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## The Descent to Avernus.

Satan having given the first swift kick, very "facile" is the descent to Avernus. There are two lessons in the case of the New York bank teller who stole \$96,000 of his employers the other day, and was turned over to the police by the woman upon whom he had spent part of the money.

Lesson No. 1 has to do with the traditional facility of that downward progress. Look at the following time table:

June 9—Received a tip on the market.

June 10—Took his first dishonest dollar.

June 11-17—Stole more and more.

June 18—Met Mrs. Carter and offered to fit up a place for her.

June 25—Received key to the flat which was to be his hiding place.

June 29—Took every cent that was in his charge.

June 30—Quarrelled with the woman who was hiding him.

July 5—Betrayed to police and arrested.

June 9th Mr. Runyan was an honest man; July 5th the police had him; every stage is represented in the intervening four weeks.

Lesson No. 2 deals directly with the loose old saying that "there is honor among thieves," a much-quoted remark. The lady in the case "peached," or, in the more classic language of veggdom, "switched" on him. You will note from the time table that the teller and she had a quarrel on June 30th; the teller reached Avernus only to verify the truth of another old maxim to the effect that the place aforesaid hath no fury equal to a woman scorned.

But—(Solomon and divers other gentlemen of experience and wit having told this same familiar story so many times)—why do we insist upon it? Why the reputation? Why call further attention to the fact that morals are morals, and immorality is immoral, and so forth?

Let us confess—it is the superior completeness, the compactness, the swift movement, of this particular case that attracted us to it; Runyan gambles; Runyan steals; Runyan meets the woman in the case; Runyan is laid by the heels, and all within a month. In the melodrama of commerce this thing frequently happens; in real life it usually takes a year or more, but here have the mills of the gods ground exceedingly fast. And when Real Life turns out such an exceedingly clever and complete bit of artistic craftsmanship, should not Real Life get praised for it just as well as if Clyde Fitch had done it?—Atlanta Journal.

## Has a Grudge Against Men.

Sarah Jackson, of St. Leon, Dearborn county, Ind., who was disappointed in love 40 years ago and has not spoken to a man since, has made her will, in which she provides that a woman shall officiate at her funeral and that no men shall be present. There must be a woman undertaker, women pallbearers and a woman to drive the hearse. While men may be allowed to dig her grave, the earth must be thrown back by women. She has left money to pay all expenses.—Baltimore Sun.

## Long Live The King!

is the popular cry throughout European countries; while in America, the cry of the present day is "Long live Dr. King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryder Paine, Truro, Mass., says: "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cure a cough or cold." Mrs. Paine's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. New Discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it's the only sure cure. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. Drug-gists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## Prohibition to Displace Dispensary in Raleigh.

There is to be waged in the city of Raleigh a brief, vigorous and decisive campaign for prohibition as against the dispensary, and this is to be begun at once and closed with an election on the question, the election to be called for a date near September 1st.

In brief this is the course adopted at a meeting of about forty representative citizens held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon for a thorough canvass of the present situation and to ascertain the consensus of opinion on the subject. Thus the movement was inaugurated that is of vital interest not only to the people of the capitol city but also to the state at large.

The meeting had been called several days ago and many of those who were present had carefully looked over the present situation and studied the sentiment prevailing among the people of the city. This having been done, it was the consensus of opinion of those present at the meeting yesterday afternoon that an election for prohibition and against dispensary can be carried and ought to be called at an early date. Hence the plan which was unanimously adopted.—News and Observer.

## Something About the Trusts Affairs.

The Government investigation into the Trust's affairs brought out some astonishing facts and figures. In the three years and four months from the formation of the Consolidated Tobacco Company in 1901, to the formation of the present America Tobacco Company, it earned for an inner circle of about a dozen of its manipulators \$40,000,000, or 100 per cent on its real capital. The present capitalization is \$230,000,000, or about five times the replacement value of the plants of the combine.

Its methods of destroying competition are also set forth, one of its favorite procedures being to cause a corporation secretly controlled to advertise itself as an independent company and then offer its goods below cost. Even the retail tobacco stores in the large cities have been made to feel the death-dealing hammer. Of the 800,000,000 pounds of tobacco produced in the United States, 75 per cent is bought by the Trust at prices which the Government believes to be unlawfully influenced by the combine. "Our success," says Mr. Duke, the president of the American Tobacco Company, "is due to our having served the public better than anybody else." Upon which it may be observed that such service bears a little hard upon the public when there isn't "anybody else."—Progressive Farmer.

