

ODDS AND ENDS.

Mr. W. W. Astor pays \$35,000 a year rent for his London house.

Dead men tell no tales, but they leave no end of them in print.

Every father thinks there's no baby like his baby, and all the other fathers are glad of it.

Victor Hugo spends fifteen years in writing "Les Miserables," and we perceive how largely "genius is patience."

Last year the London youth wore their hat brims within half an inch of the nose. This year's fashion tilts the hat backward.

The state pipe of the shah of Persia is the most valuable tobacco pipe in the world, being worth \$80,000. It is richly inlaid with precious stones.

In the new Anglo-French telephone cable the four cores are wound around each other in a spiral or strand to obviate the effects of induction.

Wear lined shoes that fit you long enough and broad enough to allow the foot and toes their full natural expansion when standing your full weight upon them.

Ample evidence as to the early use of tin and brass is to be found in the Iliad, of Homer, written, as it is believed, between the years 962 and 915 B. C.

Thirteen members of the new United States senate are natives of New York. Ohio comes next with eight of her sons in the senate, while Pennsylvania and Kentucky have six each.

An Electrical Wedding. The bride was Miss Jeannette Ries (now Mrs. Lewis S. Greenfolden), and the nuptial novelty was due to the enthusiasm of her brother, the electrician and inventor.

Electrician Ries was master of ceremonies. The marriage was at the house of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. E. Ries, and, of course, there was no unseemly spectacular interruption of the solemn knot tying.

But no sooner had the company been comfortably seated at the banquet table than the room burst into a flood of light from numerous varicolored incandescent electric lamps hidden among the decorations and suspended at various points above the heavily laden tables.

The entrance of the bride and groom was welcomed by the automatic ringing of electric bells and the playing of electrical musical instruments.

After the first course had been served the room was plunged into semi-darkness, when suddenly from among the floral decorations upon the table there glowed tiny electric lamps, leading an exquisite charm and attraction to the scene.

Not only the flowers, but the interior of the translucent vases in which some of them were gathered scintillated with flashes of light.

After a while a miniature electric lamp, which in some unexplained manner had attached itself to the bride's hair, was seen to glow with dazzling brightness.

Mr. E. E. Ries gave a toast to the couple, wishing long life and an enjoyment of good things like those spread before them. He concluded with an injunction to be temperate in all things, at the same time touching an electric button, when two serpents slowly uncoiled themselves and issued from the wine bottle that stood before the bridal couple.

Cigars and coffee were served, and the cigars were lighted by an electric heater, while the coffee was boiled in full view of the company by an electric lighter. The speeches that were made were liberally applauded by an electric kettle drum placed under the table.

It treated all with impartiality. As the company dispersed the electric current set off a novel pyrotechnic display, amid the crimson glare of which the festivities ended.—Baltimore Sun.

Strategy. Even an extremely aggressive enemy can be easily conquered by strategy; it is only a question of employing the stratagem exactly fitted to the case.

An open air preacher at East London understood this very well, and his stratagem fitted to a charm. He was addressing a crowd, when a soldier who had been drinking came up and loudly ridiculed the service.

Finding that it was useless to ignore the man, the preacher said, "Ah, my friend, you're no soldier, you've only borrowed those gay, red clothes! No servant of the queen would get drunk and interrupt a peaceful service."

The man warmly protested that he was a soldier, and invited the preacher to test him.

"Very well," was the reply. "I will. Now then, 'Stand at ease!'"

This the soldier did as well as his condition allowed. "Right about face!" This order was also obeyed, though with some trouble.

"Now, quick march!" and off went the valiant soldier, marching down the Mile-end road at a vigorous pace, while the preacher resumed his discourse.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Town Exhibit.

WELDON, N. C., May 1, 1891.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: I have the honor to report the following work done on the streets for the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1891.

- I have placed in position eleven lamps as follows: 1 lamp corner Maple and 4th streets. 1 " " Sycamore and 6th street. 1 " " " 7th " 1 " " Washington Ave. and 6th street. 1 " " " 7th " 1 " " Elm and 6th streets. 1 " " " 7th " 1 " " Chestnut and 2nd streets. 1 " " Poplar and 1st street. 1 " " Poplar and 2nd streets. 1 " " " 3rd "

I have also placed in position about 600 feet of Terra Cotta sewer pipe as follows: 60 feet 12 inch pipe 1st street between W. & W. R. R. Crossing and Elm street. 120 feet 15 inch pipe 2nd and Walnut street 100 feet 10 inch pipe 2nd and Walnut street 200 feet 12 inch pipe 2nd between Walnut and Mulberry streets. 75 feet 6 and 8 inch pipe on 2nd street between Elm and Chestnut streets. 20 feet 12 inch pipe on Washington Avenue.

