



### Bad Example.

In the selection of a man for any office whatever, character must be considered; and any political party which, presuming on the proper desire of its supporters to see the principles which they believe in advanced by its success, nominates a bad man for a place of trust, deserves rebuke. This is especially the case in regard to local officers. To permit considerations of national politics so far to overcome considerations of individual merits as to corrupt the government of cities is the height of folly. A true story, which comes from Wyoming, illustrates how effectually a proper spirit of resentment against improper selections may work. In a city in that state a man was nominated for an honorable office, who, though a "good fellow" and popular, was known to be intemperate. The day and evening after his nomination he took out some of his boon companions and "treated" them to liquor in celebration of the event. This affair came to the knowledge of one of the women voters of Wyoming. The next day she went to see her next neighbor, another woman voter, and "had a good talk with her about it." This neighbor in her turn saw another woman, until this private caucus had extended over the entire city. Election day came. There had been no public discussion of this matter, but the candidate was defeated by an overwhelming vote. He was greatly surprised, for he stood well with his party, and had no enemies. Some time after this he expressed his surprise to a lady of his acquaintance. She enlightened him by saying: "We could not let you be elected, Mr. X—, because you set a bad example to our boys." The man who sets a bad example to boys is not a fit man for public office, no matter how sound a party man, or how popular personally, he may be.

### A MISPELLED TALE.

A little buoy said: "Mother dear, May I go out to play?"  
The son is bright, the hair is clear;  
Ove, mother, don't say nelt!"  
"Go fourth, my son," the mother said.  
The ant said: "Take your slay—  
The gnat's knee led, a w! painted red,  
Butt dew knot lose your weigh!"  
"Ah, know," he cried, and sought the street,  
With hart saw full of glee.  
The wether changed, and snow and sleet  
Ard reign fell steadily.  
Thw w snowdrifts grate, threw watery  
1 pool,  
He fue with mite and mane.  
Said he: "Though Eye would walk by  
cath,  
Eye am not rite, 'tis plane.  
"Eye'd like to meat sum kindly sole,  
For fear gnu dangers weight,  
And yonder slays a t'recherous whole—  
Two sioe has been my gate.  
"A peace of bred, a gneiss hot stake,  
Eye'd chew if Eye were home,  
This crewel fate my hart wood brake—  
Eye love not thus to romo.  
"Eye, weech and path, have mist my rode."  
But hear a carte came passed.  
He and his sled were safely load  
Back to his home at last.  
—Mrs. E. T. Cornett, in N. W. Christian Advocate.

### INTO THE APACHE'S LAIR.

Lieut. Gatewood's Interview with Chief Geronimo in 1886.

A Mission That Required Nerve—His Life Hung in the Balance as He Walked Into the Camp of the Renegades in the Sierra Madre to Ask Their Surrender.

On the way of straight-out nerve and daring there is nothing in the annals of savage warfare to beat Lieut. Gatewood's exploit in entering the camp of the renegade Apaches in the campaign of 1886 to persuade them to surrender.

The man from Tucson was talking, and when his discourse is of Indians or frontier desperadoes the people near him in the Hoffman house office gather to listen.

There is a lady in Augusta, Ga., who has never been under the confederate flag. Her name is known, but by request it is withheld. Whether walking, eating, or sleeping, there is always a confederate flag over her head. While walking on the streets there is always a flag in her hat, and, no matter how many hats or bonnets she has there is always to be found a flag pinned on the inside of the crown. On the headpost of her bed is securely fastened a large flag of the confederate states. The flag is as necessary for her as three meals a day. She says she has never surrendered and never will.

A young girl living near Shamokin, Pa., recently wrote a letter to her lover, with whom she had quarreled, professing repentance and expressing her desire for a reconciliation. While moistening the flap of the envelope preparatory to sealing it, she cut her tongue on the sharp edge, blood poisoning followed, and the girl died in great agony a few hours later.

A distinctive American gem is the transparent variety of the mineral spinel, known as liddite. It is found sparingly in North Carolina, and a silicate of alumina with a small percentage of lithia. It is a beautiful gem when cut, having a golden green color, and a peculiar brilliancy all its own. Fine specimens have sold for \$50 per carat.

David Cain, an 80-year-old Milbridge (Me.) hunter, got cold last winter in being from Beddington to Milbridge on his return from a trip after deer. He had pneumonia. This year he deained to run no risk, so he walked 25 miles. He says he was not very tired when he got home, and thinks this much better than riding.

The following states have never been represented in any president's cabinet: Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Nevada, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

Sanadena (Cal.) man advertises for sale in any quantity. This is a great opportunity for numbers who want it to gratify their

It has been discovered that distillation of honey to small quantities banishes the pustules and fever immediately.

