


# TEN PROFITABLE REASONS

Some merchants complain about Poor Business. They don't do much business---and "There's a Reason."

There is also a reason why we do a successful business year in and year out.

- 1st--We Do a Cash Business.
- 2nd--Cash Is King With Us.
- 3rd--We Know Where to Buy and How to Buy.
- 4th--We Don't Have to Have some one show us where to get Bargains when we go to market. We know before we start.
- 5th--27 Years Experience has been worth much to us, and you get advantage of this Experience at this store.
- 6th--We have no Clerks to hire.

- 7th--We have no Rents to pay.
  - 8th--We have no Partners and no Stealing in the business.
  - 9th--We don't have to lower our shelves to higher our goods.
  - 10th--The customers get the benefit of all doubt at this store.
- A Penny Saved is a Penny Made, and our store is continually buying and receiving new goods, and for this reason you can always find here what you don't find elsewhere. We keep up with the times.

Corset Covers 25c Covers 19c	50c Double Bed Sheets 25c	 <p><b>BLACK HOSIERY</b></p> <p>A Stocking for the whole family. We have them in all Colors and Sizes.</p> <p><b>JUST RECEIVED a large shipment of White Dresses and Shirt Waists</b></p>	Lace Curtains 50c Curtains 29c	Men's Shirts \$1.00 Lion Brand Shirts 75c 75c Percale Shirts 50c
Underskirts 75c Skirts, White or Black 48c	Dress Goods 15c Fancy Lawns 9c 50c Fancy Crepes and Solid Colors 39c 12c Cannon Cloth 8c 40c Brown Linen 19c 7c Fancy Lawns 4c 6c Bleachings 4c 19c White Waist Goods 8c		Ladies' Vest 10c Vests 5c	Men's Pants \$1.50 Men's Pants 95c

2 Stores In 1

## Epstein's Department Store

THE HOME OF BIG VALUES

LAURINBURG,

NORTH CAROLINA

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### A SUNDAY SERMON.

By A Sinner.

Text: Luke, Chapter 20; verse 25: "Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's."

You never heard a sermon on that text in your life, did you? The words were spoken by Jesus Christ himself in reference to the payment of Taxes. The whole verse from which the text is taken reads as follows: "Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." You have heard a great many sermons preached on the last part of the text; that is, about rendering unto God the things that be God's and upon topics of that kind.

Mr. Preacher, why is it that you have never preached a sermon on the text that the Sinner has taken this morning?

We have heard a great many discourses from the pulpit on tithing; but we perhaps have overlooked the fact that the tithes which the Jews paid covered not only their church dues but also their civil taxes. The tithes were used to support the civil government as well as the church government. In ancient times God seems to have treated the obligation to pay taxes for the support of civil government on the same basis as the obligation to pay for the support of the church.

The time has come to list our property for taxation. The law requires that all the property we have be put down on the list. Are we going to list it all, or are we going to leave some off the list? The law requires that we list the property at a fair valuation. Are we going to do this or are we going to put it down at ridiculously low figures?

If you are going to conceal

some of your property from taxation, or if you are going to put it down at ridiculously low figures, then it would be well for you to do it reading the path which you take because it might sear your soul.

Our consciences are more elastic when it comes to making tax returns than in reference to anything else we do. The Sinner never knew personally but one man of means who had conscientious scruples or troubles about making his tax returns. That man resides in Charlotte now.

The Sinner on one occasion saw two returns which were made by a man of considerable means. One of these was a report which the man made to a mercantile agency for the purpose of securing credit. The other was the return which he made to the tax list for the purpose of having his property taxed. Really, you could not have recognized these as being the returns of the same man.

A great many people think it not wrong or immoral to cheat the government if they can do so without being caught.

By-the-way, it is downright funny to see how much more careful people are in making their tax returns to the United States government than in making their tax returns to the state government. The one essential difference is that Uncle Sam has detectives on the trail and a failure to make proper returns to the United States may get one into serious trouble; whereas, the state generally takes a man's own statement of what he owns subject to taxation.

The average man gets more for the money he pays as taxes than he gets for a similar amount spent in any other way. What

do you pay for the blessing of civil government, for the protection of your property, for the preservation of your family?

Nothing whatever, except the money you pay as taxes. Don't be a tax dodger.

HARLES W. TILLET, Charlotte, N. C.

#### SCOTLAND CITIZEN PASSES.

Rev. Y. E. Wright Succumbs to Pneumonia--Died at His Home, Farmville.

Many hearts in Scotland county were recently saddened by the announcement of the death of Rev. Yancey Ellerbe Wright, whose death followed an attack of pneumonia and occurred at his home in Farmville on Thursday, April 29th.

