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THE REASON WHY.

We are frequently asked by our subscribers why we cannot give them credit; and our reply is as often disbelief or criticism. Those who do this are uninformed as to the means we have to resort to in order to maintain our publication, or we are sure they would not make the inquiry. Our efforts to make the Record a success requires all the assistance we can get, as our bank account is not very colossus in its appearance, but often to us embarrassingly insignificant.

Suppose you were in business, and that two-thirds of your patrons came to you and asked you to favor them with six months or a year's time on the goods purchased of you, and you should comply with their requests, and that during that time your creditors had presented their accounts for adjustment; you knowing the situation, would naturally be somewhat concerned, being conscious that you had received only one-third of the value of the goods, while the remaining two-thirds was on you books, and with the expense of carrying on business would leave but a small margin wherewith to satisfy your creditors? You explain to them the situation you are in and they laugh at you, and tell you that it is nothing to them what you do with the goods after you receive them, all they want is their pay; you can not get assistance, and the result is that you are compelled to make an assignment to cover your indebtedness and satisfy your creditors.

This is precisely the position you would place us in by asking compliance with your requests. Now it is a hard matter for us to say No. to our friends, who we know to be good responsible men, but we are compelled to do this, in order to sustain ourselves and protect what we have.

Our paper alone, delivered to you, costs us \$1.25 per year for each copy, and with the expense of printing it our profits are not very remunerative, as can be readily seen.

We do not wish to offend any one, and would much rather it were not necessary for us to say anything, but as it otherwise we are forced to do so.

We hope that our friends and patrons will bear this in mind, and not ask us for favors, which, we regret under the circumstances, we are unable to grant.

The Religion of Labor.

Religion does not altogether consist of devotional exercises, but as well of daily work. We get a strong idea of Christianity when we reduce it all to songs and sermons, to prayers, solemn faces, and ecclesiastical paraphernalia. It is not especially for Sabbath and sanctuaries, but also for week days, for shops, for homes, for mills, for stores, for streets and fields. Religion is largely an outdoor institution. Its author was born, baptised, transfigured, and crucified under no roof but the sky. It means diligence in business, serving the Lord in common vocation and everyday relations, as well as in consecrated syllables on set occasions. Jesus was more sublimely great standing unknown at the carpenter's bench in Nazareth, with apron on, than if he had been surprised as a priest in the temple, or arrayed in robes of royalty on Pilate's throne. He was greater with an adz in his hand than with a crown on his head. Christianity allows no aversion to the mechanic. It gives him an honorable position. It invites him to its home and visits him in his. Yet how many rich young ladies there are who would sooner associate with the sons and daughters of our working men. The matrimonial problems that busy their brains involve such fractions as lawyers, physicians, large salaried preachers, wholesale merchants, millionaires, and gentlemen of leisure. It would be ridiculous, they think, to throw themselves away on mechanics. Of course, society has its affinities, and that is well. Education grants it. Refinement and culture always seek their level. But we dig down for gold. Too often dissipated dandyism is petted and honored, while intelligent industry denied a place. The difference between building houses and selling houses is not so great that one should be considered contemptible and the other industrious. Really, as a business, it makes but little difference whether a man works realities, bones, pens, houses, law, or morals. Work is work, and nothing less; man is man and nothing more.—Clark's Weekly Christian.

STATE NEWS.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax delivered a speech at Eau Claire on the evening of August 27th.

E. A. Cooley has become associated with Marcell & Hatch of Bay City in the practice of law.

J. W. Stevens, a prominent lawyer of Tecumseh, died last week of spinal meningitis.

Prof. French and family, of Ann Arbor, have just returned home after a sojourn of two years in Europe.

William B. Wetherell, an old resident of Wayne County, and prominent citizen, died last week of apoplexy.

It is reported that Hon. C. B. Grinnell, of Ann Arbor, is about to remove to Houghton, where he will engage in the practice of law.

The Carpenter family who settled near Uppland in 1829, recently held a reunion at which forty of the family were present.

