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Shrewd Observers.....

find here a splendid opportunity of buying the newest and best of the season's offerings; and here, too, you escape the risk of paying too much and have the comfort of knowing what you buy is thoroughly good. Those who have tried us ought to know, and that they are still trying us proves that they do know. It's a pleasure for us to please; it's part of our business capital, and we aim to be good business men. Reliability shows in everything. Indeed it has been the greatest factor in our business, the basic cause of the great success of the "Belks" chain of stores. Another factor, too, is, we don't want you to keep goods that are disappointing. The money isn't ours if the goods are not what you want or expected, and the money for every article bought here will be promptly and cheerfully returned for the asking.

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Courage of Amos Owens.

Speaking of the life of Amos Owens, recently published by "Corn Cracker," The Yorkville Enquirer says: It is possessed of a certain interest that fully warrants the time necessary for its perusal, and a reading of it is calculated to leave the impression that Amos Owens is not a bad kind of a man at heart. This is true. Among the incidents related in the book is one with which many people of Yorkville are familiar.

Some ten or twelve years ago, Amos Owens was confined in the Yorkville jail to serve a sentence for violating the United States internal revenue laws. The late R. H. Glenn was sheriff at the time. During the term of Owens' incarceration, some desperate Negroes sought to secure their escape by killing the sheriff, and had it not been for the interference of Owens at the imminent risk of his life, they would have probably succeeded. After a desperate fight, however, with the assistance of Owens and another white revenue prisoner, the sheriff succeeded in overpowering his assailants and preventing the general jail delivery that would have otherwise taken place.

Editor Excluded From the Church.

The Landmark learns that an editor in a town in this State was recently turned out of the church for publishing a Sunday newspaper. The editor in question publishes a daily morning paper and, as is the case with all morning papers, his paper is issued on Sunday morning. The editor was a member of the Presbyterian Church and he has been excluded from church membership for violating the Sabbath. This may be all right, but if every church member who reads newspapers on Sunday—including papers printed on Sunday—was excluded from church membership there would be a great falling off in church membership in this country.

The Press-Banner is urging the establishment of another cotton mill at Abbeville, S. C.

Almost, But Not a Catastrophe.

There was a right frightful runaway in our town last Saturday evening; and the great wonder is that no lives were lost or persons seriously injured. The Kings Mountain cadets, of Yorkville, had been on an outing that day to the mountain near here. Several of the parties desired to go by the battle ground on their return home in the evening and came through our town on their way. As they hurried down Railroad avenue the train was approaching the depot. One of the teams became unmanageable and dashed ahead running into another buggy. Just at this stage of the scene of the occurrence the situation almost begged description. Both buggies were tossed upside down and the occupants thrown directly under them. All the more frightful because there were two or three ladies in this horrible situation. Wonderful to tell, no one was severely hurt but several were painfully hurt and badly scared. The ladies withdrew to the hospitable home of Mrs. Lizie Falls and a physician was soon at the scene and all was soon made comfortable and quiet. We must say that the nerve and courage of those ladies had much to do with averting a sad catastrophe.

More Trouble for Spain.

Spain, too, is having trouble with a beef trust. It was found necessary in Madrid to issue a royal order directing that reforms be instituted in the slaughterhouses. Such abuses as monopolies and combinations formed with the purpose of extorting illegal profits have for some time been apparent in all of the larger cities of the peninsula. In consequence of the hard times, civil strife, and the beef trust, the average price of beef to-day in Spain is 33 cents a pound. Whether a royal order will have more effect on the Spanish trust than State and Federal laws have had on American trusts is a question to which the answer probably will be swift in coming.

The Gazette offers for sale job printing.

A NIGHT IN JAIL.

Dr. Talmage Prayed for a Burglar Who Had Been Shot While Ransacking Western House.

Washington Post.
"There are some who have expressed a doubt as to the sincerity, the true Christian spirit, of the late Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage," said David J. Roberts, foreman of the first division of the government printing office, the other day, "but some years ago I had ample proof of both. In 1890 I was chairman of the committee on entertainment of a teachers' institute being held at Osage City, Kan., and had secured the services of Dr. Talmage as a lecturer. It chanced that the night before the doctor's arrival there had been an attempted burglary in the little city, then consisting of 5,000 or 6,000 inhabitants, in which a dozen or more seats were exchanged between the burglar and the citizen whose house was being robbed. There was a lamp burning dimly in the room, and when the citizen's wife woke her husband saying, 'There is a man in the house!' he began shooting the first shot extinguishing the light. The only shot that took effect desperately wounded the burglar in the groin, though six bullets perforated the pillows or the bed. The wounded burglar was carried off to jail.

