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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

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

New York, Oct. 7.—A joke perpetrated by the performers at the stage entrance of the Eighth Avenue Theatre is alleged to have caused the death of Joseph Jennison. He laughed so much heart trouble set in and he died in the lobby of the theatre, where he had been carried by the ushers.

Washington, Oct. 7.—An increase in the death rate for the army from 13.94 per thousand, 1901, to 15.49 per thousand, 1902, is shown by the annual report of Surgeon-General O'Reilly for the fiscal year ending June 30. This increase is attributed to cholera which caused 3.54 deaths per 1,000. A slight improvement appears in admission rate for disease and injury.

London, Oct. 7.—The remains of Sir Michael Herbert, the late British ambassador at Washington were interred this afternoon in the family burial ground at Wilton, Wiltshire. The funeral was largely private. King Edward and the prince of Wales sent representatives. Ambassador Choate, Secretary White and Second Secretary Carter, of the American embassy, represented the United States.

Washington, Oct. 7.—In view of the fact that only bounty-fed cane sugar imported into the United States comes from the Argentine Republic the treasury department has issued a circular, relieving importers from the necessity of furnishing the evidence of identity required as to beet sugars. Thus all the cane sugars except Argentine may be brought in under the consular certificate of origin heretofore required.

New York, Oct. 7.—Mr. B. F. Yoakum, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco and chairman of the executive committee of the Seaboard Air Line, has been elected a director of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway. As the Frisco is owned by the Rock Island, Mr. Yoakum's election is of no special significance, and was contemplated before he became interested in the Seaboard. It does show, however, the community of interest now existing between the Rock Island, Frisco and Seaboard properties.

New York, Oct. 7.—It is stated here today on the authority of a gentleman in a position to know, that J. Ogden Armour of Chicago, whose daughter Lolita was cured of congenital dislocation of the hip by Dr. Lorenz, is to establish a chair of orthopedic surgery in at least one hospital in each of the leading cities in each state of the union and several in Canada. Mr. Armour is so encouraged over the recovery of his daughter that he has decided to found the chairs, or, more properly, beds, in the leading hospitals of the country.

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CURES CATARRH.

"Hymel the Most Wonderful Cure for Catarrh Ever Discovered" Says J. E. Hood & Co.

Do not try to cure catarrh by taking drugs into the stomach; it cannot be cured in that manner. The only way in which this too common disease can be cured is through a direct application that will kill the bacilli of catarrh and prevent their growth. Hymel is the only known method of treatment that accomplishes this. It is the simplest, most pleasant, and the only absolute cure for catarrh that has ever been discovered.

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J. E. Hood & Co. have so much confidence in the power of Hymel to cure catarrh, that they will for a limited time sell this medicine under their personal guarantee to refund the money if the purchaser can say that it did not help them.

TWO OBLIGING MEN.

Each Was the Victim in a Street Car Fare Transaction.

It was in a Boston street car. When the car stopped at a crossing, a lady got up and went to the door. As she rose there was the chink of a coin on the floor, but before it occurred to any one to stop her she was out of the car and across the street. Two ladies who had sat next to her looked with anxious indifference on the floor. One of them leaned slightly forward, but said nothing. Just as the conductor was reaching for the bell rope a young man spied the coin and dashed out of the car. He caught the lady who had left the car, handed her the coin, ran back, caught the step of the car as the motors began to sing in crescendo and sat down breathless. One of the two ladies opposite him leaned forward and said coldly, "Young man, what did you do with the nickel I dropped?" The passengers tittered. An old man at the other end of the car turned to his neighbor. "That reminds me," he said, "of something that happened to my wife years ago."

"It was before the days of conductors, when we used to drop our nickels into a slot, and they ran down a groove in the box behind the driver."

"My wife had started out with a little change and one of those troublesome five dollar goldpieces which used to be more commonly in circulation than they are now. Her eyes were not good, and so she was nervous about her goldpiece and had it on her mind all the way downtown."

"When she took a car for home, she met a friend and grew interested in conversation with her. She put her coin in the slot absentmindedly. The driver turned as it struck the box. You remember the coin fell into a glass compartment first, and then the driver pushed a lever which sent it into the strong box below."

"As my wife heard the click of the lever she thought of her five dollar goldpiece. She looked in her purse. Sure enough, it was gone. She went forward and spoke to the driver. He said he hadn't looked very carefully, but he thought there were only three nickels in the glass receptacle when he pushed the lever."

"My wife insisted. The driver said if she would ride to the end of the line the cashier at the station would open the box. This meant a journey of two miles beyond our street, and my wife was in a hurry."

"An old gentleman who sat by the door said he was going to the end of the line and offered to give her \$4.95 cents and get the goldpiece at the station. My wife thanked him and took the money. When she got home, she found the five dollar goldpiece in the lining of her purse."

