

Different Paths.

Lately talked with one who strove to show that all my way was dim.

You cannot give me yours, dear friend; In different wise, to one sure end.

What though, with eagle glance unfixed On heights beyond our mortal ken, You tread the broad, sure stones of Faith More firmly than do weaker men?

To each according to his strength; But as we leave the plains below, Let us carve out a wider stair, A broader pathway through the snow.

And when upon the golden crest We stand at last together, freed From mist that circle round the base, And clouds that but obscure our creed,

We shall perceive that though our steps Have wandered wide apart, dear friend, No pathway can be wholly wrong That leads unto one perfect end.

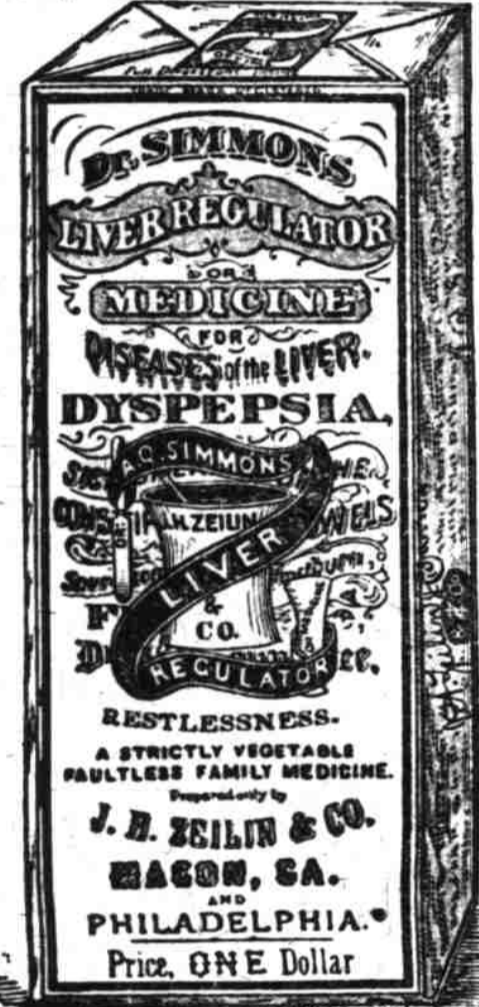
Walking advertisements for Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy are the thousands it has cured.

Superior Court.

JUDGE GILMER.—8th District. Montgomery—April 4th, one week. Stanly—April 11th, one week. Cabarrus—May 2nd, one week. Rowan—May 9th, two weeks. Iredell—May 23rd, two weeks. Davidson—June 6th, one week.

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Compare this with your purchases.



As you value health, perhaps life, examine each package and be sure you get the genuine. See the red Z Trade-Mark and the full title on front of Wrapper, and on the side the seal and signature of J. H. Zella & Co., at in the above fact-similar. Remember that another genuine Simon's Liver Regulator.

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MADE AT

HICKORY, N. C.

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They stand where they ought to, right square

AT THE FRONT!

It Was a Hard Fight But They Have Won It!

Just read what people say about them and if you want a wagon come quickly and buy one, either for cash or on time.

SALISBURY, N. C. Sept. 1st, 1886.

Two years ago I bought a very light two-horse Piedmont wagon of the Agent, Jno. A. Boyden, have used it nearly all the time since, have tried it severely in hauling saw logs and other heavy loads, and have not had to pay one cent for repairs. I took upon the Piedmont wagon as the best Thimble-Skein wagon made in the United States. The timber used in them is most excellent and thoroughly well seasoned.

TURNER P. THOMASON.

SALISBURY, N. C. Aug. 27th, 1886.

About two years ago I bought of John A. Boyden, a one-horse Piedmont wagon which has done much service and no part of it has broken or given away and consequently it has cost nothing for repairs.

JOHN D. HENLY.

SALISBURY, N. C. Sept. 3rd, 1886.

Eighteen months ago I bought of John A. Boyden, a 2 1/2 inch Thimble-Skein Piedmont wagon and have used it pretty much all the time and it has proved to be a first-rate wagon. Nothing about it has given away and therefore it has required no repairs.

T. A. WALTON.

SALISBURY, N. C. Sept. 8th, 1886.

18 months ago I bought of the Agent, in Salisbury, a 2 1/2 inch Thimble-Skein Piedmont wagon—four lightest one-horse wagon—late kept it in almost constant use and during the time have hauled on it at least 75 loads of wood and that without any breakage or repairs.

J. R. WALTON.

The "boss girl" very often continues to be boss after she is married.

