

THOROUGHBREDS.

Whoa, boss, you young vixen! Now, Nellie, your foot, so, hoople! You've got her! The beautiful horse!

CHAFFEE'S HEROISM.

One Day's Work that Brought Him Promotion.

One of the chapters of General Chaffee's diary deals with the fight of the Big Dry Wash in the summer of 1882, cherished by cavaliers as one of the gallant ones of their arm of the service.

FUNNY "BREAKS."

Queer Slips Made With the Pen and the Tongue.

The sons of Erin have long labored under the imputation of making more "breaks" with their tongues than any of their fellow mortals, but from the following it would seem that the "bull" is not necessarily indigenous to Irish soil.

THE HOLIDAY.

He gave his eyes to the skies of blue, His ears to the birds and bees, And he gave his heart to the winds that flew away over empty seas.

A GHOST STORY.

The Mystery of the Vanishing Railway Traveler.

An English ghost story of the only authentic sort is related by Wilbert Beale in his "Light of Other Days." A young man, Mr. A., one night left London to take a trip into the north of England and had for a companion in the railway carriage but one man, a stranger.

Advertisement for Potash fertilizer, featuring an image of a fertilizer bag and text: 'No crop can be grown without Potash. Supply enough Potash and your profits will be large; without Potash your crop will be "scrubby."'

Southern Railway advertisement: 'THE STANDARD RAILWAY OF THE SOUTH. The direct line to all points. Texas, California, Florida, Cuba and Porto Rico.'

WHERE COFFEE CAME FROM.

Legend Gives the Lethan Berry a Romantic Origin and History.

There is extant a tale of the discovery of coffee, a story which might have suggested to Charles Lamb the idea for his dissertation on roast pig. This is the legend:

Toward the middle of the fifteenth century a poor Arab was traveling in Abyssinia, and, finding himself weak and weary from fatigue, he stopped near a grove. Then, being in want of fuel to cook his rice, he cut down a tree which happened to be full of dead berries.

The lucky Arab gathered as many berries as he could, and, having arrived at Aden, in Arabia, he informed the mufti of his discovery. This worthy divine was an inveterate opium smoker who had been suffering for years from the effects of that poisonous drug.

When He Raved.

An Irishman over the age of fourscore and ten who by strict economy had accumulated a moderate fortune and was about to die called in the parish priest and the family lawyer to make his last will and testament.

Among these were several of importance of which the old lady had been in ignorance, but was nevertheless pleased to find that so much ready money would be forthcoming after the funeral.

"Now, then," said the lawyer, "state explicitly the amount owed you by your friends."

"Timothy Brown," replied the old man, "owes me \$250; John Casey owes me \$185, and"

"Good, good!" ejaculated the prospective widow. "Rational to the last!"

"Luke Bowen owes me \$200," resumed the old man.

"Rational to the last!" put in the eager old lady again.

"To Michael Liffey I owe \$1,000."

"Ah," exclaimed the old woman, "hear him rave!"

Thieves in Tangier.

"They don't mince matters in Tangier," said a man who spent some years in that quaint old seaport of Morocco, "with a man who loses sight of the distinction between his own property and some one else's. When a thief is caught in the most trivial offense, he is told to hold up both hands. Then they ask him which hand he would like to keep. When he has made his choice, they cut off the other. This naturally creates a prejudice against kleptomaniacs in its various forms. I don't quite know what they would do with a bank officer who got his clutch on a million, but I guess they would save the hand with its contents and throw the rest of him to the sharks."

The Speakers.

At a hotel in a busy quarter of Paris the following notice appeared: "Ici on parle Anglais, Espagnol, Italien, Allemand," etc.

Using Dogs as Turnspits.

The turnspit dogs, writes Alice Morse Earle in "Stagecoach and Tavern Days," were little, patient creatures whose lives were spent in the exquisite tantalization of helping to cook meat, the appetizing odors of which they sniffed for hours without so much as a taste to reward them at the end of their labors.

