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We thank our many customers for the liberal support they have given us which has enabled us to make our stores second to none in this section. Already the spirit of Thanksgiving is stirring. Already the distant glimpses of the Thanksgiving dinner with the steaming turkey as a centerpiece are seen. Already there come to the mind pictures of other Thanksgiving dinners of the long ago, when the faces of old friends and dear ones are as fresh in our minds as if we'd seen them but yesterday in the joyful group around the festal board.

While this big store is striving in the strenuous arena of commerce for mastery in its line—striving, it believes, honorably and legitimately—yet it hopes that it may always have a truly human heart—a truly American heart that will thrill and throb and beat and feel for the interest of its patrons.

Big preparations have been made for this season. Our buyers have left no stones unturned in looking for high-grade dependable merchandise.

Their purchases have been very extensive, and great saving opportunities await shoppers, owing to shrewd buying and accurate judging of the people's needs.

Prudent buyers will take time by the forelock and make their purchases early, while our mammoth stock is unbroken and prices are the lowest.



Thomson Co.
The People's Store

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 agree 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.

The Small Swindler and the Big Swindler.

Richmond News-Leader.

It is a familiar sneer against our civilization that the small swindler goes to jail while the large one tours Europe in an automobile; but perhaps on the whole the little swindler who serves his time and is forgotten is rather more fortunate than the big one who lives and flourishes, the canker at his heart and the spot on his name, and knows that he is the object of the execration of the public and of the contempt of respectable people everywhere.

Same Way in Gastonia.

Thomasville Charity and Children.

Oh no,—no liquor at High Point, if you please, and for the very good reason that it would seriously interfere with the business of the town. We dare say the average High Pointer is no more religious than the common run of mortals; in fact, some of the preachers say it is a tough town. But there is one thing a High Point man knows, and that is how to do business, and he finds he can get along a great deal better without liquor than with it.

Don't Take Failure Too Easy.

Letters of a Self-made Merchant to His Son.

And because a fellow, has failed once or twice, or a dozen times, you don't want to set him down as a failure—unless he takes failing too easy. No man's a failure till he's dead or loses his courage, and that's the same thing. Sometimes a fellow that's been batted all over the ring for nineteen rounds lands on the solar plexus of the proposition he's tackling in the twentieth. But you can have a regiment of good business qualities, and still fail without courage, because he's the colonel and he won't stand for any weakening at a critical time.

The Farmer's Advantages.

Editorial Cor. Lumberton Argus.

What a blessing is the R. F. D. service! For something like fifty years it was the habit of the editor's father to drive on Saturday evening to Clinton for his mail—six miles of sandy road twelve there and back—the distance around the earth through deep sand, in fifty years, for mail! Now, this is being hurriedly written, on the same farm, to be ready for the R. F. D. man when he comes along on his daily rounds. Moreover, a telephone line is being erected just yonder. Oh, the difference, between the isolation of our boyhood and the rural privileges of to-day—here in Sampson and throughout the State. The farmer's day is here in more respects than one.

Good By.

Grace Denio Litchfield.

We say it for an hour or for years;
We say it smiling, say it choked with tears;
We say it coldly, say it with a kiss,
And yet we have no other word than this—
"Good-by."

We have no dearer word for our heart's friend,
For him who journey's to the world's far end
And scars our souls with going: thus we say,
As unto him who steps but o'er the way—
"Good-by."

Alike to those we love and those we hate,
We say no more in parting. At life's gate,
To him who passes out beyond earth's sight,
We cry, as to the wanderer for a night—
"Good-by."

The Panama "Rebellion."

Richmond News-Leader.

The Southern people of this country of all in the world have least reason to oppose or criticize the Panama "rebellion." The people of Panama have done what we fought for years trying to do. They have seceded from a republic which disregarded their interests, rights and feelings and threatened to destroy their property. They have found the partnership unsatisfactory and dangerous and have withdrawn. In the course of human events it has become necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which united them to another.

