"Aye, old man," said the son, "die game or die like a rat;
If you please to sneak into heaven I see no harm in that."
"But the pars in, Joe, for pity!" The son leaned forth from his chair,
And the old man shrank and whimpered and shuddered away from his stare,

It was night and the wind blew loud, and the rain swept over the moor, And once and again a branch tap-tapped like a hand at the door;
The fire leaped, flickered, and feil, and a candle guttered and winked,
And the old man peered at the light till his eyelids reddened and blinked.

"Joe," be quavered again, "'twas cunning, eh, my son?
We stopped the mouths of the rogues, and we fought the law and we wou.
But I tell you here as I he, I can see those corpses stand,
With a tongue in every wound, all bloody at God's right hand.

"I can't die yet! I can't! Oh, mercy! I'il tell! I'il tell!
Quick fetch me a parson, Joe, and save my soul out of hell!"
The old man stopped, for his breath came short, and light grew dim;
But he shicked, "I'm going to God, and I must get right with Him!"

"Dad," said the son, "lie still; die easy; let bygones be, Now your own neck's free of the noose you shall tell no tales on me. We've kept our counsel together; get right with God if you will; Cod tells no tales, but parsons may, and I say, ile still!"

Then the whole pent rage and remorse of the old man burst in a cry, And he bounded up in the bed and he flung up his arms on high;

His cleached lists benting the air; then he doubled and fell on the bed,

And his eyes were a fear to see; they lived, but the man was dead. -Arthur Symons, in The San Francisco Argonaut.

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《 WOLF-MATES.

BY JOHN BIRD LURNHAM.

the side.

There was a certain appearance of

benignity about the dead beast hat

tushes projected from his mouth at

Half a dozen porcupine quills were

Mac raised the wolf on my should-

Soon Mac went up the river three

to the cabin site. At the spot where

On my third trip, as I was plodding

where it was, and hurrying to the tent,

Why had the wolf been following

in wait in the spruce grove through

It was not until I had gone back

had only turned aside at the last mo-

I ran to a place where I could see

I threw the rifle to my face, but a

great leap carried the beast out of

watching. Some ravens flew up from

the ground into a tree nearer my posi-

opposite; but strain my eyes as I

would, I could see nothing at which

The sounds ceased, and I became

aware that my feet were very cold and

my body fast growing numb. I could

I saw nothing further of the wolf

that day. After unloading my sle

made my way to the tent, for it was

the wolf had touched rone of our pro

visions. It had passed close to th

cache several times, and must har

Before we turned in that night ft

the timber.

of the afternoon.

sticking in his nose, mute evidence of

The wolves in the arctic prey upon presently we saw some ravens fly up the barren ground caribou, and are from the sloping river bank into the born and grow up on the flanks of trees above. They were croaking the wandering herds. The gaunt moth- hoarsely. Below them lay a great er wolves single out and pull down gaunt white wolf. Here and there the suckling calves that their own baby snow was flecked with blood. A fresh wolves may grow big and strong, and scar in his side showed that the ravcapture for themselves and their off- ens had already begun their work. spring other calves in the years to come. From ages of this kind of liv-Ing the welves have grown to regard did not at all accord with our prethe caribon as belonging to them. In conceived opinion of wolves. The head summer they follow the herds north was set on a powerful neck and through the harren grounds to the crowned with an almost leonine ruff of shores of the polar ocean, and in win- thick, coarse hair. The wolf was well ter they retreat with the caribon to on in years. -His teeth were blunted. the shelter of the pine and spruce for- he was blind in one eye, and two great

Once in a while a few wolves become separated, through sickness or injury, from the particular herd that has been their inheritance, and some the straits to which hunger had reof these recever health and strength; duced the old monarch. but their lot is a hard one, especially In seasons when rabbits are scarce, ders, and taking turns, we managed to Such wolves, desperate from hunger, carry him to camp. rush into Indian camps, and carry off dogs from under their masters' very miles to a cache of supplies, and I reeyes. Sometimes they fall upon the sumed my task of sledding our outfit Indians themselves, so that it is by means safe for children or unarmed | the dead wolf had fallen, we had hidpersons to wander alone in the forest. den the poison under the river bank,

ests just below the arctic circle.