The summary and inhuman mode of teaching these turnspits their humble duties is described in a book of anecdotes published at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1809. The dog was put into the wheel. A burning coal was placed with him. If he stopped, his legs were burned. That was all. He soon learned his lesson.

Highest and Lowest States.

Every one knows which is the smallest and which is the largest state in the Union, but how many know which is the lowest and which is the highest?

According to the results of measurements and calculations made by the United States geological survey, Delaware is the lowest state, its elevation above sea level averaging only 60 feet. Colorado is the highest, averaging 6,800 feet above the sea, while Wyoming is a close second, only 100 feet lower than Colorado.

Turn About.

A young man and woman got on a Philadelphia street car the other day, and as there were no vacant seats the young man said in a loud tone of voice to a negro, "Will you have the civility to give this lady a seat?"

The negro did so, saluting the young woman. The seat next to her becoming vacant the young man hurriedly appropriated it without offering it to the negro. Just then the car stopped, and a stout negro washerwoman entered the car. As no one offered her a seat the negro, with a smile, said to the young man, "Will you have the civility to give this lady a seat?"

Too Sanguine.

At the moment when war was declared between France and Germany in 1870 the French were so sanguine of success that the Parisian streets abounded in such notices as:

"Maps of Germany sold within for the entry into Berlin" and "German-French dictionaries, for the use of the French when at Berlin."

But the climax of arrogant assumption was reached when a Parisian cabman, on driving to the railway station a young Prussian officer about to rejoin his regiment positively declined to accept his legal fare, saying coolly:

"No, sir; a man should not pay for his own funeral!" — Pearson's Weekly.

Blown Out by One Puff.

A party of American tourists were doing Italy, and in the course of their peregrinations they found themselves in a very old and very quaint cathedral. One of the principal objects of interest there was a lamp which, as the guide declared, had been burning incessantly for 600 years. For a minute or two the sightseers gazed at it in silence, and then one of the number drew a deep breath, blew out his cheeks and gave a mighty puff. "Well, I guess it's out now," he said as he turned for the applause of his friends. — San Francisco News Letter.

Victoria and Her English.

The shy and retiring disposition of Hawthorne has often been commented on. Yet on occasion he could be quite as clever with his tongue as with his pen, as is evidenced by this story from Forward:

It happened in England. Mr. Hawthorne was a guest at a formal dinner given to one of the foreign ambassadors. The conversation had turned upon an autograph letter of the queen which happened to be clumsily expressed.

"What do you think of the queen's letter, Mr. Hawthorne?" he was asked.

The man of letters was perplexed, but he replied that it showed very kind feeling.

"No," persisted the wicked interrogator, "but what do you think of the style?"

Mr. Hawthorne was equal to him. "The queen has a perfect right to do as she pleases with her own English," he replied.

The Lion Officiated.

An extraordinary ceremony was performed in Cape Town. A lion tamer had been giving an exhibition for several days, and one evening he informed the audience that he had just become a father and he intended to baptize the infant on the following day in the lions' cage. Those who heard him thought he was joking, but when they reached the exhibition hall the next evening they found that he was in dead earnest.

In the cage he stood, surrounded by his assistants, and near him were seated three women—his wife, one of her friends and the godmother of the infant. To the left of them stood the clergyman, holding the baby in his arms, and behind him was a gigantic African named Leo, who was to act as godfather on the occasion. Facing this fearless group were two huge lions, whose every action showed that they were immeasurably surprised at the intrusion of so many strangers into their domicile. Moreover, their surprise was the greater since, in honor of the event, their cage was wreathed with flowers and splendidly illuminated with electric lights.

The ceremony was duly performed, and while it lasted the lions behaved with "perfect propriety," much to the satisfaction and surprise of the immense crowd which thronged the hall.

A Lake Mysteriously Drained.

