

Railroad Building.

The News and Observer states that railroad building is in the air. That paper might have also stated that more of it is now going on or soon will be going on in this section than in any other part of North Carolina. As was noted in The Express last week work on the grading of the proposed extension of the Atlantic and Western Railway from Broadway to Lillington is being pushed. The Aberdeen and Rockfish Railway is being extended and trains over that road will soon be running into Fayetteville. The surveys have been made and work will soon be in progress on the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railroad east of Colon. Judge S. P. Cornell and Mr. D. A. McDonald, who were in Greensboro last week, were quoted as saying that the Randolph and Cumberland Railroad would certainly build to Greensboro. This road, which now runs from Cameron through Carthage and on to Hallison, will be built to Asheboro and Randleman and thence to Greensboro. Twenty-five miles of it are already in operation, and it will take fifty-five miles to build to Greensboro. They expect to reach there within eighteen months. This will give Greensboro direct connection with the Seaboard Air Line at Cameron.—Sanford Express.

Buncoed the Lawyers.

The young man who gave his name as Davenport and "worked" the lawyers of Concord and Salisbury a day or two ago by claiming that he was the son of a lawyer and wished to raise the price of a ticket which would take him to the bedside of his dying father at Danville, Va., played the same game in Charlotte. The local attorneys "fell for" his request liberally and did not suspect anything out of the way, until they read in yesterday's Observer that similar representations had been made at other places. They say he was dressed in stylish clothes and seemed to be about 18 years of age. The young man has exclusive statistics as to Charlotte's contribution but it is known that greenbacks were frequently forthcoming in response to his plea. He claimed to be on his way home from Atlanta, but since the canvass here occurred after his visits to the other towns, it is assumed that he is heading southward with designs on the astute legal lights of yet other burghs.—Charlotte Observer.

Revival at Holiness Church.

There will begin a revival meeting in the Troy Holiness church on the night of the 5th of June and will continue for about 12 days or until the 17th of June.

The Rev. J. L. Glascock the Methodist Episcopal evangelist of Cincinnati, Ohio will conduct the services. He is a mighty man of God and will, I feel sure do you good.

Everybody of all denominations are welcome.

J. F. Nance, Pastor.

Mr. Page for Economy.

Representative Page took part in a fight in the House last week which resulted in the retention of a section of the pending appropriation bill by which \$250,000 is saved to the government annually. The section of the bill as reported out by the Appropriation Committee provides that documents sent out by Congressmen under their franks shall be mailed at the government printing office, instead of being carted across Washington to the House postoffice and then taken to the union station. The committee held that the double haul of every document was entirely useless. Representative Lamb of Virginia, secured an amendment to this section exempting from it all documents of the Department of Agriculture. Chairman Fitzgerald, knowing that this would except a large majority of all documents mailed, moved to strike out the entire section as an original amendment to the bill. He made a speech in which he called sharply to the attention of the House its pledges of economy and contrasted their attitude toward the appropriation bill with these pledges. The amendment was adopted. Washington dispatch.

Father and Sons at Re-union.

Scotland Neck, May 12.—Perhaps nowhere in this great southland was there a father with two sons attending the reunion on Memorial Day who fought in the civil war, all three returning home after the surrender without either having received a wound save in Scotland Neck. This was witnessed here last week. Friday, when M. D. Allsbrook, age 91, and his two sons, Bennet and Wilson, aged respectively 71 and 68, returned. These old heroes rode to the cemetery together to assist in decorating the graves of their comrades and other exercises.

Why Not Commencement.

The closing exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute will be held on Thursday, May 23rd. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock a. m. There will be three contests for gold medals, one by the children, one by the young ladies, and one by the young men of the school. The children's medal will be given by Miss Essie Cox, a former student. The reciters' medal to the young ladies will be given by Seagrove Council No. 327 Jr. O. U. A. M.; the declaimers' medal will be given by the principal.

Hon. Bruce Craven, of Trinity, who is a grand son of Rev. Braxton Craven who was the founder of Trinity College, will deliver the address. The address will come off about 1:30 p. m.

The Franklinville Riverside Band will render the music for the commencement exercises.

The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises, and enjoy the occasion.

The following are the marshals: J. W. Bean, chief; F. R. Auman, Hobart Deaton, Grady Garner, and Clyde King.

G. F. Garner, Principal.

Rabbits By the Car Load.

Siler City, May 6.—Siler City earned the enviable reputation of being the biggest market in the South for rabbits; now comes to the front as being the only town in the State from which a solid car load of eggs have been shipped on one consignment.

