

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Grover Cleveland Makes Some Interesting Remarks About the Negro.

Ex-President Cleveland was a speaker the other night in New York, at a meeting held in the interest of the Tuskegee Institute, and he said, among other things: "I believe that neither the decree that made the slaves free nor the enactment that suddenly invested them with the rights of citizenship any more purged them of their racial and slavery bred imperfections and deficiencies, than it changed their skin. I believe that from nearly nine millions of negroes who have been intermixed with our citizenship, there is still a grievous amount of ignorance, a sad amount of viciousness and a tremendous amount of laziness and thriftlessness. I believe that these conditions inexorably present to the white people of the United States to each in his environment, and under the mandate of good citizenship, a problem, which neither enlightened self interest nor the higher motive of human sympathy will permit them to put aside. I believe our fellow countrymen in the southern and late slave holding states, surrounded by about nine-tenths or nearly eight millions of this entire negro population, and who regard their material prosperity, their peace and even the safety of their civilization, interwoven with the negro problem, are entitled to our utmost consideration and sympathy and fellowship."

Christiana.

Well, Easter has come and gone, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, to the fullest extent. I think "Mr. Rabbit" forgot me entirely this year.

Rev. Wilson, of Salisbury, preached an excellent sermon at Christiana Easter Sunday. A large crowd present.

Miss Roxie Lingle and Miss Roxie Trexler visited Amy Brown Sunday night.

The road between Granite Quarry and Salisbury is now in a worse condition than has ever been known before. If something is not done, and it keeps on raining, it will soon be impassable.

We are sorry to say that Miss Roxie Johnson is on the sick list, but hope she will soon recover.

The fruit was slightly damaged by the cold, but there is plenty left, if nothing else hurts it.

Miss Annie Lentz, of Salisbury, visited Miss Cora Brown Sunday.

The farmers are behind in their planting this spring, owing to the excessive rains.

There will be preaching at this place on the fourth Sunday of April, at 11 a. m., by Rev. R. L. Brown.

There will be a debate at Rowan Academy Saturday night, the 18th of April. The question is: "Resolved that there is more pleasure in pursuit than possession. Everybody is invited to come."

TAR HEEL.

Due Notice is Served.

Due notice is hereby served on the public generally that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the only salve on the market that is made from the pure unadulterated witch hazel. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has cured thousands of cases of piles that would not yield to any other treatment, and this fact has brought out many worthless counterfeits. Those persons who get the genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are never disappointed, because it cures.—Jas. Plummer.

NEGROES AS SOLDIERS.

General Baldwin Makes Some Remarks Which may Cause Trouble.

Washington, April 14.—The war department has taken official cognizance of the reported statements of General Frank D. Baldwin, commander of the department of the Colorado, in disparagement of the Filipinos and negroes as soldiers, and today Secretary Root directed that a formal inquiry be addressed to General Baldwin asking whether or not he had been correctly quoted. Pending a reply no action will be taken by the department.

General Baldwin is fresh from the Philippines and has just assumed command of the department of the Colorado. These alleged remarks which he is reported to have made were to the effect that one of his reasons for liking the Filipino as a soldier was the same that gave him a preference for the negro in the same capacity—that in a fight he was not worried about his safety, as it did not make any difference whether he got killed or not.

Manning.

The Sunday school at Salem church will be organized on the fourth Sunday in this month.

V. S. Sifford, of Salisbury, spent Easter Sunday and Monday at his old home at Manning.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Trexler attended an Easter birthday dinner at Mrs. Maggie Poylass' near Cleveland, last Monday.

Al. Erwin and Ed. Baker, of Mill Bridge, attended Easter services at Salem Sunday. They spent the evening with friends at Manning.

There was a young folks' party at Tom Saffrit's Easter Monday night.

John Goodman and wife, of Cleveland, spent Saturday night with Rev. and Mrs. Trexler.

Dorset Cress and family, of Chestnut Hill, spent Sunday with F. M. Cress and family at this place.

Quite a large congregation attended divine service at Salem church Sunday. A most excellent and appropriate Easter sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Linn, of Mt. Pleasant.

J. D. Ketchie will close his school at this place Friday.

Four young persons were received into the church by confirmation Easter Sunday, and two by letter, by Rev. Trexler.

Farmers are much delayed in planting, on account of excessive rains. But little corn is yet planted.

Judging from present appearances there may be half a crop of fruit.

Wheat and oats are again looking healthy, since the recent warm rains. The fly is reported as doing considerable damage to wheat in some localities.

There was a birthday dinner at J. E. Briggs' Easter Monday.

Rev. H. A. Trexler will conduct communion services at Lebanon on the 4th Sunday, at 11 a. m. On the same day at 8 o'clock p. m., services will be held at Salem church, at which time and place L. Walter Sifford will preach. Mr. Sifford is a young theological student, of Wittenberg Seminary, and has just returned home.

A number of Lutherans of our community will attend the one hundredth anniversary exercises of the N. C. E. L. church, which will be held at St. John's church in Salisbury, on May 2nd.