## A Child's Death.

On Saturday June 29th the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Holliman and took away the pure spirit of their little son, George Vick, and carried it to the realms of bliss in the home of God. Little George was a very sweet little boy and made his stay on earth short. He was only seven months and twenty-three days old. He was sick fifteen days. His mother sat by the bedside of her baby looking and watching. All that kind physicians and loving hands could do was done to make his stay on earth longer, but the master had called for him. His place in that home is vacant, and while our hearts are crushed with sorrow we know that he is a bright flower in heaven waiting for father and mother. His remains were taken to Antioch church and there laid to rest. He leaves five sisters and three brothers.

## A FRIEND.

If honor be your clothing, the suit will last a lifetime; but if clothing be your honor, it will soon be worn threadbare.—William Arnot.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Taken From The Daily Papers.

#### Dying, Would Sell Child.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 15.—Lying on her death bed, with no earthly possession but a beautiful four-month-old baby, Mrs. Oscar Temanos, of Monessen, to-day advertised the child for sale for \$50, that she might pay her doctor and medicine bills and a small debt for food, and leave this earth without a creditor.

Three months ago the father deserted, leaving wife and child destitute. For several weeks she supported herself and the baby by washing, but succumbed to an incurable disease. Believing that anybody able and willing to pay \$50 for the baby will give it a comfortable home, the woman to-day inserted the following advertisement in the newspapers: FOR SALE—A four months' old baby; healthy and easy to manage. Mrs. OSCAR TEMANOS, Monessen. Price, \$50.

Creditors, realizing the helplessness of the woman, have agreed to cancel her indebtedness, but she insists upon offering for sale her sole possession in order that her legitimate debts may be fairly met.

#### Girl Drowns Herself.

Lockport, N. Y., July 15.—Because her mother scolded her, Harriet Prosser, seventeen years old, of Sulphur Springs, on the Erie Canal, committed suicide by jumping into the canal this morning.

The girl was sitting in front of a saloon adjacent to her home. "This is no place for you to be," reprimanded her mother, at the same time taking her by the hand and starting home. Deeply offended at her mother's remarks, the girl broke away, saying: "I am going to jump into the canal and drown myself."

Not having the least suspicion that her daughter would try it, Mrs. Prosser said: "Go ahead." A moment later the mother was horror-stricken to see her daughter hurl herself into the stream. She never rose to the surface.

#### Roads Adopt New Rates.

Chicago, July 16.—The long talked of reduction in inter-State passenger rates on western rail roads will actually be made next Friday. Generally speaking, all rates west of the Missouri River will be on a basis of 2 cents per mile.

The reduction of inter-State fares by the western lines is the natural result of the passage of laws by Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. The eastern roads propose to make similar reductions in their inter-State fares. The rate clerks will meet here tomorrow and continue in session until they have checked up all the inter-State fares on the basis of the maximum legal mileage of the various States.

#### Twelve Years for Black.

Raleigh, July 16.—Rowden Black, the young man who on yesterday submitted in Wake Superior Court to the charge of manslaughter in the killing of Marshall Rowland, at Holly Springs, last April, was today sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary by Judge B. F. Long. A number of character witnesses from the Fayetteville section were examined this morning for Black, all giving him a good character. Black is only seventeen years old. He shot Rowland when the latter had come to him to demand satisfaction for his having slapped his little brother for not getting whiskey for him.

A sudden attack at night of some form of Bowel Complaint may come to anyone. Every family should be provided with a bottle of DR. SETH ARNOLD'S BALSAM. Warranted by Hood Bros.

## State News

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway in double-tracking between Weldon and Wilmington, and three gangs of State convicts are engaged in this work, these being now in camp at Weldon, Burgaw and Wilmington. There are 224 in the three gangs.

Wilson, July 15: Saturday night, on the platform of Mr. Stephen Braswell, in Black Creek township, Mr. Braswell shot Henry Tucker, colored, in the hip. Dr. B. S. Herring attended the wounded man. What the trouble was about is hard to learn.