A statesman has introduced into the legislature of that state a bill for staying the

persons were be- of air breathed was more rap-

Mexicans on the basis of peace with them, while they should be left free to raid northward into United States territory. With Capt. Lawton's command was Lieut. C. B. Gatewood, of the Sixth cavalry, an experienced Indian fighter, who spoke the Apache language and personally knew Geronimo. He volunteered to go to the Apache camp and treat with the Indians for their surrender. With two Chiricahua scouts as companions he set out on his errand in advance of the column of soldiers. He was well acquainted with the Indian character and fully realized the appalling risk he ran in trusting himself in the Apaches' power.

The Indians were encamped in an old abandoned Jesuit mission village, built of adobe houses, with an adobe wall about it. On arriving near the place Gatewood left his horse with the two scouts outside and walked alone into the village. At sight of him the Indians seized their guns; recognizing Geronimo among them, he laid down his carbine and beckoned to him. The chief came forward and the two sat down on a pile of stones to talk together, while the warriors waited in ominous silence for the orders of their leader. Geronimo's first emotion seemed to be of astonishment that the white man should put himself into his power, and his first words were of sinister import.

"Are you aware of the danger you run in coming into our camp?" he said. "You are foolhardy. Do you expect to leave this place alive?"

"Gatewood, knowing that his life was in the balance, answered him with perfect composure.

"Certainly, you can kill me," he said. "But would that be the act of a great chief toward one who has given him his confidence? What have you to gain by it? Our troops are coming upon you from the north and the Mexican troops have surrounded you from the south. Would you not better surrender to us than be killed or trust to the mercy of the Mexicans?"

The conversation thus begun led by degrees to the subject of capitulation. Geronimo, at first resentful and suspicious toward all whites, gradually came around to the views of his visitor, who, knowing the Indian's character, flattered him with a judicious mixture of pity, intimidation and appeals to his self-interest. Gatewood was empowered to offer no terms but unconditional surrender, with the agreement that the prisoners should not be murdered by the soldiers. Gen. Miles, he said, would decide all matters of that



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sort when Geronimo should meet him. The chief was very anxious to learn all he could about Gen. Miles, whom he had never seen.

"Is he a large man, and how does he carry himself? Has he a bright eye or a dull eye? Does he talk slow or fast?" were some of the questions that Gen. Miles had a bright eye and did not talk much, but that what he said could be relied on.

"As the conversation proceeded the officer could see that Geronimo was becoming pleased and was beginning to regard with favor the overtures for his surrender, and the feelings of their chief were reflected in the faces of his gaunt and hungry warriors.

"To-morrow, on your assurance that I shall come and go in safety, I will go to Capt. Lawton and talk with him," said Geronimo at last. "You shall take this message to him that he may expect me."

"His closed the interview and Lieut. Gatewood walked out of the camp with his mission accomplished, where an hour before there was a far greater prospect that he would lose his life. Next day Geronimo had a talk with Capt. Lawton, with the result that he agreed to go northward with him to come around to the views of his visitor. They started the next day, Geronimo's band and Capt. Lawton's command marching in parallel lines, and often camping very near each other at night. After marching in this manner 11 days they met, at Skeleton canyon, Gen. Miles, who had started from Fort Bowie, and there Geronimo and Natchez, with their band of followers, surrendered unconditionally to him with the single condition that their lives be spared. Geronimo, Natchez and two warriors were driven in an ambulance to Fort Bowie, the nearest railway station, the others following on foot. From Fort Bowie they were sent east to Fort Pickens. A little later all of the Chiricahua and Warm Springs Apaches remaining on the San Carlos reservation were deported to Fort Marion in Florida, and the southwestern country, for the first time in its history, was freed from the terrors of Apache warfare."—N. Y. Sun.

Two Ways of Doing It.—"Godfrey, there are six families down the street here that are suffering for food and fuel. I am going to look after them. Come along." "Scorje! I haven't time. I've got to attend a meeting that has been called for the purpose of taking measures for the relief of the destitute."—Chicago Tribune.

### Character and Hypnotism.

There would be little indeed in hypnotism, and the scientific world might rightly ignore its importance as a subject of investigation, if it were proved to have nothing more in it than the dominance of one will over another, or the power of so-called "suggestion" to control human minds. But, as with any other subject worth investigation, much more is revealed to the student of hypnotism than that which he at first sets out to discover. No sooner, for instance, has he established beyond question proofs of the power of mind over mind, and of "suggestion" in control, than he is forced to recognize how little potency lies in either when compared to that great power of resistance to them which is generated by an individual's own strength of character. No hypnotism in the world, as a great authority has shown, can make a really temperate person, when under hypnotic control, simulate or yield to drunkenness, nor can a truly modest person be induced to do that which would in waking hours savor of immodesty. The man with true dignity of soul keeps his dignity intact, and one of real kindness of nature shows no glimmer of harsh feeling. And thus, as can readily be seen, one more proof from an unexpected source has been added to those already in our possession going to show the value and power of character—of that which a man inherently and intrinsically is, rather than that which he appears to be.

