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RELIGIOUS.

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shipping. The Housewife's Favorice,

A correspondent of the German- dle region being eraggy and precipitous, town Telegraph writing from Highlands to that paper thus describes the paratively small portion is smooth enough

The Highlands of the Blue

Ridge.

past summer.] The past summer in this part of the Blue Ridge has been one of the most de-

tain tourist. The season, commencing in the month of May, has been unusually Ridge country is found on the very sum- be transported across the continent, (for dry for this country, which is frequently blessed with too much moisture for the convenience of the summer loiterer. The corn and potato crops have been considerably shortened by drouth, which is a quite of the farmer, the weather through all the summer months was perfect-warm, bat

never hot, the thermometer marking 83 to 84 degrees in a shelteerd place in the the spirit. breeze from the west keeping up a fan-like movement of the atmosphere. At night for covering ; no mosquitoes and but few flies to disturb the morning nap of the weary invalid or late slumberer, There is little change in temperature during the night, the air varying but 5 to 8 degrees from 9 o'clock P. M. till daylight the next dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan in the morning. This feature is peculiarly favorable to delicate constitutions and weak the opinion that the Civil Rights law was to this country in search of health are in- length his reasons for the faith in it, 'and credulous and agreeably surprised when will have them printed and given publicly assured, and experience confirms the fact, on Saturday next. It is not thought that that night air and an occasional bath in a anything will be done by Congress in the shower of rain will not result in anything shape of a bill to give the negroes any serious to health. A chilly sensation is more rights than they now enjoy.

very seldom experienced in the atmos-

mit of the Blue Ridge great variety of soil In a communication to the American and topography is noticeable. The mid-Field, Seth Green thus refers to the transthe soil red and hungry-looking, a com-

mountain country, and climate of the for cultivation. As the summit is neared mission, composed of the late iamented the face of the country changes, with a B. B. Redding and S. R. Throckmorton, I started from the Hudson with a shipment decided improvement perceptible. The soil from red changes to a dark loam, and of shad for the Pacific Coast, and the rethe surface grows smoother and compara- sult of my successful transportation has lightful for the health-seeker and moun- tively clear of stones, except in rocky been felt in the Californian waters. After cliffs, and the choicest portion of the Blue it had been demonstrated that fish could mit, a dark blanket as it were averaging this was the first consignment ever made) fifteen or twenty miles spread over the Livingston, Stone and other have made crest and lapping down the sides till it successful deliveries to the Pacific Coast. reaches the red lands. This is the region In 1878, at the solicitation and expense of of cool fountains, pure air, grand scenery the California Spotsmau's Club, I sent in and unfading summer green, where the charge of my assistants a shipment of small invalid breathes the vitalizing and life- mouthed black bass, which I am informed giving air, bringing back health and vigor have increased to a great extent, and in to the exhausted body and buoyancy to 1882 one of my assistants took charge of a successful transportation of striped bass.

Rod and Gun Items.

The enterprise shown by the people of **Our Washington Letter.** California in introducing valuable fish to their coast is worthy of all praise."

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.) Daniel Webster was very fond both of angling and hunting. He could der trous-Washington, D. C., Nov. 17, 1883.

ly cast the fly and was a good shot. On Editor Blue Ridge Enterprise : his farm on one occasion he had a visitor From different sections of the country who was fond of hunting, but could seldom there has been a lively demand for the kill on the wing. Webster had an excellent setter dog, and while accompanying Civil Rights.case. Harlan was alone of the visitor partridge shooting the dog soon found a covey of birds, and Webster told constitutional. He has prepared at some his friend to step forward and seoot. He did so, but killed nothing. The dog, unaccostomed to such shooting, turned his head around, and, without moving his feet, looked at the sportsman deliberately in the face. After some persuasion the

dog was again induced to hunt and dis Representative Blackburn, of Kentucky, covered another covey of birds. The was here to-day. He was quite pronounc-With the clearing-up process of ad- ed in the opinion that Mr. Raudall will gunner again discharged his piece without

vancing agriculture, the millions of acres not be elected Speaker of the next House any results, when the sagacious animal, perfectly disgusted, slowly mended his of mountain land now usurped by primi and that Mr. Carlisle will be. He thought of poverty. tive forest will almost whelly be brought Mr. Cox would show considerable strength. way home.

