JOSH BILLINGS'S PHILOSOPHY .- Of all kreated things, animate or manimate, we find no fools except among

mankind. The man who told us "that virtew iz its own reward," might have added

that vice waz, too. The man who fully understands a subjekt is alluss satisfied to use the simplest terms to explain it.

The man who tells you that there isn't an honest person living, haz studdyed his own kyracter too well. If yu expekt to keep yure friend, you hav got to see all his virtews with

both eyes, and hiz failings with one. It would be a good trade if we could banish about one-haff the learning out ov the world, and substitute common

sense in the place ov it. It iz a grate deal eazier to be sassy than to be sarkastik; but there iz menny kritics who haven't discovered attention and is a most interesting perthe difference yet, and probably never sonality. He might be preaching to will.

The world has alluss longed for sensashuns. If a man could invent a new Punch and Judy, he would be admired more than the one who could make one barrel ov flour go az far az two.

A HAPPY REJOINDER .- Col. Stone, of Tennessee, when he was running for governor, met for the first time a delegate from one of the rural counties to before his name became known in the state convention. The colonel many lands. said:

"I am glad to meet you. I have known your father for many years; While he was still a very small boy but have never had the pleasure of your acquaintance. I see, however, father was a minister who farmed that his son is better looking than his father."

"Look here, colonel," said the delegate, "you need not be flattering me the man who was to write "Robert up, for I am out and out for Barksdale Hardy's Seven Days," "In His Steps" for governor, although the old man is and "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong"

not say you had half as much sense as limbs of the man who has become the he has," returned the colonel.

Those standing around roared with laughter, in which the delegate goodhumoredly joined.

YOUTHFUL DIPLOMACY .- The groceryman on the corner relates that a couple of days ago a little girl entered his emporium and timidly laying down a dime, asked for 10 cents' worth of

"It's for papa," she said. "I want to s'prise him when he comes home."

The groceryman proceeded to dig out some of his stock when the little girl interposed:

"Don't give me that kind. Give me caramels. I just love caramels!" "But I thought these were for papa," the groceryman remarked.

"I know, explained the little girl; but when I give them to papa he'll just kiss me an' say that 'cause I'm such a generous little girl, he'll give them all back to me. So you'd better give me caramels."—The Memphis Scimitar.

THE HOME IN NO DANGER.-Statesman-My dear madam, your arguments in support of women's suffrage are all very well so far as they go; but you leave out of the problem the most all the home factor important madam, the home-the unit of American government.

Mrs. Strongmind-In what way, pray?

Statesman-Would not giving the ballot to woman transform every home into a centre of political contention

and animosity? Mrs. Strongmind-Nonsense! course not. The husband would vote as the wife tells him, or lie about it, just as he does now .- Washington Star.

AN INDISCREET MOTHER .- "I love all that is beautiful in art and nature,' she was saying to her æsthetic admirer. "I revel in the green fields, the babbling brooks, and the little wayside flowers. I feast on the beauties of earth and sky and air; they are my daily life and food, and-

"Maudie!" cried out the nother from the kitchen, not knowing that her daughter's beau was in the parlor "Maudie! whatever made you go and eat that big dish of potatoes that was left over from dinner? I told you that we wanted them warmed up for supper. I declare if your appetite isn't enough to bankrupt your pa."-Globe-Democrat.

A NATURAL CONCLUSION .- "What's your name?" asked the new school teacher, addressing the first boy on the

bench. "Julie Simpson," replied the lad. "Not Julie-Julius," said the teach-He addressed the next one

"What is your name?" "Billious Simpson, I suppose," said

And the new teacher had to rap for

order.-The Standard.

At a railway station, an old lady said to a very pompous-looking gentleman, who was talking about communications, "Pray, sir, what is steam ?" "Steam, ma'am, is, ah-ah! steam is-" "I knew that chap could not tell ye," said a rough-looking fellow standing near by; "but steam is a bucket of water in a tremendous perspiration."-True Flag.

AFFABLE PASSENGER .- Indeed and you are a music ball artist. I am a banker, and I think it is twenty years since I was in a music hall.