I have filled in the street between W. & W. R. R. Crossing and Elm street. It is now in good order.

I have also done considerable work in 2nd street and the following streets which cross it—Elm, Walnut and Mulberry. Work on 2nd street commences at Elm and ends at Poplar.

These streets have been greatly improved but will require more work to complete them in first class order which can be done at small expense now and I would recommend that it be continued to completion.

The amount expended on the streets during the year is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Oil for lamps, \$76.08; Cost of new lamps, repairs, etc., \$14.44; Salary paid lamp lighter, \$91.16; Sewer pipe, \$137.63; Labor on streets, \$346.32.

Total, \$885.63. Respectfully submitted, BUG PARKER, Street Commissioner.

WELDON, N. C., May 1st, 1891.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

I have the honor to make the following report of Taxes collected from all sources during the fiscal year ending May 1, 1891:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Collected dog tax, \$41.00; Collected white polls, \$71.00; Collected colored polls, \$30.00; Purchase tax merchants January 1890 to July 1890, \$8.83; Purchase tax merchants July 1890 to January 1891, \$9.72; Collected real-estate tax, \$309.40; Hotel licenses, \$10.00; Bar licenses, \$30.00; Beer bottling license, \$5.00; Merchant's license, \$130.00; Attorney's license, \$7.50; Doctor's license, \$10.00; Street stands license, \$32.25; Blacksmith & coach shops, \$5.00; Restaurants, \$7.50; Fines, \$199.25.

Total, \$896.45. By cash paid Treasurer W. R. Smith, \$821.87; By cash paid Treas. W. R. Smith, fines \$120.25; Balance, \$94.11. Respectfully submitted, B. F. GARY, Tax Collector.

WELDON, N. C., May 1st, 1891.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

I beg to report that during the year there has been tried in the Mayors court 391 ninety-six cases and the following disposition made of them:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Count. Appeals, 1; Escaped, 6; Not guilty, 3; Inferior court, 1; Superior court, 4; Judgment suspended, 23; Fines imposed, 57; Sent to jail, 1.

Respectfully submitted, J. T. GOOCH, Mayor.

WELDON, N. C., May 1, 1891.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

I beg leave to make the following report of births and deaths for the year ending May 1st, 1891:

Births—11 white, 13 colored—24. Deaths—7 white, 21 colored—28. Respectfully submitted, J. T. GOOCH, Mayor.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, April 30th, 1891.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

Below please find a corrected report of receipts and disbursements of this office for the year beginning May 1st, 1890 and ending April 30, 1891, inclusive:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. To amount rec'd. from B. F. Gary tax collector, \$960.24; To amount rec'd. from S. P. Arrington, Esq., for the Roanoke N. & W. P. Co., Railroad track privilege, 10.00; To amount rec'd. from W. & W. Road for privilege of closing cart way on west side of Railroad between 2nd and 3rd streets, 100.00; To amount rec'd. from J. T. Evans and others for street railway privilege, 20.00; To amount of miscellaneous receipts, 31.50. Total, 1127.74.

By warrant No. 1, B. F. Gary, salary for May, 16 67; By warrant No. 2, Wm. Roberts salary for May, 8 33; By warrant No. 3, Lumpkiger's salary for May, 5 00; By warrant No. 4, Publishing Annual Report, 14 00; By warrant No. 5, Oil, Hauling, etc., 13 81; On account, streets, 31 70; By warrant No. 7, On ac. of streets, 26 79; By warrant No. 8, B. F. Gary, salary for June, 16 66; By warrant No. 9, Wm. Roberts salary for June, 8 34; By warrant No. 10, Salary lamp lighter, 5 00.

Table of warrants and payments. Columns include date, warrant number, recipient, and amount. Includes warrants for Phil Gee, Wm. Roberts, B. F. Gary, and others for various months from April to April.

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Balance due Treasurer \$1170.53 \$1170.53. Respectfully submitted, W. R. SMITH, Treasurer town of Weldon.

WELDON, N. C., May 1st, 1891. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: I have the honor to report the following taxes for the year 1889 and 1890 still due the town which I have urged the people who owe them to pay but have been unable to collect.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Tax year 1889, \$16.92; Tax year 1890, 104.63. Total due, \$121.55. Respectfully submitted, B. F. GARY, Tax Collector.

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