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Presbyterian Church.—Rev. A. M. Hasel, pastor. Services every first and fifth Sunday morning and night. Sunday school every Sunday morning, M. L. Wade Superintendent.
Disciple Church.—Rev. I. W. Rogers, pastor. Services every third Sunday morning and night. Christian Endeavor Society every Tuesday night. Sunday school every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, M. D. Holliday Sup't.
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Primitive Baptist.—Church on Broad street. Elder W. G. Turner, Pastor. Regular services on the third Sabbath morning, and Saturday before, in each month at 11 o'clock. Elder F. D. Galt, of Wilson, editor of Zion's Landmark, preaches at this church on the fourth Sunday evening in each month at 7 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend these services.
Young Men's Union. Prayer meeting every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services. An invitation is extended to the visitors.

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THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellow fruit
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize
To feed the hungry moss they bear;
The forest leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall
The flowers may fade and pass away—
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth in silent tread;
He bears our best-loved things away,
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our heart all desolate,
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones
Made glad this scene of sin and strife,
Sings now in everlasting song
Amid the trees of life.

And where he sees a smile so bright
Of hearts too pure for taint and voice,
He hears it to that world of light,
To dwell in Paradise.

Born into that undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
With joy we welcome them the same,
Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen,
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there is no death.
—J. L. McCreery.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

THE HOUSE IS STILL.

The house is still, I never knew
How deep was silence's voice before;
From room to room her words come in,
And echo back from floor to floor.
When all the house was filled with sound
Of song and word and laugh and shout,
I listened careless of them all,
And never singled any out.

But now, ah me!—the house is still,
And now the din has died away;
One voice, one step, come back to me,
And hush the silence of the day,
If but that voice upon the air,
If but that step upon the stair!
Ah love! I heard not mine own heart,
Nor thine—until the house was still.
—Munsey's Magazine.

If tired mothers would only try the experiment of letting the boys and girls help them at times, they would find them valuable and willing assistants. A writer says: "The other day we saw three large, abled-bodied boys lounging about the house, not knowing what to do with themselves, while their mother, tired and pale, was trying to do the work for a large family and company alone. Not a boy's work to help about the house? Why not? Is there anything about house duties that will injure him or that he cannot learn to do well? On the contrary, there is much to benefit him in such work, the most important of which is the idea that it isn't manly to let the mother carry all the burdens when it is possible for strong young hands to help. Many a smart boy wants to help his tired mother, but doesn't know how beyond bringing in the wood and the water, and shoveling a path through the snow. This done, she tells him to go and play, while she plods wearily on. It is a positive harm to a boy's or girl's moral character to allow them to think it right to be idle while mother is staggering under her burdens. Let the children help.—Selected.

GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Secretary Gage has abolished the office of Shipping Commission at Mobile, Ala., and at Brunswick, Ga.

A train ran into an open switch at Hamburg, S. C., last Wednesday and collided with an engine killing one fireman.

J. Wm. Thurmond, Solicitor of the fifth circuit, shot and killed W. G. Harris, a columbian drummer, at Edgefield, S. C., last Wednesday.

Senator Allen, populist, from Nebraska, has introduced a bill in the Senate to repeal the civil Service Act and all acts supplementary thereto.

There have been marketed since September 1st at all the ports in the United States 6,526,778 bales of cotton, against 4,761,437 for same period last year.

Miss Elizabeth Paulson, of Chicago, aged sixteen years, died last Thursday from fright. She was frightened at a cloak which hung on the head of her bed and waking up during the night became frightened at it thinking it was a man in her room.

George and Calvin Holmes, twin brothers aged 22 years, of Greensburg, Ind., fought a duel last Wednesday over a young lady which each claimed for a sweetheart. George was killed and Calvin seriously wounded. They belonged to a prominent family.

President McKinley will be initiated as a member of the "Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" to-day in the city of Washington. Gen. Robert C. Norfleet, of Winston, N. C., is invited to assist in the initiation.

On last Wednesday there were three thousand refugees from the Mississippi flood in the city of Memphis, Tenn., all of which were on the charity of the town. They had lost all they had by the flood and barely escaped being drowned.

A special sent out from Nashville, Tennessee Friday says: Heavy frosts are reported this morning from all over Tennessee, North Georgia, and North Alabama. Peach, plum and pear trees throughout this region were in full bloom, and the probability is that these fruits are killed, entailing large losses.

Dr. Joseph J. Luis was tried in the United States Court at Baltimore last week for violating the neutrality laws between Spain and this government in carrying arms to the Cuban insurgents. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty Friday. The penalty is imprisonment for not more than three years and a fine of not more than \$3,000.



