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AGAIN THE CURVED BALL.

Captain Bacon Says the Art of Throwing a Curved Ball Would be Worth a Million to a Man, if he Could do It!

Charlotte Observer, 28th.

Capt. G. F. Bacon is still thinking about the absurdity of the curved ball. When he came down stairs from the club he thought he would peep into the city office of The Observer and see if anybody was idle. The captain evidently wanted to talk, and he never encounters too busy a squad for an audience, as soon as he stuck his head in, the typewriters subsided and everybody welcomed him. He accepted a rocker and leaned forward in it, with both his hands on the head of his cane. He went at once to the curved ball illusion.

That there is no such thing he still contends. "Why man," said he, "if I could throw a sure enough curved ball it would be worth a million dollars. Yes, sir, I'll tell you why: if a man can throw that kind of ball with his hand, he can do the same thing with machinery, and if he invented a machine to throw curved spherical projectiles he'd have a million before he knew it. Your enemy—what would he do? Get behind a mountain? Dera bim! That wouldn't do him any good. You just put the twist to your curving machine, and—der n him!"

"But wouldn't there be some danger to the man who did the shooting, captain?" asked an interested reporter. "Maybe he would shoot clean around the mountain and kill himself."

This possibility amused the captain so much that he hadn't got through laughing before some one put another cross-question.

"But, captain, how about the people who sit behind the pitcher and see the ball curve?"

"Just think they see it," he answered. "Think they see a crooked stick in a pool, when it's a straight stick. I have squatted right behind the pitcher and I know he don't make the ball curve. The batter misses it and says it curved, and that is all right; it excuses him, haw, haw! And the great trouble about the dern nonsense is that everybody believes it's so, and you can't convince em."

Another listener here put a question about the combination of forces which, being brought to bear upon the ball by its wrist of the pitcher, shoots it off with the effect of a missile that is not a sphere.

The captain laughed a long time before he employed the fallacy that anybody could take a piece of slate and make it roll off in all sorts of a curve. "But I'm talking about a sphere," he dodged.

"I am at liberty to quote you about this important matter, am I, captain?" asked a reporter.

"Say anything you please, anything you dern please," said he, "and I'll stand for it, just so it's ag'in' the curved ball."

HURRAH FOR THE HEN!

In Sixty Days She Can Produce More Wealth Than All the Gold Mines.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Not long ago Secretary of Agriculture Wilson got up a composition on the American hen which, it was believed, would stand as the prize winner. It was rather lengthy and full of figures, but was the work of a scholar. However in a short speech before the House committee on agriculture, Tuesday, Congressman Dawson, of Iowa, took the laurels from Secretary Wilson. He spoke in favor of an increased agricultural appropriation and grew eloquent when he came to the subject of the hen. He is quoted as saying: "Poets may sing of the glory of the eagle, and artists may paint the beauties of birds of plumage, but the modest American hen is entitled to a tribute for her industry, her unselfishness and her productivity. The American hen can produce wealth equal to the capital stock of all the banks of the New York clearing house in three months and have a week to spare. In less than 60 days she can equal the total production of all the gold mines in the United States. The United States proudly boasts of its enormous production of pig iron, by far the greatest of any country in the world, and yet the American hen produces as much in six months as all the iron mines of the country produce in a year. In one year and 10 months she could pay off the interest bearing debt of the United States."

The hen is a great institution. She would be still greater if she and her offspring were not so inclined to upset the chicken grower's calculations by taking the cholera. Mr. Dawson's figures are fascinating, but all the same, we advise him that it is safer to draw his salary in Congress than to embark in the chicken farming business with the idea of putting the banks out of business.

Trinity College Catalogue.

The annual catalogue of Trinity College for the year 1905-1906 has just come from the press. It makes a volume of 162 pages, well executed from a typographical standpoint, and setting forth fully the educational work of the college. The three departments of the college proper now offer 115 full year courses, and, in addition, the recently established school of law offers twenty-three courses.

The professors, instructors and administrative officers of Trinity College are thirty-three in number, and the Trinity Park School employs seven masters, making a total of forty. There are enrolled in Trinity College 287 students and in the Trinity Park School 190, making the total number of students on the Trinity campus 477.

Concord is to have an ice plant with a capacity of 15 tons daily.

DAILY RATIONS FOR 349,440.

Statement Giving an Idea of the Magnitude of the Task at San Francisco—Steps to Prevent Wholesale Grabbing—Good Supplies of Fresh Meat and Fruits.

Charlotte Chronicle.

San Francisco, April 26.—An idea of the task which confronts the food committee may be gained from the fact that throughout the city rations for 349,440 persons were distributed yesterday. This is an average estimate based on reports from a few of the food depots. At one point yesterday provisions were given out to 672 persons an hour for ten hours. This station is neither one of the largest nor one of the smallest and so its reports were used as a basis to strike an average.

