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Sept 20, 1895

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

IN THE

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

On the Question of Issuing Bonds for Water Supply and Sewerage.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Charlotte, by an ordinance passed by a three-fourths vote at two separate meetings of the Board, in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, entitled "An act to allow the City of Charlotte to issue Bonds," ratified March 6th, 1891, has directed that an election be held in the City of Charlotte, on Tuesday, the 18th day of February, 1896, at which election will be submitted to the decision of the voters of this city the question whether the Board of Aldermen of this City of Charlotte shall be authorized to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding Three Hundred Thousand ($300,000.00) Dollars, the proceeds of the sale of said bonds to be applied to increasing and cheapening the water supply of said city for both public and private uses and to enlarging and improving the sewage system of the city. The bonds so authorized to be issued will run for thirty (30) years and bear interest at the rate of not more than five (5) per cent. per annum, to be paid semi-annually, and shall not be sold for less than par.

The said election will be conducted by Registrars and Inspectors appointed by the Board as follows:

First Ward—Registrar, T K. Faulkner. Inspectors, M. Donnelly, W. F. Moody and T. L. Kitch.

Second Ward—Registrar, J. G Shannonhouse. Inspectors, W. F. Dowd, W. H. Houser and Jno. VanLandingham.

Third Ward—Registrar, W. M. Thomas. Inspectors, W. A. Gresham, W. F. Buchanan and A. J. Sifford.

Fourth Ward—Registrar, D G Maxwell. Inspectors, J B Sloan, W J Wiley and O E Asbury.

The places for opening the registration books and registering voters have been designated by the Board as follows:

First Ward—Ritch's stables, College street between Trade and Fifth streets.

Second Ward—Joseph G Shannonhouse's store, East Trade Street

Third Ward—W M Thomas' store West Trade street.

Fourth Ward—D G Maxwell's office, next to court house.

The registration books will be opened in each ward at the places above named, on Thursday, the 23d day of January, 1896, and will remain open for the registration of voters until Saturday, the 15th day of February, 1896, at 12 o'clock m, when they will closed and not again opened for the registration of a voter, unless he shall become qualified to register and vote after the time fixed for the closing of the books.

The Board of Aldermen further ordered that a new registrasion of all the voters of the city be made for the said election.

The following have been designated as the polling places for said election:

First Ward—The City Hall.

Second Ward—The Market House.

Third Ward—Page & Medlin's Shop.

Fourth Ward—D G Maxwell's office.

At the said election those who are in favor of giving the authority to the Board to issue said bonds will vote on a written or printed ballot "Approved," and those who are opposed to giving the said authority will vote on a like ballot "Not approved"

This, the 8th day of January, 1896.

J. H. WEDDINGTON, Mayor.

ORDINANCE.

"Whereas, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Charlotte is of the opinion that it will promate the general good and welfare of the city to have a purer, more abundant and cheaper supply of water for both public and private uses, and a corresponding increase and improvement of the city sewerage; and whereas, to obtain such a supply and distribute the same throughout the city and provide the required sewerage, it will be necessary to issue bonds of she city, and use the money derived from their tale in providing the needen water supply and sewerage:

"Now the Board of Aldermen does propose to the voters of the city that it shall be, by them, given authority to issue coupon bonds of the city, to be known as the Water Bonds of the City of Charlotte, to an amount not to exceed $300,000.00, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5 per cent. per annum, to be of the denomination of $1,000 or $500 as may best suit the purchaser thereof' to run for 30 years, and the semi-annual interest thereon and the principal thereof to be paid when due at such place as may be designated in the said bonds, which shall be in the usual form of such municipal obligations, and shall be sold for not less than par, and the proceeds applied to the purposes aforesaid In order, therefore, to ascertain the will of the voters upon the subject, it is now.

"Ordained, that the question of creating the debt and issuing the bonds, as proposed above, and for the purposes mentioned, shall be submitted to a vote of the people at an election to be hold on the 18th day of February, 1896, according to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, entitled "An Act to allow the City of Charlotte to issue bonds," ratified March 6th, 1891, which election will be held as in said act provided, and after due notice as therein requiren."

Jan 10, 1896 6w

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MY AUTUMN.

BY WM. E. CHRISTIAN.

Once there was a spring for me,
When she was here;
With morning song for melody,
And blooming eyes for flowers,
And golden smiles for sunny hours;
The sky was happy-toned With love;
'Twas April chant around—above,
When she was here.

The summer came with fevered hand;
When she was here;
Her cheek was by a hot wind fanned,
And her eyes went out of bloom,
And clouded hours died in gloom;
She waked not to her baby's cry,
Dark lashes o'er-swept tired eye,—
She was not here.

