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SHORT PASSING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY.

An interesting celestial phenomenon that will occur this month will be a partial eclipse of the sun on the 23rd. The eclipse here will only be visible for a few minutes just as the sun is sinking below the horizon.

The local market is well supplied with chickens and eggs just at this time. One dealer informed the writer yesterday that he had four hundred dozen eggs in his store at prices ranging from 30 to 60 cents while the eggs are bringing 12½ cents per dozen.

An automobile racing up Broad St. yesterday ran over a dog and killed it. The driver never took any notice of his cruel and careless act, but went on as fast as ever. Automobiles are being driven around town entirely to fast and recklessly, and the end will be a tragedy that will shock the whole community.

The weather is unusually dry for the time of year and the growth of vegetation, in consequence, is very backward, none of the spring crops are showing up like they usually do at this season, and it is noticed that even the forest trees are very slow in budding. What effect this cool, dry weather will have on later crops remains to be seen.

If Craven county purchases the six mules, wagons and plows as was ordered at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners last Monday it is an assured fact that there will be a number of miles of good roads built in the near future. It is said that at times the road leading out from Bridgeton to Pamlico county is at times almost impassible. With a large convict force to keep the roads in good condition there is no need for such conditions.

THURSDAY.

Only a few bales of cotton have been sold on the local market this week. The price paid for the staple averaged 14 cents per pound.

During the past month the register of deeds in this county issued 20 marriage licenses. This makes a total of 67 licenses issued during the present year.

A two week term of Craven County Superior Court for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, will convene in this city next Monday morning with Judge Garland S. Ferguson presiding.

Next Saturday, April 8th, Supt. Joyner, of Raleigh will address the teachers of this county at the court house in this city on the subject of the Farm Life School. Supt. Joyner is thoroughly familiar with this subject and all who are interested in this work should not fail to hear him.

Judging from the appearance of the local docks yesterday there is a large amount of shipping being done by the water route just at this time. The writer counted six large schooners and an innumerable number of smaller boats unloading their various cargoes. This condition speaks well for the commercial activity of this city.

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VARIED HIS VIEWS.

A Broad Minded Candidate and a Patient Constituent.

Farmer Gordon was engaged for a fortnight to drive a political candidate about the county in his buggy. They traveled by day, each town being a stage, and the politician spoke every evening.

The man was honest and well meaning, but careful local partisans had tried the temper of each community in advance and reported to him with suggestions. So it happened that from his extreme anxiety to please his expressed conviction on the issue varied considerably from time to time.

"Well, Mr. Gordon," said the candidate one day at the beginning of the second week, "how do you stand on the election? How are you going to vote?"

The farmer was silent, thinking, "I really don't know," he said. "I can't tell better, maybe, at the close of our engagement."

"Can't make up your mind yet? You've heard all of my speeches." "Yes, and I like you personally, and I'm hoping to get to vote for you. Don't worry—at least, not yet."

"Not yet? Why do you say that?" asked the puzzled candidate.

"Well, you've had several points of view, and I'm just waiting and thinking maybe before the end of the week you'll get round to mine too."—Youth's Companion.

MISSED THE KANGAROO.

The Hunter Was After Meat, but Got Instead a Stone.

In 1889 a hunter in New South Wales took a fancy for some kangaroo meat, so he made a trip through the mulga with no companion but his gun. He had no need of either guides or dogs, as he was an experienced bushman.

The first kangaroo sighted was wounded by him, but not badly enough to disable it. Before he could get in another shot it made off through the salt bush at a terrific pace, but leaving a plain trail in drops of blood, so the hunter followed as fast as he could.

The trail gradually grew fainter as the wounded animal bled less freely, and its pursuer was often obliged to stoop and examine the ground closely for the telltale signs. After several hundred yards had been covered without seeing any more crimson spots the hunter began to think his quarry had escaped, when he saw a single fleck of red before him.

