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The Marion Record.

DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER.

MARION, N. C.

In Japan a man can live like a gentleman for about \$250 a year. This sum will pay the rent of a house, the salaries of two servants and supply plenty of food.

Thomas Godbears, of England, after the rash and excitement of the World's Fair, sought rest, appropriately enough, in the St. Louis Republic, in Philadelphia. But one of the live reporters of that city found him out and wrote him up. Of course his name goes back to Round-head days.

A widower's association has been formed in Dresden, Germany. No man can join unless his wife is dead, and he marries again he becomes an honorary member merely. One of the chief purposes of the association is to help newly-made widowers by looking after their wives' funerals and caring for their children.

When the annual session of Governor Frank B. Rowan was communicated to the Legislature of Maryland, the members found it especially abundant with photographic pictures of the public buildings, etc., upon which it rested. The idea is believed to be unique, and the legislators are accordingly exultant, declares the New Orleans Picayune.

It is estimated that there are 10,000 books of poetry in the National Library at Washington. The rules of the library require the keeping of every copyrighted book, so that the collection must include an enormous amount of trash. The San Francisco Chronicle believes it is safe to say that nine-tenths of this verse represents work which no publisher would issue without advance payment of cost, and which is absolutely worthless. There ought to be some provision for weeding out this trash, which is not worth shelf room.

The faculty of Hillsdale (Mich.) College evidently thinks that marriage is a failure. A most remarkable order went into effect a few weeks ago: The students who enter college single cannot get married during their course and remain in the college. People already married, however, are not barred. Many students are angry. They say that the married people do better work than the single ones, because they are not all thinking of absent sweethearts. During the past two years there has been an epidemic of marriages among the theologians. Strong efforts will be made to have the rule repealed.

There is enormous waste of farm land in England through the hedge system, states the Boston Cultivator. There are 600,000 acres occupied by hedge rows, and since farming has paid poorly the labor of keeping these hedges trimmed has been greatly neglected. A hedge with the ground it fills, and that spoiled by its roots, uses up a rod in width. Hedges with ditches beside them take up more land than this. But it costs too much to root out the hedges and level the hedges, so that the reclamation of hedge land goes on slowly. There is still greater waste of land in some sections of England and Scotland by withdrawing it from cultivation to be used for game preserves. Thousands of acres that used to support a considerable agricultural population now supply only what food the hunter can get by killing deer and other game.

Four churches of New York City have been making a religious census of the districts of the city in which they are situated for the purpose of extending their influence and of determining to what extent religion was losing its hold of the population. Here are the results: "Families visited, 4516; of this number, 1257 were Roman Catholics, 933 Episcopalians, 667 Presbyterians, 395 Lutherans, 292 Methodists, 272 Baptists, 30 Congregationalists, 40 Dutch Reformed, 62 of mixed denominations, 142 Hebrews, 388 who expressed no preference, 187 from whom no information could be secured, 1 infidel, 1 socialist, 1 Greek, 1 Buddhist, 1 Christian Scientist." The managers of the enterprise think that on the whole the results of the canvass were very satisfactory, and were especially encouraged that out of the whole number of families visited but one avowed infidel principles.

It illustrates the need of a Pacific cable that the news of the two most important events in the Hawaiian episode passed between Washington and Honolulu only after traveling back and forth round the globe some 21,000 miles in order to compass a direct distance of some 5000 miles. The news of the decision of President Cleveland to attempt the restoration of the Queen reached Hawaii first by steamer from New Zealand, having traveled by telegraph under the North Atlantic and through the whole of Europe, Asia, and Australia to reach the port from which the steamer sailed. Similarly, the first news that the Provisional Government refused to accede to the President's demands reached Washington by steamer from Honolulu to New Zealand, and thence by telegraph back over the same round-about route. A cable 2500 miles long, from Honolulu to San Francisco, would have saved 21,000 miles of telegraphic and steamship travel, and about two weeks of time in each instance.

MR. CARTELL'S SILENT BRIDE.

She Had Vowed Never to Speak in Him Again, but the Marriage Came Off.

TRIMBLE, TENN.—Mrs. Jerry Cartell of near Trimble, has just broken a rash vow which she made over twelve months ago, and which she regretted having ever made.

