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A YEAR OF STORM.

Weather-Sharp Foster's Discouraging Prediction and His Reasons Therefor.

Beginning with the first of May of this year and ending with the last week in June, 1892, will constitute the greatest storm period since 1832-3...

June is not always a month of great storms, but it will be this year, and should my predictions be verified as to that month...

I do not desire to create any unnecessary sensation about this very great storm period, but no harm can come by being prepared for the very severe winter and the great storms...

The causes of this period of great disturbances will be the equinox of Saturn in October and the equinox of Jupiter next January...

Southern Farmers and the Force Bill.

The Western farmers seem determined on the formation of a third party. Even in Ohio, where the agriculturists in convention recently decided to stick by the two old political organizations...

However the third party movement may affect the farmers of the West, those of the South must necessarily discard all outside alliances and remain loyal to the Democracy...

arising from the demands of the self-protection and self-preservation. So long as social equality between the races remains the chief corner-stone of the Republican party...

How, with his social and political life thus threatened, can the Southern farmer think for a moment of running the risk of again turning the country over to the tender mercies of radicalism by deserting the Democracy...

Whatever others may do, then, the Southern farmers must remain Democratic. Social integrity and political liberty are vitally necessary to their existence...

The Maharajah's Treasures.

We were taken to the old place, in the heart of the city, to see the treasure room. Two huge cheethas, carefully muzzled, used for hunting bucks, were on the palace steps...

These consist of a gorgeous collar of about 500 diamonds, some of them as big as walnuts, arranged in five rows, surrounded by a top and bottom row of emeralds of the same size...

The greatest marvel of all is a carpet about 10 by 6 feet, made entirely of strings or pure colored pearls, with great central and corner circles of diamonds. This carpet took three years in making...

and it never left Baroda. We were also taken to see two guns, weighing 280 pounds each, of solid gold, with two companions of silver...

Earthquakes.

Great interest is taken by thoughtful persons in the recent earthquake in Quebec and the slight shocks felt in our seaboard States during the last few years...

But there is no volcanic formation along the Atlantic seaboard. The most destructive earthquake in many years was the one that created such havoc in Charleston...

The most plausible theory to account for earthquakes and the only one that apparently explains the shocks in the Atlantic States, is the shrinkage of the earth's crust on the inner side in the cooling process...

There is no reason, however, why anybody should be fearful of consequences resulting from earthquake. Some disastrous shocks have certainly occurred, but they rarely amount to anything more than an interesting sensation...

But how much of an earthquake do you suppose it would take to topple over some of the sky-scraping buildings that have lately become the fashion in our large cities? A few years ago a very pronounced earthquake was felt in New York City...

If New York sky-scrapers had been in existence then it is a question whether there might not have been a sudden fall in the brick market...

Never Speaks to His Wife.

In the Northwestern part of the city live a couple who for twenty-two years never addressed a word to each other. In 1869 the husband was a man of means, owning considerable property...

pleading with her and using violence and tenderness by turns, she remained firm and would not let him have it. As a consequence he swore a terrible oath that he would never speak to her as long as he lived...

He Got His Dollar.

A strapping young man sat in the Erie depot, across the Hudson, the other day waiting for his train. He had twelve eyethe-stones in a bundle on his right hand and a cuckoo clock in a box on his left...

"Don't you travel around with a tooth powder?" "No sir," was the sharp reply. "Wasn't you up in Elizabeth last Fall?"

"Yes you was, and I'll bet on it! You are the same durned feller, and I know it!" "Sir! What does this mean?" demanded the other.

"It means that I was in Elizabeth last Fall and bought a box of your tooth powder. You changed a five-dollar bill, and darn my hide if you didn't hornswaggle me out of a dollar!"

"No use, old fellow! I knowed ye the minute I got eyes on ye. Same big diamond pin—same red neck-tie—same nose, humped up in the middle like a circus camel! I want that dollar!"

"This is outrageous! I'll call a policeman!" shouted the fakir. "Call and be durned to ye, but I'll lick ye first! You either come down with that dollar or I'll wallop ye till ye can't holler!"

"Look here!" replied the other in much milder tones, "you are mistaken. It was my cousin who was in Elizabeth. He is dead now."

"Then I'll take it out of you!" "He is dead, as I remarked, and rather than have any blot resting on his fair escutcheon I will pay you the dollar."

"That's all right! I don't know anything about 'scutcheons, but I've got to have that dollar or pull hair! I've bin looking for your hump-backed nose all over the face of the world. And I've laid awake nights thinkin' how I'd make ye holler like an Injun if I ever got my paws on ye!"

He was given a dollar, and the fakir disappeared at once, and the young man explained to those around him: "I'm almost sorry he give up so soon. I was just akin' clean in my toes to lick him all over a forty-acre lot!"—N. Y. World.

Arizona was inhabited by a tribe of Indians whom nature had been lavish in the matter of nose, the Indians themselves accentuating the prominent nasal appendage by piercing the cartilage or gristle between the nostrils...

In the Spanish language nose is "nariz." In that language you can also express a diminutive or an augmentative by a termination to the name-word. "Narizito" would mean a "little nose," and "narizon" a "great big nose."

In the same manner the State of Oregon receives its name from its original tribe of Indians, who were famous for their big ears. They pierced their ears and enlarged the lobe with pieces of wool...

This warm spring weather temps most boys and girls out of doors. And doubtless the thoughts of many of them turn to pleasant expeditions along the bank of some shaded stream...

There is no picture as bright with life as that of a country lad, whose sun-burned cheeks are flushed with health, with bare feet in the rocky stream and a battered straw-hat half-shading the laughing eyes...

