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"ON THE JOB."

Yesterday we saw an advertisement written by the circulation manager of a popular religious weekly, from which we make the following extract:

"The jolly old saint with the whiskers, the toboggan suit, and the stuffed pack is a circulation manager, like myself. Just now he is very much 'on the job,' promoting the circulation of gifts and good cheer. That's a job worth while and I know Santa likes it."

How much brighter the world would be, if all the twelve months of the year, everybody would do as much to promote the circulation of good cheer and happiness, as they do at this happy season! And such a task would not be a difficult one. All it would require would be to think less of self and more of others; to let the Christmas smile that lights the face, be the rule and not the exception; to strive to make the world better by living the better life. If each of us would do this our lives would be filled all the year round with the joy that old Santa and the Christmas-tide bring. Let us be "on the job" during the next twelve months.

The Solid South.

There's more than a joke in that good story with a profane flavor which Major Hemphill tells about Mr. Taft. The President would do well, after he has laughed over it sufficiently, to analyze it and appreciate what it means. And all northerners or republicans who have an idea that they are beginning to see cracks in the "solid south" indicating that before another generation it will split open, will do well to ponder. As they say in the south, there is "a heap of truth" condensed in that little story.

Southerners are ever loyal to the nation's President, whether they voted for him or not. To them he is the President of the whole nation, entitled to respect by virtue of his office, to honor and praise in addition according as he by wisdom of action proves worthy of it. And that is an attitude, be it known, highly commendable in the loyal citizens of the south, and highly commendable to the rest of the country.

But when it comes to voting, the south serves the democratic party—be it reverently said, for it is true—next to its God. And be it said in passing that it serves its God better in these times than does any other part of the nation. He founded new England. On the foundation of democracy the south stands; it dare not, even if it would, stand anywhere else. By its sign it conquers or, vanquished, goes down in honorable and untamed defeat. The south learned generations ago to be loyal to principle, and it proved in a bitter war between the states how well it had learned the lesson. Its principle in these days is the democratic party, and it will hold to it. It may not wisely be said, moreover, that demonstration of such principle is bad for the nation's view. It raises us with a needed lift above those petty differences which define partisanship in the north.

These things every man should know who would study wisely his nation's political history. These things every man should know who enters politics with high ideals. They are for the saving from misapprehension and disappointment of any man who fancies that some day the too, too solid south will melt away. The time will come, it may be, when we'll thank God for that rock of loyalty to principle.—New Haven Register.

Will Meet January Second.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of North Carolina, Johnston County branch, will be held at the Court House in Smithfield, Monday, January 2, 1911, at 12 o'clock, M. All stockholders are earnestly requested to attend and have a voice in the election of the County officers.

J. H. SMITH, President.
ALONZO BARBER, Sec. Tre.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

President Taft has again demonstrated his breadth of view, freedom from sectionalism and partisanship, and high regard for the dignity and strength of the judiciary in the selection of Associate Justice Edward Douglass White to be chief justice of the Supreme Court. No better choice could have been made, from a list containing the names of men well fitted for the highest judicial post in the world. The Senate's immediate confirmation of Justice White's nomination was a deserved compliment.

Justice White is universally regarded among jurists as the best type of judge. By temperament, character, experience, and great ability he is well qualified to occupy the seat of Marshall, Taney, and Fuller. The fact that he is a Democrat should be accepted as proof that the president sought fitness alone, and not partisan advantage, in making this nomination; and Americans need never fear that a high-minded man like Justice White, aloof from political strife, acting under the solemn responsibility of an office untaunted from the foundation of the government will not keep the scales of justice true.—Washington Post, Independent.

In the appointment of Chief Justice White the President has risen above all party considerations as well as all precedents. The Chief Justice is a Democrat and an ex-Confederate. With him is nominated Joseph R. Lamar, of Georgia, also a Democrat, to be an Associate Justice. Associate Justice Lurton, also appointed by President Taft, is a Democrat. These appointments of three Democrats, two of whom were new to the Court, by a Republican President, are very remarkable, but not less creditable than remarkable. It is eminently proper that there should be a reasonable representation of the political opposition on the Supreme Court. It is the only assurance the country can have that the Court will not be too partisan for its judicial functions. With these appointments the Court is now full, and consists of six Republicans and three Democrats. Certainly the minority representation is not excessive.—Philadelphia Record, Democrat.

