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Perhaps from the pathway of right,
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To try you from morning till night;
But think of the desolate mother,
Who'd give all the world for your bliss,
And, as thanks for your infinite blessings,
Send the children to bed with a kiss.

For some day their noise will not vex you,
The silence will hurt you far more;
You will long for the sweet children's voices,
For a sweet, child's face at the door,
And to press a child's face to your bosom,
You'd give all the world for just this;
For the comfort twill bring you in sorrow,
Send the child to bed with a kiss?

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— The more we serve God the easier it is to turn our back on sin.

— All that is human must retrogate if it does not advance.—*Gibbon.*

— No money is taken at the door of heaven; you can enter by merely asking admission.

— The aggregate of our daily victories and defeats will be the measure of our whole life's success or failure.

— No man ever succeeds in life by neglecting his own business and looking after other people's business.

— A reputation for good judgment, for fair dealing, for truth, and for rectitude, is itself a fortune.—*Beecher.*

— As an answer to many of the questions of life which have never been answered, we may reverently write the word—God.

— Christ stands for something else than strength in the hour of darkness and death. He came that we might have life, and that more abundantly.

— Whoever goes to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ among the heathen goes on a warfare which requires all prayer and supplication to keep his armor bright.—*Robert Moffatt.*

— Pray modestly as to the things of this life; earnestly for what may be helps to your salvation; intensely for salvation itself that you may ever behold God, love God. Practice in life whatever you pray for and God will give it to you more abundantly.—*E. B. Pusey.*

— Cynicism is another name for littleness. It is not surprising that Diogenes lived in a tub, for since he was small enough to be a cynic he could have all the room he needed in a tub—and have some flats to let.—*Rev. J. E. Pounds, D. D.*

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Republican Office Holders Refuse to Give Way to New Appointees.

SEVERAL SUITS INSTITUTED.

Petitions in Involuntary Bankruptcy—The City Election—Negroes Anxious to Enlist in the Army—Gov. Russell Pardoning Convicts.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 16.

There is a great rush of colored applicants to "jine de army" at the recruiting station opened here by Major Davis. Most of them are members of Jim Young's regiment (the Third) recently mustered out. Of the fifty applicants yesterday eighteen were examined and only four were accepted. One of the four is white—Oscar M. Swayn. He enlists for service in the Philippines. Men will be sent to Columbus, Ohio, as rapidly as enlisted.

R. P. Reinhardt, the Fusion supervisor of the Anson State farm, refuses to give up to R. R. Ross, of Randolph, who has been appointed supervisor by the new Penitentiary Board. Ross will take the matter to the courts. He is represented by Hon. James A. Lockhart.

The Republicans so far are taking little interest in the city election to be held in May. They have made no nominations and it is not very probable that they will make any, other than Aldermen in two precincts. In one of these they will elect their candidate. In the other they have only a fighting chance.

Since the 20th day of February, the day the Democrats took charge of the penitentiary, twenty-seven convicts have been pardoned—an average of one a day.

The public and private acts passed by the recent Legislature will make two books of about 1,000 pages each. The printers are now at work on them. They must be completed within ninety days after adjournment of the General Assembly.

The commencement exercises of the departments of law, medicine and pharmacy of Shaw Universisy took place in the college chapel this forenoon at 11 o'clock.

The address was by Prof. Howard B. Grose, of Boston, associate editor of the *Watchman*. The subject of Dr. Grose's address was "The Power of an Idea."

The case of Thomas Smith, the negro who killed one white man and seriously wounded another near Selma, Johnston county, last Christmas, has been set for trial Friday in Johnston Superior Court.

Vaccination has been made compulsory at Henderson and hundreds are being vaccinated.

Milton Barnes, a white man claiming to be from Onslow county, was arrested here last night for stealing a cow from a man living some ten miles from Raleigh and selling it to a butcher in this city.

Wake Forest Ball Games.

Following is the list of games arranged by the officials of the Wake Forest College base ball team, with their respective opponents and places of meeting:

March 25th—A. & M. College, at Wake Forest.
March 27th—Bingham School (Mebane), at Wake Forest.
April 1st—Richmond College, at Wake Forest.
April 3d—Trinity College, at Durham.
April 4th—Horner School, at Oxford.
April 6th—Atlanta Institute of Technology, at Atlanta.
April 7th and 8th—Mercer University, at Macon, Ga.
April 12th—Oak Ridge Institute, at Wake Forest.
April 14th—Guilford College, at Raleigh.
April 21st—Roanoke College, at Wake Forest.
April 24th—University of Maryland, at Wake Forest.
May 1st—Trinity College, at Wake Forest.

