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FREAKISH STATE LAW

Georgia Not Alone in Proposing Queer Legislation.

Collier's Weekly.

Discussing the admission of Georgia into the association of "freak law" States by reason of Representative Wright's bill making astride horseback riding felonious, the New York World says:

"But if Georgia is after the palm it must think a little harder. How can it hope to compete with Oklahoma, where a hotel may not use any cup, dish, vessel, or receptacle for food that has cracks visible to the naked eye and must not cover any bed with a sheet less than nine feet long; where Senator Landrum's bill protects the feelings of the aborigines by forbidding the use of wooden Indians as cigar store signs under penalty of \$50 and six months' imprisonment? Kansas will still be a few laps ahead with its acts forbidding drinking on railway trains and the running of motor vehicles at illegal rates of speed except by a 'political chaffer,' who may 'run an automobile band wagon at any rate he sees fit compatible with the safety of the occupants thereof.'

"In Illinois a bill was introduced to establish a new mathematical truth—viz., the squaring of the circle. A Western legislator has endeavored to make it unlawful for any druggist to sell a patent medicine 'unless there be affixed in a conspicuous place in his store an affidavit stating that he has tried one bottle the mixture and experienced no harmful effects therefrom.' Another has sought to have it declared under pains and penalties that every hotel menu should be printed in English, another that every saloon must have a red light in front with the word 'danger' inscribed thereon, while still another act provides that it shall be unlawful to discharge any rifle or revolver in the public highway unless to kill some wild, ferocious, or dangerous beast, or an officer in discharge of his duty.' In the Lone Star State it is solemnly enacted that 'the skies of Texas are as blue as the skies of Italy.'

Prosperity of the Real Sort.

St. Paul Dispatch.

The news reports contain many items indicating the extent of the prosperity the country is enjoying and the glowing prospect ahead of us. There is nothing more significant than the announcements from all parts of the country concerning the railway orders for new equipment.

Railway companies do not buy more locomotives and new cars unless the equipment is needed. They do not usually put in big orders simply to tide over a temporary rush in business. When they go into the market with record-breaking orders for rolling stock the outlook is for business that will warrant such expenditures.

The Pennsylvania Road has placed an order for \$8,500,000 worth of freight cars and engines, said to be the largest purchase on record. J. J. Hill has ordered \$1,000,000 worth of locomotives, and nearly every railway company in the Northwest is in the field for more facilities for handling business.

And all this was right in the face of an extra session of Congress to revise the tariff. It has been the popular notion that the business world takes a holiday when there is a prospect of any readjustment of tariff rates. The present prosperity is too sound a foundation, is too real to be halted even by such an unsatisfactory result as the Payne tariff.

Gwyn—Simpson.

Mr. John Gwyn and Miss Mamie Simpson were married Sunday morning at the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Simpson, of near Altamahaw Rev. Frank Isley officiating. Both the bride and groom are popular young people and have a host of friends who congratulate them. The young couple will reside at the home at his father's.

Notice Concerning Water Rates and Charges for Connections.

The Water-Light & Power Commission of the city, desire to announce that after prolonged investigation they find it impracticable to make the price on water as low as they first anticipated and desired doing, and have agreed on the following charges for Water and Water Connections.

1st. A monthly minimum charge of 65 cents for 2000 gallons or less, and 25cts per thousand gallons for all water in excess of the minimum of 2000 gallons.

2nd. No water to be sold except on meter rates.

3rd. No charge to be made for tapping the main and furnishing all materials to property line, provided connection is made or contract for same entered into before October 1st of this year.

4th. On an after October 1st the following charges will be made for Tapping the main and furnishing all materials to property line, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch connection \$5.00. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch \$6.50. 1 inch \$7.50.

5th. There will be no charge made for Meter except a yearly rental of 50cts for each and every meter.

The Commission finds that the following rates are being charged for Water in other towns.

Concord, N. C. Meter rate only. per Thousand gallons 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

Graham, N. C. Meter rate only. per Thousand gallons 25 cents. Minimum charge of \$1.50 per month.

Gastonia, N. C. Per thousand gallons. 25 cents.

Greensboro, N. C. Per thousand gallons. 25 cents.

Greensboro, N. C. Customers pay for meters.

High Point, N. C. Charge for meter, \$5.00 for connections to curb per thousand gallons 25 cents.

Durham, N. C. per thousand gallons, 25 cents.

