To Test a Thermometer.

Bring water to a active boiling point; warm the thermometer gradually in the steam and then plunge it in the water. If it indicates a temperature of 212 degrees the instrument is a good one.

The Surface Hill Gold Mine.

Deputy Sheriff Johnston was down in Clear Creek township yesterday, and visited the Surface Hill gold mine. He says they are finding a lot of pretty nuggets, and the ore continues to be very rich. Mr. Johnston thinks the hill is full of little pockets, and that hydraulic machinery would pay to work the ore. There are about fifty hands working there and they are getting well paid for their work, having found nearly a dozen pounds of the precious metal.

A Queer Proposition.

How could two persons be born at the same time and die at the same time at the end of fifty years, and yet one of them live one hundred days more than the other?

The answer turns upon the familiar fact that a person who goes around the world toward the west loses a day, while the person who travels in the opposite direction gains a day.

We will suppose, then, that the two men in question were born at the same instant in Dublin, from whence a trip around the world may easily be made once a year. One of them goes always toward the west, the other toward the east. One loses a day every year, the other gains a day every year. When the men die at fifty years of age one has seen one hundred more days than the other.

A Novel Method of Getting Foul Air Out of a Well.

I saw a curious method used the other day in Illinois to take the foul air out of a well. The well was to be cleaned out but the man that took the job was afraid to go down until he had ascertained the quality of the air at the bottom. He let down a lighted candle, and when it descended to about 6 feet of the bottom it went out as suddenly as though extinguished by a whiff of air. That was all he wanted to know. He was then sure that the well had poisoned gas in it, and took a small umbrella, tied a string to the handle and lowered it open into the well. Having let it go nearly to the bottom he drew it up, carried it a few feet from the well and upset it. He repeated this operation 20 or 30 times, with all the bystanders laughing at him, then again lowered the light, which burned clear and bright even at the bottom. He then condescended to explain that the gas in the well was carbonic acid gas, which is heavier than air, and therefore could be brought up in an umbrella just as though it were so much water. It is a simple trick, yet perfectly effective.—St. Louis *Globe Democrat.*

President Cleveland's brother, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Chaumont, Jefferson county, N. Y., does not resemble the President. He is of much lighter build and almost spare in figure. An easy, cherry expression and light voice further add to the dissimilarity.

Hoke Smith was hanged in effigy at Rome, Ohio, last Saturday night, because a number of the pensioners in that community had been suspended—among them J. L. Reed, 83 years old, "whose pension was his only support" and who went crazy when it was cut off. The crowd thought of hanging the Presientd in effigy also, but concluded not to.

Many men think that newspaper men are presistent dunners. By the way of comparison let us suppose a farmer raises one thousand bushels of wheat a year, and sells this to one thousand persons in all parts of the country, a great part of them saying, "I will hand you a dollar in a short time." The farmer does not want to be small, and says all right. Soon the one thousand bushels are gone, but he has nothing to show for it, and then he realizes that he has fooled away his whole crop, and its value is due to him in a thousand little driblets, consequently he is seriously embarrassed in his business, because his debtors, each owing him one dollar, treat it as a small matter and think it would not help much. Continue this business year in and year out as the publisher does, how long would he stand it? A moment's thought will convince any one that a publisher has cause for persistent dunning.—*National Labor's Tribune.*

Visitor: "Ah, Johnny, I see you have lost one of your first teeth." Johnny: "No; I haven't lost it. It's upstairs on the window sill."—*Puck*

Briefs of General Nature.

Gov. Fishback, of Arkansas, is at the point of death. He has inflammation of the bladder!

A fall of rock in a coal mine near Wilkesbarre Pa., Tuesday, crushed to death John Baker.

You may have all the stars in a nail keg, hang the ocean on a rail to dry, put the sky in a gourd to soak, unbuckle the bellyband of eternity and let out the sun and moon, but never delude yourself with the idea that you can escape that place on the other side of purgatory unless you pay the printer.—*Ex.*

ATLANTA, Ga. Augusta 3.—The noted case of Porter Stocks, convicted of the murder of Alpheus Cassion came to an end to-day when Stocks was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The murder was committed March 18th, 1892. Both young men were of prominent families and the case has attracted much more attention than usual on this account.

PROVIDENCE, July 26.—The steamer Berkshire of the Providence, Norfolk and Baltimore line encountered a heavy snow storm early this morning off the Long Island coast. Her decks were covered, and the storm was so thick that she was forced to lay to until it abated. Capt. Ryden says it was one of the most remarkable experiences he says had during his long service in these water.

