

BIRCH OIL.

How It is Manufactured—A Connecticut Industry.

One of the very few ways that the farmers of Connecticut have of getting a living is by cutting the birch brush from their pasture and selling it at the rate of \$3 a ton for the manufacture of birch oil.

Birch oil is manufactured largely in Connecticut. There are eight mills in the State for that purpose, and all of these are located in the Connecticut River Valley.

Six years ago all the birch oil that was placed upon the market was made in Pennsylvania by a company of Germans who owned a mill about twenty miles from Philadelphia, and the sale of the oil was controlled by a firm of druggists in Philadelphia.

The first birch mill built in Connecticut was erected in 1841 at Johnston, by Thomas Dickerson, a Baptist preacher, who was as shrewd in business matters as he was eloquent in the pulpit.

At that time the oil readily brought \$3.50 a pound and each ton of brush yields four pounds of oil. For each ton of brush laid down at the door of the mill \$3 are paid.

The average birch mill is equipped with a set of three tanks, three, four and six feet square. These tanks have copper bottoms, over which are coiled steam pipes.

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HARBINGERS OF SPRING

News Note as Fresh as the Crisp Air.

The Most Interesting Events Happening in Three States Chronicled Here.

VIRGINIA.

W. S. Gravelly, treasurer of Henry county, is dead.

\$9,000 has been subscribed to build a new Methodist church in Staunton.

Two traveling men were in Salem last week, who weighed respectively 300 and 400 pounds.

Chatham postoffice is raised on April 1st from the fourth class to Presidential class.

Planters of Lunenburg are shipping large quantities of loose tobacco to Richmond.

Henry E. Barksdale, Commonwealth's attorney of Danville, shot and killed himself at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Wednesday.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics is growing popular throughout Virginia. At Petersburg they are arranging for a big 4th of July celebration.

The marriage of John Jasper, the octogenarian colored preacher, of Richmond, took place last Thursday.

The Rev. John still affirms that the sun does not move, but that it is the earth which revolves around it.

Caney West, the young North Carolinian arrested at Danville for obtaining money on false pretences, pleaded guilty on three counts, and was sentenced to pay \$5 fine and serve 15 days in jail for each.

At Indian creek, Norfolk county, Irene, the little daughter of Edward Bonney, was playing around an open fire, and in some way her clothes came in contact with the flames. She was burned to death in a few hours.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Work on the West Asheville and Sulphur Springs Railroad has begun.

Commissions were issued to the following as notaries public: T. C. Gutiric, Rockingham; W. P. Tooner, Wilmington; W. H. Twitty, Charlotte.

The farmers in the lower end of Halifax county will plant this year, and if successful in that direction will enter largely into the cultivation of that cereal hereafter.

The State Prohibition convention which met in Greensboro elected Edwin Shaver and T. P. Johnson, of Salisbury, delegates to the national convention at Cincinnati June, 29th.

At the next commencement at the N. C. University, on alumni day, Tuesday, May 31, Hon. Alfred M. Waddell will deliver an oration before the Alumni Association on "The Life and Character of Col. Wm. L. Saunders."

Revenue officers raided a still house belonging to George Lowder in Stanley county a few nights ago. The still was found in an old "smoke house" which had been rolled against his dwelling so that the smoke would escape through the chimney of the house.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

An asbestos mine has been found at Switzer's in Spartanburg county.

It is proposed to hold a colored fireman's tournament in Columbia in July.

At Charleston last Thursday the Philadelphia base ball club beat the Washington 7 to 5.

Col. W. P. Usey, of 96, accidentally shot off his right leg last week and will be a cripple for life.

Dr. Walter C. Fisher, Columbia's next mayor, is nearly 50 years old, and a bachelor.

The Governor appointed James H. Cranston to be Commissioner of deeds for South Carolina, at Augusta.

The body of Capt. Anderson, who was drowned a week before, was found on the Mount Pleasant beach Wednesday.

The Marlboro County Mercantile Association is a new organization formed at Bennettsville by the merchants of the county, for mutual protection.

John Hagood, a young son of the late Col. Lee Hagood, who has been taking a course in the South Carolina College, after standing the examination at Atlanta, has received the appointment as Cadet at West Point.

Dave McCain and Henry McNeill, two negroes, while working the road near Bennettsville, quarreled. McNeill struck McCain with a shovel, killing him.

JASPER WAS MARRIED.

The Famous Sun-Do-Move Divine Is Again Wedded.

RICHMOND, Va.—Rev. John Jasper and Mary Cary were married in the evening at 4 o'clock.

The ceremony took place at the bride's one-story home, No. 102 West Hill street. This thoroughfare is about ten squares north of Clay street and two blocks west of St. James. It is not a fashionable portion of Jackson ward, neither do the residents thereon go in for progressive eucine during the winter months or lawn tennis during the summer time.