### Expensive Hog Food.

Daniel O'Callahan, a well-to-do farmer of Exeter, N. H., is 50 years old, and has a rooted distrust of savings banks. When his promising son, John, tired of the poor fare and hard work on a rocky New Hampshire farm and started west to seek his fortune, he left a roll of \$500 in his father's custody. The old man hid the money in the hog pen. The hogs scented the greenbacks, and one day succeeded in rooting them out, and finding them palatable, devoured the whole \$500. This was a year ago. John did not make his fortune. He roamed around the mining camps, contracted a disease of the eyes, and then came home. He asked his father for the \$500, and when it was not forthcoming took a drink. The old man called in a doctor, who prescribed a "greenback" plaster. The old man made his son a "gift" of \$100, which worked wonders. He asked for more, and did not get it. He sued the senior O'Callahan. The jury gave a verdict in favor of the old man. This makes the hogs guilty of grand larceny, but they are dead and gone.

The latest contribution to philology comes from Prof. Allen, of the department of English in the Missouri State university, and bears upon the pronunciation of the name of that state. He declares that he pronounces it "Missoury" because it was the name of one of his earliest sweethearts in the old dominion, and it imparts the further important information that she was commonly called "Zouzie." An additional reason for calling it "Missoury" is found in the fact that the professor so pronounced it when he studied geography in the days of his adolescence, and when he moved to the state afterward he found a good many of the best people pronouncing it in the same way.

The police of San Francisco have recently been enforcing the law prohibiting work on Sunday, especially against Chinese laundrymen. One Sunday lately as a large load of these offenders was being carted to jail in the police ambulance, a resident of the western addition asked the reason, and was informed by a policeman. "Yep," grunted a disgusted Chinese, who stood near, "man workee Sunday, he go jail—'gainst law workee Sunday. Man workee, he go jail—vag. America great country."

The statistics of last year's immigration throw light on the probable effect of illiteracy tests. Of all the immigrants over 15 years of age who landed in the last fiscal year, 29 per cent. were wholly illiterate. A strictly applied illiteracy test would have excluded four out of every ten of the immigrants who came to us from Austria-Hungary, Italy, Poland and Russia. The proportion of immigrants actually debarred and deported under existing laws was less than one in every 100.

There is an ominous suggestion in the fact that in a town in central Missouri a prescription clerk is named Lury, while the undertaker goes under the appropriate cognomen of Knell. And, to make matters worse, if possible, the principal physician of the village is named Coffin.

It is said that Queen Victoria will personally dictate and revise a biography of her majesty, which will appear in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England as the queen herself regards it.

A football game was recently played in the City of Mexico, and the Mexican papers were a unit in declaring that the sport was "too brutal and degrading." Mexico seems disposed to draw the line at bullfights.

Recent mortality returns from the southern states show that the death rate of the colored people from tuberculosis is three times as high as that of the whites.

### As It Occurred to Him.

"Mrs. Jinkles says that her husband never finds fault with the breakfast," she remarked.  
"What of that?" inquired the dyspeptic.  
"Nothing much. Only I was thinking how lucky she is to have such a good husband."  
"Humph. Maybe there's something in that. I was thinking how lucky Jinkles was to have such good breakfasts."—Washington Star.

Right This Time.  
Miss Hilltop—I notice that you use the expression "a well groomed woman." I do not like it. It is a horsey expression, entirely out of place in speaking of a lady.  
Miss Northside—The expression is correct this time. The lady I allude to has just been married and the groom is a very wealthy man.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Two Points of View.  
"That dainty blush on her round cheek, Was it crowd of mine that called it there?" And he blamed himself with a sad reproach For daring to sully a face so fair.  
"I'm afraid the blush was most too pink, But it took his eye. I could see," she said; She washed it off with a bit of sponge Before her mirror, and went to bed."  
—N. Y. World.

THE UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL.

Miss D.—I'm going to put on a false face and go as Cinderella's homely sister.  
Mrs. C.—But why a false face?—N. Y. Herald.



Life Insurance.  
Hobbs, believing that insurance was a profitable plan:  
On his life one hundred thousand dollars carried;  
And I must endorse the judgment of that very prudent man,  
For unto his charming widow now I'm married.  
—Philadelphia Press.

When Vice Became a Virtue.  
First lady in Washington—There goes young Mrs. Pedigree. I suppose she has gone to death telling the bright things her little boys say.  
Second lady—Oh, no; fortunately he says such dreadful things they can't repeat them.—N. Y. Truth.

No Fun in It.  
Mr. Madison Square—The president of a gas company told me yesterday that he couldn't see any fun in these jokes about big gas bills.  
Hostetter McGinnis—No, and the gas consumer don't see any fun in the big gas bills, either.—Tammammy Times.

Distilled.  
Bertwhistle—Why isn't Vanwart smitten with that pretty Dunsap girl any longer?  
Jamison—He took her to an Italian table d'hote the other day, and saw her eat spaghetti.—N. Y. World.

An Embryo Lawyer.  
Mamma (to Tommy)—I am sorry you and your sister quarreled over that orange, and that James had to interfere. Whose part did he take?  
Tommy—Whose part? He took the whole orange.—Tit-Bits.

