

(BURTON.)

If adversity hath killed his thousands prosperity hath killed his ten thousand; therefore adversity is to be preferred. The one deceives; the other instructs; the one miserably happy, the happily miserable, and therefore many philosophers have voluntarily sought adversity and so much commend it in their precepts.

SHOULD BE INTERESTING

The inquiry to be made by the House of Representatives into the political machine of Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock is one in which the whole country will be interested. The resolution of inquiry directs the postoffice committee to determine how much political work is performed by postmasters and subordinate officers in the postoffices of the country, and by what authority they neglect their official duties and violate the civil service law. It has long been charged that through postoffice department patronage the postmaster general has established a machine for the control of delegates to the national convention.

We have set about our spring cleaning. Newspaper offices need to clean their subscription books of delinquent subscribers as well as a farmer needs to clean his fields of unprofitable corn and cottonstalks. Our delinquent readers know that they owe for the paper. They have been reminded time and time again. This is absolutely the last call and we hope you will favor us with remittance THIS WEEK.

This is the week for Memorial services when the Confederate dead receive a floral tribute from their surviving friends and relatives. We should always keep fresh and green in our memory those who have passed beyond and it is fitting that we gather and lay fragrant flowers on their graves.

The National Post is a new fortnightly magazine that is indeed worthy in every respect. Yes, it is a magazine with a character and purpose and a contributing staff, each of whom is an authority on their chosen subject. It is published by the same house that issues Success Magazine.

A great hardship is being worked on the mail carriers and postmasters this month. They are required to count and keep a record of every piece of mail. Some more red tape the Post office Department has been adopted.

Nature usually run on schedule time. The leaves of the trees in this section are due to be full grown May 10 and they will.

SATURDAY was the anniversary of the battle of the Wilderness, one of the most notable of the great war between the States, which is recalled by all the old soldiers who fought under the peerless Robert E. Lee.

The spirit of harmony is catching the Democrats everywhere and by next year we will be ready for another great Democratic victory, sweeping a Democratic president into the executive chair.

STREET cars for Hendersonville. The people hustle there. By pulling together they do things and we congratulate them on this latest progressive move.

BIG CELEBRATION

How May 20, day on which Mecklenburg Declaration was Signed Will be Celebrated—Red Men Will Attend—Fireman's Convention and Tournament.

Charlotte, May 8—The celebration which will take place in Charlotte on the 16-17-18-19 of May, will be a mammoth affair. Several thousand dollars have been raised to care for the many details of the gala occasion.

The Fireman's Convention and Tournament will be held in the State of North Carolina as it will be participated in by a greater number of cities than ever before. A long list of handsome prizes have been offered and the event from the point of the Tournament promises unqualified success.

A special low rate has been provided by the railroads for the Fireman. The horses and apparatus will be transported free both to and from Charlotte.

In addition to, the attractive features which will be presented each day by the Fireman and which will include an immense parade with twelve bands of music, and daily contests, there will be a number of fancy drills by the Red Men, which will be strikingly spectacular, and a torch light parade by the Red Men at night. The Red Men who will attend, will number at least 1500 and will contribute a very interesting and entertaining part to the celebration.

A band contest will also provide an attractive diversion to lovers of music. A long list of bands have been attracted by the handsome prizes offered and this feature will constitute no small end of the festive event.

Special decorations in bunting and electric lights will adorn the streets and an immense grand stand will be erected to permit the visiting hosts to view the different spectacles and contests in comfort.

AVERAGE \$600


Secretary Middleton Says The Average Salary of Baptist Minister is Only \$600.

Statesville Landmark.

The salaries of the Baptist ministers in North Carolina is make the subject of some interesting calculations by Statistical Secretary E. L. Middleton, of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He finds that in the latest complete reports from churches there are 1,590 churches reporting salaries to pastors, the total being \$278,000. He finds that there are 113 churches that maintain preaching every Sunday, 66 for half the time and 1,311 churches that have preaching only once each month. His estimate is that this would give an average of 474 pastors for full time and that their average salary is \$587 a year. He thinks that there are mission funds paid to pastors in mission fields, not included in the salaries reported, that would bring up the average salaries to \$600.

Gold is getting lower in a Pullman car.

