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DEAEH OF A USEFUL MAN

A Valued Citizen of Concord Passes Away After Long Illness.

Concord, Special-Rufus Augustus Brown died at his home on South Union street at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, after many months of suffering. A little more than a year ago he was afflicted with a cancerous sore on his lip, and, after unsuccessful treatment by the expert specialists in New York, the infirmary shattered his constitution, though until within the past week brilliant hopes were entertained for his recovery. Erysipelas developed several days ago, which was the direct cause of his death.

Mr. Brown was 55 years of age last July 5th, and is survived by a wife and four children, Misses Maude and Grace Missouri Brown, and Messrs. Louis A. and J. Leonard Brown. He was a son of the late Alfred Brown, his mother being Margaret Bost. He was educated in Cabarrus schools and in 1872 was married to Miss Missouri Fisher, daughter of Mr. George W. Fisher. Unto this union nine children were born, five having died some years ago.

The early life of Mr. Brown was spent upon the farm and in 1878. while operating a cotton ginnery two miles west of this city, he was caught under a shifting, losing thereby his left leg. Shortly after this he engaged in the manufacture of brick with primitive facilities and from a plant with an output of 5,000 a day developed to a capacity of 75,000 brick a day. He was associated in the brick business with his sons. L. A. and J. L. Brown, the firm name being R. A. Brown & Sons. He was the principal stockholder and prime mover in the establishment of the Brown Manufacturing Company, of which he was secretary, treasurer and general mazager. He was once a prominent figure in the mercantile business of the city, being a member of the firm of Brown & Shaffer.

Mr. Brown was familiarly known throughout the country as "Bus" Brown, being a convractor of great prominence. Under his supervision practically every cotton mill, storehouse and church of this city; every brick building in Albemarle, and some of Gastonia, Gaffney, Bessemer City, Winnsboro, Rock Hill, Charlotte, Salisbury, Davidson, Huntersville, China Grove and elsewhere were built by him. Several years ago the Concord Realty and Railway Company was organized with Mr. Brown as president and general manager. A franchise was secured and nearly all the necessary money was ready for beginning construction, but owing to declining health, nothing has been done in that line within the past few months. Mr. Brown was an important factor in the business circles of the city and has amassed a considerable fortune. He was a man of unusual energy and persuasion, and his death removes one of the most prominent men this town has ever produced.

Skull is Fractured.

Wilmington, Special. - While returning to his home in the country late Saturday night, Thomas B. Oldham, bookkeeper for S. and B. Solomon, in this city, was struck by a shifting engine at what is known as the Castle Haynes crossing of the county road with the Atlantic Coast Line. A colored man in the surry with him at the time the vehicle was struck was also slightly cut about the head. The horse escaped and went on to the injured man's home in the country, about three miles from the city. Oldham was apparently not much hurt at first and came back to the home of his father in town. About 2 o'cleck this morning he lost consciousness and, upon being carried to the hospital, it was found that he had a fracture of the skull. He is not expected to live. He is about 30 years of age and has a wife and several children.

Fine Hotel Is Sold.

Southern Pines, Special.—After considerable delay the fine hotel property, the Southern Pines House, has been sold to settle the estate of W. E. Giles, the former owner. W. gets the property for considerable For Farmville, Peters- less than \$10,000. While he lived, Novfolk and Richmond. Parlor Mr. Giles was a most energetic hotel man, and had made a good name for Write for rate, maps, time tables, his house and was handling a large patronage. The prospects look good for the new owner, who has a lot of friends in traveling circles.

MINX'S TRIAL.

If ever there was a spoiled dog it was Minx, and a proper name she had, too. Of course, she was very young when she did the dreadful thing which led to her trial and conviction, but youth is not always an excuse.

Minx was one of nine children, and came to the Hortons when she was small enough to be carried in Tom's pocket. She was a skye terrier, and she became so attached to Tom that I'm afraid Elsie held him responsible for the whole affair.

The little girls had been busy dressmaking for a month, for Emmelina Horton, the big wax doll and Elsie's oldest daughter was about to be married. There was to be a grand wedding at Elsie's house, and all Emmelina's friends, with their mammas, were to be invited. So every afternoon they met in the Horton's nursery and spent a busy, happy time making wonderful garments for this occasion.

