

STORE GOODNESS

So busy are we to-day sending out goods to eager customers that we haven't time to write an elaborate advertisement of our great store's contents. We just have to pack together some truths that you will find just so—just as we tell them to you.

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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 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.

No Help Like Self-Help.

The orphanage church at Thomasville contributed three times as much to the orphanage on Thanksgiving day as any other church in the State. People who try to help themselves will never fail to get all the help outside they may need.

How Many Tell Themselves the Truth?

Exactly why Ananias and his wife were punished for lying is a mystery to many good and reverent people, who do not question the justice of the sentence, but are forced to believe that there was some unexplained exceptional reason for the exception made against this unhappy pair. If all of us who are guilty as they were should suffer their fate the race would be so nearly extinct that hardly enough would be left for seed.

Ananias was slain because he lied to the Spirit of the Almighty. The vast majority of us not only try to lie to God, but succeed brilliantly in lying to ourselves every day in the year. How many of us honestly tell ourselves the truth and look at ourselves with eyes of honest scrutiny and just inquiry?

Gambling in North Carolina.

The Charlotte Observer reports a large section of the men of that city—and some of the women and children—wildly speculating in cotton futures. Verily they shall have their reward—poverty in this world and perdition in that which is to come.

And here is Bill Fife, having won to himself friends in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, advertising speculative mining stocks, and pleading—actually pleading—with his friends to sink their money in his gambling schemes. As an evangelist there were some that regarded him as a reproach to the Gospel; as a promoter of stock gambling in the name of his former pretensions he is a stench in the nostrils of decent men. We warn the Christian people of North Carolina against his schemes.

Sentence Sermons.

Grumbling is the child of greed.
Sin is never healed by humoring it.
Faith is the greatest force in the world.
You cannot feed the soul on frozen truths.
Style is no substitute for sterling strength.
Character may be sold, but it cannot be bought.
The hope of this world is in the hard things we have to do.
As soon as a man is good enough he is no longer any good.
Character is what we are when we haven't time to calculate.
No man moves this world until he is profoundly moved himself.
It takes more than a bellows in the pulpit to start a fire in the church.

HAND BLOWN TO PIECES.

Dispensary Whiskey Gets Some Travelers Into Trouble—The Young Man Was a "Ruffian."
Yorkville Register, etc.

A mother and sister, seated with a wounded husband and father, in a ramshackle dilapidated looking covered wagon, shivering with cold apprehension and dread, while surgeons were amputating the right hand of son and brother, was the pitiable spectacle that was presented before the office of Dr. Miles Walker during more than an hour last Wednesday morning.

A gun bursting accident was the impression that the woman gave inquirers; but it was evident that she was not disposed to throw much light on the matter, and there seemed to be better reason for accepting the story of the little girl. Her version of the situation, which was recited reluctantly, but nevertheless with evident frankness, attributed the troubles of the family to whiskey.

It was not a very familiar looking sight that the outfit presented when it drove up to the office of Dr. Walker. The personnel consisted of four people—a poorly dressed, hard-faced man of about fifty, and a woman who seemed to be pretty nearly the same age. There was a little girl of twelve and a boy who seemed about twenty. The boy attracted the most immediate attention for the reason that his clothes were covered with blood, and gory strings of skin hanging from the thumb and little finger were all that he had to show for a right hand. The father sat in the wagon holding a wounded head in his hand, and the woman and child sat beside him apparently trying to afford him such comfort and consolation as they could. The young man was helped out into the office of Dr. Walker, and that was about the shape in which the reporter found the situation when he arrived.

Members of the crowd that quickly gathered about the doctor's office questioned the woman as to the trouble. She showed the shattered stock of a cheap gun, and from what she said the crowd understood that when the boy had undertaken to fire the over-loaded piece it had burst tearing his hand to pieces and wounding the old man in the head. The gun had been loaded almost to the muzzle, it was said, and the wadding over the shot could be seen from looking into the barrel. The story of the woman made it appear that the boy was drunk, and that he had discharged the gun in spite of the entreaties of the party not to do anything of the kind.

Some kind-hearted gentlemen took the little girl into the York Drug store, where she could get the benefit of the warm fire, and in answer to questions she said, that the family had passed through Yorkville the day before and her father and brother had each bought a "jimmyjohn of whiskey at the dispensary." Her father had poured her brother's whiskey out, and when her brother learned of it he broke the jug containing the whiskey of her father. Her father was very angry at this and seized the gun with a threat to shoot her brother. Her brother seized the gun also and in the struggle that followed the gun was discharged, with the result described. The girl's story was not exactly clear but this was the substance of it.

Assisted by Drs. White and McDowell, Dr. Walker worked on the injured man's hand for nearly an hour. After the doctors had put the poor wretch under the influence of chloroform and ether, they at first thought to save as much of the hand as possible; but they found that the bones were too badly splintered and they cut the hand off at the wrist, taking care to leave enough skin to flap over the stump. They made a good job of the operation, and dressed the wound with the utmost care.

Volunteers assisted the doctors in holding the young man during the operation. It was deemed best not to let him up for a few minutes after he had come from under the influence of the chloroform and ether. He grew impatient, and in his struggle, severely bit one of the gentlemen who was holding him. "Why man," remarked Dr. Walker, "you are not going to treat people who are trying to be kind to you that way are you; that is rough." "I'm a ruffian, I am," said the fellow, and Dr. Walker agreed that he told the truth. After the operation was over the young man was put back into the wagon, which evidently contained all the material effects

of the family—ragged bed clothing, an old tent, some simple cooking utensils etc.—and refusing to go to the county home where Dr. Walker had arranged for their comfort, they drove out of town. They encamped on the Howell Ferry road about a mile and a half from the court house.