Capt. W. S. Durham, the pioneer produce dealer of this town, shipped last Friday one carload of eggs, being one hundred and fifty crates, or forty-five hundred dozen or fifty-four thousand eggs. On the same day that these eggs were shipped, Mr. Durham purchased from one farmer over six hundred dozen eggs, which are not included in the carload shipment. This, however, is a daily occurrence. More than \$65,000 is expended each year in this town alone for chickens, eggs, quail and the famous Chatham rabbit—which fact bespeaks that the produce business of Siler City is no small affair.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express to our many friends our sincere thanks for their many kindnesses and deep sympathy in our hour of sad bereavement.

Gray M. Hearne.
Mrs. A. M. Varner.
Mrs. W. C. Fitzgerald.
Mrs. Malcolm C. Thompson.
D. Marvin Hearne.

Monroe-Scarboro.

Mr. Gilead, May 11.—A marriage of much interest to Mount Gilead people was celebrated at Hamet Thursday evening when Miss Stella Scarboro became the bride of Mr. H. L. Monroe, of Rockingham.

The marriage was a surprise to every one here, except the most intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bride left here at 3:30 yesterday afternoon and joined Mr. Monroe at Biscoe, and they journeyed to Hamlet, where they were happily married. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Asheville, Hendersonville, Blowing Rock and other points of interest in the mountains, where they will spend a week or ten days. The groom is a prominent business man of Rockingham, and the bride is the beautiful and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scarboro having a large circle of friends in this community. They will be at home in Rockingham after May the 20th.

DRAWING THE LONG BOW.

Stories of Archers Famed For Aim and Force and Speed.

Many "long bow" stories are to be found in the world's literature long before the time of the celebrated Baron Munchausen. Indeed, by far the greatest part of them had their origin in the remote past.

Virgil in the "Aeneid" tells of four archers who were shooting for a prize, the mark being a pigeon tied by a cord to the mast of a ship. The first man hit the mast, the second cut the cord and the third shot the pigeon as it flew away. The fourth archer, having nothing left at which to shoot, drew his bow and sent his arrow flying toward the sky with such speed that the friction of the air set the feathers on fire and it swept on like a meteor, to disappear in the sky.

That's a bow and arrow story to test the strongest credulity.

The stories of Robin Hood's archery, illustrated by his wonderful performance at Lockley in Scott's "Ivanhoe," are also a decided strain on one's power of belief.

The famous legend of William Tell is believed by some authorities to have a foundation in fact. There was a Dane named Foke of whom the same story was told, and William of Cloudsley, an Englishman, is said to have shot an apple from his son's head merely to show his skill.

The majority of the bow and arrow stories relate to the accurate aim of the archers, but a Frenchman, Blaise de Vignerone, tells one in which the main point is the tremendous force with which an arrow may be propelled if the bow is strong and long enough. According to his own account of the matter, he saw Barbarossa, a Turk, admiral of a ship called the Grand Solyman, send an arrow from his bow clean through a cannon ball. Whether the cannon ball had a hole in it or not he neglects to inform us.

Perhaps the most astounding of all stories about arrow shooting is that of the Indians who used to inhabit Florida. It is said that a group of them would form a circle; one would throw an ear of Indian corn into the air; the rest would shoot at it and shell it of every grain before it fell to the ground. Sometimes the arrows would strike the ear of corn so hard and fast that it would remain suspended in the air for several minutes, and the cob never fell until the last grain had been shot away.—St. Louis Republic.

A Clock of 1790.

An interesting specimen of a long clock, made in 1790, is owned by a gentleman at Lutterworth. It has an oval face, a hand which points to the days of the week, completing the round in seven days; one which shows the true dead beat and another which points to the chimes and quarters. On the upper part of the clock is a small orchestra, which includes a flute, a cello and two violins and a boy and girl in addition to three singers. The hours and the quarters are struck, and every three hours a tune is played "three times over either on the bells alone, the lyric or on both together," while the three figures beat time and the boy and girl dance to the music.—Westminster Gazette.

Glaring Effrontery.

Uncle Absalom Ashby was much given to retailing old and hackneyed jokes. An acquaintance of his, thinking to cure him of his practice, one day gave him a copy of "Joe Miller's Jest Book," with the remark that he "might find something new in it."

The next time he met the old gentleman he asked him, "Well, uncle, what do you think of that book I gave you the other day?"

"I don't know who that 'ere Joe Miller is," indignantly responded Uncle Absalom, "but I do know he's a thief. He's got hold of a lot of my best stories and printed 'em, consarn him!"