The above picture is cut on cherry wood with a pocket knife by Mr. C. E. Pope, a typo in THE UNION office, and is taken from the Atlanta Constitution. It is a photograph of Mr. Walter H. Johnson, who has recently been chosen as chairman of the Central Committee of the Republican party in the state of Georgia. This is Mr. Pope's first attempt at a photograph and as our readers can plainly see it shows a good deal of talent.

THE NEW SCHOOL LAW.

DRAWN BY SENATOR GEORGE E. BUTLER OF SAMPSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. The State board of education shall appoint biennially a state board of examiners, who shall consist of three professional teachers, and the state superintendent of public instruction shall be ex officio the chairman of the said board.

Sec. 2. The state board of school examiners shall prepare and recommend to the public school teachers of the state, through the several county supervisors, a course of reading and professional study for teachers, and such outlines of methods of teaching and school government as may in its judgment be helpful in school room work, and perform such other duties as are hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. The state board of school examiners shall have power to grant first grade life certificates, which may be used in any county in the state, and shall furnish to the public, through the several county supervisors, at least one month before the regular annual county examination of teachers, full information as to the nature and character of the requirements for such first grade life certificates; it shall annually prepare and furnish to the several county supervisors a set of examination questions covering subjects required by law to be taught in the public schools of the state, which shall be submitted at the regular annual county examination of teachers in July to all applicants for a first grade life certificate under such rules and regulations as the state board of school examiners may prescribe. The state board of school examiners shall examine and grade the papers of all applicants for a first grade life certificate, and shall issue said certificate to such applicants as are properly qualified and justly entitled thereto, and all examination papers of applicants to whom first grade life certificates shall have been granted under this act, shall be kept on file in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction: Provided, that each applicant for a first grade life certificate shall pay in advance to the county supervisor the sum of five dollars, which shall be reported to the county board of education and paid into the general school fund of the county; Provided, further, that every first grade life certificate to continue valid and operative, shall be renewed by the state board of school examiners every five years, and before said board shall renew said certificate, it shall be accompanied with an affidavit of the teacher holding said certificate, that he or she has been actually engaged in teaching school since receiving said certificate or since

its last renewal, and no charge shall be made for such renewal.

Sec. 4. The meetings of the state board of school examiners shall be held at the call of the state superintendent of public instruction and the members shall receive no compensation other than their traveling expenses and board while attending the meeting, an itemized statement of which shall be kept in the books of the state superintendent of public instruction.

Sec. 5. The office of the county examiner is hereby abolished, to take effect on the first Monday in July, 1897.

Sec. 6. The board of county commissioners, together with the clerk of the Superior Court and the register of deeds of each county, shall on the first Monday in June, 1897, and triennially thereafter, elect three men of their county, of good business qualifications and known to be in favor of public education, who shall constitute a county board of education, which board shall enter upon the duties of their office on the first Monday in July following their election, and shall assume all the powers and duties which the county commissioners now have regarding the public school matters of the county.

Sec. 7. The county board of education of each county, together with the clerk of the Superior Court and the register of deeds, shall on the first Monday in July, 1897, and biennially thereafter, elect a county supervisor of schools, who shall be a practical school teacher at the time of his election, or has at least one year's experience in teaching school, and who shall be of good moral character and liberal education, and shall hold his office for a term of two years from the date of his election and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. The county board of education of each county on the first Monday in July, 1897, shall divide their county into as many school districts as there are townships in said county, and shall on the said first Monday in July, 1897, and biennially thereafter, elect in each of said school districts five intelligent men of good business qualifications, who are known to be in favor of public education, who shall serve for two years from the date of their appointment, as school committeemen in said district and until their successors are elected and qualified. If a vacancy should at any time occur in said committee by death, removal or resignation, it shall be the duty of the county board of education to appoint a suitable person in said district to fill said vacancy until his successor is elected and qualified: Provided, however, that no more than three members of the said school committee shall belong to the same political party.

Sec. 9. The school committee shall establish and locate in their

district, schools for the white race and schools for the colored race, and in so doing shall consult the convenience of the white children in locating the schools for the whites and the convenience of the colored children in locating the schools for the colored: Provided, however, that there shall not be established in any school district a greater number of schools for either race than will give each school an average of fewer than sixty-five pupils.

Sec. 10. The county board of education, together with the county supervisor, shall, on the first Monday in January each year, apportion the school fund of the county to the various school districts in said county, per capita, which apportionment shall be divided, and reapportioned by the schools committee to the various school for the whites and colored of their district in the manner hereafter provided: Provided, that the county board of education, before apportioning the school fund to the various school districts, shall receive as a contingent fund an amount sufficient to pay the salary of the county supervisor and per diem and expenses of the county board of education.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the school committee to distribute and apportion the school money of their district so as to give each school in their district, white and colored, the same length of school term, as nearly as may be each year, and in making such apportionment the said committee shall have proper regard for the grade of work to be done and the qualifications of the teachers required in each school, white and colored, within the district.