"Next day I went to the station. The cashier said an old gentleman had made him open the box. There was no goldpiece. The old gentleman had left in a rage, refusing to give his name. He said he had been swindled and did not want to be known for a fool."

"We advertised in the papers, but we never heard from him."—Youth's Companion.

Animal Worship Among the Hebrews

The Old Testament records show, notwithstanding the various revisions through which these venerable books have passed, many indications of animal worship among the Israelites, which must have lasted for ages before the prohibition inculcated in the second line of the Decalogue was formulated. At a comparatively late date "Jehovah was worshiped under the popular symbol of a bull, while the twelve oxen upholding the laver in Solomon's temple, as well as the horns adorning the altar, were drawn from the prevalent bull worship."

Modern research has also proved that the cherubim were represented in the form of winged bulls. M. Lenormant in his famous book on the "Beginnings of History" says that during the time of the kings and prophets "most assuredly the cherubim, as there described, are animals."

A Fighting Bishop.

On one occasion Bishop Selwyn was going down the river Walkato with a Maori when the latter, who was very lazy, left off paddling the canoe, at the same time muttering that if Selwyn were not a bishop he would—"well," "go for him." In a moment the bishop told the man to turn the canoe ashore, where, stripping himself of everything episcopal, he said, pointing to his robes, etc: "The bishop lies there; the man is here. I am quite ready; come on." The Maori did not "come on," however, but quietly resumed his work without another murmur.—London Tit-Bits.

New York Sheriff.

The reason why the sheriff of New York cannot be elected to two successive terms is this: It is the sheriff's duty to carry out the process of courts against official delinquents during trial and after conviction. Should a sheriff endeavor forcibly to hold over for a second time after having been defeated for re-election he would be the instrument of the court's process against himself, a paradoxical position which the law avoids by making him ineligible for re-election.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON

Buys Farm in Georgia and Will Raise Fruits and Vegetables.

Atlanta, Oct. 7.—Sir Thomas Lipton, the great sportsman, statesman and merchant of the Emerald Isle, who has endeared himself to the hearts of Americans by his sportsmanlike efforts to lift the international yacht cup, and who has proven himself so good a loser, has acquired a large estate in Georgia and will begin at once the cultivation of a gigantic fruit and vegetable farm, from which he will supply the London markets with the choicest fruits and vegetables. It is a well known fact that the fruits and vegetables that are sold in the London markets are of inferior grades and are sold for enormous prices, and it is with the idea of benefiting humanity as well as carrying out his own desires that the Irish lord has decided to embark on the agricultural sea.

Animal Superstitions.

There are many animals that the superstitious consider it unlucky to kill. Among them may be mentioned a lady-bird, a martin, a robin, a stork and a money spider, while to kill a wren means that you will break a bone before the year is out. Many animals are also supposed to herald death, and superstitions in this direction are so numerous that only a few can be mentioned here. The most commonly known is the clicking or tapping of the beetle called a death watch, which is reckoned as an omen of death to some one in the house.

The howling of a dog at night near a house is supposed to predict the death of a sick inmate, as also the settling of a white pigeon on a house bodes death to some one in the house, while, again, an old saying among the superstitious runs, "No person can die on a bed or pillow containing the feathers of a white pigeon."

That the gnawing of furniture by rats presages death is also a common superstition. To meet certain animals is considered lucky, while to meet others is the reverse. For instance, to meet a sow with a litter of pigs is very lucky, but it is unlucky if a sow crosses a traveler's path. To meet a weasel is lucky, but should a hare run across the road in front of you, augurs bad fortune.

Properties of Cellulose.

Cellulose absorbs water and by its swelling provides the softest possible obstruction. On account of its low specific gravity, less than that of cork, it is valuable for life belts and may be used in large quantities to keep a seriously damaged ship afloat. Cellulose compressed and packed in the coffers of a ship, to form a leak belt, does not emit any unpleasant odor and does not decay for two or three years. When penetrated by a projectile it is not ignited and does not give off any disagreeable smoke, possessing in this respect a great advantage over rubber armor. If dry, loose cellulose be ignited, it gives out white smoke.

Highly Recommended.

It was fair time in Selkirk, and Sandy and his sweetheart were wandering round, arm in arm, enjoying the sights. Presently they espied a smart looking pie shop, which they promptly entered.

Sandy ordered one pie, sat down and commenced to eat it. Meanwhile the girl looked shyly at "Is't fine, Sandy?" she timidly asked. "Aye, 'tis awfu' fine, Jennie," he answered. "Ye should buy one!"—Glasgow Times.

When the Moon Had a Bad Effect.

Your grandmother or veteran aunty can tell you that when hogs were killed in the wrong time of the moon the slices of ham would shrivel up more than half and ditch would all fry away, leaving only small cracklings. Apple or any kind of fruit dried in the wrong time was certain to mold or become wormy and cider vinegar to refuse to become sharp.

