A CHARLES STORY AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

TURSDAY, MAY 29, 1906.

The hose man of the Newto ws was complaining the other day that the man who doesn't e seems to have no rights at all which other people are obliged to respect. We guess be will cheer up some now since Mr. Roosevelt bade Congress-man Blackburn remove his eiger.

The base-ball devotees must have been set to moralizing by the fatalities which came their way last Sunday. At Houston, Texas, an amateur 20 years old. was struck by a thrown ball and, after recovering the ball and throwing it to a base, fell dead. Near Mobile, Alabama, lightning struck among the specta-tors, killing five people and inng many others. It was a ed day to be patrouizing base-

There is something about a bird's nest which has an indefible overpowering fascination for the average boy. But we be-Here that the hoy who overcomes this fascination and gives the other-bird and her little ones a sare deal and a fair show at life will be a better and stronger boy for it. It has been a long e since we printed anything ore luteresting in itself than the article on protecting the bird's sest written Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, President of the North Carolina Audubou Society.

CRUEL CURIOSITY.

What right had anybody to dig the life secret out of the keeping of that dying Kentucky boy at High Point? True, he was a convict, shot through the vitals, didn't have long to live, lidn't care where they buried him, out in the field anywhere, didn't amount to much in this life anyway, but he was a buman m, he had a secret, it was his, be wanted to keep it, and, what is more, he was dying. In that supreme hour he was gentle soward all who came within his presence or his thoughts; why olud't men have been gentle toward him?

He didn't want to tell his seeret; he said so. We believe at if General Robert R. Lee, the foremost gentleman of his time, had been present at a e, had been present at a Mountain Island town as like this, the poor fellow Causier's Precinct outside. a secret in his dying hours. It ald have been gentle then to permit him to choose unmolested the direction and the attere of his last thoughts. But as life obbed away, his mentality grew less resistant, and the ong minds around drow from a weakened dying man that which they had been powerless to extract in the day of his strength. To escape the burden which their persistence put up-on his flickering thoughts, he gave them the secret they were digging for. It is an instance

which, for once, makes human curiosity seem ghoulish. If the boy had been hanged, it is ininkable that he would the first given up the secret if, indeed, what he gave up as the mai secret. Por then se would have gone to death in the full strength of his mental s, with the mental ability to take his secret with him or Cliverius probably did. If the guards had first sent a Wincian Control Contro in Oring condition have

against them, and supremely soul and budy to the last possible moment of time, should not have additional burdens imposed upon them.

census postponed to june 15

By reason of the facts that on sent Priday the business men in the towns will be busy with their books and collections and the following day is the date for the Democratic county convention, it has been suggested to us that we postpone the census day. This will be entirely agreeable to us, since our principal desire is to complete it in good time before the Pourth of July.

As the farmers wish the census takers to come around before harvest opens, we have decided upon June 15th as census day. Let everybody get ready, now, and let's work together for a complete and trustworthy census of Gaston county's population. Later on we hope to publish a list of the enumerators and indicate the few simple questions to be answered.

Meanwhile, we want several more applications from Cherryville and River Bend townships. Remember we give good pay for the work. We cannot leave any township out. Below is a list of-

Census Takers Required.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP-16. Dallas town... Dallas Township outside of above districts.....

Total for Dalles Township 16 CHERRYVILLE TOWNSHIP-18. of town. Carpenter's Precinct. Kiser's Precinct.

Total Cherryville Township...18 CROWDER'S MOUNTAIN TOWN-SHIP-15.

Bessemer City town. Bessemer Precinct outside of town. Baker's Precinct. Dilling's Precinct.

Total for Crowder's Mtn. CASTONIA TOWNSHIP-40. Gastonia town. Gastonia Precinct No. 1 out-

side. Glenn's Precinct.

Total for Gastonia Township..40 RIVER BEND TOWNSHIP-21.

Mt. Holly Precinct outside. Stanley Precinct outside.

