

# THE WILSON ADVANCE.

EAR CASH IN ADVANCE.

"LET ALL THE ENDS THOU AIMST' AT BE THY COUNTRY'S, THY GOD'S AND TRUTHS."

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We Have Opened Up!!



OUR NEW

## Soda Fountain

Is now running at full blast, and we are prepared to serve cold drinks of every description.

Soda Water,  
Milk Shakes,  
Lemonade, etc.

Also a nice line of  
**FRUITS,**  
Tobacco, Cigars  
and Cigarettes.

Don't forget our Grocery Department.

**J. R. Hardy & Co.,**  
The Bargain Store.

TARBORO STREET.

He Took One Load.

It is reported of the late William H. Vanderbilt that his father, the commodore, did not give his son, when a young man, much credit for business ability. Absolute verification of this is doubtful, but a good story is told of an incident wherein the son proved that he, too, carried in his head some of the astuteness of commercial intercourse that his father possessed. The commodore presented him with a farm on Staten Island, informing him that he might live there and to make the land pay, as that was all he cared to contribute towards the lad's support. A short time later the commodore inquired of his son how he was getting along.

"Not very good, father," the man replied, "What I need badly is some means of improving the earth."

"Well, suppose you go up to my stables and get a load of refuse; but mind, I shall only give you one load."

"All right," and he took one load, but, to the astonishment of the commodore when he went to the stables, they had been entirely cleaned.

"How many loads did that boy of mine cart away from here?" he inquired of the stableman.

"One, sir," replied that functionary; "but he carried the stuff away in a barge sir."—Harper's Round Table.

Duty.

It is a duty we owe to ourselves, as well as those who are dependent on us, to preserve our health and strength. Aunt Rachael's Peruvian Malaria Bitters are found to be an unfailing and valuable assistant in maintaining the vigor of the system and keeping it in tone. Excellent for those subject to malarial fevers, females and weekly persons to give an appetite.

"I DIDN'T THINK."

If all the troubles in the world  
Were traced back to their start,  
We'd find not one in ten begun  
From want of willing heart.  
But there's a sly, woe-working elf  
Who lurks about youth's brink,  
And sure dismay he brings always—  
The elf, "I didn't think."

He seems so sorry when he's caught,  
His mien is all contrite,  
He so regrets the woe he's wrought,  
And wants to make things right.  
But wishes do not heal a wound,  
Or weld a broken link,  
The heart aches on, the link is gone—  
And thro' "I didn't think."

I half believe that ugly sprite,  
Bold, wicked, "I don't care,"  
In life's long run less harm has done  
Because he is so rare.  
And one can be so stern with him,  
Can make the monster shrink:  
But lack-a-day, what can we say  
To whining "Didn't think."

This most unpleasant imp of strife  
Pursues us everywhere,  
There's scarcely one whole day of life  
He does not cause us care;  
Small woes and great he brings the  
world:

Strong ships are forced to sink,  
And trains from iron tracks are hurled  
By stupid "Didn't think."

When brain is comrade to the heart,  
And heart from soul draw grace,  
"I didn't think" will quick depart.  
For lack of resting place.  
If from the great unselfish stream,  
The Golden Rule we drink,  
We'll keep God's laws and have no  
cause

To say, "I didn't think."

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Is Speed in Battleships All?

The fact that the battleship Iowa, in her trial trip a day or so since secured for her builders a bonus of \$200,000 because of the extra speed she attained, has again called up the question as to whether the money often paid for such excess of speed over that contracted for is money well spent.

The point is raised, and very properly so, that it would be better to have a little less speed in our battleships, if by so doing we could apply the weight assigned to the machinery and coal, in order to obtain increased speed, to the battery or armor. It is cited that it is unlikely that any ship will go into action at a higher speed than twelve or thirteen knots, and while it is desirable to have the power at hand for emergencies, yet it is to be doubted whether the payment of a bonus like that secured by the builders of the Iowa for the extra speed attained is not too great. Very many people hold to the belief that it might be better to dispense with some little speed in order to secure heavier battery and armor, and by this means made our battleships more powerful as fighters. The Iowa's contract is the last of the naval contracts making provisions for a premium of \$200,000 for every knot of speed made by the battleship in excess of that called for by the specifications—sixteen knots. Under similar contracts the Baltimore won \$106,411, the York \$39,825, the Nswark \$36,587, the Philadelphia \$100,000, the New York \$200,000, the Columbia \$350,000, the Minneapolis \$414,600, the Indiana \$50,000, the Massachusetts \$200,000 and the Brooklyn \$350,000, or an aggregate of \$1,847,723 earned by the Cramps.—Virginian.

