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PLANS OF BALTIMORE CAPITALISTS.

CANAL TO BE ENLARGED AND RESTORED TO ITS FORMER IMPORTANCE AS AN INLAND WATERWAY—ROMANTIC REGION THAT EXCITES FASCINATION AND HORROR—CELEBRATED IN SONG AND STORY.

(Modern Machinery.)

Capitalists of Baltimore are engaged in an enterprise destined to have a marked effect upon transportation between North and South. The scheme contemplates the general enlargement of the Dismal Swamp Canal and the restoration of that ancient waterway to something like its former importance as a means of bringing freight from the Carolina rivers into Chesapeake bay.

This statement arouses far different images in the mind than would the announcement of the invasion of commerce into any other as small region in the United States. It is like reading of electric lights in Kenilworth castle or a railway past Auld Kirk Alloway; it disturbs one of the few haunted spots in our new country, opening it up to the light of day that is so unkind to ghosts. The many traditions of the Dismal Swamp make it a legendary land; the impensability, the desolation, the half savage fugitive slaves who once inhabited it, living by woodcraft, the very name of it breathing desolation, and the gruesome interest attached to it by Moore's exquisite ballad "The Lake of the Dismal Swamp," have invested it with a fascination whose counterpart is to be found only in the weird tales of Edgar Allen Poe. His "Ullalume," partakes of the same hopelessness and horror; only the half mad could go there, and once there the spell of the lost is upon them and they never come back.

The images of the Dismal Swamp are indefinite. If the boundaries of the "Night's plume shore" were given, it would occasion no more necessity for mental readjustment than to be told that the Dismal Swamp lies just south of Norfolk, Va., between Chesapeake bay and Albemarle sound, and directly west of Cape Hatteras, off which so many good ships have foundered in the last 250 years and so many souls have hastened to their account. This is the reason for the canal. It is but twenty-two miles long, from Deep Creek to Pasquotank river, to connect two inland seas less than fifty miles apart, but it will cut off, for shipping purposes, the most dangerous part of the Atlantic coast from Charleston to New York.

There has never been a time when this region of the Dismal Swamp did not excite fascination and horror. The earliest account of a passage through it is by Colonel Byrd, of Westover Mansion, Va., who surveyed the boundary between the colonies of Virginia and North Carolina in 1728. He said briefly in his sedate report to the Governor: "Until this time the dreadful swamp was ever judged impassable," but what images those few words conjure up. We can picture him, white handed, urbane, in velvet and lace ruffles, with his silk incased legs under his own mahogany and his hand on a decanter, relating to his fair daughter, Evelyn Byrd, who was to win the homage of London gallants, to suffer blighted affections and early death, how he went.

Through tangled juniper, beds or reeds, And many a fen where the serpent feeds And man never trod before. And the black boy who stood behind his chair may well have

been the first slave who ever heard described the desolate region where so many of his race were to find refuge from the consequences of crime or the unendurable burdens of servitude. Before the French and Indian war it was believed that fugitive slaves were living in the swamps, but the horrors to be encountered and the jungles of noisome vegetation to be penetrated prevented white men from following them, so the desperation of outlaws was added to the other terrors and the region was avoided. The depths of the sea would not hide a man more securely. Nearly thirty years after Colonel Byrd's surveying expedition, a Scotchman by the name of Drummond penetrated to the very centre of the swamp, discovered a lake, and named it after himself—a name that was never very generally accepted, for very early in the present century Thomas Moore, who escaped the irksome duties of a consulate in the Bermuda islands by traveling in the United States, wrote the mourning ballad, "The Lake of the Dismal Swamp," and by this name only has the melancholy sheet of water been identified in literature for nearly a hundred years.

In 1763 George Washington, then only 31, explored the swamp and, as he quaintly says, "encompassed the whole of it." With some knowledge of the sciences and civil engineering he made the first discoveries of importance about the region. He camped one night on the past shore and discovered that the mysterious lake was some twenty miles in circumference and that it was situated "neither on a hollow nor a plain, but on a hillside," a phenomenon to be seen in the mountain fogs of Ireland. The lake was found to be in the middle of a swamp or bog thirty-five by over twenty miles in extent, and to comprise an area of over 1,000 square miles. The whole region was literally a hillside, a slope that connected the two parallel coast plains of Southeast Virginia by a gradual rise of ten to twenty-five feet above the sea level.

