

ODDS AND ENDS.

At the present day a ton of diamonds is worth about \$7,000,000. School children in Victoria, Australia, are carried on the street cars free. Steamboats, it is reported, will soon be running on the Sea of Galilee. A handful of flour bound on a severe cut will often stop the bleeding. There is only one sudden death among women to every eight among men. Some lend their hearts much as they do their money, with a pretty heavy interest. Rev. R. L. Kidd, a Canadian evangelist, boasts that he can recite the entire Bible from memory. The degree of success obtained may often be ascertained by the amount of jealousy which it arouses. The "fool's slipper" has a pointed toe, with a high point up the back and another one over the instep. London has 200,000 factory girls, the majority of whom are only able to make a "bob" a day—\$1.50 a week. The Greeks and Romans during the prime of their republics contented themselves on one meal a day. The Chinese and Tibetans have a week of five days, named after iron, wood, water, feathers and earth. Any one who has been scalded by steam should be taken to a warm room, and the parts scalded drenched by cold water. By actual count 150 young women have taken up timber claims in Western Washington during the past six months. The bank of Scotland issued one pound notes as early as 1704, and their issue has since been continued without interruption. In the United States there are 2,800,000 hives belonging to 70,000 bee-growers and producing 62,000,000 pounds of honey yearly. A Jackson (Mich.) man, recently married, celebrated the event by treating his friends to bread tickets. He passed them instead of cigars. Professor Boys shows that the heat of the lunar rays can be definitely determined as 150,000 times greater than those of a candle twenty feet away. A good handful of rock salt added to the bath is the next best thing to an "ocean dip," and a gargle of a weak solution is a good and ever ready remedy for sore throat. Water has been discovered in the Sahara Desert at about 120 feet below the surface. This is the first time that a supply of water has been found in that locality at so slight a depth.

Fish Charming.

One of the best fish stories told since the opening of the trout season is now going through the corridors of the leading hotels. It comes from Thomas Canary, the theatrical manager, and is being vouched for by Louis Robie. Mr. Canary spent the winter at St. Augustine, Fla., and returned to the city the other day. While in the south the genial Thomas took daily strolls along the beach to get an appetite for dinner. One day he noticed a little colored boy lying upon his stomach along the bank of the river, with his eyes fixed upon the water. He watched the little fellow for fully fifteen minutes, but not a muscle of his body moved. A few minutes later he saw the boy make a plunge toward the surface of the water, and when he appeared again he held in his hand a good sized trout. Tom thought that this was such an unusual thing that he offered the boy five cents for every trout he caught that afternoon. Thomas sat on the beach and watched the operation. The boy caught the trout so fast that Tom, fearing that he would be bankrupted, compromised with the lad. He declares that his curiosity was pretty expensive. It is rather a common thing to see trout charming along the banks of the southern waters. The temperature is so mild and the water so clear that one can walk along the beach and see the fish jump almost a foot above the surface of the water.—New York Telegram.

A Diagnosis.

Nature with a lavish hand has endowed the human body with no less than seven million spots to which an ache or pain can be attached. When each one of these spots, both inside and outside, is filled with a hard platinum tipped pain; when your head aches so that you are conscious of all the ruffles and scallops on your brain just as you see them in the pictures in your physiology; when your heart thumps and your stomach wobbles and you have the feeling that something is wallowing through your inside works; when your sternum feels stove in and here is an uneasiness under your shoulder blades as though your wings were beginning to sprout; when you are one moment alive to the finger tips with thinking of the things you must get up and do and the next completely exhausted by even the thought of doing them; when your backbone has the sensation of being twisted by a monkey wrench; when you are so dizzy that you can't see, and your ears ring, and your eyes water, and your nose is in such a state that it is presumption to lay aside your handkerchief for one short minute; when you cough and sneeze and groan in turn—in fine, when you feel like the very deuce—you can set it down that you have the grip.—Chicago Herald.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Town Exhibit:

WELDON, N. C., May 1, 1891. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: I have the honor to report the following work done on the streets for the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1891. I have placed in position eleven lamps as follows:

- 1 lamp corner Maple and 4th streets.
1 " " Sycamore and 6th street.
1 " " " 7th "
1 " " Washington Ave. and 6th street.
1 " " " " 7th "
1 " " Elm and 6th streets.
1 " " " " 7th "
1 " " Chestnut and 2nd streets.
1 " " Poplar and 1st street.
1 " " Poplar and 2nd streets.
1 " " " 3rd "
I have also placed in position about 600 feet of Terra Cotta sewer pipe as follows: 60 feet 12 inch pipe 1st street between W. & W. R. E. Crossing and Elm street. 120 feet 15 inch pipe 2nd and Walnut street. 100 feet 10 inch pipe 2nd and Walnut street. 200 feet 12 inch pipe 2nd between Walnut and Mulberry streets. 75 feet 6 and 8 inch pipe on 2nd street between Elm and Chestnut streets. 20 feet 12 inch pipe on Washington Avenue.