A Delicate Hint.  
Mr. Timide—And what party were you inclined to favor during the campaign, Miss Wantowed?  
Miss Wantowed (blushing)—Well, I think I preferred the "pops."—Brooklyn Life.

Too Bad.  
"Kitty's little brother scared away her new beau."  
"What did the little rascal do?"  
"He told the man that his sister always took a hot flatiron to bed with her."—Chicago Record.

Hoped It Would Last.  
"Above all," said the throat specialist, "the lady must talk as little as possible."  
"Doctor," eagerly asked Mrs. Grey-mal's husband, "is there any hope of it becoming chronic?"—Tit-Bits.

A Sure Consequence.  
"There's only one drawback in a big roast for dinner."  
"What's that?"  
"Flash for breakfast."—Chicago Record.

Occasionally Recalled.  
"Your husband died a year ago? You must miss him greatly."  
"Not so much. His mother throws a cup at my head occasionally now."—N. Y. Journal.

The Worldly Method.  
"Elinors stand on slippery places."  
"On the Dock relates."  
"But the way they mostly work it is to put on skates."  
—Chicago Record.

Her Upward Flight.  
Hewitt—I hear your servant left without giving you any notice.  
Jewett—Yes; she was out of the fire with her eyes.  
"It's a physical impossibility for a woman to be out of proportion, either."—Brooklyn News.

It's a  
"Yes, and you see it out of proportion, either."—Brooklyn News.

"I'm a  
"Yes, and you see it out of proportion, either."—Brooklyn News.

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## PEARL BRYAN IS AVENGED.

### Jackson and Walling Hanged for Her Murder.

Newport, Ky., March 20.—Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, the two dental students convicted of the murder of Pearl Bryan and the decapitation of her body, were hanged here to-day. The events of their last day on earth were as dramatic as those that have dominated their case from the finding of the body over a year ago.

Walling went to bed at 1 o'clock this morning and in five minutes was sleeping soundly. Jackson stayed up until half past 3 o'clock, talking and joking with the death watch. Both rose shortly before 6 o'clock had a hearty breakfast. There was a large crowd about the jail, but the presence of the troops prevented any possible outbreak. Walling looked at the people from his cell window several times while dressing, and neither exhibited any signs of nervousness. At 7:35 o'clock the condemned men were ordered to prepare themselves for the last. Rev. Mr. Lee prayed with them, and they sang three hymns.

### WALLING PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE.

Walling was handed a telegram from Miss May Roberts, his sweetheart, telling him to die game, and he remarked that he would. He then made a touching appeal that he be permitted to see Mayor Rhinock. The request was granted. When the Mayor came in, he was asked to sign a dispatch to the Governor to give a reprieve of thirty days. Walling said: "Jackson can save my life if he will; but he won't. I have tried in every way to get him to do it; but he will not. He ought to save me." "Now, Lon," said Mayor Rhinock, "I want you to tell me where the head is."

"Mayor Rhinock, before God whom I shall soon meet. I do not know. I will not lie now."

### JACKSON EXONERATES WALLING.

Sheriff Plummer came in at this juncture and asked the prisoners if they had anything further to say. Jackson replied that he wanted to clear Walling of any connection with the crime. He then sat down and wrote the following message to Governor Bradley:

"Walling is not guilty of this crime. I am. SCOTT JACKSON."

In answer to this Governor Bradley wired the Sheriff as follows:

"Proceed with the execution, and if Jackson makes a statement on the gallows to that effect you may suspend Walling's execution until further directions from me."

The march to the scaffold was begun at 11.31. Walling's last words

as he left the jail were, as he pointed to Jackson:

"That man can save me if he will. I die an innocent man. I was not there when she was killed."

Jackson did not respond immediately, but at the scaffold said: "I cannot say that Walling is entirely innocent."

Five thousand people saw the execution. The lever was arranged so that with one pull both of the condemned men dropped together from double trap. The scaffold was printed white. It stood in the jail yard, and in the bright sunlight presented a ghastly appearance. The camera men were on hand, and kinetoscope people attempted to take the execution.

### WALLING DIED HARDEST.

The prisoners stood on the scaffold with bowed heads. Walling's eyes were closed. Jackson's open. When Pastor Lee had finished a prayer Jackson bade him farewell. Walling also said farewell, whispering, "Go, go, go."

When the Sheriff sprung the traps both men struggled considerably. Walling showed the greatest signs of suffering. The crowd pressed to the scaffold, and the police were keeping spectators at a sufficient distance to prevent their interfering with the executioners. Doctors stood with their hands over the struggling men's hearts until the last pulsation had died away. Dr. Tarvin states that both men lived about twelve minutes and that both died of strangulation.

Jackson is said to have left still another written confession, to be published or not, as his friends may see fit. The one of Thursday, diabolically trying to shift a part of the crime on an innocent man, both Jackson and Walling acknowledged this morning to be a fake.

