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### Mine of Wonderful Richness.

A special from Cripple Creek, Col., says of a recent strike in Isabella Mine: Your correspondent saw chunks of sylvanite that were three inches thick and solid metal, and chunks of oxidized ore of the same width that he whittled with a pocket-knife. Pieces of free gold ore, if ore it can be called at all, run over \$500,000 per ton. The Mollie Gibson mine never produced any ore that carried more ounces in silver per ton than this Isabella ore does in gold. With every hour's work the streak is lengthening and widening. Joining this metallic body there is six feet of quartz that will run from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per ton. Manager Kilburn said: "I do not like to say anything that will excite people any more than they are at present. The ore body has doubled in size both ways since yesterday morning. Some of the pieces of ore are 80 per cent. gold. I never saw such mineral and I do not believe that its like was ever mined in this or any other camp in the world. We have had no assays taken on the rock, but a ton of it could be picked out that would run anywhere from \$50,000 to \$200,000 per ton."

Armed guards are watching the property. The strike was made at a depth of 820 feet below the surface. There is blocked out in one level between the ninth and seventh levels at least \$5,000,000 worth of ore.

### Branded a Boy With Hot Knives.

Summary punishment has been visited upon the two negro boys, Charles Newport and Frank Washington, who took the 12-year-old son of Daniel Williams into the Methodist church here on Monday, bound and gagged him and then branded him with red-hot knife blades. A mob of 50 men and boys caught the two offenders at Sodus Point and dragged them up and down the frozen streets by a rope. The rope was then thrown over the lowest limb of a big oak tree near the Northern Central trestle and 50 pairs of hands swung Newton into the air. The rope broke and Newton fell to the ground, sustaining bad bruises. The mob then tied both boys to the trunk of the tree. Fifty lashes were applied, after which the boys were left tied to the tree, notwithstanding the intense cold. They cried piteously until they attracted the attention of four women, who came and released them. The father of the Williams boy will cause the arrest of all the boys who branded his son. The latter is now confined to his bed.—Sodus, N. Y., Dispatch, Jan. 31st.

### Hester's Cotton Report.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—Secretary Hester's New Orleans cotton exchange statement, issued to-day, covers the monthly movement to January 31st. Compared with last year, the month is behind in round figures 226,000 bales, and ahead of year before last 434,000. The total for January was 1,162,445, against 1,388,394 last year. The movement from the 1st of September to January 31st shows receipts at all United States delivery ports of 6,770,899 bales, against 6,702,911 last year; Southern mill takings, exclusive of the quantity consumed at Southern ports, 623,845, against 615,052 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season 496,701, against 506,839 last year. These make the total amount of the cotton crop brought into sight during the five months ending January 31st, 8,872,881, against 8,684,927 last year. Foreign exports for the first five months have been 5,242,321 bales, showing an increase over the last season of 548,060. The gain in foreign exports during January, compared with January of last year, has been 131,377, and compared with the same period year before last, 290,849. Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior markets at the close of January, were 1,685,389, against 1,900,018, the same date last year. Including ports and interior towns left over from the previous season and the number of bales of the current crop brought into sight during the five months the supply has been 9,140,447, against 8,801,481 last year.

## FOR ALL WOMEN

NINE-TENTHS of all the pain and sickness from which women suffer is caused by weakness or derangement of the organs of menstruation. Nearly always when a woman is not well these organs are affected. But when they are strong and healthy a woman is very seldom sick.

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THOS. J. COOPER, Tupelo, Miss., says: "My sister suffered from very irregular and painful menstruation and doctors could not relieve her. Wine of Cardui entirely cured her and also helped my mother through the Change of Life."

### A Much-Named Day.

A Festival That is Observed Under Many Titles.

February second is a much named day. It is Candlemas Day, Purification of the Virgin Mary, Presentation of Christ in the Temple and colloquially in England, the Wives' Feast, but the name that is possibly most familiar to us is Groundhog Day. The celebration of this day is observed in the Anglican, Roman, Greek and Lutheran Churches, its principle feature being the distribution of candles and a procession of lighted ones. It is more than probable that it is from this custom that the name Candlemas Day originated. Some authorities claim that the institution of the feast antedated the manner of celebrating it, claiming that this festival was first observed in 542, during the reign of Justinian, whereas the first procession of lighted candles didn't occur until the seventh century. Another authority, while giving the honor of originating the celebration of the day to Justinian, says Pope Gelasius, in the latter part of the fifth century, had the first procession of lighted candles. The ceremonies of Candlemas Day in England have been very much modified since the time of the Reformation. An order of Council, passed in the second year of the reign of Edward VI, abolished the candle carrying in that country. At Rome, however, quite late in our century, the candles were blessed and distributed with much pomp and ceremony accompanied by a great procession of ecclesiastics.

It was an old Scotch custom to hold a football match on Candlemas Day, doubtless similar to our own Thanksgiving Day game.

To return to more modern times, Candlemas Eve now ends the time prescribed by the Church for Christmas greens to remain up, before which time they must all be taken down.

