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THESE WERE COLD DAYS.

Records in Reply to Mr. G T Crowell With the Author's Suspicions.

Mr. Editor:—Replying to Mr. G T Crowell's inquiry as to the coldest day, the day when he halted at Mr. Jacob Moose's home to warm—he does not say with what; but we guess a liquid that sparkled with age and roped when poured out of a jug so as to make one reluctant to bite off, a thing that this age of adulteration knows nothing of—we submit the following record made then, which corroborates his statement as to the degrees of coldness. This is the record: Wednesday December 29, 1880, snow fell to the depth of 8 inches. Thursday morning December 30, 1880, the thermometer stood as follows: at 8 o'clock a. m., 21 degrees below zero; at 9.55 a. m. at zero; at 1 30 p. m. 30 above. Next day, Friday, December 31, 1880, the thermometer stood at 8 a. m. 14 degrees below; at 9.30 at zero.

My record shows the following other cold days, viz: December 24, 1876, snow fell to the depth of 11 inches; January 1, 1877, snow fell to the depth of 4 inches. Wednesday morning January 3, 1877, the thermometer stood at 7 o'clock a. m. 4 degrees below. Friday December 29, 1882, snow fell to the depth of 8 1-2 inches. January 12, 1886 the thermometer stood at zero.

It is but just to say that when my thermometer rested against the walls of the house, it reached only 14 degrees below zero like most thermometers then, but when hung out clear from touching any thing the mercury ran down to 21 degrees below zero on December 30, 1880.

Very respectfully,
Jonas Cook.

Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 17, '99.

About the Weather in 1881.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C, Feb. 16 1899

Editor Standard: I begun making this series) observations January 1 1887, and consequently have no record for 1881. I cannot, therefore, help Mr. Crowell. Capt. Cook says the temperature was 21° below zero. G R P Miller says it was 14° below. Both claim to have temperature as indicated by thermometer. A W Moose is under the impression that it was 14° degrees below.

It may be that both are right, but made observations at different times, an hour being sufficient sometimes to cause a difference of several degrees. Very truly yours,

H T J Ludwig.

Has Taken Charge of the Morris House.

On Thursday morning Mr. Frank Pharr, who lately moved from the country to Concord took charge of the Morris House, which hotel has been shut down for several weeks. In taking charge, it is an agreement between the parties that the building is to undergo repairing and to be furnished with some new furniture.

As it is not yet a certainty that Mr. Pharr will keep the hotel for any length of time, he has not moved all of his household effects from his house on Bell avenue.—Daily of 17th.

A WET TIME.

Houses Leaking Badly—Some Goods in Stores Damaged—The Large Pipe at Fetzer's Tank Bursts.

Thursday morning was a surprise morning to scores of our people. Many roofs proved insufficient to keep out the fine snow, and by the rising of of the temperature made it a wet time for a number of business houses, besides the leaking of a large number of dwelling houses.

Besides Bell, Harris & Co.'s damages other buildings come in for their share of leakage.

Quite an amount of Miss Mary Brachen's spring millinery goods are badly damaged. When she opened her store an inch or two of water stood on part of her floor, having soaked some of her goods that were packed away in pasteboard boxes. Her loss is at least $300 and very probably more.

The New South Club room is badly damaged. The plastering overhead is ruined besides the saturating of the carpet in the one room. The Phifer hall adjoining is wet considerably, it having dripped through into Dayvault's store slightly.

Cook's photograph gallery is badly damaged, his negatives and prints being ruined. The Morris building leaked considerably in several places.

The Times office contained an inch or two of water on its floor, damaging things somewhat.

The rear of Swink & White's store leaked quite much, damaging their stock somewhat.

Besides all this, and after the people had realized the state of affairs, the large pipe from Mr. Fetzer's tank on top of the rear of the drug store burst, flooding the back lot considerably and putting several inches of water in the basement of the drug store.

Dr. Marsh, one of our druggists, also has trouble. A number of bottles of shoe polish froze then burst, ruining some of his stock.

A Wonderful Clock.

Prof. H N Miller will at an early day install a clock in Mont Amœna Seminary only a little less wonderful than the great clock at Strasburg, but probably more applicable to modern uses.