About eighteen months ago Mrs. Cartell was Miss Fannie Etimbley, a beautiful young lady of eighteen years and Jerry Cartell her favored betrothed. But as is generally the case with young lovers, a quarrel arose between them, and in the heat of passion Miss Fannie angrily bade her lover leave her presence, and vowed by high Heaven she would never speak to him again. The dissolute lover took his departure, but as he fairly worshipped the girl he secretly set about to effect a reconciliation. At last, in answer to a pitiful pleading letter, Miss Fannie yielded and penned to him a loving, forgiving message.

Overjoyed at the happy termination of affairs he hurried to the home of Miss Fannie, and was received warmly and affectionately, but without a word of welcome. Taking a tablet and pencil from a desk she began a written conversation as though she could not speak a word. Cartell pleaded the uselessness of his foolishness of such proceedings, but in vain, as his sweet heart positively refused to utter a word to him. She is very devout a member of the Methodist Church, and was firmly impressed with the idea that if she should break her rash vow God would punish her by striking her dumb, when she could speak to no one. She was constantly on her guard for fear she might forget herself and speak to her lover, thereby inviting the terrible visitation.

The courtship proceeded with pencil and paper for several months, and then they were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony. During their married life of nearly a year Mrs. Cartell never spoke to her husband until now.

Last Christmas Mr. Cartell made his wife a present of a handsome and costly pair of vases. The other morning the husband was bringing in an armful of wood and struck one of the vases and knocked it to the floor, where it broke into a hundred pieces.

"Oh Jerry, look at the mess you have done!" cried Mrs. Cartell.

She was horribly shocked at speaking to her husband, and believed that she had been stricken dumb. To ascertain the correctness of her belief she spoke to him again, and was overjoyed to discover that her organs of speech had not been in the least impaired.

In the happiness of again hearing his wife speak to him, Jerry folded her in his arms, wept tears of joy, and thanked God for the breaking of her vase. Mr. and Mrs. Cartell feel as if a cloud had been lifted from their home, and there is not a happier couple today in Dyer county.

ARON FEIER'S EGGS ALL BROKEN.

He Got Twenty for a Quarter, and His Friend Blind Smashed Them on His Head.

(New York Sun)

Aaron Feier, of 94 Moore street, Williamsburg, likes eggs. In fact, he seldom eats anything else. When he left his home on Saturday morning to go to a synagogue in Varot street he met a peddler of eggs. He had on his fine black suit and silk hat. His hair had been neatly combed and his whiskers trimmed. The eggs which the peddler was selling looked so fresh and tempting that he bought a quarter's worth. He got twenty. The peddler had neither bag nor paper to put them in, so Feier gently placed them in the tail pockets of his coat. He then resumed his journey to the synagogue.

Walking soon became unpleasant. With every step he took the eggs in his coat fell out, and he stepped on his legs, so he put the eggs into his hat and carried it in his hands. Then he met Louis Blind of 677 Moore street. "Hello, Aaron," said Blind, "why do you carry your high hat in your hands?"

Feier smiled broadly and pointed to the eggs. "Don't be a graver," he said. Blind looked at the eggs and took the hat in his hand.

"You big fool," he exclaimed, "why don't you put on your hat with the eggs in it and nobody can see them?"

What happened was told by Feier in the Ever Street Police Court, where he charged Blind with assault. Said Feier: "Judge, this man he takes my hat with the eggs in it and he just pulls it down on my head and cracks all the eggs. He pulled mine hat down under my ears and makes me all full with the eggs, and then he says, 'Now go to the synagogue and show your head.' Judge, I was all full of that stuff, and so was my face. My clothes were all ruined and all the eggs were broken."

Blind denied the charge. He said that he acted in good faith when he helped Feier to put on the hat with the eggs in it. He added that the weight of the eggs caused them to smash. Feier pointed to his hair and whiskers, which were still matted with the yelks.

Justice Watson reminded Blind of trial.

North Carolina's Cup of Happiness Full.

