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## Twelve Per Cent of Voters Unable to Read.

New York, June 18.—Twelve per cent of men voting in the United States cannot read their ballots, declares W. H. Hand, of Columbia, S. C., in an article in a child labor bulletin review issued by the national child labor committee. Hand states that more than one in four of the native white children between the ages of ten and fourteen in eleven southern states are not in school.

## Boy Hanged; Mother Supports Dangling Body Until Help Comes.

Louisville, June 17.—Seven-year old Frank Norton, while playing with his younger brother in a lumber car fell from a stack of boards and his head caught between protruding pieces of timber. In this position he hung by his neck until Mrs. Belle Holman was attracted by the screams of the smaller lad. When she arrived Frank's face was purple and he was unconscious. Mrs. Holman had recently fractured her shoulder but she got under the boy and lifted him up to relieve the pressure on his wind pipe and sent the other boy for aid. When help arrived Mrs. Holman swooned but both she and Frank were revived.

## Horse Kills Child.

Morganton, June 14.—Falling from a buggy under the feet of an excited horse, the 3-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Black, of this city, met with a horrible accident yesterday, resulting in instantaneous death. The horse was rendered restive by the child's falling under its hoofs, but it could not be checked until it had walked over the little girl and crushed out her life.

## Good For Underwood.

Washington, June 16.—Senator Bankhead of Alabama, managing the presidential campaign of Representative Underwood of Alabama, conferred with Mr. Underwood yesterday. Later he voiced roseate views of Mr. Underwood's prospects. Senator Bankhead said Speaker Clark, Governor Harmon or Governor Wilson would not be able to muster the two-thirds vote necessary for their nomination and the path would be open for the Alabama candidate. The question of nominating a seconding speeches will not be settled until Monday.

## Priest is Killed.

Zanesville, O., June 16.—Three were killed and a score more injured early today when a cyclone struck here, topping the steeple of the St. Thomas' Catholic church through the roof while services were being held. The Rev. F. R. Roach was struck and killed while administering the last sacraments as five hundred of the congregation were fleeing.

## Ends Hunt For Rich Girl.

Often the hunt for a rich wife ends when a man meets a woman that uses Electric Bitters. Her strong nerves tell in a bright brain and even temper. Her peach bloom complexion and ruby lips result from her pure blood; her bright eyes from restful sleep; her elastic step from firm, free muscles, all telling of the health and strength Electric Bitters give a woman, and the freedom from indigestion, backache, headache, fainting and dizzy spells they promote. Every where they are woman's favorite remedy. If weak or ailing try them. 50 cents at

## All druggists

The family never seems able to learn that a man never loses his temper even when he acts that way.

## Kills Sweetheart Then Kills Self.

Salisbury, June 16.—Smarting under an old rejection of matrimonial proposals freshened by a recent renewal of the old courtship, Frank Chunn tonight shot and killed Miss Burnadette Roueche, held Charles Gable, an attendant of the dead girl's sister off at the point of a pistol, and coolly turned the muzzle of the gun toward his own temple, falling dead across the prostrate body of the slain girl almost before the echo of the first shot had died.

The tragedy, which has stirred the town as nothing else in its recent history, was enacted on the front porch of J. X. Roueche, editor of the Salisbury Post, and an uncle of the dead girl. Miss Hortense Roueche and a friend, Charles Gable, had just left Miss Burnadette and Chunn on the porch to step around to the well to get a drink of water before going home. When they hurried back to find the cause of a pistol shot they found the happy sister of only a moment before lying prostrate, with Chunn ordering them back at the point of a pistol. Before their eyes he turned the gun on himself and ended a tragedy, the news of which a minute later was flying over the city like wildfire.

Chunn and Miss Roueche had been sweethearts for years and about six months ago Miss Roueche rejected a proposal to marry. Chunn discontinued his attentions for a time, but recently friends had noticed a renewal of the old courtship. To friends Miss Roueche declared that she and Chunn were merely good friends, that she liked him, but not the right sort of way to marry him. She confided to her sister, however, that Chunn had told her that if she didn't marry him he would kill her. Neither of the young women considered the threat seriously, especially so since there had been nothing unusual about the demeanor of Chunn during the past few days.

This afternoon Chunn made an engagement for himself and Gable to take the young ladies to church. The supposition is once alone he made a second proposal and that when rejected he fired. Neither Mr. Gable or Miss Hortense Roueche had noticed anything unusual in the conduct of the young man during the evening. In fact, he appeared in good spirits, and was laughing when the sister stepped off the porch to get a drink of water.

Miss Roueche was 19 years of age and was a stenographer for the Salisbury Realty and Insurance Company. She was a young woman of more than ordinary beauty, talented and generally admired for her lovable disposition and charming personality.

Frank C. Chunn, too, was well known and popular. He was 23 years of age and a son of Mrs. Florine Chunn, of Asheville, and nephew of Misses Sallie and Maggie Chunn, of this city. For several years he had been working as a boilermaker at the Spencer shops. He was well known for practically everybody in the city and moved in the best circles.