CROP CONDITIONS.

Corn Planting Well Advanced—Peaches are Severely Injured.

Washington, April 14.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

Corn planting is in progress as far north as Kansas, southern Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina; farther south planting is well advanced and is completed in some sections.

Oats continue promising in the Southern states and seeding is nearly completed or well advanced in the central valleys, where the early sown is coming up well.

Cotton planting has made good progress in the central and western portions of the cotton belt, except in the flooded areas of Mississippi and Louisiana; planting is well advanced in southern Georgia and in South Carolina. Over the southern portions of the central and eastern districts, and in Texas, early plantings are coming up to fair to good stands.

Tobacco plants are plentiful and generally growing well, but late in Kentucky. Transplanting has begun in the Carolinas.

By the close of March, which was a very mild month, all fruits were unusually far advanced. From the 4th to the 6th of April the whole country east of the Mississippi river, including Tennessee, and the northern portion of the south Atlantic states, experienced temperatures below freezing, stations in the more northerly districts reporting temperatures from 6 to 18 degrees below freezing. The reports now indicate that many varieties of fruit have suffered severely, more particularly peaches.

Wreck on the Rail.

Cleveland, April 15.—A west-bound Lake Shore passenger train ran into a freight at Conneaut early today. The passenger locomotive was demolished. Two men riding in the freight caboose are reported badly hurt. It is believed that no passengers were injured.

The Irish Nationalists' Convention.

Dublin, April 16.—The Irish Nationalists' convention opened here today. The attitude taken by the delegates will go far towards deciding the fate of the government land bill. Redmond said in his presidential address that it had been decided that representatives would return to parliament with greater powers than ever before.

Mobbed by Union Men.

Cleveland, O., April 15.—Fifty striking union firemen, armed with knives and clubs, boarded the steamer Howard L. Shaw when she arrived in the harbor today from Duluth, and attacked and terribly pounded three non-union firemen employed on the vessel. When a patrol wagon loaded with officers arrived on the docks the attacking party had dispersed. One man was stabbed, beaten and thrown into the river. He was rescued and may recover.

ANY CHURCH or parsonage or institution supported by voluntary contribution will be given a liberal quantity of the Longman & Martinez Pure Paints whenever they paint.

NOTE: Have done so for twenty-seven years. Sales: Tens of millions of gallons; painted nearly two million houses under guarantee to repaint if not satisfactory: The paint wears for periods up to eighteen years. Linseed oil must be added to the paint (done in two minutes). Actual cost then about \$1.25 a gallon. Samples free. Sold by our agents, Rowan Hardware Co., Salisbury, N. C.

GERMAN MEDDLING.

American Mission Workers Taken Away on a War Vessel.

Washington, April, 14.—Former complaint over the alleged action of a German naval captain in taking away on his vessel a number of graduates of the American training school for native teachers and preachers in the island of Ruk, in the Carolines, and landing them at Ponape, three hundred miles away, was received at the state department. It is stated that the action of the German captain was based on the charge that the graduates were preaching against the German government, which recently acquired part of the Carolines. This charge is denied, and the department has been asked to take vigorous action.

An immediate inquiry will be made into the matter. The first step of the department will be to bring the charges to the attention of the German embassy in Washington and ask for an explanation.

Dutch Creek.

Well, the picnic at Barringer's mill is over and no one hurt, but every one got a fresh water bath. Boat riding seemed to be the feature of the day in spite of the rain. All seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest degree. Several of the boys had their own and their best girls' photographs taken in different positions. Late in the evening Tobias Newsom drove up with a double team and had them photographed in two different positions, producing fine pictures.

Views were made of the beautiful scenery around the mill dam. The water almost reached high water mark, and many were compelled to remain on the opposite side of their homes. Zeke's home was turned into a boarding house for the ladies who could not get across the water. At night Zeke took his crowd of girls to an old fashioned belling nearby, and let them enjoy the sweet music of the cow bells, plow shovels, etc. J. Travis Eagle and bride were the parties serenaded. Pole Trexler was the clown. He is a corker and never fails to amuse.

There was a dog killing on lower Dutch creek April 18th. Jas. Agner's dog had two fits closely following each other, and bit other dogs in the neighborhood. The mix-up resulted in the killing of five dogs.

J. C. Kesler, Esq., of Salisbury, had the honor of marrying a couple of elopers while in Dutch creek neighborhood Easter Sunday.

The couple had employed Eli Eagle, Esq., to do the business and had neighbors assemble at his home, to see it well done. When they drove up to the home of Mr. Eagle they said: "April fool, we are already fixed." All looked as if a cannon ball had been fired in their midst.

We understand that Bro. Lee couldn't make the rifle Easter. Poor fellow, matrimonial bonds only require two votes and he can get only one.

David W. Kesler, of Salisbury, was with us over Easter. We are always glad to have him with us. Come again Jabe.