The Charlotte Observer thinks that the Salvation Army have outlived their usefulness there.

Hickory has offered a reward of \$300 for the conviction of the incendiaries who started the late fires there.

Chas. I. Fairchild, of New York, has been appointed Secretary of the Treasury, vice Manning, resigned.

Watauga county will vote the 13th on the proposition to subscribe \$100,000 to the S. A. & N. W. Railroad.

And now they say that Lewis Powell is the real murderer of President Lincoln, and that he was seduced into it by Booth.

Herr Most, the notorious anarchist who was convicted in New York, last year, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, was released on the first of April.

A school teacher in Illinois had occasion to whip one of the larger girls, and was prosecuted by her parents, and fined. During the prosecution they were married.

At Portsmouth, Va., during a thunder storm, a round ball of fire came crashing through the roof of a house in the suburbs, and started a fire in the stove.

A sixteen foot Chinese idol is detained in the custom house at San Francisco, pending a decision as to whether a god must pay duty before it can enter America.

In Paris they have decided that a wife has no right to open her husband's letters; that a husband has the right to open a wife's letters, but that he is a "blackguard" if he does.

Dr. Jas. Hodges, who some time ago exploded a bomb in the Opera House in San Francisco, during the performance of Mlle. Patti, has been found guilty of assault with intent to murder.

In Jones county, last autumn, Frank Seville called on several neighbors to witness his signature to a blank sheet of paper. Afterwards he wrote his will on it and committed suicide. The will is now contested.

We need no Wiggins'. We have weather prophets right at home. A month ago Prof. Baker, of Charlotte, prophesied that we would have a snow storm on the first of April, and sure enough there were a few flakes fell on that day.

The rumor that Walter Bingham has committed suicide finds few believers in Raleigh. The belief is that he is in some private asylum in the West, and there is a movement to increase the reward offered for him by private subscription.

A farmer in Stokes county took all the tobacco he raised (1400 lbs) to market and sold it. After paying all he got for his tobacco on his guano bill he found that he still owed \$6.30. Low priced tobacco and high priced guano don't work well together.

The Craftsman, the Charlotte Knights of Labor organ, comes out in a long article headed "Shall we Strike;" and in another column says, "we want to see fewer loafers and more honest laborers." Yes, Mr. Craftsman, by all means strike, and begin by striking the loafers out of your order.

Maj. James Breathed.

THE SINGLE GUNNER—REMINISCENCES OF HIS RECKLESS BRAVERY.

[The subject of this sketch, which was written by a Yankee soldier, is the brother of our townsman, Mr. Frank Breathed, and is a true statement.]

The Boston Globe is publishing the memoirs of a private soldier in the campaign of 1864. In an article describing General Warren's passage to Spotsylvania on May 7, 1864, he makes the following reference to the reckless daring of "one man on a gun" in opposing, unsupported, 2,000 men, and finally escaping. That man was Major James Breathed, of this county, a son of Mr. John W. Breathed and a brother of Mrs. Robert Bridges, of Hancock. The narrative is as follows: It was an hour of great anxiety to Gen. Warren. He knew Grant expected

him to place his troops at the court house, and when he met General Robinson the latter thought it better to await the arrival of the other two brigades, as being sure of success, for he knew the enemies infantry had arrived. Warren, however thought otherwise, and ordered Robinson to push the brigade right down upon the enemy and open the road, and he (Warren) would hasten the supports. Warren knew that delay would strengthen the enemy as his own army, and away we went, our left in the "air."

We overtook our skirmishers, and just then, in our immediate front, appeared a battery of horse artillery. There were no obstructions to our rapid march or to the enemies' aim, consequently our column moved fast, but the artillery shots were too high to disconcert us.

"Get ready to duck, boys," shouted a winded captain, but the aim of the enemy continued too elevated and we were unharmed. Shots came rapid, and our lieutenant-colonel then in command, called out, "Come on, men, get that gun," and kept well in the front line.

The race for the gun was an earnest one. In full view of 2,000 men, each was trying to be the lucky captor. The column got somewhat disorganized; men fell out from exhaustion and over-heat, but I am not aware that any were struck by the artillery shots.

The artillery would fall back as we approached, but their gunners gradually fell out until at last one man only remained. One man on a gun, and with four or six horses to care for, we thought, of course, he would retire the gun; but no! he showed signs of fight, and our men began to fire at the dave-devil, and one of the leading horses fell. I distinctly remember seeing the man jump from his horse and apparently cut out the dead one. What kept us from overtaking the man and his gun I cannot tell. He turned the horses, and when nearly completed, his own horse dropped, and he got on another and drove the horses and gun out of our reach, for we had struck the infantry, and in the first volley I fell wounded.

