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Standard Oil is subsidizing churches and universities with millions to bribe submission to the benefits and blessings of the trusts.

American sewing machines cost less in London, England, than in Leavenworth, Kan., and American boots and shoes are cheaper in Birmingham, England, than in Boston, Mass.

NOT BY SHOUTING.

The Chicago Tribune says the octopus will never be killed by shouting. Well, not by Republican shouting .-

Nor by Democratic shouting, nor by any other shouting. It is the duty of those who are opposed to trusts to say advocate that thing. The great Democratic dailies are wasting a good deal of time and wind bawling at the trusts and making faces at them. That does not hurt the trusts, and never will

In combination with the International Navigation company, Standard Oil ber. has a fleet of 35 large steamships and has more on the stocks. All are English bottoms, and all are to come in for the lion's share under the Hanna-Payne shipping subsidy steal.

SUGAR TRUST.

Congressman Richardson purposes cutting down the profits of the trust to 4 per cent, and admitting sugar free of duty from Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Hawaiian islands. With that object in view he has offered a resolution

The Sugar trust pays an annual profit of 12 per cent., an extremely high dividend, but not extraordinary when compared with other monoplies, but it draws millions out of the pockets of the people per annum. An increase of one-tenth or one-eighth of a cent per pound is not much to the individual Thomas J. Murray, while in Raleigh consumer, but in the aggregate it is mules for the Anson farm. The money enormous and amounts to wholesale has been distributed in Madison counrobbery through the medium of a necessary of life. "There are other vultures on the trust roost besides the sugar bird," says the New York Journal. "Shoot them all at once."

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Our Raleigh correspondent said in yesterday's paper that the state superintendent of public instruction and Superintendent Moses of the Raleigh public schools both favor compulsory ducation, and added that such a law in North Carolina is a long way off. but that it will come in the course of time. No doubt it will; that is the tendency of modern civilization. But we like it not; it smacks too much of the government taking charge of the family.-Charlotte Observer.

The Observer says that the tendency of modern civilization is toward compulsory education, and then says, "But we like it not." Isn't that a rather queer position to take?

As to compulsory education's smacking of "the government taking charge of the family," we cannot see it in that light. The government must take measures to protect itself from ignorance as well as from other dangers, and ignorance is unquestionably a danger to a government. The government invades the family in cases of infectious diseases and in cases of cruelty to children. It invades a family and re- the charge and was sentenced to the moves a dangerous lunatic; invades the family home in the interest of the rublic health.

Then why should not the government invade the family and direct that the Friday. Being left alone in a room children of school age shall be sent to with an open fire place his clothes school, to the end that they shall have the opportunity to become intelligent citizens" Have not the children the right to be educated? No parent has a right to interfere in any manner with | er Cothren, died a few days ago from the right of a child to the best education it can get. Keeping children away from school is an interference with their rights, and it is the duty of the | this country. government to step in and say that there shall be no such interference, not even when the child who should be in school or at play is endangering limb or life in a cotton mill or tobacco fac-

The Standard Oil aggregation does not stop at oil. The surplus wealth of the concern is so great and its money power so vast that it is able to combine with the Rothschilds and control the copper output of the world. The profits of this combination last year from the rise of six cents in the price of copper are estimated at \$25,000,000.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

The gross earnings of 54 railroads for the first week in February are reported by the United States Investor at \$7 .-434,241, against \$6,395,518 for the corresponding week of 1899, being an increase of \$1,038,723 for the one week. Since January 1 these roads have earned \$40,-987,189, an increase of \$5,504,505 over the \$35,482,684 reported for the corresponding period of 1899.

*A truly prosperous condition-for the railroads. But as that increase of \$5,-504,505 was paid by the people, who are not making any more than they Jordan from under the train before his did a year ago, how much more prosperous are the people?

The report of the Illinois railway commissioners shows that the gross earnings of all railroads in the state during 1899 aggregated \$408,580,535, an increase of \$67,248,205 over 1898. Operating expenses, \$267,912,017. The percentage of expense was 63.68, leaving late John W. Buxton, and was bought 36.32 per cent. to go into the pockets of by General Matt W. Ransom for \$6000. the railroad trust magnates.