Music Hall Artist (regretfully)-And I'm certain, gov'nor, it's twenty years since I was in a bank .- Moonshine.

"Ma, I wish I had a little sister." "So you would have someone to play with you, Freddy?" "No'm; soze ev'y time you washed my face I c'd wash hern."—Chicago Record.

Career of the Author of "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," "In His Steps" and "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong"-His Attempt to Run a Newspaper as Jesus Would.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, whose at- | ing. It was characteristic of the man. tempt to run a Topeka newspaper as Christ would, has attracted widespread great audiences in a rich church, he might be making an immense fortune simply by collecting royalties on books whose editions run into the millions of copies, or he might be on the lecture platform receiving the plaudits of the people of great cities, but he is content to remain pastor of a modest church in Topeka and do his work as he did it

Here is the story of his career: He was born in Wellsville, N. Y., in 1857. his parents removed to Dakota. His weekdays and preached in a little church on Sunday. The Sheldon farm was just outside of Yankton, and there spent most of his boyhood. It was for you."

"Why, I simply find you better looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking the looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking the looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking the looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking the looking than your father; but I did shoulders and developed the muscular looking the looking than your father looking the looking the looking than your father looking the looking than your father looking the looking than your father looking the looking the looking than your father looking the looking than your father looking the looking the looking than your father looking the looking than your father looking the looking than your father looking the looking that looking the looking that looking the looking than your father looking the looking the looking than y foremost of religious authors.

As a boy Mr. Sheldon went to school in Yankton. Even at that time he had

He was "getting acquainted."

ZOREVILLE

Topeka is the headquarters of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. Hundreds of men are employed in the railroad shops, and hundreds of trainmen make their headquarters there. It was among these that Mr. Sheldon spent much of his time.

He obtained an employee's pass from the railroad company, and, dressed as an employee, he made trips up and down the road in company with the trainmen, learning their ways and drawing out their ideas on every conceivable subject, especially on religion.

After that he spent a week or two with the physicians of Topeka, studying them. He read their books and visited their patients with them. Another week was spent with the lawyers in their offices and in court.

In the hard times of 1893 Mr. Shelfrom persons who were out of employment. He determined to find out for himself whether or not employment could be secured by a common laborer, and, putting on a suit of clothes, he started out in search of it. Every one who ever employed labor received a call from him, but he was invariably no laborers were needed. On the following Sunday he related his experiences, and the people of Topeka awoke



THE REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON.

begun to write stories. They were to the fact that an unusual sort of printed in the local paper, some of them. "And they were just as good," says his father, "as those he writes now.

As his father was anxious for him to become a minister, the young man went east and entered Phillips academy, Andover, Mass., where thousands of theological students are trained. Later he took a course at Brown university and then returned to the Andover Theological seminary.

After a summer in Europe he entered the ministry and began preaching in Waterbury, Vt. But the spirit of the west was in him, so when he received a call to become the pastor of the newly established Central Congregational church, in Topeka, in 1888, he gladly accepted it as the opening he had been waiting for.

Most men would not have thought the outlook an inviting one. The little congregation of 60 had no church building, but held services in a dingy little hall over a grocery store. But he went to work with a will. As a result of his energetic methods the little hall was soon abandoned and a substantial stone church erected. The congregation was I do not wish to be talked about or to increased to 300. It was not a rich or fashionable congregation, nor is it today, but it is very much alive.

Early in his pastorate Mr. Sheldon began to employ strikingly original methods. He was not satisfied with the kind of work usually done by ministers. He wanted to know what ideas the masses of the people had on the subject of Christianity, and he wanted to find out about their daily lives and occupations.

With this desire in his heart he asked pastoral work for three months, and his congregation saw little of him except during church services. He was at home scarcely any of the time, but street car lines, should be operated by May 8: Captain Bettis, who has had a view to ascertaining their effectivevery few people knew what he was do- cities.

preacher was among them.