Nestling, lift your little head,
And call her here;
Leaves are crimsoned, falling, dead;
Heart and bough grow bleak and bare;
Frosty spangles edge the air,
Call her to our Autumn nest,
For our warmth lay in her breast,
When she was here.

Then, then came my wintered home,
With her not here;
Nor will another spring time come,
For joy now quiverng, now is dead,
My darling and my heart are wed;
Leave them—frozen into one;
Keep away—both song and sun;
For she's not here.

Long lived Descendants of Consumptives.

MOUNT HOLLY, Jan. 22.—Probably the most remarkable case of longevity in this county is to be found in the Wilkinson family, the majority of the members being residents of Mount Holly. The ages of the eight persons now living are Mrs. Martha Groom, 91 years; Priscilla Wilkinson, 88 years; Margaret F. Lamb, 84 years; Ann Curtis, 83 years; Mrs. Ruth R. Barton, 82 years; Lavinia Wilkinson, 79 years—William E. Wilkinson 77 years; 79 years; Abel Wilkinson, their aggregate ages being 662 years, an average of 82 years. They are all well, active, possess the best of health, have sound minds, memory, and understanding.

There are many remarable circumstances connected with the lives of these people, particularly the fact that both father and mother died at an early age, both parents being the victims of consumption. Abel Wilkinson, a Welsham, died in 1828, at the age of 48, and his wife Deborah, a German, died in 1832, at the age of 52. Not one of the children has had the slightest trace or sympton of that dread disease.—*Philadelphia Press.*

☞ A salt vein, 300 feet, thick, said to be the richest in the world, has been found under the town of Little River, Kan.

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D on't make a mistake—on "The Hustlers" call

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A n enviable reputation they have won.
X celled in Charlotte they are by none.
W ondr's bargains in all department bear in mind
E verything for a home you here will find.
L ook where you will, go where you may.
L eaders Thomas & Maxwell are to-day.

We also keep stoves,
That will bake the finest loaves.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W P Carpenter, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the under signed on or before the 8th day of January, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make me payment.

This the 8th day of January, 1896

JNO. W MILLER.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. Minnie A. Alexander, deceased, late of Mecklenburg County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of December 1896, or this notice will be plead in bar for their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This, the 19th day of December, 1895.

J. H. ALEXANDER,

Dec 26, 1895. 6w Administrator.

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Men's High Buckle overshoes, wool lined, best in the world.

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Ladies of same make.

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Dec. 6, 1895.

Hunting Jack Rabbits.

How Charles Payne Traps the Long-Eared, "Varmint."

The sport of rabbit coursing is receiving a new impetus since the Kansas black-tailed jack rabbit has entered the arena. Not until quite recently has the coursing fraternity been aware of the great superiority of the jack over the cottontail rabbit or the English hare for this purpose. Kansas jack rabbits are now greatly in demand, both in this country and in England, and live ones command a good price. The difficulty in catching them alive is very great, and only one man in Kansas, so far as known, has given his undivided attention to the work. Charles Payne, familiarly known throughout the West as a hunter and plainsmen, has been a jack rabbit enthusiast for years, and it is largely through his efforts that the merits of the animal for coursing purposes have become so generally recognized. The capture of live jacks involves the purchase a great deal of extensive paraphernalia Mr. Payne has two nets made of seine twine, 5 feet in height, and which, when both extended, reach almost across a section, which were made expressly for catching live jacks. His method of entrapping the live jacks is unique. It is his usual custom, when preparing for the raid upon the rabbits, to advertise among the farmer boys the day upon which the jack rabbit drive is to take place.

At the appointed time hundreds of country boys, mounted on ponies, flock to the rendezvous, armed with fog horns, drums, bells and anything else that will make discordant music. They are deployed in a semi-circular line two miles in front of the net, and at a given signal from the marshal of the day the line moves toward the net, each man making all the noise possible. If the hunting grounds have been well selected the horsemen will have no trouble in "bouncing" rabbits innumerable, and as they scamper away toward the net, followed pell-mell by the eager farmer boys, the scene is one of the greatest animation. The rabbits, if they do not become confused by the noise and excitement, bound away toward the net with almost lighting speed, and many of them strike the net so hard that they break their necks. Those that survive the shock scamper into the pockets, which are ingeniously arranged for their reception, and for then the jig is up. Rabbits sometimes die with fright, not having sufficient strength to make the race for life. These rabbit drives are among the most popular sports in which the prairie farmers indulge, and it is customary for the organizer of the drive to provide a bounteous spread for his gratuitous helpers.—*Philadelphia Times.*

