

TOWN TOPICS OF ASHEVILLE

THEY'RE numbering the people today, counting the visitors "just for curiosity" and everybody is interested in the census being made by the board of trade. As people discuss the thing and conjecture how many people there are here who do not live here, you will hear some interesting figures. Said one of Asheville's best known physicians:

"So-and-so said he believed there were 10,000 people in town. I told him he was making himself ridiculous. I don't believe there are any more visitors than home-folks—I think about half-and-half would be the proper estimate." As there are 20,000 permanent residents—count 'em, 20,000—it follows, according to this doctor, that the number of visitors is 20,000 or thereabouts. The average man who prides himself upon his conservatism will tell you that he'll be mighty glad if there are 5,000. But guesses of 10,000 are plentiful. Many are guessing 7,500, some conscious that the wish bears a good deal of relationship to the guess.

IN making the census the board of trade is not, of course, acting from mere curiosity. The board wishes to ascertain, for reasons having reference to its future policy and activities, just where Asheville is "at." You will remember that, a few months ago, we had mass meetings of citizens to discuss the advertising of the city, at which divers interesting speeches were made. Some eloquently advocated abandoning the tourist to his fate, and not depending upon him at all. What we needed, they said, was about 47 cotton factories. I suppose the idea is that, since cotton factories cost money, it would sort of encourage us to know there was money in the vicinity. Others said the tourist had been a good friend to us in the past, and were of the opinion that the city would do well to try and get all the tourists that were coming to it, to use a classical expression. The city did some newspaper advertising, and it blew in a thousand dollars to give some editors a good time. It is in relation to these facts that the census of today may furnish valuable and interesting data.

IF any colored person comes to you and represents that he is connected with the Elks' Pressing club, distrust him. There is an Elks' club, but it is not a pressing club. The other day a gentleman who is boarding in Woolsey lost a good suit of clothes which he confided to "The Elks' Pressing club." A negro man appeared, and asked if he was an Elk. He said he was, and the negro then bespoke his patronage. Later the gentleman's suspicions were aroused, and he put the police to work, with the result that the suit was speedily located. It had been sold. The representative of the Elks' Pressing club, however, is still at large.

IT was on a Southside avenue car, coming toward the city. The young lady, who had an air of having come in on the train, and who sat near the rear door of the car, was blessed with brown eyes and was good to look upon. These facts were noted by the hero of this veracious narrative, who stood with a friend upon the platform. Said this hero, who is a well known young business man of Asheville (his remarks were addressed to his companion, but were obviously meant for the brown-eyed young lady to hear): "Saw you out with another brown-eyed girl the other day, John. Seems like you prefer 'em brown-eyed. Every-where I see you there's a pretty girl with brown eyes. I like 'em myself. Ever see one that was not as pretty as a peach?"

GREAT ASTRONOMICAL EVENT— IS SOLAR ECLIPSE, AUG. 30

Phenomena Which Will Accompany the Event Places of Totality.

The great astronomical event of the year will be the total solar eclipse of August 30. The pathway of shadow begins at sunrise south of the Hudson Bay, enters the Atlantic Ocean a short distance north of Newfoundland, crosses northeastern Spain, northeastern Algeria, and northern Tunis, passes centrally over Assuan on the Nile, and ends at sunset in southeastern Arabia. The duration of totality on the coast of Labrador, in Spain, and at Assuan, is two and a half, three and three-fourths, and two and three-fifths minutes, respectively. Yet in that short interval much may be learned with regard to the corona, that mysterious crown of pearly light that surrounds the sun and can be seen only at the time of a total eclipse.

There is nothing of special interest until the solar disk is mostly covered by the moon as it glides between the sun and the earth. Then a peculiar change is noticed in the appearance of the sky, which becomes tinted with a grayish blue as at evening. The shadows cast by the foliage begin to look unusual, for the light shining through

PECULIAR DISAPPEARANCE.

J. D. Runyan, of Butlerville, O., said the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion, and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at all drug stores, price 25c.

arose and proceeded to alight. "May I assist you with your telescope?" asked the young man, with an ingratiating smile and a Chesterfieldian bow; and he seized the article in question and started to get off the car. Then the crusty looking fat drummer, who had been staring moodily out the window, looked up and spoke. His tones were unassuming, not to say gruff, as he said: "Here! Bring 'at thing back here, it's mine."

I Got to Face Mother Today

I got to face mother today, for a fact! I got to face mother today! And just how I'll dare to, an' how she will act.

Is more than a mortal can say! But I got to face her—I got to! and so here's a 'old father clean at the end of his row!

And Pink and Wade's gone to the farm fer her now— And I'm keepin' house for 'em here— Their purty, new house—and—all paid fer!—But how

Am I goin' to meet her and clear 'up my actully heppin' 'em both to e-lope?— ('Cause Mother wuz set—and wuz no other hope!)

I don't think it's Wade she's so biased ag'in, But his bizness—a railroadin' man 'At runs a switch-engine, day out and day in,

And's got to make hay while he can— It's a dangerous job, I'll admit—but see what A fine-furnished home 'at he's already got!