Other games will probably be filled in later. Mr. Jas. F. Royster, of Raleigh, is captain of the team, and the manager is Mr. Claude W. Gore, of Wilmington.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Petitions in involuntary bankruptcy were to-day filed for J. Daughtridge and J. W. Bradley, doing business under the firm name of Daughtridge & Company, of Rocky Mount. Creditors of the company are the Virginia and Carolina Chemical Company, at Richmond, W. Bradley and J. W. Matthews. The liabilities are $8,000 and the assets are not stated. The petition asks that Thomas H. Battle, of Rocky Mount, be appointed temporary receiver. The matter will be heard before Judge Purnell March 25th.

Suit was to-day instituted by Barnes Brothers for a mandamus to compel the joint committee on printing to sign a contract with them and to compel the Secretary of State to deliver them the manuscript of the laws and journals. The case will be heard by Judge Brown at chambers here on March 30th.

Papers were also filed to day in Cherry's suit to oust Burns, as keeper of the capitol. This also will be heard by Judge Brown.

Attorney General Walser to day formally declined to pass on the constitutionality of the act abolishing county boards of education and creating county boards of directors. He says it is not in the province of his office to pass upon the constitutionality of laws of the Legislature. He must construe law as administered, and not pass on its validity.

District meeting of Pythians will be held here Tuesday night. Grand Chancellor Franklin, of Charlotte, Grand Vice Chancellor Woodward, of Wilmington, and other grand officers will attend. A banquet will be given by the local Pythians.

— Any lingering hopes in the mind of the American public that the gravity of the Philippines situation was being exaggerated will be dispelled by the news from Manila published in The *World* this morning. We have a war on our hands—long, a wearing, a deplorable struggle against savagery reinforced by a deadly climate.—*New York World, Dem.*

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POLITICAL GOSSIP AT THOMASVILLE, GA.

Jekyl Island Said to be Soon the Scene of an Important Conference of Republican Leaders.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

THOMASVILLE, GA., March 18.—Thomasville, for the first time since the President's visit, was rife with political gossip to-day. Jekyl Island, speculation ran, was to be the scene of an important political gathering, where the future course of the Republican party would be gone over and settled, far from the public and the press and shielded from intrusion by the strict enforcement of the no-trespassing regulations of the rich club which controls its destinies. The sudden appearance of Speaker Reed at Jekyl Island, the authoritative announcement that President McKinley, Vice President Hobart and Senator Hanna would make their trip there on Monday, and the visit of Judge Day, formerly Secretary of State, to Thomasville, though absolutely mere coincidences, according to those gentleman named who are here, revived at once recollections of the important part in national history born of the Thomasville conferences four years ago. The conferences now, said the gossip, were to be transferred to Jekyl island, the scene chosen was suggestive of the times when kings met on craft in mid-stream to settle the destinies of empires.

The President Surprised.

It is fair to say, at the outset, that Senator Hanna, Vice President Hobart and President McKinley himself, say positively that there is no politics whatever in their present visit South and that it is undertaken solely for rest and recuperation. As to Speaker Reed's presence at Jekyl, both Senator Hanna and Vice President Hobart said that they did not know the speaker was there until they saw the papers. The latter, before the arrival of the papers, was so positive the speaker was not to be at Jekyl island, that when a newspaper man told him Mr. Reed was to be there, he promptly bet him a suit of clothes that Speaker Reed was not at Jekyl and would not be at Jekyl Island. The news, it was evident, was also surprising to others in the President's party, who ordinarily would have heard of it had there been any anticipatory comment about the house on the subject. As regards Judge Day, he is not going to Jekyl and probably will be out of Thomasville on the way home by the time the President returns. There is, nevertheless, a possibility that the Jekyl Island trip, though not so intended perhaps by its principals, may have an important political bearing. It may prove to be the reconciliation ground of

President McKinley and Speaker Reed.

That their relations are strained and development of party policy in legislation is hindered thereby is a matter of common report. Judge Moore, whose guest Speaker Reed is, and Cornelius N. Bliss, who asked President McKinley and party to visit him, are common friends of all parties, personally and politically, and through them harmonious fellowship may again prevail between the two foremost Republicans.

If the Jekyl Island trip has any political outcome it will be this. Should this consummation come, it is quite likely that neither the Speaker nor the President would have been privy to its inception for knowledge by them of such an ulterior hope by their hosts would have prevented its accomplishment. This view is entirely consistent with the statements of the principal persons who will be there, for they declare absolutely that politics cut no figure in the trip and their denials were in no sense technical but broad and comprehensive. Judge Day arrived in Thomasville at 2.40 this afternoon. He went at once to the Piney Woods Hotel, and he and Mrs. Day being tired retired for an hour or so. His cheeks were tanned and he seemed to have gained a little flesh.