Then he wrote his stories-those which preceded "In His Steps"-and read them from the pulpit, one installment at a time, instead of delivering sermons. He interested his congregation in his plan to regenerate "Tennesof Topeka.

Such is the outline of the career which has brought him fame. He is a hard worker and lives modestly. He has a wife and one child, a boy of 2 Topeka and helps him with his work. Although Mr. Sheldon has written a dozen books, he is known best as the 20 publishing houses there are still issuing editions. It has been translated Armenian, Swedish, Norwegian, Spanish and dialects of western Africa. Mr. Sheldon is by nature a retiring man told that the people who read his books Olive. It was bid off by T. J. Martin and almost dreads notoriety. When would like to know about the author, he said: "That is mere idle curiosity. I do not wish to be talked about or to have my church work talked about. The message I have for these posses."

Office. It was pid off by T. J. Martin at \$205....... Mrs. T. C. Spraggins, of Hackleburg, Ala., is at Dr. G. B. White's. Her grandfather, John White, and one of his brothers, moved from this county to Alabama 199 The message I have for these people from this county to Alabama 93 years among whom I live I give in my ser ago, and they were lost sight of for mons. The message I have for the some time by their relatives here.

have nothing more to say." ownership. He believes that water, had been re-established.

Miscellancous Beading.

IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.

mmary of the News That Is Being Pub lished by Exchanges.

CLEVELAND-The Shelby Aurora, May 9: The Negro prisoner in the county jail who was sent to the detention house as a smallpox subject, has been examined by County Physician Palmer, who pronounces the case not smallpox. Excitement in the town and country has about subsided as no other cases have developed A force of hands is busy at work build-

kindly and public spirited gentleman, Dr. B. F. Dixon, soon to be state auditor, has presented to Trinity College museum some interesting relics, among which were: A knife taken from the grave of Colonel Ferguson, at King's Mountain battle ground, a pipe carried by Captain Freeman, a Corean pouch and Corean money......Mr. Earl Mc-Farland, a bright young boy of this place who has been holding a lucrative and responsible position with a big New York firm, has accepted a government position in Cuba and leaves for his new post of duty tomorrow, (Thursday.) He will be located at Sagua LaGrand, province of Santa Clara, in northern Cuba. He will fill the position of private secretary to the disbursing officer in the distributing department. The position is a good one, and is a deserved recognition of his fine business ability. Mr. N. don received many applications for aid Jackson, one of our esteemed citizens, celebrated his 82nd anniversary last Thursday. He was entertained at dinner by his daughter, Mrs. E. Reviere. It was a most pleasant occa-sion. This aged gentleman, who has 82 milestones in life's journey, is still hale, hearty and active. He has the honor of being one of the first settlers turned away with the information that of Shelby, 58 years ago. He built the first dwelling house erected here, and was the first settler. The house stood in the rear of the Walton Green residence, east of the public square, and was constructed out of pine logs. Mr.

Jackson worthily bears the esteem of a large circle of friends who join with The Aurora in wishing him many more happy returns of the day...... The campaign is warming up in Cleveland and the champions of White Supremacy and good govern are mingling with the sturdy yoemanry of the county who are according them cordial and enthusiastic greetings. The White Supremacy club of Shelby held its first meeting in the court house Friday night. A large crowd was in attendance. Splendid addresses were delivered by S. E. Gidney, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Woodson. The audience ing argument against the black and quietly yesterday and resulted in the tau aggregation with salvos of applause. Both of the gentlemen fully sustained their reputations for forceful speakers, and their arguments in behalf of a white man's government were clear, concise logical and convincing. The next meeting of the has lost count of the number of years club will be held Friday night, June 1. he has filled the office. He always