Do You Feel This Way?



Do you feel all tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work away at your profession or trade any longer? Do you have a poor appetite, and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach too? Has ambition to forge ahead in the world left you? If so, you might as well put a stop to your misery. You can do it if you will. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will make you a different individual. It will set your lazy liver to work. It will set things right in your stomach, and your appetite will come back. It will purify your blood. If there is any tendency in your family toward consumption, it will keep that dread destroyer away. Even after consumption has almost gained a foothold in the form of a lingering cough, bronchitis, or bleeding at the lungs, it will bring about a cure in 98 per cent. of all cases. It is a remedy prepared by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose advice is given free to all who wish to write him. His great success has come from his wide experience and varied practice. Don't be wheedled by a penny-grabbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicines, recommended to be "just as good." Dr. Pierce's medicines are of known composition. Their every ingredient printed on their wrappers. Made from roots without alcohol. Contain no habit-forming drugs. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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At Lincolnton
A handsome marble monument in the form of a useful drinking fountain near the court house at Lincolnton has been erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy and it will be unveiled May 11. Governor W. W. Kitchin will deliver an address. He will be introduced by Hon. L. B. Wetmore, the monument will be presented by Maj. W. A. Graham and accepted by the Sheriff. It will be a great day for Lincolnton. A long parade, including floats, the brass band from High Shoals, horseback riders and citizens on foot will be another feature.

The Grotesqueness of Life.
New York World.
In Boston a clergyman denounces the luxuriousness of funerals, evidently attributing the cost of living to the cost of dying.
In Chicago a woman tells a judge that she intends killing her mother so that she may marry her father-in-law.
In Ridgeway, N. J., a boy tickles a bulldog's ear to see what will happen and is now in a hospital having his wounds caterized.
In Providence a judge rules that a man is justified in slapping his wife if she goes through his pockets.

A Family Problem
Can you calculate a mathematical problem of real life? A good farmer living on Lattimore Route 1 does not believe in race suicide at all. He has ten boys. Each one has a whole sister and a half sister. Tell the gentleman how many children he has.

NOT OVERDRAWN
Fraud in Charlotte Election Was Not Over Drawn by Papers.
Charlotte Chronicle.
The grand jury thinks that the newspapers have slandered Charlotte in their reports of the scenes at the polls in the recent primary elections. The papers did not over-draw the picture. At the city hall box this writer saw one man moving among the crowd with a pint bottle of liquor in his hand—not in his pocket, mind you, but in his hand—and he was only one of a dozen drunks. But what good is that sort of testimony for the grand jury?

WHO LIKES ICE CREAM?
Put that question to any crowd of girls in Shelby and you won't hear a dissenting voice if you say
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We are showing the largest, the most complete, the most extensive line men's, ladies, boys, girls and infants shoes we have ever shown. We are buying shoes of the leading factories of the country and you may expect better prices, better styles, better values here. See ladies low cut shoes with solid leather counters, inner soles and whole vamps at \$1 25, \$1.35, \$1.50 the pair. Ladies one and two strap pumps in vici kid, gun metal, patent leather at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3 50 the pair. No better values can possibly be shown you at these prices.

Men's Matchless Low Cut Shoes

We have these in tan, gun metal, vici kid, patent leather. You will like the fit, the style, the quality, the price of these shoes. We are showing exceptional values at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4 00 the pair. We carry all classes of shoes from the cheapest to the best grades. Let us show you.

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SPECIAL SHOE BARGAINS

Our trade this spring on low cut shoes and slippers has been unusually large. The remainder of our stock in this line we are now offering regardless of value as we will not carry stock from one season to another.

\$2.00 Ladies Slippers at	\$1.50
1.75 " " "	1.25
1.35 " " "	1.00
1.00 " " "	75c.
\$3.50 Men's patent leather, gun metal and tan low cuts at	\$2.50
3.25 Men's Low Cuts at	2.30
2.25 " " "	1.60

All Summer Goods

Such as fancy figured lawns, white goods, waistings, etc. are greatly reduced in price to make quick sales. Just remember that no matter what you want in the way of good reliable merchandise it will pay you to get our prices. We undersell.

Yours truly,
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