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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Raleigh Correspondent: Charlotte Observer.—Mention has been made of the charter granted to the Audubon Society of North Carolina. It is a very important matter to North Carolinians. Insect pests destroy one-tenth of the crops annually. Birds, which the society intends to protect, consume vast numbers of these insects. It will surprise North Carolinians to know what The Observer correspondent learned tonight—that in one county, Currituck, last summer, 46,000 marsh hens and jackdaws were killed and their feathers shipped north; that the gulls and terns along the North Carolina coast are nearly exterminated; that mocking birds are becoming scarce in many localities and that buzzards are being killed for their wing feathers for use in women's hats. Thousands of partridges have been killed and shipped out of the State, marked as eggs or in barrels, and many are now being killed, though it is the close of the season.

Raleigh News and Observer.—Monday night the Fries merger committee finished all the work it will do in Raleigh. Its work in valuing and accepting the southern cotton spinning mills to be included in the merger has not been completed but is approaching completion. Saturday night the committee had passed on and accepted forty mills with a total of four hundred thousand spindles. Last night the committee reported that it had accepted over eighty mills and that the combined spindles of these mills amounts to over seven hundred and fifty thousand spindles. The committee have under consideration 140 mills, but does not say how many it has already rejected. The committee will meet next in Charlotte, but has not yet determined on the date of its meeting. The members appear gratified at the progress made, and with eighty mills accepted it may be regarded as a certainty that the merger will be effected.

Washington, Oct. 27.—While coupling two log cars this morning at Pinetown the 20-year-old son of Mr. Levin Wallace had his head caught between the projecting ends of logs on the cars, and it was crushed almost flat. Death was instantaneous, and therefore not attended with much suffering. Young was a very good young man and much liked by his neighbors. He was to have been married in a few weeks.

Asheville, Oct. 27.—Henry Frasier and William McAllister, both under the influence of whiskey, yesterday entered the home of John Bash, near this city, and smashed furniture, crockery, doors and windows with axes. Bash was away from home and his wife and her sister were powerless to prevent the destruction of their home. The men escaped.

Raleigh News-Observer: The trained nurses of North Carolina are preparing to organize. A meeting for this purpose has been called, to be held in this city and the meeting for State organization will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Olivia Rensy Library. There will also be a meeting at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The Wilson Infantry company has been mustered into the State guard and its officers commissioned. The State fair opened Monday. The prospects are for a fine fair and big crowd.

"Miss Glax" began young Gayboy, "or may I call you Ginevra?" "Call me what you like," she said, with a bright smile. "Well, I like Glax," he whispered. And then he realized as she turned her phis from him that he had blundered.—Chicago Tribune.

Detable. "Hi, there!" shouted the customs officer suspiciously. "Why are you holding your handkerchief to your face?" "There's a bit of cinder in my eye," answered the returning tourist. "Ah, foreign substance in the eye! You'll have to pay duty on it!"—Philadelphia Record.

The Wise Bride. "As long, George, as we haven't any coal to cook with there is one thing I must speak in the bath about." "And what is that, my dear?" "I must ask him to be sure to lay in a large supply of raw oysters."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lovely Woman. Miss Hensley—I don't know whether or not to wear a veil with this hat. Do you think it would improve it? Miss Spotts—That depends, dear. Do you mean to wear the veil over your face or up on your hat?—Philadelphia Eyes.

OIL FOR STREET SURFACES.

It Lays the Dust and is a Powerful Disinfectant.

A correspondent contributes the following to the Bakersfield Californian: Among the many advantages arising from the use of oil in the manifold ways in which it is being made to contribute to the welfare of the people of the state I have never yet seen included what, from one standpoint, may be considered the most important of all. I refer to the increased healthfulness that is certain to be observed in those communities where oil is used as a dressing for street surfaces.

The street has always been and, but for crude petroleum, would always remain a thickly settled place which collects the dirt, the filth and the disease germ, only to turn them back into the atmosphere bearing more of poison and danger than when first deposited, with the result that humanity, cooped up in towns and cities, has had to struggle for life, inhaling air which is charged every breath of it with illness and death.

An important change is about to be brought about in this regard unwittingly and entirely without design by the discovery that crude oil will lay the dust more cheaply and more effectively than any other means. The method is being adopted merely because of these two reasons, but the fact that the oil is one of the best disinfectants known to science accompanies it and will finally bring to the fortunate people who live in localities where the modern dust killing method is practiced a greater measure of health than has ever been their store before.

Easy. Teacher—What animal may be considered the most warlike? Tommy (who hasn't looked at his lesson)—The armydillo, ma'am.—Chicago Tribune.

The Precocious Fanster. She is a gentle child and wise; She didn't mean to vex By asking, "Do you dot your eyes When you put on your spec?"—Evening Wisconsin.

Cause For Wonder. He—Would you marry the best man living? She—Not unless I was sure it would make a better man of him.—Buffalo News.

A Pose. When you sit for your photograph, Best make a good impression, Look pleasant, and afterward resume Your natural expression!—New York Herald.