For ways that are dark Hill street could take the premium over any Celestial that Bret Harte ever met, and for mud-puddles, broken down pavements and sickly-looking gas lamps, the thoroughfare would compare most favorably to any street in Beaver Dam or Screemsville.

Long before the hour for the ceremony a large crowd collected in front of the house, and the small front room was packed with people fully a half-hour before Jasper arrived. R. H. Glover, the pastor's son-in-law, acted as doorman, and it required his best muscular efforts to keep the crowd out, while those who were entitled to admission completely filled the room.

Hot is not expressive enough to convey any idea of the temperature of that room. It was something awful, and there the people stood wedged against each other like many human sardines. To reach your handkerchief to mop your face required about as much physical exertion as to use a handkerchief to mop your face.

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LITTLE FRANCIS WHALEY.

An Edisto Island Child to Live Here—after Like a Princess.

New York, N. Y.—Francis Marion Whaley, three years and eight months old, is hereafter to be maintained as befits her social position, at an expense of \$3,742 a year.

The child is "rickety," and has other physical defects. Dr. Sayre recommends that she have horseback exercise, and also the services of a nursery governess. He does not think that the baby should be brought up in a hotel, "as a hotel-bred child is not likely to be a good member of society, and as it is not a good place to rear children."

Therefore, the child must have a home, which, together with servants, nurses and other domestics and horses and carriages, will be very expensive. The referee thinks that \$3,742 will not be too much, and that the guardian should receive an allowance of \$1,000 a year.

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ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

Some Hard Nuts to Crack For Politicians.

"The Alliance Greater Than Its Leaders" the Subject of a Bright Article by Farmer's Advocate.

THE ALLIANCE GREATER THAN ITS LEADERS.—The Farmer's Alliance, as the great farmers' organization that is awakening so much alarm in political circles is called, is infinitely greater than any one or dozen men in it.

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BLOODSHED AT HAILE.

Serious Shooting Affray Between Negroes of the Two Carolinas.

KERSHAW, S. C.—A general shooting affray occurred at the Haile Gold Mine, on Sunday, between the negroes of North Carolina and South Carolina.

It seems that a negro named Bill Reid was discharged recently by the underground foreman, Wm. H. Reid. Later the negro started toward Mr. Reid, making threats, and one Andy Abel interposed, asking the negro please not to hurt Mr. Reid. A fracas ensued.

Bill was from North Carolina, and there was bad feeling brewing between the negroes of the two States. So on Sunday morning a few workmen from each State decided that they would settle the matter.

The result was that three men were wounded, namely: John Hart, shot between the shoulders; Milton Stokes, shot in the leg; George Harlick, shot in the arm. The women are not necessarily fatal, but John Hart's case is not very favorable.

CZAR REED STOLE HILLS' IDEA.

The Senator Claims a Copyright on Quorum Counting Method.

WINNSBORO, S. C.—While passing through South Carolina last Saturday Senator Reed was entertained by the editor of the News and Herald.

Speaking of Speaker Reed's ruling in the Fifty-first Congress, the Senator said that he had never taken any stock in the Democratic criticism of Mr. Reed's method of counting a quorum.

"In fact," said "Mr. Reed stole that ruling bodily from me. I ruled the same way against the Republicans when I was President of the New York Senate. I had my reasons entered on the journal, and Mr. Reed took them and made use of them in his own case."

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L. M.—Now, I guess that I can loan some money out here to farmers, and at a good percentage, and as you are paying me four dollars for the use of my \$100 I will leave this check with you as security, and I want you to lend me ninety dollars on it at 1 per cent. per annum.

B.—We don't do that kind of business. You must think we are fools to let you have money and then pay for the privilege of doing so.

L. M.—Is that the name you call fellows who do that kind of business? Why, old fellow, that is what Uncle Sam has been doing for you these many years past. Do you mean to say that he is a fool?—Farmers' Gazette.

Progress of the South.

In its issue for this week the Manufacturers Record, of Baltimore, presents a summary of new enterprises started in the South since the beginning of the year, showing that the South is organized as follows: 1 blast furnace, 21 machine shops and foundries, 2 agricultural implement factories, 18 flour mills, 9 cotton mills, 9 furniture factories, 2 gas works, 18 water works, 6 carriage and wagon factories, 36 electric light plants, 130 mines and quarries, 123 wood-working factories, 29 ice factories, 14 canning works, 5 stove foundries, 23 brick works, 6 miscellaneous iron working establishments, 2 cotton compresses, 10 cottonseed oil mills and 233 other establishments of miscellaneous character.

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Children Burned to Death.

