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POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them. Sometimes these selections will accord with our views and the views of our readers, sometimes the opposite will be true. But by reason of the subject matter, the style, the authorship, or the views expressed, each will have an element of timely interest to make it a conspicuous utterance.

A Wholesome Indication.

The swelling popular demand for the return of Mr. Cleveland to the White House is the most wholesome indication of public sentiment that has been observed in this country since he left it.

The Real Thing Does the Best Talking.

Guilford's few miles of macadam were built in recent years and aided more than anything else probably, in securing the bond issue. The macadam road that will be built in Iredell in the next two or three years will do more for good roads than ten years' talk.

The People For Cleveland.

The politicians have always been opposed to Mr. Cleveland. He has thrice been nominated for President by the Democrats of the United States, and each time he had the politicians against him. The people have always been for him and they are for him again.

Grover Cleveland.

He evidently has the confidence of the country beyond any one now in sight. We have earnestly opposed him in the past, but in politics it is the present and the future that count. If the Democratic Party is to survive it must begin to win Presidential elections. Would it be better to win with Cleveland or lose with some figurehead whom Col. Bryan may set up? What say the rock-ribbed Democracy of the Middle West? If the East, where the real battleground will be, demand him for the leader, shall we fall in line?

Where is the Friend of the Merchant?

Undoubtedly the merchants of every community suffer many things at the hands of many physicians. A number of years ago, on the last day of a session of Congress, when public building bills and all sorts of bills making appropriations were being rushed through the House like grist through a mill, Sunset Cox hopped on top of his desk and exclaimed: "Syracuse, Oshkosh and Kalamazoo have their friends; every town and city, every creek, river and harbor has its friends; but where in the name of God is the friend of the Treasury?" The merchant is everybody's friend, not to say everybody's meat. Nobody starts out with a subscription list, or on any sort of a begging enterprise, but calls on the merchants first. The fact that a man "keeps a store" seems to convey to the average mind that he is "lousy with money." But where is the friend of the merchant? All solicitors tax him; all Legislatures double tax him; all book agents buzz him; all dead-beats expect credit from him, and it has remained for the Richmond News-Leader to lift its voice in his behalf and to suggest that he has a few small rights and deserves to be protected in them.

Peace Over Africa.

War's bitter root and yet so fair a flower! Sing and be glad, O England, in this hour; But not as one who has no grief to bear, No memories, no burden, no despair. Be glad, but not as one who has no grief; The victor's laurel wears a wintry leaf, The clarions revel and the joy-bells rave, But what is all the glory and the gain To those wet eyes behind the misty pane— Whose Africa is crumpled to one grave, A lone grave at the mercy of the rain, Not all our odes, nor all our orisons Can sweeten those intolerable tears, The silences that fall between the cheers. In all the joy a memory cries and dwells, A heart-break, heroic farewells. Let there be no more battles; field and flood Are sick of bright-eyed blood; Lay the sad swords asleep, They have their fearful memories to keep; These swords that in the dark battle burned— Burned upward with insufferable light— Lay them asleep; heroic rest is earned.

Plans and Specifications for a Stunning Commencement Gown. May Manton, in Richmond News-Leader.

Shirtings and tucks are very nearly a craze and both appear in generous numbers. Berthas are much used and sleeves are loose and ample. College graduates, being young women, wear trained skirts and are allowed somewhat more elaboration than are the school girls. Those whose parents are wealthy are ordering chiffon cloth trimmed with lace and enriched by hand-work, but no girl of moderate means need feel ashamed because of the fact, for organdy and fine batiste are essentially smart for the purpose and will greatly outnumber the more costly sort. That the chiffon cloth is lovely no one can deny.

As dainty and charming a graduating gown as one could ask is made of the material over lousine silk veiled with mousseline. The skirt is shirred to form a yoke, is finished with a deep graduated flounce that is tucked at its lower and shirred at its upper edge, and shirred again midway between the two. The yoke is made of Paraguan lace and the shirrings and tucks are all put in by hand. The bodice closes at the back and is made with a yoke of the lace and a full portion that is shirred at its upper edge (waist and sleeves on continuous lines,) is tucked above the belt and is shirred closely at the waist line to give a belt effect. Its sleeves are full and are tucked above the straight cuffs of lace. The yoke is of the drop sort and falls over the top of the sleeves to the line of the shirring, so giving the broad effect that is so much in vogue. Both it and the sleeves are unlined and midway between the tucks on the waist and the yoke is an insert of lace.

AN INCIDENT OF OLD BRICK CHURCH.

Yankee's Apology Penciled on Doorway of Church in Which A. R. P. Synod was Organized.

Columbia State.
"You must excuse us for defacing your house of worship so much. It was absolutely necessary to effect a crossing over the creek as the Rebs destroyed the bridge.—A Yankee."