Donald McKercher and I had an ex- forgetting in the excitement of the perience with a pair of these stray capture to put out any more. After wolves last winter, while camped on Mac had gone, I determined to go the Yukon, just below the mouth of down and distribute it in suitable the Pelly. We had selected a cab'n places before the end of the afternoon. site in a thick spruce growth at one But something happened which extremity of a little arena-like flat, changed my plans. and were engaged in sledding supplies form our boats, which lay wrecked on along, dragging the heavily loaded a bar in the ice-locked channel of the sled by a rope over one shoulder, I river between two islands a little more saw the imprint of a wolf's claws in than quarter of a mile away. At the the trail directly over my own foottime we were living in a tent on the marks of a few minutes before. It Island nearest the boats. The day we was evident that a wolf had been dogbegan our work Mac, on his return ging my steps. I was totally unprefrom a short reconnoitering trip, said pared for defence. I left the sled

"Down at you point there's an old secured a rifle. With that in my sheep camp, and the place is all trod- hands, I hoped to see the beast den up with wolves and wild creatures. They've been digging in the me on the open river? If it was seeksnow and rooting out bones. We'd bet- ing a chance to attack me, the most ter put out some poison for the natural course would have been to lie beasts."

As we were greatly in need of furs which I passed to the cabin site. I for bedding and storm clothing, and continued my trip through this piece of had some strychnin with us, I assent- woodland without molestation, and no ed to Mac's proposition. He groped sound broke the stillness. deep in his clothing sack, and present-By firew forth a roll of red fignnel, to the boats, taken on another load, from the center of which he produced | and was returning on the sinuous path a tiny bottle, containing the strychnin. that I saw new "sign"-a fresh wolf "Mon, but's dangerous stuff to han- trail branching at right angles from

die!" he said. "It's death in a mustard | the sled track and heading down rivseed as you might say. I'm going over er in the direction of the sheep camp. to the next island to mix it. It would It was evident that the wolf had been not be safe to have it so near where traveling on the path toward me, and

we cook and eat." Half an hour later he returned, hold- ment, when a meeting was otherwise ing at arm's length a tin lard can cov- inevitable. er, on which were a dozen or more cabes of poisoned grease about the beyond the island, and, sure enough, size of caramels. The gloom of the there was the wolf in plain sight, at sunless day was already deepening in- that moment climbing the river bank to night but we could not afford to at the identical spot where the first Ices time in the matter, and so we wolf had died. started down the river to put the

poison out for the wolves. At the old sheep camp the place was sight in the snow-laden forest; and so tracked up by wolf trails that it as it did not come into view again, I would be next to impossible to single lowered the gun and stood waiting and out and follow the trail of any parti-

enter enimal taking our poison. "We can't do anything here tonight," tion than the place where the wolf said Mar, ruefully. "We will take the had disappeared. Then a red squirrel, poison out on the river, away from at a point still closer, began chatterthis tangle, and hide it, and tomorrow ing. I heard a crackling in the brush we can come back and select good that grew at the river's edge directly places and put out the balts."

We dug a hole in the snow in the center of the channel between the to aim. mainland and an island, and buried the poison where the ravens could no: find and devour it.

