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Items of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Sent in by Our Friends

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FAITH.

Feb. 9.—Tom Lingle has bought a lot from Peeler Brothers and awarded the contract to "Sawmill" John Lyster to erect his new residence. The frame went up with the force of carpenters February 7th and 8th, 1912.

J. I. Barger discovered a fine granite in his back yard. Venus shipped a car load of the granite and it made such a hole in the ground that Mr. Barger continued blasting through the solid rock and just finished a good well.

About ten years ago Venus was invited to a wedding dinner at Mr and Mrs James Ritchie's. January 26th, 1912, he visited the young couple and stayed all night with them. They are getting along fine and own a fine farm and have all the good things to eat they want and have six children. We got the names of all but one and that one had the best named yet. Here are the names: Mary C., Anna M., Pearl W., Cora L. and Herman Walter.

A team passed through Faith today with one of the largest poplar logs that has ever been seen in this part of the county. We took a picture of it. It was being taken to the Brenner sawmill near the fairgrounds in Salisbury.

Peeler Bros. are sawing a big pile of logs this week.

Peeler Bros. have just sold a car load of cotton seed.

Rev. J. M. L. Lyster and Chas. Misenheimer have just exchanged houses and lots. Mr. Lyster had bought his from J. A. M. Peeler some time ago.

Mrs. Ellen Elter has gone to visit her brother in Salisbury, Harvey Beaver.

J. D. A. Fisher has bought a fine new top buggy.

William Earnhardt's mill pond froze over during this last cold spell that lasted several days.

Prospects are good for a big business on the granite belt in 1912.

You can tell 'em.

Some one up in Philadelphia wants to label bachelors. We always thought they could be distinguished by their happy look.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Shocking Sounds

In the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake that warns of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are loud. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble," writes Peter Roney, South Rockwood, Mich. "It is certainly a great kidney medicine. Try it. 50 cents at all drug stores."

Use or Lose.

There is a law of nature that man must either "use or lose." If you are unwilling to use the powers and opportunities that God gives you, you must lose them. If you will not use those capabilities of the soul, such as the love of the beautiful, true and sublime (the sentimental side of your nature), they will disappear and leave you cold, heartless and disappointed. Many a man in a mad scramble for wealth has refused to yield to the tender side of his nature and has killed the faculty by which he can enjoy while seeking the things he thought he would enjoy. Many a man who has gained wealth is shocked to find that after all the finer and tenderer side of his nature is paralyzed. Beauty in nature, art, literature, no longer appeals to him. Money has mounted to his side but the enjoying power is dead. Straining and striving have starved the soul—the Uplift.

The Colored Chieftain in Court.

Our worthy county treasurer, S. S. Lane, is always ready with a good joke. He tells one on the negro who had been tried in the court several times on the charge of selling liquor and always got off by his friends interceding for him. He was brought before the judge one time too many, but Sambo thought he would get off as before. When the judge sentenced him to 12 months in jail Sambo, with a surprised look, exclaimed: "Gracious goodness! Judge, ain't you jokin'?" "Why, I told Caline I'd be at home tonight."

And Derr Boger comes along with a pretty good one on a darkey in the court. George Washington Cicero's name appeared on the docket and when his case was called the judge wanted to know if he had a lawyer to appear for him. "No, sir, judge, I hain't got any." "Well," asked the judge, "what are you going to do about it?" "Well, judge," replied the darkey, "I am willing to drap de matter if you is."—Morganton Herald.

The Strange Word "Crowd."

Do you know how many words in the English Language mean "crowd?" Well, a few of them are given here: A crowd of ships is termed a fleet; a fleet of sheep is called a flock; a flock of girls is called a bevy; a bevy of wolves is called a pack; a pack of thieves is called a gang; a gang of angels is called a host; a host of porpoises is called a shoal; a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd; a herd of children is called a troop; a troop of partridges is called a covey; a covey of beauties is called a galaxy; a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde; a horde of rubbish is called a heap; a heap of oxen is called a drove; a drove of hoodlums is called a mob; a mob of whales is called a school; a school of worshippers is called a congregation; a congregation of engineers is called a corps; a corps of robbers is called a band; a band of bees is called a swarm; a swarm of people is called a crowd.—Ex.

GENERAL MATTERS OF INTEREST.

Big Events Reduced to Little Paragraphs for the Readers of This Paper.

Active work for the re-nomination of President Taft and his reelection, aside from that done at white house, began when Representative W. B. McKinley, of Illinois, chairman of the republican congressional committee took up his new duties as manager of the Taft campaign Friday.

President Taft will under no circumstances issue a complete pardon to Charles W. Morse, thereby restoring this ex-convict, to full citizenship. This was made plain to people who had suggested the matter to Mr. Taft.

Serious floods are reported from all parts of Spain and Portugal. Many rivers and smaller streams have overflowed their banks, inundating entire villages. All communication by rail, water or highway is interrupted and this fact is preventing the dispatch help for the stricken towns.

