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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.

TH THTH THT H TH TH EDIT 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 have 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 mearly a million dollars, and the present legislature at Raleigh bide 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 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 tenament 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 humble 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-ofthe 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

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 selfdenial 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 ostentations philanthropy or reform, but with stories of such unpremeditated and 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

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 1858, that he composed the famous song of Dixie which, was the mest 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 rallycry in two of the world's greatest

French have something to commend

them to the consideration of other na-

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 Dixiedoubtless from its similarity to Dixonwas 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."

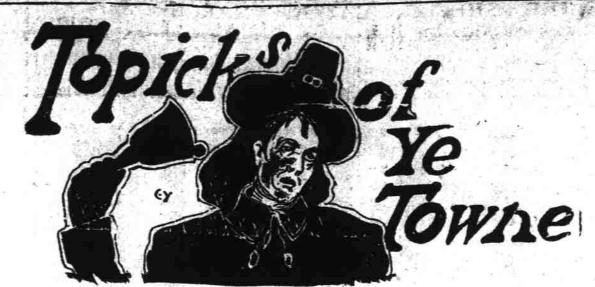
Bryant having told Emmet he wanted a new walk a round Emmet set himself to compose one. "The next day it rained," he says, "and I stayed indoors. But a line 'I wist I was in Dixie Land,' kept repeating itself in my mind. More in despair than with a view to success, I took it for a start. The rest came easy. And that's the story of how Dixie

"Dixie made a hit at once, and before it had been written a week everybody in New York was whistling it. Then the south took it and claimed it for its own. I sold the copyright for five hundred dollars, which was all I ever made from it."

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Spring Showings in

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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 luxurant 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 Swannannoa 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, furni hing northern and southern exposures for summer and winter homes, respective. ly .- 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 on. From Craggy one can see the Cumberland mountains beyond Knoxvile, 140 miles away in a direct line. One of the attractions of the spot it a fine spring of water. The air is soft. balmy and delicious. In January of last year I lay down upon the grass is not only increased inducement for but thebeauty and power of their work on the summit of Craggy, in the sun. driving but still more for cycling. It will afford a delight long to be remem. and had a delightful nap. I felt no ill is a fact that in Asheville as in other | bered, and the hall should be well filled

AM astonished," said a visitor who has not been about Asheville for a little more than a yea "yes, astonished at the changes and improvements in certain residential portions of the city. The buildings formed some sections of the town. particularly show advance, though 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 Ashville's substantial growth are apparent to anyone who has been away from the city for a year or more and a drive even more than a walk around town. interest in cycling.

AM very much interested," said a Anyone too, who has not visited the gentleman yesterday, "in the pos- little village of Biltmore for some sibility of an electric railway to months will be agreeably surprised. Craggy mountain, should such a pos- The new block of stores is soon to be sibility exist. I think the mountain opened to the public and this will add would add immense to Asheville's op- the finishing touch to the appearance ularity as a resort if it were brought of a completed village, where a few within easy reach of the city. The months ago the evidence of incomplesummit of Craiggy is, in my mind, one tion were most apparent. Now, instead of the litter of house and road building, everything is in order and in use. 'Church, school, stores, hospital, railway station, Biltmore office and residences border the neatly kept streets.

The architecture is picturesque and attractive while each building is specially designed for its special use the eral effect is harmonious. The plaza gives an open space about which the village clusters, and even such details as street lamps add to the appearance. The wrought iron designs for the lamps are artistic and the blue signs with white lettering are something which would add much to convenience if copied in the streets of Asheville. One advantage that Biltmore has of course, is that of being planned from the begining. Any village or city that hopes to be a model must be planned with reference to the future, as well as with thought for the location of public buildings, squares, relative width of streets. and other details that go toward the making of a harmonious whole.

ITH all the road and street improvement that has been going on for the last year or two there places the awakening of interest in to welcome them. good roads was simultaneous with the introduction of the bicycle. Good roads | sale at he Paragon and T. C. Smith's and bicycles go together, sometimes the drug store and on the evening of the good roads bring the bicycle and sometimes the bicycles bring the good roads. Now there are many miles of good cycling all the year round in and about that have gone up within the last year | Asheville, and fine spring weather is and the paving and macadamizing that | sure to add to the ranks of the cycler. has been done have completely trans- The wheel is not only handy for the business man to run about town, but Haywood street and Montford avenue it is a source of healthful exercise and of pleasure to those who like to get these streets are not alone in improve- out into the country on fair days. The ment and new residences. Chestnut ups and downs of this country are not street has been made doubly attractive too great to prevent even the most and Merrimon avenue which was moderate cycler from getting about already a fine street shows growth. easily, and then with miles of new ma-The crude condition that vacant lots cadam and the perfect roads of the and unimproved streets give a town of Biltmore estate available there are plenty of attractions to those who enjoy wheeling. On the whole, although the outlook was not a brilliant one for the sport here a few years ago, events of jacks they purchased a can of Rum- (cated in center of city, five minutes from have justified the foresight and ente:prise of the enthusiastic young manager of the Asheville Cycle company who believed from the beginning that there was no pretier country for cycling and no better exercise than the wheel affords and who has directly and inabout the suburbs show this growth directly done much to encourage

Program For the Event to Occur March 19, 20 and 21.

