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To see the great interest which the men in this vicinity have taken in our fall and winter offering of Suits, Hats, and Haberdashery.



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The Birthday of Adam.

London Chronicle.  
October 23 is Adam's birthday. So at least it used to be regarded till the higher critics came to upset things. Theologians of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries wasted much scholarship in efforts to settle both the manner and date of creation. Dr. John Lightfoot, vice chancellor of Cambridge, a Hebrew scholar of European reputation, published a state-

ment to the effect that, after years of research, he had succeeded in discovering the precise moment when the earth "rose out of chaos" and man made his appearance upon it. This learned divine declared that "heaven and earth, centre and circumference, were created all together, in the same instant, and clouds full of water," and that "this work took place and man was created by the Trinity on October 23, 4004 B. C., at 9 o'clock in the morning."

### MILLIONAIRE'S WILL MISSING.

A Diligent But Fruitless Search in Asheville for the Will of John McCormack Gibson, who Left a Large Fortune to His Wife of a Week.

Special to News and Courier.  
Asheville, N. C., November 10.—A little more than a week ago John McCormack Gibson, a Cincinnati millionaire, was married at the Battery Park Hotel, in this city, on what many believed to be his death bed, to Miss Henrietta Cecelia Wolfe, a wealthy Jewess, of Providence, R. I.

Mr. Gibson sat up in bed while the ceremony was being performed by a justice of the peace and with difficulty uttered the words required of him. He died Saturday.

Some time prior to the marriage Mr. Gibson made his will and by the provision of the instrument Miss Wolfe was to receive property valued at more than a million dollars at his death. At the time of the marriage some slight revision was made in the will, but the important provisions were not thereby affected.

To-day, while preparations were being made to ship the body to Cincinnati, diligent search was made for the will, but without avail.

William A. Dickson, Mr. Gibson's Cincinnati attorney, and who is remembered in the will, the young widow, and the nurses joined in the search through trunks and other effects but when the party left for Cincinnati the valuable papers were still missing. The presumption was expressed by Mr. Dickson that Mr. Gibson may have sent papers to some friend or legal adviser, but no one concerned could imagine who such person could be or why Mr. Gibson should have sent the papers out of the city.

Robert M. Wells, Gibson's Asheville legal representative, has a carbon copy of the will, the only copy now, and will send this to Cincinnati in the event the original cannot be found.

Lawyers recognize the possibility, but scarcely think it probable, that the validity of this carbon copy will be questioned. The inexplicable disappearance of the papers from the hotel room, however, might occasion a great deal of confusion, they fear, in the event the estate should become involved in litigation. Mr. Gibson left all his personal property to his mother, and his real property to his widow, and there is no contingency regarding her second marriage, as many have believed.

Much of romance attended the sick bed marriage. His first wife was burned to death in the Hotel Windsor fire, in New York, and Mr. Gibson never recovered from the shock of the tragedy.

The present Mrs. Gibson and Mr. Gibson's first wife were great friends and the first wife is said to have expressed the wish that in the event of her death her husband should marry her Providence friend. This Mr. Gibson was willing to do, and they became engaged more than a year ago, and would have been married soon thereafter, but for Mr. Gibson's failing health.

**When the Bell Makes Music.**

Statenville Landmark.  
The Bell Telephone Company, one of the biggest monopolies of its kind in the country, is gradually absorbing all the independent phone lines in this section. It has obtained control of most of the independent lines in upper South Carolina, and the exchanges at Gastonia, King's Mountain, Bessemer City, Lincolnton, Cherryville and Shelby have been consolidated and are now practically controlled by the Bell. Time was when the Bell company controlled everything and the smaller towns and rural communities were deprived of the advantages of phone service because they could not pay the price. The independent concerns came in and have covered the rural communities with lines. Now when the Bell gets control of all these we'll all dance to its music.

**"Things Do Not Happen."**

Charleston News and Courier.  
In his Thanksgiving proclamation Governor Aycock, of North Carolina, after reciting some of the special causes why the day should be celebrated, says: "For all these blessings we owe acknowledgement to the Lord. Things do not happen, but the hand of God is in every happiness that comes to our people." That is the finest sentiment we have ever seen written for a Thanksgiving proclamation. "Things do not happen!" That is sound doctrine.

### EXPULSED AMID JEERS.

Count de Castellane Lozes Sent in French Chamber—Accused of Buying Election.

Washington Post.  
Paris, Nov. 7.—After an exciting debate the Chamber of Deputies to-day by 278 to 235 votes invalidated the election of Count Boni de Castellane as a member of the House. The question came up when the committee on contested elections presented its report without recommendation, leaving the Chamber to pass upon the question.

Emile Chauvin made a bitter attack on Count de Castellane, declaring he had been guilty of irregularities and saying that the Count had accused his opponent of being of German descent and a Dreyfusard. In the course of his speech M. Chauvin declared that Count de Castellane, in order to warm the enthusiasm of his partisans, abandoned all reserve and, through his agents, gave unlimited credit in hotels, inns, and drinking places, until the district was gay with fetes and merriment during the campaign.

