

## To Judge a Man's Character, First Find the Food Upon Which His Brain Feeds--Good Reading Makes Good Men

### MISS PENNY AND MR. HOWARD HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

#### Music Teacher and Instructor Manual Training in Public School Rescued from Drowning by Quartermaster Steamer "Holly"

On Saturday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, Quartermaster F. J. Pusey, of the U. S. Steamer Holly, which was lying at her pier at the light house situated a wharf containing two occupants who seemed to be having trouble with their craft.

First he observed the young lady as she was being pulled out of the water, but before he had gone very far, the young man, who was vainly attempting to pull her out of the icy waters of the Pamlico, likewise went overboard. Mr. Pusey arrived in a very few seconds after, and had the young lady by the arm, and securing the gentleman companion safely got them ashore.

The young lady who so narrowly escaped drowning is Miss Penny, the accomplished instructor in music in the public schools of the city, and her companion was Mr. G. B. Howard, the instructor in manual training from the same institution.

Though both were thoroughly coached and drilled through and through, they were otherwise unharmed.



A PLEASANT NOOK IN WASHINGTON PARK.

### SPENCER REDDITT TEARS 'OPERY' CLOAK IN SUNDAY MORNING MELEE

#### Judge Grimes Presides at Aftermath of Infantile War in Colored District--Some "Frighten", Cussin and "Inflame" Swearing was Indulged in, Witnesses Testify

Frank Staton, colored, and Levy Redditt, of a like complexion, were considerably mixed up yesterday, involving their respective families and neighbors.

Frank, peacefully reposing in a rocking chair in his castle, with a plectrum across his lap in the coma of dreamland, Frank's wife tearing off a few snatches of slumber on her humble cot, were aroused by Levy, who entered unannounced, but who, by way of introduction, began cussin something "frightenin'" presented act first.

Ejection proceedings were next in order and here the fun began. Levy threw a lantern through the window, smashing the sash and wrecking the transparencies.

Frank couldn't stand to have his castle demolished so he sought to persuade Levy to go home. Act second is put on, and in this round Frank's wife says they "fought, fought and fought somethin' frightenin'." Levy threw an axe at Frank, and Frank threw a prepared bath at Levy. (Enters Levy's father.) Spencer Redditt, grabbed Frank's wife by her shoulders and tore her "opery cloak" in the midst of which, Washington Boone appeared upon the scene in time to see Frank run into the stable and fasten the door behind him, when Levy continued to throw sticks and brick bats at the stable door. From the maturity of his

### BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

County Commissioners and Board of Education met today.

Quite a snow fall is reported in the western part of the state yesterday. It melted almost as fast as it fell here, though it kept at it all day.

The sacramental service at the First Methodist church was largely attended yesterday morning and three new members were received.

The Home Mission Circle of the First Methodist church will meet with Mrs. D. M. Carter on Bridge street this evening at 8 o'clock. The Bible class study will be taken up and provision will be made for a box to be sent to the Orphanage.

The Salem Alumni met with Mrs. Geo. Hackey on Saturday afternoon. After the business was over the hostess served a delicious salad course. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Harry McMullan, on March 14.

Miss Evelyn Ross Entertains.

Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ross, Miss Evelyn, their daughter, charmingly entertained a goodly number of her young friends. The occasion being her thirteenth natal day. The guests were hospitably received by little Miss Lou Glyn Cox and Master Robert Glenn Ross, and ushered into the library, where the evening was delightfully spent in music and games. The home was tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers.

At 8:30 the guests repaired to the dining room, where they were regally served with cake and ices. In spite of the ominous number, thirteen candles burned brilliantly on a beautifully decorated birthday cake. The favors were white hyacinths presented to the guests by Mrs. G. A. Womble.

The youthful hostess received many dainty and beautiful gifts.

At 11 o'clock the guests departed wishing Miss Evelyn many happy returns of her natal day.

Those present were Misses Isabelle Brown, Virginia Gibbs, Maude Swindell, Laurie Branch, Eleahor Berry, Bernice Nicholson, Bonner Archbell, Edna Willis, Netta O'Brien, Sina Taylor, Thelma Mayo, Lou Glyn Cox, Janie Whitley, Olivia Jordan and Evelyn Ross. Masters Roy Kesinger, David Bell, Henry Clay Carter, Howard Bowen, Reginald Fulford, Mendal Suman, Charlie Dailey, Julian and Glenn Ross.

### REFERENDUM IS ON TRIAL

#### Oregon First State to Adopt the Initiative and Referendum and Various Means of Safeguarding the Principle are Being Discussed.

Spokane, Ore., March 4.—Alleged abuse of popular rule through the referendum will be pointed out this week when the suit of the University of Oregon against the Secretary of State is argued in the State Supreme Court at Salem. The 1911 session of the legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the University of Oregon, which is located here, but before the law became operative, a referendum petition filed by one H. J. Parkinson presented the Secretary of State and accepted, tying up the appropriation until 1915, when the people would be given an opportunity to vote on the question. Cursory examination to the petitions showed evidence of fraud, so suit was begun by a regent of the university to prevent the Secretary of State putting the referendum question on the ballot. Attack was made on the petition on the ground that large numbers of the names were forged, and that various technicalities of the law had not been complied with.

