

NEWBERNE BANK GETS A TRUSTEE

W. B. Blades Will Act in That Capacity

AFFAIRS OF DEFUNCT INSTITUTION MAY YET

Turn Up in Fairly Satisfactory Manner

ELIZABETH CITY TO GET NEW FACTORY—R. F. BUMPUS WILL PREACH FIRST SERMON AT RALEIGH TODAY

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 5.—The state shutters the North Carolina Tray and Basket company of Elizabeth City, capital stock \$30,000. J. D. Blades and others stockholders, to make all sorts of wooden articles, deal in timber, operate boats, etc.

November's mean temperature was 47 degrees. With the exception of November 1901, it was the coldest November in 17 years. In that year, the mean temperature was 45 degrees. The lowest temperature last November was 18 on the 25th, the lowest previously recorded was 17 on the 30th, in 1891.

Among the arrivals here are ex-Governor Jarvis of Greenville, who is the guest of Governor Aycock; Charles A. Moore and James H. Merrimon, Asheville; M. S. Millard and George Rountree, Wilmington; T. C. Whitaker, Trenton; R. P. Taylor, Oxford, Newberne Bank.

Mr. Rountree came here from Newberne, where yesterday he attended a meeting of the directors and stockholders of the defunct Farmers and Merchants bank of Newberne. There was a hearing before Judge Fred Moore of the bank's affairs on a motion to appoint W. B. Blades trustee. He is appointed on the directors and stockholders agreeing to pay off all contested claims within 30 days after their legality is established. It was testified that the shortage, due to Cashier Dewey's stealing amounts to \$110,000. It is said that the liabilities exceed the assets by about \$20,000, including contested claims to the amount of \$20,000. The appointment of a trustee is considered the very best thing to do as to the business can be wound up rapidly without the expense of a receivership. Of course the directors and stockholders will have to go in their pockets, possibly a little deep, but it is not known as yet how much they will have to put up.

Rev. R. F. Bumpus, the pastor of Edenton street Methodist church here, will arrive tomorrow from Newberne and will preach his first sermon Sunday. His appointment gives very great satisfaction. He is one of the best ministers in the North Carolina conference.

Today Rev. J. W. Jenkins, the superintendent of the Methodist orphanage here, placed in the hands of its treasurer, J. G. Brown, \$1,175 handed to him at the recent Methodist conference.

The docket of the United States District court which will be taken up here next week is an unusually heavy one, such as to excite remarks.

DANGER OF HONESTY IN OFFICE

From the New York Evening Post.
He is a bold man who at this juncture defends Mr. Sommers, United States district attorney of Nebraska. Senator Charles H. Dietrich and an Omaha editor, Edward Rosewater, are now on the trial of that ering official and they have already besought President Roosevelt to remove him. The attorney has been guilty of pressing a case of bribery against the senator with such vigor as to procure an indictment. A more glaring failure to recognize the proprieties could not be conceived. As Mr. Lodge has explained, the federal officer is the creature of the senator, and in bringing that senator to book he has blasphemed his creator.

VICTIM OF "ABEEL" PLOT.

Eleanor Anderson, the Pretty New York Telegraph Clerk, For the Apprehension of Whose Deceiver \$1,000 Reward is Offered.



Under the name of J. O. Golet, a young man, who, it is said, is no other than young James Abeel of Texas, fraudulently offered marriage, which offer he supplemented with bogus checks to Miss Eleanor Anderson, daughter of a New York restaurant keeper, the latest photograph of whom is given above. The young woman's life has been wrecked by this ungalant gallant's adventure.

Modern Methods Bring Much Success to Asheville Store

There is in Asheville a successful business firm which keeps absolutely no accounts. It has no records of goods bought or sold or any bookkeeping method of showing stock on hand or profits and loss. Its members have no annual accounting.

But this firm is making money. Its methods are unique in their absolute simplicity. There is absolutely no chance of complications, no dangers of any defalcation of one partner. The method used by the firm is this: Each member has a safe in the place of business and at the close of business each day the members open the cash register drawer and divide equally its contents—and the contents means a lot of money. When a bill comes in for payment each member opens his safe or takes out of his pocket one half the bill and thus payment is made.

This system is an actual daily use. One day recently a man presented a bill and was told by one partner that the bill could not be paid then. The man was surprised as the bill was small, \$1, and the firm pays promptly, and expressed his surprise. The partner to whom he was speaking said, "Mr. ——— is sick and can't pay his half."

That this system is practical is shown by the fact that the members of the firm have been in business together for many years and both have become wealthy.

Something of a similar method in disbursements prevails in the Superior court clerk's office. When a bill of costs is paid there the amount due each witness or other person entitled to share in the fund is placed in an envelope

which is locked up in the safe. Such systems do away with the possibility of any complication such as a loss in a village not far from Asheville some months ago. A discharged employe was asked why he left. He candidly replied: "The boss said I had got so I couldn't tell Mr. ———'s money from my own."