Besides the ordinary time keeping this clock will operate a system of electric call bells by which, with a system of wires connecting, he can have the girls called from any room to fill one or any number of programs as the different departments of school demand.

Having once determined the school programs for the departments and set the machinery it will announce by a ring of the bell at the same instant for all the rooms in each department and, without any confusion, will announce the program differently in other rooms as the department to which the girls belong demands. At the closing hour it ceases to call but takes up its task next morning again. So, on Friday evening it knocks off till Monday morning.

It will thus automatically carry on the calls for the session or sessions till there is a change manipulated, with nothing to do but wind the clock once a week.

There is but one thing that it refuses to do it seems. It will not have the time divided into smaller periods than five minutes. The minutes of time must be divisible by five.

This modern wonder is called Fricks Automatic program clock.

Dr. Miller is to be congratulated on being among the first to secure this very progressive equipment.

Back From the Sale.

Three of our stockraisers, Messrs A M Brown, Giles T Crowell and R A Brown returned Tuesday night from Lexington where they attended the big sale of Mr. Baxter Shemwell's stock. Mr. Crowell purchased about a dozen of fine hogs and Mr. R A Brown purchased two mules. Mr. A M Brown took his in a disc plow. Mr. R A Brown also bought one.

Mr. Scott's Brother Dead.

Mr. Walter T Scott, of Charlotte, died Wednesday morning of consumption, having been sick about three years. He was a brother of Mr Z E Scott, of this place.

BADLY DAMAGED.

The Furniture Stock of Bell, Harris & Co., Wetted By a Deficient Roof—The Damage Can Not Be Estimated.

Without seeing one can hardly estimate the damage that Messrs Bell, Harris & Co., furniture dealers, have sustained by the rain and freeze Wednesday night.

The greater portion of the upper story of the building is wet. The furniture both upstairs and downstairs is wet from continual dripping during the night.

The ordinary wood furniture is of course damaged besides the upholstered work. Several of their fine couches are saturated with water.

When Mr. Bell opened the store several inches of water were on the floor at the front door, it having run out under the door.

The cause is, of course, the deficient roofing, together with the rain and freeze of that night. Scarcely any snow was found on the roof, a large amount of it having melted Wednesday.

As for the damage done the stock, this can not be told. The furniture will all have to be rubbed considerably. As for the upholstered work this can not be remedied.

One of the firm, when asked what he thought the loss would be, said "that he would not have had it to happen for $1,500 cash."—Daily of 16th.

The Widow's Way.

"Your trouble," said the lively widow to the young heiress, "is that you don't understand this animal we call man. You wanted to marry Cokely, and as your friend, I left the field open until you admitted that your chance was hopeless. Now he and I are engaged."

"He's a horrid wretch"

"Thanks. But a month ago you thought him the dearest man on earth. He is, and he belongs to the 'strong oak' type. You didn't know enough to be the clinging vine. You failed to lean on him and flatter his distinguishing quality. You were always trying to do something for him. I reversed the order and delighted him by having him do things for me. I made him realize how much he could be to me, and delighted him by my gratitude for the advice I was constantly getting about my affairs. To use the atrocious slang of the day, I swelled his head, and if you know how to use it the recipe will win the affections of nine men out of ten. It is the true love potion prepared by the cunning alchemy of nature. Positively, my dear, you young girls weary me."—Greensboro Patriot.

A Million Dollar Fire.

The four story building at the Brooklyn navy yard known as Machine Shop No. 28 was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday night.

The building is estimated at $350,000 and the lathes and other machinery at $400,000, while the models, patterns, etc., destroyed will probably bring the loss up to more than $1,000,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Business Instinct

Lady—(excitedly)—Have you filed my application for a divorce yet?

Lawyer—No, madam, but I am at work on the papers now.

Lady—Thank fortune, I am not too late. Destroy all papers and evidence at once, please.

Lawyer—A reconciliation has been brought about between you and your husband, I infer?

Lady—Gracious, no! He was run over and killed by a freight train this morning and I want to retain you in my suit against the company for damages.—Selected.

A young woman, who is very popular in social life, was asked why she did not marry. Her answer will furnish young men who are forming habits something to think about. Here it is: "I have considerable money of my own; I have a parrot that swears, a monkey that chews, and a stove that smokes. So you see I am not very badly in need of a husband."—Selected.

