

THE STANDARD.

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STANDARD NOTES.

There is more virtue in honest pluck than in luck.

Jeff Davis is dead, but he still lives in the hearts and memories of a true people.

The man who is wrapt up in thought, is often times in a desert of darkness and ignorance.

A body of a person who died in New York in 1835 has been taken up and found to be petrified.

"Hanging up stockings" for Santa will cause many a heeless and toeless stocking to be darned.

The Alliance ought to elect Zeb Vance an honorary member. They have no truer friend in the world.

Woman means more than lady. There are more ladies than women. The same is true of man and gentleman.

The Supreme Court of New York has decided that the electric wires in the city of New York must come down.

Cleveland certainly values his beautiful wife as a strong aid. What appreciative husbands these old bachelors make!

The Wilmington Review, an evening paper, is thirteen years old. A good old age for a news-paper in North Carolina.

A girl that can use a broom (legitimately), make dresses and breeches, use a frying pan and rejoice with you in prosperity and encourage and help you in adversity, is the ideal woman.

Patti, the great singer, one of the greatest in the world, is now in Chicago. Her first appearance there was in a new theatre, that in elegance and completeness of appointments eclipses anything of the kind in the world.

According to the Lenoir Topic there was an old negro woman in that part of the country who reached the age of 110 years, and accounts for her great age by saying she supposed the Lord must have forgotten her.

The Civil Rights law that was passed by the Republicans of South Carolina and has remained on the statute books ever since, was repealed a few days since by the Legislature. It has been practically a dead letter any way.

It has been said by some one, with more imagination than brains, perhaps, that the steamer of the future will be a quarter of a mile in length, and will make the trip to Liverpool in thirty-six hours, carrying 10,000 passengers.

Sensationalism is one of the great means used to extend the circulation of a paper, and yet no paper is willing to admit that it is sensational. We received one recently though that advertised as one of its chief attractions "The sensational." Candid, certainly.

Johnstown is a fatal place. Last week an alarm of fire was given in a theatre. The crowd rushed for the narrow entrance, and in the jam several lives were lost and many maimed. A few days since, another flood is reported, and a bridge was washed away.

What a fearless, outspoken man is Cleveland! At the sacrifice of his chances for reelection to the presidency, he promulgated his celebrated tariff message, from principle; he believed it was right. In his recent speech in Massachusetts he argued the necessity of ballot reform right in that nest of manufacturers and ballot corruptors.

The verdict in the Cronin case was rendered Monday, and is not entirely in accordance with the verdict of the people in this celebrated case. John F. Beggs, the lawyer, was found not guilty; Kuntz, the little wag, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for manslaughter; Coughlin, Bourke, and O'Sullivan were found guilty of murder, and were sentenced to imprisonment for life. The counsel for the four last made motion for a new trial.

CHRISTMAS.

The great, perhaps the greatest, annual festival of the civilized world is approaching. On next Wednesday will be what the world has accepted as the 1889th birthday of the world's Savior. It matters little that the true date of the nativity has been lost, so enshrouded in the mists of oblivion are these non-essential points in the life of Christ. In spite of this fact, the Christian world has, with common consent set apart the 25th day of December of each year in memory of the birth of the Savior—the greatest event in the history of the world.

At first a religious festival, it has now lost the religious character that in the early days of the Christian church, marked its observance. It is no longer characterized by the same solemnity as in those times, though in many respects such an observance would be more appropriate. Coming as it does near the end of the year, after the harvests have been well gathered, and the barns and storehouses are filled in anticipation and preparation for the dark and dreary days of winter that are to come, it seems a fitting time for humanity, with grateful hearts, to give free reins to joyous instincts, and to revel in joy, mirth and pleasure, all of which should be tempered and purified by a consciousness of the glorious event which the day commemorates in name and in fact. And, in as much as that day there was given to the mankind, in token of love, the most precious gift the world ever received, it is especially appropriate that this occasion should be taken by mankind to give to one another gifts that betoken love and friendship, as all true gifts should and do. For the intrinsic value of a gift should be reckoned, not from a pecuniary standpoint, taking thus a sordid view of it and applying to it the rigid rules that govern business transactions, but is to be reckoned rather by the spirit with which the gift is bestowed, and the motives that prompt the bestower. The same principle applies here that actuated Him whose birth the day commemorates when He preferred the widow's mite to the princely but heartless gifts of the rich.