PIGEON TOURNAMENT.

The amateur pigeon tournament to be given at Riverside park Mar. 19, 20 and 21, by the Peters Cartridge Company, of Cincinnati, promises to be a great event. Jack Parker, the noted trap shooter of Detroit, will be manager, and E. P. McKissick secretary. Many of the best shooters in the United States have signified their intention to attend. 9: "If we confess our sins He is faith-There will be reduced rates on the rail- ful and just to forgive us our sins and all duruggists. roads and at the Battery Park hotel for to cleanse us from all unrighteousshooters. There will be \$300 added, and mess." He said the Bible shows us the Mr. McKissick donates a handsome silver loving cup, for the amateur making the best average. The Maugatrap and Blue Rock targets will be used. There will be ten events each day, as

The first day: 15 Blue Rock, entrance, \$1.50, \$5.00 added; 15, \$1.50, \$5.00 added; 20, \$2.00, \$10.00 added; 15, \$1.50, \$5.00 edded; 25, \$2.50, \$20.00 added; 15, \$1.50, \$5.00 added; 20, \$2.00, \$10.00 added; 15, \$1.50, \$5.00 added; 20, \$2.00, \$10.00 added; 25, \$2.50, \$25.00 added.

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o'clock. The Rose system of dividing purses will be used, 5-3-2-1 points in the 15 bird races, and 7-5-3-2-1- points in the 20 and 25 bird races; American Associ-

MOONSHINE OUTFIT.

ation rules to govern.

Officers Make an Interesting Cap ure in Four Miles of the City.

A note informs the Gazette that four revenue officers, whose names are not given, made a little raid yesterday afternoon and captured a primitive moonshine outfit about four miles from the city. The operator was on the premises, but he scented danger from afar off, and went away into the tall timber in the manner of one who has a pressing engagement elsewhere. A shower of shot and shell followed him, but the maker of filicit goods kept on running, and is running yet for all by our president, who paid him the the officers know to the contrary.

to consist of an iron pot with a wooden honor of the supreme court. soften her declining years. One of BON MARCHE, 15 S Main Destroying the manufactory, the offi- sumate artists to Asheville is great,

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 hte

First Baptist church last night. Dr. Barron spoke from the text 1st John 1: beginning of sin, as far as man is concerned, and it also shows us the remedy for sin. What are we to do with our sins? They must either rest upon us or upon another. And yet there are \$440. people who deny that they have any sins. He said they were like a lady whom he knows who has consumption \$100. and yet refuses to believe that she is sick. God loved Jesus too well to give John H. McDowell, trustees to Rachael him for sin if it were unnecessary. D. Roberts, property at Inanda, \$200. John cautions us not to say we have no sin. What can we do with our sins? | Jr., 2 acres on Haw creek, \$28. Not cover them up because they are sure to find us out, but confess them and God will cover them with the blood of Jesus. He will bury them in the deep sea of his love, He will cast them behind his back. The meeting closed with on Beaverdam, \$320. an invitation for Christians who were praying for others to go forward and join him in a prayer for them. Many went forward in response to this ap-

Dr. Barron will preach this morning at 11 and tonight at 7:45, while the Rev. Mr. Vines supplies his pulpit in Charlotte. Dr. Barron will also speak this afternoon at 3:45 at the Y. M. C. A. from the subject "Wanted! Men."

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.

Nothing need be said in praise of such a well known and heartily appreciated singer, except that he has been called by the most competent of critics one of the two finest tenors of America, nor should we but mention injustice to Prof. Cadek that his mashonor of an invitation to play in the The outfit, when examined, was found : White House at a banquet he gare in

cap, and a worm made of iron pipe. The expense of bringing two such con

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Tickets at \$1 and 75 cents will be on concert at the college. Watch the Gazette for future references.

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dwellings should be raised. A few have solved the problem easily. Instead of taking ays by the use ford Baking Powder, p . it under the house, adder water, as it raises the building as neatly and nicely as if 20th street. Within walking a stance of it were cake. The cost is only 30c. per shops and theatres. Resturant charges pound. Yet the owners will sue for that amount. As the amount is so

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(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, chap and salt rheum added to my misery. I suffered a thousand deaths, and when I sent for a trial of Mme. 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 freekles and moth patches disappeared and the eczema and salt rheum 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 ovely, and there is not a blemish or wrinkle

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