FOREST RESERVE BILL PLEASER

The news from Raleigh that the board of agriculture had voted to appropriate \$1,000 toward adding the passage of the Appalachian Forest Reserve bill by congress was received here with great pleasure by members of the association. It was to secure this appropriation that a meeting of a number of association members was held here several weeks ago when Mr. Cutler was present. The appropriation was made by the last legislature in the form of a resolution empowering the agricultural department to make expenditures to aid the establishment of the reserve.

Local members are delighted with the result which has attended the mission of President R. B. Hayes who was aided by J. H. Cutler, Louis M. Bourne, and State Forester W. W. Ashe. This \$1,000 is to be used in properly presenting the Forest Reserve project to congress.

UNITY OF CREEDS AND CLASSES

Latter Was Ordained by Divine Creator

FORMER MUST BE WORKED OUT BY HUMAN EFFORTS

Present Day Conditions Would Indicate

THAT CHRISTIAN UNITY IS WELL NIGH AT HAND—COMMENDABLE WORK OF Y. M. C. A. IN GENERAL.

Editor of The Citizen: History may be the recital of those great epochs called revolutions, in which the entire aspect of a nation is changed and its nature altered for better or for worse. Or history may be the record of that tranquil onward movement in the development of a nation, or of the church, or of a race of people, which usually succeeds every great change in the social condition of mankind. But on which ever department we fix our attention whether as philosopher or philanthropist and especially as a Christian, we can but use the hand and power of God in it all.

The introduction of Christianity by the coming of the Son of God, our divine Redeemer, established the great principle of the equality of souls in the eyes of God and overthrew the usurpations of haughty men, who dared place their "little brief authority" between creatures and held and confirmed the doctrine "once delivered to the saints," that all power is directly sent from God, and called upon all men to "love the brotherhood, fear God, and honor the King," or Supreme authority, of whatever country the individual might dwell.

The great moral movements of time have ever been unlike the mere political changes of the administration of human affairs for country or for individual profits or advancement. The former require long periods of time as do all the great changes in the realm of nature.

And as God is the great Creator and Head of all creatures so He ordains and establish unity in all classes of human creatures.

But this unity was broken by the perverse rebellion of man. And so it came that the Almighty put in operation a train of causes to restore this human unity, without destroying the free agency and free-action of man. These two forces are so adjusted that the resultant will eventually become the primal divine unity. From time to time human efforts, inspired by heaven, have arisen to the accomplishment of this end. The great movement of 1848-49, out of which grew the Evangelical Alliance of 1847. The firm foundation was broadened in October, 1848, at Stuttgart, and at the general meeting of all existing Christian denominations at the assembly of the Gustavus Adolphus society. And since then the great American Tract society confesses the same Christian doctrine by the writings it publishes and distributes throughout the world. And it cannot be denied that Christian unity has become a great fact at the present day. In some cities and countries it is more advanced than in others; but it exists everywhere it advances and will continue to advance.

And in this great fact we discern the footsteps of God in history. Even the ancient Greeks testify to this great truth by the very name they gave to the Sovereign Ruler, Zeus, or the life-giver to all that lives—to nations as well as to individuals. On His altars, Kings and nations swore their solemn oaths; and from His mysterious inspirations, Moses and other great legislators pretended to have received their laws.

But this is not all. For one of the most beautiful fables of ancient Mythology, this great truth is portrayed. Thus

FEAR ASSASSINATION.

Family of King Peter of Servia, Daily in Dread of Sharing the Fate of King Alexander and Queen Draga.



KING PETER'S FAMILY

The above group shows the children of King Peter of Servia, who now occupy the palace at Belgrade, where the recent royal tragedy occurred which placed their father on the throne and for which vengeance is daily threatened. The figure to the right is that of Crown Prince George, wearing the uniform of the Alexander Cornet corps. The other in the background is King Peter's second son, Prince Alexander. The Princess Helen and little Prince Paul, who occupy the foreground, live in the very apartments once occupied by Princess Natalie.

even mythology teaches a lesson to the inflated philosophers of our days. This Zeus, this life-giving principle, is the father of Cleo, the Muse of history, whose mother is Muse-Mosque or Memory. Thus according to the nations of antiquity, history combines a heavenly with an earthly nature. She is the daughter of God and man. But alas! the purblind philosophy of our proud age is far from having the lofty views of that heathen wisdom. But this God of Jehovah—the Eternal One. The true God, whom the Hebrews worshipped, willing to impress on the minds of all nations that He reigns continually upon earth, gave with this intent, if I may use the expression, a bodily form to this Sovereignty, (the Shekinah), in the midst of the hosts of Israel.

