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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

No Definite News From the Young
Woman Who Disappeared.

But it Appears She Has Run Away—One Negro Shot and Thrown to be Hanged for One Murder—Winston Burglars Rivaling Durham's—Manual Training in Public Schools—Suicide From Despondency.

Lenoir, N. C., May 3.—Nothing definite has developed as yet in the Childers case. A lady who formerly lived at Lenoir recognized some one much like the lost girl at the Morganton depot.

The ticket agent at Morganton says a party answering the description of Miss Childers bought a ticket and boarded a westbound train Thursday night, but does not know what point the ticket was sold to.

The affair is far from being solved, and there seems no prospect for an early solution. There seems no doubt that Miss Childers was mentally deranged, and many believe in the suicide theory, as she had spoken of this mode of ending her trouble.

Morganton, N. C., May 3.—Miss Cordie Childers walked from Lenoir and took the train here Thursday night for Asheville. She gave the name of Gray at Chesterfield and Jennie Lee here. She denied that she was Cordie Childers to friends here.

Miss Childers taught school in this county awhile and was an attendant at the hospital here. Fulford and her uncle were here today. They drew off the pond at Lenoir searching for the body.

There is no news from Asheville of her arrival. She is an illegitimate child, but she is highly educated and pretty. While here she inquired about Western points and had plenty of money with her. She was nervous and it is believed she had become insane.

Four Deaths for One.

Windsor, N. C., May 3.—On Thursday morning, May 1st, the prisoners, John Bellfield, Junius Bishop and James Stephenson, were arraigned before the Superior Court of this county, charged with being accessories in the murder of young Thos. Stephenson, of Roxobel, who lost his life in April from the effects of bullets by Milton Bellfield, who was afterwards shot and killed by an officer in Weldon in an attempt to arrest the criminal. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. The defense was ably represented and it is the universal opinion of all that the result would not have been otherwise in any aspect of the case.

The Season at Morehead.

Raleigh Times: The Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City was leased today to Mr. A. N. Perkins by the stock company owning the hotel, of which Mr. C. B. Barbee is president. Mr. Perkins was the former manager of the Hotel Benbow at Greensboro, and the late proprietor of the McAdoo Hotel at the same place. He is well known as a thoroughly experienced and up-to-date hotel man, and is well fitted to assume management of this popular summer resort.

Another Carnegie Offer.

Greensboro, N. C., May 3.—Andrew Carnegie has written Mayor Osborn offering to donate \$30,000 to a public free library building for Greensboro, provided the city will obligate \$3,000 per year towards its support.

Wants Others to Know.

"I have used DeWitt's Little Early Risers for constipation and found them and they are all right. I am glad to endorse them for I think when we find a good thing we ought to let others know it." Mrs. Alfred H. Adams, Quincy, Ill. They cure grippe or distress. Sure, safe pills—No. 100.

Burglars Busy at Winston. Winston Journal: There seems to be a gang of sharpers in and about the city that is hard to catch. Almost every night, recently, thieves have entered some store or residence in the community. An addition to the last was made Wednesday night when the store of J. B. Cummings was broken into. Only a small amount of money was secured. The raid upon provisions was not noticeable.

Manual Training in Public Schools. Winston educators are moving in the direction of manual training in the public schools. C. F. Tomlinson, president, and G. F. Webb, secretary of the school board, were in the city Friday night, returning from a trip of inspection of the Durham schools.

Suicide From Despondency. Winston-Salem, N. C., May 3.—A young man named Burrus committed suicide near Rockford yesterday. After taking a big dose of morphine he went out in the woods and stuck his head between two large saplings that had grown near together. He was dead when found. Despondency produced by bad health was the cause of Burrus taking his life. He leaves a wife and two small children.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

Raleigh Times: The scarcity of farm labor has brought about a serious condition of affairs in this section. Farmers from various parts of Wake county declare that the negroes are leaving and some farmers are without the money for the necessities of life much less to hire hands.

The State Agricultural department has issued, under the title "A sketch of North Carolina," a book which is a condensation of the larger work, "North Carolina and its Resources," which is being distributed. There is a great demand for these books from all parts of this country and from abroad.

For eight years past earnest efforts have been made in the successive legislatures to secure the establishment of a State orphanage. All have failed thus far, but now a very determined effort is to be made. There was a conference at the office of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. Active work will be done in the various counties to press the plan.

His Bad Record.

"There goes a man with a mighty bad record." "You don't say! He doesn't look criminal." "Who said criminal? He's a bicycle racer who has never done better than a mile in 2:47."—Baltimore News.

