

"Pull up!" That's the counsel very often given by a well-meaning person to a friend who is slipping down the slope of alcoholism.

Strength will stop the wildest horse. Strength is the great necessity in the stopping of disease.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has cured thousands who had obstinate cough, bronchitis, weak lungs, spitting of blood, emaciation, and similar ailments which if neglected or unskillfully treated lead to consumption.

I had been troubled with bronchitis and cough for eight years; had severe attacks at times great difficulty in breathing. I was told to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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NOBODY KNOWS BUT MOTHER.

How many buttons are missing to-day? Nobody knows but mother. How many playthings are strewn in her way? Nobody knows but mother.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

—What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.—George Elliott. —Don't let your hatred for hypocrites cause you to be their companions for all eternity.

BRITISH MOVING ON COLESBURG.

The Boers Report an Attack on Gen. Cronje's Forces Near Schaltz Nek.

FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH.

British Troops Made a Sortie and Destroyed Boer Artillery—A Burgher Column Moving to Attack Relief Expedition from Estcourt.

LONDON, December 9.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated Friday, December 8th, says 3,000 British troops, preceded by an armored train, are advancing on Colesburg from Nauport.

Reports have been received here of fighting early this morning in the vicinity of Schaltz Nek, the British attacking General Cronje. Fighting is also reported to have occurred in the direction of Kimberley.

CAPE TOWN, December 7.—A hundred men of the Naval brigade proceeded to the front to-night. It is known that the Boers have crossed the ends of their main bulwark, thus producing an effect similar to the dum-dums. Halse and Warren and thirty men left the camp at Carnarvon to-day when four miles out sighted a patrol of five Boers, who were sought out.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Initial Steps Taken for Unification of Various Railroads of the System at a Meeting in Raleigh.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—The initial steps providing for the unification of the Seaboard Air Line system were taken at the general meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, held in Raleigh to-day.

KENTUCKY ELECTION CASE.

Taylor Received the Certificate and Declared to be the Governor-Elect.

FRANKFORT, KY., December 6.—At 9:45 this morning the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the election commissioners and he was declared to be Governor-elect of Kentucky.

—Perfect union of work grows out of perfect union of nature. The Jew understood the implication of the Christ's word.

PRODUCTION OF COTTON.

Report of the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture for the Year Ended August 31, 1899.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The final report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture on the acreage and production of cotton in the United States for the year ended August 31, 1899, is ready for the press. It shows the acreage in the principal States to have been as follows:

North Carolina 1,811,708, South Carolina 833,218, Georgia 8,538,905, Alabama 3,003,178, Mississippi 2,900,298, Louisiana 1,281,691, Texas 6,991,904, Arkansas 1,876,467, Tennessee 696,723, Oklahoma 247,587, Indian Territory 314,900, Kansas 236,113, making a total of 24,967,295 acres.

The production in gross bales was as follows: North Carolina 629,820, South Carolina 1,085,414, Georgia 1,975,715, Alabama 1,473,423, Mississippi 2,447,138, Louisiana 717,747, Texas 3,863,109, Arkansas 918,469, Tennessee 322,820, Oklahoma 108,026, Indian Territory 207,588, Kentucky 93,291, making a total of 11,192,206 bales.

FATAL SHOOTING.

Sensational Affair at the Bicycle Race in Madison Square, New York City.

NEW YORK, December 9.—An hour after the big bicycle race ended in Madison Square to-night, and during the excitement attending a fifteen-mile pursuit race, Frederick S. Slater, of Rahway, N. J., seated in one of the lower boxes, was shot and mortally wounded by Walter B. Rosser, a student from St. John's College, N. C.

LEFT LEG FRACTURED.

Mr. Frank Thompson Met With a Bad Accident Yesterday Afternoon on the Steamer General Wright.

Mr. Frank Thompson, a young white man who works as a deck hand on the government stump-puller Gen. H. C. Wright, which is at work up the Cape Fear river, near Navassa, had the misfortune to get his left leg broken yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

THE FLORIDA CENTRAL.

Unable to Make Traffic Arrangements for Through Service.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 9.—There has been much speculation respecting the arrangements that would be made by which the Florida Central and Peninsula railway might continue its through service between Florida and Washington, following the severance of relations between the Southern and the F. C. & P. which latter has become a part of the Seaboard system.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

An Alleged Spurious Dispensation from Atlanta Headquarters.

ATLANTA, GA., December 9.—Many circulars have been sent throughout the Southern jurisdiction, Woodmen of the World, which comprises seven Southern States, from its headquarters in Atlanta.

THE CATTLE QUARANTINE.

Order by the Department of Agriculture to Take Effect January 1st.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The annual quarantine order against the area where the splenic or Southern Texas fever exists among cattle will be issued shortly by the Department of Agriculture to take effect January 1st.

COTTON GIN COMBINE.

All the Large Manufacturing Concerns in the Country in the Deal.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 9.—It is stated here that all of the big cotton gin manufacturing concerns of the world will form a combination, or syndicate, to control the market.

C. M. Harper, the Pinners Point real estate man, who yesterday shot and killed David Ross, was yesterday bailed in the sum of \$5,000 to await the action of the grand jury.

WILL GREATLY CRIPPLE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Attorney General Walker Says the State Superintendent Must Recognize the Old Fusion Boards.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—The Supreme Court recently decided that the new school law under which county boards of school directors were chosen is unconstitutional.

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MISSISSIPPI TRAGEDY.

Deed at Greenville Between Two Prominent Men—Both Were Killed.