(New York Sun)

Thursday was a great day for North Carolina. Governor Elias Carr, of the multiracial and multiracial multiracial, at a grand luncheon of New river oysters at Jacksonville, and then went on to Newbern and reviewed the naval parade and the Wilmington Light Infantry, and inspected the Fish, Oyster and Game Fairs. A thousand hearts beat happily. The fair was a great fair. The Governor was a great Governor. And, not least of all, the Hon. Winter Pippin, of Tarboro, had just got a job in the geological survey. The good old Tar Hole State fairly hiccupped with happiness.

Marriage on Trial.

Senator Cameron "In It."

BEAUFORT, S. C.—The State constables seized two cases of choice brandy consigned to Senator J. P. Cameron, St. Helena Island, from Washington. The Senator is unfortunate, as he has been getting his cases all along unopened and seemed lulled into security by accustomed escape from detection.

PITHY NEWS ITEMS

A. S. Tompkins, of Edgefield, S. C., has been appointed permanent receiver for the Chester (S. C.) Mfg. Co.

The Newton, (N. C.) Cotton Mills will be sold on April 2.

The \$26,000 new home of the Parcel (S. C.) Mill commenced running February 15th.

The burned lamp black factory at Wilmington, N. C., is to be rebuilt.

A new factory is to be built at Statesville, N. C., 54 stories high.

Jackson Bros., of Salisbury, Md., have purchased a tract of about 20,000 acres of timberland in Halifax and Nash counties, N. C. The tract, as it should be, is to be cut into 100,000,000 feet of pine lumber oak and hickory.

A cotton mill is proposed at Abbeville, S. C., where they have been taken to organize a company.

The Tagalog Iron Works, capital \$1,000, has been organized at Abbeville, S. C., where they will establish their plant.

A new flour mill is being built at Greensville, S. C.

Pennsylvania capitalists, near at Newport News, Va., are said to be considering the construction of a large factory.

Contracts have been let for an Episcopal church at Asheville, N. C., for colored people to cost \$3000.

It is announced that Philadelphia capitalists have decided to erect a hotel at Asheville, N. C., to cost \$300,000, and they have purchased fifty acres of land for a site.

The Bedford City, Va., Masonic lodge will erect a building for a hall with shops on the ground floor to cost \$5000.

A new college is to be erected at Gate City, Va.

At Jacksonville, Fla., a building for a public market is to be erected at a cost of about \$50,000 and \$75,000, and they have purchased fifty acres of land for a site.

The Methodists of Newberry, S. C., will build a new edifice.

The cases against Mitchell, Corbett and the Duval Athletic club were not pressed at Jacksonville, Fla., Friday.

James B. Crawley, who, five years ago, murdered a man named Harris in Beaufort county, N. C., has been captured at Norfolk, Va. He has fully confessed and agreed to go to Beaufort county without a requisition.

Shady Side plantation, near Franklin, La., has been purchased by Hon. Taylor Bennett for \$185,050. Shady Side is one of the finest sugar plantations in the State. It has under cultivation 2500 acres. Its yield for the past season was in conjunction with one purchased, over 6,000,000 pounds of sugar.

A movement is on foot in favor of building a railroad line from Charlotte, N. C., to connect with the Georgia, Carolina & Northern in Spartanburg county, S. C.

The Richmond & Danville has established a Florida agency with headquarters in Jacksonville. W. W. Davis has been appointed general Florida agent with W. L. Jones and E. B. Wells, traveling passenger agent.

30 varieties of chickens were on exhibition at the Newbern, N. C., fair.

Sheriff Clancy, of New York county, N. Y., died Sunday.

John Adams has been appointed keeper of the Morris Island life saving station, Charleston, S. C.

Farmers' Alliancemen have started a coffin manufactory near Raleigh, N. C., with warehouse in that city.

David Wesley, who, in 1882, killed Revenue Officer Walker, in Stanley county, North Carolina, has been discharged from the penitentiary, having served nearly twelve years.

Near Newton, N. C., a farmer recently plowed up a small iron box which contained a quantity of gold jewelry, dating back to the Revolutionary war. A number of silver coins were also discovered.

The Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Brooklyn, has begun "a campaign against evil," as he calls it, in the City of Churches. He has the support of many pastors, and the work has been inaugurated by holding noon prayer meetings. Much religious fervor has been aroused at the gatherings.

