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Waiting for a Chance.

It is a dangerous thing to wait for opportunities until it becomes a habit. Energy and inclination for hard work ooze out in the waiting. Opportunity becomes invisible to those who are doing nothing, or looking somewhere else for it. It is the great worker, the man who is alert for chances that see them.

Some people become so opportunity-blind that they cannot see chances anywhere—they would pass through a gold mine without noticing anything precious—while others will find opportunities in the most barren and out of the way places. Bunyan found opportunity in Bedford jail to write the greatest allegory in the world on the untwisted paper that had been used to cork his bottles of milk. A Theodore Parker or a Lucy Stone sees an opportunity to go to college in a chance to pick berries. One boy sees an opening to his ambition in a chance to chop wood, wait on table, or run errands, where another sees no chance at all. One sees an opportunity to get an education in the odds and ends of time, evenings and half holidays, which another throws away.—O. S. Marden.

Retail Druggists Organize.

The Rowan Association of the retail druggists was called to order by the State organizer, G. A. Dunlap in the Elks' hall, Wednesday evening. The election of officers resulted as follows: S. M. Purcell, Pres. W. M. Cook, Vice-Pres. T. W. Grimes, Sec. and Treas. This association is to establish uniform scale of prices and to transact other business.

Enjoy the Gold Weather.

Caretakers at Mount Washington Cemetery have found active employment recently in attempts to force attention upon the swans and Chinese geese that so gracefully rippled the waters of the lake last summer. All attempts to confine them in protected quarters have failed, and the birds are spending the winter in the open, regardless of the weather.

When freezing weather came they were "rounded up" in homes. As soon as the caretakers were gone they escaped and returned to the water. All efforts to reconcile them to dwelling indoors have since failed. Except in the severest weather they kept the water open by swimming about and disturbing the surface, day and night. When the mercury sank below zero they were no longer able to prevent their playground from freezing, and to avoid becoming fast were compelled to scramble for the ice during the night, and opening about twenty feet in diameter being broken out for them each day.

Both geese and swans protect themselves from the cold by burying their feet in their feathers and hiding their heads under their wings. Rolled into a ball, they lie on the ice apparently lifeless throughout the night, but are none the worse for the exposure when morning dawns, clamoring for their breakfast of corn and stale bread.—Kansas City Times.

NOTICE TO FARMERS—Just received large shipment seed oats, white, black and red rust proof, 65c per bu. KLUTZ & SHAVER. 3t

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King a Law Breaker.

Madrid, March 8.—King Alfonso's automobile was recently damaged by an electric car, and a suit was instituted against the railway company for damages. The case was tried and it was that the automobile was to blame. Acting upon various information, the mayor formulated an indictment, that the king's automobile habitually disregarded and violated the speed regulations, did not carry the distinguishing tablet required by law, and never paid the automobile tax.

It is stated that the government is indignant because of the mayor's action and has hinted that he had better resign. He refuses to do, on the ground that it is his duty to enforce the law, to which the king is amenable as anybody else.

Some Swallowing Done.

Did Jonah swallow the whale or did the whale swallow Jonah? Once upon a time, it is said, this question was put to a small boy in Sunday school, and the answer was that while he could not distinctly remember which swallowed the other he was positively sure that between the two there was some huge swallowing done. If any one can tell us which really did the swallowing in this case, maybe he can also tell us whether the Democratic party in North Carolina has swallowed the Prohibitionists or the Prohibition party the Democrats. Like the Sunday school boy, we are positively certain that between the two some magnificent swallowing has been done.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

BILL SNIPES ON ROAD WORKING.

He Claims the Macadamized Roads are Neglected and the Law Partly Enforced.

Trading Ford, N. C., March 6.—We notice an article in last WATCHMAN from Bro. Lee concerning the public roads, their condition and how they are worked. It's an object of much consideration and every road working citizen and tax payer in Rowan county ought to look more closely into this matter as Lee has suggested. Now, as to Providence township, we can say that some of our roads are alright, especially the main road running through this section, but that's not all. Let us see how they are worked. True, we could not ask the Commissioners to give us more macadamized road just at this time and place, because we feel that we have our share for awhile, therefore we are not discussing the question of macadamized roads so much as we are the working of said roads. It does seem that the people of Rowan county are of as many different classes of people as old Babylon. All pay tax perhaps, and a few work. We notice that 75 cents out of the poll tax goes to roads, then we have to work four days in a year, so they say. Where does this road tax go? In Salisbury township, we suppose, as Bro. Lee says.

We don't object to paying tax and we don't object to working the road if necessary, but let all work the road or none. If I live on a muddy road and have to work it, let the man who lives on a macadamized road work it too. We see as soon as the chain gang works up a road that is about all that road gets in a long time. Is this right? Is it right for me to pay tax and work the road and my brother neighbor pay tax and is excused from working the road? We would be glad if some one would explain this. We say it's unfair and claim that it would be better if all the roads were worked by taxation. This would bring everybody upon an equal basis and none should grumble.

If it's law to make a man work the road let the law make every man work. Hoping that some one will respond. We close by wishing the WATCHMAN much success.

BILL SNIPES.

No Ovation to Stossel.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Lieutenant General Stossel arrived in St. Petersburg this morning from Moscow. When the train steamed into the depot many hundreds of people, especially women, crowded on the platform. War Minister Sakharoff and Admiral Zilotti, on behalf of the admiralty, welcomed General Stossel, who was loudly cheered and presented with flowers. After receiving the personal congratulations of friends, the general looking bronzed and in good health, traversed the cheering crowd to a reception room, stopping now and then to shake hands with admirers. Behind the general came Mme. Stossel, leaning on the arm of a military officer. She looked to be even more bronzed than her husband, and smiled happily at the warm welcome accorded him. It was remarked that the general's hair had turned quite white.

