

Prayer of the Rev. H. C. Conden the Blind Chaplain of the National House of Representatives on the Opening of Congress.

"We lift up our hearts in gratitude and praise to Thee, O God, our Heavenly Father, for Thine own best gifts unto the children of men 1900 years ago, the light of the world, the incarnation of Thy love, the express image of Thy glory; the Anointed One whom Thou didst send to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the heart-broken, to preach deliverance to the blind, to set at liberty the oppressed and preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

"Hence we pray for a universal faith, in Him which shall sweep away all doubt, and unite the whole family of mankind into one great brotherhood; an universal justice which shall right all wrong, an universal level which shall dispel all hate, bring in an universal peace, which shall be stronger than war and unite all hearts in the glad acclaim, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And now, O God, our heavenly Father, as we separate to celebrate the glad event of the season, wreath our faces in smiles, fill our hearts with generosity, that we may feed the hungry, clothe the naked and fill our homes with joy and gladness; and thus by example preach the acceptable year of the Lord and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom; that Thy will may be done in earth, in the name and spirit of Thine only begotten, our Lord and Master, Amen."

Fugitive From Justice.

Watauga Democrat.

On Tuesday morning, when the news was phoned over the county that Leroy Osborne, a well known horse trader on Cove Creek, had departed the State between two days, his creditors got busy in every quarter, trying to find something they could attach to save their debts. But, alas! nothing available was in sight. One creditor determined not to be a loser in the game (Riley May by name) mounted his steed and headed for the State line at Trade, Tenn., where he found that Mr. Osborne had fed his stock for breakfast. Here he took the law, as it were in his own hands, and followed on in hot pursuit, until he sighted the wagon of Osborne, with four fine mules and three good horses tied thereto. He rode up behind, the wagon bumping over the stones muffling the sound of his horse's feet, cut loose the stock and with them was soon making the mud fly in the direction of the Old North State. Osborne, missing his stock, soon overtook May, but as they could not come to any agreement without Osborne paying over to the said May the sum of \$500.00, he kept hitting the road for Boone where the stock is now held by attachment. There was no man in the county, so far as we know, who stood fairer than Roy Osborne, and his departure was a great shock to the people here.

Governor Glenn, being informed that the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School for the detention and reformation of the criminal youth of North Carolina at Concord is ready for occupancy, issued his proclamation Wednesday to that effect and notified the Judges, Mayors and recorders of criminal courts that they have the authority and it is their duty, to sentence to this school all persons under 16 convicted of any violation of the criminal laws.

Making Model Mechanics out of Bad Boys.

Cincinnati has an institution whose sole business is in the making of useful mechanics out of bad boys. A youngster embarked on the road downward is given a compulsory chance to make a good citizen out of himself, but whether he does so or not he is skilled in one of the good trades which will enable him to earn a living anywhere before he is let go.

The institution is the Cincinnati House of Refuge and it has been turning out carpenters, shoemakers, ironworkers, blacksmiths, bakers, tailors and other skilled workers for several years. Many of them are now among Cincinnati's most skilled mechanics.

These young mechanics while learning their trade at the Refuge, are at the same time receiving a good schooling. Their work at the benches supply the institution with clothing, shoes, and other garments.

The bakers and cooks prepare the food. It is an interesting fact that the majority of these boys would rather be carpenters and ironworkers than bakers or tailors. Probably 75 per cent. of all turned out are graduated carpenters. Many of them become so interested in their work that they prefer to stay after their compulsory time, and before they leave they become highly skilled.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 6.—A Pensacola, Fla., special says that Sheriff Van Pelt, of Pensacola, has given orders that the street cars cannot run on Sunday in that city. He says the laws against manual labor on Sunday will make it a violation.

Having been censured for not enforcing the law, the sheriff says the city and county will now get enough of it.

Delaware, O., Jan. 6.—Ten days ago a young dog belonging to James Ball accompanied a crowd of boys into the woods. The dog was lost, and after a search of an hour which failed to bring forth any trace of the canine, the boys returned to town. Yesterday the same boys took a trip to the woods and gave chase to a rabbit. The rabbit was lost track of in the vicinity of a groundhog hole, and was supposed to have run into it. The boys reached into the hole, and instead of pulling out the rabbit, produced the lost pup. The dog had got into the hole and was unable to get out; but after it had several meals showed no ill effect from its ten days imprisonment.

William W. Kitchen is now governor of North Carolina. The ceremonies which attended the inauguration of the Old North State's new chief executive never before was surpassed in brilliance. The parade was elaborate. Governor Kitchen made a strong and elaborate address to the immense throng of people present. He advocates a legalized primary, urges a fair trial for the Prohibition law, endorses the educational policy, better living conditions in mill settlements, inspector for child labor law, more power to attorney-general in regulation of corporations, for better roads; advocates bank guaranty law for those banks that want it, and touches lightly on the railways.

Joseph C. Brown, a negro mail clerk on the Southern Railway, was arrested in Greensboro last Wednesday for robbing the mails. He was placed in jail in default of bond.