Mr. Editor the TRUTH-INDEX is the only paper down here. Those who do not take it go to their neighbors to read the items. When you shut off the correspondents the dog is dead as to Morgan township. You can hear 'em say, "Did you get your last paper?"

Good bye John.

ZEKE.

Possibly Zeke could catch some of those who borrow a paper. If they wish to read they should be willing to pay.—Ed.

BOOTH'S DOUBLE.

Simon Wolf Relates Some Interesting Personal Reminiscences.

Goldsboro, N. C., April 18.—Hon. Simon Wolf and wife of Washington are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Weil. Mr. Wolf said this morning that he recalled today as the 38th anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln, which occurred April 14, 1895. He also said that he and Wilkes Booth, the assassin were about the same age and had acted together in amateur performances when at college. Mr. Wolf said that he and Booth were so much alike in personal appearance that after the assassination he was restricted from appearing in the streets of Washington until after the capture of Booth. He was afraid that he might be mistaken for the assassin and lynched before his identity could be established. He afterwards posed as Booth in the famous painting, "The Assassination of Lincoln," now in New York. Mr. Wolf says that he and Booth met in the streets of Washington in the forenoon of that fatal Friday and talked of old times. He says Booth had been jilted by his sweetheart and was drinking and in a desperate frame of mind, but for which Mr. Wolf thinks the fatal shot would not have been fired. These incidents have never been published.—Special to Raleigh Post.

Dixonville.

We are having plenty of rain. It seems as if the old Master did that we will have something to drink if it is nothing more than rain water. But they say that one can get something better and stronger down on old Flat Creek. I do not know, but I think I will go down and see.

We hear that the hogs in a certain township are getting very thin. They seem to be glad that the March winds are over, and I think that pork will be above the moon next fall.

There was a good man called to his long home yesterday, J. C. Reed. Rest to his soul.

W. H. Martin visited J. C. Barringer Sunday.

There was singing at Payne's schoolhouse Sunday. All report a fine time.

D. C. Arey visited his mother Sunday.

C. C. Lentz, of Lentz Bros., visited his parents Sunday.

C. M. Morgan visited some one yesterday and returned Monday. He carried his Easter eggs in a tin bucket.

E. C. Shaver was in the real estate business last week. He sold a horse for \$195.

Miss Josephine Phickler, of Stanly county, was visiting friends in Rowan Sunday.

I hope Bros. Josh and Zeke will call again. I love to hear their horns blowing.

OLD BIG JOHN.

Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Havalund, of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to do other medicine on earth. Infalible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

TOO MANY MOUTHS.

An Asheville Man Has Silk Worms to Give Away.

Asheville, N. C., April 14.—D. C. Cunningham, letter carrier, has an industry on his hands that has so far passed the period of infancy as to be rather hard to handle, despite the fact that it has not been fostered by a high tariff. Mr. Cunningham raised a large crop of silk worms last year, but injured the silk to a certain extent by letting the worms cut out, so he might thereby save all the eggs possible. Now the warm weather has had the effect of hatching out the eggs, with the consequence that he has millions of worms on hand, and incidentally millions of mouths to feed, for as those who have any experience in this industry well know, the silk worm is never in need of tonic for its appetite. Therefore Mr. Cunningham is willing to start any one in the silk industry who will communicate with him, on the single condition that the applicant will take good care of the worms. Silk worm eggs are slightly more expensive than hen eggs. They cost from \$60 to \$70 a pound. A child can feed the worms.—Special to Raleigh Post.

Labor's Demands Refused.

New York, April 15.—The board of directors of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company which controls the Manhattan Elevated Railway, today adopted a resolution refusing absolutely to grant the demand of the elevated road employees for a nine hour day. This is expected to be followed by a strike.

A Love Letter

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles, Otto Dodd, of Poudre, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." It's the best Salve on earth. 15c at all druggists.

Schuetler Gets Four Years.

St. Louis, April 18.—John Schuetler, former member of the house of delegates combine, indicted for bribery in connection with the Suburban Street railway boodle bill, was sentenced by Judge Douglass today to serve four years in the pen. A motion for arrest of judgment was overruled and he was released on an appeal bond of \$10,000.

Voting on a Strike.

New York, April 16.—The employees of the Manhattan elevated railroad began voting at 9 this morning at Colonial Hall on the question of a strike. If they decide to strike 8,000 employees will be affected, and almost the entire traffic of the city will be tied up. They want a nine hour day.

Motive for Explosion Explained.

London, April 16.—A Hong-Kong dispatch says the Canton arsenal, which was destroyed last week by an explosion, accompanied by great loss of life, was blown up by the officials charged with selling powder to the rebels in order to hide their defalcation.

For liver troubles and constipation There's nothing better in creation. **Little Early Risers**, the famous Little Pills. They always effect a cure and save doctor bills. Little Early Risers are different from all other pills. They do not weaken the system, but act as a tonic to the tissues by arousing the secretions and restoring the liver to the full performance of its functions naturally.—Jas. Plummer.