All flour that was received in sacks is exchanged at the bakery pound for pound for bread.

Almost all the bakeries in the burned region have opened, and are selling bread at five cents a loaf. There is no danger of a meat famine. Representatives of the Western Company, in South San Francisco, reported to the relief committee this morning that there are now in the yards 1,500 cattle, 3,000 sheep and 500 hogs.

More than 200 cattle are killed and dressed daily and sheep and hogs are put under the knife as fast as they arrive. The full quota of employees is at work.

The Southern Pacific ordered all cattle cars to be rushed to San Francisco with precedence over passenger trains.

Wholesale grabbing of supplies by some while others are in want has caused the military authorities to order a new system in the distribution of food. Beginning to-morrow, kitchens and mess rooms will be established where meats will be supplied to all who apply, but no food will be given out to be carried away.

In the distribution of clothing, precautions against fraud will be taken by squads detailed to visit each tent or each shelter, list the occupants and tabulate their wants. Orders will be given out entitling the holders to the needed clothing, bedding or other stores.

Pitiful stories of suffering from exposure, ignorance and helplessness are flooding in from all sides. Of the great refugee camps, that in the Presidio, which is under government control, seems most thoroughly systematized, and that in Golden Gate Park is most disorganized, though it is rapidly assuming a habitable basis.

Many tons of fresh fruit were distributed yesterday and to-day. Bunches of bananas and boxes of oranges were given unsparingly to the people who flocked from the tents along the beach and about Fort Mason.

Will Probably Make it Daily.

Yorkville Register.

The Carolina and North-Western railroad people are very much pleased with the manner in which the public is receiving their new passenger trains, Nos. 7 and 8. There was considerable hesitation about putting on these trains. It was not thought that there could be any direct revenue from them. The best that was hoped for was receipts amounting to something like actual expenses. The receipts have been rather larger than was expected and now the railroad folks are considering the practicability of giving still better service by making the trains daily. This will probably be done next month. And there is a possibility too, that the trains will be made a permanent feature of the road's passenger traffic. This, however, will probably depend upon a little assistance from the government. Ordinary travel is lighter in the winter than in the summer and expenses are heavier. For that reason, it was not contemplated at the start to continue the new trains beyond next fall. But already the mail possibilities of these trains has been shown to be much greater than was at first contemplated and if the government will only allow a small appropriation for a postal car and clerks, the way of the trains will be much smoother and the accommodation to the public greatly increased. The benefit of Nos. 7 and 8 to Yorkville and other towns in York county is too apparent to be a matter of the slightest doubt.

Wilmington merchants have subscribed \$700 for the Southern Cotton Growers Association fund. President C. C. Moore was in the city this week.

DID SIN CAUSE IT?

Was San Francisco Destroyed for its Wickedness?—The Scriptures Quoted.

Ruterville Landmark.

Of course the preacher who says the earthquake in San Francisco was a "divine dispensation" has been heard from; that it was destroyed for its wickedness. In which case what would become of a good many of us should the Lord decide to give us our just deserts?—Greensboro Record.

Yes, for in the course of justice none of us would see salvation. Those people—and they are many—who constantly see in the calamities sent on individuals and communities the judgments of the Almighty, should turn to Luke 13 and read the answer of the Master when they told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. "Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those 18 on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Register, 24th.

Mrs. S. A. Gillilan of Gastonia, is visiting relatives and friends at Sharon.

The Jasper Light Infantry has received an invitation to attend the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte.

Visitors to Yorkville this week have had many complimentary things to say about the town—the shade trees, the sidewalks, the hotel accommodations, the stores and other things.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Frew and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McElwee and two daughters, Misses Margaret and Katherine, of Rock Hill, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pegrum this week.

Prof. J. H. Witherspoon has been re-elected superintendent of the Fort Mill Graded school at an advance of salary over last year. The Fort Mill people require a high standard of efficiency in their superintendent and their attitude toward Prof. Witherspoon is to be taken as highly complimentary.

Mrs. W. B. Williams of Yorkville, had a telegram a few days ago from her son, Lieutenant Geo. W. Williams, of the United States navy, announcing his safety. Lieutenant Williams is on duty in San Francisco waters and at the time of the disaster was in one of the hotels that was destroyed by the earthquake.

Rev. Oliver Johnson, pastor of Neely's Creek, is quite ill with a stomach disorder to which he has been subject for several years. The trouble only comes on periodically but is very acute in its nature. He went to the Presbyterian hospital at Charlotte yesterday for treatment. Several members of the Neely's Creek congregation who were here in attendance on court, have been very much concerned about him.

Tobe Burris was arrested a few days ago and committed to jail on the charge of having burned the depot at Guthrieville some months back. Burris is one of the negroes who was bruised up in the Fishing Creek wreck some months back, and who got what was for him liberal pay from the railroad company for his experience. He spent his money rapidly, and it is thought that he burned the depot because he wanted some more. The cash drawer is said to have been rifled, and it is claimed that the evidence as to Burris's guilt is strong.

