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The melody of serving—
Oh, who does not know
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The life that is so true,
Which opens to blessings,
The angels below.

A RIDE FOR LIFE—AND ONE DOLLAR.
BY ALEXANDER E. GRANT.

UST a dollar short," said the dominie, counting. "That's a bad, a bad, a despairing sigh," said the girl, as well back it all." "Why?" "Because, I don't know where you want that dollar. The express company would send you, and they will send you a New York paper. But perhaps I can help it." "Where?" "Elder Tripp has come to see me. He told you so. The other week, when the express company sent you a New York paper, you were not a cent short of a dollar, but you were a cent short of a dollar. Now, you are a dollar short, and you are a dollar short." "Well, what is to be done?" "My money is due for three months yet, and I am waiting back it now."

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The groom scratched his head thoughtfully, then went back to his bride. He soon returned with a grumpy silver dollar, which gave up with more reluctance than anything he had parted with in all his life.

WEEKLY COMMERCIAL REPORT
The Miners' Strike the Only Hindrance to Better Business.
R. G. DUN & CO'S REPORT.

Crops Helped by Abundant Rains.
Still Large Stocks of Cotton Goods Accumulated.

ALL ABOUT THE NORTH.
A case of leprosy has been discovered at Jersey City, N. J.

MADE A DYING STATEMENT.
A Woman Assaulted, Knocked in the Head and Thrown on a Bed.

THE TARIFF BILL AGREED ON.
The Republican conferees on the tariff bill, representing the two houses of Congress, have agreed upon all the items of the bill, and the result of the partisan conference will be submitted to the Democratic members of the conference at the full meeting.

Taxing Municipal Property.
Under a decision by the Attorney General it is probable that all water and gas plants and all other forms of municipal property which pay a revenue will hereafter be returned for taxation in Atlanta, Ga.

NEWS ITEMS
Southern Pencil Pointers.

TILLMAN IS SUCCESSFUL.
His Dispensary Bill Gets Through U. S. Senate Without Opposition.

TO MAKE WAR ON U. S.
Spain and Japan Leagued Together to Protect Cuba and Hawaii.

WOMEN ON THE ROCK PILE.
Kansas Women Threaten Vengeance if the New Order is Carried Out.

A STUBBORN FIGHT.
House Conferees May Concede Free Cotton Bagging and Dies.

OHIO VALLEY RAILROAD SOLD.
Ohio Valley Railroad has been sold at Henderson, Ky., to Judge Humphreys, representing the Central Trust Company, of New York.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.
At Chattanooga, Tenn., the seventh International Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, began with about 4,000 delegates, and some of the most prominent Baptist leaders in the country are present.

A SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.
Both Sides Are Almost Ready to Count on a Resumption of Work.

NO REDUCTION OF RATES.
A Column of North Carolina Splinters for the Fireside.

THE RESEVOIR BURST.
A Reminder of the Johnstown Flood at Newburg, N. Y.

BIG BRIDGE OPENED.
West Superior and Duluth Are Now Connected by a Draw.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION ENDORSED.
The United States Senate committee on foreign relations agrees to the resolution on the annexation of Hawaii.

IT IS Mrs. Springs' Murderer?
A special to the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer from Winston, N. C., says a man giving his name as Wiley Burton has been arrested in Mt. Airy on suspicion.

THE MESSENGER'S NEW COTTON MILLS.
On the 13th, the hearing by the railway commission of the question of increasing the tax valuation of railways and of also reducing passenger and freight rates ended. It was the most important session the commission has ever held.