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Matters of Interest Condensed in Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

The Pitt of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. An Item Here and There.

Arioch Wentworth, of Boston, has died, leaving \$7,000,000 for an industrial school.

The rebellion in Uruguay has come to an end. The disturbance was announced only last week.

A general change in official circles is expected in Venezuela in consequence of the recent troubles of that country.

A landslide caused a wreck on the Southern railway yesterday morning, resulting in two deaths and much damage.

While the Mississippi river is falling near Memphis and farther up the stream, the water is rising down near New Orleans. But no danger is feared.

Mrs. Burdick, wife of murdered Edwin L. Burdick, of Buffalo, was forced to admit guilty love existing between herself and Arthur Fennel, because of telltale letters.

The Atlantic Coast Line will purchase the Florida Southern. The road is 300 miles long and covers a large area of Florida, where early vegetables are grown.

George Chapman has been convicted of brutally murdering women in the White Chapel district in London. It is said that he is "Jack the Ripper," whose butchery started the world 12 years ago.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman who was convicted at Liverpool in 1889 on the charge of poisoning her husband, James Maybrick, at Liverpool, by arsenic, and whose sentence of death was commuted to penal servitude for life, will be released in 1904.

By a practically unanimous vote, the newly organized Manhattan Elevated Railway employees refused to accept the proposition made by the officials of the road looking to a settlement of the grievances of the men. One of the principal grievances of the men, is that their hours are altogether too long. They want a nine-hour day, or as near a nine-hour day as the schedule of the train runs will permit.

Thomas A. Edison's Patents

Washington, March 20.—The work of the patent office began several years ago to keep a systematic account of the patents issued to Thomas A. Edison. They have his various inventions tabulated and indexed, so that they can put their hands on each different idea he has protected, by patent from the beginning of his marvelous career of invention. When a pending claim is allowed, as it no doubt will be this month, Mr. Edison will have received 791 patents in all.

He is not adding to the list as many ideas nowadays as he did some years ago. Up to 1895 he had taken out 711 patents. Since then he has added to the list from three to twenty-three patents each year. Last year he took out nineteen. This year, so far, he has received six. In ordinary fees for patents Mr. Edison has spent over \$51,000.

Enforcing Blue Laws.

Philadelphia, March 18.—To force the issue on the blue laws, the prominent and reasonable members of the Sabbath Observance association have sworn out warrants for the arrest of several publishers of morning newspapers and the executive officers of a news company, a locomotive works and an ice cream company. The newspapers are being prosecuted for accepting advertisements on Sunday, selling wares and doing any manner of business prohibited by the act of 1791 which also prohibits a man kissing his wife.

Noise Control.

New York, March 21.—Two chorus girls, members of rival theatrical companies, though under the same management, yesterday raced up 25 flights of stairs in the Syndicate building, 19 Park row. It was said by the press agent that the winner was to get a free ticket to and from Europe next summer, first cabin passage, and that the loser, if she did not complete the journey, must sacrifice three weeks' salary to be given to the Actors' fund.

Did you say DRUGS? Then HOOD'S!

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Use Death Dus?

Use Corrosive Sublimate

or anything else you want. We have it. Call for it.

J. E. HOOD

Called Up Higher.

Washington, March 22.—President Roosevelt has decided to appoint E. E. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, president of the Order of Railway Conductors and a member of the coal strike commission, assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor.

Mr. Clark was suggested to the president by Judge Gray and Carroll D. Wright. Judge Gray, chairman of the coal strike commission, gives Mr. Clark credit for unusual ability and energy in the commission's work. Mr. Clark represented organized labor on the commission.

The Prickly Pear of Africa.

Mischievous though the prickly pear, it is not without its good qualities. Its juicy fruit, though rather deficient in flavor, is delightfully cool and refreshing in the dry heat of the summer, and a kind of treacle is made of it.

Great caution is needed in peeling the prickly pear, the proper way being to impale the fruit on a fork or stick while you cut it open and remove the skin, and woe betide the fingers of the unwary "new clump" who plucks the treacherous fruit.

In dry weather at the cape these spittle little stings do not even wait for the newly arrived victim, but fly about light as thistledown, ready to settle on any one who has not learned by experience to give the prickly pear bushes a wide berth.—"Home Life on an ostrich Farm."

The Gallant Localidas.

"Henrietta," said Mr. Meehan, "did you hear that lecture in which it was stated that the fact that Adam arrived on earth before Eve indicated that man should assume a certain precedence over women?"

"I did," was the somewhat icy reply.

"Isn't it absurd? It simply shows that Adam was expected to get the garden in shape for Eve's comfort, just as the modern man gets up in the morning and lights the fire."—Washington Star.

The Credit They Give You.

"What is success?" asked the man with a liking for the abstruse.

"Success," answered the cynical friend, "is something that impresses old acquaintances to smile significantly and remark, 'A fool for luck!'"

A Giant Emperor.

Manliness, the giant Human emperor, could twist coils into conkers, powder hard rocks between his fingers and do other seemingly impossible things. When angered, he often broke the law of a horse or the skull of an ox with his fist. His wife's bracelet served him for a ring, and every day he ate six pounds of meat and drank an amphora of wine.

Recessional.

