

THIS IS GROUND HOG DAY

ANIMAL OF PAR-FUNG PAME.

If Tradition is to Be Believed the Woodchuck, Regularly Known as the Ground Hog Will Make His Appearance To-day and the Character of the Weather He Predicts Will Determine the Character of That to Come For Next 40 Days

Why do a ground hog do as he do? is one of those questions that remain undisturbed in the category of the unanswerable. The only excuse available for making mere mention of this invariable problem at this date is the fact that this is the reigning day of this vermin. Ground hog day, in the minds of a certain class of citizens, marks a distinct epoch in the passing of a year, classifies the weather for the remaining winter and accomplishes other such iconoclastic stunts as seemeth to him good.

If tradition be credible, on this day the ground hog peeps his nose from the earth for the first time in months, and his opinion of the prevailing weather when his snout protrudes over terra firma will determine the character of the winds and rains and other happenings generally in the mystic mechanism of the spheres for the next 40 days.

The science of things animate, the science of life, technically known as biology, falls flat in its effort to account for the existence of the ground hog, or to explain with any degree of adequacy why he plays a part so important in determining the functions of the weather just at this time of the year.

There is, however, some light thrown upon the animal's person in Chambers' Encyclopedia of Universal Knowledge which may be of advantage here. It is the woodchuck, to which the name of ground hog is sometimes given, is a species of marmot, inhabiting North America from Hudson's Bay to South Carolina.

THESE IS ALSO CANDELMAS DAY. This is likewise what is known as Candlemas Day, a Catholic feast occasioned in honor of the presentation of the Christ Child in the temple and the purification of the Virgin Mary.

ALDERMEN MONDAY NIGHT. Matters of Paramount Interest to the City Are to Come Up For Discussion. The meeting of the aldermen tomorrow night is sure to bring to pass some interesting enactments.

Neighborhood Favorite Mrs. E. D. Charles of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, constipation, nervousness and general debility."

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE ADDRESS

Prohibitionists Recite the Net Results of Their Efforts With the Special Session of the Legislature, Award Prizes to Those Who Aided Them, and Urge the People of the State to "Work, Watch and Pray."

The following address to the people of North Carolina has been issued by Chairman John A. Gates, of the executive committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League: Heriot Clarkston, its president, and R. L. Davis, its State organizer.

We, and others of the Anti-Saloon League called the temperance forces together in convention at Raleigh, January 21st. The great convention unanimously asked the present Legislature to give the State a statutory law against the manufacture and sale of liquor at the present session, but a majority of the members of the Legislature, after considering the matter decided to submit the question to a vote of the people.

It has been patiently borne for years the galling yoke of the saloons, distillery and dring evils with all their attending curses and woes. The time has come when this yoke must be broken.

Such a statement at this time will interest a great number of the citizens and taxpayers of Charlotte, who are watching all municipal conditions and are busy speculating.

SEPTIC TANKS IN BAD FIX.

Expert Engineer Who Has Been in the City For Six Days Has Found That About \$6,000 Will Have to be Expended on the Two Septic Tanks to Put Them in Proper Condition.

Civil Engineer J. L. Ludlow, of Winston-Salem, one of the noted followers of his profession in this part of the country, has been spending several days in the city, making a thorough and complete examination of the city's sanitary needs, especially in regard to sewerage pipes, and the two septic tanks, which were placed some years ago at a cost of about \$50,000.

Grip Sufferers. Mr. Murray Long is a shut-in and suffers with grip at his room in the Belmont.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of stomach, liver and bowels so effectively one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills.

TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY TOO

COMMITTEE NAMES CHARLOTTE

North Carolina's Important Educational Body Will Meet Here in July—Earnest Endeavors Crowned and Necessary Funds All in Hand—Will Attract More Than 1,000 State Teachers—Programme Will Be Specific and Wide in Range—First Meeting in Two Years.

The people of Charlotte and the teachers of Mecklenburg county are felicitating themselves over the decision of the executive committee in having named Charlotte for the next sessions of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly. The opening date has been announced for July 16th, and the splendid new Auditorium will prove amply in every way for such a meeting.

This will mean the entertainment of a fine body, numbering something more than 1,000 men and women from all parts of North Carolina, in addition to the educational workers of North Carolina alone, many of the biggest brained professional men of the whole country will be called here for the presentation of their specific lines of work in all ways as they touch school work.

EXTENSION AND REVENUE.

Alderman Believes in Placing Water Pipes—Expenditure of \$500, Would Make Patrons of 30 Families.

"What I believe in right at this time," said one of the active Charlotte aldermen, "is the extension of the water mains, not, of course, that I mean a wholesale extension, for I have to think with regard to the financial end of the city's affairs. I do think that there should be an extended pipe laying at a slight cost that will bring in immediate and considerable revenue from water consumers.

The Jumping Off Place. "Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again."

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THOMPSON ORPHANAGE BENEFIT

Good Samaritan Hospital.

Following is the report of the Good Samaritan Hospital for January, 1908: Patients in hospital January 1st, 9; patients admitted during January, 9; patients discharged during January, 6; patients in hospital at present date, 6; deaths, 0; operations, 7; number of days of treatment in hospital, 165; outside cases, 3 for 5 treatments; nurse's paid 2 charity visits to one patient.

Real Estate Transfers. Two deeds were yesterday recorded for the sale of Charlotte real estate. Mr. W. C. Neal purchased from Mr. Frank D. Alexander, commissioner, a lot 142x240 feet.

Farmers Failed to Meet. Owing to the fact that a quorum was not present, there was no meeting of the farmers yesterday. About a dozen leading members of the local association attended the meeting and came to the court house, but they merely indulged in an informal discussion of a few matters.

Cotton Drops a Little. There was an appreciable drop in the price of cotton prevailing yesterday, but it made little difference to the owners of the staple in this county as only one bale was marketed, it bringing 11.75.

Returns to Charlotte. Mr. J. J. Wootton, who has been associated in business with Mr. R. M. Johnston, in Gastonia, has returned to Charlotte, where he will reside permanently. Mr. Wootton spent several months in Gastonia.

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To Continue Monday. Owing to the inclement weather of Saturday, we will continue the sale of Fancy Negligee Shirts to-morrow. Many of our customers were kept at home and we are anxious that all should have an opportunity of securing a supply of these elegant Shirts. \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 Shirts thrown into one lot at.....95c. each. Although this is the beginning of the end of this sale, quite as good bargains and choice patterns are here for your selection.