

For the COURIER.  
The State of Our Country.

DEAR EDITOR:—Whatever fidelity may say or pretend to believe to the contrary, there are underlying moral reasons for every derangement of natural laws in our world. The God of the Bible is the God of Nature; and the physical laws which he has ordained for the regulation of the seasons were the outpourings of his benevolence for man's happiness, fully as much as a divine revelation was intended to put him back in possession of the last image of his maker. Both departments were intended for man's present and eternal good. If, then, there is a seeming violation of physical law, there must be a moral reason, as both systems of these laws are based upon a high moral intention.

During the past week, old Dame Nature has made some great and serious blunders. The zephyrs of a few days fanned the vegetable world with sweet caresses, inviting the shrubbery and vegetable kingdoms to smile and sparkle in the genial sunlight with aromatic aroma; and in the very height of their floral sweetness, she changed her tactics and locked all these beauties in the crystals of death! Why, O, why was this? When Nature had prepared our fruit trees to supply our tables in the summer and fall with delicious food, why did she mock our anticipated gladness with such a sad disappointment?

All may read the moral reason in that system of legislation which authorizes and licenses our fellow citizens to manufacture the fruits of our country into destructive poisons, and others to sell them to the silly ones of our homes and households. The talent is abused, and God sends his physical sheriff to destroy the source of human destruction.

And I declare to you to-day that, if men do not suppress the distillation of corn, rye and barley into whiskey, our support from these cereals will be much shortened in the coming future.

O, will not Christian men and politicians open their eyes to these great moral truths till God shall write "Behold" upon all our departed glories? Cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes, "La Grippe" and all the hosts of other evils that destroy our earthly good, are either ordered or permitted of God. They come not by chance. They are under control of His Almighty hand.

Christians, patriots, philanthropists, ARISE in your manhood and put this evil down. Amen.

R. J. ABERNETHY.

The Derivation of "America"

MR. EDITOR:—Apropos to the interesting series of letters in the COURIER on the origin of Carolina's name, I enclose for publication a clipping from the last number of the *North Carolina Teacher*, entitled, "The Derivation of 'America.'"

As not only our own country, but the entire world, is interested in the Columbian Exposition to be held at Chicago, and to be opened during the present year, commemorating the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of this continent, whatever tends to throw light on the name given it, will be perused with interest.

A. N. "In a paper read before the Society of 'Americanists,'" in Paris, on October 15, 1896, entitled "A Philological Study of the Origin of the Name America," Bishop Carrillo, of Yucatan, a well known author on American linguistic matters, maintained that when Cortez landed on the coast of Yucatan, and on what is now known as the Mosquito Coast, the whole country was possessed by the Aztecs, and was known by them as Am-eli-ka, which in the Aztec tongue meant "The Windy Country, or the Country of High Winds."

This name of "Am-eli-ka" was easily corrupted in pronunciation into "America" by the old Spaniards. The Italian geographer, Alberic Vespucci, prefixed it in place of the name by which he had been christened, and became known as Americas (Amerigo) Vespucci, in the same manner as the distinguished English geographer Gordon had prefixed "Chinese" to his name, and became known to the world as Chinese Gordon.

A Remark by Lawyer McWhorter Raises a Detective's Ire.

The COURIER's attention has been directed to the following,

which appeared a few weeks ago in the *Atlanta Constitution* and which will be interesting news to the readers of this county:

A momentary ripple of excitement relieved the tedium of the court proceedings yesterday.

When Mr. J. D. McWhorter declared his belief that detective business was a fraud, Detective Shackelford was on his feet in an instant, his face flushed with anger.

"May it please your honor, I ask the court to protect me from such insults," said he.

"Sit down, Mr. Shackelford," said Judge Clark, quietly, and the detective obeyed, but he showed plainly that he was boiling over with indignation, when he moved his seat closer to the place from which Mr. McWhorter was addressing the jury the gentlemen on the bar thought there might be a collision. There was none, however, and Mr. McWhorter continued his argument.

