

It has been remarked by both Christians and non-Christians that a man whose mother or wife is repeatedly and persistently spoken of disparagingly in a public place by a minister, or by one who, while not an ordained minister, is holding religious services, certainly has a right to have his sons and husbands to protect them in some way.

Personal.

With the present issue of the Patriot, my connection with it as editor terminates. I retire from the paper of my own motion, and I feel that this step, by a show of duty, it is right that I should give to the readers of the paper, and to the general public, my reasons for retiring.

After a careful and patient study of the proposed Treasury bill, I am convinced that its enactment into law would be disastrous to the country, and especially so to the agricultural interests of the country.

On page 29, sec. 3, we read, viz: Upon every permission by the Board of Aldermen to retail spirits, a retail tax, not exceeding five hundred dollars and for wholesale one hundred dollars.

That each Alderman before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take before the mayor or some Justice of the Peace, an oath that he will truly and impartially perform the duties of Alderman for the City according to the best of his skill, ability and judgment.

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered the following decision on this question:

1. NOT AN INHERENT RIGHT.—There is no inherent right in a citizen to sell intoxicating liquors by retail; it is not a privilege of a citizen of a State or of a citizen of the United States.—U. S. Supreme Court, *Callahan vs. Chatham*.

2. CAN THE LEGISLATURE CONFER THE RIGHT?—No legislature can bargain away the public health or public morals. The people themselves cannot do it, much less their servants. Government is organized for the preservation and cannot divest itself of the power to provide for them.—U. S. Supreme Court, *Stump vs. Curtis*.

3. CAN THIS APPLY TO LICENSES?—No, for we cannot shut out of view the fact, within the knowledge of all that the public health, the public morals and the public safety may be endangered by the general use of intoxicating drinks; nor the fact, established by statistics accessible to every one, that the disorder, pauperism and crime prevalent in the country are, in some degree at least, traceable to this evil.—U. S. Supreme Court, *Ex parte Cady*.

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To The Public.

500,000 MILES A MONTH.

An Electric Current Girder, A Globe in Three Seconds.

Philadelphia scientists are preparing to find out how fast an electric current travels. An experiment will be made, probably by the Franklin Institute, by connections over the Atlantic cable to Liverpool and return.

A recent test appeared to show that an electric current is so slow as to be almost negligible, being only able to get over to Europe and back in something like a second, or at the rate of only some 60,000 miles a minute, while light travels along at a million miles a minute.

The Philadelphia scientists who are proposing to make further investigation are not satisfied to give up the record to sunlight, and hope to prove that the electrical current is not handicapped by the swiftness of light.

The most recent experiment was tried at McGill College, Montreal. The current was transmitted in the cable at the Newfoundland cable station by means of Thompson's mirror galvanometer, and across to the station at Liverpool, and returned to Montreal by the same method. The distance covered, partly by overhead wires and partly by cable, was 8,000 miles. From the time the current left the key in Montreal until it returned to the receiver in the same place just 1 second and 1-10th of a second had elapsed; but the conditions were not as good as they might have been, hence the number experiment to be made here.

The rapidity with which the current travels over short distances with no delay indicated until the possibilities in the direction of practical tests. Professor Morse of the Edison Electric Light Company, is authority for the assertion that if the globe was encircled with a continuous cable a current would travel the entire distance in a trifle over three seconds. At the same rate, covering the distance of 200,000 miles, in three and a half minutes.

"In this age of science," said one of the gentlemen who participated in the experiment, "people have an idea that we know so much now there is nothing more to be discovered. Why we are yet in our infancy as far as electricity goes. Now discoveries are yet to be made, and we will live to see them put into practical use, which will revolutionize the entire world. The experiment which we are about to make in telegraphy is but a mere starting experiment, and will establish a link of telegraphic communication between the hemispheres is already being seriously discussed."

Philadelphia, Pa., Record.

A SNAKE'S TERRIBLE ATTACK.

A Big Blacksnake Attacks and Kills a Young Boy Near Asheville.

Asheville, Ala., June 27.—A little son of David Owens, living in the neighborhood of Asheville, North Carolina, three or four miles from Anniston, had a thrilling experience yesterday. The possession of which will last to the end of his life.

The little fellow, who was less than five years old, was out in the bushes some 100 yards from his father's home picking and eating blackberries.

A group of bushes, and with fine fruits attracted the attention and he pushed toward them. Before reaching his objective he saw how, in a moment, he was surrounded by a monster blacksnake, fully six feet long and very large in circumference.

The boy turned to run, and the snake followed. It coiled round him and struck him on the back of the head, knocking him over. As he rose to his feet it struck him, biting him in the face. The boy continued his fight, but the snake kept upon the pursuit, striking and biting him as rapidly as he could get him.

The screams of the child finally attracted the attention of his father, who was working near the house. He rushed to the scene, and found his son, bleeding and being fought by the monster snake. As he rushed toward the child, the snake gave him a desperate battle, and for it was despatched.

There were half a dozen bushes about the child's face, and where the snake had struck him with its head. Fortunately the snake was not of the poisonous kind, and beyond a slight swelling on the wounds and a severe shock, the boy is none the worse.

Good News for Guilford.