The following morning we were con- wait no longer; but before returning siderably surprised to find the evenly to the sled, I ran across to the mainpunctuated footprints of a walking land, and made sure from the eviwolf paralleling ours of the previous dence of the snow that it was the wolf afternoon, and leading directly to the I had heard returning under cover o poison. There the wolf had pawed away the snow, and the tin lid and Tis contrats were lying on the surface, exposed plainly to view. We could at the cache among the spruce, not be sure that the wolf had eaten may of the balt, as we had neglected fast growing dark and time to knock to count the number of pleces. But off work. It struck me as odd that the trail made by the wolf on leaving the spot was significant. It was evident that he had been galloping tow-

and a little column of vapor. scented the pork and bacen, which "That's the steam from open water," should have been tempting to such a world Mac, "Poisoned animals make for hungry beast. Near the tent I saw no water the first thing, and I'm thinking wolf tracks, and I mentioned this to we'll be sleeping on a wolf robe be- Mac when recounting the incidents

fore a great while." We followed the train, which became aventually an uncertain zigzag; and began snowing. The fall was les

were out the old tracks, and leave the land and frozen river a fresh white page. Mac was the first to leave the tent in the morning. He was back again almost immediately, and framing his head in the flaps of the tent, said:

"Your wolf's been after her mate, mon. She came last night to within 30 feet of us, where he hangs on the fallen tree. I surmised when you were telling her actions that it was not you, after all, she was seeking."

A light broke in upon me, and I began to realize the meaning of what had appeared, on the part of the animal, such a contradictory mixture of daring and timidity.

"She smelled the scent of him on your clothes," continued Mac, "and she feared the worst: but she would not leave the place till she was convinced. It's usual," he added, "for wolves, when they find there's poison out, to disappear as if by magic. This one's no common beast.'

"I believe you are right, Mac," I replied. "Now that she knows the truth, do you think she will leave for good and all?"

"No doubt about it. She'll go clean out of the country."

But Mac's judgment was at fault for once. The trail from the tent led directly down the river, and anxious to know more of the wolf's movements, we followed. She had gone as the crow flies, straight across one of the islands to the spot where the first wolf died. Mac, who was leading, paused when he reached this place, and as I came to his side, he pointed to a hole in the snow and the overturned tin which contained our forgotten poison.

"She's eaten nearly all of it," he announced, in a solemn, awestruck tone. "Who would have thought it in a beast."

A little farther on we found the wolf's dead body, still warm. One paw rested on a dead raven, which she had apparently killed in her last agony; and warned by their companion's fate, the other ravens had not ventured to approach.

This wolf was smaller and darker than the first, and was in better condition. Her fur was deep and rich, and even in death the implied grace and mobility of action made her a beautiful creature. Her eyes were bright and intelligent, and the expression was that of some great, affectionate dog, rather than the cunning of a wild creature.

We stood a moment in silence, looking ing at the dead creature, and then Mac expressed what was in my mind,

"She could not stand it to lose her mate," he said, simply. "When she found he was dead, she could not bear to live herself. She knew well what had killed him and where it was to be had. She felt the grief of a person. It's well, mon, the poor beast had no soul to lose."-From Youth's Compan-

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

There is food enough wasted in New York city each day to feed a half million persons.

There stands at the foot of Mt. Etna a chestnut tree which is said to be took him forcibly to the woods. His county. Thus the matter rests, but two thousand years old. It is 213 feet body was found at daylight on the it has caused and is causing a great in circumference.

From estimates made Sunday morning there were then in the 587 churches of Manhattan and the Bronx, 210,000 persons, 50,000 of whom were men and 152,000 women.

The Empire of Japan runs its government aside from interest on its war debt, for a little more than two-thirds the cost of running the municipal government of the city of New York.

A remarkable skeleton skyscraper which has not a nail or a screw in it, has been built around and over the new southwestern gate of Peking. It is made entirely of bamboo poles and

There is a wild flower in Turkey which is the exact floral image of a humming bird. The breast is green, the wings are a deep rose color, the throat yellow, the head and beak almost black.

Electricity on the third rail, near Clayton, N. J., has killed so many fox hounds that foxes there are multiplying rapidly and destroying rabbits in arge numbers. The county pays \$3 bounty for every fox killed.

The first state automobile line in Austria has been opened between Neumarkt and Predazza over a route orming the highest automobile line in Europe, the road in places crossing the mountains at an elevation of four thouand feet.