The case illustrates the expense of finding unknown criminals. The facts, as brought about by testimony, seem to be about as follows: Mr. W. T. Massey, of Lincolnton, N. C., owned at that place the Rack store, which was burned about two years ago. Anxious to bring the incendiaries to justice, he employed Richmond detectives and spent \$420 in a search for the criminals. There was no result, and Mr. Massey determined to try Atlanta talent. Accordingly he wrote Detective Shackelford of this place, and after some correspondence they made an agreement that the detective should work up the case for \$200—\$100 down and \$100 on conviction of the incendiary.

Under this contract Mr. Shackelford sent Detective Wilson to Lincolnton to work the case. Detective Wilson presented the bill for \$100 in advance, and Mr. Massey paid it. Wilson then remained about three days in Lincolnton and returned to Atlanta. Mr. Massey was informed that there was more in the case than Mr. Shackelford thought when he made the agreement to work it for \$200, and another hundred was demanded.

Upon this Mr. Massey brought suit for the \$100 he had already paid, and Mr. J. L. McWhorter was representing him in the trial when he made the caustic comment on the detective business.

Mr. Frank Arnold represented Detective Shackelford.

The Work of North Carolina Women at the World's Fair.

The Lady-Managers appointed to collect specimens of work of the women of North Carolina, for exhibition at the Columbia Exposition, to be held in Chicago, desire to be placed in communication with experts in all lines of woman's work, both usual and unusual.

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The competition at Chicago will be both National and International, and the standard of excellence is necessarily very high. Consequently the Lady-Managers urge upon the women of the State to endeavor on this occasion to excel any former efforts in their respective lines of work.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Robert R. Cotten, will take pleasure in replying to inquiries on any subject not mentioned in the above classification, which relate to the subject.

Is He Charlie Ross.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—There is a young man aged twenty-three years working on the farm of H. G. Sparks,

of Benton, Mo., whom Mr. Sparks believes to be Charlie Ross, who was stolen from his home in Germantown, Philadelphia, on July 1, 1874. About four months ago he applied to Mr. Sparks for work, and he has worked steadily ever since.

He says he remembers that when he was a little boy he was driven away in a wagon by some men. For some time he was secreted in obscure places and closely watched, so that no one saw him except men who he supposed to be criminals. After a time these men disappeared.

A relative of the Ross family is now on his way here to see the young man and investigate his story.—N. Y. World.

Mr. Elias Carr Repudiates the St. Louis Platform.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *TARBORO SOUTHERNER*.—Mr. M. J. Battie, in his communication to the *Southerner* of the 5th inst., states that "in no particular does the St. Louis platform differ from the Ocala platform," and further asks "if Elias Carr will repudiate his own handiwork?" I simply desire to call Mr. B.'s attention to two planks from each platform as paralleled below:

OCALA, 1890. ST. LOUIS, 1892.

(a) "That our National legislation shall be so framed in future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another."  
(b) "We further demand a removal of the existing heavy tariff tax from the necessities of life, that the poor of our land may have."  
(c) "We demand the most honest, rigid, being a means of erecting just State and National government control and government control of the means of public communication and the transportation and the telephone, like the supervision does not postal office system, heretofore, we demand the transmission of the government, and 'operated' by means of communication and the government in transportation." "the interest of the people."

(1) SILENT AS THE TOMB.  
(2) "Transportation being a means of erecting just State and National government control and government control of the means of public communication and the transportation and the telephone, like the supervision does not postal office system, heretofore, we demand the transmission of the government, and 'operated' by means of communication and the government in transportation." "the interest of the people."

These (Ocala) demands were subsequently engrafted into the State Democratic platform and later enacted at Indianapolis. I had the honor to be upon the committee at Ocala that formulated them, reporting unanimously upon these two planks: As yet I have seen no authority or reason for eliminating these planks from the Alliance platform, while on the contrary abundant reason for not endorsing a party which is putting the Alliance in an inconsistent and false attitude by demanding ownership after securing national and State governmental control of railroads and completely ignoring the tariff question, that most important of all reform measures, the present status of which makes possible all trusts and combines that enrich the few and impoverish the many. Truly yours,

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Keep Off of That Platform.

