

### MUSHROOMS KILL STOCK.

#### Many Horses and Hogs eat of the Plant and Then Die.

A curious ailment has attacked stock in this section of the State. Many horses and hogs have died from it. The wet weather has resulted in an enormous crop of mushrooms, and the crop is persistent, as the rains have followed each other from day to day since the early spring. Cattle and hogs are fond of mushrooms, and as the stock roams the ranges no discrimination appears to be made between the varieties that are edible and those that are poisonous.

At first the farmers began to find sick hogs in their cattle yards. The sickness was generally fatal. Then horses began to be attacked by a strange disease and several died from it. It was noticed that those which were affected had been permitted to run the range or on old pastures. Those kept in the barn escaped. Finally examinations of the carcass after death were made and the mushrooms eaten were found to be the cause of death. Farmers are keeping their horses in the barn now, or on pastures that are watched carefully to see that the poisonous mushrooms are not present. The crop during the present hot, damp spell seems to be larger than ever.—Southern Pines special to Charlotte Observer.

#### Must Start as Child.

A triumph of surgical skill is the case of Amos Abbott, aged twenty-six, of this place. When he was about two years old he fell, striking his head against a sewing machine. His skull was fractured and the boy became an imbecile. He was strong physically and grew tall and robust. The young man was taken to the Reid Memorial Hospital at Richmond, where an osseous growth two and one-half inches long and two inches wide was removed. The brain was uninjured. He will have full possession of his mental faculties, but must start as a child.—Hagerstown, Md., dispatch.

#### Asked to be Suspended.

Chief of Police T. L. Becknell, was suspended today at his own request, until the charges brought against him be either proven or disproved.

Some time ago an investigating committee was appointed by the city council to examine into the city's affairs. Very grave charges were brought against Chief Becknell. When the committee made its report to the council, Chief Becknell arose and said that he had not been permitted to appear before the investigating committee and he appealed to the police commissioners for a hearing. This hearing will be had in a few days.—Greenville, S. C., dispatch.

#### Captain Surprises Pirates.

A plan to hold up the British steamer Nanning, which trades between Canton and Wuchow, has been frustrated. A gang of disguised pirates boarded the steamer at Canton, and were reinforced in numbers at way ports. Their numbers aroused suspicion and a careful watch was maintained. At the first sign of restlessness the captain threatened to shoot. This prompt action led to the arrest of three of the ringleaders, who were delivered to the British consul at Wuchow.

There is an alarming increase of piracy in Chinese waters, and traders and ship owners fear that unless prompt measures are taken for its suppression, the cessation of traffic on West river will be inevitable.—Hongkong dispatch.

#### Eczema.

For the good of those suffering with eczema or other such trouble, I wish to say, my wife had something of that kind and after using the doctors' remedies for some time concluded to try Chamberlain's Salve, and it proved to be better than anything she had tried. For sale by James Plummer, Salisbury, N. C., and Spencer Pharmacy, Spencer, N. C.

### Trained Veterinarians Needed.

It is singular that the scientific study of disease of our domestic animals has been so neglected. Here and there only has a man undertaken to prepare himself for the practice of the veterinarian. It is yet a fine field for the ambitious man. A good veterinarian in each county in this State would have a better field than the average medical doctor. The ignorance and cruelty that have been practised on our dumb animals under the guise of doctoring them is astonishing. It is the belief of veterinarians that stock would be far better off if let entirely alone than served as it has been the custom to serve them. The keeper of a livery stable or the most ignorant horse trader has been the man supposed to know most about the disease of horses, and the average one of these is usually entirely ignorant of the physiology, anatomy and cause of diseases in stock. Being ignorant not only of these things, but also of the nature and effects of drugs, these men have given the faithful dumb brutes a hard time. In nine cases out of ten they apply the most vigorous treatment on an entirely erroneous diagnosis. And the faithful animals cannot protest. Hail to the trained veterinarian! May he increase in the land.—Monroe Journal.

#### Killed at Skating Rink.

R. W. Ellis, of Memphis, Tenn., was killed at the Asheville roller skating rink Wednesday night, when he attempted to climb over the railing from the skating floor to the spectators' stand and fell to the floor, striking on his head and killing him almost instantly. The body was shipped to Memphis for interment.

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### Printers not too Slow.

The government printing office is acquitted on the charge of undue delay in sending final prints of bills to Congress in the last end of the recent session. An inquiry into the cause of delay by the senate committee on printing. After showing that the bills in question were handled in an incredibly short time, the report says: "The amount of work performed by the office during the first session of the 59th Congress exceeded by approximately three times the amount of work performed at the preceding long session, and exceeded approximately by 5 per cent. the amount of work performed during all three sessions of the 58th Congress. The bill force of the printing office during the last session was smaller by seven men than during the previous congress."—Washington dispatch.

#### Strikers Back at Work.

The strike on the yards of the Southern Railway came to an end yesterday at 7 o'clock when the night force that went on the strike yesterday began work. The regular day force began this morning. The men discharged will not be taken back. The number of men that are on the strike is about 40, including conductors, switchmen, call boys and clerks. The men discharged were: A. T. Spencer, night yard conductor, and his two brakemen, H. E. Heritage and A. R. Lyers. This morning Yardmaster Bilbro went to the superintendent and told him he would like to go back to work. He was taken back and the superintendent then told him that he would take back all of the strikers but not the men discharged.—Greensboro special to Charlotte Observer.

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