Governor Judson Harmon came out flatfooted in opposition to the incorporation of the initiative and referendum in the Ohio constitution when he addressed the constitutional convention last week.

Secretary Knox's note to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, just made public, is taken to be the preliminary of an expected exchange of notes among the United States, Germany, Great Britain, France, Japan and Russia, which would be of immense importance in placing all these powers on record for concerted action and common understanding in the protection of the integrity of Ohio. While the note is addressed to the German ambassador, copies have been sent to all the other powers named.

Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday last Saturday. Governor Harmon is the oldest of the several Democrats who are prominently mentioned for the presidential nomination. He is four years older than Speaker Champ Clark, 11 years older than Governor Wilson and 16 years older than Representative Underwood.

For twenty-nine hours a Chicago father and mother stood by while a physician kept their daughter alive by the use of a machine. The machine used was an ordinary vacuum cleaner with some additional parts to it. The machine was operated by its inventor, and Dr. Harry M. Reector, of the Northwestern university medical college, and Dr. F. A. Mesley were in attendance. The patient was the first human being on whom the machine had been used and in the twenty-nine hours that followed the adjustment of the machine the color returned to the girl's cheeks after she had been scientifically declared dead. The heart beats came with approximate regularity. The pulse measured the flow and ebb of the blood streams and the respiration was just a little below normal. Then the heart failed to respond and she was declared to be dead.

When The Hen Embalms Her Eggs.

As a result of a recent discovery commented on in The Journal of the American Medical Association, to the effect that anti-septics, given in the chicken's food, affect the egg, we wonder what Dr. Wiley will do with a hen that embalms her own eggs. By the aid of science, it seems, she can now do it, and, from what we know of that perverse fowl, we fear that she will do it. Such a discovery as this can scarcely elude the grasp of the astute poultry producers and egg embalmers. Will it be applied practically, and, if so, will its effects be pernicious or beneficent? Shall we be poisoned by both the hen and the egg, or will it now become possible for every farmer to stock his own storage warehouse and hold down the winter prices on hen fruit?

Coldest January in 17 Years.

The weather records in the Charlotte office of the weather bureau show that the January just passed was the coldest January in 17 years and the second coldest in 34 years. The average temperature for the month was less than 35 degrees and there were 21 days when the temperature was below freezing. This with the snow and sleet made January, 1912, quite a strenuous month as to weather.

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Wreck of Maine Afloat.

Havana, Feb. 11.—The wreck of the Maine afloat free of the mud tonight when water was turned into the dam surrounding the wreck. The water within the dam is about 14 feet below the harbor level at low tide. It is the intention tomorrow to lower the water more rapidly, so that by nightfall the wreck will be raised to the harbor level, leaving more to be done except to break the dam and float out the ship.

Water was forced into the dam through a system of pipes fixed at the bottom of the ship, the power being supplied by a pump which had been recovered from the wreck. The ship began to rise almost immediately. The widest section, which had been furnished with a bulkhead, rose more rapidly on account of superior buoyancy than the heavily weighted sharp pointed stern, so that tonight the Maine is somewhat down by the stern. The hull still lists to port, which is being corrected by the use of ballast. No leaks of any importance have been discovered.

Many hundreds of visitors thronged the dam all day, watching the raising of the Maine. Major Ferguson, who has had charge of the work, has received many congratulations on his success. The ship will remain here within the dam until orders are received from Washington to float her out, which can be done within a fortnight.

Preaching Told a Truth.

At the First Baptist church in Charlotte Sunday night, in his sermon on "Choosing the Right Woman," Dr. Hulton took a crack at the artificial woman, using the following words:

"When the hairdresser, and the milliner and the dressmaker, and dancing master get through, and all the powder, pins and pads are applied, an unsophisticated man cannot readily differentiate between physiological and the artificial effect. And many a man thinks he is making a matrimonial contract, but the gods delivered are not the same as the sample by which the bargain was made. He has simply got swindled. That's all. He takes her fondly to his heart and she is Evangeline. But when he takes her home, she turns out to be a Jezebel."—Marshville Home.

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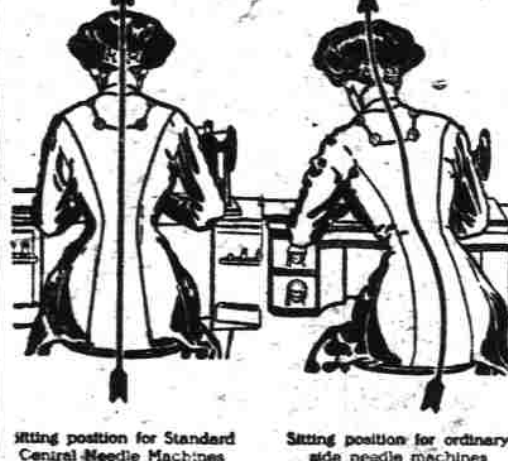


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