Fishing is no doubt, one of the most pleasant of amusements when one has good luck. And those that are fond of the sport would scarcely fail to feel an interest in the work of the United States Fish Commission.

This branch of our Government occupies in Washington a square, brick building, very plain in its external appearance. On the first floor are long rows of tables, upon which large glass boxes or aquariums are placed...

Within the tanks are little fishes darting about—perch, bright sunlight, flashing gold ones—fishes of all shades and hues.

On other tables are tall glass bottles filled with eggs in the process of hatching. These jars are only from a foot and a half to two feet high, yet they are capable of holding each several million fish eggs...

The object of this service is to breed fish in order to supply some of the waste from those caught, and also to stock rivers with new varieties. For instance, in some rivers, salmon have never been seen...

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Thus different varieties are carried to all parts of the country and the rivers of the different States kept from becoming depopulated.

The eggs hatched in the building are drawn from the fishes caught in the Potomac and afterwards released. Thus the fish is still suitable for food, and the eggs, which would otherwise be destroyed, are used in multiplying the fish supply of the world...

That part of the territory of the United States now known as

STATE NEWS.

The county Commissioners of Buncombe county appropriated \$1,000 for an exhibit at the exposition.

Wadesboro Intelligencer: Wheat and oats are being harvested this week. Fine crops of both are reported.

The new bank, the Farmers and Merchants, at Raleigh will open August 1st with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Raleigh will have a Horse Show commencing July 4th. There will be several races and premiums for the winners. A good many fine horses are being entered.

Sanford Express:—The Magistrates and County Commissioners last Monday decided to issue \$15,000 in bonds to pay the county indebtedness.

At Greensboro last Wednesday night a car at the R. & D. Depot, loaded with oil was discovered to be on fire and was burned entirely. Loss about \$1,000.

The Irish potato industry is receiving a good deal of attention now in the eastern part of the state. It is said that New Berne will ship 80,000 barrels this season.

A severe storm of wind and hail passed along the line of Carolina Central railroad in Robeson county last Friday. Some of the hail stones were two inches in diameter and the damage to crops and trees was great.

Washington Gazette:—Capt. J. A. Cox, of Hyde county, sold a cow recently, and when the buyer went in the woods to take her home he found the cow standing perfectly still, but stone dead. Capt. Cox himself tells us the story.

Southport Leader:—Commissioner Goodman reports the following: A rattlesnake was killed last week at Mr. J. L. Tharp's residence, on Town Creek, measuring five and one-half feet, had twelve rattles, needle and thread, button and button hole.

Chatham Record:—Mr. James N. Green, of this county, has a young jenny that sucks a cow, and the cow seems as fond of it as if it was her calf.—Mr. John Melver, of Cape Fear township, has presented to the Record's museum an acorn filled with honeycomb that was found in the middle of a bee-gum. Now how did the acorn get there?

Asheville Citizen:—James Dougherty, the man who was so nearly killed by his brother Robert on Sunday morning, is reported as slightly improved this morning by Dr. E. B. Starnes. His physicians say the prospects for his recovery are a little better now. Nothing has been heard by the authorities of the whereabouts of Robert Dougherty.

Fayetteville Observer:—The first spike on the Short-Cut extension of the A. C. L. south was driven here Monday afternoon in the presence of quite a number of our people. About five miles of the road-bed at this end of the line are ready for the rails, with equally as many miles at Rowland end. The entire work is progressing very nicely.

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The internal revenue collections for May foot up \$51,890.70.—Winston shipped 864,845 net pounds of manufactured tobacco during May.

News reaches here of a terrible affair which occurred a day or two since at Lower Fork, in Burke county. Julius York, the twelve year old son of James York, shot and killed his ten-year old sister, Easter York, with a shot gun, the whole load entered her forehead just above the right eye, from which wound a large amount of her brains came out.

The boy has confessed to the killing, and says he just did it to scare her, and did not know there was any cap on the gun, but from all the evidence that can be gathered it seems that they were in a fight while their parents were out at work near the house.—Winston Sentinel.

NEWS ITEMS.

Ex-Governor Henry Lippitt, of Rhode Island, died last Friday morning.

The little town of Thomasville has voted \$20,000 to the Girls Training school should it be located there.

The whiskey trust has bought the Schufeldt and the Calumet distilleries of Chicago for the sum of two million dollars. These were the largest distillers out of the trust.

The Chilean insurgent steamship, Itata, has been surrendered to the United States authorities and delivered up all the arms, 5000 rifles, which she took on board off San Diego.

James Ritter, aged eighty-one years, who recently died at Elm Springs, Ark., had his coffin made more than a year ago and kept it in his bed-room. It was made of black walnut and elegantly finished. He weighed 470 at his death.

William W. Williams, of Raleigh, N. C., son of the late John G. Williams of that place, was run over by a material train at Sandy Creek in South Carolina last Thursday and almost instantly killed. His remains were taken to Raleigh and interred Saturday.

An expedition for exploring North Greenland has been gotten up in Philadelphia and the party started out on their expedition Saturday. The party consists of Lt. Peary, of the Navy, and his wife and five associates.

Near Myersdale, Pa., the dwelling of a prominent farmer was burned and in it two little girls aged 9 and 13 years. Nine other people were in the house but escaped, four of whom were compelled to jump out of the window from the second story.

Reports from Kodiak, Alaska, state that the gripe is causing great havoc among the natives. There are no doctors or medical stores on the Islands and they are dying at a fearful rate. They are suffering great hardship on account of a poor catch of sea otters, on which they depend for a living.