Mr. J. J. Nelson, clerk of the Superior Court of Guilford county, has just received the books and blanks necessary for the refunding of the direct land tax provided for by the United States in 1880.

Guilford is one of the 100 counties in which the tax was collected. This will be good news to our people. In your name is on the roll, Clerk Nelson will be enabled to enlighten you as to how you must proceed to get the money back.

BE TRUEST WOMAN.

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Treat young men as you would like to have other girls treat your own brothers.

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Do not lead him to think that you admire him when you do not.

Never permit a young man to speak sneeringly of the unfortunate or aged.

Do not let any young man who does not respect and cherish his own mother, if circumstances compel you to entertain a young man alone be very sure to convince him that your ideals of womanhood and manhood are equally high.

Shooting Match.

H. J. Cameron, 100 W. 11th St., New York, has accepted an all-guns challenge from W. E. Hurst, of Norfolk, Va., to shoot 100 birds. Prizes for \$500 a side, and forfeit for already a deer, and forfeit for already a deer, and forfeit for already a deer.

The date of the match is to be arranged, and will be set for some time in July.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Chicago Times last Friday had 121 pages, mainly devoted to tax sale advertisements.

A Missouri girl stands 7 feet 10 inches and is still growing. She's long for this world.

A divided-skirt factory in New York has gone into bankruptcy; the result, no doubt, of "short" division.

If you run across anything in a newspaper that doesn't suit your fancy, skip it. Newspapers are made for everybody, you know.

The Germantown Times says: The Greensboro Coal Company are taking out a quantity of fine coal at their mines on Town Fork.

A Connecticut pensioner is netting \$12 a month for a lost thumb which was originally rated at \$2.66 a month.

The portrait of Christopher Columbus painted by Ghevedier Antonio Moro has been bought by Charles F. Gunther, of Chicago, for \$10,000.

Mr. Spurgeon and Mr. Gladstone have not recovered from the grip, and their friends fear that these two great men will not last many days or weeks longer.

The customs receipts at New York in twenty days of June this year have fallen off, compared with the same period last year, \$3,851,455.

A well which flows milk has been dug at Preston, Iowa. If now a bit of land could be found to flow some money Mr. McKinley would smile of unutterable gratification.

Sorps are dirt cheap and water is free. Cleanliness (mainly) costs money. Dirty folks can only excuse themselves by imagining that time is money.

A mathematician has discovered that a bicyclist can travel fifteen miles over a good road on his wheel with less exertion than he can walk three miles.

The counsel for Miss Phoebe Cousins in her suit against the Chicago Fair management includes Messrs. W. P. Black and C. B. White. Her case will probably be put down in black and white.

The negroes of West Philadelphia are hiding out. They believe that the medical students are trying to dissect them in their colleges. The southern negro periodically labor under this delusion.

A notice upon the window of a North Georgia post office: "When you come for your mail, have your name known. Shooting around the Postoffice during business hours and Seal Chickens hot on Commission."

The Kansas City Star tells of a farmer who was awakened the other night by a noise which he supposed was caused by cattle in his corn, but, upon investigating the situation, he found it was simply the cracking of the corn, resulting from its rapid growth.

A D-year-old boy in an Arkansas town has been detected in stealing letters from a postoffice box by means of a string and grasshopper. The grasshopper was tied to the string and let down into the box through the aperture. When the insect got a letter into its pincers he hauled it up and took the letter.

The Atlanta Constitution says: Mr. James R. Randall says in one of his entertaining letters to The Catholic World that he has seen it stated, "as a curious historical fact," that the first battle of Massachusetts was probably lost to the union army because General McDowell was poisoned by canned tomatoes? This is very interesting, but it naturally whets the public appetite for further information. What was General John Pope poisoned by at the second battle of Massachusetts? Let us have the whole story.

Mr. LEAN-VALE, N. C., June 27th, 1891.

Correspondence of the Patriot.

Mrs. Stephenson and Miss Lillie Jamison of Morehead, are visiting at the Rev. R. W. Callender's and T. B. Donnell, respectively.

The many all sedentary and friends of Miss Lillie welcome her back to the scenes of her school days.—Does she remember the days of the shop in this neighborhood. Mr. T. B. Donnell had three killed last week.

Misses Eliza Wilson and Lina Geringe are visiting friends in Statesville.

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GREAT Clearing Out SALE AT FISHBLATE'S.

Wishing to reduce our stock as much as possible before laying in our large FALL and WINTER STOCK we will commence on WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 10th, a GREAT BARGAIN SALE!

We mean business, and any article in our house will be sold strictly at COST FOR CASH. You will only have to come in and see our prices to be convinced that what we say is the truth.

A great many lines of suits where we have only one or two of a kind, will be sold much less than COST. Our large and handsome assortment of White and Fancy, Single and Double Breasted JESSES, which we have been selling rapidly at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 all put down at \$1.00. The celebrated

Pearl Shirt, Unlaundered at Eighty-Five Cents THE LARGEST LINE OF

NEGLIGEE AND OUTFIT SHIRTS, in Flannels, Satens, Silk and Madras. Cloths ever brought to this town at same proportion and in fact every time if the house is stated above will sell.

AT COST AND UNDER as we want