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One Dollar Per Year.

## Mental

### Strain Affected General Health.

### Doctor's Doses Weakened Stomach.

### Dr. Miles' Nervine Cured Me.

Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine brings rest and sweet sleep to the tired brain worn out with the cares and anxieties of the sick room. Read the following:

"I have always been healthy with the exception of a touch of rheumatism since my wedding. Up to the time of my husband's illness some years ago. I assisted in nursing my husband for nearly three months and he departed this life and the mental strain which caused my trouble. Aside from extreme nervousness my trouble consisted of a sore throat and neuralgia. My physician gave me purgative doses which weakened my very much and my stomach for a time became inactive. Mental strain and the dominant condition of my stomach was the cause of my general health. I had little appetite and was soon forced to stay in bed a greater part of the time. Within a week after the time I began taking Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Tonic I was up about the house. I continued their use until completely cured. My faith in Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Tonic is strengthened by experience of other people, our daughter having used Restorative Nervine with splendid results in a case of paralysis and a friend to whom I sent a box of the Anti-Pain Pills reports that she has been completely cured of neuralgia by their use. I know of a number of others who your medicine has helped in a large degree. I wish you continued success."

—Mrs. J. M. COFFMAN, Dayton, Va.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottles. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Tonic, 150 West 12th Street, New York, N. Y. Dr. Miles' Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

T. H. Butler, a prominent citizen of Gastonia, was a Shelby visitor last week.

Miss Tommie Simpson left last Thursday for Kernville, her future home.

W. D. Lackey, a prominent business man of Fallston, was an ever welcome STAR caller Thursday, we were glad to hear that his wife, who has been quite ill, is improving very rapidly.

J. P. D. Withrow, the enterprising merchant of Holts was an ever welcome Shelby visitor Thursday.

C. E. Ledley of Baltimore, was here on business last week.

The charming Miss Ola Whisman has returned home after a delightful visit to Rutherfordton and Forest City.

Congressman E. Y. Webb has returned from Washington and Raleigh.

W. T. Dunlap, formerly of Shelby but now of Charlotte, was here greeting his old friends and acquaintances last week.

S. C. Hendrick, of Fallston, one of Stamey Bros. polite and accommodating clerks, after spending his vacation at Bessemer City and Gastonia, was a most welcome STAR caller and reawful Friday, enroute to his home at Fallston.

Mrs. C. U. Grigg, of Bessemer City was a pleasant STAR caller and renewal Friday.

B. C. Houser and Floyd J. Mauney are on the road for the J. S. Martin & Co. wholesale house this week.

L. M. Conner visited relatives at Charlotte last week.

Mrs. L. M. McKinney of Spencer visited friends in Shelby last week.

J. B. Wilkinson, formerly of this place but now of Atlanta, was a pleasant visitor in Shelby Monday.

W. F. Wortman and M. W. Grigg of Shelby were among our many new subscribers and renewals Wednesday.

W. C. Nelson, wife and baby, of Union, S. C. visited his father, Mr. J. P. Nelson, last week.

J. M. McCurry, of Shelby and J. A. Baker, of Waco, were among our many new subscribers Wednesday.

N. C. McBrayer, of Rutherford county, visited his son, James C. McBrayer of this place, last week.

Y. L. Dedmon, of Shelby and Y. Elliott, of Beam's Mills, were two of our many STAR callers and renewals last week.

Mrs. H. M. Doll, who has been visiting her father, Mr. D. F. Dixon has returned to her home at Sparta, N. C.

Mrs. W. H. Miller, and daughter, Miss Madeline Miller, were registered at the Buford last Wednesday.—Charlotte Observer.

Prof. R. L. Howell of Grover High School, was in town Saturday. Prof. Howell has 80 students and a good flourishing school.

Miss Edna Ballard of Iron Station, is assisting him.—Gastonia Gazette.

Vest Esam, and sister, Miss Jessie, left last week for Landrum, S. C., on a visit.

John Green, a prominent business man of Bowling Springs, was in the city Wednesday.—Gaffney Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lambert who have been spending some

time at the College Hotel, have gone to Greensboro.

Mrs. Joseph Carpenter was a delightful STAR caller last Tuesday.