An exchange tells of a young who, after a happy marriage of six months, on being asked if she was much troubled with To All Christian People. cold feet, simpered, hesitatingly, and with portation of fish : "In the year 1872, at simplicity replied, "Ye-yes, but-they're the solicitation of the California Fish Com- not my own."

Suretyship.

Any agreement to stand as surety for the debt of another, or any guaranty for another, must be in writing or it cannot be enforced. Contracts are frequently B, flet C have goods, and if he does not Governor Trimble, and her coadjutors. not binding on A.

child is troubled greatly with a sour stomach, but this case is no longer mysterious sectarian and non-partisan. The work

a cookie instead, though some feed their of all branches of Christ's church in temchildren lumps of sugar from the bowl, perance work, for the purpose of educating believing that the children need sugar, the young, forming a better public sentiand might better have it in that form than ment, reforming the drinking classes. in any other. In any case of this kind transforming by the power of divine grace there is a very frequent call for water.

children should have free access to both

sugar and pickles in order to supply what TENTH ANNIVERSAY OF THIS CRUSADE. they suppose to be natural cravings, and and it is the earnest hope of the ladies that to prevent thefts of sugar from the family by this date every State and Territory bowl. A mistaken policy.

go, has this year made a trip to the far West and the Pacific coast, and Mrs Sal-

lie F. Chapin, of Charleston, S. C., has Want of good sense is the worst kind

Please Read, Ponder and Circulate.

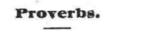
[At the request of the Secretary of the W. C. T. U., of Greensboro, we publish the following circular :]

The gospel temperance work of Christian women was begun in prayer and faith December 23rd, 1873, in Hillsboro, O., made in the following manner : A says to by Mrs. Judge Thompson, daughter of pay for them I will." Such a contract is Its first meeting was held in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. McSurely pastor. The ladies who were engaged in it were A mother often complains that her of all denominations, and their work from that day to this has been altogether au-

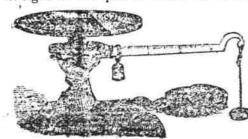
when the mother, to quiet the little one so in its organized form is known as the that she can continue her account of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, case, sets down before her a sittle dish of National, State, and local, and over three sugar. from which the child may help thousand towns and cities are now organitself. Most mothers would give candy or ized. Its objects are to unite the women

those who are enslaved by alcohol, and The child that is fed on sweets natural. removing the dram-shops from our streets h craves pickles as an antidote, but well- by law. The wonderful victories of this fed children are contented with plain nour- society in Ohio, Iowa and other States ishing food if properly prepared and suffi- are well known to the reading public. ciently varied. Many imagine that all On the 23rd of December of this year will occur the

may be organized. To this end the President, Mis Frances E. Willard, of Chica-



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This little scale is mude with steel bearings and brass beam, and will weigh ounce to 25 pounds. It is intended to eacoply the great demand for a housekeeper's scale. Nothing of the kind ever and will last a person's lifetime.

It is also valuable in every office for weighing mail matter. There is no bet;er scale made for postmasters, as it is as nicely adjusted as any letter ba ance.

We will furnish this scale boxed and shipped from the factory to the nearest railroad depot to subscribers, with a copy of the BLUE RIDGE ENTERPRISE for one year for \$3.50, freight paid by consignee. Address BLUE RIDGE ENTERPRISE, Highlands, Macon County, N. C.





All of our subscribers who will one year in advance, will be presented with one year's subscription to the

"AMERICAN FARMER"

a sixteen page agricultural magazine, published by E. A. K. Hackett, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and which is rapidly taking rank as one of the leading agricultural publications of the country. It is de-voted exclusively to the interests of the Farmer, Block Breeder, Dairyman, Gardener, and their Household and every species of industry connected with that great portion of the people of the world, the Farmer. The subscription price is \$1 00 per year . Farmers can not well get along without it. It puts new ideas into their minds. It teaches them how to farm with profit to themselves. It