As he bent to look for more flecks the red changed to an iridescent pale green, and he saw it was a gem stone that lay before him. The kangaroo was not bagged, but the White Cliffs opal fields were discovered.—New York Opals.

A Fish Aids Science.

There appears to be no limit to scientific curiosity, especially in Germany. Not long ago a scientist of Leipzig, wishing to ascertain whether fish are warmer than the water they live in, stuck a needle connected with a thermoelectric circuit into a living fish in an aquarium. The needle formed one element of the circuit, while the other element was immersed in the same water that contained the fish. The latter was not seriously injured by the needle and, quickly became indifferent to it. Then as the fish swam about, carrying the needle, the ingenious savant closed the circuit and kept watch of the galvanometer. It showed no deflection whatever, from which he concluded that the fish and the water were precisely equal in temperature, for had either been warmer than the other a current would have been generated in the circuit.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Furtive Look.

Here is something worth while for bachelors to consider.
 A Boston woman says she can detect a bachelor as far as she can see him. She always knows a bachelor by his furtive look. The furtive look, she explains, is something akin to that of a hunted animal, always on the watch for snares and pitfalls. Of course this may apply only to Boston bachelors, but it would be well for all other single unfortunates to take a good look at themselves in the mirror and find that telltale look. If they do there is an easy way to efface it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Excuse at All.

A noted comedian commented at a dinner in New York a new comedy.
 "It's climax," he said, "is false and unsatisfactory—as false and unsatisfactory as Bowdler's scene. On Bowdler's return at a very late hour his wife said reproachfully:
 "You used to vow I was the sunshine of your life, but now you stay out night after night."
 "Well, my love," said Bowdler, "I don't ask for sunshine after dark."—New York Tribune.

Impertinence.

Mr. Todgers—Why have you sent Marie, the servant girl, away so suddenly? You told me yesterday that she was the best girl you ever had.
 Mrs. Todgers—She's an impertinent thing. I wanted to borrow her rubber, and she said she was afraid I wouldn't get them on.

MONTHLY MEETING BOARD ALDERMEN

Request City Attorney Denied. Will Light up For Mystic Shriners.

The regular monthly meeting of board of aldermen was held last night. Motion alderman Ellis that board take recess meeting until Friday night to determine whether to continue suit carried.

Ellis to erect a light at fire box 53 Ash and Elm Sts, carried.
 Alderman Hill stated that William Dunn, Sr. was ready to sell, seven mains and pipes which he had laid in Riverside extension to city, for actual cost to him, which was estimated at \$576. Urged that board accept his offer at once. Motion prevailed allowing Mayor to appoint committee of three to confer with Mr. Dunn and to prepare offer in formal shape for presentation to board at recess meeting Friday night.

Ellis moved that a committee of three practical engineers, to include Herbert Willis and William Smith, be appointed to investigate condition and appraise actual value of water and light plants, carried.
 On motion it was ordered that the electric arches on streets be lighted for three days during convention of Mystic Shriners, May 12th. On motion Alderman Shriener it was ordered that all dirt not used on paved streets be deposited in Cedar Grove cemetery.

City attorney Melver asked the board the privilege to employ a man to assist him in the Alsop and Pierce paving suit case against the city, that comes up in the Federal court here April 30th. Discussion followed and alderman Ellis amended, by employing Brown and Eagle. This on vote carried. Attorney Melver at once tendered his resignation both as attorney in suit and as attorney of board. More discussion followed, and on motion, attorney's request was reconsidered, and he was instructed to hire such help as he deemed necessary, in the Alsop and Pierce case. Mr. Melver having left, aldermen Bangert and McCarthy were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Melver.

Alderman Shriener asked for \$75 for appropriation to help 4th, Ward Reel Co. to purchase hose wagon. Granted. Recess to Friday night taken.

