



MRS. CECELIA STOWE, Orator, Katae N. as Club.

176 Warren Avenue, CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 22, 1902. For nearly four years I suffered from ovarian troubles. The doctor insisted on an operation as the only way to get well. I, however, strongly objected to an operation. My husband felt disheartened as well as I, for home with a sick woman is a disconsolate place at best. A friendly druggist advised him to get a bottle of Wine of Cardui for me to try, and he did so. I began to improve in a few days and my recovery was very rapid. Within eighteen weeks I was another being.

Cecelia Stowe

Mrs. Stowe's letter shows every woman how a home is saddened by female weakness and how completely Wine of Cardui cures that sickness and brings health and happiness again. Do not go on suffering. Go to your druggist today and secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui.

WINE OF CARDUI

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

What the Legislators Are Doing in Columbia.

The general assembly of South Carolina met in Columbia Tuesday, the 12th inst. Since the last meeting in January, 1903, there has been one death among the members, Mr. McMaster of Richland county. Mr. M. L. Smith of Camden is speaker of the house. An important event of the day was the reading of the governor's message. Mr. Johnson of Fairfield offered a bill which proposes a special tax of one tenth of 1 per cent upon the capital of every corporation in the state, except cotton mills, doing business for profit under a state charter.

In support of his bill against slot machines Mr. Wade said that there were 1,300 slot machines in use in this state, and he thought it was high time for them to be removed.

Mr. Johnson of Fairfield offered a bill to provide a penalty of \$5,000 against any railroad corporation on which a head-end collision or wreck occurs from which there shall ensue death or personal injury through carelessness, incompetency, recklessness or failure on the part of the railroad company to take the necessary precaution to prevent such collision or wreck. The penalty of \$5,000 is to be paid to the state treasurer.

What's in a Name?

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel, that is a specific for Piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Sold by Crawford Bros.

It doesn't help our bad habits to call them eccentricities.

You can lift the load from your ears by lifting your eyes to God.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggist refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c

PRODIGAL SON RETURNS.

He Met No Fatted Calf, But Lifted the Mortgage on the Old Home.

Edwin Johnson in Atlanta News.

There was at least one family in South Carolina made happy by the dawning of the New Year. It was genuine happiness this family enjoyed, the kind that counts, especially when the old ones are turning gray with age, and the silver crown warns them that the day of the golden is not far distant.

A beardless youth, upon whose face the dawn had not yet attained to manhood's estate, threw the beam of light across the pathway of his aged parents which lifted from their already bowed shoulders a heavy mortgage which was resting on the home where their little one had first seen the light of day.

When he was a mere lad John Williamson, who lived near Camden, S. C., ran away from home. He wandered over the face of the earth, first going to one place and then to another, but always remembering his parents. He wrote to them occasionally, telling them not to worry, that he was getting along all right.

In the course of his travels he landed in Texas. He decided to locate in the fertile fields of the Lone Star State. He purchased a small tract of land. It became necessary to have water with which to supply his stock. A well had to be dug.

For many weary days the youth stood by and watched the progress of digging a well in Texas. The long drill pierced deeper and deeper, and the expense column pierced deeper and deeper into his pocket. But he must have water, and he was determined to stand the expense of digging a well.

But when the bucket, the first to reach a liquid substance, came rising from the well, it contained—OIL!

In a comparatively short time the youthful South Carolina boy found himself the possessor of wealth beyond his wildest hopes and dreams. Oil flowed in plenty. He was a rich man. He worked his find carefully, economically, writing home to the old folks all the time that he was doing well. He did not tell them of his find, for it might prove a mirage, and they would be forced to share in his disappointment.

By and by as he grew richer news of his aged parents found its way to his western home. He learned that they were in want—that it had become necessary to mortgage the little farm. Later he heard the mortgage was due, and there were no funds to meet the demands of the holder of the mortgage.

John Williamson secured New York exchange for \$2,500, bought a ticket to Camden, and was soon near the scene of his birth. He walked to the hotel register and wrote in a strong, firm hand, "J. A. Williamson." It was late at night. Next morning he secured a livery team and drove to the little home under the shadow of the hill.

In the little home the New Year had dawned cold and cheerless. There was no happiness, no good cheer there. The wail was howling at the door, and the strong arm of the law stood ready to evict the aged couple who had stood the shattering blasts of so many storms.

John reached the little home. He leaped from the buggy and

was shortly in the arms of those who had given him life. It was a sweet home coming, tinged with the sadness of pressing need. But that day the parents buried their sorrow. They would be cheerful for John's sake. Around the open fireplace the trio sat until the shades of gloom began to cast a veil over the face of the sun.

Then John told them of his oil well; of the purpose of his visit; of how he meant to raise the mortgage. The old couple hung on his words in breathless suspense. Then the good, patient mother fell to weeping, silently. The old man brushed a tear from his eye, and with trembling hands took down from the high mantle the old and worn Bible. He read "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

After the reading the little group knelt around the fireside and an eloquent prayer was offered. There was happiness in that home.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental, Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c, at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy, Druggists.

