

The pursuit of Villa by our army into Mexico has been attended with severe hardships both by man and beast. Although it has not been a dangerous expedition, in which many men were killed or wounded, yet it has been one of many hardships, from which both the soldiers and their horses have suffered greatly.

Nearly all the march was made through a sandy desert, or rugged mountain trails unfit for travel. On the very first day the men were almost blinded with the suffocating dust kicked up by a large body of cavalry in a sandy desert, and the heat was intense, causing many men and horses to give up the first day.

This expedition recalls some of the notable cavalry expeditions made by the Confederates during the War Between the States. Of course this cannot be compared in its danger and suffering to many of those expeditions. For instance, there was the wonderful expedition of Gen. John H. Morgan with about 2,500 cavalry across the Ohio river, passing around and through the suburbs of the populous city of Cincinnati and spreading terror among the people of Ohio, and easily keeping at bay and dispersing thousands of federal soldiers sent to capture him, until at last, his men and horses being utterly exhausted, he was forced to surrender to overwhelming numbers.

For one thing, Oklahoma is a self-feeding farm state. In the census year she produced bread and meat enough for home consumption, and had a \$20,000,000 surplus to market abroad. Oklahoma was the only state in the cotton belt that had standard, staple food crops to sell in the census year. She is both the youngest and the richest of our commonwealths.

Colored Lynching Party. The New Bern Journal says that over in Fayetteville a few days ago a mob composed entirely of negroes tried to lynch one of their own race and had not the whites interfered, they would have probably carried out their plans. There are certain parts of the country where this statement will doubtless be read with considerable doubt, but that doesn't alter the case one little bit.

Liars on the Border. The New Bern Journal says: The way some of those liars down on the Mexican border are seeing things and then sending out reports about what they saw, is becoming monotonous. If a few of them were clapped into confinement for a few weeks, a whole "passel" of those alarming reports would not be sent back to this section to scare the people half to death.

fighting, especially around Verdun, in France, has been particularly desperate and sanguinary. Both sides have there lost heavily every day for a month or more, and the fighting has been desperate, the soldiers of both sides displaying great gallantry. Neither side has made any material gains, notwithstanding the killing of so many thousand brave men.

Although this is called the European war yet there has been, and continues to be, much fighting in Asia. The Russians have almost overrun Persia and conquered that country, and there has been much fighting in Mesopotamia and along the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, and even in the territory where the Garden of Eden is said to have been. Turkey has played no insignificant part in this war and her troops have fought well. So far from us is that scene of operations that few persons here know or care much about them, but if they were happening at any other time they would engage the attention of the civilized world.

Villa Not Wounded. El Paso, Texas, April 3.—Francisco Villa, unwounded and accompanied by only eight men, was Satevo, 50 miles south of Chihuahua City, two days ago, according to information from Mexican sources usually reliable. According to a Mexican, whose reliability is vouched for by American business men, he says that Villa has never taken part in any fighting with either American or Carranza troops; that he left the main body of his troops in the Guerrero district with orders to oppose as far as they could the American advance. At the same time the peons were instructed to give information that was false. The story of Villa being wounded was carefully concocted for the express purpose of misleading General Pershing and Col. Dodd into the belief that the bandit was hiding in the mountains and thereby inducing them to split their forces into small searching parties who would waste their time in the wild Sierras, while Villa was making his way safely southward.

Continuing this man said: "If they catch up with Villa before he gets into the Torreón district they ought to be able to kill or capture him, but if he is able to join forces with Canuto Reyes they will have a difficult task ahead of them."

The Richest Farm State. From Extension Farm News. Oklahoma country people are worth \$830 a piece upon an average, counting men, women and children. The average in North Carolina is only \$322. Our per acre crop values in 1909 were more than double those of Oklahoma; \$22.28 against \$10.95. Why, then, are our farmers poorer?

During February, 1916, the Southern Railway Company disbursed for labor, material, supplies and other purposes \$4,221,402 of which \$3,674,996 or 87.06 per cent was paid to individuals and industries located in the South.

Lillie and Cora Kyger, sisters, aged 17 and 14 respectively, are ill at their home at Grottos, Rockingham county, Virginia, from eating candy which they received Saturday through the mail. "April fool" was written on a slip of paper in the box.

Why Constipation Injures. The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Obtainable everywhere. adv

A Peculiar Well in Florida. From the Hamlet Messenger. In their investigation of the wells and underground waters of Florida the geologists of the United States Geological Survey have noted many interesting things. Among these is a well at Welaka, on St. Johns river, from which two kinds of water are obtained.