Judge Day Talks.

Late in the afternoon, to an Associated Press correspondent, Mr. Day said: "We are working our way north from Palm Beach and, hearing Thomasville was a fine place, we decided to stop here and pay our respects to the President. I wanted to see him, and Mrs. Day wanted to see Mrs. McKinley. Yes, you will be safe in saying positively that neither politics or international affairs are in any way connected with our visit. We are only here to pay our respects to the President and enjoy ourselves."

Judge Day said that he was not going to Jekyl Island and would leave here for the North the early part of next week.

Senator Hanna's Denial.

Senator Hanna had learned of his arrival and called as the Associated Press correspondent was talking to Judge Day.

The Senator, when told of the reports that there was to be a big political pow-wow at Jekyl island with Speaker Reed and others, said: "It is silly business talking about political conferences on this trip. It is for rest and nothing else. I wish they would let up talking about politics being in it. The Vice President had the grip and is run down, and I mean to keep him here as long as I stay. Mr. McKinley's nerves were worn out with the strain. He needed to brace up. These drives about here and the quiet life are just building him right up. You see how much better he is. No, the trip to Jekyl Island has nothing to do with politics. We would not come way down here to talk politics. Yes, I see Speaker Reed is at Jekyl, but it has nothing to do with our trip."

THE BANISHED TOLBERTS.

Two of the Participants in the South Carolina Election Trouble Return to Greenwood.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 18.—The Tolberts, who have been under banishment for their part in the Phœnix election riots of last November, have decided to test the efficacy of Governor Ellerbee's proclamation calling upon the people of Abbeville and Greenwood counties to afford them protection and permit them to return to their homes. Thomas P. Tolbert, who was one of the most active participants in the trouble and who was hunted down, but managed to escape, has gone back to Abbeville county, while James W., the postmaster at McCormick, has also returned. So far they have been permitted to resume their vocation without any demonstration against them. A correspondent, writing from the disturbed section says: "The conservative citizens will do everything to avert trouble, but there is no need to disguise the fact that a very large proportion of the people of this section are decidedly averse to allowing the Tolbert is to remain, and there is much apprehension for their safety."

Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is very ill at the home of his brother-in-law, M. N. Bradley, in Staunton, Va.

THE HOTEL FIRE IN NEW YORK.

No Bodies Were Taken Yesterday from the Seething Mass of Ruins.

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE.

Latest Estimate is Sixteen Dead, Sixty-six Missing and Fifty-seven Injured. Work of Recovering Bodies Will Probably Begin To-day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Through the incessant rain to-day, their efforts hindered by a choking smoke that arose from the half quenched ruins, more than two hundred men from the building, police and fire departments, sought, but with only unsatisfactory results, for bodies of persons believed to have perished in yesterday's fire at the Windsor hotel. Most of the time the smoke was so dense that the workmen could scarcely see their hands before their faces, and the heat from the mass of debris, glowing red in places, held the rescuers almost beyond its limits.

Besides, the remnants of the walls left standing were so shaky and threatening that it would have been dangerous to allow the men to work about the mass of riveted iron and brick. Efforts were concentrated on clearing away the debris, removing weak walls, drilling the chimneys and other parts of the walls for blasting, and making the way safe for the men to dig in the ruins for the bodies.

The Victims of the Fire.

No bodies were taken from the seething mass of ruins to day. The latest estimate to-night is sixteen dead, sixty-six missing, and fifty-seven injured. It is believed the men will be able to proceed with the grewsome search to-morrow with more satisfactory results. Several fire engines had kept their stations all night long, throwing heavy streams of water on the ruins. Occasionally a mass of flame would struggle up from some unnoticed spot like a bubble and burst away as the streams were played on it. Through the day explosions of gas punctuated the continual pumping sound of the engines.

Warren F. Leland, the proprietor of the Windsor, had somewhat recovered to-day, but was still in a feeble condition. He is as yet unable to account for the origin of the fire.

Losses and Insurance.

It was learned to-day that Eldridge T. Gerry had the building and the furniture that belonged to the hotel fully insured, and even the annual rental, for which he indemnified himself with policies aggregating $75,000. Mr. Gerry carried policies aggregating $599,000 on the building, and had insurance for $120,000 on the furnishings. In addition to this, Mr. Leland had policies aggregating $100,000 on his own furniture in the hotel. Most of the policies that covered the hotel were written with corporations that have their main offices in other States than New York.

