

**THE NEWS.**

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**Arrival and Departure of Trains.**

**NORTH BOUND.**

No. 10 Mail and Ex. ar. 1:22 p.m.  
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**SOUTH BOUND.**

No. 9 Mail and Ex. de. 1:50 p.m.  
No. 63 " " " 9:05 a.m.

Maj. H. A. London, of Pittsboro, has announced himself a candidate for Corporation Commissioner to succeed Mr. Beddingfield. Major London is a man of ability and has been a life long Democrat and done much service to his party and the State. We would be pleased to see him elected to the office to which he aspires.

As a matter of information to our neighbor, the Topic, we will say that the Editor of the News has paid his poll tax and expects to vote for prohibition. As an able committee has been selected, however, to conduct the campaign in this county, we do not see the need of the News tearing its shirt in the matter.

The Supreme Court of the United States has handed down its decision in the celebrated Railroad rate cases and the decision is a complete vindication of Judge J. C. Pritchard, of this State. The decision was almost unanimous, Judge Harlan being the only one dissenting. Of the nine Justices composing the Supreme Court, six are Republicans and three Democrats and Justice Harlan, the only dissenting member, is a Republican, so it cannot be truthfully said that the court was in any way influenced by political bias. The decision is a "solar plexus" blow at the States rights advocates who talked so long and loud during the recent railroad agitation.

Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Craig have both felt called upon to denounce some of the newspapers of the State, or rather as they are pleased to term it, defend themselves against attacks of the newspapers. Both of these young men seem to have explanations and defenses to make in regard to their positions on certain questions. This being so it would seem to be the wise thing for the Democratic party in this State to take up Mr. Ashley Horne, who probably has no superior in the State in point of integrity and business capacity and make him Governor. Mr. Horne has a record any man might be proud of and would make a Governor who would inspire confidence and revive industrial progress all over the State. The young men can well afford to wait four years and let us have a successful business man for Governor and not an ambitious politician.

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**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Lesson XIII.—First Quarter, For March 29, 1908.

**THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.**

Text of the Lesson, Prov. xxiii, 29-35. Memory Verse, 31—Golden Text, Prov. xxiii, 32—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1908, by American Press Association.] All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. \* \* \* that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning (I Tim. iii, 16, 17; Rom. xv, 4). These sayings certainly include the book of Proverbs as well as every other part of the Scriptures. This has been called a book on godliness or holy living, contrasting God's wisdom and man's folly; it is God's wisdom for man's ignorance. The words wise and wisdom are used over 100 times, and the words fool, folly, foolish, foolishness, over ninety times. In chapter viii and elsewhere wisdom evidently refers to the Son of God, for He is the wisdom of God (I Cor. i, 24). By contrast we think of the fools of whom He Himself spake, who hear His words but do them not, who are rich on earth, but not rich toward God; who have no use for prophecy (Matt. vii, 26; Luke xii, 29, 31; xxiv, 25). In verse 4 of this lesson chapter we read, "Labor not to be rich; cease from thine own wisdom," for it is man's wisdom to get rich quickly and at any cost, for he is slow to believe that riches make themselves wings and fly away (verse 5).

Our lesson, with its immediate context, sets forth the folly of bad women and strong drink, two of the great evils of this world by which the great destroyer destroys multitudes. Concerning the former it is written, "Her house is the way to hell" (chapter vii, 27), and, concerning both, they cannot inherit the kingdom of God (I Cor. vi, 9-11), but that even such have been saved and may be saved, for Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, to seek and save the lost. Woe and sorrow is the present portion of all such, and if they die in their sins then it will be torment that will cover a drop of water to cool the tongue, and finally the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Luke xvi, 24; Matt. xxv, 41).

But God is not willing that any should perish, and in the person of His Son He became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, was wounded and bruised for us, bearing our sins in His own body on the cross, suffering the just and the unjust, that He might bring us to God (Isa. liii, 3-5; I Pet. ii, 24; iii, 18), and He it is who says, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, for wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it, for whoso findeth Me findeth life and shall obtain favor of the Lord" (chapter iv, 7; viii, 11, 35).

All sin is a form of selfishness, the gratification of the carnal mind, which is enmity against God, and the only hope for any kind of a sinner is a new heart, a clean heart, which God Himself must create in us, and does when we receive Him who was made sin for us. Every one, moral or openly sinful, must be born of God, as we learned in our recent lesson on John iii. The carnal mind, the natural man, is incorrigibly bad and never can be made new (Rom. viii, 7), but the Son of God, the wisdom of God, will receive any sinner who comes to Him (John vi, 37), will enter any heart that is opened to Him, and then the sinner becomes a new creature in Christ.