This well is 309 feet deep. The length of the casing is 110 feet. The well was first drilled to 160 feet, and from this depth ordinary "sulphur" water was obtained. The drill was then carried to a depth of 309 feet, where it encountered a strong mineral water, having a disagreeable, salty taste. In order to use both kinds of water an inner tubing was run nearly to the bottom of the well. Both this and the outer casing were connected with pumps, so that ordinary water and mineral water can be pumped at the same time. A favorite joke played on visitors is to give them a drink of the weaker water in the first glass and to replace it with the brine in the second.

Not more than half a dozen wells of this kind are known in the country, but there is no reason why similar wells can not be obtained in regions where waters in the upper strata differ from those lying deeper.

Rheumatic Pain Stopped. The drawing of muscles, the soreness, stiffness and agonizing pain of rheumatism quickly yield to Sloan's Liniment, a stimulant and relaxant to the painful parts. It is applied as directed to the sore spots. In a short time the pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth. Here's proof—I have had wonderful relief since I used your liniment. Sorry I haven't space to tell you the history. Thanking you for what your remedy has done for me.—James S. Ferguson, Philadelphia, Pa. Sloan's Liniment kills pain. 25c at druggists. adv

First Anniversary of Big Storm. From the Raleigh Times. Monday is the first anniversary of the most damaging blizzard in the history of Raleigh. All night long, as the temperature fell along with the snow, until the thermometer reached a minimum of 32, trees groaned under the burden; telephones popped and snapped and fell to the ground. Limbs bent low. The lights went out.

The damage in this vicinity will never be known. It ran up into several hundred thousands. For ten days or more the city was in darkness. Along the railroads leading to Raleigh poles were lying prostrate on the sides of the tracks and across them.

Safe Medicine for Children. "Is it safe?" is the first question to be considered when buying cough medicine for children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has long been a favorite with mothers of young children as it contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. It is pleasant to take, too, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to your children. This remedy is most effectual in relieving coughs, colds and croup. Obtainable everywhere. adv

Sanford Express: Mr. W. F. Ellington, who lives in the Zion section of this county, recently cut a poplar tree on his place from which he sawed three cuts which measured, all told, 50 feet in length. Mr. Ellington got 3,050 feet of veneering from the tree which brought him \$60.80.

A Good Family Cough Syrup. Can be made by mixing pine-tar, acacia, sugar, h. oseyamus, saffron, peppermint, ipecac, rhubarb, mandrake, castor oil, ammonia, honey and glycerine. It is pleasant, healing and soothing, raises phlegm and gives almost instant relief. For convenience of those who prefer not to fuss, it is supplied ready made in 25c bottles under name of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Can be had at your druggist. Insist on getting Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey and see that the formula is on the package. adv

Insomnia. Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere. adv

A Sad Suicide. Zebulon, March 31.—Rather than become a burden to his sons, through age and ill health, O. L. Strickland, a well known resident of this place, shot himself in the chest early this morning at the home of his eldest son. Death was instantaneous. His body was discovered lying in a pool of blood by his wife immediately after arising and the single barrel shotgun was in his lifeless hands. He had been in ill health for some time, and had made his home with his children, all of whom are grown.

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Big Sandhill Farm. From the Hamlet Messenger. Mr. H. T. Prosser, the Seaboard Air Line's assistant industrial agent, and the editor of this paper went up to F. T. Gates & Sons' farm on the Sandhills near Hoffman, Friday of last week. At this farm nearly everything is on a large scale. There are 17,000 acres in the place and a thousand cleared. The farm is divided into lots and fields and fenced in with good wire fencing. There is a large dairy with two 182-ton silos, 80 milkers and strippers, other cattle, including a fine registered Jersey bull, 150 hogs, including 75 young Berkshire brood sows. Two Berk-shire stock hogs were in their herd but first of the week they fought through the wire fence a part or all night—and the larger was dead the next morning. He was worried to death for there were only two or three cuts on his hide. It was a combat between a 600 pounder and a 250 pounder.

A thousand bushels of field peas were housed. A car load of 500 bushels were sold to Wood & Son of Richmond, Va. One hundred bushels of velvet beans were threshed from a double handful given by Mr. Prosser three years ago. A thousand bushels or more of corn were made in 1915 and the two 180 ton silos filled. Twenty-five mules and horses are kept. Their tool house is in keeping with the size of farm. There are little plows, big plows, one-horse plows and up, cutaway harrows of the most improved patterns, platters, a plenty, grain cutters and savers, a hay press—most anything for a farm.

There are about 20 three and four room cottages, painted, giving them a neat and prosperous appearance. The mansion has about nine or ten rooms with a piazza all around the two stories. Fine spring water is pumped into a reservoir where it is distributed to all the buildings. A thousand shade trees had been set along the lanes and around lots a few weeks ago. They were mostly Texas umbrellas and Columbia poplars. A pretty field of rye was seen.