easily set on fire by the torch of envy, but So, too, the air, it gives us breath, gnst, when he found he had been the sub-THE BLUE RIDGE ENTERPRISE in the old Middle States, spring up as if those quickly catch it which wave in the When it stops giving comes in death. ject of a hoax. TENT. Indiana republicans say an effort will by magic. In many of the coves bassbreeze of prosperity. Give, give; be always giving, AND THE LOUISVILLE [The "stranger" above referred to be made to secure the republican national wood is plentiful, and the sour-wood, pop-Who gives not is not living; He who tells a falsehood can never convention for Indi napolis, and the claims is prospering finely. Is a bright, in WEEKLY COURIER-JOURNAL lar, black gum, maples and other honey-The more we give the more we live. know low great a task he has undertaken; producing trees are scattered all through of that city will be vigorously advocated telligent looking person, and it is One year for only \$2.25. Two papers for for he cannot foresee how many more he Peace is better than joy. Joy is an unbefore the national committee at its meetthought will have advanced so far in the mountains, marking this as a choice little more than the price of one. will be compelled to tell in order to maineasy guest, and is always on tiptoe to deing here next month. As Indiana is one mastering our language as in a short region for bee-keepers. The present By paying us \$2 25 you will receive for tain that one. part. It tries and wears us out, and yet of the doubtful states, they say if the conseason was a particularly good one. Bees time to be able to say mamma and one year your home paper with the COURIERvention is held in its chief city it will makeeps us ever fearing that the next mo-Our lives are like some complicated ma-JOURNAL, the representative newspaper of winter in the common Langstroth hives terially help the party to carry it for the papa .- ED. ment it will be gone. Peace is not so. It the South, Democratic and for a Tariff for chine, working on one side of a wall and on the summer stands without any other republican nominee. AUGUST. comes more quietly, it stays more content-Revenue only, and the best brightest and delivering the finished fabric on the other. protection than a good thick quilt on top ablest family Weekly in the United States. Mrs Margaret M. Pope, Rich Square, N. edly, and it never exhausts our strength. We cannot cross the barrier and see the of the frames, and the broad chamber Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Its record of for-C., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters has restored Those who desire to examine a sample copy nor gives one anxious, forecasting end. The work is in our hands, the comcontracted by division board to suit the ty years is one of constant triumdh over of the COURIER-JOURNAL can do so at this my strength and given me a healthy appe thought. pletion is not. size of the colony. aiseascs of the blood. tite." office.

un ter profitable agriculture of one kind Mr. Cox has himselt told several of his or another. The warn, shellered coves friends that he was confident of success. are the homes of the grape and peach, It is said to have been ascertained that so and where plums have been tried they far as actual pledges are concerned, Mr. bid fair to yield alundarily and of the Randall has not up to this time near so best quality. The strawberry grows many votes as either Cox or Carlisle, and spontaneously, and the various kinds his hopes lie in the belief of his ability to of huckleberries cover the mountains. In capture votes from both of those gentlethe coves-aid twenty per cent. of the men after the first or second ballots. Both country is of that character-blackberries of them think, however, that their friends

abound. Bishep Thompson, of New Or- will stick. Those who imagine that Mr. accurately any package from one quarter leans, who has for a number of years had Randall is so certain to obtain the nomia su omer resort within four miles of this nation for Speaker forgot that four years place and less than a thousand feet lower, ago, when the contest was narrowed down baving been sold before for less than grows a dozen or more of the choicest va- between him and Mr. Blackburn, a change from \$8 to \$10. Every scale is perfect liety of grapes, among which are num- of only six votes would have given the bered such grapes as the Delaware, Isa- nomination to the latter. Mr. Randall bella, Catawba, and other var eties of the has now much less strength and populargreen or white skinned grape, some of ity than at that time. But he has confeswhich have been originated in the country sedly much skill as a schemer and a man-

and are pronounced superior in every re- ager, and it is not impossible that in he spect to those above named. The few end this may win the victory for him. pecimens of pears and quinces of im The contest for the speakership has not proved varieties, which new settlers have as yet opened here with any activity, but fect development and superior flavor what in full blast.

the country is capable of when skilled hor- The District commissioners sent a letter ticulture is brought into requisition in this afternoon to Postmaster General Gres changing the wild forests and rhododen- bam, complaining that nearly all the newsdren brakes to an eden of orchards and in this District display advertisements for vineyards. On the northern slopes and lottery companys, and saying that in the higher and colder plateaus the apple absence of any law excluding such newsreaches its most perfect state, and many papers from the mails such advertisements seedlings which the careless natives have will probably continue, as accoreing to repropagated present merits which contest port they derive each a profit of from \$500 the palm for excellence with the first-class to \$3,000 annually. They complain that of improved apples of Michigan or New in the absence of a law to prevent it, by the device of clubs, large nambers of tick-York.