No small objection which young folks had to the old time spring medicines was their nauseousness. In our day, this objection is removed, and Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the most powerful and popular blood-purifier, is as pleasant to the taste as cordial.

The number of emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland in 1896 was 241,912, of whom 36,000 went to South Africa.

North Carolina Industries.

The following are the new enterprises for the week in North Carolina, as given by the Manufacturers' Record:

Graham—Pants Factory.—Henry W. Grady will establish a pants factory.

Greensboro—Tobacco Factory.—The new tobacco manufacturing company reported will organize in a month. A factory of capacity of 150,000 to 200,000 pounds will be established, and fifty to seventy-five hands will be employed. W. E. Stone can be addressed for information.

New London—Cordage Plant.—It is reported that the Silver Springs Cordage Company will sell its mill to English investors, who will make extensive enlargements.

Rockingham—Cotton Mill.—The Textile Manufacturing Company has been organized with a capital stock of \$25,000, and will manufacture cotton cord, back bands, sash cord, lampwicks, etc. Factory will be equipped at once. The incorporators are T. C. Leak, H. C. Wall, H. S. Ledbetter, William Entwistle, J. P. Leak and others.

Winston—Electric Plant.—The Fries Manufacturing and Power Company has been organized and elected H. W. Fries, president; C. H. Fogle, vice-president, and J. W. Fries, secretary-treasurer, with a capital stock fixed at \$60,000. This company intends, as reported in these columns last February, to construct a dam to develop water-power and then transmit power by electric current to Winston, fifteen miles distant, for use in manufactories, etc.

Any one who will do.

A certain United States Senator, who is supposed to have some influence with the administration, recently received a letter which takes the palm for office seeking communications. It is dated from a town in Tennessee—a State which the Senator does not in part represent—and reads as follows:

"I respectfully ask you if you will be so kind as to do me the great favor to endorse and support me and give your honorable name to obtain an appointment from President McKinley. I wish to be appointed to one of the following positions: United States ambassador, minister, consul general, Comptroller and Register of the United States Treasury, revenue collector, collector of customs, revenue agent, pension agent, paymaster, postmaster, Indian agent, United States marshal, superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, surveyor general, superintendent of the river and harbor improvements, emigrant inspector, etc. I will thank you very much for anything you can obtain for me. I worked hard for President McKinley and for victory for our Republican party. I thank you for the work you have been doing in your own State for our party. Kindly try to bear me in your mind, and oblige. Hoping to hear from you, sir, soon at the address above, I am," etc.

Tyrolese Customs.

There is an old custom prevailing among the Tyrolese regarding proposals of marriage. The first time a young man pays a visit he brings with him a bottle of wine, of which he pours out a glass and presents it to the object of his desires.

If she accepts it, the whole affair is settled. Very often the girl has not yet made up her mind, and then she she will take refuge in excuses, so

as not to drink the wine, and yet not refuse it point blank, for that is considered a gross insult, providing that she has been merely trifling with the affections of her lover.

She will for instance maintain that the wine "looks sour," or that wine disagrees with her, or that she is afraid of getting tipsy, or that the priest has forbidden her taking any—in fact she makes use of any subterfuge that presents itself at that moment.

The purport of these excuses is that she has not come to a decision, and that the wine offering is premature.

This strange custom, dating very far back—according to one account, it was known as early as the 9th century—is called "bringing the wine," and is synonymous with the act of proposing.

Shy lovers, loath to make sure of their case before hand, find it a very happy institution. Not a word need be spoken, and the girl is spared the painful "No" of civilization.

If any of the wine is spilled, or the glass or bottle broken, it is considered a most unhappy omen—in fact there is a peasant's saying for an unhappy marriage, "They have spilled the wine between them."—Philadelphia Times.

Their Signatures.

