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A PLUCKY PREACHER.

A Minneapolis disjunct says: Early Thursday morning a Minneapolis preacher had the physical courage to tackle and the strength to conquer a would-be burglar. Wednesday night the Rev. W. T. Chase, of 1412 Harmon Place, retired at peace and harmony with all the world. About 4:30 Thursday morning he was aroused by a premonition of danger. He opened his eyes and was startled by seeing a strange man leaning over him. His first thought was that of a burglar after something, and he determined to prevent him. Springing up he grasped the fellow with both hands, and then began a rough and tumble fight. It was first preacher, then burglar on top. At last Dr. Chase got the fellow to the top of the stairs, and then, using all of his strength, he hurled him head first down the steps. The fellow landed in a heap at the bottom, but gathered himself up before Mr. Chase could reach him, and ran to a side window, rolled out, and started on a run for the park. Mr. Chase said the burglar had evidently just entered his room when he awoke. His vest hung on the head bedpost and contained his gold watch. His purse, with quite an amount of money, was in his trousers at the foot of the bed. The bureau contained a lady's watch and valuable jewelry, but the fellow only had time to get the vest and watch of Mr. Chase when the latter awoke and grabbed him. The thief held on to the watch and carried it as far as the window, where it was wrested from him by its owner. In the melee the back of the watch was torn off, and has not yet been found. The burglar carried the vest a few blocks and threw it on the side of the road, where it was found by some workmen on their way to work. Mrs. Chase heard the noise and rushed out from her room just in time to see the wrestling match. "Let him go, father! Let him go!" said she; but her husband hung on, and proved that he could handle a terrestrial devil as well as a spiritual one.

The Bounding Bicycle.

The bicycle is an object of interest with the masculine gender of Orange. We have had two in town this week, and they were too many for us. The inventor of the bicycle came as near imitating a mule as mechanical ingenuity could devise. It is a quiet, treacherous thing. In its still moments it is the very picture of innocency itself. When in motion you never know when it will stop or which way it will go. Sometimes it goes this way and sometimes the other way—more frequently the other way. When it stops running it lays down. Sometimes it is a ruder down and keeps on running. When it lays down, of course there is nothing to hold on to, and you have to come down with it. That is unpleasant. An expert can ride one. So he can a mule, that is, if he knows the mule. The bicycle has only two wheels. One big one and one little one. But the small one keeps up, though a little behind. They run like balls rolling down a ten-pin alley—one right behind the other. No bicycling for us. We prefer to sit down quietly and without so much ceremony and preliminary arrangements. Charley Woolfolk is much pleased with the machine, and we expect that hereafter he will collect taxes bicycles. The best way to ride a bicycle is to straddle the saddle, put your feet on the pandle, and then straddle.

Changes of the Chameleon.

If we take three pieces of glass, and distribute over one several small drops of brown paint, by pressing on this with another glass, the drops are spread out, giving to the whole glass a delicate brown tint. If we now separate the glasses a little the paint collects in drops, and the tint partly disappears. If we take the third glass and place on it a few drops of green paint, and then press it against one of the others, a green tint will show through the layer of brown dots. The skin of the chameleon is, roughly speaking, made up of three such layers, with dots of pigment called chromatophores between them. These dots may be contracted or spread out in thin layers, the resulting color depending on the color of the chromatophores affected. The power of adopting color to surrounding objects is known to naturalists as "protective resemblance," and many cases of it are to be found in both the animal and vegetable kingdoms.

Some of the Things we Raise.

Mr. T. C. Harris has just added to the State Museum one of the greatest curiosities on record. It is a corn cob which grew on the farm of E. J. Hill in Duplin county and which has grown in a shape which is the exact counterpart of a child's hand. The end of the cob branches into five distinct prongs, each one of which corresponds exactly to the five fingers of an infant's hand, even to the thumb, which branches out on one side precisely in the location of the human thumb. The cob is just the size, shape and length of a tiny arm, and the whole presents a most remarkable and striking likeness to the hand and arm of a baby.

Terrific Squall.

BOSTON, July 12.—At midnight last night, without the least warning, a terrific squall, accompanied by heavy rains and hail, struck this city. Awnings, signs, etc., were whirled away like feathers. Large limbs were torn from the trees in the suburbs; the standing crops suffered badly in South Boston; small boats were sunk at their moorings. Down at the harbor it blew a perfect tornado. It is reported from City Point, South Boston, that nearly a dozen yachts, large and small, were sunk, and that several persons sleeping in the cabins were drowned. It is known that one man was drowned in a boat sunk at the foot of M. street.

Tea Table Talk.

"Give me a light lunch," said a traveller in a Russian railway restaurant. And they brought him a tallow candle.—Hotel Mail.

It is about time a man can get everything in reason there is to eat that he loses his appetite.—New Orleans Picayune.

Roast spider is an epicurean delicacy in New Caledonia. There are evidently no flies on the New Caledonia dining table.—Boston Transcript.

"Never go to bed immediately after a hearty supper," says a medical authority. People who are fond of hearty suppers should eat them in the forenoon.—Boston Courier.

