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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Another Apparent Wilcox-Cropsey Case · In Lenoir County.

Corn and Cotton Outlook-The Devil Cast Out of a Boy-Air-Ship Model Completed -State Teachers' Convention at Morehead - American Tobacco Company's Gift to Old Soldiers-Smallpox in Yatkin.

Lenoir, May 2.-The town was thoroughly alarmed yesterday morning to ear of Miss Cordie Childress' disappearance Wednesday night, she having been seen last by W. A. Fullwood, who went to the gate on the way from church with her. Her uncle was not alarmed, thinking she was spending the night with a friend of hers. The citizens first thought in Greensboro. another Cropsey case had happened, but after searching the woods and ponds near by, heard that the young lady had reached Morganton Thursday morning, and was thought to be safe. This morning a report caused further alarm, as she was last seen walking down the railroad from Morganton towards Hickory. She has some people in the west, and it is thought by some that she has gone to them; by others she is believed to be tem porarily insane. She had about \$75 with her. Foul play is still entertained, as is it not known where she is but Fullwood is no longer under suspicion, he being of good character. The young lady is also refined and has a good edu-Cast out the Devil.

Greensboro Telegram: Edward Haynes, the crazy boy from Davidson county, was carried back home last night. He remained so quiet during the day that Sheriff Jordan concluded that he would be justified in letting him go. He insisted, however, that he be carefully tied, and this was done. The boy walked to the depot accompanied by his mother and brother-in-law. He said he was healed and perfectly content in every way. The healing he said was done through a sanctification minister named Jordan, from Raudleman, who called on Haynes at the jail, grasped him by the hand, and said he had banished the devil which had had possession of the young man's body. State Teachers' Convention.

The next annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' association, which will convene on June 10 and hold through June 15, will meet at Morehead City. The meeting place was decided on by the executive committe of the assembly a day or so ago and was given out by Prof. W. D. Carmichael, secretary, yesterday. Until aday or so ago it was not known whether or not the Atlantic hotel would be open this season, and as soon as this was settled the committee at once decided to hold the meeting there. The hotel will be opened early in the season and it will be run up to the usual high stand-

Asheville Ostrich Farm Asheville Citizen: Within a month the ostrich farm, the establishment of which was announced some weeks ago in the Citizen, will be complete. W. M. Schoenheit will have entire management of the enterprise, which will be new to this portion of the country. The 9 acre tract on the corner of Woolsey and Coleman avenues, which is to serve as a house for the ostriches, is now being cleared and work on the structure necessary to the care of the birds and the feather products was begun today. Thirty grown birds and ten chicks will arrive from Phoenix, Arisona, between the middle and the last of May and the farm will be fairly

Cotton and Corn.

Charlotte Observer: Farmere who were in the city yesterday say that the work of planting cotton has not only been about completed but that in many fields the cotton is up and growing finely. So far the outlook is favorable for a fine crop. As to the acreage the fe agree in the opinion that as much Meck-lenburg land will be planted in cotton this season as has ever been known in the history of the county. Corn planting is now in full progress and the farmer are making the best of the finecondition

Winston-Salem, May 2.—Mr. J. H. Hil as just completed a model of his airable or flying machine, on which he has be ing for two months or mone. Mr. Hill others interested with him in the in-on hops to organize a stock somat open. A large machine alls for sulling purposes. Mr. Hill case to complete it and have it in tag order in time for the proposed at the St. Louis expression.

an iron door and the other groping for a switch to turn on the light in the basement of the Asheville Electric company, Manager H. W. Plummer touched a live wire carrying five hundred volts. Instantly he was horled a distance of fitbeen feet, and when he picked himself up both hands were badly burned and his body considerably bruised.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

A dispatch from Pauther Creek, Yadkin county, says: Ten cases of smallpox are reported among the negroes in Yadkin township. Negroes who had the disease attended a camp meeting when the smallpox had reached its eruptive stage, and an epidemic is expected to follow.

The American Tobacco company has sent the Guilford Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy 500 packages of tobacco and a like number of pipes to be distributed among the old soldiers who may attend the Memorial Day exercises

The State baseball league begins its series of games Monday. Durham will play Charlotte in Charlotte. The other towns in the league are Raleigh, Greensboro, Newbern and Wilmington.

The Reidsville Review says: The town of Roanoke Rapids, in Halifax county, is not yet ten years old, but has a population of 1,500. It is a strictly white town with not a negro living inside the corpor-

Lack of Tact.