CAPT. SECHLER DEAD.

Passes Away Suddenly Tuesday Night of Heart Disease.

We learn, with sympathetic emotions, that Capt. Jackson Sechler, of China Grove, died suddenly at 2 o'clock Tuesday night.

He had been afflicted with heart disease of smothering symptoms.

His son was with him in the room and seeing unfavorable symptoms called his mother, but life was extinct before she arrived.

The remains were buried at Mt. Zion Reformed church today (Thursday) the 16th.

Mr. Sechler served in the Confederate struggle as captain in the 57th regiment. He was esteemed in military as well as in civil life.

He had attained to about 68 years of age.

His son, Jackson, is now in Cuba in Capt. Hill's company.

He leaves a widow and a number of children to bereave it.

He Enjoyed the Stealing.

The Greensboro Telegram says that a Charlotte gentleman who was in the city said he sat by his window in his residence Sunday and watched people carry off his wood, of which he had about twenty cords. At least half that amount was taken off, he says, and he sat in silence and enjoyed it unknown to those who were "sponging" on him. One of the takers, as he started off with all he could carry, glanced at the window and saw the owner. Immediately he dropped the wood and was about to depart when the gentleman raised the window and told him to help himself. And the lick almost killed "daddy."

A Fire Near Salisbury.

In the Salisbury Sun we see that the residence and everything in it, almost, belonging to Mr. Chas. Wagoner, who lived near Salisbury, was burned early Thursday morning. The Sun also has the following: "Mr. Wagoner's son, William, who lives in Concord was sent for Wednesday on account of the sickness of his father. He arrived that night and was at his father's when the fire occurred. His feet were burned and then he had to walk around barefooted on the snow and ice. A physician was sent to look after him."

Trading With Spain.

It is quite surprising to learn through a Washington dispatch that Consul Agent Mertens did not leave his post at Valencia, Spain; during the war.

Most of the time he exercised his functions without disturbance.

Now, though we have no trade treaty with Spain, he has managed the delivery of 4,000 tons of wheat from the United States. A 20 per cent. tariff had to be paid on it and yet trade is encouraging.

Seventeen Were Burned.

A breaking out of fire has been one of the most dreadful contemplations during the cold weather. Fortunately not many fires have occurred, but at Yankton, South Dakota, a building in which the insane were cared for took fire Sunday and 17 of the unfortunates were lost in the flames. With the thermometer 23 degrees below zero, the water supply was unavailable.

Another Death at China Grove.

While receiving by telephone the particulars of Mr. Jackson Sechler's death at China Grove, we were informed also of the death of Mr. Arant, who lives just out of China Grove at Mr. Will Goodnight's. The cause of his death was pneumonia. He had reached the age of about 50 or 60 years. He died about 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

A Man Frozen in Mecklenburg.

Sam Phifer was found in the road some miles east of Charlotte Tuesday, standing by his buggy frozen to death. His horse was nearly dead, too, and had to be prised out of the freeze.

The Sure LaGrippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at P B Fetzer's drug store, only 50 cents per bottle.

As the season of the year when pneumonia, la grippe, sore throat, coughs, colds, catarrh, bronchitis and lung troubles are to be guarded against, nothing "is a fine substitute," will "answer the purpose," or is "just as good" as One Minute Cough Cure. That is the one infallible remedy for all lung, throat or bronchial troubles. Insist vigorously upon having it if "something else" is offered you.—J P Gibson.

THE AMENDMENT

Of the Town Charter Which Has Been Sent to the Present General Assembly for Its Enactment.

As has been advertised for the past month an amendment is to be made to the town charter.

The following is the amendment as sent to the General Assembly some days ago:

Sec. 1. That in all cases where a defendant is adjudged to pay a fine or cost or either, and failing to pay same, it shall be lawful for the Mayor to adjudge that such person be confined in the jail of Cabarrus County for a term not exceeding thirty days, and that they be worked during the period of their confinement on the streets of Concord or other public works of said town, or on the public roads or other public works of Cabarrus county, till at fair and reasonable wages they shall have paid such fine or costs or both.