This is how the swamp appeared to George Washington, and all undeterred by the many difficulties in the way he planned an artificial waterway through it, believing that not only would it furnish transportation, but that it would serve to drain a region of great fertility. The Revolutionary war interfered with the carrying out of this scheme, but in 1787, the Dismal Swamp Canal company was chartered by Virginia and North Carolina. The charter powers of the original company are such as no Legislature would now grant, the franchise and privileges going therewith being perpetual and irrevocable. It was opened for traffic in 1824 and almost immediately became a paying institution. Porte Crayon, who

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Hot weather won't cure weak lungs. You may feel better because out of doors more, but the trouble is still there. Don't stop taking your

Scott's Emulsion

because the weather happens to be warm. If you have a weak throat, a slight hacking cough, or some trouble with the bronchial tubes, summer is the best time to get rid of it. If you are losing flesh there is all the more need of attention. Weakness about the chest and thinness should never go together. One greatly increases the danger of the other. Heal the throat, cure the cough, and strengthen the whole system now. Keep taking Scott's Emulsion all summer.

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journeyed through the canal to the Lake of the Dismal Swamp in 1856, for Harper's Magazine, had to take with him a basket of provisions and bedding, since there was no one living there except the employees of the Dismal Swamp Canal and Lumber company. On the bank he found a covered barge, something like an emigrant's caravan without wheels, and two stout negroes. The boatmen each took hold of a long pole, and by the help of a peg and wit he rigged it horizontally, one to the bow and the other to the stern of the boat. These poles bore across their breasts as they walked the tow path of cypress logs, and the barge went rippling through the water.

The artist tells how he saw one of the sable outlaws of the swamp. He had rambled away from one of the corduroy roads and followed up the sound of chopping and sawing until he came upon a shingle mill about which there was a small clearing, but thirty paces away the wood closed in again with an inextricable jungle of vine and underbrush. When he made a crackling noise in passing over some twigs, a gigantic negro with a tattered blanket and a gun parted the vines just ahead of him. His head bare, ragged breeches and boots, his grizzly gray beard and hair, his great strength and energy, fear and ferocity made him a terrible person to have encountered alone. He reached forth a powerful hand to hold back the briars. The negro did not see the intruder, who obtained this sketch which he partly drew from memory and which he showed to his black servants on returning to the camp. They said that he was Osman, and his name was spoken with fear, so terrible were the crimes he had committed in resisting capture.

Health and vigor are essential for success. Therefore make yourself strong and healthy by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Safe at Franklin Opened.

Professional cracksmen have struck Franklin Va. Wednesday morning the door of the Atlantic and Danville ticket office was forced, and the safe on the inside, owned by Agent A. L. Gardner was cracked. About \$150 in cash, a gold watch, and other articles of value were stolen. The key to the ticket shelves was also missing, and for awhile some trouble was experienced before the pasteboards could be gotten at.

The Wilmington Messenger figures up that along the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, in the vicinity of Wilmington, five million, one hundred and twenty thousand quarts of straw berries have been shipped this season, which brought six hundred and forty thousand dollars in the market. When it is remembered that this is one of the spring crops, let alone the summer and autumn crops, a person will have no difficulty in figuring out that Eastern North Carolina is the world's choicest garden spot, and a mine of wealth to the industrious and persevering.

A man in Weldon recently proved that it is not always best to sleep while being shaved. The gentleman in question fell asleep, and became involved in a difficulty with an imaginary foe. Striking out right and left at his dreamland enemy, he drove the keen edge of the razor through the end of his nose, cutting off a small piece. Upon awaking, he carried his bit nose to a surgeon and had it sewed back.

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DEATH FROM POISON CALLED BACK TO LIFE.

Miss Woodliff Killed by Chewing an Unknown Weed.