There are many very good people people of irreproachable character, who are never liked because of their want of tact. They are hospitable and like to entertain, but they ask known enemies to a little family dinner. They expose all their little household economies to their guests. They never "spoil a story for relation's sake." If guests are of different religions or politics, they introduce the subjects and give most de cided views which do not convince and hat is unbecoming or a man that he made a bad speech. They never have any appreciation of the fitness of ported grades. Johbers in der goods

Tact is of great importance if one would be agreeable or retain friends. A man without tact can never exert a strong influence. He can never become a great leader. Tact is needed in every calling in life.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Long Island Peculiarities.

The class in geography in one of the Brooklyn schools was being examined strike. the other day when the teacher asked: "What are some of the natural peculiarities of Long Island?"

The pupils indulged in some heavy thinking, but none responded. Suddenly a fat boy with a red face who had been shifting uneasily about in his seat received an inspiration. "I know," he exclaimed, raising his

hand. "Well, what are they?" encouraged

the teacher.

"Why," said the fat boy, with a triumphant look around, "on the south side you see the sea and on the north side you hear the sound." He was moved up to the head of the

class on general principles.—New York in Canada 17 against 24 last year."

The Good and the Bad.

One ought to balance the good with the bad and also the length of time a man has lived to form a true estimate of his character. Polybius, the Greek historian, has an observation to the same effect. "There is no reason," says he, "why we should not sometim blame and sometimes commend the same person, for, as none is always right, neither is it probable that he should be always wrong."

Asheville, May 2.—With one hand upon TRADE DISTURBED BY LABOR STRIKES

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS OTHERWISE

Crop News is Generally Good Cotton is Strong.

Prices of Cereals Maintain a High Level -Shipments Now More Prompt and Collections Are Readily Made-Railroad Are Earning More Money Than Last Year-Neutralizing Effects on Strikes.

"Two large strikes scheduled to commence on May 1 were averted at least temporarily, and a number of smaller ones were settled, but many new controversies have begun. This labor factor is the only seriously unfavorable one in the industrial situation exerting considerable influence over the volume of transaction, tending to unsettle confidence. In seasonable merchandise, especially dry goods and clothing, warmer weather has stimulated dealings, while out-door work is prosecuted vigorously. Collections are more prompt as a rule, fewer extensions being asked. Shipments are less delayed by traffic congestion and railway earnings thus far reported or April exceed last year by 7.1 per cent. are compelled to place orders subject to the convenience of manufacturers and it is the exception when any nearby deliveries are promised. An unprecedented amount of railway work is being done, while the erection of new buildings could to make promises between alternating be more extensive if material were avail-

the New England shoe shops is one of the most encouraging signs of the week. Steadiness in the leather market does not tend to encourage expectations of cheaper have felt the effects of good weather and a brisk trade has been done at steady prices, although no general, advance has followed the rise in raw cotton or the restricted operations at woolen mills. Weak silver has continued to militate against exports to China. Over-time work at independent mills is partially neutralizing the effect of the weaver's

by speculation than they were last week, yet a high level was maintained and only slight reactions occurred. The general tenor of crop news was much more encouraging, aside from Kansas dispatches which indicate that wheat needs moist ure, although corn and oats have good prospects. Cotton continued advancing until there was a gain of \$8.10 a bale over last year's figure, when a trifling reaction occurred, but the tone contin-

Entertained by Mrs. Roosevelt. Washington, D.C., May 2.-Mrs. Roose velt and Miss Alice Roosevelt gave a garden party recently, to which a number of North Carolinians were invited. Among the number were Senator and Mrs. Simmons, Hon. and Mrs. W. W. Kitchin, Hon. Claude Kitchin, Hon. and Mrs. Theodore F. Kluttz, the Misses Kluttz, Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Small, Hon. and Mrs. J. D. Bellamy and Miss Bellamy.



WHERE IS THE LYTTLE MAID'S NURSE?



New York, May 3 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade today says:

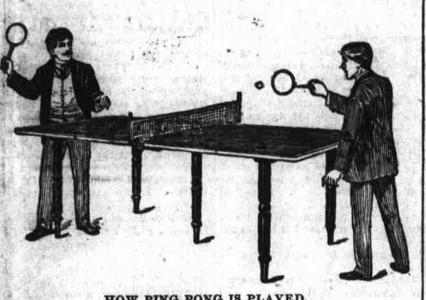
"Consumers of finished steel products

"A better volume of orders taken by

"Cereal prices have been less inflated ned strong.