It is fitting and proper then that humanity should on this occasion lay aside as much as possible the cares, in many cases the galling cares, of every-day life, and give themselves up to an appreciative enjoyment of pleasure, and the good things that are customary, ever remembering those who are less fortunate.

This will enable us to go forward with lighter and more willing hearts, when we resume the cares thus laid aside.

LESSENING THE SURPLUS.

It is rumored that Congress will vote to reimburse the losses of those members who suffered from the defalcation of Sileot. As the Congress is Republican, it may be done. It sounds like the Republican congress they used to have just after the war. If this is done, it will be just because the sufferers are members of congress, and they might just as well go further and replace any losses that a congressman may meet with in pool or poker, or by a defaulting cashier any where. But that surplus must be spent.

THE PREVALENCE OF PERJURY.

It is a sad commentary on the truthfulness of mankind, and one that tends to wreck one's confidence in the integrity of his fellow men, that in the trials in a court of justice interested parties make diametrically opposite assertions and not only assert them, but solemnly and deliberately swear to them. In some cases this is due to the fallibility of the human mind, or to peculiar circumstances that cause men to see things in different lights, or to see only enough of the same things to cause them to arrive at different conclusions. But in other cases, and many cases, where it seems that each side have the same opportunities for knowing the truth of a matter, and must know it, the parties interested will swear in accordance with their respective interests, though it is plain to outsiders that there is falsehood somewhere, and unfortunately it cannot always be discovered where it is. Of course it amounts to perjury, and perjury is a most heinous crime, both morally and legally. But the difficulty is in deciding which is the perjured one. It is a pity that the sanctity of an oath should be so tampered with. It is the safeguard, the bulwark, upon which all jurisprudence is dependent, and naturally when this is not to be depended on, justice becomes a mockery and a travesty. An honest, truthful man is entirely at the mercy of the dishonest and untruthful man, for the former can swear to only one thing, while the latter can swear to anything. But perhaps this is the natural result of all well known causes. If in ordinary conversation oaths are bandied about and used as mere expletives for emphasis, without special regard always to truth, the moral sense becomes in time blunted in regard to the sanctity of an oath, and perjury becomes simply an indiscretion instead of a crime.

DROPS OF

Wilson has abolished her graded school.

A new court house is being erected in Moore county.

Two Mormon elders have been doing Davidson county.

It is said that Sam Jones will spend Christmas in Durham.

There are about 1,400 convicts in the North Carolina penitentiary.

Col. L. L. Polk has resigned the position of Secretary of the State Alliance.

A house was recently burned near Forestville, and in it were two colored children, who were burned to death.

Another railroad is heading this way through South Carolina, and Monroe wants it.

Sam Scales, a negro under sentence of death for arson in Rockingham county died in jail.

Col. T. L. Hargrove, of Granville county, died last week. He was Attorney-General of the State under Republican regime.

A large four-story brick building is being erected in Anson county to be used as a school for colored people.

A well in the eastern part of the State has been dug in which the water seems to be impregnated with petroleum.

There were 150 conversions in Bill Fife's meeting at New Bern. One of them was General Cullen A. Battle and another State Senator Green.

A little negro child in Cary drank a lot of concentrated lye one day last week, and died a few moments thereafter from the effects.—Raleigh Visitor.

Major W. A. Guthrie, who recently purchased the Durham Street Railway with all its fixtures for \$3,340, has sold it to a Pennsylvania company for \$25,000.

Atlas Bagwell, a machinist, while crossing the platform at the depot in Durham, fell to the ground and when his friends reached him they found him dead. Heart disease.

Captain V. E. McBea, superintendent of the Western North Carolina Railroad has been elected president of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta and also the Greenville & Columbia railroads.

Two little girls near Monroe were bitten by a mad dog recently. They with another sister, were playing where they were attacked by the dog. They were taken to Charlotte where Butler's celebrated mad stone was applied.

Milton Advertiser: Mr. Graham Long, a young white man, a citizen of Person county, fell from a trestle over Castle creek on Wednesday of last week and received injuries from which he died the next day.