Sec. 2 In all cases where a defendant is found guilty of violating any ordinance of said town, the policeman or officer making the arrest shall be allowed one dollar for making the arrest, to be paid by the defendant so found guilty; and in all cases tried before the Mayor for a violation of an ordinance of said town the Mayor shall be allowed one dollar for each defendant so tried by him, and by the town of Concord in cases where the defendant is found not guilty.

Sec. 3 That whenever a defendant or witness or other person shall be adjudged to be imprisoned by the Mayor of said town, it shall be competent for said Mayor to sentence such person to imprisonment in the County jail of Cabarrus for a term not exceeding thirty days, and to adjudge also that such person work during the period of their confinement on the public streets, or on the public works of the city, or on the public works or public roads of the County of Cabarrus.

Sec. 4. That chapter 94 of the private laws of 1897, be and is hereby amended by adding at the end of section two (2) the following: On all persons or firms who buy, sell or trade horses or mules as a business for profit, and on all express or telegraph companies an annual tax not exceeding twenty dollars.

That all laws in conflict with these amendments are hereby repealed.

That this act shall be in force from its ratification.

Souvenirs Sent From Cuba.

A nice collection of curios is to be seen now at Dr. Fetzer's Drug store. Quite a number of photographs taken in and around Havana are in the collection, showing the beautiful side of Cuba and also the dark side. In the number is a photo of the place where the bones of human bodies are cast after the flesh has decomposed. The fancy work of the Cubans can also be seen. A machete, the weapon of war, is among the exhibit, also a Spanish sword.

It is a nice collection of curios and one of which the owner should be justly proud.

To Begin Work at the Narrows.

Dr. Dillon Brown, of New York Cithy, treasurer of the North Carolina Power Company, has concluded all purchases for the property on the Yadkin river, known as the Narrows, about forty miles from Charlotte, for the purpose of developing a water power at that place for electric transmission to Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury and other North Carolina towns. Ladshaw & Ladshaw, of this city, are engineers for this company, and will begin next week.—Spartanburg Herald.

Not one child dies where ten formerly died from croup. People have learned the value of One Minute Cough Cure and use it for severe lung and throat troubles. It immediately stops coughing. It never fails.—J P Gibson.

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The Attitude Forward the Philippines.

The United States Senate on Tuesday 14th gave expression to its sentiments with regard to the Phillipine Islands in the following called the McEnry resolution:

"That by the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain it is not intended to coerce inhabitants of the Phillipines into citizenship of the United States, nor is it intended to permanently annex said islands as an integral part of the territory of the United States; but it is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to prepare them for local self-government, and in due time to make such disposition of said islands as will best promote the interests of the United States and the inhabitants of said islands."

The vote stood 26 to 22.

Damage Exaggerated.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 16.—The most extravagant reports have been sent broadcast throughout the country regarding the damage done by the cold of the 13th. Reports received tonight by The Times-Union and citizens from all sections of the orange belt indicate that the cold wave did not do much permanent damage, and utterly refuting the statements sent out to the press. Outside of the tender spring growth on the orange trees, the trees remain uninjured and in the lower belt it is predicted the orange crop will be larger than ever this season.

Reports from the vegetable districts say that truckers have gone to work with great energy to replant, and the spring output of market vegetables will be equal to any season in the past.

Would Kill Her Children

Justices H H Roberts and M B Barbee with Dr. James W McGee, Jr., yesterday evening held an inquisition of lunacy of Mrs. Sweeney, wife of Patrick Sweeney, Esq. Mrs. Sweeney has been in exceedingly feeble health for some time and her mind gave way some two weeks ago. Day before yesterday she became unmanageable and threatened to kill her children.

Night before last Mrs. Sweeney got up and threw her three year old daughter out of the window into a deep snow bank. In leaving the window she turned over a chair which awakened Mr. Sweeney. He saw the window open and missing the child went out and got it. Mrs. Sweeney was removed to Central Hospital last evening as a patient.—Raleigh Post of 16th.

A Narrow Escape.

Last Saturday night about 12 o'clock, Mr. J A Harris was interrupted in his slumbers by suffocation, however he awoke in time to save the lives of himself and family and to save his house. The fire originated under the house by a spark or coal falling through a crack in the hearth. By heroic efforts the fire, which, had gained considerable headway, was extinguished. The floor was burned almost into a coal.—Mooresville Times.

For Men Only.