The above inscription, penciled on the doorway of the Old Brick church in Fairfield, has withstood the rains of 38 years. This is the church in which, 100 years ago last Saturday, the Associate Reformed Presbyterians of the State organized the Synod of the Carolinas.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian church has existed in this State for a century and a half—even prior to the War of the Revolution. But Saturday, May 9, was the centennial of the organization of the Synod of the Carolinas. The Presbytery of the Carolinas and Georgia was organized in 1790, but there were changes and vicissitudes and the reorganization was under the name of the Synod of the Carolinas—now the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

Dr. Latham, the historian, states that the Synod of the Carolinas was organized at Ebenezer church, Fairfield county, on May 9, 1803. The meeting was held there because the general synod had appointed the pastor of that church, Rev. James Rogers, to be the moderator of the Synod of the Carolinas. Mr. Rogers preached the opening sermon and constituted the synod by prayer. There were present seven ministers, two probationers and six ruling elders. The preachers were: James Rogers, William Blackstock, John Hamphill, James McKnight, Alexander Porter, James McGill and Robert Irwin; Isaac Grier and James McAuley, probationers, and Charles Montgomery, Alexander Stewart, Andrew McQuiston, Henry Hunter, Arthur Morrow, and Duke Bell, elders. They are said to be mighty in the scriptures.

Rev. C. E. McDonald of Winnaboro has prepared for the centennial volume of the A. R. P. church the following interesting history of the "Old Brick Church."

"This church is situated in the western part of Fairfield county, South Carolina, about 12 miles from Winnaboro, the county seat. It sits in a beautiful grove of hickory and oaks, about 100 yards from Kincaid's bridge over Little river. It was here that the Synod of the Carolinas, which is the Associate Reformed Synod of the South was organized on May 9, 1803, and for this as well as other reasons the history of this church is full of interest to all the people of the A. R. P. church. The church was first called Little River, afterwards Ebenezer, but for many years it has been known as the Brick church.

"When it was organized we are not able to say, but it is certain that it was a preaching place and that there was a log church there before the Revolutionary War. The present brick church was erected in 1788. "Alexander Kincaid gave the land upon which the church is erected and James Kincaid and others of the congregation gave the brick and other material out of which the church was built. These men were large planters and were officers in the Revolutionary War. The names of the other families who were members of the church prior to 1791 were Hawthorne, Turnipseed, Montgomery, Cameron, Hutinson, and McKemie. Adam and John Hawthorne were elders in the church prior to this time, and James, John and Robert McKemie were members. This exhausts our information about the church prior to 1791.

"Rev. James Rogers was the first pastor of the church, as far as we can learn. He was a native of Ireland and came as a lieutenant to this country in December 1780, and was present at the organization of the A. R. P. presbytery of the Carolinas and Georgia at Long Cane, in Abbeville county, in February, 1790. He was ordained and installed over the Brick church, then called Little River, in connection with King's Creek and Cannon's Creek, in Newberry county, on Feb. 23, 1791. Mr. Rogers continued to be pastor until his death, which occurred Aug. 21, 1830. He is buried at the

Brick church. Rev. James Boyce was the next pastor, and was installed in 1832 and continued until 1843. Rev. Thomas Ketchin was pastor from 1844 until 1852. Rev. C. B. Betts was pastor from 1855 until 1869. "During the pastorate of Revs. Rogers, Boyce, Ketchin and Betts, the Brick church was a large and flourishing congregation. The membership was composed of the wealthy and cultured planters of the community and large crowds waited on the gospel at the Brick church. Mr. Rogers taught a large high school at Monticello, near by, which was attended by pupils from many parts of the State. The Brick church was made up of the noble men and women of the old South.

"In 1884 the church and graveyard were enclosed with a granite stone wall which will stand, I suppose, until time shall be no more. The wall is made of large blocks of granite laid in lime mortar. James Kincaid, Jr., gave the lime in which the blocks were laid, and it was hauled from Limestone Springs, now in Cherokee county. The granite was quarried by the congregation and hauled to the church by the members and the wall was built by a man named Spurrier.

"The War of Secession played havoc with the Brick church. It was left in a state almost of disorganization. Its men were slain, the homes of many of its people were left in ashes by Sherman's army, and the church itself was dismantled and used as quarters by the invading army. It is said that out of 28 men of the Brick church who went to the war only one returned. The horrors of war were severely felt by this people.