Our sentiments, our principles and our precedents approve the revolution and our interest must be prompted by it. The South is interested especially in the speedy opening of a canal across the Isthmus. Panama severed from the republic of Columbia and in business on its own account definitely promises right of way for the canal. Most of us hereabouts favored Nicaragua, but Nicaragua is remote and uncertain and Panama is right under our hand. A bird in hand is worth two in the bush and any canal is better than none.

The Evening Service.

Rev. S. W. Parvis in the Church Economist.

Perhaps the the evening service has been demoralized during the summer. The evening service is the one great service for soul-saving. It was evening when the Lord went out after the tenants in Eden. It was evening when Isaac went into the fields to meditate, when Christ went into the mountains to pray, when Nicodemus went to the temple to inquire. All defiled persons were unclean until evening. In the evening the paschal lamb was killed. It may be that the last words of your evening service will hold a man to his God during the following week.

Plan for that evening service. People may sleep in the morning but by evening the idleness becomes a source of restlessness. They want something. They are looking for somewhere to go—somewhere where men are, where they can feel the touch and glow of life. Happy is the church that draws them at that moment. Bright lights, good music, hearty singing, an earnest prayer touching the verities of to-morrow at the office, shop, foundry, or in the home; a sermon, or series of sermons, that will be short, interesting, practical, always telling with artless simplicity the sweet story of the cross.

Sequel Centennial of the Moravian Settlement.

Raleigh Dispatch, 13th.

With the present week just one hundred and fifty years have elapsed since the first Moravian settlement was made in Wachovia this State, November 17, 1753. In commemoration of the sesqui-centennial a three days' celebration was begun to-day at the old town of Bethabara, near Salem, where the first settlement was made. Memorial exercises were held and the programme included the dedication of a number of monuments marking sites of famous incidents in the early history of the colony. One of the monuments consists of a huge boulder on which is chiseled the names of the first colonists, while on another monument in the ancient churchyard is recounted briefly the experiences of the colonists during the stirring times of the French and Indian war.

Will Cotton Go to 12-1-2 Cents?

News and Observer.

"I see no reason why, with the shortness of the cotton crop and the demand for cotton by the mills, cotton should not go to 12½ cents by or before the spring.

"We are 605,000 bales short of this time last year, counting receipts and all cotton in sight. English spinners who have been idle for months, have now resumed operations. Mills in this country are very short on cotton. They have been waiting to buy, expecting big November receipts to press down the price of cotton. Instead of the price going down on big receipts, it begins to look like a scramble for cotton.

"Better prices are warranted by present conditions. Last year the farmers got no benefit from the rise in the price because they disposed of their crop before the price was put up, after the shortness of the world's supply became known. This year the farmers ought to get the benefit. They should not break the market by rushing their cotton to the buyers. They should sell it as the spinners need it. Farmers can get advances on cotton from the banks and hold it. There is cotton held in Raleigh now by farmers who did not take the 9½ cents offer a few weeks ago. They can now sell at an advance or hold for further advances. The farmers are now in better condition than ever to hold their cotton. They have made their supplies.

"For the first time in its history, the South is now spinning more cotton than all the balance of the United States. In the next decade, we will be spinning fifty per cent more cotton than now. The manufacture of cotton is steadily coming South."

Thus spoke Captain J. J. Thomas, president of the Commercial and Farmers Bank, in Raleigh yesterday. There is no man in Raleigh whose opinions about cotton are entitled to more consideration than those of Captain Thomas. He has been in the cotton business all his life, and in Raleigh and Baltimore has made a great success. If any man in North Carolina may be called a cotton expert, that man is Captain Thomas.

Florida's Big Orange Crop.

Tampa, Fla., Dispatch, 8th.

W. R. Fuller, one of the best posted men in Florida on orange crops, states that this year's crop will be about 1,600,000 boxes, compared to 750,000 boxes last season. This year's crop was first estimated at 2,000,000, but with damage done by storms and red spiders it will be brought to the figures named.

In 1884 the crop was 600,000 boxes, and increased steadily until the year before the great freeze, when it was 8,000,000. That year it was reduced to 75,000 boxes.

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