Durham, N. C. 63 cts per $\frac{1}{4}$ for $\frac{3}{4}$ meter. (rental) \$1.00 per $\frac{1}{4}$ for $\frac{3}{4}$ meter. (rental)

Salisbury, N. C. per thousand gallons, 30 cents Connection between main and property line at expense of consumer.

An Enthusiastic Meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce held an important and largely attended meeting at the City Hall last Friday night and transacted much business of vast importance to the city. At this meeting a committee composed of John M. Cook and J. Zeb Waller were appointed to go to Richmond, Va., and offer inducements to the Imperial Tobacco Company to place a buyer upon this market. They are also to visit Washington, D. C., and consult with the Southern Railway officials in regard to opening up the shops here as a repair shop, or to lease them to some one for a manufacturing enterprise. There are several firms ready and willing to start an enterprise, if they secure the building. It seems to be the general opinion that the right men for the committee were selected and that Zeb and John will land the prizes. We are doffing our hat to you in advance anyway.

Alamance County Sunday School Convention.

The Alamance County Sunday School Convention will be held at St. Marks Reformed church Aug 28 and 29th. All schools in the county are requested to be represented. Send reports to Prof. Jno. T. Cobb, Secretary and Treasurer Elon College, N. C. and send three cents per member enrolled or bring the same to the convention. We are expecting the largest attendance, best addresses most inspiring music and the best convention ever held in the county. Free entertainment for all who come. Come one, come all.

W. C. Wicker, President.

Why won't a man understand that a woman doesn't necessarily carry a lognette for the sake of her eyes—but for the sake of other people's eyes.

WHAT AN AMERICAN HARVEST WOULD BUY

Facts That Tell the Story of the Nation's Agricultural Wealth.

One may forget figures, but it is not easy to forget that one American harvest would buy the kingdom of Belgium, king and all; two would buy Italy; three would buy Austria-Hungary, five, at spot cash price, would take the whole of Russia. It means something to be told that all the gold coin and bullion of the United States treasury, together with the \$400,000,000 in gold certificates would like a third of a billion dollars of paying for the cattle kept on American farms and ranges; that the capital stock of the national banks of America would have to be increased over thirty-three and one-third per cent to equal the value of the country's horses; that the net traffic earnings of the nation's railways would not pay for the country's mules, hogs and sheep; that the area of the nation's corn-fields for a year would cover Holland, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Hollar, Belgium and Denmark and leave room for a half-dozen little states on the edge; that the nation's wheat-field exceed in area the six New England States, and its cotton patch is bigger than seven of the small States.—The Designer for September.

Good Advice.

Littleton News Reporter.

Young man are you going to school this fall? Go, if you have to make a tremendous effort to get there. If you lose your school education you will regret it but once, and that will be all your life. Youth is but a part of your lifetime allotted to one person, and often mature years are never reached, but after school days, comes the serious years of life. Yes, go to school, go to college if you can. You may not see the good of it now but you will when you are bending your shoulders to bear the cross of labor that comes to the uneducated. It is not the man who does the hardest work that is making the money for his old age. The uneducated is in the ditch, his educated brother is sitting in the office with a good salary directing the affairs of some institution. A poor ignorant man of our community who is on the decline of life remarked a year or two ago that he would give a thousand dollars to be able to read. This meant a great deal with him, for he had little worldly possessions. Go to school. Get out those school books, and if they do look like mountains of trouble, strap them together and when school days come be with the army of youths that tread merrily back to the temples of knowledge. What greater pleasure is there than to have a mind fired with higher and better things, to hunger and thirst after knowledge and therewith have the means at hand in schools and good books to gratify this ambition? What greater pleasure can a boy or girl have than to be absorbed in reading such good books as Little Men, Little Women, Robinson Crusoe, Arabian Nights, Fairy Tales, The Deerslayer, The Life of Washington or Franklin or Lee. What boy can help being entranced with Daniel Boone, or Two Years before the Mash, or Gulliver's Travels, or Uncle Remus, or stories found in such papers as the Youth's Companion?

Such books and papers arouse the desire for more and higher and substantial reading. What a paradise has a boy or girl who has consuming desire for such reading as is here indicated! Young man, go to school, and don't fail to acquire a taste for reading good books and first-rate papers and magazines.

The dancing boys DuRoss and Galvin are deserving praise at the Gratto this week. You ought to see those fellows dance when the tune of Dixie is struck at a two forty gate.

A wise woman will take a lover at his word—because that is probably all she will ever get from him.