"Failures in the United States this week were 225 against 226 last year and

Cuba's Joy Over Its New President. Santiago, May 3.—The president-elect party arrived here from Manza m Bayamo to Mansanillo the country were decorated, their inmat ng at the roadside she ry day in Santiago will be a holiday il the president-elect leaves the city.



HOW PING PONG IS PLAYED.

The popular craze just now is the game of ping pong, which is simply the old game on tennis played with small rackets and celluloid balls on the dining room table. It heady added materially to the gayety of nations.

OPENING OLD SORES.

Senator Pritchard Makes Charges Which

Washington, D. C., May 2 -For two hours the Philippine bill served as a medium for airing the State politics of North Carolina. The Republican Senator, Mr. Pritchard, found parallels for the "water cure" and other remedial tests in the Philippines in the "sand cure" and the operations of the "red shirts" in the Tar Heel state He gave an instance of the "sand cure" from the testimony of a witness in the Dockery-Belmany contested election case in the house, where the victim of the cure was thrown face downward on the ground and compelled pressures of his face into the sand. Mr. Pritchard also alluded to the operations of a Democratic organization known as "red shirts."

Mr. Simmons, the Democratic senator, denied all knowledge of the "sand cure" and gave an explanation of the "red shirts," which caused general laughter. He occlared ingenuously that the "red shirts" were not a political organization, but merely an organization got up "to organize the popular vote of North Carolina."

The debate between the North Carolina senators caused something of a that instead of slandering the plaintiff sensation in the senate. Mr. Pritchard's his client had defended him from sinnspeech was one of a series to be delivered by Republican senators, in which the alleged crueities practiced by Confederate officers in the civil war and in political campaigns by Democrate will be described and denounced.

Three Tornadoes in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., May 2.-Three tornadoes simultaneously swept through three different counties which resulted in serious injuries to twelve persons and over \$50,-000 damages to property and growing

Congressman Cummings Dead.

Baltimore, Md., May 2 .- Congres Amos J. Cummings, of New York, died at 10:15 o'clock tonight at Christ's Church Home in this city. The cause of death was pneumonia, incident to an opera-

Shade-Grown Sumatra Tobacco.

Hartford, Conn., May 1.-The first sale of shade grown Sumatra tobacco leaf was held here today, all the shade-grown tobacco raised in the Connecticut river valley in the season of 1901, having been brought in by agreement of the growers to be sold by auction. There were deal ers and manufacturers present from New York, Chicago and Boston, and there was great interest in the sale, as it was expected it would fix the market value of this tobacco. The prices varied from \$2,80, the highest, to 20 cents for the owest, the low-priced being dark and

of Cubs, Senor Estrada Palms, and his nt-elect Palma's trip through that part of Cuba where he and others started the "ten year war" in 1868 was one con-tinuous series of ovations, demonstrating the deep feelings of rejoicing among the le that the object of all their wars for a century has been accomplished. All beartify pledged allegiance to the presi-dent and his government. All the way

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Witness—That is easily accounted to your honor. He's a bigger liar in I am.—Chicago News.

WHAT HE THOUGHT OF HIM A Postal Card Serial Story and

Lost Suit For Slander. A certain Kansas man, so the story goes, wanted to tell a peighbor what he thought of him without laying himself open to a suit for damages. So he hit on the plan of sending him each day a postal card with only one word written on it in a large band, in addition to the date obscurely tucked away in a corner.

The person receiving the cards recognized the handwriting and, suspecting something, kept them until they stopped coming, when he read them consecutively in the order of their reception. What he read was, "Ridienlous old Bill Jones is the meanest cuss in town," and he at once instituted a suit for slander against the sender.

The latter's lawyer, however, called attention to the fact that the postal card containing "ridiculous," though mailed first, was dated the day after the date of the card having the word "town." Moreover, a careful inspection would show that after the word "ridiculous" was an exclamation point, and after the word "town" was an interrogation mark, so that the series of postal cards might be made to read: "Old Bill is the meanest cuss in town? Ridiculous!" He claimed, therefore, der, and this plea was sustained by the court.

But, all the same, everybody in town insisted that the first reading of the cards was the correct one, so that the writer attained his object.

Reasons For Pride.

There was present at a certain big dinner in England an American woman of prominence who was somewhat annoyed by a tactless English woman who undertook to banter her and who said:

"I take it for granted that you have no coats of arms in your new country.