"Dr. Talmage arrived the evening before his lecture, and about 10 o'clock I asked him if he would like to go and see the wounded prisoner. He assented and we went to the jail. The prisoner would give no name but 'Jim.'

"Here's Dr. Talmage, Jim," said I, and he wants to know your name."

"Jim," said the prisoner, "that's enough."

"Would you like to have the doctor pray for you?" I asked.

"Yes," he said, and then turning to Dr. Talmage, he added "I know you, doctor; I've heard you preach in Brooklyn often."

"The doctor knelt and prayed fervently for the prisoner for fifteen minutes or more and later we returned to the hotel.

"The next morning I went again to the hotel about 8 o'clock and asked if Dr. Talmage had yet arisen.

"He has but just retired," said the hotel clerk. "After you left last night he went back again to the jail and stayed until 7 o'clock this morning."

I was satisfied that none but a true Christian who believed what he taught would thus sacrifice a night's rest to succor and console an unknown criminal.

"After his engagement with us the doctor went on to Winfield, Kan., where he had another lecture engagement. On his return as the train stopped at our little city, the doctor leaned out of the car window and asked a youngster:

"My boy, did the burglar die?"

"Yes sir," answer the boy, and then added, "Say mister, was that your brother?"

The Republican Party.

Charleston News & Courier.
"The Republican party," says the Norfolk Landmark, "is full of discord—on the tariff, on colonialism, on departmental management, on the throttling of individual legislative efforts in Congress. Republicanism is carrying the load of the Schley scandal, of the Miles affair, of anti-Boer discrimination, of the atrocious war in the Philippines. A strong and united opposition can win."

But think of all it has "carried" for forty years or more. It is a thoroughly bad party, beyond a doubt. It was conceived in sin and born in iniquity and grew up in rascality and lives by general cussedness. The trouble with it, however, is that it faithfully and acceptably represents the biggest part of the nation. Most of the voters of the country are in it and approve its policies and doings. Where is the stronger opposition to come from?

A Remarkable Egg.

Concord Times, N. H.
We published an item last week saying that R. C. Blackwelder had shown us a very large egg which measured 9 3/4 x 6 1/4 inches in circumference. It was laid by a black minorca hen, and was larger than a goose egg. Since our paper came out Mr. Blackwelder has broken the egg, and found therein a perfectly developed egg with hard shell and of normal size. The egg also contained two yellows and whites in proportion. It was certainly a remarkable egg in every respect.

MORTON LAID TO REST.

Many Prominent Nebraskans Attend the Service at Nebraska City.

Washington Post.
Nebraska City, Nebr., April 30.—The remains of the late J. Sterling Morton, former Secretary of Agriculture, arrived in this city from Chicago early today on a special train. At the station a committee of prominent citizens met the funeral train and escorted the remains to the public library where they will lie in state until 11:30 o'clock. Gov. Savage and his staff came from Lincoln on an early train, and a large number of former associates and friends of the deceased are also here from Omaha and other parts of the country to attend the services.

The business houses are draped in mourning and by request of the mayor business was generally suspended during the funeral hour. Fitting resolutions were passed by the city council, which attended in a body. The Louisiana purchase exposition Nebraska commission, of which Mr. Morton was a member, also attended. A memorial service will be held probably next Sunday.

Rev. A. E. Kaickerbocker, of this city, officiated at the funeral service, which was held at Arbol Lodge at 12 o'clock being assisted by F. W. Eason, of Lincoln, and other clergymen of this city. The remains were laid beside those of his wife and son, Carl, in the family plot.

By direction of the President, the flags on all the executive departments were displayed at half-mast yesterday out of respect to Ex-Secretary Morton.

The Yes-or-No Corner.

Washington Star.

The efforts on the part of members of the House to pin one another down to direct answers reminded Representative Capron, of Rhode Island—one of the best story tellers in the House, by the way—of an experience in the last campaign. Mr. Capron was very much bothered by a man in the audience who insisted on asking questions to which he demanded either "yes" or "no" for an answer.

"But there are some questions," finally remarked Mr. Capron, "which cannot be answered by 'yes' or 'no.'"