As the trial progressed, Parkinson was forced to admit that he knew some of the work of his agents were fraudulent, but counsel for the Secretary of State contended that, eliminating the fraudulent names, there would be enough to make good the calling of the referendum. The State obtained that the plaintiff in the case had no right to bring such suit, and that he had not followed the prescribed forms.

Attorneys for the State University on the other hand, maintain the right of any legal voter to bring such a suit, and furthermore they make the main contention that fraud in part of the petition invalidates the whole, especially where the fraud is so extensive and is so well known before the filing of the petitions.

The case has aroused much interest in Oregon, which State was the first to adopt the initiative and referendum, and various means of safeguarding the principle are being discussed by friends of the law, for they fear that if frauds are allowed to go by, worse frauds will be perpetrated and the whole system brought into disrepute.

### THE RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

#### West of the Mississippi are Preparing to Organize a Giant Federation. The Next Move Will Be to Demand Wage Increases to All Men Employed by the Roads.

Kansas City, Mo., March 4.—Delegates representing the shop trades on every western railroad are to hold a conference here this week with a number of prominent labor leaders and representatives of the various other branches of organized railroad labor, to perfect the details of a gigantic combination or confederation of all the mechanical trades on the railroads west of the Mississippi river. A great deal of preparatory work has been done already, but there is still much to be done before this far-reaching plan can be brought to full maturity.

Heretofore the mechanical trades of the various railroads were not federated with the other trades of their respective lines, and in case of strike they had no support from the other trades. The railroad companies, having an understanding among themselves, helped each other and the strikers were invariably defeated. Realizing that their weakness was due to the lack of a thorough understanding between the railroad employees, a movement was started to bring the various trades into closer touch and to form not only federations of the mechanical trades of all western railroads, but also system federations, including combinations on every railroad between the mechanical and traffic trades of that railroad, in other words a federation of the shop men with the engineers, firemen, conductors and the brakemen of each system.

After these plans have been carried to full completion, the labor leaders believe, that the mechanical trades will be in a position to bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the railroads to obtain from them the granting of their wage demands hitherto refused. Demands will be made on all railroads in the same territory at the same time, so that all these railroads will be involved at the same time, should a strike be called. Even if the railroads should be inclined to resist the demands of the shopmen, they will, it is believed, be compelled to yield, if the shop men are fully supported by the brotherhood organizations of the other branches of work on the same railroad system.

### PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Mr. W. L. Vaughan spent yesterday in Raleigh.

The many friends of Mrs. W. L. Vaughan will learn with pleasure that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness as to be able to be up and will return from Raleigh within the next few days.

Hon. John H. Small and Col. W. B. Rodman addressed the Pewee Plater club in Norfolk, Saturday night.

B. L. Sumner has returned from the West where he has been purchasing stock for his stables on Second street.

Mr. James L. Mayo has been spending the past several days in the vicinity of South Creek.

Mrs. E. L. Stewart is absent from the city, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. L. M. Scott, of Blounts Creek, is in the city.

Spring Golf at Pinehurst.

Pinehurst, N. C., March 4.—The eighth annual spring golf tournament at the Pinehurst Country Club, opened today with an entry list that promises some keen competition. The play will continue until the end of the week.

Another Victim of Electric Chair.

Auburn, N. Y., March 4.—The execution of a man who had been sentenced to the electric chair in Auburn Prison of Edward Burnett, convicted of murder at Bunker two years ago. Burnett's victim was John Dougherty, whom he shot and killed in a quarrel. Governor De Witt had denied clemency in the case.

### Contest for Bailey's Seat.

Temple, Tex., March 2.—J. F. Wolters of Houston, came to Temple today to formally open his campaign as a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Joseph W. Bailey. The recent withdrawal of Congressman Sheppard leaves the senatorial contest a three-cornered race between Wolters, Congressman Choate B. Randall of Sherman, and Cone Johnson of Tyler.

Notwithstanding the fact that State-wide prohibition has no direct bearing upon the senatorship, this question will be one of the chief issues of the campaign. It is the general opinion that the anti-prohibition vote will be divided between Wolters and Randall. This may prove of benefit to Johnson, as he is the only prohibitionist in the race.

Would the Colonel accept his party's nomination for President? But here is a harder one: Would a duck swim or a rooster crow?

Youthful Desperado on Trial.

Chocoma, Wash., March 4.—Adelbert Clark, the young desperado who shot and killed Lawrence C. Barr, a banker of Centralia, in a daylight attempt to rob the bank last December, was arraigned in the Lewis county circuit court here today to stand trial on a charge of first degree murder.

More Sugar Trials Coming.

