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Jacob Riis advises Mrs. Nation to turn her reforming hatchet upon the frying pans of Kansas.

The legislature will divide the state into ten congressional districts, 'all democratic.' That as will be seen takes no account of the political sentiment of the voters.

As to Grover Cleveland in 1904, Senator Tillman delivers himself thus: 'Why, Grover Cleveland ain't even the tail feathers of the democratic party, much less its head.'

The Curtis law which prohibits the sale of liquor through out the world, except Asheville, has been amended so as to apply only to Buncombe county. What a rallying point for the thirsty our town would have been if this noble law had been enforced.

Some years ago the appropriations of the North Carolina and South Carolina legislatures were about equal. In 1899, however, this state's expenses jumped ahead of its southern sister nearly a million dollars, and the present legislature at Raleigh bid fair to outdo this by a half million more. We will then be spending about two and a half times as much as South Carolina.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF NEWS.

One of the Rev. Charles Sheldon's complaints against the modern newspaper was that it devoted more space to murders and divorce trials and other unpleasant events than to the record of meritorious actions. This unhappily is true, and its cause is not far to seek. The startling events of life are many of them of an unpleasant character. Still, there is exaggeration in the accusation that newspapers do not give prominence to what is elevating in the form of news. The press of two continents has recently given columns to the record of goodness one woman has left as a legacy to the world, and no newspaper neglected to emphasize the fact that it was her goodness that made her great. The press of New York is far from neglecting the doings of active clergymen or church societies. Columns are devoted, for instance, to the work of Dr. Rainsford; whose belief in 'muscular Christianity' has turned a nearly defunct church society into a center of activity and transformed a whole tenement house district. But while our news papers are not lacking in space given to conspicuous instances of goodness or benevolent activity it remains for the newspapers of another nation to give prominence to another virtue. The French are regarded by many as a frivolous people, but the most solid and authoritative body of savants in the world is that society known as the French Academy. Every year a member of this society is delegated as a reporter to search out examples of goodness for what is known as the Montyon prizes. These examples are not to be those of a single act of bravery or extraordinary benevolence but of life-long devotion or endurance, and when the reporter has gathered his facts together the newspapers of Paris present them to the world. The touching stories that are thus unearthed are such as make the reader believe in the divinity of human nature. Several of these stories have been recently reprinted in the Outlook. One is the story of two blind sisters, desperately poor, who for years maintained a helpless old mother. Pierre Loti, the reporter, learns of them through their neighbors in an out-of-the-way hamlet. He finds that they learned to spin, that they worked until midnight so that their bedridden mother should not go to the poorhouse, that they not only maintained her but that in their endless night they gave tenderest care and strove to amuse her and soften her declining years. One of

the largest awards was given in 1897 to a woman who to support her family had been made a member of a strolling show when a child. This woman when she grew up became sorry for the neglected children of show people and began teaching them, as she said, 'that there was a God in heaven and 26 letters in the alphabet.' By and by she opened a school in the show wagon with twelve little montebanks for pupils. This school grew until now it has 207 pupils, and with an assistant she keeps it in a tent, following the show people from fair to fair. Another story is that of a man in the Vosges who earned meagre wages by breaking stones and mending roads. He by extraordinary self-denial not only reared his children but supported his mother and two other helpless old women. Another man, a country postman of Sornac, gains an award because he not only has saved several lives, but through the impulse to make things better he builds bridges over mountain streams, constructs refuges, makes roads and plants trees. These are but a few of the examples of humble goodness that the talented reporters of the French Academy have searched and found in out of the way places since the originator of the awards founded his prizes in 1783. He was the Baron de Montyon, and since his time the prizes have been added to by others until now there are 23 of them yielding nearly fifteen thousand dollars. In 1899 these prizes were shared by 138 persons. Not only is relief thus given to deserving men and women, most of whom never even heard of the award before receiving it; but for a time the public and the newspapers are occupied not with histories of crime in low life, nor even with ostentatious philanthropy or reform, but with stories of such unpremeditated and long-suffering goodness as strengthen faith in human nature and touch the heart to finer moods. The French may be to the stolid Briton and the practical American a frivolous people, but it is odd that their Academy should set the pace for the literary and scientific world and their newspapers should be the ones to publish tales of obscure goodness in place of those of obscure crime. After all, in spite of the Dreyfus affair, the French have something to commend them to the consideration of other nations.

It will probably surprise many readers to know that 'Dixie' was written by a native of Ohio. The Saturday Evening Post says that Dan Emmet, 'the father of negro minstrelsy' and the author of Dixie is passing the last days of his eventful life in his native town of Mt. Vernon Ohio. The Evening Post says 'It was during Emmet's engagement with Bryant's minstrels in 1855, that he composed the famous song of Dixie which was the most popular southern song of the civil war. Emmet's most cherished possession, aside from his old violin, is the yellow, worn-looking manuscript of that song which has served as a rallying cry in two of the world's greatest wars.'

Most people in some vague way connect Dixie with Mason and Dixon's line, but Emmet explains that, 'Dixie Land originally referred to an estate on Manhattan island owned in the early part of last century by a man named Dixy. Dixy was an extensive slave holder until the spread of the anti-slavery sentiment in the north, where the constantly increasing risk which attended the ownership of this kind of property forced him to either sell or move south; and from these slaves came the expression Dixie Land, signifying their attachment for their old home and master. The phrase passed into current speech gradually losing all local reference. A chance allusion by John Randolph to Manson and Dixon's line in a speech delivered by him in 1820, revived the memory of that famous survey, and in some way Dixie-doubtless from its similarity to Dixon-was given place in the south, for when I first heard the expression, as a boy, it was from lips of circus men, who, when caught by a spell of unseasonable weather in the north, were wont to wish they were in Dixie Land.' Bryant having told Emmet he wanted a new walk a round Emmet set himself to compose one. 'The next day it rained,' he says, 'and I stayed indoors. But a line I wish I was in Dixie Land,' kept repeating itself in my mind. More in despair than with a view to success, I took it for a start. The rest came easy. And that's the story of how Dixie was written.'