Mr. W. B. Horne returned Saturday morning from his school, near Hickory Grove, and is now resting at home. resting at home. Grove, and is now Dr. and Mrs. Henderson, of Los Angeles, Cal., left here for Hickory Grove, after visiting several days in town and county. Mrs. Henderson was a McDill, a native of Ohio; but of Chester county stock. They are gathering notes of family connection. We have learned that Mrs. Jane Black, wife of Mr. James Black, of Fort Lawn, died last Tuesday, of pneumonia. Our informant thinks she was about 73 years old. Her name was Walker before her marriage......In vitations are out for the marriage of Mr. Arthur Davis Darby, of Lowrys ville, and Miss Julia Simpson, of Clinton, on Wednesday, the 16th. A reception will be given by the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Darby, on Thursday evening, the 17th.J. E. McDonald, Thos. Elliott, and others were in town last week on it is understood, to the invention of a business connected with the prospec shell by a prominent officer of the tive development of the Catawba United States navy-a shell superior water power. They and associates in every essential quality to any now control the state's interest in the canal in use by this or any other government.

and considerable property besides, and The quality of penetration possessed have the backing of ample capital to by the shell is said to be so great that utilize the power. A colored child, no armor now manufactured in the three or four years old, daughter of United States or abroad has sufficient sectown." one of the squalid suburbs Joe Spence, was burned to death last resistance to withstand it. Saturday on Mrs. Rachel McKeown's place, near Cornwell. It had been left of only a few senators, were deemed so in the yard; but had got in the house important that the senate decided to and caught fire. It had run out again consider them in secret. has a wife and one child, a boy of 2 when it got afire, and was dead when rears. His father also lives near him in found.........Yesterday the clerk sold laid aside for the day, Mr. Tillman two lots. The first near the Eureka mills, one acre and 16 poles, was bought by S. E. McFadden for \$100. Second, author of "In His Steps." The work the Dixon lot, where the house was was not copyrighted in England, and burned two years ago, at the corner of

was bought by S. D. Cross for \$600. Also the Charlotte Hancock tract, near

world at large I give in my books. I What is more remarkable, the two hands, not only of the senate, but of families in Alabama lost all knowledge Although he avoids notorlety, he is of each other. Some time ago a broth-Although he avoids notorlety, he is willing to speak when an opportunity presents itself to further the cause of religion or humanity. He believes in municipal ownership of public utilities and has studied the subject at home and abroad. He affiliates with no political party, but in local campaigns has made speeches in favor of public ownership. He believes that water, ownership. He believes that water, of each other. Some time ago a broth-water ago a broth-what property belonged exclusions the United States. He was informed the United States. He was informed that Admiral O'Neil, chief of the buttent at Admiral O'Neil, chief of the United States. He was informed that Admiral O'Neil, chief of the buttent at Admiral O'Neil, chief of the Southent salivation of the Charleston Division of the Charleston Division of the Southent at Admiral O'Neil, chief of the United States. He was informed that Admiral O'Neil, chief o his congregation to excuse him from litical party, but in local campaigns learned of it afterward through rela-

roads and good road working, which armor as well as of other armor tested. we confidently expect will be added to this year. Sales of valuable real not described; indeed, the navy deestate in both city and county were partment is guarding jealously all demade yesterday by the probate judge, tails concerning its construction.
sheriff and clerk of court. All the The argument of Mr. Tillman is prizes it very bighly.

in Rock Hill. Messrs. R. L. Holly- secret. bough and J. H. Neal have the contract to build a large store for the the armor plate matter was discussed Yorkville Cotton mill. The store will behind closed doors. be 55x150 and two stories high, requiring 300,000 brick for its construction. TAKE COUGH EASE, 25 CENTS A BOTTLE. YORK DRUG STORE.Mr. A. P. Arney, of Lowell, a well-to-do and prosperous citizen of that section, died early Saturday morning and was buried Saturday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Vipperman and Austin. Mr. Arney was a consistent member of the Lowell Baptist church and has many friends. He was an aged man and leaves many relatives. over the Trenton grounds yesterday. Work on the new mill-Trenton No. 2-is rapidly progressing. The ground s about leveled and the concrete foundation has been laid. The mill will be two stories with a basement half the size of the mill for machinery. Two 100 horse power boilers will be placed beside the two 80-horse power boilers of the old mill. The mill will have 32,000 spindles. Fourteen new houses have been built and are being painted. The old houses are being painted also. Gazette, May 10: Mr. C. E. Bennett, of Union, passed through the city last Thursday, and had with him one of the largest dogs ever seen around here. He was a Great Dane and came from Germany. The original price paid for him was \$135. He is now three years old and tips the beam at 252 pounds. The dog is owned by Mrs. Dowchase, of Lincolnton. Mr.

