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Give the bees plenty of water. They need a great deal and will fly a long distance to get it.

If there is no running stream or lake of pure water near it is well to place a pail of fresh water near the apiary every day.

Bees use water to dilute the heavy, thick honey left over from winter to make it suitable for the young larvae and also to make the cell was pliable.

Bees should be protected from the wind on the north and west by a close set hedge or high fence.

All weeds should be kept down in front of the hives. Mow a plot six feet wide and then cut the weeds and grass close to the ground with a hoe.

An hour once a week spent on the care of the bees will bring larger returns for the effort than any other labor on the farm.

A newspaper man of Chicago who lives a few miles out in the country last year sold \$225 worth of honey to three big hotels. He says he did not spend more than an hour a week looking after his bees during the season.

A great gap may be filled with small stones.—Gaelic.

Men prize a thing ungained more than it is.—Shakespeare.

IT WORKS

The Laborer Eats Food That Would Wreck an Office Man.

Men who are actively engaged at hard work can sometimes eat food that would wreck a man who is more sedentary.

This is illustrated in the following story: "I was for 12 years clerk in a store working actively and drank coffee all the time without much trouble until after I entered the telegraph service."

"There I got very little exercise and drinking strong coffee, my nerves went on steady and my stomach got weak and I was soon a very sick man. I quit meat and tobacco, and, in fact, stopped eating everything which I thought might affect me except coffee, but still my condition grew worse and was all but a wreck."

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"There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

1200 MEET DEATH IN FLOOD

Great Loss of Life By Flood in Mexico.

MEXICAN RIVER ON A RAMPAGE

Deluge of Rain, Descending For Forty-Eight Hours, Causes Overflow of the Santa Catarina River, and Possibly Twelve Hundred Lives Are Sacrificed.

Monterey, Mexico, Special.—Twelve hundred persons drowned, 15,000 homeless and property damage to the extent of \$12,000,000, is the result of a flood which struck this city between 1 and 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

Word from Laredo, Texas, reached this city late in the afternoon of one of the most disastrous floods that has ever been experienced in northern Mexico caused by the overflow of the Santa Catarina river. According to rumors there has been great loss of life, estimated at 300 to 300, and the financial damage is estimated at anywhere from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. For the past 96 hours a veritable deluge of rain fell, which together with the flow of water from the adjacent mountains into the Santa Catarina river, so swelled the stream that it reached a width of a mile and a half and completely overflowed certain portions of the city of Monterey, and wrecking houses, and causing loss of life as it rampaged on its mad course. Reports state that the current in the river was so swift that it appeared in the vicinity to be a miniature Niagara.

Information reaching here through reliable sources states that so severe was the flood that the inhabitants in the vicinity of the flooded stream barely had time to flee for their lives; that the onrush of waters carried away their homes and chattels and in many cases drowned the occupants of the Jacales or small huts used by the natives. It is said that a chaotic condition exists and that the plazas are crowded with the poor homeless natives who were providentially allowed to escape with their lives.

Saturday night every effort was made by the kind-hearted citizens to shelter the women and children. Their homes were thrown open to the sufferers; the police station, many of the hotels and private clubs as well as the rooms of several organizations were placed at the disposition of the authorities and for the greater part the women and children were cared for. However, many of the men were compelled to sleep in the open in the various plazas. Many women had been separated from their husbands, mothers from their children, without knowledge of the whereabouts of one another, and scenes of the most profound grief are witnessed on all hands.

While as yet there is no scarcity of food and the city is amply able to care for its destitute, there is fear of a shortage in the near future.

There have been several washouts along the line of the National Railway between Laredo and Saltillo, Mex., and a train has entered the city of Monterey for the past 72 hours.

There has thus far been no attempt to inter the dead. They are being placed along the banks of the river, where an impoverished morgue has been constructed, and there await identification. The bodies are guarded by soldiers.

Automobile Party Killed.