As a territory for growing the best fine ets are purchased by a common agent. grasses, it would be difficult to find a field This practice prevails more especially in its combination of points superior to the among government clerks. The commis-Blue Ridge country. From base to sum- sioners urge the propriety of legislation mit every mountain is susceptible of being excluding from the mails in the District converted into a pasture field where the Columbia all newspapers that publish lotclovers, timothy, orchards, herds and blue tery drawings, and forbidding under pain grasses will thrive unchecked by summer | of dismissal, the purchase of lottery tickets drouth, or seriously affected by winter's by government employes. It is roported cold. Many of the hardier varieties of they say, that several thousand clerks and grasses can be utilized as winter pastures government employees yield to the tempby proper summer management. The tation of lotterys, and that they remit to I asked him if he had noticed the arrival valleys and leveler parts being almost the lotteries from this District many thouwholly clear of stones possessing a fine, sand dollars monthly. pay their subscription accounts wholly clear of stones possessing a nue, loamy soil, largely composed of vegetable matter, when clear of timber make excel- of this city says : "In forecasting the next lent cultivative land for the production of Presidential election it will be well for small grain, corn, potatoes and vegetables amateur statisticians to bear in mind that in variety. Amongst the vine family of a solid South and forty-eight other votes vegetables the squash seems especially de- will constitute a majority of the whole lighted particularly the summer squashes; number of 401 electoral votes to the cast. As matters stand at present, this makes a and the cucumber grows crisp and luxuri antly, the vines lasting through the whole season. Artichokes, too, spread their tubersthrough the melle w, damp soil, produccolored people of Massachusetts to supug abundantly.

The other day a Montgomery county age or sorrow. farmer was taking aim at a hawk purchased on a tree near his chicken-coop, when his little son cried out, "Don't take aim, pa; let it go off by accident." "Why so, Tommy ?" "Cause I read in the paper that when a gun goes off by accident, it always kills something." The angry father immediately discharged his gun and the hawk uninjured sailed away.

French sportsmen must be a numerous class, to judge from the returns of the sale of shooting licenses. This year 372.825 of these have been issued, and have produced altogether 10,438,100 frances at 28 francs each. For each license 18 francs go to the central government and 10 francs to the local authorities in the different communes where they are taken out.

The Sioux Indians are reported to have lately killed three hundred buffalo in a single day in Dakota. They are trying wrong. hard to emulate the pale-faces in extermi-

brought into bearing, prove by their per- in a week or ten days from now it will be nating this noble game.

It is supposed that the reason why squirrels are accused of chattering, is on account of their being great tail-bearers. The Fish Commission is about to commeuce the distribution of carp.

> A San Bernardino (Cal.) hunter has shot one thousand dozen quail the past season.

> > Facetiæ.

I have never known the sympathy of our entire community more thoroughly roused than it was after reading the account of the arrival of the "destitute stranger" in Highlands. A handsome subscription could easily have been made for his benefit, and no doubt it would have been in circulation before now, had it not been for the presence of a female "wiseacre," who exposed the cunningly devised story. In conversation with "W" to-day, of the "destitute stranger" in Highlands. "Yes," said he, "I know the old scamp

well. I saw him in Haywood Co. two One of the leading Republican papers months ago; he is nothing but an old tramp, and they ought to have taken him out and killed him. He is a little, old, sharp faced, ugly rascal, with wrinkles

running the wrong way of his face. Oh yes, I reckon I do know him; I I saw him again, three weeks ago, in Swain Co. -took dinner at the same house with very discouraging outlook for the R pubhim ; he pretended that he could not talk lican party." In an interview to-day Fred thus, but by signs he said he was going Douglass said that he would advise the toward Highlands."