GASTONIA, August 4.— Distressing tidings have just reached here of the tragic death in California of Rev. E F Jones, pastor of the Gastonia Baptist church. A member of his congregation, visiting in the mountains writes that on Friday a telegram went to Mrs Jones at Boone, bearing the shocking intelligence that her husband was shot and killed in his pulpit in Dixon Ballast, Sunday. No other pariculars are known

ASHVILLE, August 4.—A special to the *Citizen* from Marshall says the Richmond & Danville depot at Alexander was burned last night. The fire was thought to be of incendiary origin. It is said that a gentleman staying at Blackwell's Spring had in the depot a trunk containing $3.000 worth of diamonds and other valuables. This is the second time the depot at this place has been burned. Only a few nights ago the postoffice at Alexander was robbed of several hundred dollar in cash and stamps.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., August 5.—A dispatch from St. Charles, Mo., dated 1 o'clock, a. m., says:

The sheriff has just sworn in twenty five deputies to assist in protecting the negro, John Dieckman, who, a few days ago eloped with a white girl and was captured in St. Louis and afterward brought here.

The streets are filled with people and the negro will probably be lynched before morning.

RANDLEMAN, N. C., Aug. 2.—Ezekiel Stewart, Oscar Lassiter and Elizabeth Owen were lodged in jail at Asheboro, N. C., last night for the alleged murder of Romulus Owen, at Cedar Grove, this county, about the first week in April. There were two investigations by the coroner, whose jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by the above named parties without stating the means by which the same was accomplished. It is the prevailing opinion, however, in that section that he was hanged in his smoke house, though it is not positively known.

How this man farms.—A Harper county (Kas) farmer who expects to sow 2, 300 acres of wheat this fall has set to work a mammoth steam plow. It has six 16 inch plows, turns a stip eight feet wide at one passage, requires only two men to operte it and will plow thirty acres a day It is proposed to employ two sets of hands and keep it running day and night.

The Industry Enterprise says that a farmer living near that place was much surprised upon opening his paper to find a spider therein. As he was very superstitious he thought it a bad omen, but finally decided that he was looking to see who advertised, so he could go to the stores of those who did not advertise and spin his web where he would not be disturbed.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

News-Observer-Chronicle:—We never like to have even the appearance of pursuing a political opponent, and therefore have expressed only sympathy for ex-Secretary of the Treasury Foster and Gov. McKinley, who some months ago met with financial reverses. But Gov. Foster seems to have done more than managed badly. Without much substance he overdrew his banking account $135,000, which was nearly one-half of the total liabilities of the bank. His bank owed $270,000, and its total resources were only $88,000. He used $130,000 of the depositors' money himself, having no substance." It is a bad showing.

GENERAL NEWS.

In a quarrel with his wife, near VanWert, O Thursday Frank Laughlin shot her dead.

A powder mill at South Acton, Mass., exploded Saturday, instantly killing William Bridge, a workman.

The opinion is unanimous that the World's Fair will be opened every day in the week until it closes in October.

Collector Elias has appointed W.H. Matheson, of Taylorsville, brandy gauger at a salary of $3 a day and expenses.

Gov. Boise, of Iowa, says that at the expiration of his present term of office he is done with politics and office holding.

Felix Poole, a notorious character of Ohio county, Ky., was lynched on Tuesday night, of last week, for an assault on Miss York, aged 13, about a month ago.

James Reynolds, aged 70 an inmate of the poorhouse at Pemerton N. J was killed Saturday by another inmate Chas. Hunter, colored. No cause assigned.

Crazed by the fear that her baby would die, young Mrs. Henry Maybach of Buffalo, N. Y., cut the infant's throat, Tuesday night, and then cut her own throat.

Falling through a trap-door into a huge vat of boiling soap, at her father's soap factory, Thursday, Eugenia E. Kratzin, aged 14 of Philadelphia, was scalded to death.

While brutally beating his wife at York, Pa., Friday, William Washington, a newly married man, dropped dead from exhaustion.

Filling his mouth with powder and igniting a match, W. H. Irving, a Boston clothing salesman, blew his head off at Chicago, Thursday.

Some unknown fiend entered the sleeping room of Mrs. H. J. Eellbeck, at Elbeck, Ga., saturday night and chopped her head off with an axe.

John G. Connell, a drunken white man of Thomas county Ga., shot and killed Charles Jenkins, a worthy and inoffensive negro, last Wednesday, without provocation.

O. B. Wheeler, until lately a successful swindler on the Vanderbilt estate, was committed to jail in default of a $2,000 bail for appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

TRENTON, Mo, August 4.—Joseph A. Howell was executed by hanging here to-day at 10 o'clock for the murder of Mrs. Nettie Hall and four children near Brookfield, Mo, on January 19th last.

A grenade exploded on board the German armor clad steamer, Baden, a Kiel, last Thursday, killing lieutenants Oelsner and Yambatch and seven seamen, and wounding seventeen persons.

HOUSTON, Texas, August 4.—This morning at 10:32 Walter E. Shaw, the murderer of his mother and aunt, was hanged in the court yard here in expiation of the crime. He was cool to the last moment.

Tom Booker, an outlaw, who killed Frank Wells, of Alabama, about two months ago, was shot and killed in Monroe county, Ala., last Wednesday by Harry Riley, deputy sheriff, while resisting arrest.

Pleasant Chetwood, a white man of prominent family, is under arrest in Rutherford county for the murder of two men in Alabama, his home. He fled to Rutherford, his wife's home. Governor Carr ordered, him held for requisition.