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AM very much interested," said a gentleman yesterday, "in the possibility of an electric railway to Craggy mountain, should such a possibility exist. I think the mountain would add immense to Asheville's opularity as a resort if it were brought within easy reach of the city. The summit of Craggy is, in my mind, one of the most beautiful spots in all Western North Carolina. It is 6,060 feet high. The entire summit is a natural meadow of surpassing beauty. It is covered with luxuriant grass of velvety softness and smoothness, and dotted with round clumps of the rhododendron. The finest possible view of the Black Mountain range is to be had, while to the east stretches the grand Swannanoa valley. One can look down almost perpendicularly to a depth of 3,500 feet. The distance from Asheville is only about 14 miles, and the engineering difficulties would not, I think, be so very great. The entire route would afford fine sites for residences. The road would wind in and out among the mountains, furnishing northern and southern exposures for summer and winter homes, respectively. The top of the mountain would be an ideal place for a little quiet inn, and from there a 'burro' line could convey tourists to Mt. Mitchell, ten miles further east. The view from the summit of Craggy, in the sun, and had a delightful nap. I felt no ill effects from it."

AM astonished," said a visitor who has not been about Asheville for a little more than a year. "yes, astonished at the changes and improvements in certain residential portions of the city. The buildings that have gone up within the last year and the paving and macadamizing that has been done have completely transformed some sections of the town. Haywood street and Montford avenue particularly show advance, though these streets are not alone in improvement and new residences. Chestnut street has been made doubly attractive and Merrimon avenue which was already a fine street shows growth. The crude condition that vacant lots and unimproved streets give a town is disappearing in many quarters. The city is catching up with its business streets and from appearances one would say that many desirable permanent citizens had been added to the residents in the city last year."

THE facts that show Asheville's substantial growth are apparent to anyone who has been away from the city for a year or more and a drive about the suburbs show this growth even more than a walk around town.

cers returned to town, deeply regretting that they were deprived of the company of the manufacturer.

DR. BARRON'S SERVICES. Last Night's Discourse on the Confession of Sins. There was a fair attendance at the First Baptist church last night. Dr. Barron spoke from the text 1st John 1: 9: 'If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

DR. ION JACKSON IN ASHEVILLE. The music lovers of Asheville and vicinity will be glad to hear for certain that their favorite tenor, Dr. Ion Jackson, is to be here this spring. He will give a recital with the assistance of Prof. Joseph Cadek of Chattanooga, in College hall on the evening of Thursday, March 14.

HE POOLED THE SURGEON. All doctors told Renick Hamilton of West Jefferson, Ohio, after suffering 18 months with rectal fistula he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world. Surest cure on earth. 25c a box at all drug stores.

PROPERTY OWNERS SUE CITY. Mayor and aldermen are to show cause why they should not pay for damage sustained to property on streets that have been graded. The claim is small. In grading the streets some dwellings and stores are much lower than the streets. The ree has gone forth by our city fathers that such stores and dwellings should be raised.

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Patrick McIntyre, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT, 53 South Main Street, Telephone 218.

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TRANSFERS. John R. Taylor and wife to Mossey Franklin, 14 acres in county, \$200. Starland M. Bishop and wife to C. W. Vanderbilt, 83 acres on long branch, \$440. M. D. Shook and wife to Harvey Hamlet, 22 acres in Leicester township, \$100. William A. Blair, John D. Shope and John H. McDowell, trustees to Rachael D. Roberts, property at Inanda, \$200. Mrs. D. A. Williams to F. P. Love, Jr., 2 acres on Hawk creek, \$28. Thomas A. Jones, trustee, to H. L. Jones, property on Pine street, \$450. Asheville Land company to D. Harris, lot on Adams street, \$250. E. W. Green to W. E. Green, 26 acres on Beaverdam, \$320.

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FANNIE B. RALSTON, (Showing her wonderful improvement.)

clear my skin, my face was in a horrible condition literally covered with red spots, pimples, blackheads, moth patches and freckles. And whenever the weather changed eczema, chaps and salt rashes would break out. I suffered a thousand deaths, and when I sent for a trial of Mrs. Ribault's beautifiers just as I had done before time and again with other advertised remedies. I did not expect any results, imagine my surprise when the next day all redness and soreness were gone. At the end of a week my skin began to clear, the freckles and moth patches disappeared and the eczema and salt rashes were completely cured. I improved so wonderfully that my friends did not recognize me, so quickly had the change taken place. My skin is now perfectly lovely, and there is not a blemish or wrinkle anywhere. I hope all ladies will at least try these marvelous beautifiers. Do not delay but write immediately. The treatment is harmless, a natural beauty maker and will permanently remove all tan, freckles, moth patches, pimples, blackheads, flesh worms, sunburn, chaps, roughness and any and all skin imperfections no matter what they may be. Write to-day without fail and the free treatment will be mailed prepaid with full directions and all particulars absolutely free. Address, MME. M. RIBAUT, 3856 Elm Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascara Candy Cathartic. 10c or 5c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.