President Baldwin of the Long Isl- last year amounted to more than and railroad, in an address at Cooper \$2500. General Ransom now owns President Baldwin of the Long Islunion, New York, takes pride in pointing to the fact that engineers now get \$100 per month, against \$60 some years purposes. He is the largest cotton ago. If it were not for the Brotherfarmer in the state. His cotton crop amounts to from 1200 to 2000 bales anhood of Locomotive Engineers, wages would still be \$60, and all trust-made nually and he owns and works over 200 horses and mules. necessaries of life are higher.

NIGHT IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The Skin Becomes Clammy, the Blood Thickens and Parched Lips Grow Dryer.

H. I. Cleveland in Chicago Times-Herald. Willoughby, who made several visits o South Africa 60 odd years ago, in one of his stories graphically describes the appalling savagery and beauty of an African night. Those who have traveled at all know that the night takes on a different aspect in different climes. The hue of the stars at one point is not the color of the stars at another. The moonlight which falls upon Hondurian forests is not the moonlight sweeping the cold waves of Bering sea. The voice of the wind at Hilo is not the voice of the wind about he crags of Pike's Peak. The elements have a language for every clime, and South Africa this tongue is weirdly trange. Willoughby passed through what is known as the Transvaal and into much of the country where Eng-Hishman and Boer are now tugging at

each other's throats. The temperature of the day had been 105. The small water courses were dry. A heavy, sometimes yellow and sometimes gray, dust rose from the plainland. The grasses were parched and turned to powder when trod upon. No cooling winds came from off the Drakenberg range. The flowers that in moist weather seemed to set the land affame hung their heads and closed their petals. The wild beasts either aid in their lairs or buried themselves in infrequent mud wallows. The call of a bird might be occasionally heard, but it was a cry for water. Cattle stumbled over the indistinct trails with distended tongues and bloodshot eyes The unacclimated horse felt the bea of hot air on his nostrils and refused to move. He lay down in his tracks definitely what will kill the trusts, and and vultures circled about him. Here and there in hollows or by the grasses were the bones of adventurers or Boe ploneers picked clean by the birds. A deadly calm rested upon everything; noise would have been a relief. This was the day which it was hoped night would end with blessed coolness and sleep. It was but a little different day from many through which the English soldiers have passed since last Octo-

> of sight like a ball of fire. The stars stantly moved in the effort to get came out, but their light was blurred. warmth. The phenomenal atmospheric clearness mals grew more noisy, for they were of the day was gone. A veil seemed to have been stretched between the havens and the watching men on earth. The first sensation felt by the travelers was that of an indescribable chill The skin became clammy, the blood, which had been thick enough, thickened more, and the parched lips grew dryer. Strange aches attacked the joints and a stiffness settled upon the limbs. From the plainland rose a heavy mist and from the sky came a some thing that seemed like heavy dew. It was cold and penetrating, going to the very vitals of those who were seeking sleep. The ciothing was speedily saturated and the wearers advanced to a bosom for new torture

IN NORTH CAROLINA. GEN, THEO. F. DAVIDSON

last week, secured \$1200 for purchasing

-Spencer Blackburn writes the Charlotte Observer denying the reporthat he said in his Newton speech that North Carolina Democrats may take varning from the fate of William Goe-

-Raleigh News and Observer: A young white man named Dobson is in all at Albemarle on a charge of having appropriated \$160 which he found in he road to his own use. He says he is rom Greenville, S. C.

-Rutherfordton Press: President Stearns of the Polk County Railroad ompany has just come down from his thin home and some new steps furthering the building of a road through Polk county will probably be taken

-The Charlotte News notes that Miss Helen Gould sent a check for \$250 to the family of the late Prof. McLauv of Charlotte, who was a schoolmate of Jay Gould. Prof. McLaury had been witness for Gould in a blackmail

-Another North Carolina editor is t puit the ranks of bachelorhood. Clyd-Roark Hoey of the sprightly Shelby star is the lucky man, and Miss Bessle Gardner is the lady of his choice. Th vedding will take place March 22 a the Baptist church in Shelby.