R. H. Weathers, of Raleigh, was badly injured Monday by jumping from the train. He was attending to some business on the train, and jumped from it while at high speed, breaking both legs, and receiving a severe cut on the head.

Winston Sentinel: A short while since Prof. Clewell found it necessary to dismiss a young lady from the Academy and telegraphed to her father in a far western state: "Your daughter is at your disposal." In a few minutes the answer came, "Keep her on ice till I come."

A Craven county farmer this year made preparations for a big crop of cotton, and calculated on making 125 bales. The wet weather, wind and hail so ruined his crop that he only got one bale out of his entire farm. There are many instances in Eastern Carolina almost as bad.—Morganton Herald.

Raleigh News and Observer: Since the death of Rev. Dr. Robert Hall Morrison, of the class of 1818, the oldest living graduate of the University of North Carolina is formerly Washington Haywood, Esq., formerly a lawyer in Raleigh, now a painter near Greensboro, Ala. He graduated in 1821.

Sanford Express: Mr. Dolly Page, of Hoffman, says his community is infested with fierce and vicious foxes which attack people on the highways. Some time ago one of these brutes entered a dwelling house and attacked the inmates. It is possible that these foxes may have the hydrophobia.

News has reached the Southerner (Tarboro) that a short while before the emigration train at Scotland Neck started for the South, the agent told all of the unmarried negroes who desired to emigrate that he would take only married persons. There were eight whose desire to emigrate had reached its zenith. Fortunately for them there was a negro preacher on hand and they forthwith called him to perform the conjugal ceremonies, and in a very brief space of time the eight couples were united. They boarded the train and took a Southern bridal tour.

Reply from Mr. Wolf.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Allow me to say a few words in reply to an article that appeared in the columns of your paper of Nov. 29th, under the heading "Warning against a book." The book referred to is Bible Readings for the Home Circle. Mr. Anderson, the writer of the article, says that the book teaches heresy with reference to the Sabbath day, the eternal punishment of the wicked, and the condition of the righteous dead. Very likely this is true according to Mr. Anderson's views of these subjects; but we are glad to know that Mr. Anderson's eyes are not made for other people to look through, and what he would call heresy others would not. Now we would have been glad if Mr. Anderson had given some evidence that it does teach heresy. Simply making assertions does not prove anything. The Bible says "to the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them," Isa. 8:20. Now we are willing that the Bible Readings for the Home Circle shall be tested by inspection that it gives plain positive scripture in support of the different subjects presented, we should never have engaged in the sale of it. We know that it presents the truth on all these points, and we defy any one to disprove them by the word of God. In regard to the Sabbath the book brings out just what the scriptures say on this subject and all the evidence shows that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and not the first as is almost universally believed. I could give many texts of scripture in proof of this if space would admit, but will only refer the reader to a few of them. See Gen. 2:2-3 Ex. 20:8-11, Mat. 28:1, Mk. 16:1-2, Luke 24:44-46. All admit that the seventh day was the Sabbath during the old dispensation, but now the majority of the Christian world claim that it was changed either by Christ or his apostles to the first day of the week. Search the New Testament through from first to last and you can find no evidence that they did any such thing, and there is a standing offer of a thousand dollars to any one that will give a text showing that they did. In regard to the other subjects, we have space to refer the reader to only a few of the many texts treating on those points.

In reference to the state of the dead please read Job 14:10-14 and 21; Ps. 146:3, 4; Eccl. 9:5-10; Ps. 115:17; Ps. 65; Isa. 26:19; Ist. Cor. 15:16-18; Ist. Thess. 4:16. These texts and the bible throughout teach that the dead are in their graves and will remain there until the resurrection. The scriptures also teach that the wicked will finally come to an end and be no more. They are compared to the most perishable objects in nature such as stubble, Mat. 4:1, dry branches, John 15:6, chaff, Mat. 3:12. They are to be as the fat of lambs, Ps. 37:20. Now if there be no analogy between the wicked and these different materials, these illustrations convey a wrong idea to our minds, for if we cast any of these substances into the fire the result is, they are burned up. David says yet a little while and the wicked shall not be, yea thou shalt consider his place and it shall not be. Ps. 37:10. Obadiah says they shall be as tho' they had not been. Obad. 16. A great many more texts of the same import could be given but these will suffice for the present. We sincerely hope the good people of this vicinity will read their bibles carefully, comparing scripture with scripture that they may detect the heresy if there is any, and not risk their soul's salvation on man's opinions. We hope those who have "Bible Readings" will read it carefully and compare it with the bible that they may know for themselves that it is the plain teaching of the word of God.