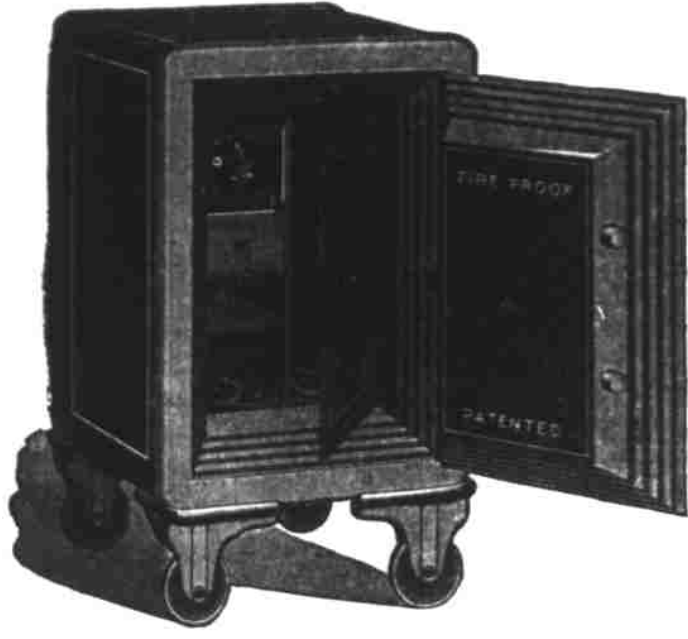
The Best Planet's Best Part.

As for thousands of years past, there are important drawbacks to residence in Southern Italy. The recent catastrophe suggests reflections that the surface of this old globe as a whole is scarcely any more stable than it should be.

Whether holding the Laplachian, the planitesimal or some other theory of the formation and destruction of solar systems constantly going on in the universe, astronomers agree that each system is born fiery hot throughout and gradually cools during the succeeding ages. The immense mass of a central body or sun keeps it blazing many millions of years after most or all of the attending planets have cooled, and in ways not yet well understood its heat is to some extent renewed from time to time; but in the end even suns "go out"—a number of such exist within the astronomer's ken to-day. In our own solar system Jupiter, the largest of the planets, has naturally cooled the most slowly. His surface is still very hot and is the scene of storms whose fury is inconceivable except by comparison with those prevailing on the sun. Of course life in any form cannot exist under any such circumstances.

At the other extreme stands our highly interesting neighbor, Mars, who, being very small, cooled or aged quickly and has now reached an advanced stage of planetary evolution. His oceans have dried up, his atmosphere has become greatly rarefied, clouds and rain are almost or altogether absent. There must be decidedly low temperatures whenever and wherever the surface is not struck directly by the sun's rays. The well known channels or "canals," running and intersecting with geometrical regularity, appear to bring water from the poles to the more genial though now arid regions and are regarded by some astronomers as proving conclusively the existence of intelligent life on the planet. Mars, though the same age in years as Jupiter and every other kindred planet, is thus very old. His intelligent inhabitants, granting their existence as a fact, fight a slowly losing fight against the extinction that visibly awaits them. Further advanced than any planet is our satellite, the moon, which is a dead and frozen world, waterless and practically without an atmosphere.

At a happy stage between the very young and the very old is this planet of ours, now in its early prime. It is fairly well advanced in age, yet its crust has hardened and cooled to a depth little if any greater proportionately than that represented by the skin on an apple. We do not mean to say there is casually any great permanent connection, so far as known, between changing interior and changing exterior, but that the later changes in each case apparently proceed along parallel lines. So tremendous is the pressure of gravity upon the earth's interior, that although extremely dense and more rigid than steel, it remains hot and probably molten. In time the cooling will penetrate deeper and deeper but meantime the plutonian forces chafing beneath are separated from the surface only by a thin crust and at times make themselves felt through it. Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are out of world's lingering immaturities. The former are confined to more or less definite regions and it is usually only in or near those same regions that earthquakes are important. Evidently some points on the earth's surface must be either thinner than the sufficiently thin average or have fiery ener-



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gies of exceptional power at work immediately underneath. Such dangerous spots are Sicily and Southern Italy, the whole western American coast in varying degrees from the Arctic to the Antarctic, Japan, and the vicinity of Java. Other things being equal, we should not choose any of these as a place of residence.

There is much reason for believing that we live on the best planet in the solar system or the universe. We are well satisfied with life in those subdivisions of the planet which our country and State comprise. Therefore we are content, and, being content, hope that every one equally fortunate is content likewise.

It is very annoying to telephone subscribers to find during the very busy hour in the evening when they want to use the phone, that some young couple is sparking over the wire, or somebody else is holding a long, gossiping conversation. Some people use the telephone almost any time for almost anything.

Give the boys something practical such as a box or carpenter's tools, a soldering set or a drawing outfit, instead of guns, drums and toy pistols. Teach creative not destructive force.

When a man gets so rich or high in society that he is ashamed of his bent old mother in her plaid shawl and of her lack of grammar, he is too snobbish for honest men to trust out.

If the politicians were half as solicitous for the welfare of the farmer after the election as they are for his vote before it, he would soon get all that is coming to him, including the postal saving bank.

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"When in Doubt buy of Price."

News From Granite Falls.

Miss Helen Shell, of Lenoir, who has been the guest of Miss Allred, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Lula Hickman and daughter, Mima, have returned home after spending the holidays with relatives in Matthews and Charlotte.

Miss Terrell returned to her work Tuesday after a visit to her parents at Ansonville.

Messrs. Fred and Marvin Terrell were visitors in town last week.

Mr. Charles Russel returned to Richmond, Va., Monday, after spending the holidays at home.

Rev. Sanford and family arrived last week and were given a hearty greeting. We are glad to have them among us and trust that they will find their work pleasant.

Mr. Ed Starn's handsome resi-

dence is almost completed, and he expects to move into it at an early date.

Miss Annie Stone is the charming guest of Mrs. F. R. Tilley this week.

Mr. Jay Allred returned to Catawba college Wednesday to resume his work.

Miss Pearl Whisenant returned to Davenport college Wednesday.

The "younger set" cordially invited themselves to a New Year's party at Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Terrells Friday night, and enjoyed the evening very much. Mr. and Mrs. Terrell are always charming and it seems that they tried themselves on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shell returned Tuesday from Lenoir where they have been visiting relatives. Mrs. Shell is a lovely girl and will find a cordial welcome in our town.