A Scotchman had two sons, one of whom was a doctor and the other a clergyman, of whom he was very proud. "If I had kept," said he, "that one of my sons was to be a medical man and the other a minister, I would never have had such a son as my mother."

Doctors Make No Mistakes.

Patient.—Doctor, only last week said I would surely die, and today you see I am as well as ever was.

Doctor.—Sir, I never make a mistake in a diagnosis. Your ultimate demerit is only a matter of time.—Chicago News.

A Second Hint.

Harduppe.—Say, old man, I believe I owe you an apology.

Freeman.—Well, I've heard it called a Y. a River, a fine plunk and five bones, but never an apology before!

Animal Life in High Altitudes.

Mules stand the climate of high altitudes better than horses, but require some weeks for acclimation, and if urged to undue exertion at great altitudes they are liable to drop dead suddenly.

A Quaker Toast.

A Quaker toast is thus quaintly worded: "This is from me and mine to thee and thine. I wish when the time comes to see thee and mine that me and mine will treat thee and thine as kindly as thee and thine have treated me and mine."

A Quaker Mortality.

The father of Count Werner, the founder of the reigning house of Austria, was a robber, and Werner himself followed that business for most of his life.

The Redwoods.

A curious characteristic peculiar to the California redwood tree is that if the head is cut off by lightning a new one will gradually grow out in its place as shapely as the first.

Gas Lighting.

Gaslight was first exhibited as a curiosity at the Boylston museum in Boston Nov. 22, 1821. The Boston Gaslight company held its first meeting July 14, 1820, and began to lay pipes in the streets Oct. 15, 1820. The first light was in Dock square Jan. 1, 1820.

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MURDER THE CHARGE CONVENE AT KINSTON

Which Ernest Haywood Will Have To Answer in Wake Court.

THE GRAND JURY ACTED PROMPTLY. PROMINENT SPEAKERS ARE EXPECTED

Solicitor Armistead Jones is Received and Solicitor Walter E. Daniel, of Weldon, Substituted.

The grand jury of Wake county returned a true bill for murder in the case of the State vs. Ernest Haywood within an hour after retiring to the grand jury room.

Solicitor Armistead Jones asked to be relieved of the duty of prosecuting the case. In addressing the court he said:

"This is the first case, in my experience as solicitor of this judicial district, that I have felt that it was improper for me to prosecute for the State. I feel the great responsibility upon me in making this statement, and I have assumed that responsibility from what I believed to be a conscientious discharge of duty. My wife is a relative of the defendant, and Dr. E. Burke Haywood, the father, and Dr. Robert Haywood, the brother of the defendant have been my family physicians for more than a quarter of a century; besides, the most intimate personal and business relations have existed for many years between the defendant and myself in the practice of the law, as the records of this court will attest. In view of these facts I do not feel in justice to myself, that I could properly represent the State in this case. And I ask if it pleases your honor, that I may retire from the prosecution of the case, and that some other and more competent member of the bar be requested by your honor to represent the State in this case."

This request of Mrs. Jones will be granted. Solicitor Walter E. Daniel, of Weldon, will be appointed to conduct the prosecution.

This term of Wake court is presided over by Judge Michael Hoke Justice, of Rutherfordton. Judge H. R. Bryan, of Newbern, was to have presided over the court, but requested an exchange, since he is the uncle of Mrs. Ludlow Skinner, whose husband Ernest Haywood killed.

The heavy rains of the last few days have so swollen the streams of Wake county that it was difficult for the members of the grand jury to present themselves on time.

The court took a recess and upon meeting again were able to proceed because of the presence of a sufficient number of jurors from whom to select a grand jury.

After the jury was drawn, Judge Justice delivered his charge. He began by reminding the jurors of their importance in the administration of justice. He said that no oath fits a man to become a grand juror. Back of the oath must be an inherent love of law and order, of government through right thinking, living and doing.

Continuing he said: "Your information is not to be gained by anonymous notes slipped under your doors. That is not the way. A man should be bold, brave and courageous enough to prosecute another openly when the law has been violated.

The criminal law is intended to protect society and the whole people are interested in its enforcement. The safety, the peace and quiet of our homes depends upon the suppression of crime and the keeping under subjection all who dare to molest or make afraid." Here Judge Justice enumerated the crimes punishable with death, with murder, arson, burglary and rape.

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The use of a deadly weapon is in itself a presumption of malice, as it is an unnatural way to fight. Malice must be shown to make a man guilty of murder in the first degree.

The judge defined the different degrees in murder and burglary, also what constitutes the crime of arson. Rape is also a capital offense and punishable with death. This is just, for when a man commits that crime it is a reasonable presumption that he is prepared to kill his victim to destroy evidence against him. And but for the underlying principle of virtue in women our laws, churches and religion would be in vain. There is no crime that is punished as certainly as the crime of rape. Any grand jury will find a true bill promptly and when the evidence is presented in court a prisoner rarely escapes conviction, sentence and execution. Yet, in some parts of the State men lose their minds and organize what are called lynching bees and the life of the criminal is taken without warrant of law. By thus losing their minds these men cast shadows over their own lives and their homes. The military is called on to protect our civilization from itself, to stop men from doing things that in their calmer moments they would not do."

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