Justice White's appointment illustrates the non-partisan spirit in which the President has regarded his duty of filling the bench. The fact that a Democrat had been Chief Justice for many years did not deter him from naming as his successor a Democrat whom he deemed to be the best man, all things considered, for that great post. Neither has Justice White's position upon such important industrial questions as are likely to come before the court stood in the way of his promotion. He wrote, it will be remembered, the dissenting opinion in the Northern Securities case, which had it prevailed, would have left the federal government powerless to deal with the holding company device for effecting combinations in restraint of trade. From this it must not be assumed that the new Chief Justice is a reactionary, for he has frequently upheld the anti-trust act. He is a broad minded jurist, and through the traditional states' rights attitude of his party apparently led him to his conclusion in the Northern Securities case, he is capable of seeing national problems and duties in the light of new conditions, as his position in the insular cases showed.—New York Tribune, Republican.

Basket for County Home.

The Ladies' Missionary Society, of the Methodist Church, will send a dinner to the County Home, for the inmates, on December 24th. All who would like to contribute baskets, or anything, will please send them to the residence of Mrs. L. T. Royall, before noon of that day—Saturday.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of J. T. Ellington, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 23rd day of December, 1911, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 21st day of December, 1910.
J. R. WILLIAMS, Adm.
Clayton, N. C.

WANTED—TO BUY, OR TRADE A mule or horse for one heavy ox, to weigh 1000 pounds or more. THE AUSTIN-STEPHENSON CO.

SEE OUR PICTURES—STEVENS FURNITURE & IMPLEMENT CO.

A FEW MAJESTIC RANGES FOR sale at special prices at Clayton Hardware Company.

THE PROFESSOR TALKS.

BY A. VERMONT.

What books does your boy read? Do you ever take the trouble to inquire if he reads at all? And if he does so, what literature do you furnish him? Do you take a paper? Do you encourage your boy to read?

This is a day of reading men and women, and blessed is the boy, who gets his first impressions through the works of the world's greatest writers. Good books are cheap, the greatest classics can be bought for a trifle, newspapers can be procured for "a song," there is too much good literature to permit a young man, a young woman to go along without tasting it. We cannot afford not to read. If at times we serve cake, turkey, and a thousand other things, for the mere bodily pleasure of the young folks, how much more should we provide for their minds, the intellectual treats now in the reach of all?

Reading means intellectual development. A true parent is proud to see his son and daughter, physically well developed. There is something beautiful in a strong lad, in a fair healthy lassie. We are proud of their rosy cheeks, their bright eyes, their robust bodies. What about their minds? I can not believe that there is a single man, who relishes the fact that his son is an intellectual dwarf. Once I met an ignorant man, who discussed freely the question of his son's education. He felt that all his life, he had missed something great, which he did not wish his son to miss. He, the father, had had no opportunities, but he was going to do all he could to educate his children. In the home of this man, who could not read himself, there came papers and books, as regularly as there came coffee and sugar, and clothes. The result was simple: there never was a happier, more contented family. After the day's work was done, there was the opportunity of spending a little while with a good book, a good paper. This was a mighty strong home attraction, the children stayed at home.

Now that Christmas is here, and that we spend so much on toys, on dainties, delicacies, would it not be wise to provide some suitable presents for the mind of the children? What about a subscription to a good clean paper, a magazine? What about a set of some of the world's greatest writers? I do not know of a single investment that will bring as rich results.

And best of all, this Christmas, give your boy and your girl, the greatest and the best present yet GIVE YOURSELF. Give your bodily strength, that they may have better material comfort, give the energy of your mind, that they may have better intellectual growth, but above all give them the warmth of a sympathizing, understanding heart.