SUPPLIES FOR REVENUE CUTTERS.—Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies, rations, and coal to vessels of the Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily stationed at New Bern, North Carolina, and delivered on board and vessels at that place at such times and in such quantities as may be required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Thursday, April 27, 1911, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. Blank forms of proposals for supplies, rations, and coal, showing articles of ship chandlery and component parts of rations, with specifications, and stipulations as to coal may be had upon application to this office. Proposals must be submitted in these forms. Separate bids will also be received at the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive defects if it is deemed for the interests of the Government to do so.
 DANIEL W. PATRICK, Collector.

THE SILVER DOLLAR.

Many Changes in Its Design Since It Was First Issued.

The silver dollar has undergone a great many changes since it was put in circulation in 1794. On the face of the first dollar there was stamped the head of a young woman turned to the right and with hair flowing, as if she was in a gale of wind. But in 1796 congress came to her relief and ordered her hair to be tied up with a bit of ribbon. The fifteen stars which appeared on the first dollar were after this reduced to the original thirteen in recognition of the number of states.
 In 1836 the design was again changed, and the dollar bore the figure of a woman dressed in a flowing garment. The designer forgot, however, to put in the thirteen stars, and the coin was soon called in, the new design having the woman surrounded by stars. Her hair was defiant and stiff looking, and in 1838 dollars were issued which were more artistic in treatment. The first dollars bearing the motto, "In God We Trust," were coined in April, 1864, and in 1873 the era of the trade dollar began, lasting just five years.
 The Liberty dollar made its appearance in 1876. Miss Anna W. Williams, a public school teacher of Philadelphia, sat for the portrait.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Regular Attendant.

As the new minister of the village was on his way to evening service he met a rising young man of the place whom he was anxious to have become a member of his church.
 "Good evening, my young friend," he said solemnly. "Do you ever attend a place of worship?"
 "Yes, indeed, sir, regularly every Sunday night," replied the young fellow with a smile. "I go on my way to see her now."—Metropolitan Magazine.

His Complete Triumph.

"Uncle Rastus, I thought they had sent you to jail again on the usual charge."
 "No, sub; I's vindicated dis time. De judge couldn't quite make up his mind, an' he turned me loose an' said I mustn't do it again."—Chicago Tribune.

An Uplift Job.

Fig—Don't you wish you could live your life over again? Fogg—Well, I should say not! I've got a twenty year endowment policy maturing this month.—Boston Transcript.

When you have chosen your part abide by it and do not waver try to reconcile yourself with the world.—Emerson.

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Fainting usually lasts only a few minutes, and the person recovers immediately when taken out into the fresh air, but there are cases in which it lasts much longer, sometimes for an hour or more. The first aid treatment of fainting is usually very simple. Take the person out into the fresh air and lay him flat on the back, with the head lower than the feet.

This can be done by grasping the feet and holding the body so that the head hangs down, or take an ordinary straight back chair, turn it over so that the back forms an angle with the floor and place the person on the back of the chair with the head hanging down. This position with the head hanging down favors the flow of the blood back to the brain.

All tight clothing about the neck and waist should be loosened. Smelling salts or aromatic spirits of ammonia applied to the nostrils and cold water sprinkled on the face, chest and hands help to restore consciousness.—National Magazine.

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INSIDE STORY ON MEXICO

Critical Foreign Situation Demanded The Military Demonstration.

Washington, April 4.—In his capacity as chairman of the new House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Representative Sulzer (Dem., N. Y.) was called to the White House to hear from President Taft the "inside story" of the Mexican situation.

"I am obliged to hold the President's statements in confidence," said Sulzer as he left the White House.
 Significance attaches to the fact that throughout his efforts to forestall an investigation by Congress Taft has called in Representatives or Senators connected with the foreign affairs committee.

Officials who attempted to deny the statements that the activity of Japan in Mexico led to the military demonstration and who gave, as their explanation, the assertion that the mobilization was merely for "maneuvers" are now left without a leg to stand upon. There is no effort on the part of the White House now to conceal the fact that a critical international situation was threatening and that the hasty calling out of the army was designed to forestall its culmination.

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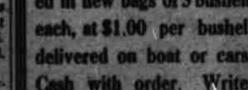
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