

Cecil Rhodes.

Mineral Recorder. In the death of Cecil Rhodes last week the human race suffered the loss of one of those colossal figures that seem at a distance to be more than mere men.

Extension of Free Delivery Service.

New rural free delivery routes for North Carolina to commence May 1 next were announced by the Postoffice Department as follows: Charlotte (Mecklenburg county)—Four carriers.

Only a Few Days Left.

There are not many days left for parties desiring to vote in the November election to pay their poll tax.

In some counties the Democratic leaders are exerting themselves to bring this important matter to the attention of every white voter.

Wise Words.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the chairman of each precinct committee call a meeting of his committee for Saturday, 5th day of April, for the purpose of putting such machinery in motion as they deem necessary to get Democratic voters to pay their poll tax before May 1st.

Dr. Dred Peacock's New Business.

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 2.—Dr. Dred Peacock, who has just resigned the presidency of Greensboro Female College, will turn his attention to the insurance field.

Edward H. Tanner, a well known insurance agent of Richmond, was hurled from the platform of a train one night last week between Richmond and Petersburg.

Salisbury Sun, 29th: Mr. Will Ludwick, of Gold Hill, who was bitten yesterday morning by a mad dog, went to Baltimore last night for treatment in the Pasteur department of the City Hospital.

STATE NEWS.

The celebrated damage suit case of Gattis vs. Kilgo et al. will be argued in the Supreme Court this week.

Rev. J. N. H. Sumner, of Washington, this State, has accepted a call to the Gheri Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Va.

The papers state that the Messrs. Duke, of North Carolina, will build one of the largest cotton mills in the world in Chester county, S. C.

Rev. R. G. Pearson, who recently closed a two weeks meeting at Hickory, received a purse of \$285 and his wife was given \$85 by the ladies of Hickory.

Mr. Geo. W. Pack, who has made many donations to the city of Asheville and the county of Buncombe, last week gave the city 11 acres of land for a park.

Mr. R. L. Stewart, of Monroe, who has been spending the winter in Hull, Fla., was found dead in bed Sunday morning. No particulars have been received.

Mr. F. C. Abbott, of Charlotte, has issued a tract on the Free Schools. He points out that the central need of the schools is better houses—which is true.

The civil service commission has begun an investigation of the case of Postmaster Nathaniel B. Lewis, of Madison, who is reported to have instigated the arrest of D. E. Pope, at Roanoke, Va., following the latter's securing two notes of \$40 each from the postmaster as a campaign assessment.

The Kinston Free Press tells a wonderful story of a woman whom the doctors relieved of a tumor that weighed 105 pounds. Before the operation she weighed 285 and after the operation 130 pounds.

A Democratic Senatorial Primary.

The odds are that there will be Senatorial primaries again this year by the Democrats despite the clamor which some raised against them in 1900. Democratic State Chairman F. M. Simmons says, the people having once had a taste of the primary system of choosing a Senatorial candidate, will not willingly forego it.

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Stateville Landmark.

But whether guilty or innocent Wilcox is a bad fellow and his general reputation is doubtless largely responsible for his conviction. If his character had been above reproach; if he had been a high-toned and perfectly honorable gentleman, which it appears he was not, it is not probable that he would have been convicted on the evidence presented.

A Cautious Barometer.

A curious barometer is said to be used by the remnant of the Aracuanian race which inhabits the southernmost province of Chile. It consists of the castoff shell of a crab.

A Wise Prophet.

"On the whole," said the aged weather prophet, "I have found that the safest course is to predict bad weather."

Her Sex.

Young Man—I want an engagement ring. Jeweler—Yes, sir; about what size? "I don't know exactly, but she can twist me round her finger, if that is any guide."

Partly Accounted For.

Bizzer—Where does that man Filmer get all his money? Buzzer—Well, I loaned him five dollars two years ago.—Ohio State Journal.

It is claimed that dentistry prolongs life. As has been said of matrimony, it certainly makes it seem longer.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No man can build character by trying to raise that of others.—Nashville Banner.

Idea of News.

