

### New Method for Drawing Jurors.

Shelby Star.

Another bill introduced by Representative Lovelace and which has passed its several readings is that providing for a better method of selecting jurors. Under the old plan the names of all those competent to serve were drawn from one box. Frequently this resulted in some townships being better represented than others in point of numbers. The new plan provides for a jury box for each township, which will enable the commissioners to secure an equal number of jurors from the respective townships.

"This would, it seems to us, be an improvement over the present plan of drawing the jury, and so far as we can see now, we would be glad to see it put in operation."

Jack rabbits are said to be so numerous in the Antelope valley of California that the ranchmen are in despair. The animals are becoming so fierce that they are actually breaking down the fences around the adjacent fields and eating up the crops down to the roots. Not intent with this, they are swarming into the desert towns and invading the front yards of the dwellers. The citizens of Lancaster turned out recently and made a roundup. They put a fence across the road between fences surrounding fields on either side, and in a short time drove in and killed with clubs over 500 jack rabbits. The people of the valley are considering the advisability of inviting Los Angeles to join in a general slaughter. They think several hundred men and boys, on horseback might be able to kill 40,000 of the pesky cottontails.

In the wreck of Southern Railway train No. 35 at about 2 o'clock Monday morning at Harbin's a block office about fifty miles below Greensville, S. C. Engineer W. J. O'Neal was scalded to death and the negro fireman, Joe Clay, was injured so badly that he will die. The engine and baggage car turned completely over and the passenger cars turned on their side. The cause of the wreck is still a mystery, as the switch was properly set.—Gastonia Gazette.

Not alone in the results that the money will attain in the way of growth, but better still, in the results that the habit of thrift and economy will bring in your own life.

Nothing goes like money when it goes!

Nothing grows like money when it grows!

You've tried letting it go, now try letting it grow!

Don't Spend All Your Earnings.

Did you ever see a horse working in an old-fashioned treadmill? Always on the go, yet going nowhere. Always on the move, yet never moving toward a near or far away goal.

Many a time you've sympathized with that old horse, and wondered if there was not some way in which he might be released from his toil and incessant tramp, tramp. But circumstances over which neither you nor the horse had any control, kept him to his place and compelled him to plod on and on.

Have you ever stopped to think that the man who spends all the money he earns is like that horse?

Have you ever considered that if you are spending all of your money as it comes to you week by week or month by month, in your pay envelope, you are working in a treadmill? Yet you are! At the end of the month you are no nearer the end of your ambitions than you were at the beginning.

Naturally this does not apply to the man who is paying off each month a percentage of the indebtedness against his house, or creditors who have just accounts against him. But it does apply to the young man who lives to the full extent of his salary, and at the end of the month has nothing to show for it except a couple of hundred cigar

stubs, frayed theatre tickets and worn-out neckties and gloves.

It's a good thing for a man to sit down and figure out just how his money goes, and then how money grows, when once he begins saving it systematically.

Pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars take to themselves wings very quickly when they are used for luxuries and the unnecessary things of life. But the same pennies and all the rest, grow rapidly when they are husbanded and properly cared for.

John D. Rockefeller says that the beginning of his fortune came on that day when, as a boy hoeing corn at 50 cents a day, he made the discovery that 850 put out at 7 per cent interest in a year would have an interest value equal to the amount of money he could earn in seven days at the rate he was then receiving.

Some years ago a father of good reputation looked into the eyes of his first born when the little fellow was six hours old. There's nothing in this world makes a man feel his responsibilities quite so much as his first glances at his first born baby boy. Musing the father said to himself: "I am not a rich man, I am only a young man on a salary, but I will, God helping me, do this for my boy: To-day I will put \$21 in the bank for him. When he is one year old I'll put in \$20; when he is two I'll put in \$19, and so on until he is 21. He began doing it. The 21 years are not up yet, but more than a third of the time is, and having continued all these years the prospect is that he will continue. When the boy is 21 the father will have placed in the bank for him the nice little nest egg of \$231. And that, in the bank where it is drawing 4 per cent, interest compounded semi-annually will amount to \$369.43. That will be a fine present to hand to the young voter, when he comes to cry, "There's a man in the house."

It will be a good thing if you, on pay day, young man, will take just as much of that money in the pay envelope as you can spare and put it in some good savings institution and begin letting it grow. Do it every pay day for five years more or less and you'll be astonished at the result.

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### Women's Club Resolves That Girls Should Box.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—An Evanston club has gone on record in favor of the instruction of girls in the manly art of self defense by the overwhelmingly affirmative vote on the proposition. Resolved, That girls should be taught to box. Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch, woman justice of the peace introduced the resolution. Aside from the immense advantage accruing to wives in handling their husbands, one member of the club thought that such preparation would be good training for housework. Another suggested it would be beneficial in the event of attacks by hold-up men. One caused a murmur of dissent by seeking to amend the resolution to read taught to defend themselves from violence in a ladylike manner. This was voted down.

