

THE STORY OF THE BEE.

DAILY LIFE OF AN INDUSTRIOUS LITTLE WORKER.

What Goes On Inside a Beehive—The Queen Bee, the Workers and the Drones.

A bee is all business. That is a brief summary of the remarks made to a Washington Star reporter by Mr. J. P. Miller, a representative of the Beekeepers' Union, who has been in the city for the purpose of securing legislation to relieve the bees from the necessity of competing with glucose.

A beehive, Mr. Miller said, offered an example of a well-organized, well-governed community. It is a sort of patriarchal government, the working bees, or the drones, forming the vast majority, are imperfectly developed females.

They are, so to speak, the voters. They have everything in their own hands. When they lose their queen they can make a new one. They can do also limit the number of bees on a colony.

The active life of a working bee is about twelve weeks. It attains its majority when it is twenty days. That is, twenty-one days after the egg is deposited the bee cuts its way out of the cell and begins its work.

The embryo bee lives in the egg three days, when it becomes a little white grub, and in the cell it exists eight days. Then it passes into the chrysalis or pupa stage.

Some members of the colony seal up the cell, and there the bee undergoes during its eleven days' confinement the transformation from a grub to a winged bee.

As late as 1820 there were as many as 5000 persons confined for debt in prisons of Massachusetts, 10,000 in New York, 7000 in Pennsylvania, 3000 in Maryland, and a like proportion in other States.

Such a thing as a hare going mad is not recorded in medical works. Such a case is recorded in the history of a man named March, having been madder than a February or an April hare.

At Durham just before time to quit work on Saturday, the roof of the extension of the works of the Carrying sash, door and blind factory fell, carrying six carpenters with it.

The Atlanta police force is to be increased from 58 to 100. Most of the colored military companies of Atlanta, will attend the inauguration ceremonies at Washington, D. C., March 4th.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

HAPPENINGS BRIEFED AND STRUNG TOGETHER.

MOVEMENTS OF ALLIANCE MEN—RAILROAD CASUALTIES—THE LABOR FIELD. ACCIDENTS—CROP RETURNS.

The suspension of the Morning Times at Birmingham was announced on Thursday. Went of patronage is announced as the cause of the suspension.

The negro murderer of Mrs. Kellan and a little son at Pratt Mines on Sunday has not been captured. Searching parties are scouring the country in all directions, and a dozen or more negroes have been arrested on suspicion, but none of them were found to be the right party.

The representative negro politicians and educators of Alabama, in convention assembled at Montgomery on Wednesday, passed a resolution inviting white immigration to the state after a stormy debate lasting two hours.

At Lincoln, on Sunday, Marion Davis, colored, had a quarrel, and Davis stabbed her in the back with a knife. She consented, and they walked out into the woods, a short distance from town.

Nine buildings were burned at Shreveport Thursday, entailing a loss of \$75,000. New Orleans is busy getting up subscriptions to build a \$2,000,000 hotel.

The North Carolina Legislature adopted a resolution of instructions to members of Congress on the question of internal revenue and the reduction of the tariff.

The Grand Lodge of Masons in session at Raleigh, on Wednesday, elected the following officers: Samuel H. Smith, of Winston, grand master; H. A. Gardner, of Asheville, deputy grand master; John W. Cotton, of Tarboro, senior grand warden; W. M. Moxe, of Wilson, junior grand warden; Donald W. Bain, of Raleigh, grand secretary; William E. Anderson, of Raleigh, grand treasurer.

The British steamer Macedonia, bound for Hull, England, on Thursday ran into and sank the schooner Larinda Campbell and went ashore at the lower end of Craighill channel, near Baltimore.

At Challow, a village in Johnson county, two physicians quarreled over a small bill. The dispute grew until each armed himself, and when they met, Dr. Starke shot and killed Dr. Pister.

The Texas state fair and Dallas Exposition has been a subject of much discussion in Dallas for several days, because its existence has been hanging in the balance.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Rev. William Martin, the oldest minister in the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, died at his home in Columbia, aged 86 years. He remained in active ministry up to the time of his illness.

The situation as to trusts seems about to be reversed in South Carolina. For over a year, the farmers in various portions of the state have been organizing the Farmers' Alliance.

The funeral of Col. P. C. Gaillard in Charleston was the most imposing demonstration of the kind ever witnessed there. The immense crowd overflowed from the church building into the adjacent streets, which were packed.

A queer state of affairs prevails in Beaufort. At the recent election two county tickets were in the field, both Republican. The irregular or compromise ticket was declared elected on the face of the returns.

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The two car robbers, who attempted repeatedly to escape from the Dougherty county jail, and were chained to the floor for security, have snapped their heavy chains like pipe stems. They are white tramps, and appear to be professional jail as well as car breakers.

The Atlanta Evening Journal, while proceeding home about 7 o'clock on Thursday night, was knocked down by foot-pads and robbed. The affair was on a public street and almost under the rays of an electric light.

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THE WORLD OVER.

ITEMS BOILED DOWN IN A READABLE STYLE.

German authorities have forbidden the circulation by the post in Germany of the International Henry Rochefort and the Charter of Deputies for the department of the Nord, and that he will preface his resignation with a motion for a dissolution of the Chambers.

The London Standard's Paris correspondent confirms the statement, that Gen. Boulanger intends to resign, the seat in the Chamber of Deputies for the department of the Nord, and that he will preface his resignation with a motion for a dissolution of the Chambers.

William R. Foster, father of William K. Foster, Jr., who robbed the Produce Exchange Gratuity Fund in New York some time since of \$198,000 and then decamped for parts unknown, sent on Thursday a check for \$50,000 for the benefit of the Gratuity Fund.

The suspension bridge, situated nearest the falls at Lockport, N. Y., was carried away by a gale on Thursday and deposited in the river. The towers and cables remain intact. The bridge had recently been rebuilt, and enlarged for a double track.

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J. J. West, J. R. Dunlap and Zen S. Christensen, respectively, proprietor and city editor of the Times and the editor of the White's court in Chicago, Ill., to answer the charges of criminal libel preferred by Police Inspector Bonfield. They waived examination and were bound over to the grand jury.

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