"I should like to hear one," scornfully commented his neighbor.

"Well," said Mr. Capron, "I think I can prove it. Have you quit beating your wife? Answer 'yes' or 'no.'"

The crowd saw at once that Mr. Capron had his man in a trap. If he said "yes" it was a confession that he had been beating his wife; if he answered "no" it was an admission that he was still indulging in the pastime.

Drank Laudanum.

Kings Mountain Democrat, N. C.

A gross widow, daughter of a Mr. Hawkins who farms out on Mr. Rush Harmon's place, while visiting another married sister at the Bonnie mill one day last week, in the presence of her sister drank an ounce of laudanum. Dr. Hord was at once summoned and by means of his stomach pump removed most of the drug. She was only somewhat stupified by the dose. Some family trouble had caused the rash act, as we learn. She had given out her intention to drink the laudanum. She was taken out to her home that evening by her father.

A Good Suggestion.

Black Mountain Eagle.

Why should we be shipping all our lumber to be worked up and sold back to us at fabulous prices? The timber is here, the capital is here, the labor is here. Why not build a furniture factory for a starter to greater operations and investment along this line.

Mr. John R. Morris, who has been undergoing treatment at a hospital in Baltimore, has about recovered, his numerous friends, in this State will be glad to learn and has returned to his home in this State.

BIRTHPLACE OF "UNCLE SAM."

Washington Man Purchases the Famous New Hampshire Farm.

Washington Post.
Mason, N. H., April 30.—The Wilson Homestead, said to be birthplace of the original "Uncle Sam," was sold at auction this afternoon for \$1,500. The purchaser was Capt. Orren A. Hamblett, of Washington. "Uncle Sam" was Samuel Wilson, the eldest of twelve children born on this farm. During the second war with England, as the story goes, he and his brother Edward were contractors for government supplies at Troy, N. Y. It was the Wilson's idea to label their beef and pork packages "U. S." and as Samuel Wilson was generally called "Uncle Sam," the army quickly referred to the supplies as "Uncle Sam's." This title quickly was applied to the government, and after the war used everywhere in that sense.

Samuel Wilson died in Troy in 1854, aged eighty-eight. The farm was sold to-day because of the death of the last member of the family. It was owned by a Wilson for 122 years.

Mr. Carnegie's Philosophy.

The Empire of Business.

A basketful of bonds is the heaviest basket a young man ever had to carry. I would almost as soon leave a young man a curse as burden him with the almighty dollar.

I attribute most of my success in life to the fact that trouble runs off my back like water from a duck.

Men who in old age strive only to increase their already great hoards are usually the slaves of the habit of hoarding formed in their youth.

At first they own the money; later in life the money owns them.

College graduates will usually be found under-salaried, trusting subordinates.

It is not from the sons of the millionaire or the noble that the world receives its teachers, its martyrs, its inventors, its statesmen, its poets, or even its men of affairs. It is from the cottage of the poor that all these spring.

It will be a great mistake for the community to shoot the millionaires, for they are the bees that make the most honey, and contribute most to the hive after they have gorged themselves full.

Money is left by millionaires to public institutions when they must relax their grasp upon it. There is no grace, and can be no blessing, in giving what cannot be withheld.

Has Killed 74,250 Hogs.

New York Sun.

There are few men in New Jersey outside of regular employees in slaughter houses who can approach the proud record which Henry Hankins, of New Egypt, Ocean county, has attained as a hog killer. Henry Hankins is a veteran in the Civil War, having distinguished himself in the Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers. In 1879, on the 20th day of September he began to kill hogs for his neighbors and since then has sent 74,250 hogs to the pork barrel, the smokehouse and the table. He has worked 45 days a year and average 50 hogs to the killing. His biggest day's record was 203 in five hours, for Hooser & Bros., at New Egypt. The heaviest hog he ever killed weighed 1,335 pounds, but he has killed a number weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds each, and it does not make any difference to him how heavy they are, for he has abandoned the practice of throwing and sticking them and kills them with a rifle bullet. His son, Harley Hankins, now does most of the shooting, and it is said that he has a score 98 out of possible 100 hogs killed with the first shot.

Sticking to Him.

Wilmington Star.

Hanna is sticking to Rathbone, which recalls a remark that Rathbone made when he was put on trial, "If I am deserted I will pull down the columns of the temple." He was one of Hanna's lieutenants, and Hanna doesn't propose to have the "columns of the temple pulled down."

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