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RURAL HALL
HACK LINE.

While the schedule of the C. F. & Y. V. R. E. remains as it now is passengers from Mount Airy can get teams at Rural Hall, on arrival of passenger trains at 9:30 a. m. and go to Winston and return by time for evening train going to Mount Airy. Seats reasonable. Your patronage respectfully solicited.

Z. B. Bitting.

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North State News.

STATE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE GATHERED FROM OUR MANY WIDE-AWAKE EXCHANGES.

Some People You Know and Others You Don't Know as Seen in Our State 'Projectoscope.'

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A BABY SAVED BY LIGHTNING.

Lion Killed Just as It Was Ready to Spring Up the Little One.

Lightning and blackberries come together in the coast region of Texas. The people there, as a rule, are more partial to the latter than the former. One exception to the rule exists there to day, however, in Mrs. Pennington, of Plum Creek, who says that one timely stroke of the lightning has done her more good than all the blackberries in creation could possibly accomplish. Just behind the Pennington home is a small clearing, in which the blackberries grow large and sweet in abundance. One day Mrs. Pennington went there to pick some berries for supper, and took her little baby girl with her. The baby got tired in a little while, and the mother arranged a bed of dry leaves for it under a sheltering smooch bush. In a few minutes the child was asleep, and the mother resumed her berry picking. It was an oppressive hot day, when the air was full of electricity and not a breath of wind stirring anywhere. A squall was coming up rapidly from the east, the lightning was showing dimly on its upper edge, but Mrs. Pennington was apparently oblivious of the approach of the storm, glad only that the baby slept so well and gave her so little trouble. But it was not the storm alone that threatened danger. At the very edge of the thicket, and only a few feet from the sleeping baby, its eyes gleaming, its head laid flat on the ground and its tail lashing its tawny sides, a huge Mexican lion was crouching ready to spring. For a moment it dug its hind paws nervously into the ground, and then it leaped into the air. It fell dead only a few inches from the sleeping baby, just as a loud peal of thunder caused Mrs. Pennington to look around for the safety of the child. The baby awoke, looked up and smiled.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Growth of American Christmas Customs.

America has welcomed and adopted the Christmas tree with cordial affection and treated it as if it were a product of her own inventive brain. Transplanted to the United States by the early Dutch settlers of New York and by the Germans who established themselves in Pennsylvania, it grew and flourished as it did in its native soil. Its advance was slow, but in 1830 the Christmas tree had become a fixed factor in the holiday celebrations, not only in families of direct German descent, but among that composite population called American. Small cedar trees were first used, and were called "Christmas bushes." They were decorated with rosy apples, paper flowers, a few small candles, gilded nuts and "Christmas cakes." This last confection seems to be entirely out of date. It took the form of small horses, dogs, cows, hearts and diamonds, and was a combination of flour and water paste and white and colored sugar frosting. Even by those who recall the Christmas cake with fondest recollection it is admitted to have been rather a delight to the eye than a joy to the palate or the digestion.

As years went on, and the young nation grew older and richer and the life of the people more luxurious and complex, the "Christmas bushes," with their paper flowers, and "Christmas cakes," developed into a tree, which is often an elaborate and expensive affair.

But it is not in civilized or Christian lands alone that this wonderful Christmas tree grows. Missionaries have planted it in China, in Japan, in India, Africa, in the islands of the sea, so that yellow, brown and black faces, as well as white, gaze up at it with delight.—From the New York Mail and Express.

What Cured the Baby.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured our baby of running sores for which we doctored her for a long time. It has relieved me of rheumatism. My wife was troubled with sick headaches and could get nothing to relieve her until she took Hood's Pills."—H. L. PICKETT, Lock Box 9, Ellenboro, W. Va.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy yet efficient.

Upon being asked by the Sheriff of McDowell county if he would require a list of delinquent taxpayers to be furnished the court, with a view of indictment for misdemeanor under the act of 1897, Judge Ewart replied that he would not.

Halifax gave \$720 last year to help old Confederate soldiers. Well done.

Dear Old Bethlehem.

THE ANCIENT CITY WHERE CHRIST—THE BLESSED REDEEMER— WAS BORN!

A Short Sketch Giving Information on a Subject of Peculiar Interest to all People Just Now.

This is a great season in Bethlehem. The picturesque old town where Christ was born never forgets to do honor to the Saviour of mankind as surely as the year rolls around.

To this place, as the followers of Mahomet flock to Mecca, the followers of Christ come annually on the day of his nativity. Here they kneel and pray and spend the time in holy meditation.

Pilgrimages are also made to a grove near the Church of the Nativity, which is supposed to be the site of the palace of justice where innumerable children were slain by order of King Herod.

These pilgrimages are not lightly undertaken. They began several weeks ago, and even now the six thousands inhabitants of Bethlehem are enjoying a long, happy festival. Many are the banquets, the social visits and the joyous betrothals.

After the carnival there is a fast, during which there is no self-glorification, no pampering of the flesh or love making. At the end of the fast, which will close next week, the Christmas ceremonies will take place.

On Christmas Eve the Christians in Jerusalem will gather together and look out of the city with their faces set for the church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. They will march down through the valley of Gibon, the old boundary between Benjamin and Judah. They will rec, as they pass, the tree on which the traitor Judas is said to have hanged himself, and the well out of which the wise men drew water after they had left Herod.

Within their view will also be the Convent of Elijah, erected on the spot where the prophet rested during his flight from Jezebel. As they come to the end of their march the people of Bethlehem will come out to meet them, and then, preceded by gaily attired waed bearing heralds, and followed by an immense throng of men, women and children, they will march toward the Church of the Nativity, the oldest monument of Christian architecture in the world.