G. D. WOLF.

Medal Contest.

Demorest medal contest, under the auspices of Mt. Gilead W. C. T. U., at Mt. Carmel church, December 27th, 1889. Exercises begin at half past 10 o'clock a. m. Devotional exercises. Recitations and subjects as follows:

Miss Elsie Barrier—"Prohibition the hope of our country."

Miss Maggie Misenheimer—"Reason's for a Prohibition Party."

Miss Ida Brantly—"Prohibition Battle Call."

Miss Esther Barnhardt—"The sparrow must go." "What about the liquor vulture?"

Miss Nora Misenheimer—"The infamous liquor traffic."

Miss Lora Walter—"Prohibition the great Deliverance."

Miss Lora Propst—"A voice from the Poor-house."

Miss Annie Walter—"Patriotic Prohibition."

Decision of judges and presentation of medal. The exercises will be interspersed with music.

MISS JENNIE COOK, General Superintendent.

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"If you get them from the store near the corner. 'Then let your good will guide your feet, To the place where all is new and neat. Quantity and quality hard to beat, To the new store near the corner."

Non-Resident Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA,) In Cabarrus County Superior Court. J. B. Caldwell,) Plaintiff. vs.) M. H. Caldwell,) Defendant.

This is an action to recover a debt of \$368.40 (three hundred sixty-eight dollars and 40 cents due by two notes for balance of purchase money for one house and lot situated in the town of Concord, and sold by C. H. Caldwell, deceased, to M. H. Caldwell, and a warrant of attachment has issued herein. And it appearing to my satisfaction that the defendant M. H. Caldwell is a non-resident of this State, and cannot attend due diligence be found therein, and that a cause of action exists against said defendant, and this court has jurisdiction of the subject of the action. Now this is to command the said defendant M. H. Caldwell, to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Cabarrus county, to be held on the 5th Monday before the 1st Monday in March 1890 and answer or demur to the complaint, or judgment will be rendered against him according to law. Clerk Superior Court. This 27th Nov. 1889. 6t.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.

North Carolina,) Superior court. Cabarrus County,) J. E. Dorton and F. P. Boger Administrators of J. M. W. Means,) Plaintiffs. vs.) M. J. Dorton and husband Jas. Dorton, Robt Lemons, Brown Lemons, Evan Lemons, Jno. Lemons, Jennie Lawing and husband J. J. Lawing, Caroline McCord and husband Jno. McCord, Katie Thompson and husband Joe Thompson, M. C. Q. Lemons, Thos Lemons, Virginia Lemons, Rebecca Clauetz and husband Wash Clauetz, Mattie Rittel and husband Taylor Rittel, Jas Lemons, M. M. Lemons, Alex Lemons, Hattie Jess, Jackson, Richard and Emma Morgan, J. W. Flinn and Harvey Flinn, Flora Davis and husband Wm. Davis, Defendants.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court from the return of William Probst, Sheriff of Cabarrus county, N. C., and from the affidavit of J. E. Dorton filed in the above entitled action, that M. M. Lemons, Alex Lemons, Hattie Jess, Jackson, Richard and Emma Morgan, J. W. Flinn and Harvey Flinn are non-residents of this State, and after due diligence cannot be found within the State of North Carolina, and are necessary and proper parties to the above entitled action, and whereas the plaintiff above named this subject an action in said court to settle the real estate of said John M. W. Means described in the complaint of the plaintiffs And whereas the said defendants M. M. Lemons, Alex Lemons, Hattie Jess, Jackson, Richard and Emma Morgan, J. W. Flinn and Harvey Flinn have an interest actual or constructive in said real estate of said John M. W. Means in said land, and are hereby notified unless they be and appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior court of said county and State as set out or before the 27th day of January 1890 and plead answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, that the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint and for costs of action. This 10th day of December, 1889. JAS. C. GIBSON, Clerk Superior Court.

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