

Mark Twain Heard From.

A year or so ago when Mark Twain was crossing the Atlantic he made the acquaintance of a young woman who was a pupil of St. Timothy's School at Cantonsville, Md., a suburb of Baltimore, and promised her that he would attend the commencement at her school when she graduated. Last week Mark made his word good and following is the advice which he gave the graduating class:

"There is nothing for me to do but to tell young ladies what not to do. There are three things that you should never do on any occasion:

"First—Don't smoke—that is, not to excess. I am 78 and always smoked during my seventy-three years to excess.

"Second—Don't drink—that is, to excess.

"Third—Don't marry—that is, to excess.

"Now, if you young ladies refrain from all these things you will have all the virtue that any one will honor and respect.

"Another thing I want to say, and that is that honesty is the best policy.

"I remember when I had just written 'Innocents Abroad,' when I and my partner wanted to start a newspaper syndicate. We needed \$8 and did not know where to get it. While we were in a quandary I spied a valuable dog on the street. I picked up the canine and sold him to a man for \$8. Afterward the owner of the dog came along and I got \$8 from him for telling him where the dog was. So I went back and gave the \$8 to the man whom I sold it to, and I have lived honestly ever since."—Exchange.

Sounded Like Sweet Music.

Will Rosedoro, colored, is serving a three-year sentence on the chain gang for cruelty to a horse belonging to the Sikes Company and for larceny, made a break for liberty last Friday afternoon while at work on the roads southwest of town. The convict was fleeing from the dogs and guards when Sion H. Rogers, who lives about a mile out on the Griffith road, spied him and gave chase. As Mr. Rogers, who is fleet of foot, outran the negro and was almost up with him, the convict seized a heavy pine pole and struck at Mr. Rogers with all his might, barely missing his head, Mr. Rogers saving his life only by a quick dodge. The pole struck the ground with such force that it broke and then the negro made another desperate attempt to hit Mr. Rogers with the piece still in his hands. Mr. Rogers was unarmed and just as the negro raised the broken pole to make the second lick at him Guard Wolfe dashed up and shot the negro in the arm with a pistol making a wound, which stopped further fight on the convicts part and which will probably result in a stiff arm for life. Mr. Rogers says that under the circumstances the report of that pistol sounded good to him, that with a big pole in the hands of a desperate negro trying to kill him swishing above his head the report of that pistol, fired in his defense, sounded to his ears sweeter than any music he ever heard.—Monroe Enquirer.

Conditions in the Cotton Belt.

Conditions throughout the cotton belt are not as encouraging as they were at this time last year, the crop being late and generally poor. In its weekly review of the weather and the crops, The New Orleans Picayune says that the past week has been generally favorable to the crops in the matter of weather. This does not mean that the weather throughout the Cotton Belt, for instance has been ideal, but it certainly has been an improvement over the experience of the preceding week, which was characterized by excessive rains in many parts of the central portion of the belt. Good weather during the past six or seven days has permitted the resumption of farm work and an improved condition of affairs has resulted. In Texas there has been some complaint but in most portions of that State the crop is doing well, if accounts are to be believed, although there, as elsewhere, the plants are backward and conditions generally do not compare favorably with last year. While good weather from now on may do much to improve the situation, it is scarcely possible to look forward to a full yield after the unsatisfactory start the cotton crop has made.

A True Soldier of the Cross.

Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, the venerable pastor of the Maxton and Centre Presbyterian churches, who spent yesterday and last night in the city in attendance upon the sessions of the board of regents of Barium Springs Orphanage, is one of the most eminent ministers in the Southern General Assembly. He was asked a few days ago the number of sermons he had preached. After thinking a short time he responded that his recollection as to figures did not go farther back than 1871, but that since that time he had preached, approximately, 4,900 sermons and had delivered something like 2,200 addresses. Dr. Hill is about 77 years of age and is a splendid type of that robust, militant clergy of by-gone days. He has held almost every honor in the gift of his church, having served as moderator of the Synod of North Carolina and moderator of the General Assembly. For the past 36 years he has been a member of the board of trustees of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and for 36 years he has been chairman of the home missions committee of Fayetteville Presbytery. Dr. Hill, while in the city, was the guest of his friend, Rev. Dr. P. R. Law, at the Central.—Charlotte Observer.

A Strange Case.

Omaha, Neb., June 16.—Helen Wells, a twenty-year-old girl is to-day in constant peril of being blown up, with her only hope of life resting on the action of chemicals given her to dissolve a quantity of gun cotton she swallowed. Doctors fear to operate on the girl because of the danger of explosion and all day she has been resting on a heavy mattress with a double set of springs and tied in such a manner that she cannot move a muscle. The girl had a quarrel with her sweetheart and was severely beaten. She was taken to the police station and in the surgeon's room grabbed a bottle and swallowed the contents, which proved to be gun cotton. She was slung in a canvass hammock and removed to the garrage, but was later placed on the bed with springs. Unless she explodes to-day the explosives will have become dissolved.

A Fatal Spree.