Dangerous if Neglected.

Burns, cuts and other wounds often fail to heal properly if neglected and become troublesome sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve prevents such consequences. Even where delay has aggravated the injury DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve effects a cure. "I had a running sore on my leg thirty years," says H. C. Hartly, Yanketown, Ind. "After using many remedies, I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes healed the sore." Cures all skin diseases. Please yield to it at once. Beware of counterfeits.—J. E. Hood.



THE MISSING STRIP IS TO BE FOUND IN THE PICTURE. CUT OUT AND FIT IN BLANK SPACES.

FRESH FACTS IN
A FEW LINES

The highest mountain peak in Colorado is Sierra Blanca, which is 14,483 feet high.

The ivory market shows signs of a steady decrease, and the extinction of the supply is feared.

France annually produces about 143,299,000 pounds of chocolate and bonbons in about equal quantities.

The picking of the raisin and strawberry crops in California is almost entirely in the hands of the Chinese.

Lawton, Okla., six months old, has 7,000 inhabitants, 188 lawyers, 43 saloons, 27 gambling dens and 4 schools.

Mosquitoes are fond of anything blue. That is a scientific discovery that is furnishing an argument for changing the color of the United States army shirt.

Farthing breakfasts, consisting of coffee, bread and butter and jam, are now being provided by the Salvation Army for poor children in Newcastle, England.

T. L. Carter, one of Mosby's men, has his name on the monument in honor of dead Confederates at Front Royal. He is now postmaster at Orange Court House, Va.

British fruit growers are adopting the idea of covering their crops with paper sheets during the cold nights. A small outlay in labor and paper results in considerable saving in the long run.

In the work of restoring the Ara Coeli church at Rome the famous mural frescoes of Pinturicchio have been completely ruined, several large panels having been driven into them.

Before long it is probable that the dogs as well as the daughters of rich and fashionable folk may be sent to Paris to finish off their education. A school for dogs has been established at that city.

Systematic inquiries into the present condition of bird life in Missouri bring to light the surprising discovery that within the last fifteen years insectivorous birds have decreased 62 per cent and game birds 80 per cent.

All British military convicts who have been sentenced to penal servitude for sleeping at their posts have had their sentences commuted to lighter ones. These military offenses are now being met by lighter sentences.

The vegetarian novelties in hats and bonnets in London include the substitution of the rosy red tomato and the flower of the French bean for the wig and other animal decorations now customarily used on ladies' headgear.

An Essex (England) clergyman, experiencing a difficulty in obtaining the services of a bell ringer, has evolved a device whereby, with the aid of the electric current, he rings his own bells by pressing buttons in the vestry.

Some of the out and out New York chappies have taken to wearing the monocle, which at present is in greater favor than ever among London dandies. Eastern opticians notice an appreciable increase in the demand for single glasses.

The Bank of Netherlands is now lending \$5,000,000 less than it did a year ago, the Bank of Italy \$6,650,000 less, the Austro-Hungarian bank \$17,450,000 less, the Imperial German bank \$18,450,000 less and the Bank of Spain \$25,000,000 less.

The Four Hours' Sleep society is the latest thing in associations, and it is Chicago bred. The members argue that more than four hours' sleep is unnecessary, and they pledge themselves not to have more and to bring up their children on the same plan.



SULTAN OF SULU AND TWO MORO DATTO OF MINDANAO. The savage Moros of Mindanao, with whom Uncle Sam now finds himself at war, are the fiercest fighters in the Philippines. They are ruled by the sultan of Sulu and by numerous lesser sultans and dattos. The killing of an American soldier caused the war.

AN OBJECT LESSON
How Kinston Has Been Benefited
All Around.

THE FREE PRESS is reliably informed that purchasers can be found for all the common stock in the Kinston Mantel company at 25 cents on the dollar.

So THE FREE PRESS' idea to save this mill to its stockholders made their stock, which was of no value at all, worth 25 per cent. inside of a week.

This is a pretty good record, shows the value of co-operation and that it pays the people of Kinston—the poor people as well as wealthy ones, widows and children as well as men—to stand up for and support a paper with ideas.

A paper with ideas, working for the community's interests (and the welfare of the community contributes to the welfare of the paper) is worth much to the community.

Just think how disastrous the failure of this industry would have been to Kinston and her citizens, not only directly, but to a far greater extent indirectly, because the evil effects of such a disaster would never have been overcome.

Let there be more patriotism. Narrow selfishness will no longer pay in Kinston. It will not pay any of our citizens to try to thrive upon what would be disastrous to this community.