Among the trees which border the Merrimack Valley State highway, one of the oldest is the willow on the eld Sargent estate, Nashua, N. H. This ree was an ancient affair as far back s the memory of the oldest inhabitant & South Nashua.

John F. Donnell, who has charge of he Wharf farm, Baldwinsville, Mass. laims the record yield of potatoes for he state, if not for the country. From 1-2 acres of land Mr. Donnell dug 58 b shals of potatoes, or over four jundred bushels to the acre.

In Canada the largest number of helr wages in 1905 amounted to over 1 percent since 1900.

reference effection TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

The Marion Tragedy.

Asheville, Special.-Fuller particulars of the tragedy at Marion which resulted in the death of James Patterson and the wounding of Alfred Patterson, by Gudger Finley, because Finley objected to Ed. Williams accompanying Miss Patterson home from church, have been received here. Mrs. Charles Boone, Mrs. James Patterson, Miss Patterson, Alfred Patterson and Ed. Williams attended religious services at Elhanan, which is located in East Marion. After the service they went to Boone's restaurant on Main street for supper, tion laws, the severest penalty should Shortly after they arrived at the restaurant Gudger Finley came in and joined them. When the party were leaving the restaurant Finley made a proposition to escort Miss Patterson, who refused, saying she was going with Ed Williams. This angered Finley. The party started up Main street, leaving Finley behind. As they turned the corner of Main and Cross streets, on their way to the Patterson home, they met Finley on the sidewalk. They claim that he was standing on the sidewalk with a pistol in hand and said to the young woman that her escort, Williams, did not have courage enough to defend her and struck Williams several times, Williams ran. He then struck the young woman, when Mrs. Patterson rushed between them and Finley turned on her with his pistol raised to her face. James Patterson rushed to the rescue of his wife, when Finley shot him, death following a few minutes later. Finley then raised his pistol and leveled it at the "running a 'blind tiger' in a poolhead of Alfred Patterson, but the wounded man struck at the pistol and the ball passed through his brother's shoulder and neck. No weapons were be sent to the government prison in found on either of the Pattersons, Atlanta, Finley says he shot in self-defense, and shows some cuts about his clothing which he claims were made by knives of the Pattersons. No testimony has been taken in the case as yet, as at the preliminary examination no defense was made, and the

Strange Negro Lynched at Hands of Mob.

defendant was committed to prison

without bail.

tance phone from Selma, N. C., re- of the officers were more or less serports the lynching at Pine Level, lously hurt in a clash at an illicit Johnston county, of a strange negro distillery. One squad was led, so it at 'he hands of a negro mob. The is stated, by a physician and the othstrange negro, purporting to be ad- er band had been directed there by vance agent of a "big show," faked the same man. The affair came near the negro residents into attendance being so fatal that the citizens have on what turned out to be a one-man been up in arms against this doctor performance by the strange darkey since that time. Dr. Wilson, the man himself. Covered with guano sacks, asked to leave, has replied to one of the mob entered the negro's boarding the petitions, so it is reported here, ouse early Tuesday morning and that he does not intend leaving Southern railroad tracks. His ide - deal of bad feeling over in that sectity has not been established.

Corset Stave Saves Life.

Asheville, Special.—To the presence of a steel corset stave Miss Eva Bank will shortly be changed from a Chambers, of this city, owes her life, State to a national institution. At While in her room with a little eight- the same time the capital will be inyear-old cousin, the child picked up creased from \$75,000 to \$100,000. accidentally pulling the trigger, sent to occupy its new quarters at the a bullet into Miss Chambers' left southeast corner of Main and Fisher side. The bullet struck the corset streets. The new building is owned stave near the heart and was stopped by the People's Bank and when comslightly into Miss Chambers' side but in the State. The interior furnishmade no serious hurt. But for the ings and decorations of the banking stave the bullet, which was flattened rooms will be most elaborate and no

Current Events.

