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WONDERFUL.

JERRY BALWIN'S BROKEN NECK. It Gives Him Great Inconvenience, but Doesn't Cause His Death.

Jerry Baldwin, of Birmingham, Ala., has lived a year with a broken neck; and although he does not enjoy himself "worth a cent," he has had the pleasure of confounding all the doctors, adding some new points to science and making over \$100,000 in the process. What adds to the wonder is that many other bones were broken as well as the cervical vertebrae, and when he was picked up by the doctors and he was dying and left him to nature for several hours. As he was a very strong and healthy man, he pulled through, and now ranks with Alexis St. Martin, the man with a side door to his stomach.

Jerry E. Baldwin was born in New York city, in 1852, and in 1887 was yard master at Birmingham, Ala., for the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Before daylight of March 19 he was standing in a caboose on a side track, when a runaway engine came down the track at terrific speed, and struck the train to which the caboose was attached; he fell to the track and the engine and six cars ran over him, breaking his right leg in two places, his left leg and five ribs, besides snapping the sixth cervical vertebrae (of the neck) and splintering the joint between the sixth and seventh vertebrae. All his clothes were torn off and a very ugly hole was made in his side. He was taken home and laid on a bed to die as the doctors said he must in a few minutes. But when at the end of six hours he was found to be breathing stronger, Doctors Guckle, Copeland and Barclay determined upon a series of experiments to save his life, in which they were finally successful. After resetting as many of the bones as possible, they encased him wholly in a plaster of paris frame, and thus firmly straightened he lay on a rubber mattress filled with water for four months. After that he lay two months in bed. For four months he was totally blind, and for six months was only occasionally conscious; then his recovery began to be noticeable from day to day.

Dr. A. J. Baxter, of Chicago, designed for him a corset, reaching from the hips to the back of the neck, and holding his body firmly in position; at the top of it a flexible bar of steel is attached, which rises above his head, and to this wired a "jury mask," which holds his head up. The weight of the head thus rests upon the hips. The experiment of removing the mask has been tried, but the head at once sinks upon the spinal column, the neck being useless, and he relapses into a comatose condition. Nor can he lie down, and the only sleep he gets is the short naps in a chair. His right arm is useless, but the left is strong enough to handle a cane and do other services, and he can walk with little assistance. His wife accompanies him everywhere, and by cheerful and pleasant ways lightens greatly the burden of his life. To say that his case astonishes all the doctors is putting it mildly, and he has received the proceeds of many lectures in medical circles, and obtained \$75,000 damages from the railroad company.

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN.

Strange story of a man who returned to life after being pronounced dead.

There is considerable excitement in a superb some miles over the death of A. D. Smith. Last Monday he died, to all appearances, after calmly bidding adieu to his heart-sick wife. He was then dressed for the grave, and on Tuesday preparations were made for his burial. In the midst of the services a thumping on the coffin was heard, the cover was burst off, and Mr. Smith sat up, causing great consternation and dismay. He was at once removed to his bed at home, and in a few hours seemed none the worse for this strange experience. Mr. Smith says he went to Heaven and saw many white spirits, some of them friends whom he had known on earth. They shook their heads in answer to his questions, and pointed to a big book lying open. He looked at it and saw there the names of his wife, himself and his children, who were alive. His name, he said, seemed partially erased. He told a wonderful story of his other experiences in that strange world, and its recital drew scores of curiosity-seekers to his home. On Wednesday he suddenly

called out: "I see them!" and fell back dead. His wife was completely prostrated at this terrible ending to her hopes. Medical aid was summoned and an electric battery was applied, but the doctors finally decided that the man was indeed dead this time. Last night the grief-stricken wife left her old Georgia home, near Atlanta, with the body.—Augustine Inquirer.

How He Explained It.