There Mass will be celebrated while armed Turkish soldiers in full uniform of red fezzes, blue jackets and baggy trousers stand on guard beside the altar and around the brilliant silver star where Christ is supposed to have lain in the manger.

This star gleams up from the pavement and is the most conspicuous object in the grotto. Imps, the figures of many saints and other ornaments are in this grotto, and in the corner are lamps which are always kept burning.

Close by this altar are the manger and another altar, on which the wise men are said to have presented their gifts to Christ. All these objects are considered of inestimable value by the members of the different church sects, and were it not for the presence of Turkish soldiers it is more than likely that disputes would arise as to the right of proprietorship.

The Hypnotists.

Metropolitan Hall was filled to overflowing last night. There was scarcely standing room, and not a man, woman or child could be found in the entire audience afterwards who was not charmed and completely carried away by the exhibition. The subjects furnished fun for the audience without assuming any objectional or immodest attitude.

The performance was opened with a short talk by Prof. Sylvan A. Lee. He said the only requisite in a subject was willingness. No one can be hypnotized against his will. If you are simply willing, and think intently about the subject you are told to keep in mind, you can be hypnotized.

An invitation was then given for subjects to come on the stage. Among the number who accepted the offer were J. M. Broughton, J. A. Miller, W. E. Bonner, Stanhope Wynne, J. J. Rogers, Robt. Upchurch, Benjamin Irby, Junius Turner, Benjamin Hardie, Jr., Will Little, Will Huggins, Benjamin Perkins and a number of others. Mr. Lee, and his beautiful niece, Miss Alberta Lee, were successful in more or less hypnotizing all of these except Messrs. Broughton, Wynne, Turner and Irby. Impression was made to a greater or less extent on the others.

To mention the many marvelous and laughable things done would require columns. The subjects were put to sleep, and told that when they woke they would be convulsed with laughter, and some of the subjects almost went into hysterics. A man who travels with them was hypnotized and thrown in the cateleptic state. His head was placed on the back of one chair and his feet on another, and Messrs. Rogers, Mills, Wynne and Lee sat upon his body. Hat pins were driven into the flesh of two men who accompanied through the audience letting each spectator examine them. But, perhaps, the most laughable scenes were when some of the subjects were told that the seat of their chairs were red hot, that a bee was down their back, that they were driving a fast horse, that their nose was bleeding, that they were fishing and many amusing attitudes were assumed by them.

At the close of the performance John D. Wyatt, of Louisville, Ky. was examined by a committee of physicians and reporters, and then put to sleep to remain in this condition in the window of Sherwood Higgs & Co. for 48 hours. His temperature was found to be 99 and he weighed 154 pounds.

Mr. Lee announced that if parties of 25 or more would be organized in the city he would come and give them an exhibition free. He can cure persons of the cigarette, whiskey or other bad habits, but they must first become a subject upon the stage. It was a wonderful exhibition last night and well worth seeing.—Raleigh Post.

The Klondyke and Yakon River.

The steamship City of Columbia sailed on the 16th inst. from the Old Dominion pier, in New York City, on a voyage to the Yakon, with five hundred and thirty-five passengers, sixty of whom are women. It is said that the ship is manned by a crew of seventy picked men.

Famine and lawlessness are the latest reports from the Klondyke. Captain Ray, U. S. Army, reports an alarming condition of affairs, and he thinks a semi-military government imperative, as lives and property are seriously imperiled.

A late Seattle special says J. O. Hestwood has just returned from Philadelphia and other cities in the East, where he has been acquiring information of the number of people likely to go to the Klondyke in the spring. He says that fully one hundred thousand will go north through Seattle. In Chicago 300 women are organizing for an expedition to the land of gold.

The court sustained the decision of the lower court in the case of the commissioners of Stany county vs. Snuggs, thus rendering worthless one hundred thousand dollars of bonds in the Stany railroad, purchased by New Yorkers. The bill authorizing the railroad failed to pass a third reading in the Legislature.

An auditorium to cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000 is to be built for the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh.

Couldn't Afford to Take a Paper.

An exchange describes the man who could not afford to take the home paper as follows: By getting hold of a foreign advertising sheet he spent \$1 writing to find out how to keep sober, the answer being to take a pledge. He also sent fifty cent stamps to find out how to raise turkeys and received a postal card reply: "Take hold of the tops and pull." It was the same person that sent 50 cents to a fellow in the East for twelve useful household articles and received a package of needles.

He is a near relative to the man who sent \$1 to find out how to get rich and received the reply: "Work like thunder [and never] spend a cent." He is also related to a man who sent \$5 to find out how to write without a pen or ink, and the answer was: "Try a blue pencil." He is a twin brother to the man who sent \$5 to find out how to live without work, and received a postal card reply: "Fish for snooks or like we do."

Our Consulate at Havana Guarded.

A Havana special to the New York Sun says: "The American consulate in this city is guarded by four soldiers of the military police of Havana and two detectives. There is much apprehension in government circles that an attack may be directed upon the consulate by the uncompromising Spaniards, who are very angry over the message of President McKinley. La Lucha comments upon the message as an insult to Spain. La Union Constitucional and El Comercio are daily exciting the anger of the Spaniards over the message. Sen. Lee is serene amid the storm of passion, and continues to receive every caller with his usual politeness, and performs his duties with great regularity, as though nothing occurred."

The pessimistic impression of Senor Canals concerning the war in Cuba, and his conclusion that Spain will lose the island, find several columns of an extra issued by Diario de la Marina. After a second reading of the extra the piano censor consulted with Gen. Blanco and speedy orders were sent to the Diario to stop the publication. Nearly the entire edition of the extra was then burned."

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Rev. Baylus Cade has resigned as chaplain of the United States prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. It is understood that he will practice law in the Indian Territory.

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