Hereafter, we pray the crackers, blockers and dissenters to please consider more carefully the stand they shall take. Let there be more patriotism. Narrow selfishness will no longer pay in Kinston.

An Interesting Sermon.

The morning services held in the Baptist church by Rev. Mr. Spence were not only impressive but of such a character as to infuse into his hearers a deep desire to lead a higher, a more useful Christian life. His theme, "The Joy of Religion," that the activity in services, besetting self-abnegation toward man, and arousing the God-like qualities in the exertion of trying to assist in saving others, bettering him here and sitting him for eternity.

The music and singing was a sweet melody of praise, calming and elevating. These people are smooth, quiet, yet so very persistent in their belief. From the dawn of the Christian era and down the corridors of centuries, despite of persecution, pope and potentate, these peculiar people have held together and have resisted any encroachment of their religious liberties.

It took blood and bone to bide the bent, yet they have always met the issues and have held their own. The reverend gentleman earnestly exhorted his people to be forgiving, to be patient, to contend for the faith, and to love one another. On invitation, Mr. Vassar, a talented young lawyer, came forward and united with the church.

As the hush of the benediction falls humbly and solemnly upon all, tender memories come over us of former loved ones, the heart swells, the eye fills with a tear of silent joy for the assurance full that they have awakened in His likeness and are singing of His mercies in the Heavenly tabernacles. Blessed Sabbath day of rest—sacred day of song.

Sweet Sympathy.

Mrs. Youngwed—Yes; Mr. Youngwed didn't feel at all well this morning, so I just made him stay home from the office. Mrs. Naybor—Indeed! I notice all your carpets are up and your back shed's painted and— Mrs. Youngwed—Yes; I got Mr. Youngwed to do all that while he was home today.—Philadelphia Press.

More Than Tragic.

"You played nothing but tragedies," said the friend. "They were worse than tragedies," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes as he stopped figuring his expense account. "They were financial catastrophes."—Washington Star.

A Strangers Life.

"I suppose a public man has to read a great deal," said the thoughtful man. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum.

TOADS IN FOLKLORE.

Sicilian Superstition Concerning the Ugly Little Creatures.

The toad has a prominent place in folklore. We find the ugly little creature distinguished in popular tradition, and that in its most permanent province, in local worship and belief.

According to the statements of Dr. G. Pitre, contained in his excellent account of Sicilian tradition, the faith of that island still recognizes supernatural beings known as donne di fuora (ladies from abroad), also entitled patronesses of the house, who have attributes in common with the fairies of England.

It is a peculiar feature of their habits that they visit the domicile not on any evening indifferently, but only on Thursday, making their entrance by the keyhole or by cracks of doors.

Legends abound in which is related the reward or punishment consequent upon the good or ill treatment of a Friday toad. On this day, therefore, the usually unpopular animal is safe from abuse and secure of attention, more especially if it chance to belong to a species possessing a particular arrangement of the cuticle reminiscent of a lady's head of hair.

It is indeed, and we are really glad to learn all of the wonderful things are not monopolized by Kinston. We want the entire county and surrounding territory to show up well in wonders and marvels.

The publishers of THE FREE PRESS are not in business for health or excitement, but just like other business men they are looking for the big round dollars. They have learned the lesson of helping others while helping themselves, and have proven beyond question that that is a paying policy.

Just what is meant by these remarks is shown in the news item headed "An Object Lesson." The saving and reorganization of the Mantel company was as much a part of the purpose in calling the opera house meeting as was the organization of the publishing company, and the success in one was as great as in the other.

The metropolitan papers make a great deal of fuss and noise about their public benefactions but we are not seeking publicity or praise for this act and desire only to impress upon every business man how easy it is to help others while helping himself and to express the hope that the example will be generally followed and that the Kinston slogan hereafter will be HELP OTHERS WHILE HELPING YOURSELF.

No man of sound common sense and judgment who will give five minutes thought needs to have pointed out in detail the tremendous possibilities of the sentence. Take the price of land, for instance. Common sense should impress any man that the town cannot grow much beyond the point it has already reached until there is some reason for further growth created by additional business and manufacturing. These we cannot get if we hold factory and residence sites at prohibitive prices.

Manufacturing is the keynote to growth and progress. Don't shoe away the goose that lays golden eggs, but scatter plenty of corn for it and entice it into the yard. You see the point!

THE FREE PRESS is prepared to supply elegant and beautiful calendars to advertisers. Don't place an order until you see our samples. Don't forget this!