Total River Bend Township ____ 21

SOUTH POINT TOWNSHIP-28. Lowell town McAdenville town Lowell Precinct outside Belmont town Belmont Precinct outside. South Point Precinct

Total South Point Township 28

STRENGTH FROM DISCIPLINE.

Seldom in every day life does one run across a more tragic life-story than that of the gentle remorseless Winchester. He is spoken of as gentle, because, though clearly lacking in high

brid in a grutle Kentucky home, in the way of training—hard trade taking of. one wonders what is the secret training; if secremary—to keep him from dying in a strange of his down-fall. Was it heredity? him from dying is a strange of him from dying in the way of training—hard training hard training

ising with every lessening breath nursing and a mother's praylow hard the game is going era? Did this man sin or his parents, that he was born occupied with the business of to temptation like the rest standing off the dissolution of of us and at last died a convict? Perhaps these things will never be known until everything else is opened to the keu of man and the angels, but there is one sentence of his last words that may serve to base a guess upon. ") was reared to have everything I wanted," he said, and therein may have been the open door to all the ill that he could not conquer in his life's little way.

There are few of us who do not need the saving virtues which come to our characters from discipline—hard, anstere discipline. Rudure hardness as a good soldier, was the Apostle's injunction. Hardness is good when endured for the good it brings, and some hardness must be endured by every mother's son of us who would be more than a piece of drift-wood on a sea of sin. There is training in it. And training always looks to the future, is always directed to an hour of trial, of peril, of triumph or defeat. The fair faced little boy with merry eyes and loving ways and ever-cheering laughter overflowing with goodfellowship, tempts fond parents and admiring ueighbors to gratify his every want. Better not do that. Be good to him and deny him some things. The lad the guard's rifle killed had everything he wanted when he was growing up. And when the choice was presented to him of denying his pride or forging a check he was weak on selfdenial and strong in the opposite direction. He had not been trained for the test and the whisperings of evil won the conflict. Temptations, trials, many perilous hours will come; woe to him who goes to meet them in his crude untrained strength. more woe to him who goes with his powers already dominated by evil influences! The Hebrew lad in the courts of Babylon was disciplined before the hour-he had thought of it, he had "purposed in his heart that he would not," and he didn't!

Our people are accumulating at a rate they have never before known the material things of life. Parents are better able than ever before to gratify every want of their children. But it is a good idea not to do it. Teach them to work. Occupied with their work, they forget many foolish wants, and that brain which when idle is the devil's workshop becomes at devil's workshop becomes at of that body to demonstrate to once a trysting place for all of the world the fact that the life's good angels. Teach the boy thrift, that is all right; the producers, rather than with thrift is a good word and the word represents a thing that is filled with self-discipline, selfdenial. Teach him thrift, with honor to balance it, and one of these days somebody is going to be proud of the boy. Mothers, don't fear to see your darling boys get their garbs mussed up at work. Don't be afraid to have them come home at night hungry and may-be tired, too; An honest day's work has never yet hurt a boy, and if it takes enough of the snap out of him Kentucky lad who died the other to keep him off the street at day at High Point, a road con- sight and send him to bed vict with a hole through his early, you ought not to say, body to mark the path of a "Poor little fellow!" The vangeful bullet from the guard's rather you ought to say, "Hurrah for the day's work!" The susp will all be back the next morning. But if you pet moral purpose, he seems to have and pamper and indulge and been brought up politely; and, gratify because you have the besides, his dying breath was means and because you are s ples for better treatment for bis fellow-convicts on the road. He was considerate of his companious in suffering, and all the training by the virtue of wise seorded atterances of the dying denial, then you have only to go the first state which is a some of the finer instincts of his fallowmen who he we been lucky some can help. Look into your little boy's fair, bright face and many over, listen to the gang.