Unlike the majority of weather prognostications taken, as is a usual custom, from these set days, Candlemas weather signs go by contraries. Fine weather betokens a continuance of winter and cold days, while an inclement day is a sure promise of an early spring and bright summer. Our well-known name, particularly among our rural and foreign population, of Ground-hog Day for the second of February, comes from an old proverb the early Germans brought to America from their Fatherland, that "the badger peeps out of his hole on Candlemas Day, and when he finds snow he walks abroad, but if he sees the sun shining he draws back into his hole." East of the Mississippi the badger is scarce and little known, so the farmers transferred the mantle to the woodchuck, or ground-hog.

The dainty snowdrop is sometimes called the Purification Flower, or Fair Maid of February, because it blossoms about Candlemas Day.—Philadelphia Record.

### Red Hot From The Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner, Druggists.

### Yes, Good Old Harnett.

The editor of The Commonwealth maintains all the while true affection and high admiration for the people of Harnett, his native county.

The Dunn Union tells how Mr. J. G. Johnson, of Buckhorn township, (our birth-place) speaks of it as a model place. He says: "It is a model township in morals. In it there are only three men who use profane language and none who drink strong liquors to excess."

And Rev. J. A. Campbell, principal of Buie's Creek Academy, perhaps the most wonderful school in North Carolina or the South, writes to the News and Observer that the good people of the county are happy over the fact that the county commissioners have refused to grant liquor license to any one.—Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

### A PAINTED LADY.

She is the Rule in Japan—The Gueschas' Dancing.

Among our ladies the custom of "painting" themselves is not uncommon, but it is not practiced by most sensible women; in Japan it forms part of the ordinary woman's daily toilet, says the Fortnightly Review. This is the way in which it is done: A thick layer of white chalk is first smeared with a soft brush over the face, neck, shoulders, arms and hands; then the pretty mouseme, dipping her first finger in red paint, gently rubs this on her cheeks, her temples, and over the upper eyelids. The middle finger is the "black brush," and adds sentiment to the expression by a blackening under the eyes; and sometimes, when the eyebrows are not shaved, it is also used to accentuate them. A piece of burned cork is often used as a substitute for black paint. The fourth finger has no occupation that I know of, but the little one gives the finishing touches, brightening up the mouth with carmine and adding a bit of gold on the lower lip.

Most well-to-do women undergo this process daily. The gueschas, or singers and dancers, paint themselves to a much greater extent than the generality of women, and also use much brighter colors. The guescha in Japan is a curious institution. Her moral qualities, as a rule, do not bear very close examination, but she is usually not immoral enough to be called "fast," though too "fast" to be classed as "moral." Their music and posturing have a great charm for the Japanese, and large sums of money are spent in keeping up these feminine musicians and their establishments.

A guescha is a singer or dancer (posturer) or both. A dinner party or a festivity of any kind is seldom given in Japan without one or more of them attending the entertainment. Some sing with self-accompaniment of the shamesen, others display their wonderful powers of mimicking and posturing, in which, I must confess, grace is never lacking.

### TEA DRINKING.

It is the Universal Beverage of All Classes in England.

There is no doubt as to the tea-drinking propensities of the English race. We flirt with coffee, but tea is our only serious love. With the exception of Russia, we drink more of it than all the rest of the continent put together. It is the one universal drink of all classes, and it is to be feared, by all classes it is abused in the same fashion. The grande dame and the charwoman both find solace in the teacup, and both turn to it rather too frequently. The volume of tea consumption has steadily increased with the fall of the price of tea, and now that it is within reach of even the poorest, it is no longer a luxury, but a necessary of English life.

Afternoon tea is the most unchangeable of social functions in London. Our neighbors across the channel, with that sincere flattery which they sometimes pay to our failings, have attempted to borrow this custom also, but have never succeeded in actually drinking the tea. French people may invite each other to "five o'clock," but they have far too great a respect for their digestions to wander, as we do, from house to house, drinking at each a tepid cup of unknown strength. For, after all, it is in the making of the tea, and not in the amount that is consumed, that the real danger lies. The Russians are even greater tea-drinkers than we are, but they would never touch the terrible black draught which is our insular delight.—The Spectator.

### ARE WE WELL MANNERED?

Disregard of Social Laws Founded in Character.

I suppose no one of us likes to be told that we are not well mannered, writes Mrs. Lyman Abbott in Ladies' Home Journal. Yet, what one of us is free from all charge of misconduct? I do not refer to those lapses from etiquette which are the result of ignorance of those unwritten rules of society which every community makes for itself, but to a disregard of those social laws which have their foundation in character.

And, after all, how many of the much-sneered-at ordinances which politeness lays upon us are really founded on deep and noble principles? Courtesy is but the expression of kindness.

Table manners are much transgressed, not simply eating with the knife and drinking from the saucer, not by offending the taste, but by wounding the heart by sarcastic and contemptuous remarks thoughtlessly uttered, and quite often by indifference and inattention.

