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The rebating fines of \$60,000 against the Chicago & Alton Railroad and officials have been affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals at Chicago.

The story sent by telegraph from Greensboro that Dr. R. B. Patterson had killed his wife in self-defense was absolutely untrue, having been started by his enemies.

Secretary Wilson says manufacturers are deceiving the public by representing that the Department of Agriculture has guaranteed their drugs and preparations and that if they do not stop it he will advertise all such.

Marshall, it is reported has involuntarily gone dry by reason of the operation of a law, enacted during the last session of the legislature forbidding the sale of whiskey within 200 feet of a church, or any place where religious services are held. The dispensary management found it impossible to rent a suitable place outside of this dead line.

The last legislature passed a law requiring the State flag to be floated over every court house in the State. The flag is to be displayed at all times except on rainy days. It is to be half-masted on the death of a State officer or other prominent official or citizen. The law prescribes that the flag shall be four by six feet and of all wool bunting, both sides alike.

Later reports from the earthquake in Mexico show that they covered a wide area and that the death and devastation is greater than at first supposed; many cities were destroyed and reports of people killed are coming in yet the half has not been told; the city of Acapulco, on the Pacific Ocean, was partly submerged by huge ocean waves that rose up and dashed over the city; railroad beds were swallowed up.

A notable feature of the National Arbitration and Peace Congress in New York was the protest of mothers and daughters against war, the meetings being addressed by women of the United States and South America; a Massachusetts woman delivered an address in which she expressed apprehension that the naval and military display at the Jamestown Exposition will have a bad effect on the susceptible youth of the country.

The Supreme Court in a case where a child under 12 years of age was injured while employed in a factory determines the principles that the violation of the statute forbidding the employment of children under that age in factories is negligence in itself. Judge Connor, in delivering the opinion, says that is the settled policy of this State that children under 12, at least, shall be in the public schools and not in factories and that this policy is wise, human and settled.

T. D. Mitchell, the star witness for the defense in the case against Jim Tillman for the murder of the Editor Gonzales, of South Carolina, was arrested last week for attempted rape on a negro. He has been indicted for stuffing ballot boxes, gambling with negroes and other shady stunts. In the above trial he testified that he had heard the Gonzales brothers threaten Tillman, which was false. On the testimony of such cattle as this as guilty a murderer as ever killed in cold blood a useful man, was acquitted and is today a free man.

The Messenger and Intelligencer gives a nut to crack to the opponents of the proposed graded school in Wadesboro, that has never been cracked by such opposition anywhere. It asks: "Did anybody ever hear of a town that had enjoyed the blessings of a graded school, abolishing the school and returning to other conditions?" Nobody ever did, because no town ever abolished a school once established. Opposition to educational facilities is unaccountable. It is difficult to understand opposition to any public improvement, but the strangest of all is opposition to a school.

Interesting Colonial Relic.

Mr. G. B. Webb has in his possession a most interesting relic of colonial days being no less (according to reliable authority) than a large metal dish for serving large fowl or roast meats, as it was done in those days, with a reservoir for hot water to keep the meat hot, which was used in the family of Richard Caswell first governor of North Carolina. The workmanship is interesting and the general design shows a consideration for the fitness of things.

Mr. Webb came into possession of the valuable relic through the late Mr. Sheppard Wallace who was a direct descendant of Caswell and in whose family's possession it had been kept for many years as a relic. The dish is probably more than 150 years old.—Kinston Free Press.

Preacher on His Muscle.

Muscular Christianity is great and comes in good sometimes. Out in the west the other day, in a bad man's country, a missionary preacher named Rev. John McVey, enroute to a ranch to hold a religious meeting, was waylaid by two cow boys who had sworn to break up the meeting. They held up the parson and told him to take a drink. Refusing, it was attempted to force the liquor down his throat. In five minutes he had whipped both cow boys with his bare fists, and taken a gun from one who drew it in the fight. One of them got up, apologized and made his partner do the same. The three then went to the meeting, the cow boys swearing they would treat the preacher right in the future. He was a college football player and athlete before he was a preacher.

"Death Loves a Shining Mark."

This was true in the case of Thomas Gardner Puckett, who was born Oct. 7th, 1885, and died April 8th, 1907; aged 22 years. Gardner was the only son of Mr. William Puckett and wife, of Stovall. He was one of the brightest, best and noblest of young men.

