



EASTER DAY. Earth is now wearing Her bright Easter crown. 'Hark!' cry the angels. From Heaven bending down; 'Hear the glad bells That so joyfully ring; Easter shall 'peacoe and Good will to men' bring."

you will do far more good than I ever could or would do with it. I know you don't love me, dear, as I do you, but I thought, perhaps, you'd consent; it's for such a little while. Why, I can hardly remember the time I didn't love you. But, darling, I'm alarmed by his pallor, shocked and overcome by his unexpected confession and request, could only beg him to give her time.

THE COMMANDER'S EASTER

BY RHODES CAMPBELL. All Akenside was stirred by the news that the commander would be home for Easter. To the younger generation he was a hero, perhaps all the more so on account of his long absence. Then he was a naval officer, and he had had a romance, which keenly interested the young people especially.

Tar Heel Notes. THE DISMAL SWAMP CANAL. A Survey of North Carolina Water Ways Submitted to the House. The Secretary of War has transmitted to the House a survey of the waterways through the sounds of North Carolina and the Dismal Swamp canal, with a view of obtaining a depth of nine feet and the necessary width for a ship canal, also a survey of the rivers and waters connecting the canal with the sounds of North Carolina.

Death of Major Winder. Major Winder died at his home in Raleigh. He was 64 years of age, and was a native of North Carolina, having been born at Smithfield. He was married to Miss Octavia Bryan, a sister to Judge Henry R. Bryan. His railway career is thus summed up by the News and Observer: He entered the railway service in 1850, since which time he has been consecutively, 1850 to 1851, rodman and assistant engineer New York and Erie Railroad; 1851, assistant engineer Albany and Susquehanna Railroad; 1856 to 1860, principal assistant engineer Oregon Aqueduct, New York; 1866 to 1868, master of road, Wilmington & Weldon Railroad; 1868 to 1871, general superintendent Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad; 1871 to 1875, chief engineer various North Carolina railroads; 1875 to 1882, general superintendent Raleigh and Gaston and Raleigh and Augusta Air Line and Carolina Central Railroads; May 1, 1890 to December 1894, general manager and vice-president of the Seaboard and Roanoke, Raleigh and Gaston, Raleigh and Augusta Air Line, Georgia, Carolina and Northern, Carolina Central and Durham and Northern Railroads.

Asheville to Get the Teachers' Assembly. The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, one of the largest associations of teachers in the South, is to meet at Asheville, June 16th. For many years the annual meetings have been held at Morehead City, but three-fourths of the teachers wrote to the committee saying they favored Asheville.

Her Easter Egg. She loved to paint, and many days she toiled To find the shades that blended well together; So careful was she lest it should be spoiled,



Our English word Easter—as representing what old ecclesiastics used to term "the Queen Festival of the Church"—is taken from the early Teutonic language like many another dictionary.

King wrote at once, after his long silence, to Barbara, urging a divorce. He felt that he knew her so well, and could picture her mental distress and scruples against her love for this apparently charming young stranger. King had aged somewhat, and his friends declared he was much less jolly since his long illness. He never spoke of himself, but he knew that all real happiness had vanished for him—the romance of his life was over, and he was often tempted to curse his return to health. But he devoted himself to his loved profession and had risen in it. His love for Barbara was chivalric and constant as any knight's of old; but above all, he longed for her to be happy, at any sacrifice to himself. He was to return to New York, and Barbara's answer was to be sent there. As the time drew near, he could neither eat nor sleep. He knew it would be the end of all his feeble hopes, and yet till it did come, there was no certainty. How he envied this Caron Louis; he knew his pure, good Barbara had given her love unconsciously and without premeditation, and had fought against it. She was a noble woman, yet how could she help rebelling against a bondage which the one who loved her best in all the world had brought upon her! Slowly the vessel steamed into port—a letter might await him.

TAR HEEL NOTES.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS. The battleship Indiana has been successfully docked at Port Royal, S. C. Prof. D. G. Miller, of Cleveland, O., has succeeded in photographing his own ribs and backbone by means of the Roentgen rays.

Bill Arp's Letter. THE DARK AND THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE. The Philosopher Admonishes Us to Be Calm and Serene. Outside of revelation, there is surely sufficient proof of original sin and moral turpitude in human kind. If a man could be lifted up in a balloon high enough to see the earth roll under him and could keep his position until it had turned a time or two upon its axis, the scene that would pass his vision would be proof enough. What a horrible revelation of war and bloodshed and suffering would pass beneath him in almost every part of the earth!

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devotion to the day and the declaration that gave birth to a great nation? Neither Polk nor Pierce nor Harrison nor Johnson nor Grant saw his three score and ten. But ever since King David made the declaration that the days of our years are three score years and ten that has been the allotted age of man. It is still the average age of a prudent man whatever may be his occupation. Man is very much like a wagon. If it is kept greased and painted and under shelter it will last twice as long as if it be neglected. Of course, the mind has much to do with the health of the body. Trouble will shorten life and bring the gray hairs sooner to the grave and that is why a farmer's life is the most conducive to longevity. It is the most independent of all occupations. It is subject to less temptation, less hazard, less worry, and it is a little closer to God in its daily communion with nature. The accepted tables give to laborers forty-four years, to mechanics forty-seven, to merchants forty-eight, to professional men fifty-two, and to farmers sixty-four years. If long life is an index of good health and prosperity then the farmer is blessed above all other people. There is forecasted truth in the old maxim that "God made the country and man made the town."

But after all the crime and misery that we read of this age is a great improvement on Solomon and Gomerah. Abraham could find more than a good man in any town or city in this country, I believe he could find fifty-five Cartersville and a hundred and fifty women. The Lord's pity and consideration for sinners is very wonderful, if he will save a whole city for the sake of ten good men. Maybe that is why he doesn't rain fire and brimstone on the wicked now. It might do harm to the righteous. The ungodly ought to give Christians credit for that. If the wicked people of this world were all lunched in one hour, and not a good man in it, how long, I wonder, would the arm stay out? How long would the wicked stay there if they could possibly get out? Isn't a redeeming trait in human nature, however wicked and depraved, to respect virtue and good people. There are but few of the ungodly who would abolish the churches if they could, or who would rear their children in any but a Christian country.—BILL ARP, in Atlanta Constitution.

HERE'S ANOTHER PARTY.

The New National Reform Party Which is to Meet in Convention. The provisional national executive committee, representing the new National Reform party, have issued an official circular, calling a national convention of the reformers to meet in Old City Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 25, 1896. The following principles and measures are recommended by the committee to the consideration of the platform committee to be created by that convention: First—Direct legislation through the initiative and referendum should be the first principle incorporated in a national platform in order to restore the ancient rights of government of the people, by the people, for the people. Second—That as the money question has become a live issue in politics, it must therefore form a prominent feature in the platform, setting forth the distinctive views of the reformers as favoring the issuing of all monies—gold, silver and paper—by the general government and that money should be the legal tender for all debts, both public and private, and that each shall be exchangeable into the other at par at the option of the government.

Witnesses Must Testify. The Amendment to the Inter-State Commerce Law Declared Valid. The amendment to the Inter-State commerce law to compel witnesses to testify to infractions of law, notwithstanding the constitutional provision protecting persons against a requirement to criminate themselves, by providing that they shall not be prosecuted for any complicity in such violations, has been declared by the Supreme Court of the United States to be effective and valid. The case was that of Theo. P. Brown, auditor of the Allegheny Valley railroad vs. Brown, United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, habeas corpus proceedings, brought to test the new law. The opinion of the Court was read by Justice Brown.

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