One may say that the heart should not be wounded so easily, but if the heart be hardened so that it does not feel wounds it will soon become too hard to feel and express sympathy.

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### SALE OF VALUABLE LAND!

By virtue of the authority contained in a mortgage deed executed on the 4th day of December, 1887, by J. F. McLeod and Louella McLeod to J. P. Gregory and recorded in the Registry of Harnett county, in book O, No. 2, page 363, the undersigned will sell for cash at the Court House door in the town of Lillington at 12 o'clock M., on February 20th, 1899, a certain tract of land in Black River township, Harnett county, on the waters of Hals Branch, being the remainder of a tract of land retained by the mortgagors after saving a certain part of the original to Jue L. Wilborn on the east side and a part to John Matthews on the west side, containing 25 acres more or less and lying between the two parcels above mentioned. This January 18, 1899.

### WALTER RAND,

Assignee of Mortgage.

Simmons, Poy & Ward, Attorneys.

NOTICE. The undersigned having been appointed Commissioner by a judgment of Harnett Superior Court to sell the following described Lands, belonging to the estate of Neil S. Stewart, deceased by virtue of said judgment an order of Harnett County Superior Court, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Lillington, N. C., on Monday January 2nd 1899 a Town Lot in the Town of Lillington, known as No 9 in plot of said Town. Also a tract of Land containing 47 1/2 acres in Johnston County, adjoining the Land of Gideon Keen, Berry, Dean, Reuben Johnson and others on the South side of Black Creek on little swamp. Dec. 1st 1898.

### J. A. Green,

Commissioner.

The above sale is postponed until first Monday in February 1899.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having duly qualified as Administrator of Amos Norris, deceased, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to settle same at once. All persons who have claims against said estate are requested to present same within 12 months from date or the statutes will be plead in bar of same. This Dec. 22nd 1898.

### J. R. STRICKLAND, Adm'r.

Jones & Stewart, Attorneys.

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### CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

JAN. 15th, 1899.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Leave Weldon 11:50 a. m., 9:35 p. m.; arrive Rocky Mount, 12:55 a. m., 10:36 p. m.

Leave Tarboro, 12:21 a. m., 6:00 p. m.

Leave Rocky Mount, 1:00 a. m., 10:36 p. m., 6:40 p. m., 5:40 a. m., 12:52 p. m.

Leave Weldon, 1:58 a. m., 11:41 a. m., 6:00 a. m., 2:40 p. m.

Leave Selma, 2:55 a. m.

Leave Fayetteville, 4:30 p. m., 1:06 p. m.

Arrive Florence, 7:25 a. m., 3:15 p. m.

Arrive Goldsboro, 7:50 p. m.

Leave Weldon, 7:31 a. m., 3:21 p. m.

Leave Magnolia, 8:00 a. m., 4:25 p. m.

Arrive Wilmington, 9:40 a. m., 5:50 p. m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Leave Florence, 9:50 a. m., 7:40 p. m.

Leave Fayetteville, 12:55 a. m., 9:35 p. m.

Leave Selma, 1:50 p. m.

Arrive Weldon, 2:55 a. m., 11:41 p. m.

Leave Wilmington, 7:00 p. m., 9:45 a. m.

Leave Magnolia, 11:25 a. m., 8:34 p. m.

Leave Goldsboro, 5:15 a. m., 12:30 a. m., 9:45 p. m.

Leave Weldon, 2:25 p. m., 5:56 a. m., 11:31 a. m., 11:38 p. m., 1:14 p. m.

Arrive Rocky Mount, 3:30 p. m., 12:49 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 12:47 p. m., 1:40 p. m.

Arrive Tarboro, 7:04.

Leave Tarboro, 12:21 p. m.

Leave Rocky Mount, 3:30 p. m., 12:47 a. m.

Arrive Weldon, 5:35 p. m., 12:59 a. m.

Train on Scotland Neck Branch road leaves Weldon 3:25 p. m., Halifax 4:15 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:05 p. m., Greenville 6:27 p. m., Kinston 7:25 p. m., returning leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:32 a. m., Weldon 11:52 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leaves Wash. 11:30 a. m., and 5:30 p. m., arrive Farmville 9:10 a. m., and 4:50 p. m., returning leave Farmville 9:25 a. m., and 5:20 p. m., arrive Washington 11:30 a. m., and 7:20 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily, except Sunday, at 6:30 p. m., Sunday 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth at 8:00 p. m.

Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrives at Tarboro 10:05 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:05 a. m.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield, N. C., 9:00 a. m., arrives Goldsboro, N. C., 10:15 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 2:00 a. m., arrives Nashville 4:05 p. m., Spring Hope 2:10 p. m., returning leaves Spring Hope 11:30 a. m., Nashville 11:22 a. m., arrives at Rocky Mount, 11:52 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday, at 11:45 a. m., and 4:35 p. m., returning leaves Clinton 7:00 a. m., and 3:00 p. m.

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