What is the Matter With the Roads?

What is the matter with our roads is a common saying these days, and justly so. A few years back when this question was asked, it was usually answered by saying, the Radicals are in power, and they are squandering all the money. But that excuse cannot be given now, so we must conclude that something else is wrong. That something is badly wrong, everybody admits. Now what is the real trouble? Some attempt to make excuses by saying that the rains caused the bad roads. Well, it rained when the Radicals were in power too. Some say the county hasn't got any money, but that can't be so, or at least it should not be so. They have as much now or should have, as they ever had, and if they haven't got it, they can get it. So now candidly what is the excuse. No one will deny but that the roads are in the worst condition now than for years at this time of the year. It can't be that the road supervisors are incompetent, oh no, not that, for the Democrats are in power, and they never put incompetent men in office, oh no; only the Radicals do that. So the plot thickens and the mystery grows deeper. With a competent road supervisor and the Democrats in control, will somebody come forward and vouchsafe some kind of information that will explain.

A Ruralite.

Rural Service in Danger.

Rural patrons who are served from Burlington are requested to see their road supervisors and urge upon them the necessity of putting the roads that are traveled by rural carriers in better condition. Failure to do this promptly may cause some route to be discontinued and others changed so that the service may not be as convenient as now. There are some roads now traveled by carriers which are not public roads, these should be worked by neighbors and friends. There may be an inspector through this section soon, so let us improve our roads before he comes and recommends the discontinuance of part of the service and the changing of the other. Remember that a stitch in time saves nine, ask for the road scraper and don't let up until you get it. Now for a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull together. Who will be the first to show results? Better roads means better service.

Yours for better service
J. ZEB WALLER,
Postmaster.

Corner-Stone Laying.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the handsome new Lutheran church, now in course of erection, will take place on the church lot, on Front Street, on next Sunday August 22, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The officiating clergyman will be Rev. A. G. Voigt D. D., Charleston, S. C., and several other Lutheran ministers are expected to be present. The exercises will be out-doors. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Post Office Robbed.

Early Monday morning the Post Office at Gibsonville was broken into through the window and by the use of nitroglycerine the safe blown open. Between \$75.00 and \$100. in stamps and about two dollars in cash was the reward of the burglary. One or two strange men were seen in the town Saturday evening who were supposed to have gone toward Elon College, this is the only clue to the theft.

Alamance Fair Premium List.

The premium list of the Alamance Fair Association is now ready for distribution. It is a neat and attractive catalogue and shows that many premiums will be offered at the approaching Fair, October 5, 6, 7 and 8th. Besides the premium list, the merchants and business men of Burlington and Graham are advertising liberally. The artistic work is being done by the Pate & Davies Printery in this city.

SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON.

Being the Confessions of the Seven Hundredth Wife—Translated Helen Rowland.

Washington Herald.

Oh, my daughter where is thy sense of humor? For hast thou not heard men declare that they have made in the Image of the Lord; yet hast thou not seen one of them in a bathing suit?

Go to! A woman is a foolish thing which bindeth herself in tight corsets and pierceth her ears with holes and cruncheth her toes in Frenchboots.

Yea, she is a slave to fashion! But a man is independent. He acknowledgeth no master and style and conventionality are things unto him abhorrent.

He weareth a four-inch band of starched of linen about his neck on a July day because he enjoyeth it.

He outteth the hair from off his head and leaveth it to grow upon his face because he thinketh it beautiful and a mustache which getteth into the coffee is a delight unto him.

Yea, it is comfort and not vanity which prompteth him to don a woolen coat while the thermometer parath at ninety degrees in the shade For a man is sensible.

Behold it is not pride, neither fashion which inspirith him to carry three pounds of stiff derby about his brain in the winter time and to bind his forehead in a straw hat, which induceth early baldness, in the hottest weather.

And if he clingeth unto his cloth hat until the 15th of May, even the sun beat upon it and doffeth it upon that date, even though it be snowing, it is not fear of public opinion that causeth him to do this but nobility of character.

Yet, is it not pathetic to witness how he yearneth for beauty?

Behold, how he worketh out quaint color schemes around the edges.

Mark how his soul expandeth into green ties and purple socks and yellow shoes and pink monograms upon his shirt-sleeves.

Yet if thou putteth ten men in a row and cover their faces thou canst not tell thine husband from the lot nor any one of them from a store dummy.

And this is what man calleth the image of his Maker! Selah!

Oakdale Dots.

