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LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION.

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PAVE THE SIDEWALKS.

The sidewalks for the past few days have been very soft generally. In many parts of the city they have been almost impassable. Citizens have said to us as we meet them slushing through the mud, "Why don't you pitch into the side walks?" A gentleman said last night as he was picking his way along, trying to get home, "you ought to pitch into them a full half column." We have been into them shoe deep for the past week too much for our comfort, and have felt like saying some rough things as we have had to wade through the mud, but have refrained, feeling that it would do no good; but, we will say this much however, we do not believe that another city in the United States as large as Raleigh can be found, where the sidewalks are so generally neglected as they are in Raleigh. Something decisive should be done. The citizens of the capital of the State should demand it.

The city can put down a brick walk four feet wide at an expense of less than \$1,200 per mile. Why not do it?

THE ALL ABSORBING ISSUE.

The lottery question has become the all absorbing question in Louisiana. The two parties heretofore struggling for supremacy are divided on this question to such an extent, that we should not be surprised to see all other issues lost sight of and a fusion effected between the factions of the two political parties agreeing on this question. The lottery democrats are as bitter against the anti-lottery democrats as they are against the republicans, and the same is true with the republicans. As the campaign advances, this question becomes more prominent and all absorbing. And this is not to be wondered at, for it is a struggle for life with the lottery business. There is not much doubt but that the lottery democrats and lottery republicans will join forces, and the antics in both parties will be forced to do the same; so that in the next election we shall have the anomalous spectacle in Louisiana, of a great state choosing its officers and law makers on the sole issue, involving the continuance of a mammoth gambling concern. The fight will be the nearest, a clear cut struggle of virtue and intelligence against ignorance and vice that has ever been witnessed in this country, if not in the entire civilized world. With the ballot in the hands of corruption and ignorance, liberty and republican government are in imminent peril; if not certain of overthrow.

FLUIDS AT MEALS.

It was formerly considered injurious to take fluids with the meals, owing to the facts that the juice of the stomach was thereby diluted and the digestion of the food retarded. A noted Russian physician has conducted extensive experiments to determine the effect of taking fluids with the food, and gives as the results of his researches that "on the whole the widely spread custom of taking fluids during or just before one's meals, proves to be rational and fully justified strictly on scientific grounds. To take fluids with the meals is almost as important an adjunct to digestion

as the mastication of solid food preparatory to swallowing it." Of course the quantity of fluid to be taken depends on the feelings of each individual.

A FUN LOVING SEAL.

The mother seal at the Zoo got rather gay last Sunday afternoon, while a large crowd of ladies, gentlemen, and children was standing by eagerly watching the baby seal. The mother seal would watch and see where the crowd was thickest slide quietly under the water, come up as close as possible to where the crowd was, and then, with seemingly pure fun, jump up and splash the water in such a way as to cover and wet those standing there, and it kept it is sort of fun up all the afternoon. No matter on which side of the bank the crowd got, the seal would make a quiet swim under the under the water, and then, quick as lightning, show up near the crowd, and get in its funny business.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

EFFECT OF MUSIC ON THE SICK.

In London there is a musical guild of St. Cecilia which has been having wonderful experiences among hospital patients. It seems that a patient suffering from insomnia had been sent to sleep twice by their music; but as some doubt about the fact was expressed by a physician in the hospital, the choir determined to try the effect of their charms upon a whole ward—and actually succeeded. They sent four patients out of fourteen into sound slumber, and rendered drowsy all the others, in the short space of twenty minutes. In another hospital a woman suffering from depression of spirits, which had deprived her of the desire to talk for many weeks, became interested and conversational under the influence of the music, while a man suffering from delirium tremens was soothed and quieted. The experiment is worth trying in hospital work.—Sheltering Arms, N. Y.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

Did you ever stop to think of the innumerable problems presented by nature? Every day things are happening about us that are really strange if one would think about it, but we generally pass them without notice as master of fact, everyday occurrences. Do you know why—

A squirrel comes down a tree head first while a cat comes down tail first?

A horse gets up on his forelegs first, while a cow always gets up on her hindlegs?

A rabbit never "walks," it always moves by hops and jumps?

A dog always turns around several times before lying down?

Cats can see about as well the darkest night as about as in day?

Mushrooms spring up in one night, while some plants grow only an inch in a year?

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*Via Gibson sta. (R. P. O.) for Wil., Ghar. & South.	10	12 45	1 30
Via Greensboro (R. P. O.) for N., S. and West.	41	3 15	4 00
Via Weldon & Norfolk (Ex. Ft.) for N. & East.	9	5 55	6 40
Via Greensboro (Ex. Ft.) for N., S. and West.	34	4 30	5 00
Via Greensboro (Ex. Ft.) for N., S. and West.	11	9 00	9 45

  

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Via Greensboro (Ex. Ft.) from N., S. and West.	12	8 20	8 35
Via Weldon (Ex. Ft.) from North and East.	45	9 30	9 45
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Via Greensboro (R. P. O.) from N., S. and West.	10	1 25	1 40
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Via Goldsboro (R. P. O.) from N., E. & South.	9	1 55	2 10
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