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## BILKINS IN NEW JERSEY.

### Some Reliable Information about the Land of Mosquitos and Trusts—the Major Makes a Preliminary Report on the Habits of Jersey Mosquitos—a Hard Problem to Solve.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.  
Princeton, N. J., Sept. 5th.

I am in the land ov muskeeters an' trusts. The mottoe ov the State if it hain't, orter be: "If you escape the trusts, the muskeeters will eat you." An' hit is so.

But I hain't up here ter get gobled up nor et. I am on a diplomattick misshun fer Preserdent Roosevelt. He wanted me ter cum up here an' study the life an' habits ov the muskeeter an' see if the blasted things kin be killed out.

Muskeeters grow frum Maine ter Californy, an' accordin' ter sience, cause most ov the diseses an' trouble, includin' offis seekin'. They iz more muskeeters in sum places than in others, an' they grow bigger in sum places than others. In sum places they cause chills, in others yellow fever. But in awl parts ov the country they cause offis seekin'. Col. Grover Cleveland and Col. Billy Bryan air two horrible examples. Col. Bryan hez formed the muskeeter habit an' can't be happy unless they air bitin' him.

The soil an' climitt in New Jersey seem ter suit the muskeeters ter perfeckshun an' they grow larger here than in any seekshun ov the country. Hit makes railroadin' very dangerous in this State. But they air a big advertisement fer New Jersey, which don't git much mention in the papers.

I hev bin observin' the muskeeters here fer sum days an' nites an' I hev sent a short preliminary report ter the Preserdent an' I'll send a copy ter you fer publicashun.

"Dear Preserdent:—I hev the honor ter present you with a few observashuns I hev made on the muskeeter in New Jersey. If I kin find out anything else, I will send hit later.

"In New Jersey the muskeeters grows ter an enormous size, often weighin' several pounds. They cause a great deal of sickness an' mental anguish. The only gude they hev ever done iz ter drive away the English Sparrow, an' I am sure that your Excellency will agree with me that they orter hev credit fer that.

"In New Jersey the muskeeter bite causes consumption an' divorce, but no yaller fever. You will remember that the Preserdent ov the Amerikin Terbacker Company never thought ov gittin' a divorce till he got married an' built a two millyun dollar farm in New Jersey. I could menshun a gude meny other divorces they hev caused in this State.

"Owin' ter the grate size ov muskeeters here, scientists hev never examined them at close range ter see whut sort ov backsills they carry on their bills, hence I must form my conclusions without help.

"The natives use woven wire fencin' ter make muskeeter nets an' they hardly ever git bit durin' the nite. When I first got here I luffed at them fer bein' so afear'd. I wuz sorry afterwards. I tole the hotel man that I wuz studyin' the muskeeter an' got him ter hev the wire net takin' off the bed so I could get a sample bite. He made me sine a paper statin' that

I did hit ov my own free will an' akord, an' that my relatives wouldn't sue the hotel company.

"Hit wuz warm an' I left the winder open. Purty soon I herd a muskeeter singin, 'In the gude ole summer time.' He sailed eround fer awhile an' then I herd another cum in singin, 'Will you love me when I'm old?' I begun ter feel sorter skittish, fer their voices seemed gude an' strong. I reckon one ov 'em went out an' tole sum more that a tenderfoot wuz in town, fer five or six cum in awl at once singin', 'You will never know.'

"I sorter dozed off an' purty soon I felt sumpthin' strike me like I wuz shot or stabbed with a knife. One ov them muskeeters hed opened the ball. Then the bites cum thick an' fast. I fought them with awl my mite, but soon found that hit wuz a lozin' game. If it hadn't a bin that I wuz a married man an' uster dealin' with desprit cases an' usin' diplomasy, I would hev bin et up thet nite. I knew they wuz no one in the adjoinin' room, so I opened the door and run in thar with the muskeeters after me. I dodged eround until they got sorter befuddled an' then jumped back into my room an' closed the door quick. Then I shut the winder tite an' kept eny more frum cumin' in.

"Now, Mr. Preserdent, I will close by sayin' that the muskeeter evil hain't bin exaggerated, an' they air a terrer ter both saints an' sinners. But they hev bin here fer thousands ov years an' I don't see no way ter get rid ov them. If you don't dig the Panamar Canal an' wanter spend a hundred millyun dollars, I will keep on investigatin' an' gittin' bit by them fer the sake ov sience. In the meantime I advise the inhabitants ov New Jersey ter sleep under barbed wire an' woven wire nettin' an' the folks further South kin use a lighter wate wire ter keep them off in yaller fever districks.

"Respectfully submitted,  
"ZEKE BILKINS."

## Hickory Grove Items.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.

Mr. C. V. Strickland, wife and daughter, of New York, are visiting relatives in Wake and Durham Counties. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Underhill Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. G. Underhill and daughters, Misses Ethel, Zola and Effie, of Raleigh, are visiting their relatives and friends in Hickory Grove. Miss Lula Horton has just returned from Louisbur where she has been visiting friends.

The farmers in the vicinity are nearly through with saving fodder. Cotton is just opening and needs to be picked.