-Concord Standard: The negro James Capers, who last summer at tempted an assault on a young girl a Albemarle, was tried at this term of the Albemarle court. He submitted to penitentiary for 15 years.

-Seaboard correspondence Roanoke howan Times: The two years old son of Mr. Henry Boyd, near Mt. Car mel, met with a painful accident on caught and before help could reach him was seriously burned.

-Hayesville Courier: Pink Johnson who was shot in the hip with a shotgun last fall while in a row with Gudgthe effects of the wound. We are told that since being shot he was never able turn himself in bed. Cothren was released on bond and is not at present in

-Monroe Enquirer: Mr. Samu-Mosely, who moved from this county soon after the civil war, died at his home near Atlanta, Ga., about two weeks ago, and left his estate, amount ing to \$20,000 to his nephew, Mr. John of Jackson township, an other relatives in this and Lancaste county, S. C.

-Elkin special to Charlotte Observer Mr. Thomas Bizzell, aged 18 years, student of Boonville academy, died at that place last night after an illness of only four days of pneumonia. His home was in Bertie county, and his remains will be sent there this evening The young man was a slave to the cigarette habit and his physician says that his lungs were so badly affected from this cause that nothing could be done to arrest the course of the disease that carried him off.

-Raleigh Times-Visitor: When the Southern railway train was pulling out from Durham this morning, Mr. H. M. Jordan, city editor of the Durham Sun and Durham correspondent of the News and Observer, attempted to jump on the morning train, when his foo slipped, he lost his hold on the car and fell bodily between the moving cars. Only the cool headedness of yardmaster Adams saved Mr. Jordan from immediate death. He was standing close by and as the newspaper man lost his footing Mr. Adams made a grab at his lothes in an effort to catch him and in this way was enabled to pull Mr body could be crushed by the wheels. It was in time to save his life, but not in time to prevent painful and serious

-Roanoke Chowan Times: The well known "Polenta" farm, situated on the Roanoke river, six miles from Rich Square and comprising about acres, was sold last Monday by Samuel R. Buxton, esq., executor of the This is one of the most valuable stock farms in the state. The net profits for about 29,000 acres of arable land in Northampton, besides his holdings in Halifax. Much of his land is worth from \$25 to \$50 per acre for farming

in northern climes. She made the shades in the deep places darker, and r, the open she covered the way with a deception that bewildered all who tried to move. There was a silence for a camp fire had been started, but it burned feebly. The air was surcharged with the germs of fever and chills. Suddenly from far away in the dis-

been in before. The moon rose like a

great white wrath born from a sea of

skoops. Her face was watery, her out-

lines indistinct. Her illumination was

but a faint imitation of her brilliancy

ance came the uncanny cry of a nightbird. This was taken up by a responding cry, and then the beasts, starting upon their nocturnal prowls oot and howl, until bedlam seemed to have settled upon that very spot. The mists grew heavier. The stars drew farther away from the earth. The noon now appared to be garbed in ong traling robes that curled about ier, and then unfolded and spread out intil they covered all but their mis-The grasses so recently dry were now running with a sticky, pois nous water. This dripped, too, from the trees and ran down the trunks in little rivulets. The dust on the trail became mucky. One could put his finser upon the hides of the tame animals and gather up the moisture as if it vere cream. It came upon the lips with unpleasant odor and foul taste. When it reached the throat, that conracted as it does when diphtheria is revalent. The hands swelled and be ame sore. At midnight the travelers elt as if they were passing through uch a bath as mortal had never exerienced before. Heavy blankets ould not resist its influence. The temerature fell to 60 and then 50 degrees temperature in six hours. And still o sweet, cool wind came to relieve

By 3 o'clock in the morning the temperature was 45 above, a drop of 60 derees in nine hours. The vapors were low so thick that a knife could almost elers were reeking with wetness, while The night came. The sun went out the cattle mouned uneasily and con-The cries of the night anion the last hunt for prey before the awn. This dawn came in its own good ime with wonderful flushings of the ast, mass upon mass of marvellous olor, one short inrush of a strong learing wind, which swept the mists way, and then behold, the sun. The ame sun that had disappeared 12 ours before. A blazing, scorching sun. p went the temperature to 70, 80, 90 hundred degrees. On came the day, with stifling heat, and the dust that ose in clouds and fell upon everything n what seemed the twinkling of an eye the excessive moisture of the night was gone and the earth bared its

he suffering. Nature in her primal

avagery was at play.