St. Louis, Special.—Five persons were killed Sunday when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a fast passenger train of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway west of Vigues station, St. Louis county. All were residents of St. Louis. The dead: Theodore F. Witte, Theodore F. Witte, Jr., aged 3 years, Mrs. Carl Klinge, Miss Halcyon Campbell, Frederick O. Witte. The men were brothers and officials of the Witte Hardware Company. Mrs. Klinge was their sister-in-law. The party had been at Creve Coeur lake, a resort 12 miles west of the city and were speeding home when killed.

Dynamite Explosion Fatal.

Key West, Fla., Special.—As a result of the explosion of 700 pounds of dynamite at Boca Chica, 12 miles from Key West on the Florida East Coast Railway, ten men are dead and ten others probably fatally wounded. The explosion was caused by a member of the railroad construction force carelessly throwing a lighted cigarette into a box of fuses. Nine of the workmen met instant death and the tenth died while being brought to the hospital here. The men were hurled high into the air and the bodies of the dead were almost beyond recognition.

BOY KILLS INTRUDER

Lad of 17 Shoots Man Found Rum-maging in His Father's House.

Asheville, Special.—Ben. W. Morris, Jr., son of B. W. Morris, a youth about 17 years of age and well connected in the county, who Wednesday night shot and killed Joe Capps, a white man, whom he found rum-maging in the Morris homestead about five miles from the city was acquitted by a coroner's jury on the grounds that he shot in self defense.

There were no witnesses to the affair except Morris, who testified that he was out at the barn at his place, there being no others at home, and hearing a noise at the house, he started there and found a man, unknown to him, in the house destroying the furniture and chinaware, part of which he was throwing out of the window.

Capps, who appeared to be either drunk or in a frenzy, threatened to kill him if he entered the house. Morris secured the shot gun from a neighbor, entered by the front door and was met in the hall by Capps, who had worked through the house. A scuffle ensued. After some minutes Morris was able to throw Capps off him out of the house. Capps tried to enter again, making threats and holding an open razor in his hand, a razor he had got in ransacking the house, and would not heed warning of Morris, to leave the place, when Morris leveled the gun and fired, Capps falling over and died shortly. The house was badly ransacked and things thrown into confusion.

Ben Morris Arrested.

Asheville, Special.—A warrant was sworn out Saturday afternoon by John Capps, father of Joseph T. Capps, who was killed by Ben. W. Morris, Jr., late Wednesday evening, charging Morris with the murder of Capps. Morris who was the only witness before the coroner, made it a case of self-defense, but other witnesses are to be examined.

Mattamuskeet Railroad.

Washington, Special.—A large delegation of citizens left here Wednesday morning for Swan Quarter to be present when the Governor and Council of State are making their investigation in Hyde county and discussing the advisability of continuing the Mattamuskeet Railroad, which the State is now building between Fairfield, Hyde county, and Belhaven, from Belhaven to this city, instead of stopping the road at Belhaven. The continuing of the road to Washington and making this city its terminal means much to Washington and her various commercial interests and every pressure will be brought to bear on the State officials and every inducement offered by our citizens to get this road.

"Near-Beer" Was Plain Beer.

Durham, Special.—W. T. Risbee, the richest young man in Durham, was fined \$500 Tuesday for retailing liquor. Other cases against him were not pressed. Risbee owned a near-beer stand, whereat Detective Mayfield, of Roanoke, bought drinks, which analysis showed to be commercial beer. There was a conference with City Attorney Everett, who agreed to accept the settlement mentioned. In the trial of the case, Fernie Foster, a negro, had made affidavit that he was promised immunity for turning State's evidence. Attorney W. B. Guthrie, representing him, asked for his release. Associate Counsel Holton, for the State, interposed a remark which provoked hot words, with the result that Guthrie struck Holton and spat in his face.

Youth Shot by Accident.

Hamlet, Special.—Halbert Stewart, a young man about 18 years of age, was accidentally shot and painfully but not seriously injured Sunday night. The accident occurred in the cab of Conductor P. B. Hall, of the Seaboard, while the revolver was in his coat pocket. It is supposed the hammer of the gun became entangled in the lining of the pocket and was discharged.