Sec. 12. The school committee of each district herein provided for, shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take the oath of office as now prescribed by law for school committeemen, and shall, as soon after their election and qualification as practicable, not to exceed thirty days, meet and elect from their number a chairman and secretary, and shall keep a record of their proceedings in a book to be kept by them for that purpose. The name and address of the chairman and secretary of each district committee shall be reported to the secretary of the county board of education and recorded by him in a book kept for that purpose.

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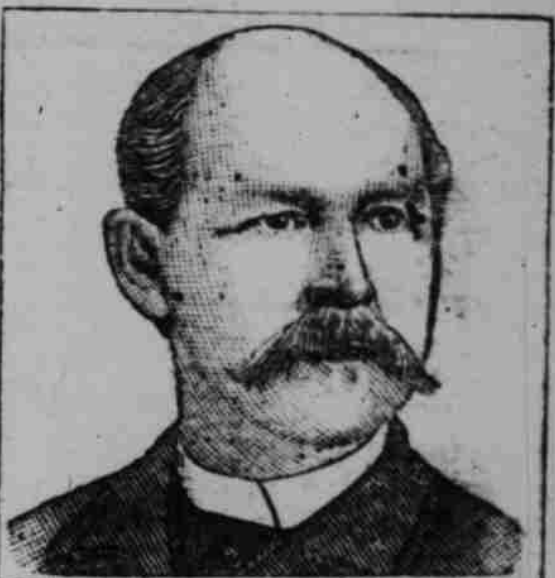
MIXED PICKLES.

The editor of the Willmar, Minn. Argus lives in a house located between a Methodist church and a dance hall. One evening recently there was a gathering in both places. It being too warm for comfort indoors, the editor sat on the veranda and took in the situation. This is what he heard:

"Let us pray—all salute—we beseech thee to join hands and draw near—circle to the left—listen to us—first forward and back—as we all promenade—kneel before thee and balance all—present our petition—grand right and left—for Christ's sake—seat your partners."

The editor was more than saddened at the degeneration of the village and went off and joined a baseball club in order to be neutral.—Press and Printer.

"The Christian Herald," edited by Dr. Talmage has recently opened its columns for a friendly contest to learn what Sunday school scholar in the United States can show the largest unbroken record of attendance. The result is astonishing; one gentleman has not missed a Sunday in 30 years, and one lady has been present at every session for more than 21 years. Records of 10, 12, and 15 years—every Sunday remember—are common. From which it appears that there are places where people are more fond of going to Sunday school than in Dunn.



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STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

An engine boiler exploded near Warrenton last Tuesday and killed Mr. Harroll Palmer and injured several others.

A young white man was arrested in Raleigh one day last week for stealing flowers from the graves in the cemetery.

Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, Ex-Postmaster General, will deliver the address at the University at Chapel Hill at the commencement in June.

Frank Baker, a negro politician, was shot and killed by an unknown party in his grocery store at Dudley last Saturday night, March 20th.

A fast vegetable train running extra, ran into a switch engine at Charlotte Friday. The engines were disabled but no one hurt.

Robert Mosely was convicted of the killing his brother-in-law, W. M. Gayer, in Surry county and sentenced to the penitentiary for fifteen years.

C. J. A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times, has accepted an invitation to deliver the literary address at the commencement of Salem Female College in May.

A gentleman living near Wilmington recently found a gold Spanish coin bearing the date of 1387. Old coin hunters would be glad to get hold of it and the finder will probably get amply rewarded if he wishes to sell it.

The Wilmington Star of Friday says: Thomas Perry, the colored cabin boy on the steamer Frank Sessions, was drowned yesterday near Lyon's landing. He was about 15 years of age and lived in Fayetteville.

John Groves was tried last week in the Wake Superior Court for the murder of Henry Wall. The jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree and he was sentenced to the penitentiary for 20 years.

Last Monday the revenue officers raided the city and captured about 27 barrels of the "ardent" that had not been regularly stamped.—Last Monday a whole train of cars loaded with sugar, 1,121 tons, passed through this city for St. Louis, via Salisbury.—Wilson Times.

Gus Lee, a young negro, was arrested last Tuesday in Raleigh for stealing jewelry from Judge Boykin with whom he had been working. A watch worth \$85 which he had stolen was found on his person when he was arrested.

The new board of directors of the Eastern Hospital for the colored insane at Goldsboro appointed by Governor Russell met in Goldsboro last Wednesday and elected Dr. Abner Alexander of Tyrell county to be superintendent of that institution. Dr. J. E. Person of Wayne was elected chairman of the board of directors. Dr. Alexander is a republican and was a member of the late legislature. This appointment was promised to the negroes but the directors disregarded the promise and elected a white republican.