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Think of a flyless town in the summer-time.

Don't forget the date of all dates—the 20th of May.

Dowie and Vestivius are vying for first place on the first page.

The counterfeiting mania seems to have run in the Smoot family.

The dirt flew fast from hand to hand today at the big land sales.

It begins to appear that soon there will be "No flies on Asheville."

Dowie says the devil is in Zion City. Probably awaiting the return of the "First apostle."

What about hiring a fly-exterminator for Charlotte? But then how can we expect the fly-paper manufacturers to make a living unless we let our flies alone?

Asheville is undoubtedly undergoing a remarkable house-cleaning. She has already cleared up the red light district and now is preparing a crusade against the house fly.

What would the old stager of a quarter of a century ago, whose only way of murdering flies was with a leather paddle, think of the idea of cleaning up the stable thereby annihilating the fly family?

Gladstone Dowie says he has never been kissed. From the prominence the name of his daddy has attained within the last few days there are probably a number of females who should like to have one of the Dowie brand of kisses just as a souvenir.

The Daily Free Press has this novel way of describing Charlotte's intentions on the 20th of May:

"Charlotte is preparing to split things open endways with this year's 20th of May celebration."

Well, to put it in a nut shell, that is just about what we are going to do.

This from the Columbia State:

"When Jeff Davis of Arkansas heard what a scandalous body the United States senate is he immediately yearned to go there and elevate it."

Most of them went with reform ideas in their minds and new resolutions on their lips—but alas from what heights the great may sometimes topple.

A step in the right direction was the formation night before last of the Textile Social Club in this city. Charlotte is the center of the textile interests of the Piedmont section and the formation of such a club for the promotion of the textile interests was altogether timely. Much benefit will surely follow the formation of the club.

Mount Vesuvius daily increases its death list. Almost every dispatch tells of new horrors and tragedies. There is no step to be taken which can cause a cessation of the disastrous eruptions, and the combined world prayerfully and patiently waits for an end to the horrible story.

When we learned the perfidy and inane hypocrisy of the false leader, Dowie, and of how his scheming net caught a multitude of suckers we were not surprised to see other classes following other false gods. Somehow or other we are so constituted that we rather enjoy being inveigled and fooled; and any kind of fool bait is sufficient.

THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Gigantic preparations are being made by the management of the Jamestown Exposition to make it surpass any former event of its kind. It is announced that the managers are not expecting to depend upon the Midway, Pike, etc., for its popularity either and this is a good idea. For some these features have their peculiar attractions but there must be something else and that something else will be found at the exposition.

The location where the Jamestown fair is to be held is all that could be desired.

On all sides it will be hemmed in by the sea and the many avenues of pleasure connected with the beach will be open.

Thousands of our people go to the beach every summer when there is nothing unusual to attract them. But since the exposition is to be held where it is it goes as a matter of fact that thousands and thousands of persons will be in attendance aside from the regular contingent.

We are glad to note that the management have been so successful in their efforts at getting appropriations, etc. The time is to be a great one. The military and naval pageant will be perhaps the most attractive the world ever witnessed and the entire affair will be something new and unequalled.

A FAST AGE.

Occasionally when we are brought face to face with statistics about the rapidly changing events of the day we are made to partially realize what a really fast age we are living in. In fact it is so rapid that this realization is only experienced seldom but when it is we are appalled and made to start at the shoe's facts.

A person today lives just about ten times faster and more strenuously than did his ancestors of a half, or even a quarter century ago. New York has been termed the Paris of America and possibly justly so. It would probably be safe to say that life in that city is just about as rapid as anywhere else in this continent, if not more so. We give below a few statistics on the happenings in that city as they occur day by day in rapid succession. From these facts we can faintly realize what a fast age we are indeed living in. They are as follows:

In New York—Every forty seconds an emigrant arrives.

Every three minutes some one is arrested.

Every six minutes a child is born.

Every seven minutes there is a funeral.

Every thirteen minutes a pair get married.

Every forty-two minutes a new business firm starts up.

Every forty-eight minutes a building catches fire.

Every forty-eight minutes a ship leaves the harbor.

Every fifty-one minutes a new building is erected.

Every fifty-two seconds a passenger train arrives from some point outside the city limits.

Every one and three-quarter hours some one is killed by accident.

Every seven hours some one falls in business.

Every eight hours an attempt to kill some one is made.

Every eight and one-half hours some pair is divorced.

Every ten hours some one commits suicide.

Every two days some one is murdered.

JARBOE CUTS HIS THROAT.

Sends Note to a Cousin Saying He Was Tired of Living.

Upper Marlboro, Md., April 11.—"I am tired of living. You will find my body in the barn. Good-by."

Shortly after penning this note and handing it to a negro to be delivered to his cousin, Lambert Jarboe, near Clinton, today slashed his throat with a razor, causing death within an hour.

William E. Mudd, to whom the note was addressed, rushed to the barn and found Jarboe unconscious. The coroner declared it unnecessary to hold an inquest and issued a certificate of suicide.

Jarboe's relatives and friends in this vicinity are unable to explain his act. He was about fifty-eight years old, and from one of the best families in this part of the State. His father was once the leading Democratic politician here, serving in several official positions.

Jarboe had lived in this vicinity several years after moving from Washington, where he was employed at one time. He has a daughter, three brothers, and one sister. His sister and two brothers, Mrs. Maggie Sweeney and Claude and Nelson Jarboe, live in Washington.

MISSING MERCHANT KILLED.

Indications of Suicide in the Case of Calvin Young, of Rugby, Va.

Roanoke, Va., April 11.—The dead body of Calvin Young, a merchant of Grayson county, was found yesterday within 200 yards of his residence, near Rugby, with a bullet in his head and a pistol on the ground beside him, giving the appearance of suicide.

March 12 Young mysteriously disappeared, after telling his wife that he would remain at the store for the night. The next morning the store was broken open, and the floor was found spattered with blood. A search resulted in finding a few chickens with their throats cut. A North Carolinian named Scott was arrested on suspicion, but was afterward released.

Two weeks ago Young's valise, with a change of clothing, was found hidden in his barn, and it was reported by a neighbor that he had recently seen Young, who had shaved off his beard. At attempt was made to connect Young's disappearance with that of a young woman who left town about the same time, but nothing definite was learned.

The police are absolutely without clues to explain either suicide or murder.

Half a Pint of Corn Whiskey Kills Boy.

Bristol, Va., April 11.—Howard Goodwyn, five years old, son of George Goodwyn, a farmer residing in Washington county, died of convulsions today as the results of having drunk half pint of corn whiskey last night.

The function of the United States Senate is to scold the big trusts and corporations before the public and to pat them on the shoulder in the cloak rooms.

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Sculptor's Apprentice a Suicide at Feet of Venus He Admired.

Chicago, April 11.—Like Pygmalion's love for Galatea Poniepo Fulponi, a sculptor's apprentice, fell in love with the nude marble figure of a Venus in the studio. For hours at a time the youth would sit admiring the figure, his interest, he explained, being born of his love of sculpture.

Later he was heard to call the statue "Mathilda," and to talk to it as if it were a thing of life, laughing and sighing as if the cold marble ears had heard and the lips had parted in reply.

Fellow workmen twitted him about it, and he told the story of Mathilda whom he had left in Italy.

All the artists were leaving the studio yesterday when Fulponi said he would join them in a moment. When one went back to look for him, Fulponi was lying dead at the feet of the statue with a revolver in his hand and blood flowing from his temple.

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