Counterfeiting Charged.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Counterfeiting, although on a small scale, perhaps, is charged against E. R. Butler, of Tobaccoville, this county; also W. G. Lane, his brother-in-law, is in the toils, suspected of being an accomplice. Butler is charged with trying to pass a crudely "raised" \$1 bill to \$10. When Butler was searched another bill was found upon him which had been "lifted" from \$10 to \$20. Clippings from Confederate bills had been used to turn the trick. Butler claims to be a cattle dealer while Lane says he is a laborer.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Two Days of Greeting and Mingling in Joyous Reunion of North Carolina Veterans of the Lost Cause.

Charlotte, Special.—Veterans began to arrive Tuesday night for the State Confederate Reunion held here on Wednesday and Thursday. Gen. Carr and staff were on hand and Adjutant Gen. London was especially active and skillful in executing the program as published. At the morning session, in the Academy of Music the packed house was spell-bound with the speeches of Chief Justice Clark and ex-Governor Jarvis, not to mention the happy greetings in the welcome addresses and the responses.

At the afternoon session the former officers were all re-elected by acclamation. A motion was carried to appoint a committee to see to the work of securing a slab at the grave of each soldier buried at the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh. Also the committee was continued that has in charge the work looking to suitable monument to the memory of the women of the State, who bore so much of the burden of the great Civil War. At 8 o'clock the veterans and their families were admitted to Vance Park and enjoyed a treat of music, recitations and refreshments.

On Thursday morning mustered for the last time on Charlotte soil to march to the notes of "Dixie" and the roll of drums in the wake of tattered banners eloquent of martial conflict, 1,085 Confederate soldiers fell into line behind their mounted leaders astride spirited chargers and treated a large crowd to an unusual spectacle, eliciting cheers from men and hand-clapping and kerchief waving from ladies onlooking.

With General Carr was his staff, on the left being Brigadier General H. A. London, of Pittsboro, and on the right Col. W. H. Gregory, of Statesville; Major Ashley Horne, of Clayton; Col. J. H. Currie, of Fayetteville; Major George H. Hall, of Red Springs; Major Shakespeare Harris, of Concord, who rode with little Miss Ruth Porter, who was dressed in the Confederate uniform and colors, and Major J. Y. Young, of Winston.

By actual count there were 1,085 veterans in the parade, many not participating. In the First Brigade were 382 men, in the Second were 453, in the Third 88, in the Fourth 70 and in carriages 92 infirm.

Among the big features of the reunion was the great barbecue given near Latta Park after the march undoubtedly ranks high. A crowd estimated at 4,000 persons, not all veterans, partook of dinner there. Tables were spread in the grove. After much work of preparation food for this large assemblage was got together, cooked and served, much of the work being done by the ladies interested in the cause.

Just as a matter of mathematical curiosity, how much do you suppose was eaten at that barbecue? Twenty-one hogs, averaging 70 pounds each, 70 heaves weighing about 400 each and three goats. The guests did full justice to the repast.

Equally interesting in this connection, are the figures of Capt. W. B. Taylor, who, in charge of the commissary department toiled early and late to provide for the material wants of the visitors. He furnished food Tuesday afternoon for 700 men, Wednesday morning for 800 men, Wednesday noon for 1,200 to 1,600 men, Wednesday evening for 800 men, Thursday morning for 800 and Thursday afternoon for 250. Thus it would appear that approximately 5,000 meals were served free.

Drowned in Lumber River.

Maxton, Special.—Mr. R. M. Forbes while swimming in Lumber river Thursday afternoon was drowned about 5 o'clock. Mr. Nolan White, who was with him at the time, was unable to account for the unfortunate man's accident, as Forbes had told him he could swim. He was a Scotchman and had just arrived recently to make his home with Mr. James McBride and to learn farming.

Freight Wreck Near Gibsonville.

Durham, Special.—The eastbound passenger train between Asheville and Goldsboro was delayed five hours Wednesday evening owing to the wreck of a freight headed towards Goldsboro near Gibsonville in the afternoon. Eighteen cars piled themselves in pairs along the tracks, the wreck being caused by broken trucks. Barrels of flour were scattered by the way and the track was badly torn up. One brakeman, whose name was not learned, was bruised badly.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

Nat Goodwin is fifty-two.

Major Mearns and Professor Lor-ing will ascend Mt. Kenia.