HIS WILL WRITTEN ON A POSTAL CARD.—An odd will was yesterday presented for Probate to Register of Wills Smithers. It was written on a postal card. John W. Crawley, who died a few days ago at St. Agnes Hospital, leaving an estate valued at $500. While in the hospital the postal card will was written and addressed to Mrs. W. H. Bankert, of 315 Louisa Street, Williamsport, Pa., and informing the person addressed that he had left his money to his nearest heirs and that she was to be his sole executrix. This was accepted by the Register as a will.—*Philadelphia Times.*

TORTURED FOR PAY.—Regulus is outdone by a man from Ceylon, who is now performing at the London Alhambra. Besides climbing with bare feet a ladder whose rungs are sharp sword edges, and lying on a bed of nail points with four men seated upon him, he curls himself up in a barrel, through whose inner sides nail project, and is rolled about the stage at a rapid rate. The exhibition, however, is described as being curious rather than interesting to the spectators.—*New York Sun.*

"Little, But Oh, My!"

Thus ran the refrain to the old song, and the same may be said of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are little, but oh, my! don't they drive away the blues, expel malarial poison and biliousness from the system, cure constipation, sick headache, clear and clogged brain and cause the dejected sufferer to brace up and realize that life is worth living after all!

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Sept. 20, 1895. DIRECTOR

Gold Mining in the South.

Readers of the Manufacturer's Record are aware of its persistent claims that the South will become one of the most important gold mining regions of the world. That there is a vast supply of gold-bearing ores throughout this territory is universally admitted, but thus far most of the efforts made to develop these properties have not been financially successful. This has been due in part to bad management, in part to foolish efforts at stock speculation rather than legitimate mining, and in part to the cost of reducing under old methods some of the refractory ores of the South. Since recent improvements have demonstrated the possibility of handling at a profit even the lowest grade of Southern gold ores, and since the success of companies operating on these systems is now universally conceded, it is generally admitted that the time has come when the South will begin to play an important part in the world's production of gold. Coincident with this, more thorough investigations are demonstrating the fact that the South has a vast quantity of gold ores yielding very much larger results than has been generally supposed. With the world's increasing demand for gold, and the craze for gold-mining that is opening up even the uncivilized portions of the earth, new attention is being given to the South, and within the next few few years the Manufactures' Record feels sure there will be in the South gold-mining operations which in extent, in output of gold and in profit on the capital invested, will rival what is now being done in Colorado and other Western States. The Manufacturers' Record recognizes that to many this may look as a somewhat visionary forecast, but it is not making these statements without knowing somthing of the foundation on which they are based. In times past its predictions regarding iron production, cotton manufacturing, diversification of Southern farming, immigration and other objects, when first put forth, were very generally ridiculed, but it is gratifying to know that without exception the results have demonstrated their correctness. As in the post, when it predicted that the South would become an active and successful competitor with Pennsylvania in iron production, with New England in cotton manufacturing, that the tide of immigration would turn from the West to the South, it knew whereof it was speaking; so in the gold mining forecast we believe that we understand the full force and meaning of these predictions, and realize that while they may seem visionary now, the future will show that they are based on a solid foundation.—*Manufacturers' Record.*

☞ A correspondent of the New York Sun contends that the government's estimate that there is $300,000,000 of gold coin in circulation is too nigh. He states that this estimate makes no allowance for the millions of gold coin known to have been taken out of the country every year by foreign workmen, and then he goes on to say:

"According to an estimate by the Herald some years ago, immigrants returning to Europe take away about $25,000,000 yearly. Besides these, we have fully 300,000 Chinese and Canadian laborer's who must absorb fully $75,000,000 more every year. The money which these people send away in the form of drafts and postal orders can easily be traced, but there is no way to find out how much they take away on their persons. The Chinese take more silver, while the white aliens prefer gold.

"At least 50,000 of the Canadian workmen across the border every day, and when they get paid they take every cent of their earnings back home with them. They have been doing this for the last twenty-five years; and if we add to the vast amount they must have absorbed in this way the millions that other alien workmen have carried off on their persons, it is quite evident that there cannot possibly be anything like $300,000,000 in circulation at present.

"Another leakage that the government's estimate ignores is the gold paid for smuggled goods. How much goes in this way it is hard to determine, but there can be no doubt that since 1872 we have lost a great many millions that do not appear in the custom-house reports."

