and in these both sides are certainly working hard. unknown. Take away the average To-day the series of meetings at the man's true religion and what do you get? Superstition. You find him be-Academy of Music by Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon began. The lieving in a vast number of gods of will be held at the Baptist Taberwhom he stands in fear. Wherever nacle. The musical features will be he went was the fear of the unknown. special. Dr. Dixon is regarded as one The only principle he knew was of the ablest Baptist ministers in the Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to The country. be wise

The State council of the Daughters WORKS OF FAITH. of Liberty is in session here with 125 delegates, State Councilor G. O. Kluttr. The story is yet unfolded of how

much science owes to Christianity for of Salisbury, presiding. New officers its progress. Men used to think that were elected to-day. A local coun-mountains were huge excresences oil has been organized, this being No. caused by devils and hence were 25. Speeches were made by Mayor things to be avoided. Now men cross Johnson, Mr. Kluttz and County Su-

oceans to cross mountains. The un- perintendent Judd. Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest known calls to them, because, they man should be the master of the have faith. The Bible says that faith world. To this end He bade man go will remove mountains. What sort? College, was here to-day and says the What sort? total endowment fund now in hand forth, telling him that the world was The hand of man, guided by the amounts to \$325,300. When the new made for man and not man for it, minds of geniuses who saw that it was "Make it ebey you, remlize yourself possible and who had faith, as a child of God" was the Divine in-junction. "In all the exigencies of through the mountain which for-blife, play the man." And this is the explanation of the desire in your heart to be a master. When man lieved that a thing is possible, it is be desire a lieve of the thing do not be a master. When man heart to be a master. When man lieved that a thing is possible, it is the desire a lieve of the thing do not be a master. When man heart to be a master the thing do that a thing is possible, it is the heart to be a master the thing do that a thing heart to be a master the the district with



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NEWBERN'S BI-CENTENNIAL.

namesake in North Carolina," declares it of Norfolk, with manifest family pride, "which draws the dictionary on The Charlotte Observer just as that saucy bird is preening itself over a specially clever exhibition. The Norfolk Landmark confesses that it always understood the phrase to be 'reverend' whiskey, though never paying much attention to it. But the Standard Dictionary agrees, with the Century that it is 'reverent' whiskey, and we can find no dictionary authority to the contrary. The meaning of of 'reverend.'. One is active and the other is passive." So much for the controversy as it has been waged up to this present time.

edly into The Observer. "We have a

The Observer's reply to such pointed thrusts?. We find it very difficult to make any, owing to a divided mind. We are, in fact, enthusiastic upon both sides of the proposition. If this appear incredible because apparently without parallel in all the history of normal thought and sentiment, let the circumstances be considered. No need to invoke psychiatry for an explanation. The trouble is, we simply halt between reverence for authority and regard for the dictates of our own reason. On one side, Iredell county as interpreted by The Statesville Landmark, and the Century Dictionary; on the other, the clear case from a grammatical standpoint as set forth by The Virginian-Pilot and accepted by' The Norfolk Landmark even while it bows its proud head in submission before the constituted authorities. Shall The Observer also come in and submit? We might well say, as excuse for seeming obduracy in regard to Iredell county's pronouncement, that probably this is the one exception which proves the rule of linguistic infallibility. As defense against a charge of standing in contempt of the Century Dictionary, we might well plead that the dictionaries were made for man. not man for the dictionaries; and that where so strong a case can be made out the dictionaries of today should no more enjoy exemption from textual change than did the dictionaries of yesterday before them. It is a hard choice. Repressing a natural inclination to ask for time to make up our mind, we choose the part of intellectual courage. Even Iredell county and the Century Dictionary shall not over-bear our firm individual conviction, and we shall adequately voice our resolute attitude by linking together the most famous words of no lesser personages than Martin Luther and Patrick Henry:

Here we stand; we cannot do otherwise. If this be treason, make the net of it.

The three-cent fare now operative greatly appreciated by John D. Rock- consention sort of a time. steller, a leading resident of Euclid ue, in that city, when he is not New York, Augusta, Ga., or any a several more places.

tune is to a great extent the State's as a whole. We are rich in past, present and future-most of all in future. It is inspiring to contemplate thralldom of unsatisfied desire. what Charlotte will certainly be when this city's two-hundredth anniversary has rolled around, and long before. The Observer's hearty good wishes are with ancient Newbern.