BROTHER AND SISTER SICK.

An Anticipated Birthday Festival Was Transformed into a Funeral Procession.

A fearful accident occurred about three and a half miles from Danby, N. C., Saturday evening. The three oldest children of Mr. Junius Woodliff, consisting of a daughter, 19 years old, a daughter and son younger, accompanied by a young Mr. Robeson were fishing on a stream near their home, preparatory to celebrating Mr. Woodliff's birthday Sunday, when they found what they thought to be some angelica growing near by the water. Thinking it was angelica, and being very fond of its flavor, they began pulling it up and chewing it.

It was but a short while, however, before the oldest girl, who had chewed and swallowed more, perhaps, than the others, began to complain of a sickness at the stomach, and in a few minutes was taken with violent convulsions. The other girl and boy were taken in the same way. Young Robeson was very much frightened and summoned Mr. Evans, a near neighbor, with his horses and wagon to carry them home.

Mr. Woodliff, having finished his work, walked down to the stream, thinking he would have some sport, too, catching fish, and arrived upon the scene only in time to see his oldest daughter breathing her last, and the girl and boy in convulsions. They were immediately carried home and a messenger sent for Dr. C. D. Wyche, who, by a great effort succeeded in relieving the boy and girl, who, it is now thought, will recover. The fatal herb is supposed to be yellow jessamine.

Thus the anticipated birthday festival was transformed into a funeral procession.

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Anniversary of Johnstown Flood.

The eighth anniversary of the Johnstown flood was appropriately observed in that city Monday when thousands of people, many of them having lost relatives and near friends in the most appalling disaster of recent times, visited the beautiful cemetery of Grand View, at the top of the hill, both morning and afternoon. The "unknown" plot that contains the unidentified bodies of over 800 victims of the disaster, was literally covered with flowers, contributed mostly by persons who lost dear ones in the flood and whose bodies were never recovered.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cents sizes for sale by W. W. Griggs & Son.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

DEATH FROM POISON CALLED BACK TO LIFE.

A Child Supposed To Have Died Was Turned Over to An Undertaker for Burial.

BODY COLD AS MARBLE.

Instead of Burying the Baby The Undertaker Saves it.

The five-week-old baby of Contractor Palmer, of Brooklyn, which was supposed to have died and was turned over to an undertaker for burial, is alive and may survive. Dr. Hicks had been attending the child, and when the father notified him of its supposed death he issued a certificate. Undertaker Doran was arranging the body for burial when he observed a slight twitching of the eyelids. He said:

"Taking out a small mirror that undertakers use for the purpose, I placed it to the child's lips, and when I removed it found moisture on the surface."

"The body was cold as marble; there was no pulse or heart beat; and there had been no life apparent since 8 o'clock the previous night. The face was beginning to turn black, as though decomposition was setting in. I began to rub the body to try and restore the circulation, and after working for fifteen minutes, the child began to breathe. Soon after it sighed, and then began to cry. The eyes rolled as though it was suffering from convulsions."

Then the undertaker took the baby back to its parents, Mrs. Palmer was dressed for the funeral, and she entered the room just as the child uttered a feeble cry, and at once ran in tears from the house. She soon returned however, and sat wondering, but overjoyed, beside the baby's crib.

Health and happiness are relative conditions; at any rate, there can be little happiness without health. To give the body its full measure of strength and energy, the blood should be kept pure and vigorous, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

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THE TYPEWRITER DID IT.

A little mistake of Miss Margaret Williams, who, in copying a bill recently passed by the New Jersey Legislature, has saved that State the snug little sum of \$45,850 annually. It appears that Miss Williams, who was employed as a copyist by the Legislature, inadvertently substituted the word "prohibiting" for the word "prohibiting" in a bill providing for a special election, and the mistake necessitated the reassembling of the Legislature. The expense of the extra session cost the State a few hundred dollars. But the bill was so amended as to save the State \$45,850 annually. Miss Williams did the people of New Jersey an inadvertent service. The State owes the young lady a vote of thanks, and there are some other places in need of just such a typewriter as Miss Williams.—*Ex.*

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