☞ Some time during the summer a man by the name of Mark Davis and his wife came to Roanoke Rapids to live. He was a carpenter by profession. They lived quietly together until yesterday, when a woman arrived from Richmond, who claimed to be wife No. 1. She applied to Justice T. L. Emry for a warrant for the arrest of Davis, which was promptly issued, and Mr. J. B. Fitzgerald, of this place, deputized a special officer to make the arrest.

They had a hearing before Mayor Emry, and in default of $200 bail, Davis and wife No. 2 were sent on for the action of the grand jury. Both women swore that they were legally married to Davis. Davis said that he had never procured a license to marry wife No. 2. The impression made on the court was that there had been a mock marriage. Wife No. 1 was a Miss Anderson; wife No. 2 a Miss Houseman, both of Richmond. Va.

☞ Truth, justice and reason lose all their force and all their lustre when they are not accompanied by agreeable manners.

☞ The Times says two men were lodged in jail at Jefferson, Ashe county, for stealing the "whistle off a steam engine."

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents per bottle at Burwell & Dunn, wholesale and retail drug store.

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Practical Education.

Among the seven trades which a student in mechanical engineering must learn at Cornell is that of the blacksmith, says an exchange. Occasionally there is a protest, but it is a never heeded. One dude ten years ago was unusually averse to soiling his hands. But he had to work at the forge just the same. Last fall he went to Professor Morris and thanked him for being compelled to learn blacksmithing. "Why?" asked the professor. "Why, you see," replied the former dude, "I am now superintendent of a mine away back in Colorado. Last summer our main shaft broke, and there was no one in the mine but myself who could weld it. I didn't like the job, but I took off my coat and welded that shaft. It wasn't a pretty job, but she's running now. If I couldn't have done it, I'd have to pack that shaft on mule back and send it three hundred miles over the mountains to be fixed, and the mine would have shut down till it got back. My ability to mend that shaft raised me in the eyes of every man in the mine and the boss raised my salary."—*Electrical Review.*

Flax Culture in Europe.

Russia Grows More of This Crop Than Any Country in the World

Our principal supply of the raw material, says Chamber's Journal, is imported from Russia, where the plant has long been, and still is, cultivated more extensively than in any other county in the world; but there the culture of the crop and preparation of the fibre receive less care and attention than in any other flax-producing country. This neglect may be accounted for by the immense tracts under crop, and also by much thinner sowing than is practiced in other countries in order to give the plant greater strength and more numerous branches, to prevent it being laid during the violent thunder-storms that prevail about the time it is in flower. The result of this treatment, however, is a coarse fibre, and also a very much inferior yield to that grown thicker and under more favorable circumstances of soil and attention in its early stages. Germany, Austria, and France follow Russia as flax-producing countries, and in each of these an average area of over 200,000 acres is kept under this crop. In Holland flax is grown principally for the seed and the planting and growth of the crop, as well as the time of pulling, is regulated for this purpose. By properly maturing the seed the quality of the fibre is injured, and renders the subsequent process more difficult; but the Dutch farmers are amply remumerated by the high price obtained for the seed, which has for agricultural purposes a world-wide fame, and is chiefly sown in Britain, although Riga seed is also used and preferred by some growers as being the more hardy. It is Belgium, however, to which we must turn to see flax in the highest state of cultivation, where nothing is neglected that can in any measure improve the quantity, and more especially of the quality of the crop. Here proper rotation of the crops, superior tillage, and liberal manuring of the land are attended to in a manner not seen elsewhere, and to this the careful, plodding Beligan farmers owe their success in raising other crops as well as flax, and which has earned for them the reputation they enjoy of being the most successful agriculturists in the world.

☞ The Mississippi has in the course of ages transported from the mountains and high land within its drainage area sufficient material to make 400,000 square miles of new land by filling up an estuary which extended from its original outfall to the Gulf of Mexico for a length of 500 miles and in width from 30 to 40 miles. This river is still pouring solid matter into the Gulf, where it is spread out in a fan like shape over an extended coast line, depositing 362,000,000 tons a year, or six times as much soil as was removed in the construction of the Manchester ship canal, and sufficient to make a square mile of new land, allowing for its having to fill up the Gulf to a depth of eighty yards. Some idea of the vastness of this operation may be conceived when the fact is considered that some of this soil has to be transported more than 3,000 miles; and that if the whole of it had to be carried in boats at the lowest rate at which heavy meterial is carried on the inland waters of America, or say for one tenth of a penny per ton per mile over an average of half the total distance, the cost would be no less a sum than $1,190,000,000 a year. Through the vast dela thus formed the river winds its way, twisting and turning by unnumberable lands until it extends its length to nearly 1,200 miles; or more than double the point to point length of the delta, continually eroding the banks in one place and building up in another.—*Longman's Mayizine.*

☞ Hope is the ruddy morning of joy; recollection is its golden tinge.—*Richter.*

☞ He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.—*Bailey.*

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Burwell & Dunn, Wholesale and retail, Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and $1.00.