'reverent' is quite different from that THREE CENT VICTORY AT LAST. Tom L. Johnson's seven-year traction contest has terminated, and now, thanks to him, the people of Cleve-

thanks to him, the people of Cleve-land, O., pay only three cents car fare. Tuesday, when the fruits of world. The world has gone mad on the side of doing. We have had too victory became available, was celemuch of the strenuous life, of the brated by having the entire popula-"man oh horseback," of the "Big Stick," of the battleships on parade. tion of over 500,000 ride free as much as it would, and the proposal is made Men are greatly their ideas of greatness in terms of mere ding. We have such a mighty pride in this "Organize someto celebrate every anniversary in the same manner. Tom L. is mayor today and seems likely to hold on for thing, get a crowd, make a noise"these are the slogans, which carry us off our feet. We have lost the calm a term or more yet, even though no. further fare reduction can be expectand stateliness of the man who sees ed from him. If he can re-enforce the unseen. gratitude by holding out the promise naries throughout the country who of equal benefit in some other rehave outgrown the idea of "doing." spect, he may jast indefinitely. We They have devoted themselves to the may fairly suppose that pollticians in search of the unknown, peering into the secrets of nature and questioning other large cities are profiting by the example of the strenuous Cleveland their own spirits. And every one of millionaire; the multiplied troubles these will tell you that the sum and substance of their search is, the loss of gas and ice companies would indiof self. seem to be wise only in a realm where the average man cannot follow cate as much. After all, it is a long since demonstrated fact of practical

politics that plain bread-and-butter issues are hard to beat.

be forced to answer that he does not It was said in our Raleigh correseven know whether or not it exists. pondence yesterday that "Insurance Commissioner Young is very much pleased at the fact that since he took the office he has secured the conviction of no fewer than 96 firebugs, many of whom have been sentenced to the penitentiary or to the roads. there are times when he simply will not depend entirely on what he can The result has been a marked diminution of the number of incendiary fires." This is something to be proud I find God?" of. Commissioner Young is one of the State's most diligent and capable Christ came to gather up within himofficials and through his official posttion has made and saved to the State that heart-breaking search for many thousands of dollars.

It is not merely doing, it is not phil-osophy that's needed, it's faith. But Captain John G. Capers' wrestling match with Temporary Chairman Thompson (colored), of the Republican convention at Columbia, will long be a disagreeable incident in the recollection of that gentleman and his friends, but it is merely the sort of thing for which any recruit to Republicanism in States politically constituted like South Carolina must stand prepared.

The whites and blacks in Tuesday's mix-up at Columbia appear to have in Cleveland, O., will doubtless be had a regular Tennessee-Republican-

nate in combining new and pulsat-ing life with a fine background of tradition, and this double good for-tradition.

Two significant effects have been And as sure as you are living you will States vs. Erwin, Thompson vs. Searey, wrought on man by this fall. The build out to these limits some day, be- McNelly vs. Laxton, Wrenn vs. Morgan. first is the perversion of his con- cause you believe you will. The place where the world loses its pany, Meacham vs. Railroad, Powell vs. ception of verity. The second is the The grip is in the realm of faith. The Fibre Company, Goelet vs. Morris, Bradeffect of the first was to lead him to world fears and the world will always ley vs. Railroad, Bolin vs. Bolin, Wilkie take the prime conception of his be- fear the man with strong faith. Think vs. Junior Order United American Meing and place it in a relatively sub-ordinate position, at the same time putting "getting" in the position of and the others. While some sat in-is, Grate Company vs. Morris, Long vs.

dominance. Now the idea rules that ertiy by and in the name of tradition. it's what you are doing that counts. in the name of custom and in the The world is more or less under the name of conservatism, said things in discouragement, the men with faith ocratic nominee for Governor, it is gen-were bringing things into accomplish. erally said, as so many coupties will hold spell of money. The average man will move heaven and earth to get it. | were bringing things into accomplish-We talk about how much a man is ment. worth in terms of dollars and cents,

PERMANENCE

May Declare Against Prohibition.