About ten years ago he gave his young heart to Christ in a public profession of faith and united with Stovall Baptist church. This laid a good foundation for future usefulness. He resolved to be something and do something to make himself respected and useful in life. He sought and obtained work on a railroad operating in West Virginia. He performed all his duties cheerfully and faithfully.

His devotion to his father's family was beautiful, especially to his afflicted father, mother and sister who remained at home. These needed his help and it was the joy of his life to help them. It is gratifying to know that he carried a good amount of insurance for their benefit.

When at home some time ago on a visit, he said to his mother: "Do not be uneasy about me as since I joined the church I have quit smoking, drinking and swearing." What a noble example for other boys to follow.

Bro. Puckett was instantly killed by a land slide that buried him and a part of his train.

The first part of the burial service was conducted in Stovall Baptist church by the pastor, J. A. Stradley. The house was filled with sympathetic friends whose hearts were saddened by the early death of this noble young man, and who came to manifest heartfelt sympathy for sorely bereaved family.

Gardner Puckett belonged to the "Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen," 24 of whom brought his remains to Stovall for interment, and gave it a solemn, sympathetic and appropriate burial. They spoke in the highest terms of praise of their departed Brother. They said that all who knew him respected and loved him. One of the Brotherhood told me that Gardner had often spoken of late about dying and being ready for death. Only a few minutes before he was killed he talked with the engineer of his train about a song he loved so well, "Death is only a dream."

Farewell, dear Brother, we will miss thee from our Brotherhood, our church, our home, but we hope to meet thee again when death will no more darken our pathway, or sadden our hearts. Good night, good night. J. A. S.

For Catarrh, let me send you free, just to prove merit, a trial size Box of Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. It is a snow white creamy, healing, antiseptic balm that gives instant relief to Catarrh of the nose and throat. Make the free test and see. Address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Large jars 50 cents. Sold by J. G. Hall.

At Raleigh three convicts, C. L. Scruggs, Jack Williams and Dod Williams, three young white men, sentenced to the State penitentiary from Guilford county, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape. Scruggs was shot and instantly killed; Williams jumped into the yard of a residence to dodge the bullets and was surrounded and recaptured and Williams gave the guards a chase of several miles north, then doubling back in a westward course was finally captured in a deep ditch west of the A. & M. College.

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Sinning Against Children.

The Bible says "Do not sin against the child." The sins committed against children are many and fearful in their results. Sins against children are the result of indifference, ignorance, or false love. Many parents are indifferent, and let their children do as they please. Many are ignorant and do not know how to train their children. Many say "I love my children so well I cannot bear to correct or punish them for their faults." In these ways children are grievously sinned against. There is an old saying based on Bible truth, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Many a child is injured by the rod being used unwisely. No parent when angry should ever use the rod in correcting children, no matter what the child's wrong may be. If in anger you whip a child, you do it not so much from a sense of duty to your child, as from a feeling of anger. Then too, the child will feel, Pa or Ma whipped me because they were mad. But parents should wait until they get entirely calm and thoughtful, and then punish the child from a sense of duty. They should say to an erring child something like this, "My child I am not mad with you, but I am sorry that you have done wrong. I must punish you because I love you and want you to do right." It is a great sin against a child for parents to allow them to fret and worry, and cry, and scream and get mad and dash things about until the child makes the parent do what it wants. Thus the child, without any proper sense of right controls the parent, instead of the parent controlling the child. No greater wrong can be done children than to allow them to fret, and worry, and get mad over every little thing that displeases them. This bad disposition will grow up with the children and will become a part of their nature, and in after life will make them unlovely, and lead them into thousands of troubles. Parents sin against their children when they allow them to grow up in idleness, in ignorance, without religious training and to do as they please.

Sometimes a child raised at home may go wrong in after life. Sometimes a child with bad home training may, while the character is still in a formative state, be thrown under better influences, and may turn out well. But as a rule, home influences shape the character for good or had through life. Parental responsibility is fearfully great. No one can meet this obligation without the aid of that wisdom that cometh from above. Home discipline is not now what it used to be. Perhaps, in some cases it was too rigid. But now it is too lenient, and the present fault is greater than the first. A failure in home discipline is seen all over the land. I know a home with a large family of children. The father loves the children devotedly, and the children love him tenderly. When a child begins to say or do a wrong thing a word or a look from the father is all that is needed. The children are under complete and loving control. The home life there is beautiful. CHILD LOVER.

