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The tremendous influence for temperance of our big railroad companies is instanced by the decision of the Lake Shore Railroad to lay out \$1,000,000 in new shops in Collinwood, near Cleveland, Ohio, as a result and reward of the village "going no ill-cense."—N. Y. World.

According to the North Carolina Baptist there are 46 counties in North Carolina without saloons. Here are the counties: Alamance, Alexander, Ashe, Bladen, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Gaston, Gates, Harnett, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Lincoln, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Pamlico, Pender, Perquimans, Polk, Randolph, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Stanley, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey. There are 48 saloons in the State, yet more than 300 of these are found in 21 counties whose sum total of negro population exceeds the white population.

UNCLE SAM ON PUBLIC ROADS.

We would call the attention of our country friends to the fact that the Postoffice Department is to have inspectors appointed in the rural free delivery part of the service whose duty it shall be to determine whether the roads over which it is proposed rural carriers shall travel are fit.

At present the department is swamped with complaints of the rural carriers about the condition of the roads over which they are expected to carry the mail. The duty of the inspector shall be to examine all the roads about which complaint is made. If they find the allegation true they will notify the Supervisors of the townships through which the roads pass that unless they are put in condition within a fixed time the carrier services will be discontinued. There are about 14,000 rural free delivery routes.

GOOD FOR NEW HANOVER.

An idea of the hold the good roads movement has gotten on New Hanover county may be gained from the treasurer's annual statement, just made public. The amount expended for road purposes since March 4th is \$39,589.—News and Observer, 6th.

This is not a very bad showing for the smallest county in the State—perhaps not half so large as Granville—yet what have we done? NOTHING! What are we going to do? That's the question! Granville, a county that boasts of her prestige, of the intelligence and progressiveness of her citizens, has done nothing, absolutely and literally nothing, to improve her public roads. No wonder that so many of our good citizens are leaving us every year and going to counties that are more progressive. Here are the facts: We must either fall in line and improve our roads, or even more of our farms will be abandoned, and home-seekers will continue to ignore us. Can we afford to permit this? We have lost enough in taxes, in the past ten years, by emigration alone, to have put our roads in fairly good condition. How much longer are we going to continue this suicidal course?

Let Us Pull Together.

Oxford is now forging ahead along every line. Our manufacturers are doing well, our merchants are doing a large business, our tobacco market cannot be excelled, our two splendid banks are prospering, and with our new railroad the prospects for the future seem bright. This being so let us unite our efforts for the general good of Oxford. Let us cast aside discord and discontent. Let us put nothing in the way of the wheels of progress. We should—no, we must—work as one man to continue the good condition now existing, and our town government should lend a helping hand in every way possible. We should rid ourselves of selfishness and not look at our own interests in everything. Let us not imagine everybody our enemy because everything is not poured into our coffers. We must lay aside our little strifes and petty jealousies and help one another. Let us be fellowmen. There are ten reasons for this: first of all and greatest of all—it is right. It is right to cast the mantle of charity over the acts of our fellowman and to always believe the best. And then, it is necessary for our interest—the interest of the town. If people differ let us accord them that privilege, which we take ourselves. If we cannot get a whole loaf, take a half. We may be able to get the whole loaf later. Live and let live. Above all, let the town live, and let us patronize our home institutions and enterprises. It is to the direct interest of all of us to make a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull all together in order to continue to succeed.

Miss Jerriect, of Patterson, N. J., was to have been married to Raymond Hopper, of that city. Raymond hopped away on the day set for the ceremony, but the young lady, having ordered the wedding feast, didn't let a little thing like the absence of the groom worry her. The guests gathered as though nothing had happened, and with a straw man in the seat of honor, the feast went on. We congratulate the lady on her good sense and are sure that she will not have to wait long before she will have a groom who is neither a Hopper, nor a Skipper, nor a straw man, nor a dummy, but an old-fashioned Stayer.

What's in a Name.

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles, Fissures, Bleeding, itching, a protruding Pile, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases. DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's genuine, J. G. Hall,

THE TAKES.

GORDON NOEL HURTEL.

I know the Angel Reapers some day must gather 'em here. This mortal has been sowing for Glory or despair; And when the harvest's ready the Householder will call. Before the Reaper's sickles the ripened grain must fall. And I—must be waiting with stewardship complete Within my field allotted for golden sheaves of wheat.

The seed I've sown in duty to Him who giveth life. The seed I've sown in sorrow, in struggles and in strife. The seed that Love was sowing upon a Summer day. The seed of disappointment that I have cast away. And those I have sown in pleasure who joy was in the wing. Are for the Reaper's growing and must their harvest bring. I fear, alas, the harvest will find my sheaves too few. And passed the time forever to sow the seed anew. Oh, listen, Angel Reapers, before I hear you call, full. The Enemy has stolen within my garden wall—The Garden I have tended that was my all, my own! The tears, my God, are growing too thickly on my face.

IF A MAN HAD TWO LIVES.

Would the Second be Any Better Than the First?—A Practical Test.

"You hear men talking about what they would do if they could live their lives over again," said a man who passes for a sage in the hotel where he lives uptown. "Here is an experience which makes me have doubts on the subject:

"I went back to the county where I grew up, and within forty years ago. The first thing I did after I had been in the old town a few hours was to go down to Jim Sim's place.

"Jim was the first Scot I ever knew of in our country. He was the first man to introduce the Scotch game of shuffle-board in the old town. He taught me the game. "Jim was not at the old place when I went back. He had been dead fifteen years. However, I played shuffle-board first time in many years, and I did other things which go with the game, and went out of the place, as I had gone out of it years before.