The absence of military and naval officers from the platform was very noticeable. Altogether, the general's welcome was by no means in the nature of a popular demonstration, and lacked genuine enthusiasm.

EXHIBITION AT BARGER'S SCHOOL.

Farmers Preparing For Next Crop. Disposition of St. Peter's Charge.

Gold Knob, N. C., March 6.—Coming! Coming! The greatest of all exhibitions to be held at Barger's school house Saturday, March 11, 1905. The public is cordially invited to attend. "Dot Quied Lotging" and "The Holy Terror," two half hour plays will be acted in full glee on the stage.

The health of the neighborhood is generally good, with the exception of a few cases of gripp and colds.

Most of our farmers are taking advantage of this fair weather by plowing and preparing their ground for this year's crop. Some spring oats are being sown. There is some talk among the cotton growers of this section of a decrease in acreage. Don't know how about it.

Robert L. Phillip's school will close at the "Liberty" school house on Friday, March 10.

Mrs. Frank Minsell and mother have returned to live with Mrs. Minsell's father, Charles Mesimore.

All right Bro. Jake don't be uneasy in your mind, you shall hear from "Lee," whenever he gets money enough to pay postage.

Ed E. Proctor, who was cut in the arm last week, is able to be out and cross Little creek.

Joseph Holsouser has moved into his new residence near St. Peter's church.

Jno. M. Brady is building a nice residence at his old home.

Several of our boys spent Saturday at the Biltmore exhibition and several of the boys spent Saturday night at various places on their way home.

A joint council meeting of the council of St. Matthews.—St. Peter's churches was held in St. Peter's church March 5th, to determine whether or not a pastor should be called to succeed Rev. F. M. Harr. Mr. Harr having resigned as pastor of the charge, and was called as a supply by the St. Peter's congregation. The St. Peter's council not willing to turn down Mr. Harr for one that they knew not, and it was a difficult task to decide what to do. After all the outlook is for nothing more or less than the dissolution of the charge, a deep regret. LEE.

Items From Faith.

The warm weather has set in and the people are working in the quarries and there is a great demand for flat cars to move off the granite.

While we write we hear the carpenter's hammer on every side as there are so many buildings going up.

Faith is a good place to live. Whiskey was forever banished when the charter was gotten up for our town, that is the reason it is growing fast. The young people are spending their money for houses and lots instead of whiskey. So we see the good of a dry town. Some people retire from farm life and come here to live because there is no whiskey sold to disturb them. There is room for more people to move here and live a quiet life. VENUS.

This is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. There will be morning prayer, a sermon and a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Luke's Episcopal church. Rev. Dr. Murdoch officiating.

WRONG BROTHER HANGED.

Adolph Bloch Confesses In a Frenzy of Remorse and Says He Desires No Mercy.

Washington, Pa., March 2.—"My God, that's my brother! He never killed that woman. I am the murderer. I should have been hanged instead of Eugene," cried Adolph J. Bloch today in a frenzy of remorse, interrupting a companion at the steel mills in Cannonsburg, who was reading to him an account of the hanging of Eugene Bloch at Allentown on Tuesday. He is in the Washington county jail to-night, awaiting a hearing on the charge, to which he has confessed, and for which his brother has been executed. His brother was hanged for the alleged murder of Mrs. Kate Falzinger. Adolph Bloch declared to the authorities to-day, after the item had been read to him, that he himself killed Mrs. Falzinger, and that the brother, who had been hanged, was guiltless. Bloch is a mill worker, reads newspapers but little, and says he knew nothing of the trial, conviction and execution until today.

The murder of Mrs. Falzinger was a brutal one. Her throat was cut and her dead body was found a few hours after the crime. Eugene Bloch was arrested. He claimed that Mrs. Falzinger had been attacked by a stranger, and that he was trying to defend the woman when she was killed. Adolph Bloch says his brother knew him to be guilty and suffered death rather than betray him. When brought to the jail here to-night, Bloch was in a state of collapse. He gave out a statement in which he acknowledged his guilt, and expressed the hope that no mercy would be shown him for the terrible crime he committed. The Allentown officials, who were communicated with this evening, said it was impossible that an innocent man should have been hanged for the Falzinger murder.

Late tonight Bloch recovered his nerve to some degree, and declared to the jail officials that the whole story was a joke. Later, however, he repudiated this and reiterated his guilt.

Revival of the Age of Wonders.

The Observer brings the startling news that Squire Hilton, of Charlotte, has in his possession the stone with which David slew Goliath. The stone was given to him about 15 years ago by a man whose name he does not remember. If that stone could speak, wouldn't it have a pretty story to tell? Besides giving the proud Goliath a mighty tumble it saw Solomon in all his glory, the kingdom of David divided, the children of Israel carried into captivity, the conquering Alexander, the rise and fall of Persia, Greece and Rome, the eclipse of Egypt, and last not least it has landed in the Queen City of North Carolina. Verily, the age of wonders has not passed!—Stanly Enterprise.

The Prisoner Was Satisfied.

A North Carolina lawyer was trying a case before a jury, being counsel for the prisoner, a man charged with making "mountain dew." The judge was very hard on him and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. The lawyer moved for a new trial. The judge denied the motion and remarked: "The court and jury think the prisoner a knave and a fool." After a moment's silence, the prisoner wishes me to say that he is perfectly satisfied he has been tried by a court and a jury of his peers.—New Orleans Times Democrat.