From all the preparations a man makes to go fishing 2 miles away you'd think he was starting on a trip around the world.

## Harry Thaw Fighting For Liberty

White Plains, N. Y., June 17.—Harry K. Thaw's own alienist, Dr. Roy L. Leak subpoenaed his lawyers to aid in his legal fight for freedom, assisted the state this afternoon in its effort to keep the slayer of Stanford White in the Matteawan asylum. Dr. Leak, who is second physician at the asylum, testified before Justice Keogh in the Supreme Court that in his opinion Thaw was "constitutionally inferior."

"Can he recover from that?" asked W. T. Jerome, former district attorney of New York, who is attorney for the State.

"No."  
"Are such person apt to do strange things when under stress or under the influence of liquor?"

"They may."  
"Do they have delusions of persecution?"

"They do."  
"And when they drink they resort to acts of violence, do they not?"

"In a great many cases."  
Dr. H. Ernest Schmidt, an alienist of White Plains, and William Vanamee, lawyer of Newburg, testified that they thought Thaw rational.

Dr. William A. White, an alienist, in charge of the United States government hospital at Washington, testified that he had examined Thaw on three occasions recently, the latest being last Thursday, when he spent three hours with him. The witness said he had found no evidence of paranoia.

"Thaw is not insane, he said, 'and it would not be unsafe to the community to liberate him now.'"

The hearing will be continued tomorrow.

## Many Automobiles.

Many people are often asking how many automobiles there are in the country in actual commission. The following list is given out by States and while not guaranteed is probably within the truth:

Alabama 1,800, Arkansas, 1,129, California 21,000, Colorado 9,100, Connecticut 7,080, District of Columbia 7,000, Delaware 1,060, Florida 1,800, Georgia 7,800, Idaho 941, Illinois 23,500, Indiana 28,000, Iowa 17,850, Kansas 4,313, Kentucky 3,300, Louisiana 1,800, Maine 7,500, Maryland 4,509, Massachusetts 15,000, Michigan 22,000, Minnesota 11,170, Mississippi 230, Missouri 12,400, Montana 1,496, Nebraska 18,575, Nevada 275, New Hampshire 4,970, New Jersey 18,000, North Carolina 3,100, North Dakota 7,500, Ohio 30,000, Oklahoma 3,400, Oregon 6,192, Pennsylvania 31,065, Rhode Island 6,000, South Carolina 625, South Dakota 5,333, Tennessee Texas 10,140, Utah 1,666, Washington 8,000, Vermont 3,850, West Virginia 1,182, Virginia 2,880, Wisconsin 12,325.

## Strikers Killed by Officers.

Perth Amboy, N. J., June 14.—A thousand striking laborers stormed the American Smelting and Refining plant and were fired on by deputies. One striker was killed and three wounded. With the first volley the trikers fell back.

It is a good thing to be rich, and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be loved of many things.—Euripides.

## New Equipment for Southern Railway

Washington, June 18.—President Finley has announced that the Southern Railway Company is asking for bids on ten Pacific type passenger locomotives and thirty freight locomotives of the Mikado type, all of these locomotives to be fitted with superheaters; twenty first class steel frame passenger coaches; five steel underframe combination baggage and express cars; five steel underframe combination baggage and mail cars; two dining cars; two hundred steel underframe ventilated box cars; one hundred and fifty steel underframe automobile cars, and one hundred steel flat cars. This is in addition to five Pacific type passenger locomotives and four dining cars recently contracted for.

## Cutting Affair at Lexington.

Lexington, June 16.—Dempsey Walsler was badly cut last night in an encounter with John Harrelson. Both men were under the influence of liquor and the cutting followed a bitter quarrel. An artery in Walsler's right arm was severed and there were several bad cuts.

## Several Hurt in Wreck.

Macon, Ga., June 15.—Nineteen were hurt, three seriously, yesterday when a Central of Georgia passenger train struck a string of freight cars on the curve at Everette.

## Woman Held Accountable.

Chicago, June 18.—Mrs. Louise Lindorf, 45 years old, has been arrested by the police pending the investigation of the deaths of her two husbands and three children, one of whom, a son, died last week. The five are said to have carried insurance amounting to \$10,650.

## Waiting for Electric Chair.

Columbia, S. C., June 18.—Because the electric chair will not be installed in time to be used for the execution of five murderers condemned to die far murder, Governor Bleasde has granted respites to all of them. They were all to have been executed early in July but the first execution will take place on August sixth. Sam Hyde, the man from Anderson, who was convicted of murdering his wife and father-in-law and condemned to die on July 5 will be executed on September 3. Hyde asked to be the first to be seated in the death chair but according to the governor's order there will be several to die before his time comes.

## Never Too Old To Wed.

Atlanta, Ga., June 18.—A woman who is on the shady side of 75 years of age is not too old to marry, in the opinion of the writer of a letter to a local newspaper from Spicelands, Ind., who says that she is open to a proposal of marriage from some southern man with a home in the south, far from the cold climate of her state.