A certain Judge made a reputation for being explicit, and he deserved it as the following will show. Suit was brought before him by Smith against Jones upon a promissory note given for a horse. Jones defence was a failure of consideration, he asserting that at the time of the purchase the horse had the glanders, of which it died, and that Smith knew it. Smith replied that the horse did not have the glanders, but had the distemper, and that Jones knew it when he bought it. The judge charged the jury:

"Gentlemen of the jury, pay your attention to the charge of the court. You have already made one mistrial of this case because you did not pay attention to the charge of the court, and I don't want you to do it a gain, I intend to make it so clear to you this time that you cannot possibly make any mistake. This suit is given upon a note for a promissory horse. I hope you understand that. Now, if you find that at the time of the sale Smith had the glanders and Jones knew it Jones cannot recover. That is clear gentlemen. I will state it again. If you find that at the time of the sale Jones had the distemper and Smith knew it, then Smith cannot possibly recover. But, gentlemen, I will state it a third time, so that you cannot possibly make a mistake. If, at the time of the sale, Smith had the glanders and Jones had the distemper and the horse knew it, then neither Smith, Jones or the horse can recover. Let the record be given to the jury."

The jury that sat on this story, told by Mr. Call's colleague, found no difficulty whatever in reaching a verdict.

Sweet Potatoes.

Now is the time to prepare for a big yield of this excellent crop. You don't want rich land, but you want it loose, well drained and generous. Break it deep now. Go into the woods and rake up woods mould, decayed vegetable matter, and when practicable put in a generous proportion of pine straw. Lay off your rows three feet six inches, with a turn plow, running two furrows each way so as to clear the furrows each way so as to clear the furrow broad and deep. Put in your rakings from the woods. If you have any leached or unleached ashes about the premises, sprinkle them on the rakings in the furrow at the rate of 300 to 400 pounds per acre. Run one furrow with the turn plow and cover the manure. Let it lie until about a week before the slips are ready to transplant. Throw up the beds on this furrow smoothly and nicely. Put the slips 16 inches apart. Do not set them out when the ground is wet. We prefer dry weather for this work. Cultivate well, and you will gather a splendid crop of excellent potatoes.

An Anthem.

A sailor, who had been to a cathedral and had heard some very fine music, was descending particularly upon an anthem which gave him much pleasure. His shipmate listened for a time and then said: "I say, Bill, what's a hanthem?" "What!" replied Bill, "do you mean to say you don't know what a hanthem is?" "Not me." "Well then I'll tell yer. If I was to tell yer, 'Ere, Bill, give me that 'andspike,' that wouldn't be a hanthem. But was I to say, 'Bill, Bill, Bill, give, give, give me that. Bill give me, give me that hand, give me that handspike, spike, spike. Bill, give, give me that, that, hand, handspike, hand, handspike, spike, spike, spike. Ah-men, Ah-men. Bill give methathandspike spike. Ah-men, why, that would be a hanthem."

The Big Prize Fight.

Sullivan, the champion of America, and Mitchell, the champion of England, fought a prize fight in France on Saturday which lasted three hours and thirteen minutes. It was decided a draw, both were badly punished.

STRANGE.

It's the strangest thing, methinks,
That a maiden crimps and prinks
Till she wins her beau-ideal of the lads,
And then doesn't care a snap
If he sees her in a wrap
And a wornout pair of slippers of her dad's.

A MIXTURE.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS EUPHRO- NIOUSLY ELUCIDATED.

Numerous Newsy Notes and Many Merry Morsels Paragraphically Packed and Pithily Pointed.

—Every trial adds to our strength.
—The greatest fool of all is he who fools himself.
—Why is it that the rising generation rises late?
—Gratitude preserves old friendship and pictures new.
—Drop your bad habits and they cannot lower you.
—This is the year when the girls leap and the men fly.
—It is a clothes rub for the washer woman on Monday.
—Those who go for berries should not retreat from briars.
—The wedding ring is woman's sphere and also man's fear.
—One grateful man does an injury to all who stand in need of aid.
—It takes a great deal of pluck to get the features off a live goose.
—Genius beckons a man up, and if he attempts to climb will hold him.
—Think of a daily issuing 34 pages. Such was the World for Sunday.
—It is the dry goods clerk who most frequently sales under false colors.

The world is a comedy to those who think; a tragedy to those who feel.

—Prosperity is no just scale; adversity is the only balance to weigh friends.

—1888 is but little over a fraction of time, anyhow—one and three eights.

—New York has a new and elegant theatre known as the New Broadway.

—There are growing fears in London for the safety of the explorer Stanley.

—The whale and the school girl are the great sources of blubber in this country.

—The sooner you cut loose from one who deceives you the better off you will be.

—The man who is slow to express an opinion might just as well send it by freight.

