

**Making Panama Dirt Fly.**

Every two minutes a ton of coal is burned up at Panama, every minute twelve car loads of rock and gravel are torn from the earth, every hour 1666 pounds of dynamite are exploded in mountain and jungle, every minute \$124 is spent for labor!

One hundred and thirtytwo locomotives are shrieking and creaking in the nine mile ribbon of the Culbra cut—10,000 shirtless men are sweating and swearing—1250 flat cars are rumbling and grumbling! One hundred and six miles of track split the gorge,—a dozen sets of rails, in a width of 200 and 300 feet are hung in tiers one above the other. Sixty seven steam shovels are plunging 20 ton scoops into the earth two and three times every minute. Over 2,000,000 cubic yards of earth are being wrested from the rainbow strata of soil every 30 days. And on the two sides of the inferno the twin peaks of Gold and Snow hills like a couple of apples which a schoolboy has nearly through.

Roughly, a hole measuring 97,515,000 cubic yards must yet be bored in the Panama clay to make the canal a reality. When the French were routed 81,500,000 cubic yards had been excavated. The Americans have added 42,000,090 cubic yards to this total.

Picture a chasm measuring 125 feet in every direction, in which could be buried 25 ordinary three story houses 40 feet in height, width length. The equivalent of such a chasm is bored every day along the course of the Panama canal—the excavation amounting to nearly 2,000,000 cubic feet daily.—Putnam's Magazine.

**Street Preachers Bring on a Riot Which Results in death.**

Statesville Landmark.

A riot in the shadow of the city hall at Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday afternoon, in which religious fanatics and policemen were participants, and during which a hundred shots were fired, resulted in the death of Policeman A. O. Dalbow and Lola Pratt 13 years old, and probably fatal injuries to four, and slight injuries to two other persons.

Those probably fatally injured are John Sharpe, known as "Adam God," a street preacher; Michael Mullane, a patrolman, and Patrick Clark, a police Sergeant. Barry E Stege, a policeman, and Geo. M. Holt, a probation officer, were also hurt.

The trouble occurred while the streets were crowded. While the fight was in progress the participants traversed an entire block. Probation Officer Holt, of the Juvenile Court, went to Faith and Main streets to investigate a case of alleged abduction. Near that corner he met John Sharpe, known as "Adam God," who was exhorting a crowd. With Sharpe were A. J. Selser, a woman and five children, ranging in age from 3 to 14 years. Holt did not like the manner in which the woman attempted to get money contributions from the crowd and he decided that she and her male companions were not proper persons to have the custody of young children.

The woman resented the officer questioning her and "Adam God" struck him with a pistol and attempted to shoot him. Holt went for assistance and the shooting followed, the fanatics firing on the policemen as soon as they appeared.

There may be some way of sailing in love and escaping dire results, but, if so, the average man has never found.

**Attempt to Burn School House at Roaring River.**

Some person, yet unknown, attempted to burn the Alexander school house, near Roaring River Monday evening. The incendiary entered by way of window, piled the library and desks together, poured the oil out of the lamps upon them, set fire to the bunnch and went out through the back door. Mr. Will Elmore, who lives near by, discovered the blaze and, hurrying to the scene with water, was able to extinguish it before the building caught fire. Two desks and about twenty dollars worth of books were destroyed.—Wilkes Patriot.

How can a man have undying love for a woman who dyes her hair?

The girl who marries her ideal generally lives to realize that she didn't.

The Raleigh Evening Times, speaking of the Baptist convention now in Session at Wilson, says:

The Baptists, the largest denomination in the State, have made wonderful gains and the showing made by them during the past year is remarkable. The following statistics show that they are doing a noble work in the State and that they are growing rapidly.

There are in the State 1,891 churches of the Missionary Baptists, a gain of 41 during the past year; 12,849 baptisms during the year; 210,154 members, a gain of about 8,000 in the year, 1,669 Sunday Schools, with a membership of 147,150, a gain of about 8,000 in the year, with 11,198 officers and teachers.

Durham, Dec. 14.—Reuben Barbee was arrested this morning at 11 o'clock charged with the murder of Engineer Fred Holt in this city the 3rd instant. The arrest was at the instance of Special Detective W. J. Ashburn, of the Southern Railway. The Sheriff will not disclose the evidence against the man, but he says it is conclusive.

There is great feeling against Barbee and the local militia company has been called out to protect him. The people of Durham are aroused as seldom before and there are scores of citizens who would not hesitate to form a party to deal out summary justice to the man.

The preliminary hearing will take place this afternoon and it is thought that Barbee will be taken immediately to the penitentiary at Raleigh for safe keeping. There is no doubt that he will be held for the higher court for the crime.

Among the evidence that will be introduced at the preliminary hearing will be the known fact that he had a grudge against the Southern Railway and also against the Hebrew merchant, whose home was fired into the same night that Mr. Holt was killed. The engineer had just coaled his engine and had his hand on the throttle to start the locomotive when the shot was fired.

A shot gun was used and more than 100 shot entered the breast of the victim who died half an hour later. Coming as it did as the culmination of a series of horrible crimes in this city and vicinity, the assassination of Engineer Holt, who was one of the most popular trainmen on the Southern Railway, stirred this community to its depths. The people here have written in agony of the shame the series of crimes, and especially the last one, have brought upon the city, and they are in a state of mind to have swift justice done.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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