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THE NEW SOUTH.

She hath put on her strength like a beautiful robe. She will take her own place with the realm of the globe; Like a storm-beaten tree, she hath raised from the dust.

She hath wealth in her waters, and wealth in her lands, And her destiny lies like a wheel in her hands.

Oh, if but the hearts of her children are true; If they stand to their own, if they struggle anew; From the woes of her past may a grandeur be born.

DEATH OF JERE BLACK.

Judge Black was born in Somerset county, Pa., on the 10th of January, 1810. He was in the 73rd year of his age at the time of his death. He was admitted to the bar in 1839, and while following his profession took an active part in the stormy politics of those days.

Since then Judge Black has not held office, but until recently was more or less actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He argued many cases before the Supreme Court of the United States, where his legal ability was held in very high esteem.

His great speech before the electoral commission was the boldest and most striking Phillipic of these latter times. To the people of the United States there have been few persons better known, either in person or by name, than the late Judge Black, and more worthy of respect for sturdy honesty, uprightnes and great ability.

Judge Black was about five feet eleven inches in height, with shaggy gray eye-brows that in repose gave his features a sternness of expression which was quickly melted away in the humorous twinkle of his eyes.

He died at his residence near York, Pa., on Sunday morning, the 11th inst., which culminated in his death by gas about a week ago.

Notwithstanding the favorable bulletins in regard to his condition, it was the opinion of those best qualified to know that he could not survive. The direct cause of his death was toxæmia, a poisonous condition of the blood.

EXTENSIVE PEDESTRIANISM.

Mr. Ernest Morrison, a son of Mr. George Morrison, of the Scotch College, Greelong, Victoria, says the London Times, is a young man whose love of exploration and adventures has led him thus early in life to undertake long rambles in the back country of the colonies.

He set out from Normanton, on the Gulf of Carpentaria, a week before Christmas, unaccompanied and unarmed, and followed down the Diamantina and Thomson rivers into Central Australia. He struck the Bulloo at Thargomindah and the Paroo at Hungerford.

Mr. Morrison crossed the river Darling at Wilcannia, well known as one of the hottest places on the globe, the Laclain at Booligal, the Murrumbidgee at Hay, and the Murray at Echuca, whence his route southward lay through a well-settled country.

North of the northern limits of Victoria the blacks are apt to show hostility to exploring parties, and a man who ventures in this country alone and unarmed must be possessed of no small amount of hardihood.

There is a German superstition that the finger pointed at a star will certainly rot away, because the angels kill it, and the Ojibways warn their children not to point at the moon, telling them that if they do, she will bite their fingers off.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

It is a noticeable fact that the large towns do not send as many boys to college according to population as they did before the war. We suppose that Raleigh and Wilmington sent double as many boys to college in 1850 as they send in 1883.

Let woman continue to be the presiding genius of the household, living a life of refinement and purity, "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife," shedding a serene radiance upon society and home, and training her children for honor and immortality.

Revering and loving the memory of mother who would keep the mothers and daughters "unspotted from the world" as St. James has it. Educate the girls and educate them highly, but do not forget or neglect the boys.

The boys ought to be sent to school, and, when possible, to college. If a boy shows an utter dislike for books it is of course not much use to spend money upon educating him highly.

This way of putting boys to work when they ought to be at school is wrong. It shows a culpable neglect, provided it can be avoided. A parent should be willing to make any sacrifice to furnish his son with the best means of disciplining and elevating his mind.

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to the individual, to the family, and to the family, and to society? * * * Nothing but their own poverty or the lack of capacity in their sons can excuse neglect in a matter so vital.

OUR SARATOGA LETTER.

The baggage porter at the Union, who has been connected with the Saratoga Hotels (most of the time with that one) for the last fifty years, says that ladies generally are bringing with them this year, they average now, at most, four pieces, while a few years ago they often brought eight.

There is one lady at the United States Hotel, however, who has the reputation of bringing three hundred dresses here with her, and six maids to take care of them. She wears three dresses per day, and never while here is seen to wear the same one twice.

The crowds at the many hotels for which the Saratoga Springs is noted increase daily. The race course is thronged, balls and hops are of nightly occurrence, the usual display in dress and diamonds is everywhere observable, and betting, gambling and indeed every phase and variety of fast living is the leading feature of the place.

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NORTH CAROLINA RIVERS AND WATER-POWERS.

There are seven large rivers flowing east (to the southeast) through the middle and eastern divisions of the State, besides numerous smaller streams, which furnish indefinite water-power through the middle section; and in the eastern, together with the bays and sounds, they give an aggregate of more than 1,000 miles inland navigation.

West of the Blue Ridge there are seven other large rivers, which flow westward into the Ohio and Mississippi, the largest of these being the great Tennessee, which is navigable from the western boundary of this

State for a thousand miles to the Mississippi.

The Roanoke one of the largest of these rivers, which rises a little north of the boundary of this State, and wanders its northern borders, for the most part on this side of it, in a generally easterly course, is navigable to Weldon, nearly 100 miles from its mouth.

Cape Fear river is navigable to Fayetteville, 140 miles, and slack water navigation was established more than 100 miles further a few years ago, about one half of which has been recently reopened.

The Yadkin and Catawba rivers, like the Roanoke take their rise in the Blue Ridge and flow eastward, (and a little north), but only about one half of their course, then making a right angle turn, they take a direction nearly south, into the territory of South Carolina.

There are many other rivers, some of the tributaries of those already described, which attain considerable volume, some of them, indeed, in the eastern portion, broad and navigable streams, the Chowan, for example, navigable beyond our territory, and the Pamlico, and New River, and the North and South Forks of the Roanoke, and the Tar, and the Deep, and many others of less importance.

The force developed by the fall of these streams from the hills and plateaus to the sea, aggregate more than three million horse powers, exceeding that of all the steam engines of Great Britain or of the United States.

The Roanoke, for example, at a point some fifty miles above Weldon develops a force of three hundred horse power per foot of fall of one hundred feet from Gaston to Weldon aggregating some thousand horse powers.

The Yadkin measures almost three hundred horse powers per foot, and taking that part of its course from Wilksboro to the State line aggregates not less than two hundred and fifty thousand horse powers, equal to ten million spindles.

Robert Ingersoll has a great amount of poetry in his composition, and other organs of thought as beautiful as any ever spoken. Here are a few from a recent lecture: "And then do you know, I like to think that love is eternal; that if you really love the woman for her sake you will love her no matter what she may do; that if she really loves you for your sake, the same; that love does not look at alternations through the alterations of time.

And I like to think of it. If a man loves a woman, she does not ever grow old to him, and the woman who really loves a man does not see that he grows old. He is not decrepit or ugly; he is not tremulous; he is not old; he is not bowed. She always sees the same gallant fellow that you see in that wax and I like to think of it.

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Goldsboro Bulletin: There is a horse, says Mr. Scott, in Beaufort that the owner claims to be 48 years old. This is just a little older than any horse we know of.

Warrenton Herald: In view of last Friday's success, we feel sure that the people of Warren will erect a much finer monument to the memory of their dead soldiers than was at first anticipated.

Wilson Advance: Wilson county has seven students at Rutherford college. The Colored Insane Asylum at Goldsboro is ready to receive sixty more patients.

Franklin Times: Our jail has a new inmate in the person of Wash Perry, colored, who shot a sheep belonging to somebody else, and was caught in the act of carrying him to his domicile.

Mr. William T. Vann, who lives about four miles from Burrows, Rowler county, left home on Monday, the 13th inst., to drive some cattle to this city, leaving his family in perfect health.

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