There are now 290 convicts at the State farm on the Roanoke river near Weldon. The cotton crop there is not promising, though it is as good as, if not better than, the cotton on private farms in that section. The board of directors ordered that the acreage this season be somewhat reduced.

There are now 34 convicts at work on the Wilkesboro-Jefferson turnpike, being quartered at Jefferson. The work is almost done and they will probably be released this month. The convicts are now worth a dollar and half per day to the State for their labor, this being double the price secured a few years ago.

—Asheville, July 15: A telephone message this afternoon from Marshall gives the details of another homicide in Madison county. The tragedy occurred this morning at 7 o'clock, when James Ray shot and instantly killed John Adams. The shooting occurred at the store of Anderson Brothers on Ivy some 18 or 20 miles from Marshall. It seems that an old grudge has existed between Ray and Adams for a number of years, and that when the men met this afternoon the old sore opened, with the result that Ray drew his pistol and fired twice at Adams. Both shots took effect and Adams fell dead. Ray made his escape and up to this afternoon had not been captured.

—High Point, July 15: True to his statement in newspapers Southern Railway Detective Atern is riding the train from Salisbury to Greensboro every Saturday night in an effort to break up the rowdyism which has been going on for some time by people returning from wet town with booze. Last Saturday night Mr. Atern caught a negro selling three pints of whiskey on the train to parties that boarded the train this side of Salisbury. The negro was placed under arrest and turned over to the officers at Thomasville. Mr. Atern went there today to appear against him. Mr. Atern has promised to break up the rowdyism on the trains if he has to ride every one out of Salisbury and he so far is making good.

## Princeton Items.

There are several cases of Typhoid fever in town.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Woodard have moved in their new residence near the Methodist Church.

We are glad to know Dr. A. G. Woodard has located here. He has just completed his studies in a Medical College.

Mr. Dempsay Brown has moved from Clayton here he and his son Willie are running a first class wood and blacksmith shop.

The remains of Mrs. Lizzie Stafford daughter of R. M. Howell was brought from Goldsboro, where she lived and interred in the family graveyard last Monday.

Rev. Mr. Howell began a series of meetings Sunday evening in the Baptist Church assisted by Rev. D. P. Bridges. It will continue through the week. They have large congregations.

Misses Julia Sanders, Clara Bailey and Clara Mc K. Finlayson attended the picnic at Pinkney last Friday. J. D. F. July 16th, 1907.

## Selma News.

Mr. M. C. Winston spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. C. W. Richardson went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. Cary J. Hunter, of Raleigh was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Isaac T. Wood, is at home again after a visit to Enfield.

Mr. Eugene G. Richardson, of Raleigh, was here last Sunday.

Mr. John H. Parker, has gone to the Jamestown Exposition again.

Misses Pattie and Rena Richardson have returned to their home in Wake.

Messrs. Adam and Alonzo Richardson, of Wendell are here with Mr. C. W. Richardson.

Saturday, July 27th the Orphans from Oxford Asylum will be here. All are invited.

Mrs. J. W. Vick and Miss Gladys Whitley left Monday to visit relatives in Spring Hope.

Mr. Charles Richardson is here this week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli F. Pate, of Goldsboro are spending a few days with Mrs. John H. Parker.

Dr. Robert P. Noble has returned from a visit to relatives in Greenville, S. C. and Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin, of Clayton, spent Sunday here with their daughter, Mrs. L. D. Debnam. The doctor returned Sunday but Mrs. Griffin remained here till Tuesday.

The Daughters of the Confederacy are expecting a grand time here on July 24th. Next Wednesday. The Tarboro Military Company will be here and its said one thousand people from Edgecombe county will come. Everybody is invited.

Messrs. L. W. Richardson, George W. Evans, Will Nordan, L. H. Allred, John B. Waddell, Clarence and Ernest Suber and Gilbert Vinson, left Monday for Jamestown, Washington, Baltimore and New York. They will be gone about ten days.

Mr. James D. Jeffreys, spent a few days with his brother, Mr. Ed. Jeffreys, and when one hears him tell about the good things, and the amount he ate while there they wonder if there is any left and know that Jim will not need anything else for a week.