Both houses of the Virginia Legislature have passed a bill to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in that State. This so amends the existing law as to prevent any physician from legally practicing in Virginia from being licensed and continuing to practice without appearing before the examining board.

GEN. JURAL A EARLY DEAD.

He Met Death Unflinchingly and Crossed Over the River to Rest Under the Shade of the Trees.

LYONSBERG, VA.—United States Senator John W. Daniel in a sad voice announced that his old comrade, Gen. Jural A. Early, at whose bedside he has been a constant watcher for some days, had gone to his eternal reward.

General Early died at 10:30. He passed away quietly in the presence of his family and physicians, his kindred and several intimate friends. The old general seemed aware of his approaching end early in the day. Before noon he called for the morning paper and read his variable custom and attempted to read, but found that his sight was failing. Soon after he extended his hand to Senator Daniel and calmly said: "I want to tell you good-bye, major." He then told his nephew, Capt. Early, farewell, after which he closed his eyes and passed away.

Later in the day the dying veteran asked Senator Daniel not to leave the room, as he wanted to talk with him about certain arrangements; but from that time he suffered such intense pain that he did not receive the subject. He died at 10:30.

It is thought that Gen. Early has left a good estate, though he was a man of astonishing generosity especially towards his numerous relations, and needy ex-confederates.

A New Railroad Scheme.

A dispatch from Middleborough, Ky., states that the scheme to give that section a seaboard outlet at Port Royal, S. C., has been revived, and that Clarence Cary, receiver of the Kentucky-Cumberland Gap & Louisville road, is interested in it. In connection it made would be by way of the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap & Louisville, the Port Royal & Augusta and some other line yet to be determined.

Cold Starting Europe Ward.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Treasury Department is informed that a million and a quarter of gold was engaged in New York Friday for export. The gold is to be shipped to Europe. It is sufficiently high to permit gold to be exported at a profit, and further exportation of gold, if the present rate keeps up, is expected.

A White Deer in the Adirondacks.

SARATOGA, N. Y.—One of the surprises of the Adirondacks this winter, in the vicinity of Saratoga Lake, is a huge snow-white buck. A white deer is seldom seen, and this one is considered a rare curiosity. Dr. Loomis, of Tupper Lake, has had a cottage at Saratoga, and has seen this white deer many times and refrained from shooting it in the hope of some time being able to capture it alive. Last Friday this white buck was seen a few rods from the farmhouse of Silas Flagg, near Saratoga Lake.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXPEDITION.

He Witnesses Seine Hauling by Steam off the Coast of North Carolina and Also Visits Points of Historic Interest.

ELIZABETH, CITY, N. C.—President Cleveland and party are moving still further away from civilization. In the morning the Violet was off at Long Point, near the foot of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal. After affording the first glimpse of the country their skill on the ducks in the early morning the first steamer hauled up anchor and stood away to the southward. She crossed Albemarle Sound and entered Croatan Sound, about thirty miles from the morning's starting point. Here the vessel anchored and the party ascended the night quietly in the glare of the Croatan Spotlight, which was close at hand.

The presidential party did not try their luck at quacking in the morning, but instead went on a sight-seeing expedition. The President and Secretary Graham are early risers, and by 8 o'clock breakfast had been dispatched and the members of the party began their trip. The first point of interest was to see the seine hauling at Weymouth, a point on the mainland. The fisheries at this point are among the most extensive on the Atlantic coast. Shad and herring and striped bass or rock fish have already begun their spring migration from the deep waters of the Atlantic to the spawning grounds. There is the North Carolina sounds of Wilmington, through the mouth of the city and at the New Inlet, and find their spawning beds in the numerous streams running into the sounds from the mainland. The President, Secretary Graham and Capt. Evans landed from the Violet in a gig and inspected the workings of the fish traps and Weymouth fishery in Croatan Sound. The tide was so high that the party was unable to see one haul of the great seine. This net is about two miles long and owing to its great length and weight is beyond the capacity of human labor to handle; so a steamer is called upon. The party saw the seine carefully stowed on the stern of two steam "jags," as they are known. The boats were towed up and returned, forming an almost circle and paying out the seine as they ran. Reaching shore the lines were attached to a steam winch and in the course of an hour the great seine was landed, bringing in its meshes barrels of fish of all kinds. The President was much interested in the sight. Taking to their heels all running on full time and earning handsome profits on the investment. Textile manufacturing in the South has suffered less from the depression than anywhere else, and the number of new mills being built and old ones extended is reported to be surprisingly large. As to the claim that the South will never get beyond the manufacture of the coarsest grades of cotton goods, this correspondent notes a steady tendency everywhere toward the manufacture of the finer grades. It is stated that nearly all the cotton mills in North Carolina have reported dividends of from 8 to 16 per cent on the operations of the past year.