Twenty years after that event General Fitz Hugh Lee wrote as follows: "Maj James Breathed was the most recklessly brave man I ever knew. He was commanding my horse artillery, and at my order placed a single gun in position on a little knoll as we were falling back, disputing the enemy's advance toward Spotsylvania Court House.

"We knew the enemies infantry were marching in column through a piece of woods, and the object was to fire upon the head of the column as it debouched to give the idea that their further advance would be again contested, and to compel them to develop a line of battle with skirmishers thrown out, etc.

"The delay which it was hoped to occasion by such demonstration was desirable in order to increase the chances of our infantry, then marching by another parallel route to the court house. Under Major Breathed's personal superintendence shells were thrown, and burst exactly in the head of the column as it was debouched.

"The desired effect was obtained; the head of the enemy's advance was scattered, and it was only with some difficulty a line of battle, with skirmishers in its front, was formed to continue the advance.

"I was sitting on my horse near Breathed, and directed him to withdraw his gun. He was so much elated with his success that he begged to be allowed to give the enemy some more rounds. He then fired until their line got so close that you could hear them shout. "Surrender that gun!" "Breathed's own horse had just been shot."

"The cannoners jumped upon their horses, expecting of course the gun to be captured, and retreated down the hill.

"Breathed was left alone. He limbered the gun up, and jumped on the lead horse. It was shot from under him.

"Quick as lightning he drew his knife, cut the leaders out of the harness, and sprang upon the swing horse. It was also shot from under him as he was turning to get into the road. He then severed the harness of the swing horse, and again made a desperate trial for life.

"The ground was open between the piece of woods; and the enemy had a full view of the exploit, and Breathed at last dashed off unharmed, almost miraculously escaping through a shower of bullets."

BIG BIRDS OF THE DESERT.

Hunting That Combines Profit With Pleasure.

HOW THE ARABS CAPTURE OSTRICHES—A SINGULAR BIRD POSSESSED OF A REMARKABLE APPETITE.

With the Arabs of the desert the chase and capture of the ostrich is the most attractive and aristocratic of the many diversions in which they indulge. The first thing attended to when a hunt is contemplated is the preparation of the horses. They are entirely deprived of grass, and fed on barley for seven or eight days before the intended hunt. They are allowed to drink only once a day, and that at sunset; at that time they are also washed

the result of the chase is divided in the same proportion. Dr. Shaw says that while these birds appear tame and tractable to persons well known to them, they are often very fierce to strangers, whom they will try to push down by running fiercely at them, and will peck at them and strike with their feet. The doctor says he once saw a man whose abdomen had been torn open by a stroke from the claw of an ostrich, so violent a blow can be given by them. The natural food of an ostrich consists ordinarily of vegetable substances, especially grain, and the ostrich is a great enemy to the African farmers. But its sense of taste is so obtuse that leather, old nails, buttons, bits of tin, keys, coins and pebbles are devoured with apparent equal relish. Nothing comes amiss. But the bird doubtless follows an instinct, for these hard substances assist in grinding down and preparing for digestion its ordinary food, like the gravel in the crops of our domestic poultry. Cuvier found in the stomach of an ostrich that died in Paris a pound of stones, bits of iron and copper and pieces of money worn down by constant attrition. In another stomach, besides several large cabbage stalks, there were pieces of brick the size of a man's fist. Prof Sparman relates that he has seen ostriches so tame that they went to and fro on the farm where they were raised, but so voracious that they would swallow chickens whole and trample hens to death, and then tear them in pieces to devour. "And one terrible fact bird had to be killed on account of an awkward heeb had acquired of trampling sheep to death."

But the most wonderful thing, perhaps, showing the capacity of an ostrich's stomach is that afforded by Dr. Shaw, who saw one swallow a bullet after bullet as they were pitched scorching hot from the mold. It has become a proverbial expression, in alluding to a person whose digestion is perfect, to say: "He has the stomach of an ostrich."—Boston Herald.