ArriveChester...10 31 pm 5 15 pm *20 minutes for supper at Gastonia. No. 10, north bound, connects at Chester with Southern Ry., Seaboard Air Line, and Georgia Ex. Ry.; at Gastonia with Southern Ry.; at Lincolnton with Seaboard Air Line; at Newton and Hickory with Southern Ry. No. 9, south bound, makes close connection at all junction points. Bennett informed us that he was very docile and easily managed, and very fond of children The town election of McAdenville passed off very election of the following named gentlemen: For mayor, Mr. J. N. Roberts for aldermen, Dr. L. N. Glenn, Messrs R. H. Fisher, J. B. Bethune, Jake Hendrix, and S. N. Moore. Mr. Rob

men. Several of them are re-elected. having been on the old board. LANCASTER - Ledger, May 9: Constable Conner, who recently met with the misfortune of breaking an arm, is at his post again. Mr. Jack Hinson, near Primus, whose leg was broken by his mule throwing him recently, is not doing so well, and it is reported that the broken limb may have to be amputated.

choosing an excellent board of alder

ARMOR PLATE WORTHLESS.

Naval Officer Invents a Shell That Will

Penetrate the Best of It. Some facts almost startling in their importance were laid before the senate Tuesday in executive session, says a Washington dispatch. They related,

The facts, which were in possession

Today, after the naval bill had been asked for a secret session in order that he might explain to the senate why he desired the armor plate matter to be discussed in secret.

When the doors were closed he ex-York and Pine streets. It was bought plained that several days ago he had by Mrs. Emma S. Hafner, for \$690. offered a resolution calling upon the into French, German, Russian, Italian. The sheriff sold for taxes, the Dunn secretary of the navy to send to the house and lot, on Centre street. It senate for its information, the details of tests made by the department's officials of armor plate at Indian Head. No answer to that inquiry has been received, and in all human probability none will ever be received.

It seems that Mr. Tillman called at the navy department and was informed that it was unwise at this time to make public the details of the tests he had asked for, as it would place in the representatives of foreign governments, what properly belonged exclusively to

heat and light plants, together with CHEROKEE—The Gaffney Ledger, the Krupp armor, had been made with SAMUEL HUNT, President, the county chaingang quartered in ness against a new shell that had S. B. LUMPKIN, Gen. F. and P. Agt.

the old jail all winter and working all been invented by an officer of the the roads entering the city for some navy. No piece of armor submitted miles out, took his force to the count to the test, it is understood, was able try, and is now camped near Mount to withstand the test. The shell, fired Paron, in Cherokee township. The from high power guns, penetrated the gang now contains 16 men; is well armor almost as bullets from a Kragquipped with modern road machines, Jorgensen rifle would penetrate green with strong teams in fine condition wood, the difference being the armor and experienced managers. Cherokee plates split from point of impact. It already has a reputation for her good is said that this was true of the Krupp

The shell which was so effective was

property sold brought good prices. that with such a projectile in the pos-The bidding was spirited and showed session of the government, that sooner Narrow Guage road at this place. It is located near the S. C & G. Ex. depot, and is nearly completed. That graphs of Rev and Mrs. W. E. Crock-into contracts to purchase the high er, of this city, now missionaries in priced armor, unless it could be so China, taken in a group of some of their flock in their far off field. The picture was shown us by Mr. S. R. Thackston, Mrs. Crocker's father, who the government would be used in the GASTON - Gastonia News, May 8: debate upon the armor question, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Grier have return- Tillman suggested that it would be ed from a visit to Mr. Grier's relatives desirable to consider the subject in

The senate agreed with him, and

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CHESTER—The Lantern, May 8: gets about three-fourths of the votes CAMDEN AND BLACKSRIERG

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