Coal mine operators held a conference in Washington in regard to prevention of disasters in mines.

The craiser Chicago has been ordered to Annapolis as an addition to the fleet for the Naval Academy ermisc.

Peace congresses are to be held in various States this year.

Statemetn as to Banks.

Raleigh, Special.—The corporation twelve months.

Advance in Naval Stores Market.

Wilmington, Special.-What promadvance.

Make Penalties Severe.

Wilmington, Special.-The fall term, peing a postponed one, of the United States District Court, convened for the Wilmington District and with docket loaded down with violations of the internal revenue laws, such as retailing liquor without license, illicit distilling, etc. The opening session was marked by Judge Purnell's charge, dealing largely and pointedly with the prohibition question, as he expressed the opinion that prohibition does not prohibit, but added that for violations of prohibibe given; that while he might not believe in prohibition, though his personal opinion on the subject had no right to be expressed in court, yet both State and government officers should strive to uphold the law. While he had gathered from the newspapers that in many prohibition comunities in North Carolina, State officers did not do their duty, yet the government officers were doing theirs, and his court did not intend to impose any more thirty and sixty days jail sentences in such cases but unless there appeared mitigating circumstances, he would impose a heavy penitentiary sentence; that although he would make no rule, his court would be inclined to impose the maximum sentence. Then in substantiation of his idea, a young, well-dressed negro man, Handy Holmes, who submitted to selling liquor in a poolroom in Fayetteville, where he was working, felt the heavy hand of the law. Judge Purnell's only comment was room in a prohibition county. One year in the penitentiary." And the negro went in the dock, soon to

Physician Asked to Leave.

Durham, Special .- An interesting story reaches here from Chatham county that a petition has been curculated asking a prominent physician to move from the county, it being stated-in the language of President Roosevelt-that he is an "undesirable citizen." This is an aftermath of the clash between the two squads of revenue officers in that county, or Charlotte, Special.-A long dis- the edge of Durham, when several tion.

Bank to Become National.

Salisbury, Special.—The People's a 32-calibre revolver lying there and About February 1st the bank expects in its progress. The stave was driven pleted will be one of the handsomest would almost certainly have caused expense is being spared to have everthing finished in first-class style.

Minor Events.

Mr. Fowler, chirman of the House Finance Committee, introduced a radical currnecy bill providing for a new national banking system.

Mr. Williams and Mr. De Armond exchanged amenitles in the House, indicating a friendlier feeling between them.

The senate was not in session Thursday but will meet again Friday.

Child Falls Into Fire.

Asheville, Special.-Arline Thorpe, commission Friday issued its state- the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and metn as to the State, private and sav- Mrs. C. D. Thorpe, of this city, was ings banks, showing their condition so fearfully burned by falling into at the close of business December 3d, an open fireplace that all hope for last. The following are the figures: her recovery has been abandoned. It Total assets, \$51,883,687; increase seems that the little girl was sitting over previous year, \$3,576,199; cap- on the edge of a tilted chair in front ital stock, \$7,657,746. The mount of of the grate when she lost her balcapital stock the year before was \$6,- ance and plunged into the flames. 475,785. The number of banks Dc. Members of the family quickly recember 3d was 295, against 254 the moved the little victim and extinprevious year, showing the very guished the blazing clothing, but not handsome increase of 41 in the until she had been burned so badly that she cannot recover.

Spinners' Associations.

Charlotte, Special.—Believing that ises to be a steady and continued ad- the present unsatisfactory condition vance in the naval stores market has in the cotton goods situation degiven a decided impetus to the trade mands a remedy, a call was issued rage-carners are engaged in log pro- in this city. The advance the past last week for a joint session of the lucts. They total nearly 55,000, and several days has almost been sensa- Southern Soft Yarn Spinners' Assotional spirits alone having jumped ciation, the Southern Hard Yarn 21,000,000. The total number of wage two cents a gallon in one day in Spinners' Association, and the North arners that year was 391,487, whose sympathy with the Savannah market. Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Asvages averaged \$1,832, an increase of Various reasons are assigned for this sociation. The meeting will be held in this city, January 18th,

CONGRESS AT WORK

Dull Day in House.