New York, March 4.—The cases of Washington B. Thomas, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, other officers and directors of the company and Thomas B. Harrod, a Philadelphia lawyer, were called for trial today in the United States Circuit Court. The defendants are under indictment charging them with violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

### HOOKWORM COMMISSION DOING GREAT WORK IN THIS COUNTY

#### Dr. Pridden Writes Interestingly of the Great Work Being Accomplished by the Commission Here.

To the Editor:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that our work in the eradication of the hookworm has had a splendid start in Beaufort county.

Numbers of people have called at our Dispensaries who did not believe that they were infected, but who were interested in the work and wanted to know more about it.

These all stated their intention to help in every way they could to forward the work for the best interest of Beaufort county.

About nine hundred people have been examined up to this time and of these sixty percent were found to be infected and treated. One substantial farmer came to see us last week who frankly confessed that he did not believe in hookworm, but he said that he had received our circular and thought that the least a reasoning-minded man could do was to investigate it while it was in his reach. He brought his son along with him to see us. The microscope showed that the boy was infected. He was allowed to use the microscope and see for himself. This, together with the other exhibits and photographs, somewhat changed his belief. He took the treatment and went home. This week he returned to tell us that he was a red hot convert. He said that he obtained a thousand hookworms from the boy and that he had already improved so much that he seemed a different boy. So it is with all of those who are unconvinced of the good of this great work and who are fair minded enough to give the matter careful investigation.

We have been over a large part of Beaufort county now, and we are prepared to say that there is a large amount of infection here. In one section of the county there is one of the heaviest infections we have ever seen. Both young and old seem to be victims, and it is needless to say that this section is far behind the others in progress and other matters. It is significant also, to note that in this section sanitation is hardly known.

With the index of sixty percent infection here, no one can believe that



he is immune to hookworm. If he does his faith is not well founded. No race, sex or social caste can be exempt when the infection is so widespread. We wish to urge upon all the importance of being examined while they may do so free of charge, so that if only a mild infection is present, it can be remedied before it becomes a menace to health or life.

Four thousand people were examined in little New Hanover county. Five thousand were examined in Pender county. Six thousand were examined in Columbus county and seven thousand five hundred were examined in Onslow county. Of these from fifty to sixty-three percent were found infected, and treated. The same is true in seventeen other counties in which twenty-six thousand people have been treated since July, and Beaufort county can hardly be an exception. We sincerely hope that we will be able to examine at least three thousand people in this county.

The cut here shown is of little Selma Ellis, of Columbus county. This boy was brought to us on a stretcher, by his parents. He had not walked for eight months. He is now a healthy, happy child.

We want your influence and the influence of every good citizen in Beaufort county in helping us to bring the total examinations in this county up to and beyond three thousand.

We will be at the Court House here on Saturday, and each one coming for examination should bring with them a small specimen of bowel movement, to be examined by the microscope. This is the only way to make a correct diagnosis, and other troubles may also be found this way. We will be glad to show the egg of the different parasites to all who care to see them, and explain anything they desire to understand about our work.

As large crowds are visiting each clinic we wish to advise all to come early, as the days are short, and we have to stop when the sunlight grows weak.

Thanking you for this courtesy and hoping for your support and co-operation, I am,

Very truly,  
DR. C. L. PRIDDEN,  
Chief of Health.

### Pocket Billiard Championship.

New York, March 4.—The unusually large number of tournaments pulled off in the metropolitan city winter, all of them successful from the viewpoint of public patronage, has prompted the National Association of Amateur Billiard players to undertake something new in the line of competitions on the green table. The innovation is announced as the first national amateur pocket billiard championship tournament, which is scheduled to begin here tonight and continue for two weeks. Many of the foremost amateur pool players in the country have accepted invitations to compete in the tournament, the winner of which is to receive a \$500 trophy.

Chicago Girl as Orator.

Chicago, Ill., March 3.—Today the hotels of Chicago are crowded with college students who arrived early to attend the annual contest of the Chicago Speech League oratorical tournament.

Interest in the contest this year is given the contest this year by the participation of Miss Edna Wynn, a Chicago student, selected to represent "Athena" college in the competition.

### Bible Conference in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., March 3.—The fourteenth annual interdenominational Bible conference, representing evangelical churches throughout a large part of the South, opened in the Baptist Tabernacle here today for a ten days' session. Many prominent speakers are to be heard at the conference this year, among them Dr. J. H. Joggatt of New York, Dr. W. W. Hubbard of Cleveland, Dr. Charles Inwood of London, Dr. Camden M. Geboert of Maryland, Pa., and Dr. Howard A. Johnson of Stamford, Conn.

Boston Automobile Show.

Boston, Mass., March 3.—Mehalan Building opens its doors tonight for the annual automobile show, under the auspices of the Boston Automobile Dealers Association, with every prospect of establishing a new success. The exhibition, which is confined to pleasure cars and accessories, will last one week and will be followed later in the month by a show of commercial cars under the auspices of the Boston Commercial Motor Vehicle Association.