A Talented Girl.

"Why, my dear Mrs. Wiggins," said the visitor as they looked over the young art student's paintings, "I had no idea your daughter was so talented! Some of these things are charming. What a quaint idea that is there—the kittens in the basket!"

"Kittens, Mrs. Hawkins?" said Mrs. Wiggins. "Those are not kittens. That is Amaranth's prize picture. Those are pansies!"—Judge.

A New Definition.

"What is naturalization?" asked the high school teacher.

"Naturalization," said the captain of the baseball team slowly—"why, naturalization is making a person who was born somewhere else a native of the country he's living in."—Youth's Companion.

Mrs. Malinda Blake.

Died at her home near Candor May 4, 1912, Mrs. Malinda Blake age 79 years two months and fourteen days. Dear mother, thou hast left us.

Come to join the angels fair. May we all live here so we can meet you there.

Her Daughter.



The Befana Sometimes Brings a Switch

Daddy's Bedtime Story

The Little Italian, Children and the Holiday Befana

"THE little Italian children don't have any nice Santa Claus to come down their chimneys and bring them toys," said daddy.

Jack and Evelyn looked horrified.

"Glad we ain't Italian children," observed Jack.

"Of course the Italian children have their Christmas," daddy went on. "If they don't have a Santa Claus they have the Befana. They think that the Befana is much better than a Santa Claus."

"Well, daddy, what is the Befana?" asked Evelyn.

"The Befana," daddy went on, "is an old lady who comes to every Italian house where there are little ones. In Italy the holiday celebration covers a couple of weeks, and the Befana comes on the eve of Epiphany or Jan. 6. The children are then gathered together by their parents and they stand in a row before the Befana, who asks them how they have behaved in the past year. For the youngsters who have been good she has praise and nice gifts. For the little ones who have been naughty she has a scolding or a switch."

"I guess we don't care for the Befana to come here," Jack hastened to say, somewhat anxiously.

"Better reform before Christmas then, Jack," advised daddy, with a twinkle in his eye. "You know while Santa Claus doesn't switch bad boys he has a way of overlooking their stockings."

"The Italians say that the Befana is an old, old woman, a wonderfully smart housewife who lived in the time of Jesus and the apostles. Her house in Jerusalem was always spotless, for she bustled up and down from dawn until dark scrubbing and scouring and dusting."

"The story goes that Jesus passed her house on his way to Calvary. Hot and tired, with the weight of the cross, he stopped to rest for a moment on her doorstep. She looked out and, seeing the tattered, dusty and bleeding man in charge of the officers of the law resting on her clean doorstep, she told him to move on."

"Lifting his eyes to her, the man whom she had taken for a common thief or lawbreaker, gave her a look of reproach. 'I go,' he said, 'but you must stay until I return.'"

"Filled with sorrow for what she had done, she set to work to fill in with good deeds the time that must pass before he should come back. The Befana makes the little children her special charges and around the time of the Saviour's birthday tries to be kind and helpful to them. Italian children both love and fear her."

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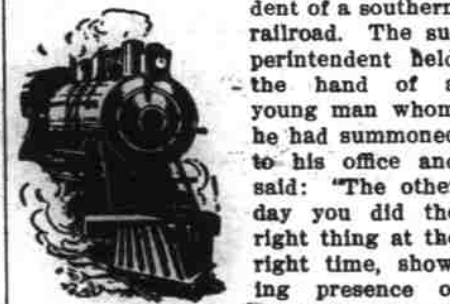
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KNOWING WHAT TO DO

SUPREME QUALITY THAT MAKES FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS.

How Railroad Men Opened Path to High Position by Quick Thought and Action at the Right Moment.

There was an interesting scene recently in the office of the superintendent of a southern railroad. The superintendent held in his hand a young man whom he had summoned to his office and said: "The other day you did the right thing at the right time, showing presence of mind and courage."



This railroad needs men higher up, who possess these qualifications. You are now promoted to the grade of supervisor, and may assume your duties at once." And the superintendent passed the young man an envelope containing directions regarding his future duties.

Behind this scene there is a story which explains it all. The young man having graduated from a school of engineering, applied for work with the railroad company. Not being able to obtain such a position as he desired, he accepted work as a track hand. His knowledge and his skill soon made him a section foreman, and his work had frequently been praised by his superiors. As he was attending to his ordinary duties one day, he noticed a freight train and a passenger train approaching each other on the same track. Almost at the moment, he heard a shrill whistle from the locomotives. Not hesitating a second he ran as fast as he could to a switch, opened it and threw the passenger train onto the siding, just averting a collision. As he stood at the switch



Threw Train Onto Siding.

between the two trains, the superintendent of the road, whose car was attached to the passenger train, walked up to him and asked him his name and his business on the road. He complimented him on his presence of mind, telling him that he had done the right thing at the right time.