Rev. W. H. Strickland assisted by Rev Gordon closed a very interesting meeting at Mt. Zion last week five joined the church with others to follow.

There will be a baptizing at the old Patterson pond the 2nd, Sunday in Sept. at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Edwards assisted by Rev. Smith of Baltimore Md. commenced a very interesting meeting at Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church last sabbath.

R. N. Spoon and family J. O. Simmons of Greensboro and Mrs. Cioero Spoon of Haw River attended the meeting at Mt. Zion last week also Mrs. Henry Hackney of Liberty. They were all our friends and neighbors and we were delighted to see them, also a Miss Coble of Greensboro who captured some of our young men ask H. B. Foster about it.

Master Carl Spoon who has been very low with fever (we are glad to say) is very much improved and hopes to be able to sit up some in a few days.

Messrs J. R. Anderson John M. Coble and F. L. Spoon have been re-appointed committee for Oakdale Graded School they are looking for some good teachers (two) those wishing to teach this school can make application to the Secretary, F. L. Spoon Hartshorn No. 1.

Real estate has been changing hands some of late A. T. Spoon has sold L. L. Spoon his 20 acre tract near the Stroud place and bought the Crutchfield place near Oakdale of Mr. Lewis of Liberty. Nearly 200 acres.

The building season is now on with our nurseryman.

R. F. D. No. 2.

We are glad to have our good friends Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jeffreys and family on No. 2 again, they report Texas a great country. Messrs Will, Cleveland and Charles Jeffreys have leased the R. J. Hall farm near Glencoe and since they have lived and traveled extensively in the great west and southwest, we look for some advanced methods of farming.

We hereby extend our most heartfelt thanks in advance to Floyd Isely and L. H. Huffins for the splendid work they are going to do on our road tomorrow and even more than this to J. A. Gilliam for the work he has already done. Now good patrons you have been so kind and thoughtful of my welfare and pleasure during the past years of my service as carrier all of which I believe you realize I appreciate, now just let me ask of each and every one of you, one other kindness, right now, just go out in the road in front of your house, look up and down the road as far as your farm extend and see what that road needs to make it a better road, at least just go back to the house, call up the boys and hired hands and say to them lets have a better road across our farm I ask you to spend a few hours at least in mending the road for they are terribly washed as you know.

Now brother dont say, this is a public road and you will wait for the public to work it, for the roads all over the county are very much broken on account of the recent heavy rains and no doubt they will get to our roads just as soon as they. Some of you may say you pay tax to the county to work the roads, that is alright, but you are paying a much larger tax to the wagon and buggy maker and blacksmith by swing your vehicle over these gullied road now dont you agree. Now possibly some of you are so fortunate that the road across your farm is in pretty good repair, if so please go over and help W. A. Cantrell, J. H. Wilkins, J. M. Shaw, J. Ed. Garrison, Tom Moore and W. F. Isely for these good patrons are like Jobe they are sorely afflicted with bad roads.

It is this way good roads are a great civilizier and bad roads are a great heathenizer, which influence do we want thrown about us.

No. 2 was well represented at the association Sunday and all of us brought back souvenirs of the occasion. Oh, it way simply terribly muddly.

R. S. Gilliam has been sick for a days but is better.

Mrs. Alvis Pearson, of Reidsville is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. McGarrison.

N. C. Garrison joined the excursionists to Norfolk Tuesday.

Master Hobart Patterson of No. 1 is spending the week with his sister Mrs. G. R. T. Garrison.

Baptist Association.

The annual meeting of the Primitive Baptist met from Friday to Monday at Gilliams Acadmy. Hundreds of people visited this place during the Association some spending one day others coming from a distance and remaining the entire time. Large tents were arranged on the grounds for the convenience of the guest Good sermons and plenty of them, good rations and no scarcity of them was the scene at Gilliams Academy. The inclemency of the weather was greatly against the association. Quite a number of our Burlington friends attended the Association and especially on Sunday. We were glad to have the following who were returning from the association pass through our city Rev. P. D. Gold of Wilson, Editor of Zion's Landmark, and one of the most prominent ministers in the Primitive Baptist Denomination. Among those from a distance who passed through this place we note the following, Dr. Hall and Elder Gardner of Rocky Mount, Misses Burtie Harris and Mamie Butche of North Danville Va., Arthur Long of Greensboro and others.

Near 140 tickets were sold yesterday evening at the depot which tells of the large number who took advantage of the Norfolk excursion.