The third principle: Permanence, Adjutant General Robertson gave out Where else in all our experience can to-day a list of 14 companies of the Nawe find that which does not change? tiona Guard which will go to Fort Cas-No man can stand firm in time who well to take part in the maneuvres for does not get a foothold beyond time. the defense of that important fortifica-The man of faith stands firm on time tion and the adjacent coast. The combecause he sees something beyond the panies will carry from 50 to 58 men each. forming everywhere too realm of time. A common idea of du-ty is the doing of that which is un-and the others will be an infantry suppleasant. You would not think, per- port. The following is the list of comhaps, that duty could become the panies, of the First Regiment, D at Salismaster passion and a joy; that the bury, C at Charlotte; of the Second Regi Bible could become more interesting ment, B at Kinston, D and E at Goldsthan Robinson Crusoe, Open the Bible boro, G at Washington, H at Clinton, 1 and you may read of the men to whom at Edenton; of the Third, A at Lexing-

duty thus appeared, in the Old Testl-ment how the prophets stood firm in Greensboro and M at Duprham. One There are many men in the semi**ress**, more company is to be added to this list, Stand where God has placed you. It making the total number 15.

is the safest and the firmest place in Among to-day's arrivals here was Wil-the world. In that scene in the Mid-liam Polk, of Alexandria, La. He has die Ages when Martin Luther stood purchased great quantities of cotton seed terrified and said, in the presence of Charles V, "Here I stand, Mar-tin Luther." I cannot do otherwise loads. He finds the seed from the north-Yet the philosopher can't God help me; he struck a blow to pa-pacy and Roman Catholic superstition his purpose. He says these seed mature ern part of the cotton belt the best for which resounded through the ages. 15 to 30 days earlier than local seed. strusely about technical terms, but if These men did their duty, caring not what men thought, nor what princes Ben Wilkerson, a white man about 23

years old, 6 feet 2% inches high, weighthought. The man that gets that grip ing 155 pounds, grayish eyes, black hair, on faith is a master. He stands like sentenced to the State's prison from the rock of Gibraltar, firm and wave. Shaken against every wind and wave. Such is the faith which will win the Such is the faith which will win the September 30th, 1907. For his recapture September 30th, 1907. For his recapture

final praise, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou in-to the joy of thy Lord." nses will be paid.

ANGLE FOUND GUILTY.

President of Dry Fork Distilling Company Sentenced to Four Years Im-prisonment and Fined \$15,000.

May Declare Against Prohibilion. A conversant Republican stated last night that he anticipated the adoption of anti-prohibition platform by the State Republican convention which meets to-day in Greensboro. For some time there has been an intima-tion that a resolution would be adopt-ed in favor of local option in prefer-ence to State prohibition. A number of Charlotte men will attend the con-vention as delegates from Mecklen. Danville, Va., April 19.-T. M. An-gle, 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 cut about an hour. Immediately after the verdict was returned Judge Mo-Dowell sentenced Angle to four years in the penitentiary and imposed a fine of \$15,000.

of \$15,000. Attorneys for the defense noted an appeal and bail was fixed at \$30,000, which was furnished. Angle is also under sentence in North Carolina for under sentence in North Carolina for violation of the revenue laws in that State. The cases against the other officers of the Dry Fork Company and the government officials charged with collusion to defraud have all been continued.

Was Kicked to Death by a Male.

Was Ricket to Death by a Mile. Special to The Observer. Siler City, April 29.-Will N. Harris, a well-to-do farmer living in the Lindley neighborhood, was kicked by a mule yes-terday afternoon and died about twenty minutes afterwards. The burial will take place to-day at South Fork Friends church. Mr. Harris was about 50 years old and leaves a wife and two children.



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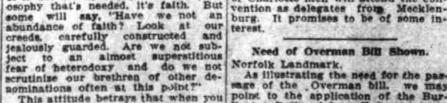


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God.

fear of heterodoxy and do we not scrutinize our brethren of other de-nominations often at this point" This attitude betrays that when you are asked to have faith you feel the thralldom. What is faith? You say that it is the acceptance of truth on teelmony, and this is true. You b.-lieve a thing because some person tells you it is no. But it is more. You

Among the guests at the Solwyn yesterday were Messra W. E. Grant, Jr., and John L. Dorset, of Richmond, Wa. Market Market Messra W. E. Grant, Wa. Market Market Messra M. E. Grant, Wa. Market Messra M. E. Grant, Market Messra M. E. Market Messra Messara Messen Messor, Market Messara M

say, that it is the belief in the real-ity of things spiritual. And yet how

He can talk learnedly and ab-

you ask him a definite though simpl

question about the personality, he. will

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 cansot live by bread alone." and

This is the point of contract of

Christianity with human experience.

self the consequences of our sin. to end

Then comes the cry, "Where can

him.

see.