Justice John M. Harlan of the United States supreme court, when a practicing lawyer in Louisville, once tried his hand at newspaper work, taking the place of a personal friend, then editor of the Louisville Commercial. The justice got along all right writing editorials, but had ideas as to news that were at variance with those of the city editor.

One of the reporters had written a clever account of a man who had fallen from the fourth story of a building and escaped without serious injury. It made a story of about a column in length. With a proof of the article in his hand the temporary editor came to the city editor and said:

"Mr. Smith, please have this story cut down. I can't see anything in it that makes it worth that space."

"But it's the 'star' story of the day, Mr. Harlan," gasped the astonished news man. "I think it's a remarkable story and well worth the space given to it."

"I don't," said Justice Harlan. "If a man had jumped up four stories, it would certainly have been remarkable, but even a fool could fall down four stories, or half a dozen, for that matter."—New York Times.

The Driver's Point of View.

The hotel coach was filled with a crowd of happy, jubilant visitors, and the horses trotted splendidly up the hills. As each eminence was reached and at every turn in the road the crowd would burst forth into cries of wonder and delight at the magnificent scenes which burst upon their view.

Brother Dickey on Reformers.

"I notice," said Brother Dickey, "dat dey all time holdin' meetin's in dis country ter reform de creeds what dey been livin' en dyin' by sence Adam wuz a boy climbin' apple trees in Eden. I kin on'er stan' holdin' a meeting ter reform sinners, but one ter reform de gospel what is suppose ter save 'em beats my time! De Good Book say de way is so plain dat even de wayfarin' man, fool ez he is, needn't go round 'er axin' fer de sign-post, en yit, dey goes stumblin', all round, tryin' ter fin' some pin' wid a candle 'n de wot' is on fire wid de sun, blazin' so bright dat dey all gittin' 'climated ter de hereafter! De trouble is, de way is too plain fer 'em. Lick de readin' er a riddle, 'tain't wid de truble of yer kin on'er stan' it while de bell ringin' fer breakfasts. Things in dis world en out'er it is go ter be confusin' ter give folks a chance ter rise in meetin' en explain what dey don't know. Hilt's my opinion, up en down de country, dat de bes' thing fer de wise mens ter do is ter light in en reform de reformers. Dey sho' needs it!"

How Our Ancestors Quarreled.

A study of medieval rural life is apt to give the impression that the principal part of the life of the people was spent in quarrelling or in the commission or prosecution of offenses. Our ancestors certainly were a very little gentler and a very disorderly people.

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The president's wife, however, informed her other guests that they would be expected to follow, not precede, the royal party in leaving the house.

Italians Love Tomatoes.

Italians more than any other people value tomatoes, and each one that comes to perfection is as carefully tended as though it were an apple of gold. Not only do the housewives delight in the fresh vegetables themselves, but, generally speaking, those who are fond of better than any purchased at the market, and so each one is jealously saved to make tomato sauce for the spaghetti, without which no Italian Sunday would be Sunday.

Coloring of Flowers.

A scientist says that the law governing the coloring of flowers makes a blue rose impossible. According to this law the three colors red, blue and yellow never all appear in the same species of flowers. Any two may exist, but never the third. Thus we have the red and yellow roses, but no blue; red and blue verbenas, but no yellow; yellow and blue in the various members of the viola family (as pansies, for instance), but no red; red and yellow gladioli, but no blue, and so on.

WAITED FOR GROOM 60 YEARS.

In the little town of Perth, in the Ottawa Valley, Canada, the death is announced of Miss Catharine Miller, known in the neighborhood around as "Kitty" Miller.

Sixty years ago she was a beautiful and accomplished girl in Scotland. She was engaged to be married to a young man who had a large interest in a Scottish thread factory. The day was fixed for the wedding and every preparation was made for the ceremony. The wedding day came and "Kitty," dressed in her bridal attire, awaited the bridegroom. Instead, there came a message that he had married another.

The shock affected her mind, and for several years she was confined in an asylum. The doctors finally decided that she could be given into the custody of her relatives, as they thought a change of scene and surroundings would prove the best cure. The Miller family removed from Scotland to Canada.

