

The Mayor Stopped the Work With His Gun.

Stateville Landmark.

Mr. H. H. Abbe was recently elected mayor of West Hickory. A company headed by Mr. Geo. F. Ivey, of Hickory, owned a site in West Hickory on which they proposed to erect a "picker-stick" factory. For some reason Mayor Abbe didn't want the factory built and after the foundation had been laid the mayor sallied forth with his gun and stopped the work; he also kicked down the portion of the foundation that had been built.

The Hickory correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, who furnishes this information, says the matter will be aired in a magistrate's court tomorrow and that, meantime, the citizens of West Hickory will ask Mayor Abbe to resign. Evidently the mayor doesn't want industrial enterprises in his town.

A Tar Heel Made President.

Charlotte Observer.

Doston, Mass., July 30.—The North Carolina dentists, aided by the other Southern delegates to the annual convention, scored a victory today in the election of Dr. V. E. Turner, of Raleigh, as president of the National Dental Association, Dr. Charles Crenshaw, of Atlanta, won second place after a spirited contest. The "Solid South" also succeeded in naming a Southern city, Birmingham, for the next convention. Richmond was a competitor for this honor.

Life on the farm may seem slow, but its about the surest thing on the stage of action.

Butterflies Wreck Cars.

Rome, Aug., 1.—The presence of an unusual number of white butterflies caused a collision between two tramway cars at Florence at midnight yesterday.

The rails were made slippery by hundreds of thousands of the butterflies falling on the metals and being crushed by the cars. The cars that collided had the windows broken, many of the passengers were bruised and the drivers were injured. The work of clearing the line was rendered difficult owing to the appearance of fresh clouds of butterflies.

The presence of the swarms of butterflies is attributed to the great heat and to the amount of electricity in the atmosphere.

Burning Oil Well Bcomes Volcano.

Tampico, Mexico, Aug. 3.—An appeal will be made to the government for aid in fighting the oil fire in the San Geronimo field. A subterranean explosion has turned the burning well into a volcano with a crater a quarter of a mile wide. Burning streams of oil are flowing down the sides of the volcano and there is danger that this may cause forest fires.

Men working the roads on Pads Creek in Wilkes county, had a row and as a result of which, Chas. Nichols is in a critical condition. Nichols and a man named Faw had some words and a few licks, when a friend of Nichols, in order to help him, struck at Faw with a shovel, but missed him and hit Nichols on the head, inflicting a bad wound—splitting the skull.

The Needles in the Boby.

Washington Star.

There are many records of needles making remarkable journeys through the limbs and bodies of human beings. Once a needle or the pointed end of one gets under the skin it begins to travel and there is no telling where or when it will come to the surface.

The death from this cause of a young lady in Warsaw, Ind., has just occurred. Her symptoms just before her death, which was quite sudden, were so peculiar that a postmortem examination was made. It showed that death was caused by "leakage of the heart." That organ having been punctured by a piece of needle. Frequently in the last few months the young lady had complained of peculiar pains in different locations, first in the hand, then in the arm, then in the shoulder and finally in the breast, the last a short while before her death, thus plainly showing the course of the needle.


When the needle is broken off under the skin the person should keep perfectly still until it can be withdrawn. This often has to be done by making an incision and using tweezers. It takes very little movement of the part affected to cause the little piece of short steel to work its way so far in that it cannot be found, and then it begins its tortuous journey through the limbs and body, causing violent pain as it moves its position, and at times death, as was the sad result in the case above cited.

Some politicians are like hogs. You can tell how hungry they are by the size of their squal.

Seattle's Uncaged Native Zoo

Seattle Post Intelligencer.

With bears roving about Rayenna; with deer scampering along the borders of Lake Washington; with Coyotes yelping over the hills around Faunterloy, and with here and there, in the gulches of the the city's outer edges, a panther or a bobcat to add somewhat more of native grandeur to the scene, it may be said that the city Seattle is fairly well provided with an uncaged and untamed menagerie. Few persons would be inclined to believe that Seattle, a city of nearly 300,000 people, provided with nearly every comfort and convenience a really up to date citizenry could wish, would have within its borders, almost within the glare of electric lights, a native zoo; but it is nevertheless so. Of course citizens of Seattle who are perfectly familiar with the quick and substantial growth of this city and section will understand perfectly how it has happened that these animals are actually within, or very near, the outer lines of the city. Growth has been so rapid that even the agile and watchful creatures of the forest have not been able to get out of the way, and hence they now find themselves denizens of an incorporated city, sharing in some measure, the protection of its laws, and at the same time adding somewhat of wildness and beauty to city life. It is an unusual distinction for a city of Seattle's size and energy to have a native zoo, made up of untamed and uncaged creatures of the wild, and the city may very properly take some pride in the fact.




What Do You Know About Tools?

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