Ambassador Reid arrived from Europe to rest at his Adirondack camp. General Booth was operated upon in London for septic poisoning of the eye.

Theodore Roosevelt, hunting in Kenya Province, killed a bull elephant.

Frederick Townsend Martin gave a harvest festival to children at Combs Abbey, London.

D. O. Mills decided to celebrate his eighty-fourth birthday at his camp in the Adirondacks.

G. W. Patten said he found European grain merchants keeping anxious watch on the market.

Judge Elbert H. Gary credits President Taft with inspiring a broader and fairer spirit among America's business men.

General Rush C. Hawkins, returning from a trip abroad, said that all England was affected by fear of war with Germany.

J. M. Barrie, the novelist, on the occasion of the bestowal of honors on the King's birthday refused an offer of knighthood.

Judge Richardson, of the Massachusetts Superior Court, said in Boston that the divorce court was an institution of civilization.

Senator Frederick Stires, of Hayti, said he visited the United States to buy a ship to add to that country's navy, but hadn't found the right one.

Alexander Millar, confidential man of B. H. Harriman, declared on his arrival from Europe that Mr. Harriman is not seriously ill, but needs only rest at home.

Two Die in Collision.

Glenwood, Mo., Special.—Two persons are dead and a score are injured, six dangerously, as the result of a head-on collision between a heavily-loaded Wabash passenger train, No. 315, and a freight train one mile south of here Saturday. The dead: Henry Ludwig, Queen City, Mo.; R. Thompson, Moberly, Mo., freight train fireman. The seriously injured: W. Warnicke, Centerville, Ia.; J. Zeller, mail clerk; V. H. Cappler, L. Carney, Grove Clark, Mrs. Ida Thompson.

America Has Lion's Share

Rheims, By Cable.—A twilight vision of Paulhan's graceful monoplane, so high that it seemed to rise above the yellow harvest moon just rising above the distant hills, and the fleeting "golden flyer" as the Curtiss machine has been dubbed, smashing another world's record of the Prix de la Vitesse were the closing glories of aviation week gives the United States a lions' share of the honors of the meeting.

ACTIVE AS PHYSICIANS.

Dr. Dora Martin of Oklahoma, national organizer of the Anti-Cigarette League, has returned from Panama, where her work is said to have been highly commended by the Government authorities. Dr. Lucy Waite of Chicago has resigned her place as head surgeon in the Mary Thompson Hospital for Women and Children. Dr. Mary Dennon of Manchester has been appointed assistant physician at the Norristown (Pa.) State Hospital for the Insane.—New York Sun.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

District Attorney Jerome announced his intention of seeking a re-election in New York City.

Walter Wellman's balloon was towed back after an accident to Spitzbergen, where it burst.

Investigations into the civil affairs of Montreal show that millions have been lost in public contracts.

The non-magnetic yacht Carnegie set sail on her way to begin her first cruise in the interest of science.

Five deaths in Butler County, Ala., and 100 cases and several deaths in Clarke County were reported due to pellagra.

President Taft issued orders to the Secretary of War to reduce the army by ten per cent, or to a force of 80,000 men.

The gentry of the province of Hoo-peh, China, threatened not to recognize the imperial edict if the Hankow railroad loan is granted.

About 1,500,000 acres in North and South Dakota will be allotted in October, according to a statement issued in Washington, D. C.

Beekman Winthrop, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, witnessed target practice with the Atlantic battleship fleet off the Virginia capes.

The Chicago Great Western Railroad was sold at St. Paul for \$12,900,000 to a syndicate formed by J. Pierpont Morgan, the only bidder.

Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, savagely attacked Speaker Cannon for the financial and tariff legislation that he jammed through.

Revolutionary Albanians having refused to open peace negotiations, Turkish troops carried out a movement to sweep the bands out of the country adjacent to Verissowich.

THE MODERN INDIAN.

"Did you succeed in getting that Indian to smoke the pipe of peace with you?"

"No," answered the agent. "We were just getting to a friendly understanding when I made the pipe of peace proposition. He got angry and wanted to go on the warpath because I didn't offer him a cigarette."—Washington Star.



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