Ladies please skip this paragraph. It got into our columns by mistake and we have asked the printer to set it upside down:

It takes the lovely kind of a blow—
How
But you bet she will find it out some
way
It's something she ought not to know,
If she goes and tell on her beau.—Ex.
Now, well her can come to a dollar
This piece is already read.
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If she and to stand on her head.—Ex.

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Expenses vs. Income.

While our country is turning out men of fortunes in great numbers each year, the greater part of our people are hard at work delving at one theme—how to live. It is the story of a lifetime.

We start out in life with the one problem that must be faced and it lasts us through life. Some succeed fairly well in an honorable way, in other words they succeed; others make a failure.

One of the secrets is that you find the successful one watching expenditures and he makes them conform to his income, no matter what station this is in life, it applies to all. To do this one must live cheaply. This is becoming more and more the invariable rule. Prices of all the great staples are high. Rents are enormous. Fashions are exacting. Wants multiply while resources diminish. How to make ends meet is the problem which presses on hundreds of people. It is what is done to keep up appearances that destroys the equilibrium between income and expense and makes life a drudgery and vexation. How to live cheaply is a question easy enough to answer if any one will be content with cheap living. Substitute comfort for show. Put convenience in the place of fashion. Study simplicity. Refuse to be befoiled into a style of living above what is required by your position in society and is justified by your resources. Set a fashion of simplicity, neatness, prudence, and inexpensiveness which others will be glad to follow and think you for introducing. Teach yourself to do without a thousand pretty and showy things which wealthy people purchase, and pride yourself on being just as happy without them as your rich neighbors are with them. Put so much dignity, sincerity, kindness and love in your simple and inexpensive home that its members will never miss the costly fripperies and showey adornments, and be happier in the cozy and comfortable apartments than most of their wealthy neighbors are in their sumptuous and splendid establishments.

It does not follow that in order to live cheaply one must live meanly. The best comforts of life are not costly. Taste, refinement, good cheer and wit are not expensive.—Southport Standard.

Maj J. W. Wilson Exonerated.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—The special committee appointed early in the session of the North Carolina Legislature to investigate Governor Russell's suspension of J W Wilson and S Otho Wilson, railroad commissioners, from their office, met tonight and decided that the evidence before the Governor did not warrant the suspension of Major J W Wilson. The case of S Otho Wilson is still under consideration. Major Wilson will hardly be expected to resume his duties on the railroad commission, as it is the intention of the General Assembly to abolish the statute creating the railroad commission and re-create it, with partially new powers and duties, and Major Wilson's term expires with this session of the Legislature.

The clause of the railroad commission act which governs in cases like that of Major Wilson delares that in any case of suspension the Governor shall fill the vacancy, and if the General Assembly shall determine that the commissioner suspended shall be removed, then the appointee of the Governor shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified, but if the General Assembly shall determine that the suspended commissioner shall not be removed from his office, then the effect shall be to reinstate him in the office.

The practical effect of the report of the committee, if adopted, as it doubtless will be, by the Legislature, will be to enable Major J W Wilson to draw his salary from the date of his suspension up to the present.

Another Seagull Captured.

Only a few days after Mr. Monroe Ritchie shot a seagull the other week, Mr. Henry Vanderburg, of Cannonville, captured one. Mr. Vanderburg only crippled his enough to catch it, and was trying to save its life, but it died from its wounds. He had intended to tame

The Duel Between Mr. Shott and Mr. Nott.

A duel was lately fought in Texas by Hiram Shott and John S Nott. Nott was shot and Shott was not. In this case it was better to be Shott than Nott. There was a rumor that Nott was not shot and Shott avows that he shot Nott, which proves either that the shot Shott shot at Nott, was not shot, or that Nott was shot notwithstanding. Circumstantial evidence is not always good. It may be made to appear when the trial comes off that the shot Shott shot, shot Nott, or as accidents with firearms are frequent, it may be possible that the shot Shott shot shot Shott himself, when the whole affair would resolve itself into its original elements and Shott would be shot and Nott would be not. We think, however, that the shot Shott shot, shot not Shott but Nott. Anyway, it's hard to tell who was shot and who was not.

Judging from the number of towns that are petitioning the Legislature to establish dispensaries, the sentiment is growing rapidly all over the State.—Daily Reflector.

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