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## LASKER, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1895.

## NO. 15.

## Speak no Ill.

Nay, speak no ill, a kindly word Can never leave a sting behind; And oh! to breathe each tale we've heard is far beneath a noble mind.

Full off a better seed is sown By choosing thus a kinder plan. For if but little good be known. shill let us speak the best we can.

Give me the heart that fain would hide. Would fain another's faults efface; How can'it pleasure human pride To prove humanity but base.

No: let us reach a higher mood, A nobler estimate of man; Be carnest in the search for good. And speak of all as best we can.

Then speak no ill, but lenient be To other's failings as your own, t you're the first a fault to see. He not the first to make it known.

For life is but a passing day, No lips may tell how short its span: rhead oh! the little time we stay, Let's speak of all the best, we can." -Selected

HIS LAST LETTER.

#### WRITTEN BY THE LATE W. J. CAPE HART JUST BEFORE HIS DEATH -HIS TRUST IN GOD.

The late William J. Capehart, whose life we published last week, was, from its first publication, a public encouraged its editor and contributed to its support. He often used its columns to speak to the people. His constant aim was to do something to advance the interest of the farming class. One of his last acts during his last and fatal illness was to write a letter for publication in his favorite paper, the PATRON AND GLEANER, but as we were crowded for space it has been held over till now, as it was one that would be good at any time. In it he offers encouragement to the small farmer and expresses his gratitude to God for the sucthe letter:

## Bread. Where? How? THE KOON-TI PLANT. NO. 4. [For the Patron and Gleaner.]

The principal market for the Koon-ti starch is Key West. though quite a quantity is shipped annually to the Bahamas, as also to Havana.

The Koon-ti starch is very fine from what it was on a farm only and white when well prepared, 10 miles, or perhaps half that disalthough there is a great deal of tance away, especially when we difference in its quality, accord- did not have means enough to lay ing to the care taken in its prep- in very much at one time.

aration. It used to bring much better prices than now, and a good deal more of it was made. Parties who had purchased lived as far again or further.

land here, made their living from the manufacture and sale of the neighbors as long as the Koon-ti starch, while waiting for neighbors had anything to loan their trees and crops to grow. It us, and nearly all the neighbors takes seven or eight barrels of would do the same until the whole roots, on an average, to make two neighborhood was in debt to cne ket; there was more to haul off, hundred pounds of starch; and another and did not have anyabout \$9.00 a week can be real- thing more to lend, then someized from it. The starch is used body who owned a team would go for laundry purposes as well as

for food, many preferring it to of Bertie County, an acount of corn starch or Bermuda arrow root. When properly prepared, the beautiful, snowy powder is as warm friend of the PATRON AND good for puddings and pastry as GLEANER, and in private and corn starch is; and as good in sickness or for childrens' use as arrow root.

In Dade county, Florida, it is an and tell him what we wanted. every day dish in one form of

### Frontier Life on the Plains. No. 14.

#### [For the Patron and Gleaner.]

Keeping in a supply of provisions, clothing, etc., as well as ar ticles for the home and farm 20, 40 and 50 or more miles from town was altogether different

We only lived 20 miles from town and of course this was not so bad as it was for those who

We would usually borrow from to town and do trading for the whole neighborhood.

The man who was going to town would name a day, perhaps a week ahead, when he was going and we would all get to know about it in a very short time, then we would visit him and his family, take a little money or something else

One would take a sack of wheat

trading, then the next time still another would go, then another. and soon.

Some settlers were stingy and would not go to town as long as they could send by some one else Lut these were not liked very well and by and by had to go and do their own trading. When they did they would usually go without letting any one else know any thing about it.

In the very first settling of the country we did not want very much and that was not very hard to supply, even if we did live a long way from town; but as the settlers got more land under cultivation, raised larger crops, and got more property around them their wants became greater and consequently harder to satisfy at such a long distance from marand more to bring back, the trips had to be made more often, and became more tiresome, and finally was becoming one of the great-

est burdens of our frontier life when a railroad and town was built near to us, which made life more pleasant in some respects, but added new burdens and made the old settlers more distant to each other, in sociability.

> RICHARD COOPER. Fairfield, Neb.

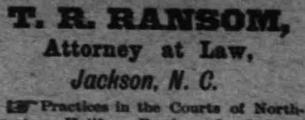
# Jeff Davis' Capture.

General Henry Harnden, the officer of the Union army who captured Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, is in Chattanoga to.day with the Wisconsin commissioners to locate the positions of the troops of that state in the Chickamauga National Military Park.

"It is not true," said he, "that President Davis was in woman's attire when captured. It was a DR. G. M. BROWN, cold morning, about daybreak, when I arrested him, and he had a woman's shawl over his shoulders. The story about hoopskirts is totally false."

Then General Harnden, who belonged to the First Wisconsin Cavalry, told how he was given 150 picked horsemen and given orders to capture Davis. They rode three nights and three days without rest. The capture was made near Irwinville, in Irwin county, Georgia. Just before the capture a body of Michigan cavalry on a similar expedition, and General Harden's men collided. A fight ensued and two or three men on either side were killed. and a number were wounded before it was found out they were friends instead of enemies.