Miss Myrtle Jeffreys entertained a number of her friends Wednesday evening in honor of her cousin Miss Verona Jeffreys, of Wilders, a number of delightful and amusing games were played till called to partake in the delicious refreshments which came in so well in the small hours of the night.

Competition is the life of trade. There is need for the Selma Tobacco market. Competition between the Selma and Smithfield markets helps both places by keeping tobacco from going to Raleigh, Dunn, Wilson and Goldsboro. The prospects are that both tobacco warehouses here will be run by experienced men and that the very highest prices will be paid which will be appreciated by the farmers. All the tobacco brought here will be taken care of and farmers will be satisfied with the sales and don't forget it.

#### Nearly Frozen on a Hot Day.

Despite the fact that Louisville was one of the five hottest cities in the United States today, Albert C. Weber, a grocer at Webster and Washington streets, came near being frozen in an icebox in his rear yard in which he became imprisoned. He was saved by his pet dog.

Webster stepped into the box and a passer-by slammed the door, which locks automatically. Weber's dog became uneasy and began running back and forth between the store and icebox, barking loudly at the time. Noticing the dog's strange actions, Mrs. Webster followed him and opened the icebox. She found her husband lying on the floor so nearly frozen that he could not speak.—New York Herald.

## Four Oaks News.

Miss Irene Baker is visiting at Benson this week.

Mr. O. D. Stanley, of Wilson, visited in our midst Sunday.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Miss Pennie Barber.

Mr. Rosmal Smith visited friends at Benson Wednesday.

Mr. Hoke Stehenson, of Hopewell section visited in our circle Sunday.

Miss Daisie Lassiter, of Spilona section is visiting Mrs. D. H. Sanders.

Misses Lillian and Cora Adams, of Fayetteville is visiting Miss Annie Adams.

Miss Sophie Busbee, of Raleigh, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Chas. H. Wellons this week.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the infant baby of Mr. Henry Massingill last Friday.

Mrs. Chas. R. Lewis and children, of Greensboro, are visiting her sister Mrs. B. B. Adams.

Mrs. W. G. Hollowell and little son Frank, of Goldsboro, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. B. B. Adams entertained a few friends Tuesday evening in honor of Misses Carrie Wilson and Bessie Price of Dunn, N. C.

Miss Bettie Adams returned home Monday from Little River Academy where she has been for sometime staying with her sister Mrs. Wm Honeycutt. Mr. Honeycutt brought her and spent a day with Mr. D. W. Adams.

The home of the brides father Mr. D. W. Adams was the scene of a quiet but charming marriage on July 15th at 10 o'clock a. m. In the presence of a few relatives and friends, Miss Maude Adams and Mr. Henry Smith were made one, Rev. G. B. Starling officiating. The charms of the youthful bride were only made more prominent by the simplicity of her attractive gray traveling suit. The groom is an enterprising young business man and is the youngest son of Mr. J. D. Smith. We extend to the happy young couple our best wishes for a long and happy life.

A very sad accident occurred near here last Friday. Mr. Alvin Barber while in the woods looking after the cutting of timber for Mr. Jno. T. Cole was almost instantly killed. While the wind was blowing hard just before the heavy rain which followed, about 3:30 a dead tree fell on Mr. Barber and mangled his body. He was taken at once to the house of one of the mill hands and Dr. Stanley sent for at once but when Dr. Stanley reached there he was dead. His people who live in Elevation township were telephoned to and they came and took his remains and carried them home where he was buried Saturday in the family burying grounds. Mr. Barber was an industrious man about 36 years old and has been for sometime looking after the timber business for Mr. Cole. The bereaved family have our sympathy and especially his parents. "H." July 16th, 1907.

## Hopewell News.

Miss Hattie Alford spent part of last week in Smithfield.

Rev. Mr. Beaman preached at Hopewell Sunday morning.

Mr. Penny, from Wake county spent Saturday night and Sunday in our community.

We are sorry to chronicle the illness of Mrs. J. B. Altman and hope for her speedy recovery.

The people of this section are curing tobacco and will be ready for the opening sales the 30th.

Miss Alese Wagstaff after spending sometime with her brother, Mr. C. Y. Wagstaff returned to her home Monday in Sampson county.

The heavy rain which fell Saturday afternoon damaged crops especially cotton. Our older people say it was the most rain they had ever seen fall in one day.

THESES.