### JACKSON'S CAREER IN NEW JERSEY.

Jersey City, N. J., March 20.—Scott Jackson came here from his home at Green Castle, Ind. While in New Jersey he became involved in the embezzlement of \$24,000 belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He and his partner in guilt, Alexander Letts, squandered the money at the race tracks and in high living. Jackson furnished the evidence which convicted Letts, and the latter was sent to the New Jersey penitentiary. As his reward for testifying against Letts Jackson was permitted to go free.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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### KILLED BY A WOMAN.

James Neff Fatally Shot by Mary Edwards, a Woman of Disreputable Character.

Saturday night about 12 o'clock Mary Edwards fatally shot James A. Neff while at the house of ill-fame kept by Mrs. A. R. Austin, in the rear of the old Bloch building on East St. Clair street, at which place the Edwards woman has made headquarters, and which was becoming a disgraceful nuisance to the good citizens of this street.

Officers Litchford and Gillespie, who were on night duty, heard the shot, and went immediately to the house, arrested the woman and carried the victim to the house of Mr. Litchford. Physicians were called, but the life of the young man was only prolonged twenty-four hours from the time he was shot.

His deposition was taken before Police Tate, but he gave no evidence justifying the shooting. He said no harsh words had passed between them; that they were merely playing when she drew the pistol from her bosom and deliberately shot him, without provocation.

Five other persons were in the house at the time of shooting, but were up stairs, and there was no eye-witnesses except Dora Austin, a girl about ten years old, who claims that she saw nothing to call for the crime, but saw the woman fire the fatal shot.

After being locked up the woman did not seem to give the matter any serious thought, and from her manner, she is a person devoid of care for herself or others. Tuesday morning she was taken to the county jail at Tazewell for indictment before the grand jury which convened that day.

Monday morning the body of Neff was taken to Marion, the home of his parents, for burial, accompanied by Thomas Neff, a brother, and several friends.

The unfortunate young man had been employed in the mines here for over two years, and was considered by those who knew him, to be a quiet, honest, hard working boy, but like most boys of his age and opportunity, sought worldly experience, and evil association was responsible for his sad death. He is of a good family, who have the sympathy of the people here, in the unpleasant surroundings of his death. Thomas Neff a brother, has also been here several months, but was not along when the crime was committed.

There is no question about the Edwards woman doing the shooting, but according to various rumors, a careful investigation may develop evidence implicating others, and show that the murder was premeditated. There is a great deal of mystery about the affair yet to be removed, and we hope the guilt will be proven, and justice meted out in full measure.—Pocahontas Headlight.

## There is no Word so Full of Meaning

and about which such tender recollections cluster as that of

"MOTHER"—she who watched our helpless infancy and guided our first tottering step. The life of every Expectant Mother is beset with danger.

## "Mother's Friend"

so assists Nature in the change taking place that the Expectant Mother is enabled to look forward without dread to the hour when she experiences the joy of Motherhood. It insures safety to both Mother and Child, and she is found stronger after than before confinement—in short, it "makes Child-birth easy," as so many have said. Don't be persuaded. Use nothing but

## "Mother's Friend"

"My wife suffered for ten minutes with either of her other two children (then still alive) and I was very nervous. I used four bottles of 'Mother's Friend.' It is a blessing to anyone expecting to become a mother, and a comfort to the mother. It is sold by all druggists. Price, 25c. per bottle. Sold by Mail, on receipt of price, 25c. PER BOTTLE. Send for 'Expectant Mother's Friend' free, containing valuable information and voluntary testimonials. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

There is no trouble

## Dyeing Baby

clothes with Diamond Dyes, and much money is saved thereby.

## Diamond

—FOR SALE AT—

O. C. SPRINCLE'S PHARMACY.

## Letter From Atkins.

ATKINS, VA., March 23, 1897.

Since the mellow sunshine of spring has peeped from behind the clouds which have so long overshadowed us, the grass and wheat and early vegetation have begun to grow rapidly; our farmers are busy as bees, and a general cheering up is noticed amongst us.

A part of the tin roofing has blown off the bridge just west of Mt. Carmel, the rest is loose and the noise made by the wind blowing it about is calculated to frighten horses. The writer passed there Saturday and his horse, which is a very gentle one, was considerably scared. The proper authorities should look after this matter at once.

There will be two services in the Lutheran church here next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor. The Sunday-School which has been successfully run the past winter is to be reorganized.

Our village now has four stores, viz: A. F. Stone, general merchandise, L. J. Pickle, same, Wm. Hoofnagle, groceries, — Roach, same.

Mrs. A. G. Wassum and daughter, Miss Ollie, were visiting and shopping in Marion Saturday.

Master Eugene Blackard visited relatives in your city Friday.

Rev. J. J. Scherer and wife were in this place Friday.

MANCREIFF.

Established in February 1881 makes the Hobbie Piano Co. now entering upon the seventeenth year of its existence. This experience in the piano and organ business gives them a great advantage over others, as they are not only good judges of pianos, but know how to buy low. Write them for particulars.