And Pink—w'y, the girl wuz jist pinin' away,— So what could her old father do When he found her, hid-like, in a loose load of hay,

But jist to drive on clean into The aidge of the city, where—singular thing!— Wade switched us away to the Squire, I jing!

Now—a-leavin' me here—they've driv off, with a cheer,

On their weddin' trip—which is to drive Straight home and tell Mother,—and toll her back here

And surrender me, dead or alive! So I'm waitin' here—not so blame' overly gay

As I wuz,—'cause I got to face Mother today!— James Whitcomb Riley, in The Reader for September.

A Toast

They are fighting a foe that lurks unseen Way down in the sunny south, Greater than warriors' seen Who fall at the common's mouth.

With experience standing by, And science with kindly men— A tooth for a tooth, an eye for an eye, The dark and the light between.

Fighting a terror formless and grim That lurks in each shadow's fold— The king of all terrors even him, With a courage wondrous bold.

While honor to them 'n' the giants today Who wage th' unequal fight— God shield them on the perilous way Far out to safety and light!— Mark Battelmann, LaSalle, Chittanooga.

every small space among the leaves, instead of forming a little circle on the earth, makes a little crescent. Some ten minutes before totality the darkness begins to be felt and a sense of uneasiness pervades the scene. Birds cease their song and hasten to their nests twittering to each other as at twilight, grasshoppers cease their chirping, and even the flowers have been known to close their petals as at twilight.

At the same time the air becomes decidedly chilly, and sometimes low appears. In a few moments, if the observer faces the western horizon, the moon's shadow is seen approaching much like a mighty wave or a heavy thunderstorm. It advances with terrifying swiftness, until it envelops him as with a shroud. Where the shadow falls very obliquely, as it does when an eclipse occurs near sunrise or sunset, the advance of the shadow along the earth's surface may reach as great a velocity as four or five thousand miles an hour. An observer named Forbes, who once had an opportunity for observing the onrushing shadow, from the Superca at Turin, which commands a magnificent view, gives this thrilling account of his experience: "I perceived," he says, "in the southwest, a black shadow like that of a storm about to break, which obscured the Alps. It was the lunar shadow coming toward us. I confess it was the most terrifying sight I ever saw. As always happens in the case of sudden, silent, unexpected moments, the spectator confounds real and relative motion. I felt almost giddy for a moment, as though the massive building under me bowed on the side of the coming eclipse."—Collier's for August 26.

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STATE TOPICS

A charter has been issued for the Cleveland Manufacturing company, of Cleveland, Rowan county, for the purpose of making all kinds of veneer and thin timber, and also excelsior, capital \$20,000; principal incorporators, J. J. Kincaid and B. A. Knox.

L. P. Myers, a farmer who lives at Flagg, Ill., near Chicago, has been in Statesville several days looking after farming lands with a view to investing. He has contracted with D. F. Jenkins to buy a farm two and one-half miles east of town known as the Allison place. The purchase price is \$5,000. Mr. Myers expects to take charge of the farm January 1st, and proposes to make it a model stock farm.

Taylorville 8 out: A Mr. Andrews of Yadkin Valley passed through town last Sunday on his way to Mr. William Clanton's at Snow Creek, Iredell county, for the purpose of having a mad stone applied to his little boy, who had been bitten by a mad dog the day previous. Mr. Clanton has a stone which his grandfather found in the heart of a deer, almost a century ago, that is said to be a cure for the bite of a dog or any other animal that is mad.

Tuesday O. M. Minor, bookkeeper at the Pilot Cotton mills, Raleigh, was suddenly attacked by severe illness. What is said to have been a mosquito bite on the upper lip, under the nose, is thought to have caused the trouble. His fever was very high from the first nor would it yield to any treatment. Sunday night he died. It is thought that the wound made by the mosquito bite was picked. Wednesday the great swelling, which by that time had disfigured the face, was lanced, but blood poison was doing its deadly work.

Greensboro Record: There is a plan on foot to organize and operate a carriage and wagon factory on the Southern railway at the site recently occupied by the Carolina Spoke and Bending works, with a capital stock of \$50,000, one half to be paid up in three months, the balance in twelve months thereafter. It is learned that \$13,000 in stock has already been assured, a practical carriage manufacturer taking \$8,000 of this. When we contemplate that more than 3,000 vehicles are sold at this market every year, the best of which are manufactured north and west out of raw material grown in North Carolina, the benefit of doing the work here is potent to all.

There was a destructive fire at Mount Olive Monday night, which destroyed a whole block in the business portion of the town. Eight buildings in all were completely swept away by the mad flames, including a handsome new hotel, which was under construction. The origin of the fire is unknown. The

loss is estimated at \$60,000, with \$32,000 insurance. The burned district will again be built up as soon as the debris can be cleared away.

Raleigh Times of the 22nd. Mr. Franklin Sherman, who has held the position of State Entomologist for the last five years, has resigned, and left last night for Canada, where he has accepted a full professorship in Ontario Agricultural college. Mr. Sherman's departure will be universally regretted not alone by the state officials who were his associates, but by the people of this entire city. He was among the best posted and most capable of the men who have been identified with any of the various departments of the state.

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