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Worse in the South and a Reproach.

South Virginia Pilot.
We published some weeks since a comparative statement of the crime resulting from criminal offenses in this and other civilized countries of the world in which the showing was so much to the credit of our civilization that several of our contemporaries hesitated to accept the statistics as reliable. Access lately opened to official records show a condition quite different if any more satisfactory than estimates we then used as a basis for contrast.

The annual mortality per 100,000 in the United States in 1912 was 20.2, but in the United States still exceeds all other countries in this particular method of swelling the mortality lists. New York City's homicide rate is higher than that of London or Paris. For five years, ending with that of 1910, the homicide rate in Copenhagen was only 0.45 to the 100,000. In the same rate had prevailed during the same period in New York city, the number of homicides would have been 56, whereas in reality it was 778.

Italy has of European nations the worst record for homicides, this is accounted for by the survival there of the feudal system and the existence of secret societies whose trade is murder. In that kingdom the average rate of homicidal deaths was only 3.05 per 100,000 inhabitants for a period extending five years from 1905. During the same period the average rate in the registration area in the United States was 5.9. In other words, for every one hundred killings in the U. S. there only sixty-six in Italy. A Chicago newspaper, which has made an annual tabulation of homicides for many years, placed the number at 9,330 for the year 1912, but this is probably slightly in excess of the sufficiently lamentable total, making an allowance for possible duplications in the Tribune's tables, the exhibit is shocking when compared with the reliable reports from the British Isles, France or Germany.

A comparison made by the Spectator, a reliable insurance journal published in New York, shows that the homicide rate of 1912, was highest in the Southern cities, being 20.2 to the 100,000 as compared with 10.8 for western cities, 8.9 for central cities and 4.6 for eastern cities. For the decade ending with 1911 the city of Memphis had the highest homicide rate, while the city of Chicago led in the number of killings. Memphis also had the maximum rate for 1912, which was 64.3 to the 100,000.

Boy Hurt in Scuffle.

Some three weeks ago a young son of Mr. R. K. Hartley, of Blowing Rock, while in a wrestle with a companion, got a fall that so injured one of his shoulders, that he has suffered a very great deal ever since. One day last week brought him to town, for surgical treatment, and it was carefully examined by Dr. Jones who found that some of the muscles were badly strained but no dislocation or fracture. The Dr. gave him some local treatment, which we hope will soon give him relief.

Fire is a useful servant but dangerous master, and when in command ruins all its subjects. It is easier to prevent fires than to extinguish them.

FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

The Virginia-Carolina.

Jas. Eller, in Jefferson Recorder.
In the year 1890 Captain Dull, with many men of capital, came into the county and tried to buy the iron property in this country and promised to build a railroad from Galax, Va., up the river to Lansing or Mouth of Horse Creek, but could not buy the iron mines and the men went off. Then about 1903 the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company surveyed a road from Galax up north Fork of New River to mouth of Horse Creek, and the people all over the country and great hopes of getting a road, but the company decided not to build the road, so we then had little hope of a road for some years, then a little later Captain Leeper came into the county and proposed to build a road from a station on the Norfolk & Western Railroad across the the Iron Mountain and down Wilson to New River and up the river to Jefferson and to Creston, the road was surveyed but never built. Then we felt that we would get no road for years to come, but it remained for that stalwart man of strong will and iron nerve, W. A. Mingea, to view out and locate and build a road across the White Top Mountain and down Horse Creek, then on to the southwestern part of the county to Todd, pointing towards Boone and Lenoir, in Caldwell county, where we hope it may yet go, so as to give the mountain counties a chance to reach the Seaboard and give a market to the South, the road as it is now projected running nearly due east from White Top to the Mouth of Horse Creek, then it runs south to Todd. The building of this road was and is a very great undertaking and when completed will do a good business, it will bring capitol into this county and cause manufacturers to build and will harness the waterpower and work the iron, mica mines, timbers and other things the uneducated mind would never notice, but the informed mind and the trained eye will see many things in which to invest and develop our great resources so as to bring about more wealth and intelligence and serve as civilizing influences and give the county some higher tone and character. I am sure the people will greatly appreciate the great improvement to the county. I trust the county may be pleased that we will have good service, we ought to co-operate with the road and show kindness to the operators and their return to us the same. All the engineers are fine men and able surveyors.

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Children Cry
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STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

China now has 34 cotton mills, the first of which was built in '91.

Dr. W. G. Bradshaw has been recommended to be post master in High Point.

When a lodging house in Boston was burned on the 3rd, twenty five men were burned to death.

The North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South held its session in Oxford last week.

Thomas Newland of Lenoir and Miss Mamie Wilcox, of Washington were married in that city on the 2nd, inst.

The late William Wilson Finley, President of the Southern Railway, left an estate valued at \$185,000. His wife is named in his will as executrix.

The Store Kapparberget in Sweden is the oldest coppermine of which any official figures can be obtained. It has been worked continuously for nearly eight hundred years.

Lieutenant Gov. Bilbo of Mississippi and State Senator Hobbs of that state also, have been indicted in Warren county, Miss., for soliciting a bribe in connection with some legislation.

Doughton is the name of the new station at the foot of the Blue Ridge on the Elkin & Alleghany railroad, hence the changing of the name of the post office on Cove Creek from Doughton to Sherwood.

Mayor L. C. Caldwell of Statesville recently gave a man by the name of Mayhew a sound whipping on the street, for insulting his wife as she passed him. Mayhew was drinking, but was probably about sober when he was turned loose.

The body of Lieutenant Eric L. Ellington, who was killed on Nov. 24th, by a fall from an army aeroplane at San Diego Cal. was brought to his former home at Clayton for burial. He was a son of the late Sheriff Ellington of Johnson County.