No estimate can be made of the precious metals and gems which have withstood the flames and lie hidden in the embers and wreckage of the great hotel. One family lost jewelry valued at $200,000, and the total will run up somewhere near a million. How much has been picked up and carried away can never be known, nor can all ever be recovered.

Mrs. Nancy Kirk, who lost her life, and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Kirk Haskins, had the family jewels, valued at more than $200,000, with them. There were scores of other wealthy families who lived in the hotel and who lost jewels worth thousands of dollars.

MORE FIGHTING NEAR MANILA.

The Filipinos Repulsed—Oregon Arrived. General Otis Preparing for an Aggressive Movement.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, March 19, 8.30 A. M.—The Filipinos in force attacked a company of the Washington volunteers at Taguig last night. Two companies of the Washington and Oregon volunteers were sent to the assistance of their comrades and drove the rebels back in front of the Twenty-second regulars, who also engaged the enemy. Two American soldiers were killed and an officer and thirteen privates were wounded. The enemy's loss was severe.

An attack was made by the rebels yesterday upon the battery at Loma church, but the enemy were repulsed by the Pennsylvanians with heavy loss. Lieutenant Thompson and Privates McVry and McCanse, of Company C, were wounded.

A gunboat, with a company of the Twenty-third regulars on board, is now on the lake, attacking the small towns. She was last heard of off Morong and Santa Cruz.

Battleship Oregon Arrives.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Navy Department has been advised of the arrival at Manila of the battleship Oregon. The following is the cablegram, received from Admiral Dewey: "The Oregon and the Iris arrived today. The Oregon is in fit condition for any duty."

Batteries Ordered to Manila.

The light batteries which have been ordered to Manila are Battery E, First artillery, now at Jefferson barracks, Mo.; Battery F, Fourth artillery, now at Fort Adams, and Battery F, Fifth artillery, now at Fort Hamilton.

Otis Planning Another Blow.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—General Otis is planning another blow at the insurgents in execution of his general scheme of hastening the ending of the rebellion in Luzon before the advent of the rainy season. The fact appeared quite incidentally in a cablegram received from him, in which he replied to an inquiry from the War Department relative to the discharge of the volunteer soldiers serving in his army.

The Island of Cebu.

MANILA, March 19.—The island of Cebu has been made a sub-district under Lieutenant Colonel Hamer, of the First Idaho volunteers. The other officers are Captain Willard T. Wood, of the Tenth regulars, collector of customs, and Lieutenant Thomas F. Schley, of the Twenty-third, port captain.

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The device known as the swanpan is a small counting table used by the Chinese to facilitate numerical calculations. The Chinese have no figures, nor any equivalent for them, but they have made use of the swanpan for many centuries. The merchants and manufacturers are usually very expert in making calculations, but the laboring classes are, as a rule, ignorant of the simplest arithmetical operations and employ the swanpan in computing even a small amount.

It is an ingenious little instrument, divided into two compartments, an upper and a lower, and the compartments are crossed by slender bamboo rods, tightly stretched twine, or, more frequently, by iron wires. Two small balls are strung on each rod or wire in the upper compartment and five on each wire in the lower compartment.

The principal use of the upper set of balls is to double the numerical value of the lower ones. The balls on the first wire to the right represent units, the next tens, the next hundreds, the next thousands, and so on in tenfold progression.

By thus using the swanpan any sum expressed in figures may be shown by the movable balls with accuracy and surprising rapidity. Chinese accountants become so expert in using the device that, even in large commercial transactions, they can compute the sum total in less time than it would take to write down the figures.

In its construction and use the swanpan closely resembles the abacus, a calculating machine used in mercantile transactions by the ancient Greeks and Romans. "Abacus Pythagorious" was anciently a name for the multiplication table.

In our modern schools a kind of swanpan or abacus is frequently used for teaching small children addition and multiplication. It usually consists of a frame with 12 wires running through it and 12 beads or small balls on each wire.—Philadelphia Times.

The Smallest Policeman.

The smallest and youngest policeman in the world is Claude H. Shipley, 4½ years old, a Chicago boy who has been duly enrolled in the police department and has

his post in front of a big steel mill of which his father is superintendent. He does not patrol on wet days. He carries a club and wears the regulation police badge, a star.

Mutual Lessons.