The outfit had no money what ever, and in addition to work that Drs. Walker, White and McDowell did for the young man there was a bill of several dollars to be paid at the drug store for supplies, and for which the doctors will no doubt have to stand.

It is understood that the name of the family is Turner. They claim to be from Union, S. C., but have been in Charlotte for some time, and were beating their way through the country, the men picking up a few dollars by the way cleaning and painting furniture.

SOMEWHAT EXACTING WOMAN.

She Was Postmistress in a Texas Town and Did Not Suit the Inhabitants Thereof.

Chicago Tribune, Nov. 20.

Washington, D. C.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow received information today from the sheriff of a little town in Texas which caused him immediately to order a post-office inspector to visit the place and investigate conditions in the postoffice there. Mr. Bristow isn't exactly sure whether he is going to hear from the inspector or read an account in some newspaper of his funeral obsequies. He is hoping for the best, however.

According to the sheriff's letter the citizens of the little town would like to have the postmistress "tuned down." He explains that the presiding genius of the office has undertaken to improve the manners of the residents of the town, which he admits are ragged from disuse. But the means adopted to attain this praiseworthy end are considered harsh.

The postmistress will not permit any citizen of the town to enter the office with his hat on and when the mayor or the sheriff or some more humble resident is a trifle forgetful and strolls up to the counter with his head covered the postmistress enforces her desire with a brace of Colt's 45s.

"We don't set up any claim that our manners are all they should be," says the sheriff, but we'd like to be reasoned with and helped along. The postmistress here is a worthy woman all right, and there ain't a thing against her character, but she is certainly rude and hasty. "There's another thing we don't think is fair. The postmistress won't let niggers and greasers come in the office under any consideration. We ain't overfond of niggers and greasers ourselves, but it is sure discommoding for the leading citizens to have to go to the post office personally to get the mail just because this lady don't like to see anything but a gentleman."

Mr. Bristow thought the case deserved consideration and dispatched an inspector to the scene.

The South's Profit by the Advances in Cotton.

Baltimore Sun.

The planters of the South, owing to the sustained price of cotton and the new bull movement, are expected to get \$200,000,000 more for their crop this year than last year. Speculators, it is believed, will this time not get the whole advance, but the millions will be more widely distributed. Since other products are ample in volume and bring good prices, the prosperity of the South for some time to come seems assured.

The Dignity and Manliness of Labor Should be Impressed on the Young.

Monroe Register.

"The man who is ashamed to do honest work," said Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, "has something wrong with his head. He needs to be taken all down and put together again. No one needs to be ashamed of having to walk between the plow handles. If there is any one occupation of man that God directly instituted, it is that of farming." Now that is what the public schools ought to teach the children—the dignity and manliness of honest, intelligent work, however hard, however humble. Teach them that education is for the purpose of making us better and more capable workers not to help us escape work.

COST OF PANAMA CANAL.

To Complete It Will Take Nearly Two Hundred Million Dollars More.

Yorkville Register.

It is estimated that it will cost the United States \$184,233,358 to acquire and complete the Panama canal, besides the amount to be paid to the government in control of the isthmus for concessions, says the New York Tribune.

Already there has been an immense amount of money and energy expended on the canal. It is safe to say that a sum more than sufficient to dig a waterway from ocean to ocean at sea level has been collected from investors at different times in its history.

When De Lesseps organized the first company in 1880 for the construction of the canal, it started work with a paid-up capital of \$90,000,000. For eight years the company toiled, employing at times as many as fifteen thousand men. Then came a necessity for changing the plans and the company failed, after having collected in round figures from the sale of stocks and bonds \$280,000,000. Of this it was shown that the expenditures actually made on the isthmus amounted to \$158,400,000, and that the cost of excavation and embankment proper was \$98,600,000. The ultimate cost was then estimated at \$174,600,000. For several years an effort was made to capitalize a new company to complete the work, and at last, in 1894, the present Panama Canal company was organized with a paid-up capital of \$13,000,000. Since that time work has advanced at the rate of about 1,000,000 cubic yards of excavation each year.

The total amount of excavation up to the present time has been about 81,000,000 cubic yards. Unfortunately, only about 40,000,000 cubic yards of this is available for the waterway proposed in 1880-1900 by the canal commission, of which Rear Admiral Walker was president. The Walker commission's recommendation included this available excavation in the \$40,000,000 to be paid the canal company for its work, maps, records, drawings and the property of the Panama Railroad company. The commission estimated that the total amount of excavation which would be required for the canal to be built from its plans, exclusive of that for the Bohio dam and the Giganti spillway, would be 94,863,703 cubic yards. The work remaining to be done, therefore, represents the difference between the amount of available excavation which it will acquire by purchase from the Panama Canal company, or nearly three-fifths of the entire work. It is estimated that the cost of this work will be \$144,233,358, in addition to the sum to be paid to the present owner of the property. By the time it is completed more than \$480,000,000 will have been obtained in one way or another for use in building the canal, while nearly \$312,000,000 will have actually been spent in construction and administration.

It was the intention of the Panama Canal company to make the canal 29.5 feet deep. The increased dimensions of steamers now being built has made it necessary to plan for a much deeper canal, and the Walker commission's plans are for a waterway 38 feet deep.

The Way of It.

Baltimore Sun.

The man who makes \$68,000 on gambling is called a financier. The negro who plays seven up for 5 cents a game goes to the chain gang.

Novelty Handkerchiefs and Neck Ties.

Inviting Values in Holiday Gifts. Our novelty handkerchiefs and neckties—they make beautiful holiday gifts. Christmas is brighter to those who prepare for it by buying now instead of waiting until the wild and giddy rush is on at the very last. Get what you want by buying now.

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