

INTERESTING FACTS

Leperes and Historical Mention of Interest.
 There are one thousand lepers in the United States.
 More than one sixth of the world's lepers are in the United States.
 Five women have been elected to office in Duxbury, Vermont. The town has a population of 1001.
 The great white way of New York contains one million incandescent lamps and ten thousand electric signs.
 The 13,000 tenants of the Equitable Building in New York require twenty way trains of ten cars each, daily.
 The house of parliament are in danger of losing much of their artistic beauty due to the dense fog of London which crumble the stone.

The coal resources of the United States will last 6,033 years at the present rate of consumption, according to the figures of coal statistics.

Virginia Strange, 11 year old daughter of Representative Frank L. Strange, of Bowling Green, Ky, has the distinction of being the first girl to be elected to the Kentucky state legislature.

Czecho-Slovakia has its Teapot scandal and five persons, including three Czecho-Slovakia government officials, have been arrested in a scandal involving the sale of benzene to the Czecho-Slovak army.

The German government must pay \$100,000,000 to United States citizens claims arising out of the sinking of the Lusitania on May 7, 1915, according to a decision of the German-American Mixed Claims Commission in Washington.

To authorize the coinage of fifty cent pieces in commemoration of the centennial of the death of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, in whose administration the work was done, a bill has been introduced in the Senate.

Ants manufacture their own home brew in their digestive canals by the action of yeasts on the milky juices they extract from aphids or other insects, which they keep for that purpose, according to Professor Paul H. Rastbach, chief of the fermenting industry institute in Berlin.

Higher education is more devastating to the human race than war, according to Dr. J. S. Holmes, a professor of zoology at the University of California. He is reported as saying that the prevalence of small families and the "highly intelligent" tendencies toward the extinction of "better bred stock."

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Important Items of State News That Will Interest Busy Reader.

Charlotte will not wage war on the mosquitoes.

Wet has damaged the Sandhill crop.

Salisbury is to vote on a \$300,000 school bond issue.

Forest fires in the mountains have cost \$250,000 damages.

At a land sale in Rockingham last Tuesday 65 lots were sold. They brought \$37,000.

A blockader, a negro, was shot and killed near Wilmington last week by a deputy marshal.

The Southern, Seaboard and Norfolk and Southern railroads are preparing to handle peach shipments.

Elmer City high school won a game of baseball from Elon Thursday evening, by a score of 8 to 7 in favor of Elmer City.

Robert Boon, 65 years old, of Asheville, drank a quart of alcohol, a toxic mixture and was found dead in his room.

Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh was elected president of the Baptist Women's convention which met in Goldsboro last week.

The Broad Oaks Sanatorium at Greensboro was destroyed by fire on Monday night, killing one man and three women.

Round numbers the postal receipts at Greensboro in 1922 were \$68,000, in 1923, \$90,000, and 1924, \$94,000. This is for the first quarter.

Walter Morrison was married last week to Mrs. G. W. Watts in Greensboro. They left on a honeymoon to New York and other cities.

The kitchen of the University at Greensboro was burned on Thursday morning. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. The fire originated in the kitchen.

The body of J. I. Bryan, of Winston-Salem was found in the Yadkin river Friday. He had been missing since February. He had been shot in the back of the head.

Dr. D. Patterson of Liberty, was killed Friday night when he turned over, eight miles from Greensboro. His wife was driving, but she was unhurt.

Children near Mount Airy met their death Thursday. One of them fell through a window which he had checked him to death. The other was scalded to death by a bottle of hot water overturned.

OBSERVATIONS

By Rambler.

"Someone has said that we would get no settled weather until after Easter," said a shivering man on the street Friday. "Time passes fast enough, God knows, but I'd like to see time pass fast enough now and hurry up Easter so we can get some warm weather."

"Pittsboro has been fortunate in fires, sickness and other calamities," remarked a citizen Monday. "But that explosion at Nooe's plant Thursday was something awful. My wife thought it was an earthquake shock from the way the house rocked and dishes rattled. It is a thousand wonders that the damage done was no worse than it was."

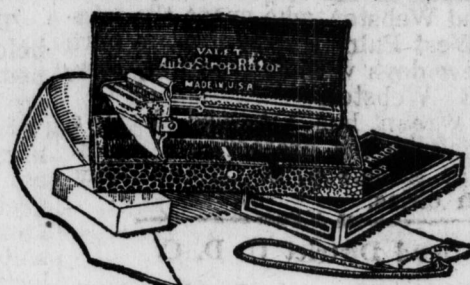
"I see they will have to move your house," said one of our citizens to old "Aunt" Della Womack, "when the new road is built through here." "Yes," she replied, "deys goin' to tear

it down. Dey can't move dat old home, you know it is built out of goods boxes and tin cans, but deys gwine to build me a new one." "Well," said the citizen, "You won't be able to sleep any when so many cars run by your house." "I know dat," she replied, "but dey's gwine to conserve it and it won't bother me much."

"How long do you suppose the new cement bridge over Roberson creek will stand?" asked an observer of things. "They have built the bridge over one creek and now they are digging a canal from Roberson creek to the other above the bridge. There is a lot of water coming down both creeks in rainy weather and when as heavy a freshet comes along as I have seen it is going to either take the bridge away or else it will wash out the fill where Roberson Creek did run. It looks like a foolish piece of business. But then somebody has got to have a state job and it had as well be at the creek as anywhere."

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