FOR GOVERNOR

SKETCH OF THE STALWART DEM OCRAT WHO WAS ENDORSED BY BUNCOMBE CONVENTION.

Gen. Theodore F. Davidson of Asheille, who was endorsed for the gubernatorial nomination by the Democrate county convention Saturday Haywood the 30th of March. 1845. On his father's side of the house his ancestors were of the Scotch-Irish stock, which settled in Mecklenburg bout 1740. His paternal grandmother vas a Vance, her father, David Vance eing one of the earliest settlers of Buncombe county. His mother was a Howell, of a family which came from ingland and settled in Cabarrus about ne middle of the 18th century.

The subject of this sketch was pre pared for college by the late Col. Lee, it Asheville. In 1861 he received the ppointment to the Naval academy at Annapolis, but before entering the war egan and he at once entered the army, ining the "Buncombe Rifles," the first mpany raised in the trans-mountain ortion of the state. Afterwards he beame a member of company C. Thirty-Ninth regiment, and was sergeant-ma-

or of the regiment. In 1862 he was appointed and com dissigned aide-de-camp on the staff of trigadier-General R. B. Vance, and renained in the Army of the West until he close of the war. At the close of he war he returned to Asheville and egan the study of law under the late udge Bailey, and was admitted to the ar in 1867. He practiced his profession

Horney-general in 1884. In 1878 he was state senator from the ortieth district and was chairman of elected in 1880, and served as chairman

of the committee on judiciary. For three years he served as state dirailroad. He was one of the directors of the first board for the Western orth Carolina asylum at Morganton. For nearly two years he was presiding justice of the Inferior court of

He was chairman of the Democratic xecutive committee of Buncomb ounty for eight years and was chairnan of the Democratic executive comlittee of the Eighth congressional district six years.

REGISTRATION BY CARRIERS. The New System is to be Established in Asheville Soon.

Postmaster Rollins has received a tter from Edward C. Madden, third sistant postmaster-general, stating that the new system of letter registraion by carriers will be established at the Asheville office in a very short time. A copy of the rules has also been eceived, which states that only letters an be registered and these must ready in every respect when the cartier calls. The exact amount of the ostage and registry fee must be paid the carrier. The carrier will give a eceipt for the letter and amount of oney paid. The domestic and foreign egistry fee is eight cents.

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Administrator's Notice. Having duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Arch Whiter r, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same properly verified to me,
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said decedent are hereby required to
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This February 12, 1900. This February 12, 1900.

BAXTER L. SORRELLS,

Adm'r. of Arch Whitener, dec.

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LEARNING LAW.

From the Chicago Times-Herald. Why did you take that man's case? the fresh graduate of the law school asked, after his father, the old attorney, had bowed a client out of the office. "There is no possibility that you can win it for him. One glance at his face shows that he is the briber and all-round rascal he is accused of be-

"Is that so?" the old man replied. "I'm sorry to hear it-really sorry. wish I had known it." "Why, you must have been able to see for yourself if you are any judge of character at all." "I am usually pretty good at such things, but I must confess that I didn't

notice it in this case. In fact, I didn't

see his face at all." "Didnt see his face?" "No. He had a wallet in his hand that took my eye. Now, you go to work and copy off that brief, and after this, if you want to learn the business

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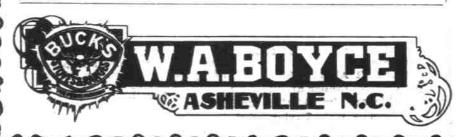
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