It was so good, that I had to tell him the truth, which brought him to a complete standstill. "W" says he has never been headed before. I have laughed my-

Impatience dries the blood sooner than States of North Carolina and Mississippi

without an answer.

love is more so. Love, faith, patience-the three essentials to a happy life. Pride hath two seasons-a forward

spring and an early fall. It is best not to dispute where there is

no possibility of convincing. As a fire is discovered by its own light,

so is virtue by its own excellence. makes the same blunder twice.

must pay especial attention to them.

Everybody is merciful toward himself, delegates. but he can't conceive why other people should make a blunder or commit a

The best way to apologize is to do such a kindness to the offended one that he will lie F. Chapin, of Charleston, S. C., who forget that you ever attempted to injure is the leader of the W. C. T. U. in the

After the battle of arms comes the bat- pi,'s engagements permit. tle of history.

For the noblest man that lives there the above.] still remains a conflict.

Present evils always seem greater than those that never come.

Growth is better than permanence, and permanent growth is better than all. sorrow that it finds solace in the unselfish thought.

Throughout the whole web of national existence we trace the golden thread of human progress toward the higher and better estate.

Grains of Gold.

Grief knits two hearts in closer bonds than happiness ever can.

Moments are the gold dust of time. Sincerity and purity are the two wings by which we soar above the world.

without faltering the bloodless battles of to generation, pouring their blessings on life than to lead a forlorn hope on the mankind .- Barnas Sears. field of carnage.

No person is so low as not to be the ob-. ject of a good man's sympathy.

A harsh world never sees men's hearts; but wherever there is an opportunity of evil, supposes that evil to exist.

> to our friends for a just estimate of ger. truth, the latter seldom have the courage to do so.

self well of the "mumps" over "W's" dis-'83 A GRAND COMBINATION '84 dred and one varieties found on the tarms and the principle shoul 1 come before par-

steadily wrought in the South. But the still remain unorganized, and Texas has Love without return is like a question held no State meeting this year. In order that these States may join the sister-hood Hate makes us vehement partisans but of the W. C. T. U. before the tenth anniversary aforesaid, Miss Willard and Miss Gordon will hold Ladies' Temperance Meetings as follows:

November 15, in Paris, Texas. November 20-21, in Corinth, Miss. November 27, in Greensboro, N. C. To any or all of these meetings latter or gentlemen interested in the christian endeavor of protecting homes and children The wise man as well as the fool makes of the State from the curse of strong blunders. The wise man, however, never drink, are earnestly invited. Pastors and editors are respectfully appealed to for aid Appearances are nothing if you are in in circulating these announcements, and the right, but if you are in the wrong you churches, Sabbath school and temperance societies of all kinds are urged to send

> Frances E. Willard. President National W. C. T. U. N. B .- It is the earnest desire of Miss Willard to be accompanied by Mrs. Sal-South, and this will be done if Mrs. Cha-

> [All State papers are requested to copy

Christians are often emplo; ed in digging wells to find comfort, and the deeper they go the darker they get; the fountain of It is one of the precious mysteries of life, salvation and comfort is above ; call upon thy God, and look up, and the light of his love will soon cheer the.

> Though the clouds may hang above us. Somewhere sunlight lingers still : And the good of every moment Shall surpass the moment's ill. Love and trust are yet immortal, Loving souls immortal, too; And the glory of a jewel

Sparkles in a drop of dew.

Among the best gifts of Providence to a nation are great and good men, who act as its leaders and guides ; who leave their mark upon their age; who give a new direction to affairs; who introduce a course It requires more true courage to fight of events which go down from generation

All contact leaves its mark. We are taking into ourselves the world about us, the society in which we move, the impress of every sympathetic contact with good or evil, and we shall carry them with us forever. We do not pass through a world for nought-it follows us because it has We are more indebted to our enemies become a part or us.-Rev. T. T. Mun-

Wherever the land is cultivated, our port R binson for Governor against But-The sun gives ever, so the earth ; makes the home happy, the young folks cheerful, the growler contented, the downcast happy, and the demagogue honest. old familiar friends, the "weeds," put in ler, "While I have nothing personally What it can give, so much 'tis worth, an appearance, and golden rods, asters, against my old friend Butler," said he, "I The ocean gives in many ways; Spanish needles, heartsease, and the hun- believe that party should come before men, Names that lie on the ground are not Gives paths, gives rivers, fishes, bays;