Richmond, Va., June 14.—Joseph M. Staten, bridge inspector for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, who has just returned from an inspection tour of the line in the State of West Virginia, tells of the remarkable death of eight laborers on the Piney Creek branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio, near the town of Raleigh, following a night of revelry, in which a barrel of beer played a prominent part. According to Staten, the men purchased a full barrel of the beer, set it up in their shack in the mountains, and proceeded to drink it. Later the entire eight were discovered lying about on the beds and on the floor dead. The barrel was taken into the yard and the beer allowed to escape. A large rattlesnake was found on the bottom of the barrel after all the beer had been drawn off. It is presumed that the snake, in his death agony, injected enough of his poison into the beer to kill the men who drank it.

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THE PROTECTION THEORY.

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paradoxical. 'Whenever', to continue the passage, 'providence, through the blessing of genial seasons, fills the nation's stores with plenteousness, then, and then only, has the cry of ruin to the cultivator been proclaimed as the one great evil for legislation to repress.' This is indeed the very meaning of the principle of protection. When the commodity which the protected interest has to dispose of, is so abundant as to be easily attained by the common body of consumers, then, of course, the protected interest is injured in its particular way of making money, and expects the State to do something to secure it in the principal advantage of its monopoly. The greater quantity of grain a good harvest brings for the benefit of all the people, the less the price the corn grower can charge for it. His interest as a monopolist is always and inevitably opposed to the interest of the community.

But it is easy even now, when we have almost forgotten the days of protection, to see that the corn grower is not likely to either recognize or admit this conflict of interest between his protection and the public welfare. Apart from the natural tendency of every man to think that which does him good must do good to the community, there was, undoubtedly, something very fascinating in the theory of protection. It had a charming give and take, live and let live, air about it. 'You give me a little more than the market price for my corn, and don't you see I shall be able to buy all the more of your cloth and tea and sugar, or to pay you the higher rent for your land?' Such a compact seems reasonable and tempting. *** We have seen in labor times how every class in succession has resented the movement of the principle of free trade when it came to be applied to its own particular interests. The paper manufacturers liked it as little in 1860, as the landlords and farmers had done fifteen years earlier. When the cup comes to be commended to the lips of each interest in turn, we always find that it is received as a poisoned chalice, and taken with much shuddering and passionate protestation.

Dr. Mims Has Left Trinity.

Durham, June 15.—The residence of 15 years here was broken to-day when Dr. Edwin Mims left for Charlottesville, Va., where he teaches six weeks in the University Summer School. Dr. Mims will not return to Durham. From Charlottesville he goes to Paducah, Ky., for a short visit and then sets sail with Mrs. Mims and the children for a trip of one year abroad. He will not spend a great deal of time in the universities but will travel. Returning a year later he will take up the chair of English of the University.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

Deranged Farmer Found in Well.

Newbern, June 18.—Jonas Rader, a good farmer living just west of Newton, has been declared insane and sent to the hospital at Morganton. Last Thursday morning he left his house about daybreak, and was later found in a well, where it is supposed he lowered himself by a rope. When his rescuers reached him, he was squatted down in the water which was about waist deep. Mr. Rader is a confederate veteran and has raised a large family. He is an uncle of Lonnie Rader, who murdered Miss Bollinger in Startown last September.—Charlotte Observer.

Juniors to Re-open High Point Hospital.

High Point, June 18.—The Junior Order Hospital, which a short time ago closed down, has reopened under new management. Through the efforts of the local Juniors a first-class hospital seems assured High Point. At the meeting of the hospital board last night the following officers were elected: J. W. Sechrest, president; J. P. Redding, vice-president; W. C. Heinon, treasurer; John Schruggs, secretary.—Charlotte Observer.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Change Ritual.

Detroit, Mich., June 17.—The National Council Junior Order of United American Mechanics to-day passed a resolution changing the ritual of the order so that it will contain three degrees instead of one. A resolution was passed accepting the offer of the Tennessee State Council to donate grounds and buildings for a home for old indigent members of the order.

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SPENCER ITEMS.

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The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Seoeny died between 3 and 4 o'clock, last Tuesday night.

Rev. J. E. Kirk, of China Grove delivered a very interesting sermon at the East Spencer Baptist Church, Sunday morning to a large attendance, and again in the evening, continuing his ministrations each evening this week, with gratifying effect.

Owing to the kinds of washout in these recent storms here, the editor's cornfield and potato patch look unpromising; but the snap beans have redeemed our reputation as a farmer.

We very much regret to learn from Prof Caswell that in a very short time he will remove his home to Salisbury. Not that we begrudge Salisbury any good thing, but that Spencer hates to lose a good citizen. During his residence here and his superintendence of the Spencer Graded School, he has made and retained many friends and his work has been sincerely appreciated. Mrs. Caswell also, by her delightful urbanity and invariable interest in all that pertains to our social and material good, has added much to both Prof. Caswell in May accepted charge of the grammar department in Salisbury Graded School; and will doubtless fill the position with satisfaction to all concerned.

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