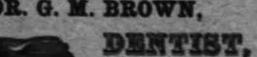
"When I reached the Davis

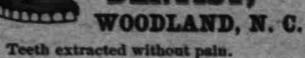


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H. C. Spiers, Weldon, N. C.

\* NOTICE!

Having qualified as executor of William camp," continued General Harn- Grant, deceased, late of Northampton

#### ROXOBEL, N. C., March 12, 1895.

ER:-Notwithstanding the unpre- Beat them well into the hot Kooncedented depression in almost ev- ti prepared starch, and bake unery branch of business, the one til brown. It is delicious hot or and two horse farmers are in a cold. better condition than ever before. They have a surplus of the staff of life on hand, with muscle to keep the supply replenished, and a sound head to direct the work of the muscle. This noble his own work and thereby retains ner.

in his pocket what the large farm-

baking or another. And it is and would want flour and bran, strange that so useful a product another would take a sack of corn is not more widely known; as and would want yellow meal, ansingularly enough, it is only a other would take a sack of corn few years since, when a Florida and would want white meal, aneditor was extremely anxious to other would take 10 or 15 pounds learn something conclusive con- of butter or perhaps it would only be 5 pounds; he would want 25c. cerning this interesting gift from worth of sugar and a package of Nature's elaborate store-house; but no one could be found capable | coffee; another would take a dime for so much tobacco, another of giving the desired information.

#### KOON-TI PUDDING.

Pour boiling water on some cess he attained in life. Below is Koon-ti, and let it boil hard-made just as you would starch for clothes. Then add as many eggs, as much sugar, milk and flavor EDITOR PATRON AND GLEAN- ing as for a corn starch pudding.

## M. H. RICE. Lahaska, Pa.

#### TO BE CONTINUED.

## Neighbors.

A good neighbor is always the type of our population has from most desirable of possessions, al the dawn of creation executed though in some cases their social their own work and never before value is underestimated. What have they been so bountifully re- constitutes a good neighbor is alwarded as now. It is not so with so frequently misconstrued, al large planters; they cannot do though the sensible acceptation their work and are dependent on of the term is, the neighbor who others to do it for them, at a time is friendly without being officious, when honest toil will not pay the helpful without being superflucost of production. This condi- ously so, and finally, one who aldomestic. Besides all this he tion of things precludes the pos- ways respects the privacy of sibility of keeping up the larger others' household affairs by a cerfarms. The average farmer does tai degree of formality of man-

The social neighbor is not al himself but for some of his neigh- trees were flourishing luxuriantly er must pay out. Labor and tax- ways the useful one, yet each in bors. es will consume the 20 horse man, her respective place has special When he got his load all on it The Friend. while the signs of prosperity will influences to exert of equally benwould usually be a pretty good be gleaming up all through the eficial consequences. The symload, especially if it was in prairie ranks of the average farmer. So pathetic neighbor is also a popu breaking season, and a mixed up you see the 20 horse man has too lar one, but she has to exercise load it would be; and if he was head to think a person of great many horses and too many acres. continuous tact, lest her solacing not very careful he would let some of the packages get bursted tablishment, a lady, if she could and contents spilled. When he got home the neigh- beaming recognition of some star bors would go to visit him again of contemporaneous fashion to and get their goods. Of course bestow a frozen greeting upon a tion at the present low price of trusive curiosity, as she does not they were all glad to get them social make-weight, or a poor and he was glad to accommodate friend of other days who had not them all without charge; it was kept pace with her in progress up gards their divulgence of person-"free delivery" both ways on the the ladder of society, writes Mrs. al affairs to an outsider. part of the man who went to Burton Harrison in an interest Ark., Jan. 14, 1895. He leaves a The truest and most respected town. Now this looks like getting usage of the terms "woman" and small quantities at a time, but "lady," in the April Ladies Home everybody, who devotes the larg- this was the way we used to trade Journal. est share of her sympathies to because we did not have money To lay down a law for the use her own affairs,-is chary of ad- to buy any more; we would often of the word in the present condiministering unsolicited advice, get only enough of one ar- tion of American society would, I competency and now I find He and who always waits until her ticle to pay back what we had think, puzzle the most ingenious ing of the word excavate?"