Ike Levy, a popular traveling man from Baltimore, was in the city Thursday.

L. U. Campbell and W. W. Gaffney, of Gaffney, N. C., were here Friday. They were here preparing to open their mensite mine near here.

C. B. White, a prominent young capitalist from New York, was a guest at the Shelby Hotel Friday.

Lewis Straus, the well known shoe man of Richmond, was in the city last week greeting his many friends.

S. A. Smith has returned from Paoli, S. C., where he was called by telegram that his son, Policeman Blake Smith had been shot. His son is getting along nicely and will soon be out.

Rev. W. F. Ashburn, formerly of this county but now of Liberty, was at Charlotte last week having his throat treated by Dr. A. M. Whisman, and is visiting his brother-in-law, Dr. Hunt, at Casar. He was a welcome caller and new subscriber at The STAR office Friday.

Miss Meta Watson leaves Saturday for Durham where she will accept a lucrative position as stenographer.

Mrs. Fields and son leave this week for Greensboro where they will join Mr. Fields.

Robert S. Lincery, one of the most popular and oldest traveling men on the road, was here Friday.

John S. Waters, the popular representative of the Standard Oil Co., was here last week.

W. W. Green, of Raleigh, was here Thursday introducing the new headache remedy Fe No Pep-Zone.

E. B. Gray, of Sparta, was in the city last week.

H. E. Levery, of Knoxville, Tenn., was in the city Friday giving out samples of Walla Walla Gum.

A. M. Lattimore of Holly Bush, was in the city Thursday.

A. N. Albas, of Baltimore, was a guest at the Shelby Hotel Thursday.

W. H. Sullivan, of Marion, visited friends in Shelby and Blacksburg, N. C., last week.

W. T. Witherspoon, of Cherryville, representing the Gisor Threshing Machine Co., of Waynesboro, Pa., was a pleasant STAR caller and new subscriber last Friday.

T. W. Hamrick, our popular jeweler, made a flying trip to Spartanburg last week.

Sam Trent, of Earls, was a welcome Shelby visitor last week.

Little Rock Letter.

Correspondence STAR.

We will do our best to give the people of Cleveland county some news from Little Rock, Ark.

The city is located on the Arkansas river. There are 40,000 inhabitants. There is a free bridge, three railroad-bridges that connect the town together, and large steam boats pass up and down the river. There are five large oil mills, Southern cotton oil mill, being the largest. It consumes 18 car loads of seed per day. Among the other establishments are five ice factories, one brewery, 72 saloons and two railroad shops.

This is a fine farming country producing fruits of all kinds, grains and cotton grow large, producing one and one-half bales to the acre. It averages from 3 to 5 feet high. You get 80¢ per hundred for picking it.

We have all kinds of people here, viz: Jews, Gentiles, negroes, Dutchmen, French, Chinamen, Indian, Irish Dagoes and mixed races, and still mixing.

It is a distance of 160 miles from Little Rock to Memphis, Tenn., and most of the land is bottom and prairie. A common laboring man gets from \$1.25 to \$6.00 per day.

Stock runs at large and live 9 months of the year on the range. There is lots of game such as deer, turkey, geese, ducks, and quails. Mr. Henderson says he killed seven deer in two weeks, in thirteen miles of Little Rock.

### Retirement of Mr. Reagan.

### INCIDENTS OF A LONG AND NOTABLE PUBLIC CAREER—HIS HOODOOS OF SENATORIAL SEATS.

Washington Dispatch to New York Evening Post.

The newspapers announce that John H. Reagan, Postmaster General of the late Confederate States of America and only surviving member of its cabinet; sponsor for, and would-be author of the inter State commerce law, and an almost incessant office holder for sixty-three years, is about to retire to private life.

If Mr. Reagan were fifty-four years old instead of eighty-four, he would now be in the thick of the anti-trust fight, for his great bugbear is, and always has been monopoly in trade. He is remembered here, however, as an interesting man, when he could be dragged by main force away from his bed of making over the commercial fabric. It was one of his sore points that people would continually refer to the civil war in his hearings as a struggle over slavery.