How many young men do the right thing at the right time? How many who really know what to do in emergencies, hesitate and debate, sometimes until it is too late? How many more realize after it is all over, what they should have done under the circumstances.

Between the few and the many there is a wide difference in mental make-up, a wide difference of value to themselves, and to those who may employ them. And this difference of value may at any time mean much more than can be estimated. This young section foreman's prompt action undoubtedly saved thousands of dollars of property and possibly many lives. This is why the young man who knows what to do when action is needed, gains preference over his fellows.

This story ought to bring home to every young man who reads it these questions: "Am I a young man who does the right thing at the right time? If I am not, how may I become one of the few who do the right things at the right times?" The first part of the question must be answered by the young man himself. The second part is well answered by Henry Van Dyke in one of his talks to the students of Princeton University. Mr. Van Dyke said: "There is no young man before me who is not able, through careful

mental training and development, to become alert, decisive, and courageous; who is not able to acquire the habit of thinking straight and acting quick. It's all a matter of self-development aided, of course, by the training that you may receive in an institution of this kind." And better than any university is the school of experience which is open to every young man, a school whose lessons are never theoretical, but always practical.

British Railroad Casualties.

In a general report to the board of trade on railroad accidents in the United Kingdom in 1911 it is stated that taking the number of journeys into account it will be found that in 1910 one passenger was killed in every 18,600,000 journeys and one was injured in every 591,000 journeys, as compared with one in 10,000,000 killed and one in 621,000 injured, the averages for the previous ten years.

Siberian Railroad Not Paying.

The Siberian railway does not seem as yet to be a profitable enterprise. The operating expenses were 144 per cent. of the gross earnings in 1906, 129 per cent. in 1907, and 124 per cent. in 1908. In this last year the deficit was \$3,698,000, to which must be added the interest on the capital invested, \$235,292,862.

WELL TRAINED.



Sunday School Teacher—Earlie, doesn't your conscience tell you when you have done wrong?
Earlie—Yes, ma'am, but it doesn't tell my mother.

OHI THE WOMEN!



Mrs. West—My cousin is on speaking terms with the best people in the city.
Mrs. East—Indeed! Is she a waitress or a telephone operator.

Will Edit Albemarle Chronicle.

Albemarle, May 11.—Rev. Dr. J. M. L. Lysler, formerly at the head of Crescent academy, located at Crescent in this county, this week assumed editorial charge of the Albemarle Chronicle, a Republican paper published at Albemarle, Stanly county. Dr. Lysler was the nominee of his party in the last State election for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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NO SCOOP



The Politician—Your paper called me a liar yesterday.
The Editor—I know—what of it?
The Politician—Only this. Don't think your paper pulled off a scoop when it printed that item.

THE RICH AND THE POOR.



Miss Bullion—They say that the happiest marriages are made between opposites.
Charles No-nash—Well, just think how poor I am!

Special House for "High Brow" Apes. The "high brow" apes in the New York Zoological park are to have a house to themselves in the near future. The board of estimate and appropriation will soon be asked for an appropriation necessary to cover the expenses for such a structure. At present the erudite chimpanzees and orangutangs are in the house with their less intelligent sisters and brothers.

The intelligent specimens now number four chimpanzees and five orangutangs. Baldy is the leader of the social elect, and Susie, recently sold to the society by Professor Garner, is another inmate who stands aloof. The proposed structure is necessary to the continued health of the valuable specimens, as well as to give proper facilities for their exhibition to the public.

Why Revivals are Desired.

Because: 1. God loves revivals. A revival is not a questionable good. It bears the seal of heaven.

2. There is great need of a revival. Christians are asleep. Iniquity is coming in like a flood. Sinners are perishing. Christ is dishonored.

3. God comes near in a revival. Our sins have hidden his face from us. He seems far distant. If He desires to revive His work He will return. He will cause His face to shine and we shall be saved.

4. A revival of religion would be an evidence that God accepts our poor endeavors. Often are we ready to cry out, "Who is sufficient for these things?" God gives us some token of His favor.

5. A revival would be a great blessing to all of our churches.

6. A revival would add glory to the crown of Christ. New converts are its choicest jewels.

Rev. A. L. Lonsdale.