William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor is a self made man. The American Boy says that as a boy he worked in a coal mine and in all he was never in school more than a year. In 1807 he went to Congress. From a coal mine to a position in the Presidents Cabinet, is his record.

As was stated some time since, Mr. Andrew Joyner of Greensboro was offered a job in connection with the exposition at San Francisco. He however declines the position which pays \$3,000 annually to accept the position of assistant Collector of revenue at San Domingo with the same salary.

The surveying of George Washington, done in 1751 when as a boy of 19 he ran lines through the Virginia hills for Lord Fairfax, has been checked up by government surveyors who report the work of the father of his country perfectly done. The government has been retracing these lines because it is buying land in this territory for the Appalachian forest reserve.

President Finley.

Rev. W. R. Savage, of Blowing Rock, in speaking of the late President Finley, of the Southern Railway, gave out this information:

"President Finley, of the Southern Railway, was born in my birth town, Pass Christian, Mississippi, and was educated at my father's school there, Trinity High School, and now owns our old home, his sister living therein, a lovely old place, the very home in which I was born."

How Mexicans Wage War.

Charlotte Observer.

Unless from actual bullets Mexican rebel bands suffer no particular hardship in the field, according to a staff correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger. This writer presents some vivid and convincing pictures. His mission to see General Venustiano Carranza failed, as the chief was then 225 miles away. But he found the Carranza Camp, in command of Gen. Jesus Carranza, Venustiano's brother. Among the troops were many women and some children. "The scene under the trees at Hermanus," he writes "was more like a monstrous picnic than a military encampment. There were no tents, Mexican soldiers seldom being provided with shelter of any kind, which, after all, in this climate is no great hardship for the greater portion of the year. Women were grinding corn, making tortillas, washing and mending clothes, and attending to children in every direction. A large share of the men wore no uniform, the nearest approach to one being the khaki blouse and trousers frequently worn by working men all over the world." As soon as the troops halt the women immediately begin their search for food and its preparation. Without their aid the army could not exist unless by adopting an entirely different plan or never getting far away from regions where plunder for the soldiers was abundant. The writer notes that he has also seen Federal troops, sometimes, attended by women who carried nursing children on their backs. Artillery plays practically no part in the encounters between rebels and government troops, aside from its intimidating noise. Of all the wounded sent to the hospital at Piedras Negras not a single one owed his injuries to the shot of a cannon. A detachment of a hundred horsemen had over a hundred shells fired at it from an elevation while it was marching across an open and unprotected stretch of country, yet no injury befell man or beast. This harmlessness is due first of all to the fact that the Mexicans usually fight in about as scattered order and with as much eye to shelter as our Indians did.

The strong though unwelcome impression conveyed by the writer's whole story is that with fighting upon such a basis—actually reconciled with family life—it has become and bids fair to continue the normal course of existence for large numbers of people down there.

Of all men do not envy the man in an exalted position who is not as big as his place. A bean is absurd in a big bucket.

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The Eggers-South Wedding.

The marriage of Mr. Clyde B. Eggers of Beaver Dam, to Miss Nora South, of Boone, on Wednesday evening of last week, was indeed a great surprise to even the most intimate friends and relatives of the bride in this community, the matter having been so adroitly arranged and perfectly executed that the slightest suspicion was not aroused. The young man has been boarding at the home of Mr. B. T. Brannock, where the young lady has made her home for several years, (her parents being dead) while attending to his official duties as deputy Sheriff and tax-collector, and on Wednesday morning the couple left supposedly for a visit to relatives at Sutherland, but instead, they took the shortest route to Beaver Dam, stopping at the home of Rev. J. F. Eller, where the conjugal knot was tied. Thursday being the 43rd anniversary of the birth of Sheriff Eggers, father of the groom, a splendid birthday and in-fair dinner was spread, which was much enjoyed by a number of invited guests.

The groom is a young man full of energy, genial in disposition, and is almost invaluable assistance to his father in the execution of the office of Sheriff of the county. It is no fulsome praise, but straight facts when we say that Miss Nora South was one of our choice girls; a graduate with honors from the A. T. S.; a teacher whose services are always in demand; possessing all the attributes that go to make up a good, well-rounded character, and no lady in this community can boast of more warm friends than she. The model young people have the wishes of all for a long and prosperous life, and that all earthly blessings may be theirs.

Better Than Gold.

Religious Telescope.
A gentleman while sitting at the dinner table with his family, had these words said to him by his son, a lad of 11 years: "Father, I have been thinking, if I could have one single wish of mine, what I would choose." "To give you a better chance," said the father, "suppose the allowance be increased to three wishes, what would they be? Be careful Charlie." He made his choice thoughtfully: first a good character; second of good health; and third, of a good education. His father suggested to him that fame, power, riches and various other things are held in general esteem among men. "I have thought of all of that," said he, "but if I have a good character and good health and a good education, I shall be able to earn all the money that will be of any use to me, and everything will come along in its right place." Nothing can be added to the wisdom of this choice. It is like unto Solomon's which was the soul of wisdom. The lure of human life is along the line of fame, power and riches, none of which can be of any real advantage to the individual, except to have the higher qualities of head and heart, which stand for character and conscience. Health, character and culture are better than gold. They count for more, both for time and eternity, than all earthly possessions combined. The case of their superior value is thus suggested: "Seek first the kingdom of God."

Mr. W. S. Gunsalus, a farmer living near Fleming, Pa., says he has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for fourteen years, and that he has found it to be an excellent remedy, and takes pleasure in recommending it. For sale by all dealers.

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