It was not the slave question at all that brought on the conflict, he would declare, "but industrial jealousy. When Jefferson made the Louisiana purchase strenuously, on the ground that the addition of this Territory would give the agricultural interests of the country preponderance over the manufacturing interests; they even threatened to secede. Similar demonstrations occurred when Missouri and Texas were admitted as States. Before the crisis which brought on the civil war, various Federal administrations had been severely criticized when they had pursued policies disapproved by any of the States, but nowhere except in New England had secession been seriously considered. Indeed, till the Southern States proposed to withdraw from the Union, no one appears to have questioned the right of a State to do so, whatever may have been thought of the expediency of secession."

In the Senate Reagan's favorite occupation was sitting sideways in a chair and playing cat's cradle with a piece of string. He would busy his hands thus for hours together while listening to a debate, but proved his attentiveness by frequent queries and other interpolations. The seat he occupied in this way was almost never his own. Just why he should prefer that of some one else it would have been hard to say; it was probably due more to his generally restless habit than to anything else. But he would pick out a particular one that seemed to be habitually empty, and take up his position in it day after day, regardless of whether it was better or worse situated than the one belonging to him by right. This led to a curious "hoodoo" superstition. There was a succession of deaths among the Senators on the Democratic side of the chamber during one rather short period, and somebody noted the fact that while these men were ill Reagan had taken a fancy to their chairs and sat in them a good deal. One day Zebulon Vance was stricken down by some temporary ailment and ordered to bed by his doctor. But nothing would induce him to go till he had written a note to Senator Pasco, the Democratic "whip," asking to have his chair promptly attended to, and ending with this prayer: "For mercy's sake, don't let old Reagan get my chair."

—CLAYTON WILSON has moved from Shelby to Stubbs.

—St. Valentine's day is almost here—14th of February.

—Jno. S. Owen moved to the Walter Green house Friday.

—J. R. Lucas has moved from Grover to Shelby and occupies the O. F. Martin house.

—Miss Eunice Young has accepted a position as stenographer with the law firm of Webb & Webb.

—J. E. Webb has bought the beef market from Claude E. Stanton, and will move his store and beef market in the store recently vacated by L. J. Pope.

—4 men with three bars were in town last week attracting the attention of the grown men as well as to the delight of the smaller boys. Quite a novel scene was enacted when two of the men who had not seen the other two for some time embraced each other much to the amusement of the crowd.

### A MOST FATAL GIFT.

Would be the power of foreseeing events. This would destroy hope. A knowledge of the future would unmake happiness. There are, of course, some things about the future we do know. If, for instance, a lack of energy, ambition and loss of appetite shows itself we know it will be followed by serious complaints if not checked. Often Liver and Kidney trouble follow quickly. In any event Electric Bitters will restore you to health. It strengthens, builds up and invigorates rundown systems. Only 50¢. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

### Pearls of Thought.

New York Times.

He that will not be counselled cannot be helped.

A good rule often falls under the weight of its own exceptions. As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every minute of time.

Be grateful for your blessings, and it will make your trials look small.

From a false point of view even truth itself will always seem false.

Gold can buy nearly everything in this world, except that which a man wants most—happiness.

To secure a contented spirit, measure your desires by your fortunes, and not your fortunes by your desires.

We can offer up much in the large, but to make sacrifices in little things is what we are seldom equal to.

It is because we expect too much or because we don't get what we are entitled to, that makes us dissatisfied.

He that fancies himself very enlightened, because he sees the deficiencies of others, may be very ignorant, because he has not studied his own.

The only people who can really help us when we are in great trouble are those who have suffered more than we are suffering, and those who love us better than we do ourselves.

Our love for one another may be strong and true in the sunny days, but it never reaches its holiest and fullest expression until pain has touched our hearts and called out the hidden treasures of affliction.

The people who talk about not caring for worldly advantage, money, and social advancement, are, in nine cases out of ten those who really want to get on just as much as their neighbors, but they don't know how to do it.

### Many Die in a Collision.

Charlotte Observer.

New York, Jan. 27.—One of the most appalling railroad wrecks that has occurred in the vicinity of New York for many years, the estimated loss of life ranging from 12 to 30 persons, took place tonight at Grassland on the Central Railway of New Jersey near Westfield, N. J., when the Royal Blue train, a complete one-horse team, which was taken from a tenant. The entire outfit fell under the hammer at \$2.80 to Tom Robinson, Mr. Robinson had engaged to make Dock Morton a present of the mule. A gentleman, who passed through town Saturday afternoon says he thinks the team brought its full value.