"Of course no American family could have one unless it was borrowed from English ancestry," replied the former American. "For instance, has your family any

especial cause for pride over your grandfather?" persisted this particularly tactless female cad. Then the American woman opened

up and replied as calmly as possible un-der the circumstances, "Not much, perhaps, only that my grandfather on my mother's side received Burgoyna's sword when he surrendered at Saratoga and my grandfather on my father's side received the sword of Cornwallis at Yorktown."

A Small Legal Fee. The smallest fee ever taken by an

English counsel was sixpence, that fee having on one occasion been taken by the late Sir John Holker. Barristers' fees were in olden times much less than those now paid. An entry occurs in the churchwardens' accounts of St. Margaret's, Westminster, for 1476, showing that a fee of 3s. 8d., with fourpence for his dinner, was paid to Robert Flypott, counsel, learned in the law, for his advice.

In Nare's "Glossary" a barrister's ee was stated to be an angel, or 10 hillings. These are somewhat different figures from the 600 guineas paid to Sir Charles Russell a number of years ago at the Leeds assizes for less than over 3 guineas a minute.—London Tit-

"Ah," exclaimed Mrs. Oldcastle, who was again enjoying the splendors of her new neighbors' art gallery, "a

tfully at the cauves which se

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

The man with the hoe is doing big stunts these days.

Now is the time for the vegetarian to become strenuous.

Summer is getting a grapevine twist and something has got to come.

The coal and wood man can go away back and sit down. The ice man is at

... It is said that counterfeit dimes are circulating freely. Glad to hear any kind

of money is circulating any old way. ... GOOD BYE, OYSTER!

Good-hve, oyster; it is hard to part with

Hard o give you to the moaning, sobbing sea;
For we love you raw or fried,
With a stein-full on the side;
Good-bye, oyster; sad and lonely shall

Good-bye, oyster-julcy bivalve, au re-

voir; Rest and fatten in thy beds along the shore,
Till September comes again, I
With her zephyrs crisp and then
We shall need you in our business as of

"Into each life some rain must fall, Some days be dark and dreary."

Every thorn has its rose, and there are weet draughts as well as bitter. Life does not average up as the boarder said his, boarding-house table did: "strong butter and weak tea." Life isfull of contrasts. One day we get such a snarl as that from "A Subscriber," mentioned by Timely Topics the other day, and next comes a little beam of sunshine like the following:

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I think that I have read every issue of your paper from the first day of its publication, and it has continued steadily to

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Now, little friends, here's entertainment for all, and profit for some of youthe boy and the girl who solves the greatest number of FREE PRESS puzzles during the month of May. By a misunderstanding on the part of the man who "makes up" the paper the second column of puzzles was used today instead of repeating the first column, which was run ast week, as was announced. Perhaps it is just as well. We will now give the answers to the first lot of puzzles, and those interested can compare the answers with the puzzles in THE FREE PRESS of last Saturday and thus get an idea how to go to work on those in the paper today. Suitable prises—to be announced bereafter-will be given to the boy and girl sending in the largest number of solutions during May. The contest will include "The Puzzler" column, published only in the Saturday edition, and the puzzle and missing strip pictures, published daily. Cut the picture out of the paper and draw a line around the missing figure, or find the missing strip and paste it so as to make a complete picture. Solutions of today's puzzles and of the puzzle and missing strip pictures must be sent to the Puzzle Editor on or before Friday of next week, and so on each week.

Now, get your brains working and use your pencils to good effect. Here are the answers to the puzzles

published last Saturday: Key to the Pu No. 101.-Evolution: Cake, lake, like,

No. 102.-Bits of Boz: Scrooge. Dolly Varden.

No. 103.—Diagonal: Education. 1. Ex-onerate. 2. Admirable. 3. Crustacea. 4. Masculine. 5. Massacred. 6. Nones tity. 7. Ostracion. 8. Suspic

No. 104.-Charades: L Ex-ten-sleve (extensive). II. Kins, met (kismet). No. 105.—Easy Diamond: 1. A. 2. Spa. 3. April. 4. All. 5. I.

No. 106.—Discovered Words: C (se Co., con, on, constant, a, an, ant to anti, I, in, tin, O, no, pie (piea), le (le No. 107.—Double Acrostic: Primale Mark Twain. Pinals—Tom Sawye Crosswords—L Minnet. 2 Adagia Rhythm. 4 Kulves. 6 Topekn. Willow. 7 Airly, 8 Induce. 9 Nesse No. 108—Termination: Age. 1. Page