Planting With a Cannon. Alexander Nasmyth, the landscape painter, was a man fruitful in expedients. To his mind, the fact that a thing could not be done in the ordinary manner, was no reason why it should be given up. His son relates the following interesting example of his ingenuity:

would want a little rice, and so him as to some improvements on all the way around. Somewhich he desired to make in his times one person would want sevwoodland scenery near Dunkeld. eral articles, such as a broom, a Among other things, a certain fence board 16 ft. long, one pound rocky crag needed to be planted of nails and a spool of white with trees, to relieve the grim thread No. 30. The man who barrenness of its appearance. went to town would very likely The question was how to do it, as have a full load both ways; some- it was impossible for any man to times he would make the trip in climb the crag, in order to set one day, sometimes he would seed or plants in the clefts of the take two days or even more if he rocks.

lived further away than we did. While at town he would have to Having observed in front of the for truth to overtake a lie. In do business nearly all over, for castle a pair of small cannons, Grand Army posts when I atthere was the mill to go to for the used for firing salutes on great tempt to explain it I am some flour and bran, the lumber yard days, it occurred to him to turn times hissed. If the writer of for the 16 ft. fence board, the them to account.

tobacce; and while he was there canisters with covers. The can- March 26. he might have to get 5 cts. worth isters were filled with all sorts of

of blueing, and a gallon of molas- suitable tree seeds. The cannon ses, then he would have to go to wasloaded, and the canisters were the dry goods store to get the fired up against the high face of spool of white thread No. 30, and the rock. They burst, and scatperhaps two or three yards of tered the seed in all directions. Some years after, when my would likely have to do business father re-visited the place, he was with the dealer in farm imple- delighted to find that his scheme ments, the harness-maker or of planting by artillery had shoe-maker not necessarily for proved completely successful, the in all the recesses of the cliff .-

## What is a "Lady?"

It would never enter into my wealth and possessed of a fine es

was the Texas gentleman, now Senator Reagan, who told me that he was the postmaster general of the Confederate States. President Davis was sitting near by on a log, with a shawl, I presume his wife's, over his shoulders as it was a cool morning." "How did the story get out that

The Duke of Athol consulted he had on dresses and hoopskirts?" asked the reporter.

"When I went to Macon and reported to General Wilson, my superior officer, he had the story telegraphed out as fast as I spoke, and the woman's shawl became exaggerated into female attire. In the excitement he may have misunderstood me, or the newspapers exaggerated it. I have tried for years to correct the story, but have been unable

A happy idea struck my father. to do so entirely. It is very hard history gets it corrected for fuhardware for a pound of nails, the A tinsmith in the village was ture generations I shall feel betgrocery for the sugar, coffee and ordered to make a number of ter."-Chattanooga Dispatch,

## Seeds and Words.

I dropped a seed beside a path, And went my busy way, Till chance, or fate-I say not which-Led me, one summer day, Along the self-same path; and lo! A flower blooming there, As fair as eye hath looked upon And sweet as it was fair.

I dropped a sympathetic word, Nor stayed to watch it grow, For little tending's needed, when The seed is good we sow; But once I met the man again, And by the gladsome way He took my hand, I knew I sowed The best of seed that day.

#### Obituary.

Jacob T. Lassiter, son of Jesse and Tabitha Lassiter, was born in North Carolina, Feb. 3, 1852, moved to Arkansas in 1869. He turn in her own house from a professed religion in his 14th year and joined the Methodist church, South, in his 21st year. He was married to Tabitha A. Hicks, Dec. 10, 1873. She died Dec. 15, 1874, and he was married to Rosie Ann Glover, Feb. 20, 1/878. He died at his home in Lonoke county, ing discussion of the proper wife and 4 children to mourn their loss. May God bless and sustain them. Brother Lassiter lived a consistent Christian life till death. We knew where to FRIEND. find him.

Teacher-"What is the mean-

Teacher-Give a sentence in

which the word is properly used."

vates when his papa licks him."-

Tid-Bits.

Pupil-'The small boy exca

den, "the first man I spoke to county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the twenty-eight day of March, A. D. 1896, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 28th day of March, 1895.

J. M. GRANT, Executor of William Grant, deceased

#### NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

If you want a position for next year, or if you desire a better salary, we can be of service to you. Write for particulars. If you know where a teacher is wanted give us information and if we can fill it, you shall be rewarded. CHAS. J. Parker, Manager,

Teachers' Aid Association, Raleigh, N. C.

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He cannot work them all himself, influence may be occasionally ovand it will not pay to hire others erdone or utilized at untimely to do it. A radical change with periods. The inquisitive neighthe 20 horse farmer is inevitable. bor is always a dread to every-Grass and stock is the only salva- body within the reach of her incotton. The man that does his seem to have any intuitive reown work and hires no help is in- spect for others' feelings as redependent-can keep what he has and add more to it. But the 20 horse man must bid adieu to his old system, pull the bridle from the head of his horse and put the of all neighbors, however, is the rope on the ox and walk or lead one who always speaks well of to the plough and pasture.

As to myself the All Wise Being has always been good and merciful. He has kept me living for 73 years, blessed me with a has not deserted me. I am armed and equipped for the pendmg emergency, and for His many herself officious even in her most borrow again. favors I am grateful and for which He has my loyalty.

W. J. CAPEHART,

social and useful capacities are borrowed, then we would either makers of social codes. For the

requested, and never renders have to do without or start to time it must remain a matter of intuition when and where to ap-

sanguine efforts at proving to be The next time some other man ply the graceful courtesy title of a good neighbor.-A. M. Toohey. would go and do the same kind of "lady."



Not a poor Swiss, nor a "clock," but a perfect American Duplex movement.

Call and see this Watch. J. M. LASSITER, LASKER, N. C.