I have filled in the street between W. & W. R. E. Crossing and Elm street. It is now in good order. I have also done considerable work in 2nd street and the following streets which cross it—Elm, Walnut and Mulberry. Work on 2nd street commences at Elm and ends at Poplar.

Table with columns for item description and amount. Includes items like 'Oil for lamps', 'Cost of new lamps, repairs, etc.', 'Salary paid lamp lighter', 'Sewer pipe', 'Labor on streets', 'Total', 'Respectfully submitted, B. F. GARY, Street Commissioner.'

WELDON, N. C., May 1st, 1891. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: I have the honor to make the following report of Taxes collected from all sources during the fiscal year ending May 1, 1891:

Table with columns for tax category and amount. Includes 'Collected dog tax', 'Collected white polls', 'Collected colored polls', 'Purchase tax merchants January 1890 to July 1890', 'Purchase tax merchants July 1890 to January 1891', 'Collected real estate tax', 'Hotel licenses', 'Bar licenses', 'Beer bottling license', 'Merchant's license', 'Attorney's license', 'Doctor's license', 'Street stands license', 'Blacksmith & coach shops', 'Restaurants', 'Fines', 'Total', 'By cash paid Treasurer W. R. Smith', 'Taxes', 'By cash paid Treas. W. R. Smith, fines 196 25', 'Balance', 'Respectfully submitted, B. F. GARY, Tax Collector.'

WELDON, N. C., May 1st, 1891. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: I beg to report that during the year there has been tried in the Mayors court (96) ninety-six cases and the following disposition made of them:

Table with columns for case type and count. Includes 'Appeals', 'Escaped', 'Not guilty', 'Inferior court', 'Superior court', 'Judgment suspended', 'Fines imposed', 'Sent to jail', 'Total', 'Respectfully submitted, J. T. GOOCH, Mayor.'

WELDON, N. C., May 1, 1891. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: I beg leave to make the following report of births and deaths for the year ending May 1st, 1891.

Table with columns for birth and death statistics. Includes 'Births—11 white, 13 colored—24', 'Deaths—7 white, 21 colored—28', 'Respectfully submitted, J. T. GOOCH, Mayor.'

TREASURER'S OFFICE, April 30th, 1891. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: Below please find a corrected report of receipts and disbursements of this office for the year beginning May 1st, 1890 and ending April 30, 1891, inclusive.

Table with columns for receipt and disbursement categories and amounts. Includes 'To amount rec'd. from B. F. Gary tax collector', 'To amount rec'd. from S. P. Arington, Esq., for the Roanoke N. & W. P. Co., Railroad track privilege', 'To amount rec'd. from W. & W. Road for privilege of closing cart way on west side of Railroad between 2nd and 3rd streets', 'To amount rec'd. from J. T. Evans and others for street railway privilege', 'To amount of miscellaneous receipts', 'Credit', 'June 16 by warrant No. 1, B. F. Gary, salary for May', 'by warrant No. 2, Wm. Roberts salary for May', 'by warrant No. 3, Lamplighter's salary for May', 'by warrant No. 4, Publishing Annual Report', 'by warrant No. 5, Oil, Hauling, etc.', 'by warrant No. 6, on account, streets', 'by warrant No. 7, on ac. of streets', 'by warrant No. 8, B. F. Gary, salary for June', 'by warrant No. 9, Wm. Roberts salary for June', 'by warrant No. 10, Salary lamplighter'

Main table of warrants and payments. Columns include date, warrant number, recipient name, and amount. Includes warrants for Phil Gee's salary, Wm. Roberts, B. F. Gary, and various other officials.

Table for April 1891. Columns include warrant number, recipient name, and amount. Includes warrants for Phil Gee's salary, Burying pauper, Hauling on streets, labor on streets, and tax year 1889-1890.

Balance due Treasurer \$1170.53 \$1170.74 \$42.79. Respectfully submitted, W. R. SMITH, Treasurer town of Weldon.

WELDON, N. C., May 1st, 1891. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners: I have the honor to report the following taxes for the year 1889 and 1890 still due the town which I have urged the people who owe them to pay but have been unable to collect.

Table with columns for tax year and amount. Includes 'Tax year 1889', '1890', 'Total due, Respectfully submitted, B. F. GARY, Tax Collector.'

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