The writer stated that the aspirant for her hand must be at least 75 years old, as that is her age. According to the woman, whose romantic nature evidently has not been dulled by the pressing of years, her husband died about three years ago and she is not averse to again entering on the state of wedlock.

## Post Office Robbed.

Stuebenville, Ohio, June 17.—Robbers raided the mining town of Parlett, blew the postoffice safe, and stole five hundred dollars, escaping in a hand car.

## WOULD HE ADVERTISE?

Mr. Meekins was habitually all that the first syllable of his name might imply, but a day came when the worm turned at last and spoke his mind freely to that other member of the domestic firm who had assumed leadership. Mrs. M.—stood aghast and then remarked ominously:

"Timothy, you'd regret those words if you should suddenly lose your wife."  
"Oh, I don't want to lose her," came the cheerful retort, "but there are times when I'd like very much to mislay her for a few hours."—Harper's Bazar.

## Theory and Practice.

"I am a friend of the people," said he. "The people must rule."  
"But," reported a courtier, "the people are opposed to the measure you propose. They don't want it."  
"They don't, eh?" said he, banging the table. "I'll show 'em. If they oppose me I'll slap a tax on the lawn mowers, and make every one of 'em sweat for it."

## By Mutual Concession.

"So you've named the baby at last," remarked the caller.  
"Yes," said the young professor. "My wife insisted on 'Clarence,' and I was equally determined on 'Pythagoras,' so we compromised, and his full name is Clarence Pythagoras McGoozle. Sounds rather striking, don't you think?"

## UP-TO-DATE.



Mrs. Newwed—"He who rocks the cradle rules the world;" don't forget that.  
Mr. Newwed—"Then you come in and rule the world awhile; I'm tired."

## A Sad Awakening.

A dreamer of dreams woke up one day And what do you think he found? A bundle of bills that he could not pay And collectors snooping around.

## Handles \$37,000,000 At 72.

New York, June 14.—Miss Christiana Arbuckle, 72 years old, was appointed administrator in Brooklyn today of the great estate of her brother, the late John Arbuckle. The estate of the coffee and sugar dealer is estimated at \$37,500,000.

Miss Arbuckle was appointed administratrix over the protests of the public administrator, who contended that she was disqualified by her residence in Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Twenty-Six Killed.

Kansas City, Mo., June 16.—Twenty-six persons are known to have been killed and many injured by a storm that passed over central west Missouri late Saturday, demolishing buildings, tearing down wires and leaving the smaller towns and country homes completely wrecked.

## Killed By Officer.

Rock Hill, June 16.—Henry H. Putnam about 20 years old, an employe of the Victoria cotton mill, was shot and almost instantly killed by Policeman Eubanks on the Southern's track near the mill this morning about 5 o'clock.

## Foolish Dare Ends in Death.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 14.—Philip Scheibe and Henry Elmore, two young men were found dead in their rooms, having swallowed strichnine in beer last night after they dared each other to do so.

## Interurban and Southern Agree.

After several days in which a number of hitches are said to have developed, the Southern Railway has agreed to cooperate with the Piedmont & Northern lines in the building of an underpass for the latter at Gastonia and to this end the construction forces of the two systems will meet tomorrow there to begin the work. The Southern has ordered its bridge-building crew to be at Gastonia tomorrow morning and the Piedmont & Northern Company has instructed its construction forces to have all the necessary material at this time so that the gangs of the Southern road may be able to begin work immediately.

The report that the Southern had secured a restraining order against the Piedmont & Northern to prevent the building of an underpass under the tracks at Gastonia is erroneous, it being denied at the local offices of the interurban system. There seemed, however to have been some difficulty in getting the construction forces of the Southern, which will have charge of the building of the underpass, to take up the work as the Interurban officials wanted. Nothing was said here as to any interference on the part of the Southern to the building of the pass under its tracks. Had the Southern taken this course, the Piedmont & Northern system would have been put to a great disadvantage as well as expense. Its tracks have been laid up to the point where the road will cross the southern, nearly a mile this way from Gastonia. Its surveys were made into Gastonia with the understanding that the Southern would give the necessary right-of-way to go under its tracks at a designed point and had refusal been given at the last moment, the survey of the interurban lines would necessarily have been changed and great delay encountered in getting into Gastonia. At present passengers are walking to and from the end of the line into Gastonia and the officials have been anxious to get into the heart of the town as soon as possible.

They have given the people of Gastonia assurance that the road would be completed to the sites that have been selected for depots by July 4, this being the occasion of a great celebration that is proposed for that town. To carry out this pledge, it will be necessary for the officials to concentrate every effort toward the construction of the remaining mile of road in addition to the building of the underpass. Officials of the interurban said yesterday that the Southern had conceded that it would require only four or five days to build this pass if all the material was placed at the disposal of its construction forces and the interurban people have been hauling in the material for the past few days so that there will be no let-up in the work when it is once started. The abutments have already been built and all that is necessary to be done now is to excavate under the Southern's tracks and lay the roadbed. The officials are certain that this work will be completed by the middle of next week if nothing turns up to hinder operations, and that the road will be running into the sheds at Gastonia by July 4.—Charlotte Observer June 19th.

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