## Report of the Condition —OF THE— Merchants & Farmers Bank,

At Marion, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, March 9, 1897.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$38,694.95; Overdrafts, 741.91; Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, 500.00; Due from national banks, 6,699.45; Due from state banks and bankers, 89.18; Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 1,000.00; Current expenses and taxes paid, 115.40; Checks and other cash items, 306.78; Bills of other banks, 1,200.00; Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies, 54.11; Specie, 1,283.66; Legal tender notes, 2,200.00; Total, \$42,778.78

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$18,000.00; Undivided profits, 679.57; Individual deposits subject to check, \$13,892.67; Demand certificates of deposits, 1,444.13; Time certificates of deposits, 3,631.18; Cashiers checks out, 2,016.00; 20,984.88; Due to national banks, 457.50; Notes and bills re-discounted, 1,158.01; Suits payable, 1,500.00; Total, \$42,778.78

State of Va.—county of Smyth, ss: I, P. C. March, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

P. C. MARCH, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to me the 19 day of March, 1897. JAS. WHITE SHEFFEY.

Correct Attest: H. E. McCoy, A. M. DICKENSON, C. C. LINCOLN, Directors

## Marion Foundry and Machine Shops.

## E. P. KILLINGER & COMPANY.

(Successors to J. M. Luther & Sons)

—DEALERS IN—

GRIST MILL MACHINERY, BARK AND CANE MILLS, CORN AND PLASTER CRUSHERS, PLOWS,

Woolen Mill Machinery, Circular Saw Mills, Turbine Water Wheels,

Shafting, Rubber and Leather Belting, Fire-Plac and Stone Holes-Flare, Water Pipe and Fittings, Iron Fences, and Engine Repairs, etc., etc.

We will keep on hand Plow Points, Mould Boards, Land Sides, and Hoopware of all kinds. Orders for other castings promptly filled. The machinery here has been repaired and put in good working order, and machine work entrusted to us will be promptly and satisfactorily executed.

We are very respectfully yours,

E. P. Killinger & Co.

FERRY'S SEEDS advertisement with image of a woman and child.

Good Drops advertisement for Castoria, featuring a bottle image and text describing its benefits for digestion and constipation.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA advertisement, featuring a signature image and text.

To the Public! New Meat Market! advertisement for fresh meat and poultry.

Prices Talk. Advertisement listing various goods and their prices, including oat meal, flour, and other staples.

Make your Selections FROM THE FAMOUS ALF. PEATS 1897 PRIZE Wall Papers advertisement.

New Fall Goods! at Groseclose Bros. Go and See Them advertisement.

NOTICE. Mt. Carmel Roller Mills. Custom Work a Specialty. Advertisement for roller mills and custom work.

Look & Lincoln, MANUFACTURERS OF Wagons, Wagon material & Plow Handles, BUGGIES, PHAETONS and CARTS advertisement.

Merchants & Farmers Bank advertisement listing directors and officers.

W. M. Davis, MARION LIVERY, FEED and STABLES advertisement.

Woolen Mill Machinery, Circular Saw Mills, Turbine Water Wheels advertisement.

Gloves! Gloves! Cove Plaster advertisement for gloves and plaster.

W. E. & F. W. LEONARD Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Groceries advertisement.

More Hood's Sarsaparilla advertisement with image of a bottle and text.

**MARION NEWS**

**Local Items.**

Prepare yourself for April Fool's day.

The days and nights are nearly of equal length now.

Jno. D. Barns, of Broad Ford, was in town last Tuesday.

The ins and outs of the poker are simply the gains and losses.

C. M. Killian, wife and daughter of Holstein Mills were in town Tuesday.

C. W. Repass and J. W. Eiffert, of Rural Retreat, were in Marion this week.

President Swain of the Marion & Rye Valley R. R. arrived in the city yesterday.

Capt. Jno. M. Gwyn and O. L. James, of Chatham Hill, were in the city Wednesday.

Prof. J. P. Sheffey, of King college, Bristol, spent last Sunday in the city with home folks.

People buy Hood's Sarsaparilla year after year because it does them good. It will do you good to take it.

Clint Barns, Esq., a prominent attorney of Tazewell, Va., spent Wednesday in the city looking after legal business.

Miss Lula Carrier left this week to take a special course, in Music and Elocution, at Sullins' college, Bristol, Tenn.

**Millinery Opening at Venable & Co's Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29, 30 and 31. Largest stock we ever had.**

The Lutheran congregation of this place is to be complimented on the handsome repairs made on the College chapel, their present place of worship.

The young ladies of M. F. College will have a reception and supper at the College on Friday evening the 26 inst. from 7:30 till 10 o'clock. Tickets can be had at 25c.

Those who expect to be candidates for office at the May election should plant their announcements in THE NEWS. It will not cost you any more now than to wait for a month, and then announce.

We will make a special discount to CASH BUYERS next week on millinery and other goods.