The Charlotte street car company proposes to abandon horses on Tryon street and run the cars with drummy engines. Charlotte is progressing.

Mrs. McLelland, wife of Dr. J. R. McLelland, of Mooresville, died on the evening of the 14th. She was an exemplary Christian.

Two freight trains collided on the Western North Carolina Railroad about a fourth of a mile from the depot at Asheville, about four o'clock Monday morning, wrecking both engines and smashing up a number of cars. A negro brakeman was killed, and five persons wounded though not seriously.

A prominent Republican Monday asked the Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger to ask though that excellent journal if it is true that Judge D. L. Russell sold his alternate's ticket at the Chicago Convention. It is roundly rumored here that he did and there is much speculation about the matter. It is said he sold the ticket for \$30.

J. H. Lindsay, Sec. and Treas., says in his paper the Kernersville News and Farm: The next meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will be composed wholly of men who have the interest of the profession near their heart. If any one succeeds in getting to Morhead City, upon the representation that he is editing a paper, and it afterwards appears that he is not, all courtesies will be forthwith discontinued.

Wilson Mirror: The man in jail in Raleigh stated that he had worked at the brick yard of Taylor & Cobb in Wilson. On interviewing Mr. Taylor our reporter found that Mr. Taylor discovered the fringing of this person in being an Irishman and made him talk squarely "United States" to him. He told him he was born in Buncombe county, N. C., had lived in Johnson and various other places, that he had been married three times; two of his wives were dead, the other he had divorced. Mr. Taylor recollects distinctly the missing finger, the marks on his face and scar on the abdomen.

A carp 30 inches long and weighing 27 lbs. was caught in a stream last week by Messrs. Jacob C. Whitesell and W. D. Whitecell.

DUN'S TREAD REVIEW.

SPECULATIONS AS TO THE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF BUSINESS AND THE CROPS.

New York, July 13.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review, say: Quiet hopefulness prevails. That business now is dull everybody realizes. That it is going to be good more favorable crop prospects lead people to hope. In financial markets there is nowhere disturbance, though the unprecedented volume of loans at New York raises questions that are not yet answered. The reports from interior points all reflect a hopeful spirit with most frequent reference to improve crop prospects. As to the cotton crop there is some contradiction in the Mississippi valley, too much rain is by some reported with consequent excess of weeds. Corn and oats would probably exceed any previous yield if the weather should prove entirely favorable from this onward through harvest, but the point of greatest danger is not yet passed. Prices are half a cent higher than a week ago for oats, one cent lower for corn and a cent for wheat. In all directions the influence of mere speculation upon values is just now an unhealthy sign. Stocks have advanced the more active, averaging about \$2.00 per share higher than a week ago, has risen 3-16 and the movement seems to be taking the form of a corner on near deliveries. Coffee is half a cent lower than last week. The statements of iron furnaces in blast July 1st, show a decline of 7343 tons weekly or 6 per cent since June 1, and 30,175 tons weekly, or 21 per cent since November 1st. The output for the half year appears to be 11 per cent smaller than for the last half of 1887. Prices do not change, though the more common goods are freely offered at low figures. An advance of circular prices of coal is expected and the Eastern demand improves. The cotton manufacturers still hold prices well, with an advance in a few grades, but the outlook for wools does not change. Returns for June show an increase of \$6,800,000 in exports of cotton from principal ports. The treasury has added \$37,000,000 to the market supply by disbursements exceeding receipts during the past week and money is abundant here and at other points reporting. Collections are reported as satisfactory or improving.

Business failures during the last seven days number: United States, 216; Canada, 24. Total, 240, as compared with 214 last week and 179 for the corresponding week of last year.

A Man Burning in Midair.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 14.—Manager J. D. Mathew, of the Telephone Exchange of this city, was repairing a wire which had fallen across the wires of the Electric Light Company to day, when the current was turned on. It caught Mathew at the top of the pole and shocked him into insensibility. He hung forty feet above the street, jerking to and fro, while his shirt caught fire and his flesh burned in view of a crowd of people. His assistant ran up the pole, cut the wires and brought Mathew down. He is severely burned about the arms and body and it is feared fatally injured. The sight of an insensible man hanging in midair with his clothing on fire was horrible.

The Tennessee Republicans.

NASHVILLE, July 18.—The Republican gubernatorial convention met at noon to-day in the State capitol. The platform is a simple endorsement of the national platform with a declaration in favor of the Blair bill and against leasing convicts. Samuel W. Hawkins was dominant on the second ballot.

Snaps of Wit.

Boston Courier: It is not always the man who looks like a fool is one. Burlington Free Press: There's one great objection to being a Russian. You can't call a man any harder name than he has already. New Orleans Picayune: The stump speaker always has more or less difficulty when a plank in a platform means what it does not mean. Atlanta Constitution: Out in Morocco a girl sits still and grows fat before marriage. In this country she does all that work after marriage.

The wall preserved skeleton of an Indian has been dug up on Sagem street, Norwich, Conn. A scalping knife, parts of an old gun and a brass ornamental head to a cane were found with the bones.



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