Nearly 50 years have passed since their settlement in Lanark county, Ont., yet never a month has elapsed in which "Kitty" did not don her wedding garments to await the coming of her lover. The dress was antique, of amber-colored silk, with a long front peaked waist, plaited and corded, with bell sleeves and skirt hanging oddly on account of the straight width.

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COSTLY ADVICE.

When in a certain country district a month ago, says a business man, having an idle hour, I strolled into the country court-room, where I witnessed an amusing scene. The justice, a big, portly official, with a voice like a ironstone, took it upon himself to examine a witness, a little, withered old man, whose face was as red and wrinkled as a herring.

"What is your name?" asked the justice. "Why, squire," said the astonished witness, "you know my name as well as I know yours."

"Never you mind what I know or what I don't know," was the caution given, with magisterial severity. "I ask the question in my official capacity, and you're bound to answer it."

With a contemptuous snort the witness gave his name and the questioning proceeded.

"Where do you live?" "Wal, what next?" ejaculated the old man. "Why," he continued, appealing to the last listening listeners, "I've lived in this town all my life, and so's he," pointing to the justice, "an' to hear him go on you'd think—"

"Silence!" thundered the irate magistrate. "Answer my question or I'll fine you for contempt of court."

Alarmed by the threat, the witness named his place of residence and the examination went on.

"What is your occupation?" "What?"

"What do you do for a living?" "Oh, git out, squire! Just as if you don't know that I tend gardens in the summer season and saw wood in the winter!"

As a private citizen I know it, but as the court I am not supposed to know anything about you," explained the perplexing justice.

"Wal, squire," remarked the puzzled witness, "if you know somethin' outside the courtroom and don't know nothin' in it, you'd better get out an' let somebody try this case that's got some sense."

The advice may have been good, but it cost the witness 40 shillings.

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The men who control the tobacco trade of the United States are as ambitious as Alexander of old. They sigh for other worlds to conquer, and as John Bull appears to offer an inviting field of conquest, they have invaded his dominions and challenged him to a fight to a finish. John's islands do not produce the seductive weed. He is dependent upon other countries for his raw material. Our tobacco kings have decreed that he must be content in the future to smoke American cigarettes and fill his pipe with longcut or granulated tobacco manufactured in the United States.

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SMALLPOX AND THE BULL CALF.

Some twenty years ago, the smallpox broke out in Lancaster, Ky., and a number of patients were confined in a house on the old Jackman place. The house was surrounded by a large pasture. In this pasture was a very fine bull calf, which escaped and was lost by reason of the gate having been left open. The premises and the calf as well belonged to two infant orphan children.

A suit was brought by a member of the Lancaster bar against the town trustees for damages done the building and also for the value of the bull calf. By agreement the mis-joiner of causes of action was waived. The attorney for the plaintiffs had taken copious notes of his anticipated argument and among other prominent headings was this: "Here speak of bull calf."

Another attorney noticing the notes wrote above the one referred to these words: "Here take a flight," and immediately below the words: "Here give the trustees thunder."

When the attorney for the plaintiffs observed the mangled condition of his notes he grew very furious and proceeded to denounce the world in general on that account, saying that an attempt had been made to make him take a flight from the back of a bull calf.

Finally, growing very pathetic, he concluded his speech as follows: "Gentlemen of the jury, my good old mother was a strong minded woman—peace to her ashes. She read but two books, Shakespeare and the Bible. And when I think of these poor little children—not only infants but orphans—I am forcibly reminded of the beautiful extract that she read to me when I sat an infant upon her knee, from the play of 'Richard III.,' where the Duke of Gloster says, 'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

At this point the applause in the court room was deafening, and the attorney, little knowing what he had done, took his seat. He supposed that he had won the case.

A Prisoner Shot on a Train.

ELIZABETH CITY, April 3.—Thomas Early, the negro who attempted a criminal assault upon Miss Perry, at Ryland, on Tuesday, was shot while on the train in custody of officers, near Edenton to-day, and badly injured. The military company had been on guard during the day, while the negro was tried and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, and was conducted to the train by the soldiers. When the train had pulled out a short distance some one in the coach fired four shots at the negro, but it is thought he will recover. He was taken to Norfolk.