Taking it as true that he source of laughter in his source of laughter in his source of laughter in his source. boy stamp him as possessing far enough with it in order to more of the finer instincts of his find a heart-ache that nothing

ments, among strange people, his thirst growing greater as his wounds bleed more, his dry lips wet with cool drafts from the hands of pity-smitten aliens, and from crying at the last, "The way of the transgressor is hard, hard, bard!"-if you can keep your darling little boy from a fate like that by discipline, by training howsoever hard and stern, hadn't you better do it?

THE CROP CONDITIONS BAD.

President C. C. Moore Beclares That the Cotton Outlook is the Weret in Years-State Reduction in Acreage Seven Per

Charlotte Ub The condition of the cotton crop to date in North Carolina is the worst in vents," declared President C. C. Moore to an Observer reporter yesterday. "I have just returned from Raleigh, and the reports that have been received from 28 cotton producing counties the crop is estimated to be 50 per cent of the average. In others, 75 per cent. The estimates vary be-tween these two figures. These reports come from the secretaries of the county organizations and are as accurate as can be had. There are 46 cotton producing counties in the State. With lew exceptions those producing the major portion of the erop have been heard from. The other reports will be received later.

'I have been all over the State and have taken much trouble to find out the exact status of affairs. I believe that the condition of the present crop, up to May 20, the date of most of these reports, and of my own investigations, is the worst

that I have ever known." Mr. Moore was asked about the decrease in acreage over last year. He could not answer pos-itively, not having received all of the reports, but estimated that the reduction would be approximately seven per cent.

ACREAGE REPORT JUNE FIRST.

First Official Report of the Southern Cotton Association to be Issued Then-President C. C. Meere Leaves,

President Charles C. Moore, of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association, will leave this morning for Jackson, Miss., to attend the conference of State division presidents, which is to be held in that city Thursday, May 31. A meeting of the executive com-mittee of the association will also be held at the same time and place.

Cotton men all over the South are interested in the outcome of this meeting, for the first official report on the acreage of the crop

of 1906 will be issued. The report will be issued Friday June 1, thereby preceding the government report. Relative to the issuance of the Southern Cotton Association's report in advance of the government, President Moore stated that it was the purpose of the officials proper source for information about the cotton crop was with the government, or any other agency. "The future alone will determine," said he, "the question as to which of the two is

the most accurate."
President Moore will hardly return to Charlotte before June 10. It is yery probable that he, in company with President Harvie Jordan, Secretary Richard Cheatham, Mr. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, and five or six others, will make a 10-days tour of Texas, perfecting the organ-ization in a number of the large cotton producing counties of that State.

Fat Children.

Grady Harvey, who lives near Gaffney, S. C., weighed 285 pounds when he was 11 years old and the other day when they celebrated his twelfth birthday he tipped the scales at 300. His oldest sister weighs 300 pounds and be has two other sisters whose ages range from 14 to 20 years and these three sisters combined weigh nearly 900

Steady improvement is re-ported in the condition of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who has been so daugerously ill in New York,

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Now, Therefore, I. J. BRYAN GRIBLES, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 22nd day of May, 1906, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law, IN TRESTIMONY WHERROW, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 22nd day of May, A. D. 1906.

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State. THEREFORE, I. J. BRYAN

NORTH CAROLINA, Gaston County. | Filed and recorded in Record of

Incorporations Book No. 1, page 313, May 25, 1908. C. C. Cornwell.
Clerk of the Superior Court.
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TOWN TAXES!

Property and polls taxable in Gas-tonia, N. C., must be listed with the undersigned during the month of June, 1906. I will attend: Ozark Mill...... Modena Mill..... June 5. Forenoon June 5. Afternoon June 6. Forenoon June 6. Afternoon Avon Mill..... Old Mill Treuton Mill June 7.. Afternoon June 8.. Afternoon Loray Mill June 8. Afternoon City Hall June 9, 12, 13, 14.

Separate returns must be made to the undersigned, in addition to the return that is made to the lister for County and State taxes. JNO. F. BRADLEY, List-Taker for Town of Gastonia, N. C.

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