One afternoon, unfortunately, Elsie left the nursery door open while she ran downstairs to say good-bye to some of her friends. Minx peeped in, saw something white lying on Elsie's little work table, as well as some pretty scraps on the floor, and entered to investigate. The result was the "ruination," as Elsie remarked of Emmelina's wedding gown and the shutting up of Minx in the cellar to await her trial. Of course, the wedding was postponed.

The trial took place in the nursery the very next day. There was a jury of half a dozen little girls, a half dozen being considered quite enough for a dog. Elsie was the judge, and Tom, the policeman, trought in poor Minx on her hind legs, looking very much ashamed of herself.

She listened to the whole story, with her head on one side and her right ear cocked, and one or twice her soft, pathetic eyes filled with tears. Sometimes she wagged her stump of a tail quite piteously and when the torn up white dress was shown to her she looked guilty indeed.

When the judge pronounced sentence Minx immediately rolled over and played "dead," so deep was the disgrace. She had to wear clothes like a doll for a whole week, and Tom had to take her out each day in a doll carriage.

It was a good lesson to Minx, who had a terrible ordeal to go through every time she met her dog friends. Nowadays she never goes near the nursery, and if the faintest allusion is made to Emmelina's wedding dress the culprit will immediately put her tail between her legs and creep under the sofa.—Pittsburg News.

Barbers Lean to Curios.

A clock that had a certain value belause of historic associations was located by a collector in a barber shop.

"He seemed surprised to find it here," he said to the proprietor, "but he need not have been. Barbers are now running a race with saloonkeepers in buying up many such objects of interest. There are dozens of barber shops in town that can boast pieces of furniture and bric-a-brac old enough and curious enough to make the collector's mouth water. In some cases the patrons of those shops real ize the value of the ornaments provided for them to blink at while getting a shave or a haircut; in other cases, they don't; but the proprietor knows every time what a bonanza he has on hand, and it would take mighty sharp bargaining to get the things away from him.-New York Press.

The man who does not produce one cent of the wealth of any community in which he happens to reside is the first to favor the restriction of the rights of those who pay the frieght. -New York Star. So.-48-'07

WHAT WAS IT The Woman Feared?

What a comfort to find it is not "the awful thing" feared, but only chronic indigestion, which proper

food can relieve.

A woman in Ohio says: "I was troubled for years with indigestion and chronic constipation. At times I would have such a gnawing in my stomach that I actually feared I had a-I dislike to write or even think of what I feared.

"Seeing an account of Grape-Nuts, I decided to try it. After a short time I was satisfied the trouble was not the awful thing I feared, but was still bad enough. However, I was relieved of a bad case of dyspepsia by changing from improper food to Grape-Nuts.

"Since that time my bowels have been as regular as a clock. I had also noticed before I began to eat Grape-Nuts that I was becoming forgetful of where I put little things about the house, which was very annoying.

"But since the digestive organs have become strong from eating Grape-Nuts, my memory is good and my mind as clear as when I was young, and I am thankful." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little booklet, "The Road to Wellville," in packages. "There's a Rea-Sull."

FASILION NOTES. Grapes are combined with taffetas Sashes and bretelles can be made

of narrow ribbons alternating. Checked voiles, in two-tone effects

are exceptionally attractive. There is still a liking for the long shoulder and a great variety of shoulder fixings give emphasis to the effect.

Many of the rounding coat edges are bound with braid or silk in contrasting tome to that of the coat There are some very beautiful coro-

nets of feathers ending in long wings at either side used for trimming the new hats.

Let your new purple had be of tast fetas or even velvet.

A Francis model in dark brown velvet is after the eton fashion, closely belted down with a brown satin belt. The pretty jumper fashion is universally becoming to girls and women of slender figure.

Says the Omaha Bee: Experiments have proven that the greater part of the produce of the west can be han dled with satisfactory expedition by water. It would be a remarkably slow boat that could not make as good time to market as some of the freight trains that ply between town and l town in the west today."

.The Last of the Plaques.

One by one the plagues of Egypt are being abolished by science. The frogs were abolished long ago by the drain-tile. The flees are checked by insect powder, and the darkness that could be felt has melted away before he arc light. The sixth plague still remains in full glory. The fly is always with us. The great Dr. Rad-"iffe used to declare that the three worst annoyances of life were smoke flies and irrelevant questions,-Co. lier's Weekly.

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