Early was captured at Cypress Chapel, just over the Virginia line, Tuesday, and turned over to the North Carolina authorities yesterday. He was taken through here last night en route for Edenton. On arriving at Edenton the news flew like such tidings generally do, and crowds gathered before 10 o'clock, with the avowed intention of lynching him. Sheriff Norman was forewarned of his coming and had secured permission to summons the military company to his assistance should this be necessary to protect the prisoner during the night.

The Superior Court was in session, and this morning the grand jury indicted him for an assault with criminal intent and before noon to-day he was placed on trial, convicted and sentenced to 15 years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

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CRIMES OF SLAVER.

Remarkable Homicide Committed by Men White Breasting.

Much discussion has been occasioned among physicians, writes a Journal correspondent of the Boston Journal, by the statements made through the newspapers to the effect that the case of Henry C. Krause, who strangled his mother, was unique in the history of medical jurisprudence. The contrary is the case, however, for the medical books dealing with crimes and hallucinations and dreams are quite full of a similar character. A large number that are closely parallel to the Krause case are well known to the students of medical jurisprudence.

Dr. J. C. Aldrich, of Cleveland, said that the Krause case was fairly typical of a number of others cited in both medical and legal works. "One of the oldest cases of this kind on record," says Dr. Aldrich, "is that of an English gamekeeper and his son. They were guarding the preserves on which they were employed from poachers and the son had dropped asleep. The father called the son, awakening him suddenly. The son, half awake, seized a fowling piece and killed the father. The son was convicted, but pardoned on the ground that he did not know what he was doing when he killed his father, and that there was no criminal intent in the action."

"A friend of mine here in Cleveland told me of an instance in his own life that closely resembled the Krause case. We were talking about it when he told me. He is an older man now, but years ago when a young man, he was engaged in the Pennsylvania coal fields. There were many desperate men about the mines in those days, and there was always danger of attack. For this reason the gentleman always slept with a revolver under his pillow. One night he dreamed that he was being attacked by a band of desperadoes. He seized one of them and was about to kill him with his revolver when he awoke to find that he was choking his wife and pressing the muzzle of his revolver to her temple."

"Marc, the noted English alienist, cites a number of cases of this character. One of them is the famous case of a peddler, who was in the habit of sleeping beside the highway as he went about the country. To protect himself from robbers he carried a sword cane. A man passing him as he slept by the highway one night shook him by the shoulder to arouse him. The peddler, springing up, stabbed the man to death with his sword cane. He was tried for manslaughter and defended himself with the plea that he was but half awake and did not know what he was doing when he killed the man. He was convicted."

"Bernard Schmedmaizer's was another case reported by Marc. He saw a phantom that seemed to attack him in a dream and killed it with a hatchet, he supposed. Instead he killed his wife. He was tried for murder and acquitted on the ground that he had not known what he was doing."

"Mr. J. H. Morley, one of the best known residents of Cleveland, told me of a case with which he was personally familiar. A man, hunting and camping out with a party of friends, was suddenly awakened and shot another member of the party in the back with a revolver, inflicting a wound that caused paralysis. He did not know, of course, what he was doing."

"In 1878 Simon Fraser was tried in Scotland for the murder of his child. He dreamed that he was attacked by a wild beast, which he killed in his vision. Instead he had killed his child by dashing the little one's head against the wall after taking him from bed. Judge J. L. Clark, before whom the case was tried, directed the jury to find that the prisoner had killed his child when unconscious of his act by reason of his condition as a somnambulist, and that he was not responsible for his act. The courts have held that a blow inflicted by a drunken man while struggling in his sleep was not punishable."

"There seems to be very commonly a peculiar unbalanced condition of the mind when a person is first awakened, and this is particularly true in childhood and in the cases of those whose mental balance is not perfect. Somnambulist are much excited when first awakened suddenly, and there seems to be some close relation between the dreams and the delusions of the insane. It seems to be a question whether murders impulsive in some cases are not the results of the influence of dreams. There are many questions involved in these cases of mental unbalance, but I believe that in all cases the courts have held that men are not responsible for deeds committed while they were asleep and were under the influence of dreams."

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