An Illustration.

He—What would you call a "pole section?" She—Why, if I should say to you, "Really, Mr. Jones, I hope you are of thinking of going so soon?"—Judge.

Spades and a Club.

Mike (teaching Pat poker)—Will that boy go? Pat—Four trowels and a black shirt rock.—Puck.

Encouraging.

Tom—Has she given you any encouragement? Dick—I should say so. She tells me she will have all the old man's wealth when he dies.—Judge.

Outdone.

"He doted on Alice and would live married her but for her mother." "Ah! Her mother?" "Yes, her mother was still more attractive."

Every time a man loses his temper he loses his head, and when he loses his head he loses several chances.

UNITED STATES OF LIBERIA.

A French Millionaire Desires to Found an Empire in North Africa.

New York, Oct. 7.—A Times dispatch from London, says that the secret of M. Letandy's attempt to found empire in Africa is out. The dispatch asserts that a young French millionaire now in London desires first to obtain the consent of the European powers who claim to have influence over the territory on which he designs to establish along northwest coast of Africa, an empire larger than Rhodesia, to be entitled the United States of Liberia. It is alleged that he proposes to found a state peopled by negroes from America especially from the southern States, who would receive grants of land and be encouraged to found a country of their own. If Letandy obtains all the territory he desires he will have a country rich in minerals, India rubber and coffee.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE

May be Opened Soon by Enterprising Charlestonians.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 7.—The members of the Commercial Club of Charleston will hold a conference to discuss the question of opening up a steamboat line between Charleston and Georgetown. The water commerce between Charleston and Georgetown has been considerable in years past. Lately, however, the line has been abandoned, for the reason that Mark Moses, the owner of the steamboats has moved to New York and closed out his interests.

To reopen the steamboat line will not involve a very large expenditure of money, and it is proposed to organize a company with a capital stock of \$40,000. About one-third of that amount has been subscribed.

GIRL MESSENGERS.

Telegraph Company Branching Out on a New Line.

New York, Oct. 7.—A prominent officer of the American District Telegraph Company, when shown a clipping from the Kansas City Journal referring to the employment of girls as messengers for that company at Kansas City, said:

We are experimenting with the problem and hope for the best results. We believe that girls will prove more polite, quicker and more honest than the class of boys we are able to get. We are of the opinion that with girl messengers, women will patronize the company more than they do, because they can send them out for hair pins, ribbons and other things that delight the feminine heart.

Drought is Wide-Spread.

The crop bulletin for the week ending Monday, Oct. 5, says the past week has been very dry with practically no rain whatever except in a very small amount at a few widely separated places. The drought is injuring all late crops considerably, especially turnips, fall Irish potatoes, crimson clover and early seeded rye and wheat. Small streams are low, and there is a scarcity of water in some sections. The temperature was slightly above normal, as the days were moderately warm; the nights were generally cool, and some frost occurred in the mountains. While the lack of moisture is affecting late seeded crops adversely, and the ground has become too dry and hard for the continuation of fall plowing, otherwise conditions were very favorable for gathering matured crops and for all farm work. Very little plowing has been done, and only small quantities of winter wheat and oats were seeded during the week.

Cotton is opening very rapidly; with weather conditions favorable for picking, which is progressing rapidly the cool nights have injured the top crop; in many fields in the south cotton is all open; the estimate is that nearly half the cotton has already been picked, and the yield is undoubtedly short. Gathering late corn has advanced well; some late corn has been injured by lack of sufficient moisture. Tobacco has all been safely housed, except in a few sections in the northwestern part of the State. Digging peanuts and sweet potatoes are under way, with fairly good yields. Most of the peavine hay crop, nearly all of the fodder and other forage crops have been housed under favorable conditions. Clover and turnips are being much injured by drought. Some wheat and oats were seeded during the week, but cannot come up without rain. Forest fires are reported in the northeastern part of the State.

N. B.—As the staple crops are now practically beyond the influence of the weather conditions, this is the last crop bulletin for the season of 1903.

ORMONDSVILLE ITEMS.

October 8, 1903.

Yesterday at 4 o'clock p. m., Mr. W. M. Forrest led Miss Ida Stocks to the Hymeneal altar. Rev. Charles Vause performed the ceremony. It was a quiet home marriage.

On every hand we hear regrets of having gone into hail insurance for tobacco. Our community is very fortunate in not having any hail during the crop growing season, and now that it has come time to pay the assessment it seems hard to pay. One cannot do other than pay it, since he has gone into it, whether the hail came or not, his crop was insured and if it had been destroyed he would expect damages. It is not the writer's purpose to decide whether it is better to buy the insurance or not, however, this much is true: some farmers can carry their own insurance better than many others and each should be governed by his conditions, using his good sense and better judgment, rather than to yield to the natural inclination of getting "In the Swim." Many went into hail insurance because "everybody else was in it," and since there has been no hail the assessment is hard for them to pay. Why should we sacrifice our convictions and better business judgment for the purpose of being with the majority? This inclination is manifest too often in many things besides buying hail insurance.