GREENVILLE, MISS., December 9.—A duel was fought here to-day which resulted in the instant death of J. C. Connerly, of Lakeville, Ark., and Alfred B. Duncan, manager of the Read Leaf plantation and stores, who lived near Sunnyside, Ark.

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One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed.

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Containing 800 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt.

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STATE CONVENTION OF N. C. BAPTISTS.

Adjourned at Asheville to Meet Next Year in Raleigh—Wilmington Delegates Returned Last Evening.

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Well, Christmas is Coming, and I Am Glad of It, Says the School Girl.

My father and mother go to town before then, and I shall put in my wants and tell them where I would go and get the nice things.

My mamma has promised to buy me a nice Coat, and I have seen one that came from the Racket at \$3.45, just like the one I want, and a Fur Collar-ette at \$1.75 and \$3.00.

Well, my School Shoes are wearing out, and they have worn well. My papa bought them at the Racket, and I will have him to get me a pair of Goodman's best Solid Leather, Fine Shoes at Gaylord's for \$1.00 a pair.

Look here, miss, you shan't have it all. How about that Suit I am to have at \$1.50 or \$2.00; and a pair of those Double-Seated Pants at 45c; and a good Cap from 10c, 15c to 25c.

Well, I want some good Undershirts and Pants. I am going to get him to bring me some of those 30c Shirts that are worth 50c. A nice Laundered Shirt at 25c. A Union Suit, a good one, at 25c; and a pair of fine Shoes at 75c or \$1.00.

Crockery, GLASSWARE, &c.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR AN

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LOCATION THE MOST ELIGIBLE IN THE TRUCK REGION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Entire Plant of the INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Wilmington, N. C., FOR SALE.

CONSISTING of three brick buildings with all necessary adjuncts. One Hundred Horse-power Engine, Two Rollers, Shuttling, Pulleys, Tension Machinery and Saws, Dish Dies, Basket and Crane Machinery and Shapes, Automatic Saw Mill, Big Saws, Band-Saws and Cut-Off Saws. Also, a Brand new Planer, costing \$500.

In fact, all necessary machinery for the successful manufacture of Sweet-Corn Butter Dishes, Berry Baskets, Vegetable Crates, Baskets, and Packages of every kind. Modern Dry Kiln in connection, also, a Boston Blower.

This property has a river front and wharf of 100 feet, with railroad track running into the yard.

There is an inexhaustible supply of gum and raw materials for miles in every direction tributary to this factory, and to be had at a nominal sum.

Apply in person or by mail to THE MORNING STAR, Wilmington, N. C.

Santa Claus is coming.

And we are ready to meet him with a beautiful line of Toys and Holiday Goods to please the little folks.

We carry a good line of "Boys' Clothing, Ladies' Caps at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. A nice lot of Handkerchiefs, Towels, Linen and silk for Christmas presents. We can show you a nice lot of Ribbon from 25c to 50c per yard. Embroidery from 5c to 25c per yard.

G. O. GAYLORD'S Branch Store, J. B. BOYD, Manager. Corner Fourth and Campbell Streets.

"THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO."

THIS BANK, THE STRONGEST SAVINGS BANK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Depositors are requested to present their books to have interest entered for quarter ending December 15, 1899.

J. W. NORWOOD, PRESIDENT. H. WALTERS, VICE-PRESIDENT. JAS. S. WORTH, ACTING CASHIER.

STATEMENT OF Atlantic National Bank, WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 31st, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES. Loans \$56,971.54. Overdrafts 101,754.40. U. S. Bonds 25,000.00. Deposits from Banks 87,624.25. Deposits from other banks 109,120.00. Cash on hand 79,881.01—\$329,238.11.

LIABILITIES. Surplus and undivided profits \$128,000.00. Circulation 41,060.00. Deposits from Banks 87,624.25. Deposits from other banks 109,120.00. Cash on hand 79,881.01—\$329,238.11.

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Advertisement for Roberts' Chills and Fever Tonic, featuring a bottle illustration and text: "ROBERTS' CHILLS AND FEVER TONIC IS A SYSTEM BUILDER, GIVES APPETITE & CORRECTS THE LIVER."

Advertisement for Xmas Goods, listing items like 35 Barrels Nice Apples, 3,500 C. C. Nuts, 25 Boxes Mixed Nuts, 50 Boxes Cal. New Crop L. L. Raisins, 25 Tubs 'Blue Ribbon' Rk'n Candy, 150 Pails and Boxes Candy, 5,000 Old Va. Cherries.

Advertisement for D. L. GORE, Wholesale and Retail Druggist, Wilmington, N. C.

Advertisement for Mrs. IRVING ROBINSON, Proprietress, Shoot Your Gun! listing various food items like 150 Boxes Firecrackers, 5,000 C. C. Nuts, 1,400 Pounds Fancy Candy, 3,800 Pounds Mixed Candy, 125 Pounds Caramels, 140 Barrels Apples, 100 Pounds Loose Raisins, 1,500 Pounds L. L. Raisins, 900 Barrels Flour, 180 Bags Coffee, 240 Dozen Oysters.

Advertisement for McNair & Pearsall, Sole agents for Rob Roy Flour, listing various food items like Candles, Nuts, Raisins, C. C. Nuts, Apples, Cakes, Fireworks, &c.

Advertisement for Mercier & Evans, 804 steps east from cor. Front and Princess, No. 118 Princess street.

Advertisement for Val Duttonhofer Shoes, listing various shoe styles and prices.

Advertisement for Our Manish Shoe is Especially Manish, listing various shoe styles and prices.

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