Mr. Howard Caldwell, accompanied by Mr. Carl Hart, made a record breaking run from Columbia to Yorkville in an automobile last Tuesday afternoon. They left Columbia at 1.15 o'clock and reached Yorkville at about 7.30, having stopped a little more than an hour on the way. The entire distance was made at the rate of about twenty miles an hour which, considering the all kinds of conditions in which they found the roads, was good. Mr. Caldwell's visit was on account of the condition of his mother, Mrs. R. J. Caldwell, who was seriously ill with an affection of the heart; but he was gratified to find her very much improved.

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MR. J. HARVEY WILSON DEAD.

Passed Away at Presbyterian Hospital Friday Morning—Had Been Unwell for Six Weeks.

Charlotte Chronicle, April 27th.

The death of Mr. Joseph Harvey Wilson occurred this morning at 8:15 o'clock in the Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. Wilson had been unwell for some time. An operation was performed several weeks ago, and it was seen from that time that his recovery was impossible. He was a man of 67 years of age. All of his life he had made Charlotte his home, and here he leaves many friends. For the past few months Mr. Wilson, in search of health, had been farming in the eastern part of the State. Some time ago, finding that he did not improve he went to Chester, the home of his son, Mr. Frank Wilson. His brother Mr. George E. Wilson, went to Chester and brought Mr. Wilson to the hospital here, where every attention was given him.

When the civil war broke out, Mr. Wilson was in Philadelphia, under medical treatment. In some way he managed to break through the line and, coming South, entered the army as a member of Company K, 42nd North Carolina Regiment, of which the late John E. Brown, of this city, was colonel.

In 1874, Mr. Wilson was married to Mrs. E. C. Lineberger, the daughter of the late Mr. J. C. Rankin, of Gaston county. The widow and one son, Mr. Frank Wilson, of Chester; two sisters, Mesdames J. W. Moore, of Augusta, Ga.; and Charles E. Johnson, of Raleigh, and a brother, Mr. George E. Wilson, of this city, survive.

The remains of the deceased were removed this morning from the hospital to the residence of Mr. George E. Wilson, on South Tryon street. From there they will be taken to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to the First Presbyterian church, where the funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. M. D. Hardin, Dr. Howerton being absent from the city.

The Mecklenburg Camp of United Confederate Veterans will take charge of the body and will accompany the remains to Rimwood, where the interment will be.

No Scavenger.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. Maud Muller on a summer's day. Raked the meadow sweet with hay. "I think," said she, "that I'm in luck. With hay to rake instead of muck."

John Temple Graves Withdraws. Charlotte Observer.

Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—In the first issue of his new daily paper, The Georgian, John Temple Graves to-day announces his withdrawal from the race against Senator A. O. Bacon, for the United States Senate.



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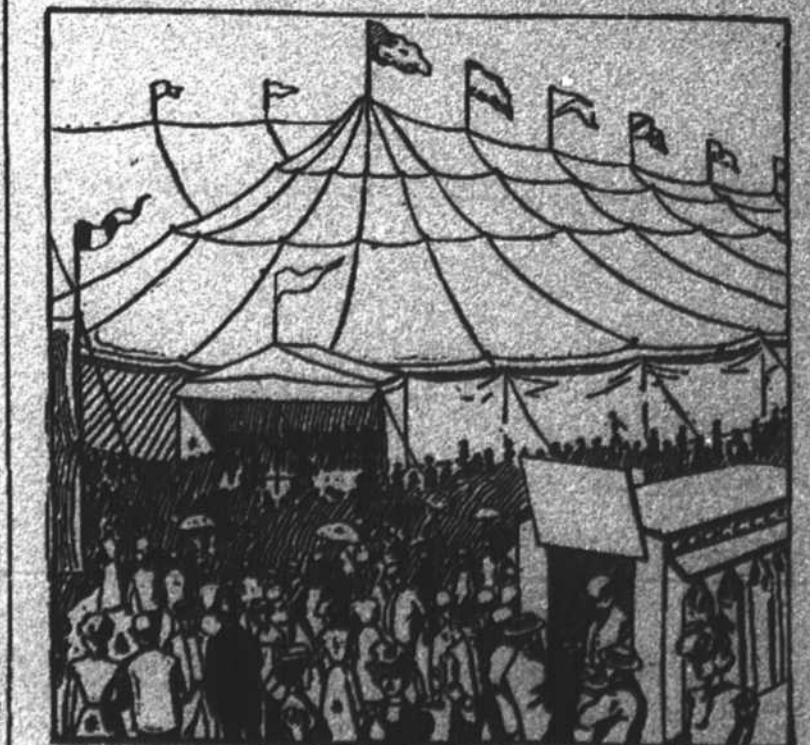
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