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A large number of our citizens belong to the Alliance and for three or four years have been educated in the same direction. They are further along in the book than those who have not yet been permitted to join and we fear that in their zeal they will leave us far behind.

In our hearts we wish to do and to vote for what is best for the farmer. If he has needed money, it has been worse with those who had no corn, no meat, no cotton, no land, and no money. To that class we belong, and we would not knowingly vote in any direction that we did not honestly think would bring us all—not only the farmer but all of us—sure financial relief. But we cannot accept the St. Louis platform. The Alliance was born of the people. The St. Louis platform was not born of the people. It was born of some other source and sent out to the people for endorsement. Time was when the people made their demands. Now the demands are made at headquarters and word is sent out "that you must endorse them and under no condition must there be any breaking down!"

We say to every citizen keep off of the St. Louis platform. Every endorsement of that platform is an

endorsement of the third party. There can be no two ways about that.

It is painful to us to see one or two of our county alliances pledging themselves to support no man for office who does not stand on the St. Louis platform. We do not see how this course can in anywise better the situation. The Republican party will not endorse the St. Louis platform, the Democrats outside of the Alliance will not endorse it, and many men inside the Alliance will not endorse it. Those remaining cannot carry their platform into effect, but in their effort to do so may bring republican rule and ruin to our State and her noble people.

The very best advice we know how to give at this present crisis, we give to every citizen of our county and State: Keep off the St. Louis platform.—*Gastonia Gazette.*

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No. 11	No. 12
Lv. 7:15 am	Ar. 6:30 pm
8:25 Hickory	5:20
9:03 Newton	4:40
10:03 Lincolnton	3:44
10:59 Dallas	3:08
11:08 Gastonia	2:45
12:22 pm	Yorkville 1:09
Ar. 1:45	Chester Lv. 11:50 am

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No. 9	No. 10
Lv. 3:45 pm	Ar. 16:43 am
4:47	Richburg 9:40
5:33	Fort Lawn 9:00
Ar. 6:22	Lancaster Lv. 8:20

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Southbound	Northbound
No. 12	No. 11
Lv. 8:25 pm	Ar. 1:00 pm
9:09	Huntersville 12:15
9:29	Davidson 11:53 am
9:48	Mooresville 11:33 am
Ar. 10:35	Statesville Lv. 10:45

Tues., Thur., Saturday.

No. 64 mixed	No. 65 mixed
Lv. 7:25 am	Ar. 5:15 pm
8:44	Charlotte 4:00
9:18	Davidson 3:25
9:53	Mooresville 2:50
Ar. 11:30	Statesville Lv. 1:30

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MOVING WEST. NUMBER 42—  
PASSENGER, MAIL & EXPRESS TRAIN.  
STATIONS. ARRIVE. LEAVES.

STATIONS.	ARRIVE.	LEAVES.
Wilmington	a m	10:20
Charlotte	a m	5:13
Paw Creek	p m	5:27
Mt. Holly		5:39
Stanley Creek		5:55
Iron		6:18
Lincolnton		6:33
Cherryville		7:05
Waco		7:14
Shelby		7:33
Lattimore		7:49
Mooresboro		7:59
Ellenboro		8:06
Bostic		8:22
Forest City		8:30
Rutherfordton		8:40 p m

MOVING EAST. NUMBER 95—

PASSENGER, MAIL & EXPRESS TRAIN.  
STATIONS. ARRIVE. LEAVES.

STATIONS.	ARRIVE.	LEAVES.
Rutherfordton	a m	8:00
Forest City		8:09
Bostic		8:16
Ellenboro		8:29
Mooresboro		8:35
Lattimore		8:44
Shelby		9:04
Waco		9:23
Cherryville		9:32
Lincolnton		10:00
Iron		10:21
Stanley Creek		10:41
Mt. Holly		11:01
Paw Creek		11:13
Charlotte	11:23	
Wilmington	6:23	p m

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