If a man has the right brand of religion his wife doesn't have to carry on the coal.

### Good Tasting Medicine

Cod liver oil is in universal repute as the best body builder in wasting diseases, and the best reconstructer in recovery from severe sickness known to medicine.

Nevertheless, three-fourths of the people are really made sick by the taste and smell of cod liver oil. Half of them can't take it. Their stomachs either reject it, or are so upset by it that the dose does more harm than good.

Vinol is the only preparation of cod liver oil which contains no grease or bad taste yet does contain all the virtue of cod liver oil, and is deliciously palatable. It also contains organic iron. Iron gives quality to the blood. Almost every ailing person needs it.

The combination of these two elements with table wine is both scientific and effective. It has accomplished wonderful things right here in town. We think we are doing a service to every run-down, ailing, coughing, nervous, debilitated person in calling attention to Vinol. We sell it on its merits—money back if it does not help you. You run no risk.

Old people revive under its influence. Nursing mothers and overworked people get new vitality.

### H. E. Kendall,

### TOMATO SOUP

Is one of the most enjoyable dishes you can put upon the table these cold days. Did you ever notice how fresh and comortable you feel after enjoying a dish of good tomato soup for dinner?

### IT'S HEALTHY TOO.

We have the very best grade of canned tomatoes that the market affords, and we guarantee every can. When you want some tomato soup try ours and you will agree with us, that ours is the best quality. They are packed in two sizes—the 3 pound cans are worth 15c or 2 for 25c. The 5 pound cans are 10c or 3 for 25c.

### Brain Leaks.

When faith leaves fear enters in.

The praying Christian is never in doubt.

By the ladder of hope men climb to higher things.

A written word may be erased, a spoken word never.

A weak faith is a poor foundation for a high hope.

The loudest prayer usually reaches the shortest distance.

A lot of people are so conscientious that they never let their left hand know that their right hand does nothing.

A smile in the home is worth two at the office.

Some men become lost by undertaking a short cut to duty.

No man's heart is big enough to harbor both love and greed.

People who mind their own business find it an ever increasing duty.

When fencing evil out of the heart be careful not to fence the good in.

Attacking error with a feather is as unsatisfactory as eating bean soup with a fork.

Quite a lot of people are only rude when they think they are blunt and straightforward.

A widow's tear in the scales will outweigh any donation wrung from the people's needs.

The world judges us by what we accomplish; God judges us by what we strive earnestly to do.

A whole lot of people love to sing "Rock of ages cleft for me" if they can enjoy a softly cushioned pew while doing it.

If some men would put more principle into politics they would not talk so much about the small interest they have in it.

### A Whole Team for \$2.80.

Gastonia News.

At the sale of the late Thomas Wilson Saturday a large number of farm implements were sold. Among the articles sold was a mule, wagon and harness, all forming a complete one-horse team, which was taken from a tenant. The entire outfit fell under the hammer at \$2.80 to Tom Robinson, Mr. Robinson had engaged to make Dock Morton a present of the mule. A gentleman, who passed through town Saturday afternoon says he thinks the team brought its full value.

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### ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS

Fashionable Models, Perfect Fit, Newest Colors, All Lengths, Superb Finish.

Royal Worcester and Bon Ton Corsets

ROYAL WORCESTER CORSET CO., WORCESTER, MASS.

## A QUESTION OF SPEX.

Do your eyes tire easily? If so, you need glasses. Does the type become blurred in reading? If so, you need glasses. Do you suffer from frontal headache? If so, glasses will help you. Do you know if you have perfect eyesight? If not we can inform you. It will cost you nothing.

### H. D. WILSON

GRADUATE OPTICIAN

## A RESOLUTION!

Resolved by the people of Shelby and surrounding country: That we will trade more at

### W. B. PALMER'S

Store this New Year of 1903 than ever before, because we find after careful investigation, that we can get better groceries at a lower price than elsewhere. We also find that his service is always prompt and satisfactory. Another thing is you can always find what you want at his store. Finally, he always treats you right and you feel like you have invested your money well when you have invested your money well.