A visible Theocracy was appointed to exist upon the earth, that it might unceasingly remind us of that invisible Theocracy which shall forever govern the world. And it is the Christian dispensation that she so much lustre on this great truth. God in history. When the greatest of modern historians, John Muller, comprehended this sublime truth, he writes thus: "The gospel is the fulfillment of every hope, the perfection of all philosophy; the interpreter of every revolution, the key to all the seeming contradictions in the physical and moral world."

And hence it is that God's power is bringing together what may be called the two extremities of prophesying Christians, Protestants and Roman Catholics. This a kind of delusion, the destruction of life and of spirit and like all negative creeds, it has no power to reconstruct. It told men that heaven would be given to them as a

reward. On the other hand, the religion of God taught that salvation comes from Him alone; that it is a gift from heaven; that it emanates from an amnesty; from the grace of the Sovereign Ruler, St. Mark writes, "God hath given to us eternal life." And so on the other hand the Roman Catholics have given to the people the Bible. By their indefatigable labors they have planted the crop on the shores of all countries of the world, and established Christian settlements wherever men are found. Priests have drawn towards them the love of all other ministers of all other denominations and thus that unity which our Savior so earnestly desired and inculcated by precept and example, seems to be approaching and that too, without the aid of such extravagantly zealous people as the founder and builder of the Zionists monetary society of Chicago; or even the followers of those sycofants who shout I am of Paul and I of Apollon. Perhaps one of our great mistakes has been the effort to make, too often by argument and contention, unity of organization, calling it the church, instead of recognizing the existence of a unity of sentiment and feeling in all who profess and call themselves Christians, and who are knit together in one communion and fellowship in the "mystical body of Jesus Christ our Lord." For the Great Angel whom St. John saw ascending from the East, had but one seal, "the seal of the living God," to consecrate all God's people in the same way, that they might with one voice praise the one and eternal Father of all, that they might all be in heaven would be given to them as a

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DIVINE REALITY OF RELIGION

Cannot be Called Metaphysical Speculation

NO CHRISTIAN IN HIS RIGHT MIND

Can Bring Himself to Fully Believe

THAT HE IS A LOST SINNER IN THE SIGHT OF A JUST AND HOLY GOD.

A real Christian, in his right mind, will never call the sublime religion of our Lord Jesus a metaphysical speculation. He has been led to see himself as a lost sinner before a just and holy God; all his own righteousness as worthless, and he had as soon trust Satan for salvation as trust his own righteousness. But in one thing he rejoices, that Christ is the Lord his righteousness, therefore in him he has salvation and strength.

It is possible for a man to talk much of religion and yet never keenly feel need of it, nor experience its divine worth and power. Such a one may certainly have the cold theory put on the form, but this will only prove that the most he knows about it is nominal, and that the greatest views he has had of it have only been looking around it. Not so with the conscious Christian. To him it is a matter of the deepest moment. It is one of the strong holds of his soul, and trifle with it he can not, give it up he will not. To be found in Christ, and clothed with his righteousness is the joy and boast of his heart.

In a word, the beauty and glory of the gospel, in all its branches, are only known by experience, and the truth appears increasingly precious as the Good Spirit leads us into the spirit of the truth, and as we feel its holy power in our souls. A mere knowledge in theory only tends to puff up. Speculative religion is soon acquired and soon lost, but the truth which is made manifest in the conscience by the Divine Spirit is like a nail fastened in a sure place, and certain to endure to the end. Upon what ground do you stand? Do you know anything of the worth of the truth from a feeling sense of the necessity, suitability, and glory of it? Or is it your acquaintance with it only superficial? If we are strangers to an experimental acquaintance with the truth, as a living, vital principle of the soul, our religion is vain, nor have we ever felt the cleansing power that alone cleanses from all sin.

R. W. THOMPSON,
24 Orange street.

W. R. HEARST.

It is just possible that Mr. Hearst's strength has been underestimated. The people who sneer at the Hearst boom are mostly those who do not like his newspapers. The fact seems to be overlooked that perhaps nine-tenths of the people who see his newspapers like them, and will make no objection to Mr. Hearst on account of them.

Again it does not follow that Mr. Hearst is yellow because his newspapers are so considered. A metropolitan newspaper is a conglomerate proposition at best and is not necessary an index to the character of its owner. Apart from this, however, Mr. Hearst is a man of courage, of progressive ideas, of unquestioned ability and of great wealth. A man worth twenty or thirty million dollars is not apt to be an enemy of wealth legitimately employed, nor is he apt to be unpopular with prospective campaign managers.

We do not believe Mr. Hearst will be named, but we confess to frank surprise at a certain strength he has developed.

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Each and every subject has been selected with the greatest care and every frame is especially suited to the subject in it.
What makes a better present—no one has too many.
The line is varied and complete and no few subjects.

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Bread and Butter Plates at 11 cents.
Oat Meal Bowls at 5, 6 and 15 cents.
Hanging China Salt Boxes 30 cents.
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