VENABLE & CO.

Mr. J. M. Hughes and wife left last Monday for Knoxville and Lenoir City, Tenn. Mr. Hughes returned yesterday morning, leaving his wife and little son who will spend some time visiting friends in the above named cities.

Mr. C. S. Snider, our popular and efficient deputy Sheriff, has moved his family in town, and will occupy the residence of the late Judge Richardson on Staleys creek. We are always glad to welcome such good and worthy people as Mr. Snider and family in our midst.

Rev. E. W. Leslie, of Atkins, preached two excellent and practical sermons in the M. F. college chapel last Saturday at 3 p. m. and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Rev. Leslie is a pleasant and impressive speaker and both sermons were favorably received by the congregation.

The Jewett piano was made to order and the hardest kind of use. There is a large percentage of integrity and intelligence in their construction. The catalogue tells about them. Buy it. Hobbie Piano Co's. system plan is the simplest and easiest to be found anywhere. Write and they will explain it to you.

Legal business were on a boom week. Last Wednesday we had different courts in session at the time; Circuit court, presided by Judge Sheffey; the Mayor's court by A. H. Atkins; the vice Mayor R. Venable holding court at the depot, and W. V. Birchfield, Esq., conducting a trial at his office.

Do not fail to read M. Weiler's new advertisement in this issue. If you carry anything he carries in it you may lose money by not calling. He has the handsomest, most stylish lot of spring clothing ever brought to Marion. Mr. Weiler has built up a reputation in Smyth and adjoining counties and we can assure you that he is better known now than ever.

**Youthful Culprits.**

On last Saturday night the glass in the front door of Mr. A. P. Pickles store was broken out and the house entered. On Sunday morning the door was repaired by nailing boards over the opening, but that night the store was entered again. Mr. L. P. Francis, who was passing by, seen some one pull the boards from the opening and crawl in. He gave the alarm to S. C. Lindsey, who immediately went to the store and searched the house, finding a small boy by the name of Vivian Parks in the store, his little brother being on the outside. These boys are only about 10 and 12 years of age, respectively. They had taken nothing except probably a little candy and tobacco. It is difficult to believe that boys so young would attempt such a theft, unless they were prompted to do so by some older head. A man by the name of Ira Hall was charged with being implicated but the charge was not sustained and he was released. The boys gave bail and are awaiting the action of the grand jury. We have no doubt that the authorities will look with a degree of leniency on the boys on account of their premature years.

**Next week will be the time to buy goods from Venable and Co. They will make special cash discount on all goods.**

**Death of Col. J. M. Byars.**

We regret to learn of the death of Col. James M. Byars at De Land, Florida. Col. Byars was for a number of years extensively engaged in farming and stock raising in Washington county. He was an old-time Virginia gentleman—urbane, hospitable and generous, and his demise will be regretted by a large circle of friends. His remains were interred at the old Glade Spring cemetery Thursday. Peace to his ashes.

**Music Free**—Just received 200 pieces clean new and late Sheet Music. One piece will be given to every lady making a cash purchase at THORNTON'S Drug Store.

**Lee Sexton Appointed.**

Colonel Jno. W. Richardson, the new Register of the Land Office, was at his post of duty again yesterday morning, having been detained at home by sickness since Monday. Colonel Richardson has appointed Mr. Lee Sexton, of Smyth county, his clerk. Mr. Sexton arrived here last night and will enter upon his duties in the morning.

Mr. Sexton comes from a prominent and leading family in Smyth county, his father having been for many years a leading farmer and merchant. He is prominently connected in the Southwest, and is a near relative of W. C. Sexton, the clerk of the County and Circuit Courts, who at the expiration of his present term will have been clerk of the county for forty-two years in succession.

Mr. Sexton, Colonel Richardson's new clerk, was for a time the confidential clerk of Mr. Richardson in his mercantile business, until he became his partner. They remained together in business until they sold out to another firm.—Richmond Times.

**Hood's Pills**  
Should be in every family medicine chest and every traveler's grip. They are available when the stomach is out of order; cure headache, biliousness, and all liver troubles. Mild and efficient. 25 cent.

"Success is the reward of merit" not of assumption. Popular appreciation is what tells in the long run. For fifty years, people have been using Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and to-day it is the blood-purifier most in favor with the public. Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures.

The base of Ayer's Hair Vigor is a refined and delicate fluid, which does not soil or become rancid by exposure to the air, and which is as perfect a substitute for the oil supplied by nature in youth and health, as modern chemistry can produce.



For Catarrh of the Bladder, or any other urinary affection, apply to the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c. by mail. J. C. BROTHERS, 56 W. 14th St., New York City.

**Fire at W. Herdille.**

About five o'clock Sunday morning two or three early risers discovered that the roof of Mrs. Mebane's millinery store on the corner of Main and First streets was blazing. It was at once evident that there was no chance of saving the store or any of its contents, and the efforts of the fire company and their volunteer assistants were directed to saving the two-story frame cottage owned by Miss Jane Gibbons and situated on the corner of the yard which surrounds the house. If the cottage burned down the bigger house would probably go, and the men worked heroically to save the cottage, succeeded in getting the fire out after the first story had been destroyed and the second a good deal injured. The furniture was saved.