No Need for Immigrants.

Mr. W. B. Upchurch, of White Oak township, who was once a member of the Legislature from Wake, was in Raleigh says the News and Observer:

"What's the news?" I asked him. "Nothing much except that there is no need for trying to get immigrants to come to North Carolina if as many babies are born in other parts of the State as in my part of Wake county. While the Legislature was in session in Raleigh, six pair of twins were born in White Oak township, and one woman gave birth to triplets. There is no race suicide or possibility of it in White Oak township. The need is to keep our own boys at home rather than to import other people. Let us invite all to come who desire to do so, but we had better be looking out to hit upon the best methods for keeping our boys at home.

Literal Obedience.

A young teacher who graduated from the normal school last June was one day recently to act as a substitute in a higher grade than her own. She was a little nervous over the temporary promotion and was anxious that everything should go off in the usual good order. While instructing the class in composition she said: "Now, children, don't attempt, any flights of fancy. Don't try to imitate the things you have heard, but just be yourselves and write what is really in you."

As a result of this advice one little boy turned in the following composition:

"I ain't goin' to attempt no flite of fancy; I'm just goin' to write what's in me, and I got a hart, a liver, two lungs and some other things like that; then I got a stummock, and it's got in it a pickle, a piece of pie, two sticks of peppermint candy and my dinner."

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

CULLED FROM THE VARIOUS PAPERS OF THE STATE.

Tar Heel Items for Tar Heel Readers—Some Happenings in Old North State.

While excavating for street purposes at the corner of Main and East streets in Asheville, a gang of city workmen unearthed the skeletons of two human beings. It developed that the exhumed remains were those of negro soldiers executed there in the summer of 1865.

It developed that the report from Liberty, N. C., that Dr. R. B. Patterson, of that place, had killed his wife, was wholly untrue. The story, it seems, was concocted by some enemy of the doctor, and spread broadcast. Liberty is twenty miles from Greensboro. The man who would do such a thing is too infamous to live in any community.

In Wilkes county recently a girl playfully placed an old-fashioned churn on a two-year-old's head. It slipped down and the kid turned its chin up, firmly locking its head in the churn, which tapered from a small top to a big bottom. The churn had to be sawed in two, with the baby yelling and squirming, and a stove knocked out without injury to the little one. There were some tall doings around there for a while.

Policeman Frank Cauble of Salisbury, while feeding a cow last week came in contact with saliva from its mouth a sore on his hand being infected. Later the cow developed symptoms of hydrophobia and was killed. Mrs. Cauble also suffered in a similar manner to her husband, as did also a little daughter of Mr. J. C. Williams, to whom the cow belonged. All of the parties became alarmed and visited a mad stone at Lexington, which, when applied, adhered for eighteen hours.

Cured Hemorrhages of the Lungs.

"Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake, of Wood, Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar, and my lungs are now as sound as a bell. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." Foley's Honey and Tar stops the cough and heals the lungs, and prevents serious results from a cold. Refuse substitutes. J. G. Hall.

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At an election held in Hillsboro, to determine whether to issue bonds to macadamize the public roads of Hillsboro township, the same was carried by a large majority, not a single ballot against it. The amount is \$40,000.

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An inspiring sight was witnessed in Richmond Friday when about 3,000 children drew through the streets with a long rope the bronze statue to surmount the Davis monument which is to be unveiled June 3.

Rest is the great restorer. We tire our muscles by exercise and then rest to restore them; yet a great many of us do not stop to think how little rest we give our stomachs. As a usual thing no part of our bodies is so generally overworked as our digestive organs. A tired and overworked stomach will give signs of distress to which we pay no heed until at last Dyspepsia takes hold. Indigestion is just a warning and if we heed the warning we can easily avoid further consequences. Kodol is a most thorough stomach relief. It digests what you eat and gives the stomach the needed rest and greatly assists in restoring it to its normal activity and usefulness. Kodol is sold on a guarantee relief plan. It is sold here by J. G. Hall.

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