The girls are coming to the front as waiters and ushers. It is stated that the hotel on Roan Mountain has discarded the use of colored servants, and young women instead, from the industrial school at Asheville, are employed in the dining room.

George H. Snow, one of Raleigh's ablest lawyers, died recently in New York of brain fever after two weeks' sickness. He was connected with some leading families, and was a Mason and Odd Fellow. His age was 47, and he served in the Confederate army, also in the State Senate.

D L Jernigan, a prominent farmer of Wake county and nephew of Mr. T. R. Jernigan, late editor of the Raleigh State Chronicle, died at his residence, in Colerin, on Friday last, of a congestive chill. Mr. Jernigan was about 32 years old and leaves a wife and child.

In Austria the practice of throwing rice over a newly-wedded pair has been abandoned in favor of a more attractive plan. At a recent marriage the guests showered rose-leaves over the happy couple when they took their departure for the wedding tour until the bride was literally covered with the fragrant roseate petals as she sat in the carriage.

Congressman Johnson, of Ohio, will introduce a bill in Congress providing for the deposit of United States bonds with the Treasury by holders thereof, who are to receive their face value in currency. They may be redeemed at any time, but pending their redemption the government is not to pay any interest.

A petition has been unanimously signed by the business men of Winston, N. C., asking for the repeal of the Sherman silver law at the extra session of Congress and the appointment of an expert commissioner to consider a scientific plan of currency.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 27, 1892.

SOUTHBOUND	No. 9. DAILY.		No. 37
Lv Richmond	12 45 PM	.....	2 40 AM
Lv Burkeville	2 51 PM	.....	5 18 AM
Lv Keysville	3 35 PM	.....	5 58 AM
Ar Danville	5 55 PM	7 25 AM	54 AM
Ar Greensboro	8 00 PM	9 20 AM	
Lv Golsboro	2 35 PM	†7 45 PM	.....
Ar Raleigh	4 30 PM	11 10 PM	.....
Lv Raleigh	4 00 PM	6 15 AM	.....
Lv Durham	5 37 PM	7 15 AM	.....
Ar Greensboro	7 45 PM	9 17 AM	.....
Lv Winston-Salem	7 14 PM	*8 00 AM	.....
Lv Greensboro	.....	9 30 AM	6 20 AM
Ar Salisbury	9 [illegible]	11 04 AM	8 12 AM
Ar Statesville	.....	12 03 PM	.....
Ar Asheville	.....	4 25 PM	.....
Ar Hot Springs	.....	5 51 PM	.....
Lv Salisbury	9 55 PM	11 14 AM	8 17 AM
Ar Charlotte	11 10 PM	12 40 PM	9 25 AM
Ar Spartanburg	1 56 AM	3 36 PM	11 37 AM
Ar Greenville	3 07 AM	4 42 PM	12 28 PM
Ar Atlanta	9 00 AM	11 00 PM	4 55 PM
Lv Charlotte	11 30 PM	.....	9 35 AM
Ar Columbia	6 00 AM	.....	1 20 PM
Ar Augusta	10 00 AM	.....	4 25 PM

NORTHBOUND	No 10. DAILY.	No. 12	No. 38.
Lv Augusta	6 00 pm	.....	12 00 pm
Lv Columbia	10 50 pm	.....	3 50 pm
Ar Charlotte	6 00 am	.....	7 30 pm
Lv Atlanta	9 20 pm	8 05 am	12 45 pm
Ar Charlotte	6 40 am	7 00 pm	8 05 pm
Lv Charlotte	6 55 am	†4 pm	[illegible]
Ar Salisbury	8 17 am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv Hot Springs	.....	12 29 pm	.....
Lv Asheville	.....	2 45 pm	.....
Lv Statesville	.....	7 45 pm	.....
Ar Salisbury	.....	8 37 pm	.....
Salisbury	8 27 am	9 52 pm	9 29 pm
Greensboro	10 19 am	11 20 pm	10 12 pm
Ar Winston-Salem	*11 30 am	*1 00 am	.....
Lv Greensboro	10 29 am	11 35 pm	.....
Ar Durham	12 11 pm	2 35 am	.....
Ar Raleigh	1 09 pm	4 00 am	.....
Lv Raleigh	1 28 pm	†8 45 am	.....
Ar Goldsboro	3 05 pm	12 05 pm	.....
Lv Greensboro	10 20 am	11 35 pm	10 40 pm
Ar Danville	12 01 pm	1 15 am	12 1 am
Ar Keysville	2 17 pm	4 05 am	4 1 pm
Ar Burkeville	3 25 pm	4 51 am	3 51 am
Ar Richmond	5 0 pm	7 00 am	7 00 am

† Daily exce. Sunday.

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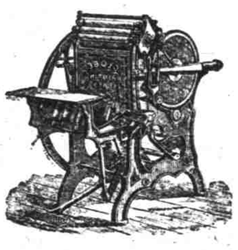

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