There is many an outcast, that walks the streets of some far-off town, or the lonely country road, because he and his father did not understand each other. How often has not a young boy sighed for a look of approval, when he was pouring wearily over his books, or toiling along at the day's chores! The father calmly pursued his own labor, the son went his way, and between the two, there sprang up gradually a difference of thought which finally widened into a great chasm. After a number of years, the father wondered why he did not get along so well with the boy. Has he ever taken time at his meals to say a word to the boy or the girl? At night by the fireside, has he tried to make the home attractive, and himself attractive by a heart-to-heart conversation which could take in all?

There is a farm house not so very far away from this town, where a couple of intelligent parents have given themselves and their home to their children. There is no finer scene anywhere, than that of these true-loving father, mother, sisters, brothers working gladly at the day's task, gathering at night around the fire place, and making the home the sacred resting place of every member of that happy family. There is no sweeter music than the laughter of the little folks; no brighter stars shine in the clearest nights, than the sparkling eyes of the rosy children. Between the father and the son, has sprung up that finest of friendships: the companionship of man to man. When this boy will ever get in difficulty, he will know where to find his best friend. When temptation will come to him as it comes to all, he will have some one, to whom he can open his heart. His joys, his sorrows will be his father's. They are friends, these two, friends, intimate friends, intimate companions.

Are you a friend, an intimate companion to your boy? And you Mo-

ther, are you the best friend of your daughter? If so, thank God for this, on this blessed Christmas day; if not, make to your children the best of presents, the intelligent love and companionship of devoted parents.

Turner's Almanacs.

We have a full supply of Turner's North Carolina Almanacs for 1911, for sale at ten cents each. Call at Herald Office.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that our County Union officers were changed at our last County meeting. Mr. C. M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, was made president and Mr. W. C. Harper, of Smithfield, was made secretary and treasurer.

W. H. FLOWERS.

Four Oaks, N. C., December 20.

OUR RUGS ARE HANDSOME—STEVENS Furniture & Implement Co.

FOR A COMFORTABLE ROCKER go to Stevens Furniture & Implement Co.

SEVERAL MULES AND HORSES for sale cheap. THE AUSTIN-STEPHENSON CO.

OUR RUGS ARE HANDSOME—STEVENS Furniture & Implement Co.

IF YOU WANT THE BEST WAGON, or buggy, on the market, buy a Nissen Wagon or Hackney buggy, from The Austin-Stephenson Co.

Free FREE Free

We will give to each customer that will buy for cash \$3.00 worth of Goods in our store on Friday or Saturday, Dec. 23 & 24, one of our beautiful

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All Coat Suits Hosiery! Hosiery!! Hosiery!!! None better for the money.

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SMITHFIELD, N. C.

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Beginning At Once we will reduce all Coat Suits and Sweaters as follows:

\$25.00	Suits	\$19.00	\$5.00	Sweaters	\$3.75
22.50	"	17.00	4.50	"	3.50
20.00	"	16.00	3.00	"	2.50
17.50	"	14.50	2.75	"	2.25
15.00	"	12.50	2.50	"	2.00
12.50	"	10.00			

The above Suits are All Wool, nicely Satin lined & are exceptional values

The above Sweaters are All Wool. We bought too many. Now is the time to buy Sweaters.

SPIERS BROS.

If You Want to Be Sure

You are Stylishly, Correctly and Becomingly Attired for Christmas or any other time, bring yourself to us to Clothe from Hat to Shoes. Then you will KNOW the job will be done up RIGHT at the Lowest possible cost to you, not forgetting, of course, that good goods (the only kind we carry) are the least expensive.

Don't Put Off

Getting the Suit, Shoes, Hat, Shirts, Gloves, Suspenders, Mufflers, Neckwear, Suit-cases, Umbrellas and Hosiery any longer. If you have not already purchased, why not have them for Christmas? We are showing styles and values that will open your purse if you see them. Hadn't you better drop in right away—TODAY?

T. KRAMER, Smithfield.

The Store that Satisfies. Where Quality is King.