**Buggies.**

We are now receiving a new line of Buggies, Surries, &c., and all expecting to buy anything of the kind this year will do well to look at our line before purchasing elsewhere.

LOOK & LINCOLN.

**Eye Glasses.**

There should be no guess-work in fitting of glasses. Spectacles will never do what they should do unless the fit is ABSOLUTELY PERFECT. We fit glasses and guarantee them at O. C. SPRINKLE'S PHARMACY.

**GROSECLOSE BROS. & CO.**

We have sold an interest in our store to Mr. C. S. Snider, and the new firm will be styled Groseclose Bros. & Co. We assume all debts and will collect all accounts due Groseclose Bros. We feel grateful for the liberal patronage you have bestowed upon us in the past and ask a continuance of the same for the new firm. We ask all persons owing us accounts to come in any pay them. While we do not wish to press any one we have waited a long time and feel that you cannot reasonably expect us to wait longer and we must insist upon a settlement and at least part payment without calling on you again.

Yours truly, GROSECLOSE BROS.

**New Store!**

**New Stock!**

**Little Prices!**

**EASTER OFFERINGS IN FINE MILLINERY!**

**FRED PAINTER** submits his stock to judgment of the people. **Full Assortment.** In millinery, dress goods, and the **Latest Novelties**

in gents furnishing goods. Everything you want at half the price you want to pay. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

Test goods and prices and you will be satisfied

**Fred Painter,**

Successor to Miss O. M. Sprinkle.

Misses Okie and Emma Sprinkle will have charge of the MILLINERY and DRESS-MAKING department.

**New Goods!**

**New House!**

I am now receiving and opening up my spring goods—

**Window Shades, Curtain Poles, Straw Mattidg, Oil Cloth, etc.**

A fine line of **Chamber Suits.**

Come and see me in my new quarters, corner Main and Broad streets.

**R. F. NICKELS.**

**GUIDE** One packet either Wonderful Branching Aster, New Japan Morning Glory or Pansy Choice mixed for 15c. Two packets 25c, three packets 30c. Full retail price 45 cts.

Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine which tells how to grow Plants, Flowers and Vegetables, and is up to date on these subjects, for 3 months, the Guide and One packet of Seeds (named above) for 25 cents.

Every Person sending an Order as above will receive a coupon good for 50 cents' worth of Seeds.

When ordering state where you saw this adv. and we will send a packet of Choice Flower Seeds free.

**JAMES VICK'S SONS, ROCHESTER, N. Y.**

**Easter Hats and BONNETS!**

Miss Fannie Hathaway is here with the largest stock of MILLINERY we have ever had, and we will have our OPENING MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th, 30th and 31st. Ladies, we will give you an opportunity next week to buy MILLINERY, DRESS GOODS, SLIPPERS, &c., at REDUCED PRICES. We will make LIBERAL DISCOUNTS ON ALL GOODS BOUGHT FOR CASH. We want to sell a lot of goods next week, we therefore offer SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON ALL GOODS. We show a BEAUTIFUL

**Stock of Millinery,**

and Miss Hathaway is an EXPERT MILLINER and you can depend on getting the LATEST if you buy from us. We also offer a nice stock of



A GROUP OF SPRING GOWNS.

Dress Goods, Shoes, Clothing, etc.

at greatly reduced prices. Don't forget

**Millinery Opening**

**Monday, Tuesday and**

**Wednesday, March 29, 30, and 31.**

**Venable & Co.**

**To the Public!**

We invite your special attention to our immense stock of

**READY-MADE CLOTHING!**

just opened up, and feel satisfied its the best selected line of goods

**EVER OFFERED IN MARION.**

Men's suits from \$2 up to \$18.

Children's suits from 75c. to \$4.

Pants from 40c. to \$5.

—Beautiful assortment of—

**COLORED and WHITE SHIRTS**

that for style and low prices can't be beat.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

**SHOES and SLIPPERS.**

Our assortment is simply immense, and for stylish and solid wear we can't be beat.

FOR GENUINE BARGAINS IN ANY KIND OF GOODS, BY ALL MEANS CALL ON US.

**M. Weiler,** The Leader of Low Prices.

1896 1896

**W. C. Seaver & Sons,**

Are still in the front with a larger and cheaper line of

**FURNITURE,**

Hardware, stoves, tinware and house-furnishing goods generally than ever before.

We will take pleasure in comparing the quality and prices of our goods with any house in the southwest. We study to please our customers both as to quality and prices of everything in our lines. Good produce taken in exchange for goods

Come and see us.

Respectfully,  
**W. C. SEAVER & SONS.**

Crescent Bicycles. Ladies and Gents Bicycles, \$25 to \$75. All new. For sale by