Mr. Wright was born March 24th, 1868, at the Wright homestead near Old Hundred. In his 22nd year he was licensed to preach and joined the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. church at a session held in Elizabeth City the first of December, 1895, his first appointment carrying him to work on the Pantego Circuit. He later served at Roanoke, Washington, Clinton, Scotts Hill, Roberdell, and his last appointment carried him to the Farmville circuit, where he had been but a short while.

In the death of Mr. Wright the church has lost one of its best, most consecrated and truest ministers and the State has lost one of its best citizens.

Carrying out the expressed wishes of Mr. Wright, his body was buried "where he gave up the cause of Christ." Mr. Wright is survived by his wife and four children; two brothers, Rev. John M. Wright of Goldsboro and Mr. Durant Wright of Old Hundred.

Those attending the funeral from Scotland county, were Messrs Durant Wright and Mr. John W. Woodard of Old Hundred.

#### BABIES PERISHED.

One of the saddest features of the Lusitania disaster was the death of 150 babies, 50 of them less than a year old, and the rest from one to two years old.

Survivors state that, following the crash, everybody tried to look after the little ones, for the exceptionally large number of babies on the ship was the subject of conversation all the way across the ocean.

A number of cases have been reported where both passengers and crew stripped themselves of their own lifebelts and put them around the babies, but it was useless, as the little ones could not stand the shock and exposure. Not over a dozen babies were saved, it is said. Many were seen floating on the water by the rescue boats from shore, lifebelts tied around their little bodies, but they were past human aid.

HUGGED DEAD BABIES TO BOSOMS. Mothers recovered consciousness in the rescue boats only to find that their little ones they were hugging to their bosoms were dead.

One mother lost all her three children, one six years old, one four and the third a babe in arms, six months old. She equipped the little ones with lifebelts after the explosion and then kept them with her in the water, all the time waving her arms and shrieking for help. A boat finally saw her, but when the rescue party reached her the two elder children were dead.

All were taken into the boat, however, but it was soon seen that the room occupied by the dead would be required for the living. The mother was brave enough to realize this.

"Give them to me," she requested the officer in charge of the lifeboat. "Give them to me, my bonnie wee things. I will

bury them. The sea took their lives, and I will give them back to the sea."

With her hair streaming down her back and her form shivering with sobs, the woman took each of her two dead children, removed the lifebelts and tenderly, reverently placed them in the water again. Then she sobbed out a prayer, and there was not a person in the boat, even down to the rough sailors, who did not weep with her.

But her cup of sorrow was not yet filled. Just as the rescued boat load, picked up by a fishing trawler, were landed at Queens-town, her babe died in her arms. That afternoon they took the mother to a hospital, completely out of her mind.

#### The Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Laurinburg graded schools is in progress this week. It began Tuesday night with an entertainment by the primary grades.

Tonight at 8:30 will be the musical recital, and tomorrow night there will be a joint meeting of the High School Literary Societies.

Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, at the Presbyterian church Rev. James Long, pastor of the First Baptist church will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, and on Monday night the declamation contest will be held. The graduating exercises, which will bring the commencement to a close will be held on Tuesday night.

#### What Makes a Girl Popular.

Every girl has the perfectly natural desire to be popular with the other sex, and every girl is interested in knowing the secret of such popularity. Some girls have the idea that the way to have a good time is to break away from the recognized rules of social life. The free-and-easy, reckless type of a girl may receive a good deal of attention of a certain kind, but it is safe to say

that men do not really care for such a girl. Certainly they do not have any respect for her. They may enjoy themselves with her, but they do not enter seriously into their thoughts. The girl who is kind and thoughtful to her parents is the girl whom they admire. The girl who is disrespectful to her parents will not long retain the respect of others. Men know very well that a girl who deceives her mother cannot be trusted. A good daughter has in her the making of a good wife, and a man remembers this when he begins to think seriously of matrimony.—Leslie's.

#### The Popular Idea.

If an American citizen wants to go to Europe on a vessel belonging to a country engaged in war, if he wants to take the risk for the sake of a little adventure or to make a few dollars, that's up to him. But if he gets blown up on that same vessel and loses his life we do not want his administrators, his heirs, nor the Government under which he lived to ask us to fight, bleed and die just because he got killed while making his venture.—Monroe Enquirer.

#### A Few Facts.

Fire waste in the United States is more destructive than wars, floods, or tornadoes.

About two million dollars worth of property is destroyed each year through the careless use of matches.

Twenty million dollars has been estimated as the loss caused by fires in the United States each year, which occurred because rubbish was allowed to accumulate in houses or business places.

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