Columbia's Missing Boy Found Dead

The body of Stephen Howell, the young boy who disappeared from his home in Columbia about three days before Christmas was found Tuesday afternoon lying in a small branch on the Suber place, three miles from the city. The head was almost severed from the body and horribly mutilated. The pockets of his clothes were turned, showing that the motive for the bloody deed was robbery. The missing axe that has been the basis for the belief of foul play was found a few feet from the body. The coroner was summoned immediately and held an inquest at which the boy's father positively identified the body as being that of his son.

On the day on which Howell was last seen alive he was sent with a strange negro into the woods for the purpose of gathering evergreens for Christmas decorations. The negro returned and received the money for his services and when questioned by Howell's mother, he said the boy had left him at the dinner hour. At the time there was no suspicion of crime and the negro was allowed to leave. Since then nothing has been heard of him. The body was partly eaten by vultures.

The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by J. F. Mackey & Co., Druggist.

The real grief never goes on dress parade.

The burden sharers will be the crown wearers.

You Know What You Are Taking When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure no pay. 50c

THE PRICE WE PAY FOR CHARACTER BUILDING.

Superintendent Thinks Teacher's Pay Should be Doubled.

The State.

The New York, Chicago and Boston School Journal thinks that "one of the ablest sections of the admirable annual report of Supt. E. S. Dreher of Columbia, S. C.," is that taking up the question of teachers' salaries. That section of Mr. Dreher's report says:

"No efficient teacher will ever receive in this world a just compensation for her labors. Her services to the community cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents. No one can estimate the value of character and intelligence; morality and brains are priceless. For this reason teachers should be well paid for their work; our schedule of salaries should be higher than at present.

After anxiously awaiting for years an increase of salaries, the announcement by the school board that the maximum salary of a grade teacher would hereafter be \$405, instead of \$360, as heretofore, was most welcome news to our teachers. Although this is a gratifying increase, and is much appreciated by the teachers, a short example in division will show that a teacher that receives a salary of \$405 per annum has a per diem income of only \$11. This is what we pay our teachers for character building; ignorant laborers who dig dirt on the streets of Columbia receive almost as much, while plumbers, bricklayers and carpenters earn at least twice as much.

Our people do not yet seem fully able to appreciate the fact that the schoolroom controls the destiny of our country; when they do, our teachers will be paid salaries somewhat commensurate with the importance of their work. That we, here in Columbia, have made a start in this direction is encouraging; but a stop, however, should not be made until the maximum salary of a grade teacher shall be \$60 a month for 12 months in the year. The highest salary commands the best talent; the best is the cheapest."

Cures Blood and Skin Diseases, Itching Humors, Eczema, Scrofula, e. c.

Send no money—simply write and try Botanic Blood Balm at our expense. A personal trial of Blood Balm is better than a thousand printed testimonials, so don't hesitate to write for a free sample.

If you suffer from ulcers, eczema, scrofula, blood poison, cancer, eating sores, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh, or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Balm (B.B.B.). Especially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases of malignant blood or skin diseases, because Botanic Blood Balm (B.B.B.) kills the poison in the blood, cures where all else fails, heals every sore, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the rich glow of health. B. B. B., the most perfect blood purifier made. Thoroughly tested for 30 years. Costs \$1 per large bottle at drug stores. To prove it cures, sample of Blood Balm sent free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. This is an honest offer—medicine sent at once, prepaid.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work.

Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases, and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, by mail free, also a pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

LANCASTER & CHESTER RAILWAY COMPANY

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 29, 1903. DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Table with columns for destination, time, and departure. Includes routes to Lancaster, Gastonia, Yorkville, and Columbia.

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CONNECTIONS CHESTER—Southern, Seaboard, and Carolina & North-Western Railways. LANCASTER—Southern Railway.

Auditor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that this office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February, 1904, for the purpose of receiving the returns of the taxpayers of Lancaster county.

All persons having property in their possession or control, as managers, holders or as husband, parent, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, accounting officer, agent, attorney, or factor, on the first day of January 1904, are required to list the same for taxation within the time required by law or incur the penalty of Fifty per cent, which attaches in cases of failure to do so.

The full tax of One Dollar is laid upon all male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except persons who are maimed and unable to earn a support, and Confederate soldiers.

For the convenience of the public the Auditor or an assistant will attend the following places in the county on the days named:

- Oceola—Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 12 to 3 o'clock. Pleasant Valley—Wed. Jan. 6. Belair—Tuesday, Jan. 7. Van Wyck—Friday, Jan. 8, 9 to 12 o'clock. Dixie a. m., Dwight, p. m., Monday, Jan. 11th. Tradesville—Tuesday, Jan. 12th. Taxahaw—Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Flat Creek church—Thursday, January 14th. Dr. C. C. Welsh's—Friday, Jan. 15. Primus—Saturday, January 16th, to 12 o'clock. Hair Gold Mine—Monday, Jan. 18. Kershaw—Tuesday and Wednesday Jan. 19th and 20th. Heath Springs—Tuesday, Jan. 21st. Pleasant Hill—Friday, Jan. 22, to 2 p. m. Dry Creek—Monday, Jan. 25th.

Under an act of the legislature, all persons having a gross income of \$2,500 or more, are required to make a return of the same to the Auditor at the time of making their other returns. It will be to the interest of every taxpayer to make his return promptly of all personal property; also of all transfers or improvements on real estate, and save the penalty of 50 per cent which attaches after the 20th of February 1904. Respt., JNO. A. COOK, County Auditor.

Dec. 9, 03-1td