"The next day I went up to the old court house where the boys used to loaf in summer. I clambered up into the cupola and went outside, and looked down upon the old hills and valley.

"And then I jerked out my pocket knife and cut my name in the wooden railing around the cupola which was asort of city directory. Everybody who went up their cut his name on railing.

"Not far away was the old hill where the school house used to stand. It was gone, but the hill was white with snow and the boys were coasting as we used to coast.

"I borrowed a sled from a youngster, and lying down belly down in fashion, I made a trip down the track, as I used to do. It shook me up a bit, but I did it, and in other days, I narrowly escaped colliding with a wagon.

"I went into a store where every one used to know me. It was arranged very different from the old store, but the fever was on me and I sat down on a counter.

"The floorwalker asked me where I came from. I told him. He said that nobody ever sat on a counter in these days.

"Wherever I went the old desire to do what I had done in the old days came back upon me. It came very near resulting in my undoing.

"I was passing by a house where I used to go courting. The old house was not changed very much, and the first thing I knew I was at the door pulling the bell-knob out its socket. A demure woman answered the ring.

"Is Miss Amanda at home? I asked. That was the name of the girl I used to go to see in that home.

"The matron looked at me very suspiciously and slammed the door. As I was passing down the walk the man of the house overtook me and demanded an explanation and an apology.

"I finally explained who I was and that the man asked me to go back, which I did. He showed me around the old place and I had a pleasant visit. He was a pretty good fellow after all. As I was leaving he said: "I suppose you always kissed sweetheart in leaving?"

"I told him he was all right on telepathy. "Well," he replied, "there isn't any girl here now for you to kiss. I am doing all that business myself in this establishment. But if you'll step into my den we'll have a drink together."

"His den was the room of Amanda's brother, and there he and I used to go and make sneaks on his father's bottle.

"And now whenever I hear a man talking about what he would do if he could live his life over I conclude that he would do just what he did before if he were in same place. I don't believe any of us would be any better than we are, and probably not as good.

"In leaving the old town I saw an orchard that was familiar. The train passed by it. But the inclination to get into that orchard and steal fruit came back upon me as strongly as it did when in other days I yielded to it. I felt like jumping from the train."—New York Sun.

Why Moonshining is Permitted.

Raleigh correspondence: A careful study has been made by some observant people of the manufacture of whiskey in North Carolina and the conclusion reached that no matter which political party is in power the moonshiners themselves make, do not want to see the licensed distiller at all. The question will be asked why? They answer that both these sorts of distillers make business for literally hundreds of officials and it is safe to say that as long as the present status of affairs continues moonshining will never be put down nor will the frauds on the revenue service cease. The average moonshiner is a "poor devil," with few friends and very little money. His friends will, of course, swear to any sort of a lie to acquit him. The licensed distiller, in the majority of cases, is in collusion with the government storekeeper and gauger at his place of business. He has friends who will not only swear for him but will beg for him as well. Moonshining could be stopped in North Carolina but the revenue peo-

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—Many people who pretend to be filled with religion, haven't got enough to fill the stomach of a flea.



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Love for God's House.

I have read the fifty-first Psalm hundreds of times. Today I read it again. When I reached the 15th verse I was struck with David's love for God's house. He prayed: "Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem." This petition is remarkable because it comes in David's penitential prayer. David was a Christian; but in an unguarded moment he had fallen into the dreadful sin of adultery and murder. The 51st Psalm is his prayer of sincere repentance.

Christians may sin, but like David and Peter, they will sooner or later repent, and be forgiven. Here is one difference between a Christian and a sinner, the Christian sins and repents and is forgiven, but the sinner sins and does not repent. Before David repented of his sin he could not pray. In verse 15 he says: "Open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise." Sin cherished unrepented of, hushes the voice of prayer. In Psalm 66:10 David said: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Before David's sin, he loved God's house, and as soon as he repented he loved it again. In Psalm 84, he exclaims: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts; my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord."

David loved God's house because it was God's own institution. The church and the family are the only institutions of Divine origin. All others are of human origin, and are therefore of minor importance. David loved God's house, because it was the special place where He promises to meet with and bless His people. It is the place where the best of our meet in the sweetest Christian fellowship. "Might I enjoy the meanest place, Within thy house, O God of grace; Not tents of ease, nor thrones of power Should tempt my feet to leave the door."

David said: "I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

The measure of a truly good man is not his love of country, or business, or learning, or interest in human organizations, but his devotion to the house of God.

A truly good people love God's house. It is impossible to be good without loving it. In so far as a Divine institution is better than a human institution, in so far as the church better than any other organization.

Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of mankind. The church is God's appointed agency to make known Christ to the world. Blot out churches and we would go back to heathenism. Churches are not only the teachers of salvation from sin, through Jesus Christ, but they are the promoters of intelligence and civilization. No wonder then that good people love the church. It should have more of our love, and more service, and more attention. They who love the church most on earth, will enjoy heaven most. The highest position a man can reach on earth, is to be a good church member. That carries with it all other possible goodness. This goodness is attainable by all who love it, and earnestly strive for it.

J. A. STRADLEY, Oxford, N. C., Dec. 12, 1902.

"Girls should be taught by their mothers to understand men," declares a well known writer. But the trouble is, the mothers, themselves, as a rule, understand only one man.

—The Representative from Rowan county states to friends that he will offer a bill in the Legislature to establish the whipping post in North Carolina.

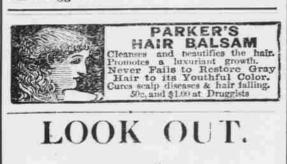
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