What Congress Did. The New York Herald sums up the work of the last Congress by enumerating the following as the most important bills passed: 1. Settling the succession to the Presidency. 2. Regulating the counting of the electoral vote. 3. Repealing the tenure of office act. 4. Forfeiting and restoring to the public domain about fifty millions of acres of land. 5. Prohibiting the ownership of land by aliens. 6. Effectively dealing with the crime of polygamy. 7. Referring all private claims to the court of claims. 8. Ordering a thorough inquiry into the affairs and management of the Pacific railroads. 9. Authorizing the President to deal with the fishery troubles. 10. Regulating Inter State Commerce. 11. Reducing the fees on postal money orders. 12. Extending the free delivery system to cities of 10,000 inhabitants. 13. Relieving the merchants marine of a number of vexatious and needless burdens. 14. Reclaiming trade dollars. 15. Prohibiting the use of convict labor on public buildings. 16. Ordering the adjustment of railroad land grants. 17. Allotting lands in severalty to Indians. 18. Authorizing the issue of small silver certificates. 19. Giving money for Congressional library.

Women's Sphere. They talk about a woman's sphere As though it had a limit; There's not a place in earth or heaven There's not a task to mankind given, There's not a blessing or a woe, There's not a whisper yes or no, There's not a life, or death, or birth That has a feather's weight of worth Without a woman in it.

INFORMATION

MANY PERSONS at this season suffer from either Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Pain in the Limbs, Back and Sides, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Nervousness as a result of Cholera, Malaria, Constipation, and Kidney Troubles.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES RHEUMATISM, Bad Blood and Kidney Troubles, by clearing the blood of all its impurities, strengthening all parts of the body.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES SICK-HEADACHE, Neuralgia, Pain in the Limbs, Back and sides, by soothing the nerves and strengthening the muscles.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES DYSPEPSIA, Indigestion and Constipation, by aiding the assimilation of the Food through the proper action of the stomach; it creates a healthy appetite.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES NEUROSVSIS, Depression of spirits and Weakness, by enlivening and toning the system.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES OVERWORKED and Delicate Women, Furry and Sickly Children, It is delightful and innocuous as a general Tonic.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES BRUISES, Swellings, and all sorts of external Injuries, by promoting the circulation of the blood, and thus aiding Nature's power of self-repair.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES SCURVY, by restoring the system to health, and thus aiding Nature's power of self-repair.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES COLIC, by soothing the nerves and strengthening the muscles.

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Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, March 28, 1887.

Secretary Whitney has placed another brilliant feather in the cap of this Administration. Probably no Democrat, not even Samuel J. Tilden while living, ever received such unstinted praise from the Republican press as has been showered upon him during the past week. Nothing has been done by any member of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet since it was organized more calculated to win popularity than is the act of the Secretary of the Navy by which the work of fortifying our seaports and building ironclads is established on a solid foundation.

From every side his energy and sagacity is applauded, the work he has done to beguile bidders to accept offered terms, and the ability he exhibits in directing the general work of his Department. It looks too as if the name of Mr. Whitney would be associated in history with the building of the American Navy. The response to him was prompt that the work fitting up the Washington Navy Yard as an ordnance factory for the assembling and completion of heavy guns and steel forgings, will be begun soon and rapidly carried forward. Needless delays can be avoided because it is shown that the gun forgings and armor plates can be furnished in much shorter time than was supposed.

For more than eighteen months Secretary Whitney has been industriously devising the means that make success possible. He has been studying the conditions of the problem—determining the needs of defensive armor, gauging the impact of projectiles, fixing on tests by which the Department will be governed, and making the inducements as attractive as possible.

Since all the iron foundries of the country are pressed with unfilled engagements for months ahead, at high prices, some surprise was expressed that there should have been a single bid for the millions of dollars worth of work that was proposed. But the proprietor of the Bethlehem company foresaw that the boom would not last, and that it would pay to work for Uncle Sam even on more reasonable terms, because his job would last for a decade or so, both summer and winter, and the money is sure.

It is to be hoped that there will be no more lamentations for the present over the failure of the Naval bills. At least Secretary Whitney is satisfied with the outlook. He says the problem which puzzled every body is solved, and that the work of fortifying coasts and equipping ships is in just as good shape as it would have been if the Senate bills had become laws.

Since I wrote you the long discussed Inter-State Commerce Commission has been completed, announced, commented upon, approved—and now it is about to organize and go to work. The five lawyers composing it, who represent the States of Alabama, Illinois, Michigan, New York and Vermont, are practically placed in charge of private property valued at seven thousand million dollars. This tremendous responsibility is greatly increased when it is remembered that almost the entire internal commerce of the country is affected by the action of this new court.

No one doubts the honesty of the members of the Commission, and an exchange remarks that it will soon be time for the poor oppressed husband to have blisters on his hands from holding on to a fishing pole, while his tyrannical wife will be staying at home having fun with the spade in the garden.

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