"There is one little incident, however, in connection with the old church that throws a little light upon the blackness of war. When the Federal army came to Little river, just at the church, they found that the Confederates whom they were pursuing, had destroyed Kincaid's bridge over the stream so they tore up the flooring and sleepers of the church and rebuilt the bridge. Some of the company was stirred in heart as he saw the desecration of the Lord's house, and he wrote in pencil on the doorfacing of the church these words which are legible to-day, after the lapse of 38 years:

"Citizens of this Community: Please excuse us for defacing your house of worship so much. It was absolutely necessary to effect a crossing over the creek, as the Rebs destroyed the bridge. A YANKEE."

"The names of many other soldiers, with the number of their regiments, are written over the walls of the church.

"So great was the blow from the war and its results that the church declined year by year until it disappeared from the roll of the Presbytery without any formal act of disorganization. After Mr. Betts resigned in 1868, occasional supplies were sent by Presbytery, but even these ceased about 20 years ago. The old Brick church, however, was not to remain dead forever. About the year 1891 Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick, the pastor of New Hope, began to cultivate the field again, and under his active labors and the fostering session of New Hope it revived so rapidly that on Aug. 25, 1893, it was reorganized with 21 members and has continued to grow so that its membership has more than doubled.

"In 1896 Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick

was installed over the Brick church in connection with Prosperity, in Newberry county, and this pastorate continued until 1899, when he resigned on account of ill health and has been preaching there regularly during this centennial year.

"The history of this old church has been a noble one.

"Prof. McKemie, of Georgia, whose ancestors for three generations are buried in the cemetery around the old Brick church says: "That old Brick church has been a seed bed from which transplants have gone throughout the South." After speaking of the names of the families already mentioned in this sketch, he says: "If I were in the cemetery I could recall many other names whose generations have carried Presbyterianism from South Carolina to the Pacific coast. I recall two ministers, Revs. Joseph and John Davidson (who were baptized in the Brick church by Dr. Rogers), who passed their ministerial lives in north Louisiana. For 35 years Joseph Davidson preached more sermons, married and buried more people than any minister in north Louisiana. John E. Davidson was a graduate of Princeton and in three years organized six or seven churches in Louisiana, but he 'went away' just as his star was mounting."

"The old communion service, with its water, tankard, cups and Irish linen, more than a century old, is still in the possession of the congregation.

Will Can a Million Rabbits.

Tacoma, Wash., News.
Several enterprising citizens intend to can not less than a million jack rabbits this summer, which are now overrunning Eastern Oregon. How to rid the State of the jacks has been an unsolved problem for years. Investigation has recently shown that wild rabbits are more game in flavor and sell better for use in dining cars, swell restaurants, hotels and clubs than domesticated Belgian hares.

A cannery is accordingly to be built at Echo, in Umatilla River Valley, below Hendleton. The privilege has been secured under contracts signed with scores of landholders to hunt rabbits on their property. The land now covered by contracts supports at least a million rabbits.

In a few weeks the young rabbits will be in good form and active work will begin. A rabbit dresses two and a half pounds, giving two and a half million pounds available on the lands secured. The market price of 30 cents per pound is expected. A cold storage plant will be erected in connection with the cannery.

One Good Effect of the Cleveland Talk.

Newton Enterprise.

One good effect that this Cleveland movement has had is that the papers which a few weeks ago would listen to no mention of a candidate unless he belonged to their wing of the party, and made light of all the harmony meetings and speeches, have now become harmonized and are insisting on a candidate occupying a middle ground between Bryan and Cleveland.

Mrs. Sarah Finger, wife of the late Major S. M. Finger, who was for many years State Superintendent of Public Instruction, died in Newton Sunday. She was a sister of Hugh Rhyne, of Paw Creek, and has many relatives in Mecklenburg county.

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We now have on hand only about 25 head of Horses and Mules. The last car load for this season has already arrived.

Twelve car loads is our record for this season! The choice stock we now have on hand is moving fast; come at once and make your selection.

NEW BUGGIES.

With the arrival of spring we have received a lot of nice new Buggies just out of the factory. We are going to sell them. Get one and enjoy that Easter ride you are planning for.

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SUMMER DAYS SHORTENED

The days and months of summer will not seem so long and hot if you own one of our delightful

HAMMOCKS

What a blessing to wife, or mother, or house-keeper, or tired workers everywhere! So often in summer you are oppressed by the heat and want to lie down to rest. But on a bed or lounge—there's the heat still, you can't escape from it. Again, the day's worries make tired nerves, and tired nerves make a little composure and comfort so welcome.

A hammock's the thing. In a hammock there's nothing under you, between you and the breezes of the wide, wide world, except the cool, strong, open setting. The whole world full of fresh air is free to flow over you and under you and around you, and you have nothing to do but swing and swim and float in soft streams of comforting coolness. It's reviving. It's refreshing. It will make you feel better. That "tired feeling"—you can feel it oozing out and getting away from you when you're in one of our hammocks.

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