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The boss man of the Newton News was complaining the other day that the man who doesn't smoke seems to have no rights at all which other people are obliged to respect.

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.

There is something about a bird's nest which has an indefinable overpowering fascination for the average boy. But we believe that the boy who overcomes this fascination and gives the mother-bird and her little ones a square deal and a fair show at life will be a better and stronger boy for it.

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, didn't care where they buried him, out in the field anywhere, didn't amount to much in this life anyway, but he was a human being.

He didn't want to tell his secret; he said so. We believe that if General Robert B. Lee, the foremost gentleman of his time, had been present at a scene like this, the poor fellow would not have been hurried for a secret in his dying hours.

If the boy had been hanged, it is probable that he would never have given up the secret. If, indeed, what he gave up was the real secret. For then he would have gone to death in the full strength of his mental powers, with the mental ability to take his secret with him as Cleverly probably did.

ing with every lessening breath how hard the game is going against them, and supremely occupied with the business of standing off the dissolution of soul and body 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 next Friday the business men in the town 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.

As the farmers wish the census taken 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.

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—

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Number of Enumerators. Includes Dallas Township (16), Cherryville Township (18), Crowder's Mountain Township (15).

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Number of Enumerators. Includes River Bend Township (21), South Point Township (28).

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Number of Enumerators. Includes Gastonia Township (40), Spencer Mountain Mills (4), Glenn's Precinct (2).

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Number of Enumerators. Includes Mt. Holly town (4), Mountain Island town (3), Stanley town (3).

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Number of Enumerators. Includes Lowell town (3), Belmont town (2), South Point Precinct (2).

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Number of Enumerators. Includes Lowell Precinct outside (6), Belmont Precinct outside (6), Union Precinct (2).

STRENGTH FROM DISCIPLINE.

Seldom in every day life does one run across a more tragic life-story than that of the gentle Kentucky lad who died the other day at High Point, a road convict with a hole through his body to mark the path of a venereal bullet from the guard's remorseless Winchester.

nursing and a mother's prayers? Did this man sin or his parents, that he was born to temptation like the rest of us and at last died a convict? Perhaps these things will never be known until everything else is opened to the ken of man and the angels, but there is one sentence of his last words that may serve to base a guess upon.

There are few of us who do not need the saving virtues which come to our characters from discipline—hard, austere discipline. Rude 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 good-fellowship, tempts fond parents and admiring neighbors to gratify his every want.

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 once a trusting place for all of life's good angels. Teach the boy thrift, that is all right; thrift is a good word and the word represents a thing that is filled with self-discipline, self-denial. Teach him thrift, with honor to balance it, and one of these days somebody is going to be proud of the boy.

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 he has two other sisters whose ages range from 14 to 20 years and these three sisters combined weigh nearly 900 pounds.

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, hard!"—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 Declares That the Cotton Outlook is the Worst in Years—State Reduction in Acreage Seven Per Cent.

The condition of the cotton crop to date in North Carolina is the worst in years," 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 between these two figures. These reports come from the secretaries of the county organizations and are as accurate as can be had.

"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 positively, 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. Moore Leaves.

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 of that body to demonstrate to the world the fact that the proper source for information about the cotton crop was with the producers, rather than with the government, or any other agency.

President Moore will hardly return to Charlotte, before June 10. It is very 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 organization in a number of the large cotton producing counties of that State.

Steady improvement is reported in the condition of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who has been so dangerously ill in New York.

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NOTICE. State of North Carolina, Department of State. CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION. WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Love Trust Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Gastonia, county of Gaston, State of North Carolina, (Robt. As Love being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served,) has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revised of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution: NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, 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 TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 22nd day of May, A. D. 1906. J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

TOWN TAXES! Property and polls taxable in Gastonia, N. C., must be listed with the undersigned during the month of June, 1906. I will attend: Ozark Mill, June 5, Forenoon; Modena Mill, June 5, Afternoon; Avon Mill, June 6, Forenoon; Old Mill, June 6, Afternoon; Trenton Mill, June 7, 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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