—They raise vegetable tallow in Australia. There's the place to laugh and grow fat.

—A show spoken of as "a rare entertainment" proved to be a performance not well done.

—They are building basements on the thermometers to be shipped to Dakota and Minnesota.

—Tramp, meeting dude on the street: "Say, young feller, can't you give a poor gentleman a few pennies?"

—A physician says: "If a child does not thrive on fresh milk, boil it." This is too severe. Why not whip it?

—Vanderbilt has hired a Parisian cook at \$10,000, and the pick of the larder. This sort of folly aids Socialism.

—Soloman, when he gave the famous judgment, was the first man who ever proposed to split the difference.

—In Arkansas squirrels are so plentiful that they are sold by the bushel. They are generally shot by the barrel.

—For the past two years everything has been at sixes and sevens. But this year we hope to str8en things out.

—There are two kinds of clubs, social and constabulary, and they are both efficacious in knocking a man out.

—Hearts are flowers; they remain open to the softly-falling dew, but shut up in the violent downpour of rain.

—Women in Washington Territory can vote. Those who take advantage of the privilege are called ballot girls.

—The best mechanic in the world can't make a pair of boots that are all right. One of them is bound to be left.

—We often see the words "John Boyle O'Reilly" in the papers, but we never hear whether John has done it or not

—It has been averred that a lady with a diamond ring will scratch her nose in a given period four times as often as other women.

—There is a general feeling of contentment among the Chinese laundrymen over the trade of 1887. Some of them have saved up \$75 and are going back to China to live in ease and luxury all their life.

—A sea-green glass vase has been found at Bologna. It beats the world what some butchers will put into their Bologna.

—More than 10,000,000 eggs are carried into New York each week. One might be tempted to think this is an ova supply.

—John L. Sullivan once drove a street car in New York city for two dollars a day, and his overcoat rivalled that of Joseph's for its many colors.

—The astonishing statement is recorded that Justice Gray has drawn 1,000 French novels from the Congressional library since his accession to the Supreme Bench.

—Abel Willard, of Wisconsin, who is 89 years of age, after having been toothless for many years is now growing a fine set of new teeth. He feels as if he was a child again.

—Nothing good bursts forth all at once. The lightning may dart out of a black cloud; but the day sends his bright heralds before him to prepare the world for his coming.

—A book agent tried to sell a Pittsburg woman a volume entitled, "The Art of Speech" yesterday, but she cast such a withering look upon him that the wretch slunk away in shame.

—A sportsman is a man who spends all day away from his business; \$2 for powder and shot, and comes home at night tired, hungry and ugly, dragging a fourteen cent rabbit by the ears.

—The oldest arm-chair in the world is the throne of Queen Hatafu, who flourished in Egypt 1,600 years B. C. It is made of ebony, and is beautifully carved. It is now in the British Museum.

—In Augusta, Ga., the other day a tree was cut in the forest at 6 o'clock in the morning and by night it had been turned into printed papers and the people were reading in them the news of the day.

—A scientist says: "If the land were flattened out the sea would be two miles deep all over the world." If any man is caught flattening out the land, shoot him on the spot. A great many of us can't swim.

—The three Ewing brothers of Lawrenceburg, Ind., were born together fifty-four years ago. They are the oldest, largest and best looking triplets in the United States. Their combined weight is 716 pounds, the lightest being 225 pounds, and the heaviest 248 pounds.

—Speaker Carlisle likes the new Tariff bill and says it is a good one and he thinks it will pass. He says it is a fair one and has been prepared with care. He says if it is defeated the Democrats will appeal to the country upon the issue and ask that a Congress be chosen that will reduce revenue much more than the bill proposes to do.

—In the present House of Representatives there are 83 Federal soldiers. They all belong to the Grand Army of the Republic. There are 14 Democrats, but they do not wear the button. All the Kansas delegation were in the Federal army. Iowa has 8 out of 11. Ohio has 14 of 21. Indiana has 7 of 13. Pennsylvania has 9 of 27. New York has 8 of 34.

—Money is low in New York. Last week the average on calls was 2½ and for time 3 per cent. In 1887, the gross returns on 104 railroads were \$726,333,000. Improvements amounted to 86 millions. For the first week in February the aggregate net increase on 73 roads was 10.54 per cent. New York jobbing dry goods trade was good and steady. Values firm.