In the year 1881, without a tremor of the earth, the high and rocky strip of land which separated the large lake in the rear of the city of Manzanillo, Mexico, from the sea suddenly parted, and the waters poured into the harbor. The immense amount of water which poured through the narrow chasm may be better calculated by consulting the figures of R. Zaparo, the civil engineer who declared that the volume represented 1,000,000 gallons a minute during the three days it was rushing through the break. The lake was full of alligators and the harbor swarming with sharks. When the monsters met, a water battle immediately ensued and was closely watched during the three days it lasted by almost the entire population of Manzanillo. It may be mentioned that the sharks finally triumphed.

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NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Aquila Naron, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 26th day of April, 1902 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 26th day of April, 1901. CLAUDE L. NARRON, Administrator. JNO. A. NARRON, Attorney. Apr 26-6w-pd.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.

NORTH CAROLINA—Johnston County. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has issued to E. J. Holt, T. R. Crocker, H. D. Ellington and S. S. Holt a certificate of incorporation as follows: 1st. Name, Holt Hardware and Bugby Co. 2nd. Purpose, General Hardware and Merchandise, Vehicles Manufacture and Repair Shops, &c. 3rd. Place of Business, Smithfield, N. C. 4th. Duration, 30 years. 5th. Capital, \$30,000. Shares \$100 each. 6th. Stockholders not individually liable. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of C. R. Pearce, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 15th day of May 1902 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 15th day of May 1901. D. H. WALLACE, Administrator. May 10-6w-p.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.

NORTH CAROLINA. Johnston County. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State on the 30th day of April 1901 issued a certificate of incorporation to W. M. Sanders, W. L. Woodall and others under the name and for the purpose, etc., as follows: 1. Name: Smithfield Improvement Co. 2. Place of business: Smithfield, N. C. 3. Purpose: To erect hotel and buy and sell real estate. 4. Existence: Sixty years. 5. Capital stock: \$25,000 to commence when \$5,000 is subscribed. 6. Value per share: \$100. W. S. STEVENS, C. S. C.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as executor on the estate of George B. Bridges, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 17th day of May 1902 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 15th day of May 1901. ANDERSON GOWER, Ex. P. O. Lemay, N. C. M 17-6w.

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Table with columns: Dated January 15, 1901, No. 85 daily, No. 86 daily, No. 103 daily, No. 104 daily, No. 40 daily, No. 41 daily. Rows include Lv Rocky Mt., Lv Weldon, Lv Tarboro, Lv Rocky Mt., Lv Wilson, Lv Selma, Lv Fayetteville, Lv Florence, Ar Goldsboro, Ar Weldon, Ar Magnolia, Ar Wilmington.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: Dated July 22, 1900, No. 75 daily, No. 76 daily, No. 102 daily, No. 101 daily, No. 42 daily, No. 43 daily. Rows include Lv Florence, Lv Fayetteville, Lv Selma, Lv Wilmington, Lv Magnolia, Lv Goldsboro, Lv Wilson, Ar Rocky Mt., Ar Tarboro, Lv Rocky Mt., Ar Weldon.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:43 p. m. Returning leaves Sanford 3:05 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4:20 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4:30 p. m., arrives Wilmington 9:25 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:05 a. m., Maxton 9:06 a. m., Red Springs 9:53 a. m., Parkton 10:41 a. m., Hope Mills 10:55 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11:18. Returning leaves Fayetteville 11:45 a. m., Hope Mills 5:00 p. m., Red Springs 5:43 p. m., Maxton 6:16 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 6:30 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:30 a. m., Weldon 11:30 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leaves Washington 8:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrives Farmville 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. Returning leaves Farmville 9:35 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro daily except Sunday at 5:30 p. m., Sunday 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:30 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:40 a. m.

Train on Midland, N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5:00 a. m., arrive Smithfield 6:30 a. m., Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:25 p. m., arrive Goldsboro 8:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:30 a. m., 4:50 p. m., Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:25 p. m. Returning leave Spring Hope 11:30 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 11:45 a. m., 6:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:25 a. m., 6 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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