The Usual Thing. "It was a most romantic marriage." "Indeed? Was the groom as worthwhile as all that?"—Boston Herald.

MAJOR DAVES DIES SUDDENLY

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF NEW BERN

Heart Trouble the Cause. Well Known Over Whole State.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 27.—Major Graham Daves, of New Bern, died here this morning.

His death was the result of heart trouble. It occurred at two o'clock this morning. Major Daves came here about three weeks ago with the hope of having his health restored. For a time there seemed to be no immediate danger, but on October 22, he became worse and since that time had been confined to his bed. The physicians had little hope of his recovery. His death was very sudden. Mrs. Mary McKay Nash, his sister, was with him. Mrs. Knowles, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Stradwick, of Richmond, who are relatives of his, will arrive tomorrow. The remains will be taken to New Bern tomorrow, where the funeral will be held on Thursday.

New Bern, N. C., Oct. 27.—This entire community is very much shocked and grieved over the death of Major Graham Daves, of this city. Major Daves was held in high esteem by every one. His death occurred at Asheville this morning at 2:30 o'clock. The remains will be brought to New Bern for burial and the services will be conducted from Christ church, of which he was a member since early youth and for years one of the vestrymen. Major Daves was private secretary under the late Governor Ellis and a prominent Confederate.

Know Women. Stranger—How soon will the next trolley car go by here? Farmer—Maria, how soon 'll yew be ready tew take th' next trolley car? His Wife—Just ten minutes, Josh. Farmer—Then th' next car 'll go by here in jes' nine minants, an' thar won't be another fer an hour.—Judge.

Felicitly. "I'm happy!" loud caroled the tomcat, "And my joy I can hardly control. Oh, it's proudly I sigh; I've been hit in the eye With a nugget of anthracite coal."—New York Times.

One Never Knows. She—Wasn't it a lovely honeymoon, darling? He—Oh, wasn't it, sweetie? She—My only regret is that it may never happen again.—Town Topics.



THE MONUMENT TO LINCOLN'S MOTHER. At last a fitting monument to the mother of Abraham Lincoln has been dedicated, although her grave was practically unmarked for nearly sixty years. This simple memorial of the last resting place of Nancy Hanks Lincoln is located at Lincoln City, Ind.

BAY STATE ROADS.

Some Facts About the Highways of Massachusetts.

It costs on an average \$9,000 per mile to build a state road in Massachusetts, says the Boston Globe, but the actual cost depends on locality and conditions, hardly two cases being alike. One-fourth of the cost of a state road is borne by the county in which it is situated, the balance being contributed by the state.

The work of the highway commission has developed a number of high class professional roadbuilders. Many of the younger and more ambitious have entered the employ of the national government in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines in the same line of work. Most of the state roads are of broken stone, but a few are of gravel. The type of road built is determined by the engineer, who makes careful examination of soils, drainage, gravel, stone, grades and traffic.

The thickness of stone on state roads varies from four to sixteen inches, the lesser being placed over good gravel or sand, the greater over heavy clay. The broken stone used on state roads passes through half inch, inch and a half and two and a half inch screens. The largest size is placed on the bottom, the second size on top of this and the crown is made with half inch material. All are rolled separately and thoroughly.

The cost of trap rock for roadbuilding varies from \$1.10 per ton to \$1.60 per ton. The state owns seventeen steam rollers, which are employed in state roadbuilding. The standard width of stone roadways in Massachusetts built by the commission is fifteen feet. There are some only ten and twelve feet wide, but they are not deemed economical to maintain.

When a state road is constructed, it remains under the control of the state highway commission. The local authorities are taxed an amount not to exceed \$50 per mile for maintenance.

THE GREAT HIGHWAY.

Automobiles and the New York-Chicago Road.

The owners of racing automobiles have brought that machine, which might be useful, into such disrepute that it is pleasant to find one of them engaged in useful public service. Colonel Dickinson of Springfield, Mass., left recently on an automobile trip to Chicago which promises to strengthen the movement for good roads, says the Brooklyn Eagle. He is treasurer of the New York and Chicago Road association, which hopes to have a line of smooth, hard highways connecting the two cities. The distance is some 850 miles, of which only 320 miles are of good macadam. The association, which numbers some 2,000 members, will ask the next legislature to bond the state of New York to build a good state highway, and Mr. Dickinson seems confident of state help in Ohio, Indiana he regards as the enemy's country.

There is no question that smooth, hard highways would be of immense benefit to farmers and not be merely a convenience for the owners of automobiles and bicycles. It has been shown over and over again that the farmer could draw four times as heavy loads to market with the same span of horses over a properly made road as over the average roads through even level country. The roads ought to be made and kept in repair from local taxation by the towns and counties through which they run. But co-operation between such neighboring divisions in the matter is more difficult to secure than uniform divorce laws among the states or uniform trust legislation. One long, fine road as an object lesson might be worth even state co-operation for its effect upon other communities.