George W. Cable, who seems to have dried up and blown away, spent his early years trying to imitate the signature of his illustrious namesake, George Washington, and succeeded very well. The Father of his Country always set a little "o" high up between G. and W., and in Cable's signature you will find the same peculiarity. W. D. Howells writes a small hand with a thick pen, never omitting the periods—three very black ones. Joel Chandler Harris' signature resembles a picket fence that had been set up straight and knocked half down with a club. Henry Cabot Lodge's signature is one that would convict the signer of palsy or some other nervous affection. But we know he is as solid as a rock. James Russell Lowell wrote "J. R. Lowell" in a style that is simply awful. His pot-hooks are the most extraordinary affairs ever seen. Brander Matthew's signature looks like a hen's scratching. E. P. Roe wrote a fine hand—fine in the sense of condensed. It was very shaky and uncertain, with a period after the "E," but none after the "P," or the "Roe."—Ex.

Starving in India.

While the armed hosts of Europe are about to grab at each other's throat, the people of India, inhabiting an area of country for 160,000 square miles, are in a state little less than starvation.

Lord George Hamilton, the British Secretary of State for India, says this is so, and that in addition there is a region of scarcity in which 44,000,000 people dwell, and Sir Edwin Arnold asserts that before the next harvest, unless something is done to assist them, 10,000,000 of people in that country may die of starvation. This is a sad condition of affairs for the christian world to contemplate surely.

A ship is now loading with corn at San Francisco for these people, and Mr. Crout, in advocating the joint resolution in Congress Saturday, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to charter a vessel to carry corn to India, said that if the Government would provide two ships the American people would fill them with corn for the sufferers. Let us hope that it will be done.—Virginian.

## DIRECTORY.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

LOCAL TRAINS:

N. Bound.	S. Bound.
Between Florence and Weldon.	
No. 78.	No. 23.
12:42 P. M. Leaves Wilson	2:05 P. M.

Between Wilmington and Norfolk:	
No. 48.	No. 49.
12:48 P. M. Leaves Wilson,	2:12 P. M.

"Shoo Fly" Wilmington to Rocky Mount:

No. 40.	No. 41.
10:23 P. M. Leaves Wilson,	6:15 A. M.

THROUGH TRAINS:

Between Florence and Weldon:	
No. 32.	No. 35.
12:22 A. M. Leaves Wilson,	11:18 P. M.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

R. S. CLARK, Chairman.	THOS. FELTON.
JOHN C. HADLEY,	J. H. NEWSOM.
SHADE FELTON,	

W. J. CHERRY, Sheriff,  
J. D. BARDIN, Clerk of Superior Court.  
J. H. GRIFFIN, Register of Deeds,  
S. H. TYSON, Treasurer,  
WM. HARRISS, Coroner,  
J. T. REVEL, Surveyor.

TOWN OFFICERS.

ALDERMEN:

J. D. LEE,	1st Ward.
J. A. CLARK, <td>2nd "</td>	2nd "
U. H. COZART, <td>3rd "</td>	3rd "
GEO. HACKNEY, <td>4th "</td>	4th "
J. T. ELLIS, <td>5th "</td>	5th "

P. B. DEANS, Mayor;  
JNO. R. MOORE, Town Clerk;  
W. E. DEANS, Collector.

POLICE:

D. P. CHRISTMAN, Chief.  
EPHRAIM HARRELL, FRANK FELTON  
JAMES MARSHBOURNE.

CHURCHES.

St. Timothy's Episcopal church,  
Rev. F. C. Bayless, Priest-in-charge.  
Services: Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School at 3 p. m., Week-days—Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. Holy days at 10 a. m. Celebration of Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., other Sundays at 7:45 a. m.

Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hurley Pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 5 p. m., J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30.

Disciples Church, Rev. D. W. Davis, Pastor; services on Second, Third and Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Sunday School at 3 o'clock, p. m., Geo. Hackney, Supt.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Second and Third Sunday in every month and at Strickland's church every Fourth Sunday. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Baptist Church, service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Rood Pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 5 p. m., D. S. Boykin Supt.

Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2nd Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Services begin at 11 a. m.

LODGES.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their hall, corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. J. D. Bullock, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. Lat Williams, H. P.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month. W. H. Applewhite, E. C.

Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge, K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the 1st National Bank every 1st Thursday evening at 3:30 o'clock, p. m. B. F. Briggs, Director.

Regular meetings of Contentnea Lodge, No. 87, K. of P., are held in Odd Fellows' Hall every Thursday night. Visiting members always welcome.

Regular meetings of Enterprise Lodge, No. 44, are held every Friday night in Odd Fellows' Hall.