### W. B. PALMER,

PHONE 44.

## VALENTINES

We have a large and well selected line of Lace and Embossed Valentines, together with our assortment of comic ones for children, and a nice variety of the late novelties in

### Fancy Box Goods,

embracing all the new styles and patterns of this year's make, running in price from one cent to \$1.50 each. The most complete line of valentines in town.

### SHELBY RACKET.

### NOTICE!

TO THE PEOPLE OF SHELBY AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

Having bought the groceries of O. B. Buttle & Co. I will continue the business at the same stand. Fresh goods are coming in daily, everything in fancy and heavy groceries. Your order will be appreciated, and we will assure prompt attention. Goods delivered anywhere in the city.

Small profits, quick sales and courteous treatment.

### D. Sammey Weathers,

PHONE NO. 7.

## PENNYROYAL PILLS

FOR THE CURE OF ALL BRUISES, SWELLINGS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE BLOOD.

## THE DRAUGHT

### THE GREAT FAMILY MEDICINE

Theodore's Black-Draught has saved doctors' bills for more than sixty years. For the common family ailments, such as constipation, indigestion, hard colds, bowel complaints, chills and fever, biliousness, headaches and other like complaints no other medicine is necessary. It invigorates and regulates the liver, assists digestion, stimulates the action of the kidneys, purifies the blood, and purges the bowels of foul accumulations. It cures liver complaint, indigestion, sour stomach, dizziness, chills, rheumatic pains, sciatica, backache, kidney troubles, constipation, diarrhoea, biliousness, piles, hard colds and headache. Every draught has Theodore's Black-Draught in 25 cent packages and in mammoth size for \$1.00. Never accept a substitute. Insist on having the original made by the Chattanooga Medicine Company.

I believe Theodore's Black-Draught is the best medicine on earth. It is good for any and everything. I have a family of twelve children, and for four years I have kept them on foot and healthy with no doctor but Black-Draught. A. J. GREEN, Hilewa, La.

### REV. C. J. WOODSON,

LIFE AND FIRE INSURANCE AGENT.

SHELBY, N. C.

Combined Assets of Companies represented over

### \$ 65,000,000.

If you want to insure your life, or your property of any kind, don't fail to see me before closing a contract with any other agent. I know I can save you money—and "money saved is money made." For terms or information as to rates address or call on me.

### W. B. PALMER,

PHONE 105 SHELBY, N. C.

Publication of Summer.

LIZZIE WEEKS, Plaintiff vs. T. S. WEEKS, Defendant. You are hereby notified that the plaintiff in the above entitled action has instituted in the Superior Court of Cleveland county, State of North Carolina, a suit against you for the purpose of obtaining a complete account from you, and you are further notified to appear before his Honor, Judge Shaw, at the court and state in the 3rd Monday after the 1st Monday in March, 1903, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff or the result thereof will be granted. This the 29th day of January, 1903.

L. J. HOYLE, C. S. C.

## REPAIR SHOP.

I have opened a repair shop at the same old stand and am now prepared to do all kinds of pair work on short notice. Wood work a specialty. All work guaranteed. Give me a call.

### A. W. ESKRIDGE.

### Land for Sale.

I have 235 acres of land 3 1/2 miles from Henrietta cotton mill, on Foy's creek known as the white house farm 70 acres in cultivation, 30 acres good creek bottom 2 tenant homes. Well timbered price \$1795.00 easy terms.

JAMES C. McBRAYER, Shelby, N. C.

### Before You Buy.

J. T. Gardner has just placed an order for 300 bushel sacks used Irish Potatoes with the E. L. Cleveland Seed Co., of Houlton, Aroostook county, Maine. Merchants of this section will save money and get better stock by buying from him.

### Important Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance at the Court house in Shelby, at 11 o'clock A. M. Monday Feb. 9th.

A very important meeting. Come!

L. J. HOYLE, Sec. Treas.

Fresh Loaf Bread received at my store daily. W. B. PALMER.

## BANNER SALVE

the most healing salve in the world.

FRED D. HAMRICK, Attorney at Law, Shelby, N. C.

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