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### Items from Kelsey.

Messrs. T. C. Coffey and Prof. Collins have moved to Linville, N. C. to take charge of the Lenoir house and other property recently purchased by them.

Mr. W. S. Berry is doing an extensive lumber business.

Mr. D. N. Coffey has cleared a large tract of new ground, which adds greatly to his nice property on the Yonahlossee.

Mr. A. H. Dula has moved from this place to his farm, where he has built a nice house.

Mr. Hardy Coffey and Mrs. Anna Coffey, who were married five years ago, lived together six weeks and were divorced at the fall term of Watauga court 1907, were reunited in marriage, Jan. 22nd.

### A SUBSCRIBER.

### Bank Cashier's Long Chase After Janitor.

Pittsburg, Pa.

A 17-months' chase to retrieve the honor which fled when \$4,750 disappeared from the First National Bank of Turtle Creek has closed. Thomas Gordon, a negro, formerly janitor of the bank, under indictment for larceny, was brought from Florida to-day and will be placed on trial for the theft.

T. W. Carroll, cashier of the bank at the time the money disappeared, although he made restitution to the bank, never stopped in his search for the thief. When Carroll went to the bank August 16, 1907, and opened the safe, which bore a time-lock, he placed the money in a drawer in counter. At that time only Carroll and Gordon were in the bank. A short time later the money disappeared. Worry over the loss of the money resulted in a severe illness to Carroll. He made restitution to the bank. He left Turtle Creek in December, 1907. Last March Carroll again took up the search and, through Letitia Harkrader, postmistress at Dobson N. C., found Carrie Gordon, wife of the former janitor.

From that time until November last nothing was heard of Gordon, but finally a telegram was received from Letitia Harkrader stating

Gordon was in Ocala. Carroll picked up the trail at Dobson and then went to Ocala, Fla., where he caused the arrest of Gordon. When arrested the former janitor was proprietor of a large store. He had appeared suddenly at Ocala and after spending money freely, purchased the store, paying \$3,200 cash for the same.

### Davis' Name Restored.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The name of Jefferson Davis, who was secretary of war of the United States, and who afterward became president of the Confederate States of America, is to be restored to the tablet in the great Masonry arch at Cabin John Bridge. It was erased during the Civil War, after he had renounced his allegiance to the United States and became President of the Confederacy. An announcement of this decision was at the war department today.

For fifteen years the question of restoring the name to the historic span has been agitated by southern societies and men from the south, historic in the affairs of the nation. The efforts, however, failed of success until President Roosevelt took a hand and directed the secretary of war to issue proper instructions to the chief of engineers of the army to "take the necessary steps to restore the name of Jefferson Davis as secretary of war to the Cabin John Bridge.

### TRACING POISONS.

The Power of Analysis of the Modern Chemist.

The ancients had no knowledge of ptomaines, and evidence points to the fact that most of their renown as poisoners was achieved by the simplest means. We know that powdered glass was used with dire effect. Arsenic undoubtedly was a prime favorite with wicked Italian and French court ladies. It should be remembered that until the second quarter of the nineteenth century arsenic could not be identified with certainty in the body of one who died from it. Now it is the most easily recognized of all poisons.

Taffania, the notorious Italian female poisoner, used arsenic. She gained large sums of money by the sale of mysterious preparations which were merely solutions of arsenic acid. These were sold in small vials bearing the image of a saint.

To detect the presence of poison an analytical chemist may spend many days with test tube, watch glass, reagent and microscope. Even if death has been caused by a poison whose mere smell has been fatal, truth will out, and there is more than one poison of this subtle kind. For instance, oil of almonds—which is used for making toilet soaps and also for increasing the scent of lavender—if inhaled sufficiently causes death by nitrobenzole poisoning.

But the cause can be unerringly ascertained in a postmortem examination. And no less certain of detection are poisons injected by hypodermic syringe.

Extraordinary is the power of analysis that modern science has placed in the hands of the chemist, and few subjects are more interesting than the processes he employs. In the silence and secrecy of the laboratory many a dramatic experiment is worked out.

Take Marsh's famous test. Hydrogen is generated in a flask and the suspected liquid poured in. If arsenic be there the hydrogen seizes on it and forms a gas that will burn. Now watch the analyst as he holds a clean porcelain dish against the flame for a moment. If a brown spot appears in the middle, that is poison, arsenic or antimony; if close to the flame and on both sides of it—a notched spot—it is antimony; if deposited at a little distance from the flame it is arsenic.

Again, chloride of lime dissolves the stain of arsenic, but not that of antimony. On the other hand, protochloride of tin dissolves the antimony, but not the arsenic. Mistake is impossible. And there are scores of similarly unerring, precise experiments.—Baltimore Sun.

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