The Ionia Sentinel says that Rev. Moses Thacher, father of J. H. Thacher of that city, who is now residing with his son there, is one of the four living members of the original twelve who formed the first anti-slavery society in Massachusetts. The other three are William Lloyd Garrison, of Boston; Benjamin C. Bowen of Beverly, Mass.; and Oliver Johnson of the Christian Union.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

The nineteenth anniversary meeting of the Flint River Baptist Association was held at Bay City last week.

Prof. Cooke of the University, is about to publish another edition of his book entitled "Truth of the Christian Religion."

Prof. Norton, a graduate of Yale College, has been employed as Principal of the Preparatory Department of the First College.

The Ann Arbor Courier says that the new University Hall will be ready for occupancy about October 1st. The frescoing is now nearly completed, and is very neat.

The stuccoing of the front of the building will add very greatly to its appearance.

RAILROADS.

Surveyors are at work on the projected line of the Kalamazoo, Hastings & Lowell Railroad.

The new passenger depot of the Michigan Central Railroad at Jackson is said to be one of the most handsome and convenient passenger houses in the Northwest. High time for it.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

A street railway is proposed at Ann Arbor.

Iona is going to purchase a Clapp & Jones steam fire-engine.

A telegraph station has been established at Rogers City, Alpena County.

Hon. John F. Driggs contemplates erecting a spacious hotel at East Saginaw.

The salt crop of Michigan for the present year is estimated at 1,000,000 barrels.

The East Saginaw Gas Company supplies its customers with gas at the rate of \$2.50 per 1,000 feet.

There have been 118 dwelling houses erected at Escanaba, Marquette County, since May 1st.

Richard H. Hart, of Jackson, recently shipped 13 matched and single horses from that city to Boston.

A Toledo paper says that a certificate for the incorporation of the Chay-Palms Company of Toledo recently of Ann Arbor, but removed from doing business there, was recently filed with the Secretary of State.

FARMING AND FRESH INVESTMENTS.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax is to deliver the address before the Eaton County Agricultural Society, September 26th.

James Vick, the well known Rochester fowl, is to have 50 feet space for the exhibition of cut flowers at the coming State Fair.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

A child of Jas. Patterson, of Ellington, was seriously scalded by tipping over a tea pot on the 1st.

Within the last few weeks Gilbert Dale of Eaton County has lost 50 sheep from worthless dogs.

Edward Fisher, 20 years old, of Three Rivers, died Aug. 30th, from an overdose of laudanum, administered by himself.

The barn and contents, including a horse belonging to the widow Cline, near Three Rivers, was destroyed by fire on the 4th.

Abel White, of Constantine, died Wednesday 3d, from the effects of a fall from a roof upon which he was shingling.

A fire at Alpena a few days since destroyed J. Russek & Co.'s store and contents. Total loss \$23,000. Insurance \$16,000.

On the 25th of August the barns of Gardner Hunt of Biglawn, Kalamazoo County, were struck by lightning and burned. Loss \$3,500.

A little son of Thomas Eustis of Miller, St. Clair County, while playing with matches recently, set fire to his father's barn, which was burned with contents.

A little daughter of Wm. Horton of Decatur, was bitten by a rat-toothed wasp. She received prompt medical aid and is in a fair way of recovery.

A man was put off the cars near Kiddville, last week, on account of being in liquor and quarreling, and without money to pay his fare. As the train started again he attempted to get on and falling under the wheels was killed.

Mary Patterson, in the town of Jefferson, fell upon the stove Sept. 4th upsetting a kettle of boiling water, which completely immersed her face, shoulders, arms, and hands, literally par-boiling the flesh. Notwithstanding this she is not considered fatally injured.

On the 5th Mrs. Wm. Brattie, of Howell, while about to retire, went up stairs to get an extra bed quilt, carrying a kerosene lamp. Hearing her scream some time after her husband found her enveloped in flames. She was so terribly burned that she died the following day.

The lady who tapped her husband gently with a fan at a party the other night, and said "Love, it's growing late, I think we had better go home," is the same one who after getting home shook the rolling pin under his nose and said, "you infernal old sinner, you, if ever you look at that mean, nasty, calico-faced, mackerel-eyed thing that you looked at to night, I'll bust your head wide open."

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