They are Coming South. (Springfield Republican.)

To those over-confident people who have been claiming all along that New England had nothing to fear from Southern competition in cotton manufacturing, the report of a correspondent to the American Wool and Cotton Reporter will prove disturbing. He has been visiting the mills in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia, and finds them nearly all running on full time and earning handsome profits on the investment. Textile manufacturing in the South has suffered less from the depression than anywhere else, and the number of new mills being built and old ones extended is reported to be surprisingly large. As to the claim that the South will never get beyond the manufacture of the coarsest grades of cotton goods, this correspondent notes a steady tendency everywhere toward the manufacture of the finer grades. It is stated that nearly all the cotton mills in North Carolina have reported dividends of from 8 to 16 per cent on the operations of the past year.

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A Woman Seeks Her Photograph to the Solicitor as Proof that She is Still Alive.

AIKEN, S. C.—A Kershaw county mystery is about to be solved. A white man, who was thought to be murdered, is alive in Aiken county. Ann Wright, the woman in question, is living on Mr. Morgan Fox's place, in the upper portion of this county, and she was in Aiken last Wednesday, having a photograph taken to send to Solicitor Nelson to prove that she is still alive. She came to this county last January, accompanied by two women, one white and the other colored, and four colored men. They came from Westville, Kershaw county. The women stopped in this county, but the men went on to Georgia to work on a railroad. Ann Wright's sudden disappearance was a mystery to her friends. It is believed that she had been murdered and the body concealed. Two colored men were arrested in Kershaw county and lodged in jail, charged with being accessories to the murder of this woman. In order to prove their innocence their friends have been trying to locate Ann Wright, and by correspondence with the men who accompanied her to this county they learned her whereabouts. Solicitor Nelson would not accept their letters as positive proof of Ann's being alive, but demanded that she either come in person or send a photograph of herself. Sheriff Alderman, of Aiken county, is uncommunicative, and he had her photograph taken and sent it to Solicitor Nelson. This will probably satisfy him of the innocence of the two colored prisoners.

Textile Industrial Supremacy.

In the trade reports of the week appear the items to the effect that all the cotton mills in North Carolina have reported dividends of from 8 to 16 per cent on the operations of the past year. This is a very interesting notice to New England mill owners, that from Southern competition in cotton manufacturing, and the old claim of confidence is rudely disturbed by the test of fact.

The Southern States have the cotton and the right temperature. They have the looms and the factories. In Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia the mills have been running steadily, and the number of new enterprises on the way is as startlingly suggestive to the New England centres as the continued increase in furnace in Alabama and Tennessee is to the iron interests of Pennsylvania. This is a change of base on which there can be no tariff discount. Textile manufacturing in the South is now beyond the coarsest grades of goods and the iron industry is keeping pace with the industrial development of the day.—Philadelphia Times.

The Soth Steps in Front.

Among the most famous of New England's fine spinning mills are the Hadley Mills, of Massachusetts, with 50,000 spindles. Their products for the last twenty years have been kept sold ahead of actual manufacture. T. C. Pagan, secretary and treasurer of the Trenton Mills, has received from a commission merchant some samples of thirty years from the Trenton Mills. They were two-ply 30s, and were placed side by side with the two-ply 30s of the Trenton Mills. The product of the Trenton compares most favorably with that of the famous New England mills. In fact all the novices who examined the samples gave the Trenton samples the verdict of superiority without knowing what mills either sample was from. It would take an expert in textile products to detect any difference in the two skeins. When it is remembered that the Hadley Mills have been running twenty years and the Trenton hardly so many days, the character of its product becomes something to be proud of.—Gastonia (N. C.) Gazette.

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