Little business was transacted by the House Wednesday. After a forty minute debate, a rule was adopted giving the bill to revise, modify and amend the laws the right of way along with other preferred measures. The bill was immediately taken up and upon the conclusion of its reading was laid aside to permit Mr. Craige, of Tennessee, to address the House in favor of an appropriation for "The Hermitage," the home. Andrew Jackson near Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Gaines paid a glowing tribute to the life and deeds of Andrew Jackson. Adjournment was taken at 3:47 un-

til Thursday.

Bond Issue in the Senate.

The recent issue of bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of relieving the financial stringency was the subject of an animated debate in the Senate. The discussion was precipitated by an inquiry by Senator Culberson and was participated in by Senators Aldrich, Tillman and Bailey. It resulted in an agreement to postpone further controversy until a statement can be received from Secretary Cortelyou. While the subject was under discussion Mr. Tillman's resolution directing the finance committee to inquire into the operations of the Treasury Department was referred with his consent to that committee.

The Senate passed Senator Tillman's resolution calling on the inter-State commerce commission for information concerning purchases by railroad companies of the stock of competing roads.

The unfinished business in the form of the bill to codify the criminal laws of the United States was placed before the Senate and the reading of the bill begun.

State Rights in the House.

Vigorous defense of States' rights in dealing with violations of civil rights or with special State elections where troops are called into service, served to enliven the debate in the House of Representatives in connection with the consideration of the bill to codify the penal laws of the United States. A number of Democrats, mostly from the Southern States, strenuously sought by amendment to reserve to the States themselves discretion as to the qualifications of voters or of persons to serve on juries, and to limit the powers of Federal judges in certain cases, but every attempt failed. The Republicans presented a solid front and the votes all were on party lines.

The bill was still under consideration when at 5.02 p. m. the House ad-

SECOND TRIAL OF THAW.

Considerable Headway Reine Made in the Noted Case.

New York, Special.-The Thaw trial moved with a rush Monday. After the State had presented its direct case and Assistant District Attorney Garvan had characterized the killing of Stanford White as "a premeditated, deliberate and cowardly murder." Martin W. Littleton, for the defense, made the opening plea for the prisoner. His promise of new evidence was sensational. Mr. Littleton promised to forge a chain of circumstances and to produce a line of testimony which will prove Harry K. Thaw undeniably insane at the time of the homicide. Evidence of hereditary insanity and of strange, unusual acts of Thaw was told of by Mr. Littleton, who said that physicians and nurses who had attended Thaw were hurrying from Europe; that teachers of the defendant in childhood would be on hand to give their impressions of "the wild eyed, distant boy."

In conclusion, Mr. Littleton challenged the district attorney to produce a single reputable physician who would say that Thaw was not insane at the time he killed the noted architect

Thaw was called to the bar promptly at 10 a. m.

Within the next few minutes Assistant District Attorney Garvan began the outline of the prosecuion's

case to the jury. "The defense in this case," said

Mr. Garvan "is insanity. The material facts are admitted. Insanity, let me adjure you, is not to be defined by what you or I might think, it is not what physeians or metaphysicians may tell us, or what scientists or pseudo-scientists may deseribe. Insanity, as we have to deal with it, has been defined by the Legislature of the State of New York. The law is wiser than we are. We are sworn to obey it and to live under it. The law says that the only person excused from criminal responsibility is he who is so deficient of reasoning that he does not know the nature or quality of his act or that the act is wrong. With the definition and this definition of the law alone, I ask you to judge of all the acts of this defendant the night of June 25h, 1906, when he shot and killed Stanford White on the roof of Madison Square Garden."