Avoid Spring Colds. Sudden changes, high winds, shifting seasons cause colds and grippe, and these spring colds are annoying and dangerous and are likely to turn into a chronic summer cough. In such cases take a treatment of Dr. King's New Discovery, a pleasant laxative for all ailments. It soothes the cough, checks the cold and helps break up an attack of grippe. It's already prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. Tested and tried for over 40 years. adv

First Geological Survey. From the U. S. Geological Bulletin. North Carolina was the first state in the Union to recognize the need of geologic surveys within its borders. In 1823 an act of the general assembly authorized the board of agriculture to pay the expenses of "geological excursions" for a period of years, as a result of which several geologic reports on the state were published. South Carolina was quick to follow the example of her sister state and in 1824 established a state geological survey, whose geologic report, appearing in 1826, was the first issued under the patronage of any state.

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Why Should Women Vote? That is the question that is ringing from ocean to ocean and reverberating from the Canadian boundary to the Mexican border. It is the mission of a newspaper to give the news and the action of the Texas Farmers' Union in opposing woman's suffrage when that question was recently before the Texas legislature is significant as representing the attitude of the organized plowmen. We reproduce in part the argument presented by Hon. W. D. Lewis, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, in opposing the bill: "It is gratifying to note that it is not the farmer's wife who is clamoring for the ballot. She is too busy trying to make happier homes, molding the minds of future citizens and sharing with her husband the cares of life to indulge in political gossip. The ballot will give her no relief from drudgery, give no assistance in clothing the children or bring to the home additional comforts, conveniences or opportunities in life. It is, as a rule, the city woman promoted to idleness by prosperity, who is leading the suffrage movement.

From many standpoints, perhaps a woman has as much right to vote as a man. So has she as much right to plow as a man; she has as much right to work in a factory as a man; she has as much right to shoulder a musket as a man, but we would rather she would not do so from choice and we regret that necessity oftentimes compels her to earn a living by engaging in general occupations. We do not consider misfortune a qualification for suffrage or a business accident a reason for granting franchise. We are opposed to woman at the ballot box the same as we are opposed to woman in the field, in the factory or in the army and for the self-same reasons. We had rather see her plant flowers than sow wheat; gather bouquets than pick cotton and rear children than raise political issues, although she may have as much right to do one as the other.

Opposed to Unsexing Humanity. "Sex qualification for suffrage may have its apparent inconsistencies. No general rule adjusts itself perfectly to all conditions. It is a favorite argument advanced by the proponents of woman's suffrage that many cultivated and noble women are far more capable of intelligent exercising sovereignty than a worthless negro, but the South never was anxious for negro suffrage, and while culture and refinement, and even morality, are desirable virtues, they are not the only qualifications for franchise. "The primary, inherent and inseparable fitness for suffrage is supporting a family. The plow handle, the forge and the struggle for bread afford experience necessary to properly mark the ballot. Government is a great big business and civilization from the very beginning assigned woman the home and man the business affairs of life.

There has been much fraternal legislation enacted during the past decade that no doubt appeals to woman's love for the ridiculous, but to undertake to unsex the human race by law is the height of legislative folly and a tragedy to mankind. "We are opposed to the equal rights of woman—we want her to ever remain our superior. We consider woman's desire to seek man's level the yellow peril of Twentieth Century civilization.

Woman is the medium through which angels whisper their messages to mankind; it is her hand that plants thoughts in the intellectual vineyard; it is through her heart that love, hope and sympathy overflow and bless mankind. Christ—the liberator of woman-kind—was satisfied to teach the lessons of life and He was a man. He chose to make over human hearts and refused worldly power and men followed after Him, women washed His feet, little children climbed upon His knees and the Ruler of the universe said that in Him He was well pleased. Can woman find a higher calling?"

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SEABOARD Notice of Election and New Registration. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Cape Fear township on Tuesday, the 11th of April, 1916, for the purpose of deciding whether Cape Fear township shall issue \$50,000 in bonds for permanent road improvement, said bonds to run 30 years and to bear interest at 5 per cent per annum. As many as favor the issuance of said bonds will vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "For Road Bonds," and so many as oppose said issue shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Against Road Bonds." A new registration has been ordered for this election and Mr. Jas. M. Conyn has been appointed Registrar for Merry Oaks precinct, and D. A. Clark, Registrar for Buckhorn precinct. Said registration books will be opened on Wednesday, March 8th, 1916, and will close on Saturday, the 1st day of April, 1916, at sunset and all persons desiring to vote in said election will have to register within said time. By order of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham county, this 7th day of February, 1916, being the first Monday in February, 1916. C. D. MOORE, Chairman Board of Commissioners of Chatham County.

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