—Probably the most expensive opera cloak worn this winter belongs to Miss Leiter, who is equally at home in New York and Washington, and who is heirless to \$70,000,000. Her cloak is in white moire plush, brocaded in silver, out-lined with silver chord, and trimmed with white goat's fur. Its value does not depend, however, on the material or make, but on the jewelled clasps which are ranked at high figures, being in antique gold set with a large pearl.

—The committee of Territories of the House will present a report enabling the people Dakota, Montana, Washington and New Mexico to form State governments, and to be admitted into the union on an equality with the other States. The Brotherhood of Engineers held a meeting in New York on Sunday last, when resolutions were adopted expressing full sympathy for their brethren engaged in the strike on the Burlington system, and threatening to extend the strike to all connecting lines unless the difficulty is settled within a reasonable time upon a fair and reasonable basis.

STATE NEWS.

FROM THE DEEP BLUE SEA TO THE GRAND OLD MOUNTAINS.

An Hour Pleasantly Spent With Our Delightful Exchanges.

Salem and Winston are to have street cars

Shaw University, of Raleigh, for colored, has 400 students.

Pneumonia has been very prevalent in the Halifax section.

Wake Forest College is to have improved gas works and water works.

Rev. J. G. Pearson's first service in Wilmington will be held on Sunday night March the 18th.

A State Sunday School Convention will be held in Raleigh, commencing March 21st inst., continuing three days.

The Young Men's Christian Association has been permanently organized in Durham with a membership of sixty-eight.

The Atlantic Hotel, at Morehead City has been leased to Mr. Chas. Beerman, proprietor of the Kimball House, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Intelligencer says that a car load of negroes, men and women, left Wadesboro for Arkansas a few days ago, and more are to follow.

Miss Julia Minor, aged about 87, an elect lady and long a Presbyterian, died recently at the residence of Col. James S. Amis at Oxford.

Miss Julia C. Patton, of North Carolina, in the General Land Office at Washington, has been promoted from a \$900 to a \$1,000 position.

The Morganton Land and Improvement Company has invited Bill Nye to spend a month in Morganton, the coming summer as their guest.

The Hon. Risden T. Bennett has been selected to deliver the address of memorial day, May 10th, at Raleigh, the subject being General Junius C. Daniel.

The commencement exercises of the Salem Female Academy will take place on 5th and 6th of June. There are thirty-one young ladies in the graduation class.

Rev. J. C. Price has declined the appointment tendered him to be minister to Liberia upon the ground that his race cannot spare him from the great educational work he is doing for them.

Col. James H. Ruffin, died at his home at Demopolis Ala., week before last. Col. Ruffin was a brother of the late Chief Justice Ruffin, of North Carolina, and at one time represented Caswell county in the Legislature. He was about 90 years old.

The Hon. John Robinson, Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued a circular to the farmers of Lenoir county inviting them to meet with and aid him in the establishment of a Farmers' Institute and to elect a Superintendent of a County Experiment Farm at Kinston March 13th.

The Henderson News says that during eighteen days in the month of February, 1888, Cooper, the Napoleon of North Carolina Tobacco trade, sold over eighty-four thousand pounds of tobacco. This too, when both the roads and the weather were unfavorable to a great extent. Where is the market or the house can beat this within North Carolina's borders?

The action of Wilmington in voting one hundred thousand dollars to the capital stock of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad Company, together with the ten thousand voted by Grant township of Pender county and the sixty thousand voted by Onslow county insures the construction of the road from Wilmington to New River in Onslow county.

We are requested to announce for the benefit of ex-Confederate soldiers, and others who may be interested, that the price of Moore's Roster of North Carolina State Troops has been reduced and can now be had, by express, per set of four volumes, at \$1.00; by mail, per set of four volumes, at \$1.70. All orders must be addressed to J. C. Birdsong, State Librarian, accompanied by the cash.

When will the average citizen stop spending his hard earnings on cigars and tobacco? Give it up? Well, when he finds he can do without tobacco and cigars, but not without Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Salvation Oil, the greatest pain cure on earth, is compounded of purest drugs. It is guaranteed to contain nothing of a poisonous character. Only 25 cents a bottle.