Not on the Shelf.

One of the greatest mistakes in life is that of a woman's sitting down when she has passed the meridian of years and quietly waiting for death. It may be exceedingly pretty, and quite like the action of some sweet old story, the patient waiting with pale face and placid smile and folded hands, playing in a way the part of the old lares and penates beside the fire; but there are much more effective parts than that of a statue in a nich, and there seems to be no real reason for going into the grave before it is ready for us.

It is not, however, very long since this attitude was thought the proper thing for the elderly women with gray hair not only hid it with wig or cap, or both, but hid and effaced themselves as well. Age was unlovely, they said, and so they put it out of sight, as far as they could, by clinging to the chimney corner. Of course they were useful there; the grandmother, the old aunt, is useful everywhere; and of course they were in the way of perfecting character and of becoming saints through sacrifice and renunciation. But they did not have much very vivid enjoyment. What enjoyment they did have was chiefly vicarious—joy at seeing and knowing the joy of others,

It is fortunate for women of advancing years that now-adays public opinion has changed, and that it is expected they shall form a part of society and of all the pleasures of society. They belong now to clubs; they are engaged in various public and semi public work; they are actively interested in charities; they are not deprived of any invitation because of their years; and the value of their wisdom and mellowed experience is as fully acknowledged as the value of youth and sparkle and beauty.

It is a pleasant sight now in all the country towns where the trolly car has penetrated to see these rather elderly women taking their rides; to see their pleasure in what would have been considered by their grandmothers a wild abandoment; to see them doing their own shop ping in all places, attending to their check books and bank accounts, when they have such articles by no means relinquishing their rights in church management, their interest in public questions, and following or adopting the fashions to such extent as they please.

Not very many years since it would have been thought that a woman at the time of life of which we speak was neglecting all the affairs of her soul and showing a strange disregard of her eternal welfare in allowing herself to feel very keen interest in the affairs of the instant—a part of the old feeling that we are placed here to live somewhere else—a righteous feeling, and one assisting the soul's growth, if not suffered to extinguish natural and normal features of existance here. But now women of advanced years assist at every function of what is called high life; their gray hair, covered or uncovered, as it may be, is an evident part of the audience at the opera; and only when they are quite unable to do otherwise do they submit to being laid upon the shelf in ordinary life. Once an elderly woman who remembered her youth and its love of color, and hated to be all a spot of gloom, and so wore a blue or a pink ribbon, was condemned as a frivolous person of poor taste. Now it is seen and felt that no blooming young blonde with her roses and reaths appears to more advantage, in her way and according to her powers, than a fairskinned eldery woman does with her faint pink ribbon on occasion, or than a dark skinned one does with her creamy cape jasmine. On the whole, the world no longer belongs exclusively to the young, but it is recognized that, old or young; we have a right to avail ourselves of our privileges and possibilities, to make use of the means of keeping ourselves young and in the enjoyment of blessings, and that it is a righteous and lawful thing as long as we are in the world to be of it.

☞ Some St. Louis business men have in hand the project of building before June 16, the day fixed for the Republican National Convention, a huge armory, capable of holding 10,000 persons. Their plan is to have this armory used as a Convention hall in June and thereafter for drilling purposes. The Democratic Convention of 1888 in St. Louis was held in the hall of the Exposition building, preceding the St. Louis singing festival.

WEAVER TO TILLMAN.—Gen. J. B. Weaver has sent the following letter to Senator Tillman: "My Dear Senator:—I have just read with care your recent speech delivered in the Senate. God bless you for your courageous and masterful effort. Keep your whip in your hand. It is the same one twice used in the temple scene at Jerusalem, and you struck the same set of scalawags. Respectfully yours,

"J. B. WEAVER."

The Young

are made prematurely aged by diseases (alas how prevalnt!) which make them palee, listless, low spirited, morose or irritable in temper, easily tired, forgetful and incapable; fill mad-houses and swell the lists of suicides; separate husbands and wives, bring untold suffering to millions, even to the third and fourth generation. A complete and scientific treatise on these ailments, their symptoms, nature and proper management, prepared by those who have had a vast and successful experience in their treatment and cure, will be mailed, secure from observation, in a plain sealed envelope, to any one sending, enclosed with this notice, ten cents, (for postage) to World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.