GRAINGERS ITEMS.

October 8, 1903.

Miss Bessie Jackson is visiting at Strabane this week.

The sweet potato crop seems to be very good with us this year.

Mr. William H. Hamilton, of Winterville, is visiting here this week.

Mrs. Stephen Fordham, of Kinston, spent today here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith.

Preaching at the M. E. church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock also at night by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Lowder.

Miss Mae Tilghman, of Kinston, returned home today after spending a few days here with her many friends.

Miss Agnes Casey returned to her home in Kinston Monday after spending Sunday here with the Misses Odham.

Mr. Rudolph Taylor left last week for Richmond, Va., where he will take a course at the medical college; we wish him much success in his choice.

Mr. T. E. Goodrich went to Greenville today, he having resigned as section master for the A. C. L. railroad and Mr. E. Mizell, of South Carolina, having been sent to this division as his successor.

AYDEN ITEMS.

October 8, 1903.

Miss Lena Dawson was in town Saturday.

Miss Clyde Cox spent Sunday in Greenville.

Ralph Johnson went to Grifton Wednesday evening.

Miss Clydie Humphrey is spending some time with Mrs. Everett Stroud.

Mrs. W. B. Gray, of Hertford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. G. Berry, in south Ayden.

Work on the new hotel is progressing rapidly; some time soon we will have a hotel that larger towns would feel proud of.

Miss Eulalie Cox went to Greenville Tuesday to begin her work as teacher in the graded school of that place. We wish her much success.

Mr. D. Rock, the Cable Co. piano tuner, was in our city part of the week giving the instruments bought of that company the needed tunings, etc.

REPOSE ITEMS.

October 8, 1903.

Mr. S. P. Tyndall, of near Trenton, is visiting in Repose this week.

Messrs. Troy and L. K. Tyndall went to Kinston Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stroud, of Seven Springs, were in this section Sunday.

Mr. P. T. Noble and a Miss West, of Dover, were in this section Sunday.

Mr. Hampton and Miss Carry Barfield, of Kinston, were in this section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cherry and Mrs. F. A. Jones, of Mt. Olive is visiting at Mr. C. C. Tyndall's, this week.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

Gossip Gathered from Murphy To Mantle of Importance to Our Tar Heel Readers.

Wednesday night the plant of the Weed Distilling Company, situated a few miles west of Fayetteville was destroyed by fire including boiler house, electric light works, warehouses, etc., entailing a loss of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The property was insured.

The 3-year-old son of James Robbins, of Charlotte, was fatally scalded by the overturning of a bucket of boiling water Wednesday. The lad was playing in the porch and attempted to lift the bucket, with the result that his head and shoulders were frightfully burned. He will die.

Robert Hester, a prominent young man of Creedmoor, Granville county, was arrested in Durham and taken back to his home to answer to the charge of burglary in breaking into a store in company with a negro boy who told on Hester when he was arrested. Hester is only 17 years old.

Raleigh correspondent: Work on the Methodist Orphanage here is now proceeding rapidly. A Wilson man is doing the iron work. The chapel is being completed. The building will be ready in November and such experts as W. J. Hicks, of Oxford, say it is one of the best buildings in the State.

Salisbury Sun: Jerry Burton, colored, cut his wife's throat at their home on Church street yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. The woman will recover. Burton made his escape immediately after the commission of the crime and has not yet been captured. Jealousy of his wife was the cause of Burton's murderous attack.

No. 29, the Southern southbound Florida express crashed into the engine of a work train in the northern suburbs of Greensboro Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Two negroes were hurt, though not seriously. The train crew and passengers were shaken up, but no one was badly injured. Both engines were somewhat damaged. Traffic was resumed after one hour's delay.

Pittsboro Chronicle: Harry Norwood, the 14-year-old son of Mr. A. R. Norwood, of northern Chatham, created much interest on the street today by his very small physique. He is three feet six inches tall, weighs 36 pounds, and the writer of this article has never seen a brighter boy at his age. He stands head in his class at school and is not at all sensitive about his size. He would be a drawing card at the Masonic Fair if he could be induced to go.

Statesville Landmark: It is stated on good authority that the Southern Railway's estimate of its total loss as a result of the wreck of No. 97, near Danville, is \$75,000. The engine landed in the mud after its long fall and was not damaged to greater extent than \$2,000. It is said that the railroad company is hardly receiving enough from the government for the special fast service it furnishes to reimburse it for the losses caused by three wrecks which have befallen No. 97, the all mail train.

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