Miss Dox, a teacher in New Mexico, once gave an interesting account of her first lesson to pupils who did not understand one word of English, while their teacher did not understand one word of Spanish. Miss Dox hung an illustrated chart on the mud walls and pointed to the picture of a cat. Then she pointed to the word in English and pronounced it. They took the hint and said it after her, "cat." Then they all laughed to think that an English word had been spoken. After that by various motions she made them undertand that she would like to learn Spanish, so they gave her the cat's name in Spanish, and she pronounced it. Then they shouted with delight. And this was the first lesson.

On Duty.

Said Mildred Duzie Jones to Dick:
"This is no ordinary trick
That any mongrel cur might do.
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And you must stand up straight and still
And never move a bit until
I say, 'Ground arms!' and 'March in line!'
Or else you are no dog of mine.

"Then when your drilling is complete
You'll have this bit of cheese to eat,
But first you'll have to wash, you know,
For soldiers always manage so.
Now don't you whine! Who ever heard
A soldier say a pleading word
Or saw him tilt his ears that way?
I'm quite ashamed of you, I say!"
—Chicago Record.

A Queen's Greatest Treasure.

"Like all children," Professor J. H. Gore says in The Ladies' Home Journal, "Wilhelmina has had her favorite playthings. On her first visit to Switzerland this demure little lady was seen carrying a small handbag, and when she declined to intrust this precious burden to any one else some thought it must contain her birthright to the throne of the Netherlands or its regal crown. But it contained neither. In it was her pet doll, whom she was taking with her to enjoy the summer vacation."

Cutting His Hair.

Dollie has a baby brother who has been ill with the coming through of his first tooth. The baldness of brother's head has caused Dollie great anxiety. She stood at mother's knee one day gently patting the little head. "Be careful, Dollie," said mother. "You know poor little brother is sick. He's cutting his teeth." Dollie reflected. "Mamma," she said, "is it going to make him sick when he cuts his hair?"

Why He Felt Bad.

"Good morning, Jasper! I am very sorry to hear of your domestic trouble."

"Wha' sorter trebble dat, sah?"

"Why, I mean the trouble in your home affairs. I am told that your wife has run away from you. Is it a fact?"

"'Deed, it ar', sah!"

"Of course you feel very bad about it?"

"Yaas, sir. De way de marter stan at de presen' time, sah, I feels mighty bad."

"At the present time? What do you mean by that?"

"I mean, sah, dat she hain' had time yit ter go fur 'nough ter make de ole man feel sho' dat she hain' comin back."—Richmond Dispatch.

Foolish Trouble.

"I see that a young wife has been arrested for putting paris green into a pie which she had made for her husband."

"Yes, I noticed it. It was very foolish of a young wife to use paris green if she wanted to get rid of her husband."

"Why?"

"The pie itself ought to have been sufficient."—London Quiver.

Not a Great Risk.

Clara—We've had a terrible fight, and it's all broken off.

Maude—Do you think there is any hope of a reconciliation?

"Oh, yes! I am so confident that I have sent back all his presents."—London Fun.

TWINKLINGS.

— A place where "jail birds" are caged should be called "a knave-iary."—*Punch.*

— She—"If I were a man I never would care to marry." He—"If you were a man, I never would want to marry either."—*Life*

—"What is your idea of a humorist?" "A real humorist is a man who gets mad when he hears a pun."—*Chicago Record.*

— In a Balcony: She—"If capital punishment must be, I certainly favor electricity." He—"Oh! That is to say, you prefer currents to raisin's."—*Harlem Life.*

— "Poker," said the missionary, "has broken many a happy home." "And many a husband's head, incidentally," remarked the irreverent man in the rear of the hall.

— Inexperienced Golfer (in difficulties)—"What do you do in a place like this?" Sandy—"Weel, men, I usually swear like the de'll, I'm verra sorry to say."—*Puck.*

— The Algerian Idea: Jakey Krouts—"Vat vas a standing army, Fritz?" "Vy, dot vas an army dot vill sthan' mos' anyt'ings, vrom canned jackass to embalmed pig's ankle."—*Life.*

— "That young man means well," said Mabel's father, "but he isn't intellectual. He doesn't think much." "Yes, he does," interrupted Mabel confidently, "he thinks a great deal of me."—*Washington Star.*

— "The trouble with Congress," said the man who complains, "is that it spends too much time." "Yes," answered the statesman who had been disappointed in the rivers and harbors bill, "and not enough money."—*Washington Star.*

— "What is your opinion on this new national question?" said the inquirer. "My boy," said Senator Sorghum, dolefully, "that's a difficulty under which us statesmen have to labor. By the time I get through hustling for votes and watching the schemes of the opposition, I don't have a minute left for forming opinions about anything."—*Washington Star.*

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