**DENIED CHARGES.**  
Count de Castellane replied, classing the charges as false. He said he had been accused of buying the election and practicing charity for election purposes. Nothing of the kind had ever been proved, he declared, and closed his defense with an appeal to the Chamber to uphold his election, which, he asserted, truly represented the wishes of the inhabitants of the Basses Alpes district. The count delivered his reply in vehement tones and indignantly repudiated the accusations of M. Chauvin, which he declared were an attack upon the integrity and honesty of his constituency. He explained, further, that he had helped some poor workmen's organizations, but that he had asked nothing in return.

**COUNT DEVIANT.**  
When the president of the Chamber announced the result of the vote Count Boni arose and started for the door. His friends crowded around him, shaking his hand. The business of the Chamber was suspended temporarily while the count was escorted to the exit. Just before he left the Chamber he turned and shouted defiantly: "Gentlemen, I will be with you again."

During the debate there was much disorder, the members of the Left applauding the attacks on Count de Castellane and jeering at his reply, while the count's Republican associates gave him hearty applause.

The result of the vote necessitates another election in the Basses Alpes district represented by Count Boni.

### SEABOARD ATTACHES HORSES.

The Road Has Trouble With a Circus Over a Damage Suit and Seizes 10 Fine Horses.

Charlotte Observer, 11th.  
The Observer's enterprising Durham correspondent phoned at midnight last night that Sheriff Markham, of Durham county, had attached 10 fine horses belonging to Walter Main's circus, which gave a performance in Durham yesterday.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company claims that it had a contract with the show people which provided that if any employee became injured while assisting in the handling of the show trains Mr. Main should pay all monetary damage asked or received.

Some weeks ago an employe was injured, sued for damages, and got \$700, which the Seaboard had to pay. The road asked the owner of the show to re-imburse it for this amount and when he refused attachment papers were secured and the 10 horses were seized.

The Main circus left Durham last night, leaving the horses in the possession of the sheriff. It is said that the proprietor of the show will return to Durham and fight the case.

### Thanksgiving Turkeys.

New York Press.  
Warm weather means lean turkeys for Thanksgiving. The big dealers who handle poultry by the million pounds tell me that so long as the weather is reasonably mild the young birds will run about and keep poor, but so soon as it becomes cold they huddle together and fatten up quickly. Thanksgiving is a weather market, therefore, and large shippers await it with much anxiety. Under the most favorable circumstances turkeys are rarely in suitable condition to freeze so early as the last Thursday in November.

### FIRE 355 FEET IN THE AIR.

Most Spectacular Conflagration Ever Seen in New York.

New York, November 10.—The new East River bridge, in process of construction between New York and Brooklyn, was damaged to the amount of at least half a million dollars to-night by a fire that for four hours raged three hundred and fifty feet in the air, on the summit of the steel tower on the New York side. Three men who were at work on top of the tower when the fire broke out are reported to have fallen into the river.

Owing to the enormous height of the tower it was impossible to reach the fire with any apparatus in the fire department and the flames, after devouring all the woodwork on the top of the tower, seized on the timber false work of the two foot bridges suspended on the main cables, burning away the supports, until nearly a million feet of blazing lumber fell with a mighty splash and hiss into the stream.

The fall of the wooden bridge carried away scores of lighter cables and guys, which trailed in the water, rendering it necessary for the police to stop all traffic up and down the river. The Fall River steamer Puritan and several other craft had narrow escapes while running the gauntlet of fiery brands that fell in showers from the burning bridge. The fire was the most spectacular conflagration that has ever been seen in New York.

The fire started in a woodshed and from this spread to the great timber frame work. Within five minutes after the first discovery of the fire the whole top of the tower was in a blaze. Then the foot bridges fell, carrying with them many tons of bolts, rivets, nuts and tools. At that moment the Brooklyn fire boat was just below the bridge and a heavy steel beam fell on her, breaking her rudders and sending her drifting helpless down the stream. Sound steamers and all other up river navigation was stopped.

### About the Cherry Tree Money.

Charlotte Observer, 6th.

"I don't know how I am to distribute that \$10,000 among those women who were swindled by the Cherry Tree Company," said Colonel H. C. Cowles, of Statesville yesterday. "I was paid \$4,700 in Greensboro, and this included the \$1,800 lawyers' fee that had been paid McBrayer and Justice by C. D. Wilkie. Since then I have received a check from Wilkie for \$800; making a total of \$5,500 in hand. According to the order of the court the defendants, Rev. T. Bright, Dr. Frank Bright, C. D. Wilkie and the others must pay to me, as clerk of the district court, the additional \$5,000 on the second Monday in December. Then I shall wait for Judge Boyd to make an order for the proof of claims and the distribution of the money. How am I to divide the \$10,000? I don't know any more than you do. Do I hear from the dear ladies who were swindled? Oh, yes; since I became connected with the case I have received an average of ten letters a day from women who begged the return of the dollars they had put up for off-shoots from Cherry Mountain."

### Forty-Nine Miles in 47 Minutes.

Salisbury Sun, 16th.

The Southern's fast flyer from New York to New Orleans made another fine spurt yesterday. The flyer left Greensboro 50 minutes late and the run from Greensboro to Salisbury, a distance of 49 miles, was made in exactly 47 minutes. Engineer W. A. Kinney was at the throttle. The flyer arrived in Charlotte only 20 minutes behind time.

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