If Christ is then allowed to have the right of way in the life that He has redeemed and to work out the works which He has prepared (Eph. ii, 10), God will be glorified and the life of Jesus made manifest in that life.

In verse 23 of our lesson we read of the eyes and the heart, and in Lam. iii, 51, we learn that the eye affects the heart, and in Job xxi, 7, that the heart walks after the eyes. If, therefore, we would live as we should we must look in the right direction and continue so to do. In verse 31 we read, "Look not," but there must be a counter attraction, therefore the command, "Look unto Me and be ye saved." "Behold the Lamb of God," "Run with patience, looking unto Jesus" (Isa. xiv, 22; John i, 29, 36; Heb. xii, 1, 2). By looking unto Him there is life for every lost one, and by continuing to look there is a life of triumph for every saved one. Apart from Him there is no life, and looking anywhere else but unto Him there is no victory. The words "at the last" in verse 32 should lead us to consider well that there is a last opportunity to repent, a last call to turn to God, and "be that, being often reproved, hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (xxix, 1). For the sinner of every kind there is a last indulgence and then, if cut off in sin, eternal woe. Consider Dan. v, 30; Luke xii, 20, and the context.

Verse 34 of the lesson makes us think of that word of David, "Truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death" (I Sam. xx, 3). The last verse suggests chapter xxvii, 22, "Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him."

Apart from God and His Spirit and the blood of His dear Son, the case of any and every sinner is utterly hopeless, but to such a Shepherd and Saviour nothing is too hard. Note the joy and rejoicing of verses 15, 16, 24.

**In Memory of Miss E. L. Rankin.**

(By one of the many who rise up to call her blessed.)

Me thinks there falls on listening ears The strains of Heavenly song, As at the shining gate there stands A glad and happy throng Of those who press to welcome one The Lord has loved so long. 'Tis she, the steadfast one, Whose friendship made us feel That life, with all its change and chance,

Still held things true and real. And as the angels lead her on, Up to the waiting King, A shining peace is on her face For joy that she may bring Not empty hands, to meet His clasp, But full and running o'er, Of ransomed souls who watched for her

Upon the farther shore. For 'twas her life of righteousness That shone, a strong white light, To point them, as the way grew broad,

To paths of truth and right. And hear ye not the Master's voice Saying "Come thou faithful one Thine is the crown, the victory, For a noble life well done." The world seems poorer now by far, And the tears too ready start, Since we lost her smile and helping hand

And the sunshine in her heart. Yet let there be no selfish grief At close of a life so true In gentle strength and wisdom rare She builded, better than she knew, And those of us who tarry yet In precious memory keep The lessons learned from her life book So full and sweet and deep.

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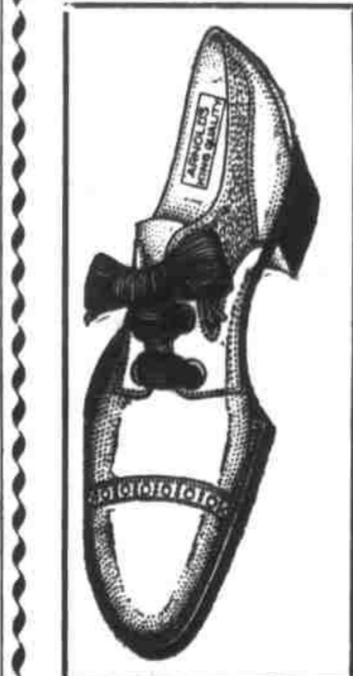
**TAX DELINQUENTS.**

The 1st of April is near at hand. Under the law if Taxes are Not Paid before that date, then the lands of such tax payer may be sold for his delinquent taxes on the First Monday in May. This I hope will not be necessary, but the law is clear. Better pay now and Save the cost of advertising and sale. The collection of these taxes to meet the disbursements of the Town and Graded School, I must make. All owe alike. To the Poll Tax Payer I desire to say, Garnishees have been in order since November 1st, 1907. I can levy on personal property at any time. This is unpleasant but will be done soon unless these taxes are paid. I Hope that this reminder will be sufficient and that all who are behind with their taxes, will come forward at once and pay them or else it may be necessary to Exercise the Powers that the Law gives me. Don't wait for me to call—my office is at Lenoir Feed Store. Hunt me up and pay that Tax you owe.

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