ORANBURG, S. C.—Annie Inabinet, aged nine years, daughter of A. H. Inabinet, of the Bull Swamp Section, met with a horrible death last Monday. Her father and mother left her in bed asleep and alone in their residence, with a fire burning in the bedroom. Upon returning, they found the house in flames, and their little one at the window, hesitating whether to jump to the ground or not. In this condition she was overtaken by the flames, and, with the house, was soon entirely consumed.

George Hane, a white child, five years of age, was burnt to death in the Middle St. Matthews section. His parents left him at home to take charge of a still younger child. Soon after their departure the fire broke out, and the child was burnt to death.

To Refund the Cotton Tax.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A bill to refund to producers the internal revenue tax collected on cotton was introduced in the Senate by Mr. George. The bill directs the Secretary of Treasury to ascertain the amount of internal revenue tax collected on cotton in each of the States, and to refund the proportionate amounts, to be held in trust by the States for payment to the producer. Claims under the act may be filed within two years after its passage.

Inventor of the Cotton Picker Dead.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The death is announced of James Williamson Wallis, the inventor of the mechanical cotton picker. He died at his homestead in Memphis, Pickens county, on the 14th, aged seventy-six. He founded the town of Memphis, and for many years was an extensive cotton planter. Since the war he has devoted himself to inventing a mechanical cotton picker, and a few months ago his long struggle in this direction was crowned with success. His invention was practically tested and pronounced by expert judges an unqualified success. He has been associated with George Lispenard, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in his enterprise. He leaves three sons and a daughter.

Mill Gets the Texas Senatorship.

AUSTIN, Tex.—R. Q. Mills was unanimously chosen United States Senator by the Legislature. The joint session for ratification of his election.

It is curious that butterflies and bees have tastes akin to those of the human family.

The Convention of Straightshots.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The South Carolina convention of straight Democrats, in session Thursday, appointed a committee to name a ticket and present a platform, and after midnight this committee brought in a platform which was adopted by the convention and named the following ticket: Governor—Jao. C. Sheppard, of Edgefield.

Lieutenant-Governor—James L. Orr, of Greenville. Attorney-General—W. Perry Murphy, of Colleton. Comptroller-General—J. B. Humbert, of Laurens.

Secretary of State—L. W. Youmans, of Barnwell. Superintendent of Education—The Rev. D. W. Hioit, of Anderson. Adjutant and Inspector-General—W. M. Dixon, of York.

Treasurer—R. E. McIver, of Darlington. Both Governor Sheppard and Col. Orr appeared before the convention and made brief addresses of acceptance. These are not formal and final nominations but are nominations which are to be passed upon by the Democrats of the State in their primaries in view of the State convention to nominate a ticket.

The plan adopted is, indeed, the Tillman plan of two years ago. It is contemplated to work upon him the same tactics that he worked two years ago upon his opponents. The ticket named would appear to be one of exceptional strength. Governor Sheppard, a very popular man, is of Tillman's own county, Edgefield, and Col. Orr, of Greenville, is a gentleman to whom the straightshots seemed to have naturally turned as a leader in this emergency.

ADVERTISED FOR A WIFE.

The Romantic Marriage of an Atlanta Policeman.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—R. T. Thompson, a member of the Atlanta police force, was married here to Miss Lydia J. Henry, a twenty-two year old daughter of Mr. John Henry, of Iredell county, N. C. It appears that Policeman Thompson advertised for a wife. The Iredell young lady opened a correspondence with him. They exchanged photographs and all that sort of thing, and arranged to meet each other at Charlotte. Policeman Thompson arrived in Charlotte on the morning train from Atlanta, and was at the depot when the train came in, watching out for his girl. They had never met, but as the passengers got out of the train, the people in the yard saw a good-looking young lady rush up to a first-rate looking man and throw herself into his arms. It was the first meeting of Thompson and Miss Henry. They hurried up town, secured the license and were married by Esquire Maxwell. Then they took the afternoon train for Atlanta.

MENERY WINS IN LOUISIANA.

The Result of the Democratic State Primary for Governor.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The electoral passed off very quietly. New Orleans gives McEnery 11,362 start in the race.

The Times-Democrat this morning says editorially: "Not only has the Crescent City declared in favor of the levee Governor, but all that has yet been heard from the parishes indicates that instead of the New Orleans majority for McEnery being lessened by the country vote it will be increased by that vote. There is thus a practical certainty that the McEnery ticket has been elected by a majority which will be at least 9,000, and is more likely to be 10,000 or 12,000."

The Picayune says: "There is no reason to doubt that in the primary elections, Governor McEnery, with the ticket for State offices which he heads, has been decisively victorious. The McEnery ticket has carried the city by about the same majority as in the November primaries of last year."

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