If the automobile can be used to promote interest in that movement, it is a good thing, but farmers are not going to vote taxes for roads which would be practically speed courses for these machine wagons and on which it would be dangerous to drive their family carriages. Colonel Dickinson and his association should take the racers of their favorite machine in hand. If they could suppress those public nuisances, their good road movement would thrive better.

Still Worse. Ethel—What is more aggravating than a man who tells you of his love and never mentions matrimony? Edith—Oh, a man who tells you of his money and never mentions matrimony.—Judge.

In the Studio. Baker's Wife—I should like to have my little boy put into the picture too. Artist—Then it will cost \$20 more. Baker's Wife—But I'll take him in my lap.—Lippincott's.

The Limit. Mrs. Uppton—Why, I thought your little dog was white! Mr. De Style—So he was; but I had him dyed brown to match this dress.—Chicago Daily News.

The Last Resort. "Here's something about an author committing suicide." "Yes; he had to advertise his books in some way."—Atlanta Constitution.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. "S. L. Buyer a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors called bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief."—S. B. Little, merchant, Fancock, Mo. For sale by J. E. Hood.

CURTAIN CALLS.

Herbert Kelcey is playing "Sherlock Holmes."

Daniel Giffether is playing Joe Saunders in "My Partner."

Frank Tucker of Washington is appearing in a stock company in Philadelphia.

Margaret Anglin will play Camille on her tour with the Emptre stock company.

Mildred Holland is soon to produce "The Lily and the Prince," a sixteenth century Italian romance.

Mabel Dixey, a daughter of Henry Dixey, made her debut in "Captain Molly" with Elizabeth Tyree.

Katherine Grey and Edwin Arden are at the head of the cast of Ramsay Morris' "The Ninety and Nine."

"The Tempest" revived with Louis James and Fred Warde, is expected to play in New York in the spring.

Ruth Beecher of Washington is presenting a ten minute sketch in conjunction with her husband in vaudeville.

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FRESH FACTS IN A FEW LINES

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYBODY

Obliging Goats. The goats of Naples go upstairs into tenement houses to be milked, sometimes to the sixth or seventh stories.

Burma Wives. In Burma formerly there were seven kinds of wives, of which four could not be divorced, but there was no difficulty in getting separated from any of the other three kinds.

Tattooed Whiskers. The Ainu women tattoo their faces to give them the appearance of men with whiskers.

High Living and Cancer. An English physician declares that high living, the use of wine and other stimulants and of strong animal food, aggravates all the symptoms arising from cancer.

A Thornless Rose. The followers of Zoroaster have a theory that prior to the existence of sin in the world the rose was a thornless flower. In the east it is a tradition to this day that the burning bush in which the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses was a rosebush.

The Catfish. The shad's chief enemy is the catfish. A seine haul on Albemarle sound, North Carolina, over a shad spawning ground included 5,000 catfish, all of them gorged with shad eggs.

The Onion. The onion has a virtue to which thousands of people will swear. This is its ability to ward off attacks of malaria in any form and to cure cases as rapidly as the strongest doses of quinine.

Wine and Amethyst. The ancients believed that wine drunk from an amethyst cup would not intoxicate.

Blackwater Fever. Hitherto blackwater fever, the terrible scourge of central Africa, has been without remedy, but one has been discovered in a native decoction made from the roots of the cassia tree.

Street Car Tips. In some German cities it is customary to fee street car conductors, who are thus enabled to add from \$4 to \$6 a month to their income.

Our Murderers. There are about 10,000 murders a year in the United States.

The Earliest Newspaper. The earliest newspaper was published in Venice and called a gazette from the name of the coin for which it was sold.

Geese. A New Orleans bird fancier says that popular opinion is all wrong about geese. The goose, he adds, is one of the easiest fowls to train and one of the brightest.

Beer in Germany. Germany's annual consumption of beer works out at over thirty-six gallons per head of population.

Did as Well. Her Beau—"This said Kipling gets 50 cents a word. Her Brother—Me too. Mabel gave me that to say "No" when you asked if she was in yesterday, didn't you, sis?—New York Times.

Excusable. Jack—I'm surprised to see you wearing a bird on your hat. I thought you belonged to the Audubon society. Mabel—I do, but the milliner assured me that this bird died a natural death.—New York Journal.

Appreciation. "That musician is a wonderful man." "He is," answered Mr. Cumrox. "Anybody who can get me to pay \$25 so that my family can hear him yell at the top of his voice is clever."—Washington Star.

Where Ignorance is Bliss. "She actually seems to think that everybody is admiring her." "Well, then she enjoys it just as much as if they were."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Didn't Really Need It. Muggins—Have you an encyclopedia? Bugbins—Well, no, not exactly; but my daughter is home from a young ladies' seminary.—Philadelphia Record.

Spanish Field Laborers. Field laborers in Spain rarely get more than 10 cents a day. Their sole food is a soup made of oil, water, garlic and bread. Many cannot endure twelve to fourteen hours of hard work to the broiling sun on such fare and faint in the fields. About 5 per cent of them die annually.

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