Twenty-two people were baptized at the Hepzibah Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. A. A. Pippin is the pastor.

J. W. Underhill and son, Grover W., have just returned from Richmond, Va., where they have been on business.

Mrs. W. S. Eddins, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. W. Pace, left Monday for Richmond, Va., to join her husband who has recently moved there.

J. D. U.  
Hickory Grove, N. C., Sept. 6th.

## TWO MEN KILLED.

### A Third Was Injured at Whitaker's Crossing.

At 9 o'clock Monday morning John Nipper, white, and James Brooks, colored, were killed by a freight train at Whitaker's Crossing, near the city. David Clay, colored, was injured at the same time.

The three men were coming to Raleigh in a top buggy, driving a mule. All lived in Barton's Creek Township. At Whitaker's Crossing the public road runs parallel with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad for some distance. North of the crossing the railroad track is in a cut ranging in depth from a few feet to twelve or fifteen feet. The men in the buggy did not see the freight train, which was approaching the crossing rapidly. The engineer saw the buggy and blew the whistle, it is said, to warn the occupants. The mule became frightened and dashed forward. The engine and one or more log cars passed before the mule reached the track. Witnesses say that the mule then attempted to jump over an empty flat-car in the train, evidently it being frantic with fright. The force of the train threw the buggy and mule violently to the right, killing the mule and demolishing the buggy. Jim Brooks was killed instantly. Mr. Nipper was alive when picked up, and was carried to Rex Hospital, where he died at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. David Clay escaped with many bruises, but none of them serious.

Altogether it was a strange and terrible accident. Trains frequently strike persons or vehicles at grade crossings, but we do not remember an instance where a team ran into a train, as it is claimed this one did, the mule even attempting to jump over the flat-car in the rapidly moving train. But several persons were near and claim that the accident occurred as stated.

## FOUR MEN ARE IN JAIL.

### Coroner's Jury Says Nall Met Death at Hands of Hospital Attendants.

Yesterday the coroner's jury announced their verdict in the Nall case as follows:

"The jury say for their verdict that Thomas H. Nall came to his death as the result of blows inflicted by J. C. King, L. R. High, Jack Peele and W. F. Durham."

The jury was composed of Messrs. A. M. Powell, John T. Ward, C. W. White, I. C. Blair, A. R. D. Johnson and C. J. Parker.

Soon after the verdict was given, Coroner Jordan issued a warrant for the four asylum attendants who captured Nall after his attempt to escape. Deputy Sheriffs Walters and Stelle served the paper at once, bringing the four attendants named by the jury to the city and they were placed in jail.

Two of the young men are from this county. Mr. King is a son of Mr. J. L. King, near Roger's Store. Mr. Durham is a son of Mr. I. R. Durham, who is a highly respected citizen living near Raleigh. Peele is from Goldsboro and High is from Wilson.

The remains of Thomas H. Nall were exhumed from the grave in

Chatham County, thoroughly examined by physicians, and an autopsy was performed. The remains were then brought here to be examined by the jury. The evidence taken will be published as soon as it can be gotten into shape by the stenographer. The remains of Nall were returned to Chatham County yesterday.

It is understood that the jury found unmistakable evidence of foul play, but the exact nature of the wounds will not be known until the evidence of the physicians is published.

## W. A. BARBEE A SUICIDE.

### Ended His Life at Yarborough House Yesterday Afternoon.

William A. Barbee, aged thirty-five, a resident of Durham, shot himself just before 5 o'clock in room 34 at the Yarborough House yesterday in this city and died instantly. He fired two shots, but only one took effect in his head.

He registered at the Yarborough House yesterday afternoon and deliberately planned death. He got a shave and a shampoo, purchased a new Smith & Wesson pistol, also a new shirt, socks, underwear and suspenders. He put on the new clothing before doing the terrible act. When he registered at the hotel he gave the clerk \$160 to keep for him.

Barbee had been drinking more or less for some days, it is said. He had recently lost his position with one of the tobacco factories at Durham, and this seemed to prey upon his mind. But, as he had something like \$700 in cash which he had been spending freely, it was not due to poverty that he committed suicide.

Barbee had told several parties in the past day or two that he was going to kill himself, but they did not think that he meant it.

In one of his pockets was found a slip of paper with these words written on it: "Send me to Durham, N. C."

Of course, Japan has won the moral victory, Japan not only knows how to fight, but she also knows how to give up. This moral victory will be rapturously applauded in the West, while Russia will remain wholly insensible to it.—Hartford Courant.

## Anderson & Thiem.

Messrs. J. H. Anderson and Edgar J. Thiem have opened a new wholesale and retail business in the Commercial and Farmers' Bank building, corner Wilmington and Martin Streets. There will be two entrances, 18 and 20 Martin Street, and they will soon have the store occupied by King Bros. fronting Wilmington Street.

Mr. Anderson was raised in Wake County and has lived in Raleigh about fifteen years, where he has had the best mercantile training. Mr. Thiem was raised in Raleigh and has been in mercantile life about nineteen years. Both stand well in the community.

They will conduct a wholesale and retail business and carry shoes, dry goods, notions, trunks, hats and caps. They have a salesman on the road who is doing well.