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LETTER FROM BILKINS.

Bilkins Visits the Jamestown Exposition and Will Make Arrangements With the Authorities to Exhibit Bob, the Mule That Has More Sense Than the Famous Maud — Betsy Will Accompany Zeke.

Correspondence Raleigh Enterprise. Jamestown Exposition Grounds,

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Mr. Editor:— Betsy an' I hev arriv at the celebrated Expersishun grounds an' brought Bob with us ter be mated with the New York American Maud, the mule that appears in the funny papers of that celebrated paper. Bob hez more sense than Maud because he don't kick, an' a lady could ride him. He knos more er-bout human natur than almost the average man, and can find more electshun presinks than awl the poltishuns put tergether. Bob cannt be seen till the Expersishun opens, in April.

I am lookin' over the grounds ter see where the North Carolina Building will be erected, fer Bob's stawl will be next ter that noble building.

The carpenter's are still hammerin' on the buildings fer the different States. An' awlso the plasterers, the painters the plumbers, etc., etc., are busy; an' while the openin' will see a large number ov the exhibits in place, hit will be sum time before awl the curiosities are in posishun.

The "Warpath" will take the place ov the "Midway," as we call hit in the North Carolina State Fair; an' awl kinds of Injuns will be seen on that er "Warpath." The "hoochy-coochy" gals will edify the crowds who serge through there; the snake man will "eat 'em alive;" the animul show will be ineventid; an' the world will trod that er "Warpath" fer six months. The path at nite will be lit up with thousands ov electric lites, and awl kinds of musick will be heard.

Betsy iz carried away with the curious and mavelous exhibits displaid in the various buildings an' on the grounds. The warships that air in the bay air splendid fighters an' nothin' would do but I should carry Betsy erboard an' let her see the 12-inch guns which did such great damage to the Spanish fleets at Santieago an' Maniller Bay.

Shacks ov awl kinds air going up an' awl sorts ov amusements air on hand ter turn an honest penny.

Presidint Ruseyvelt will be at the opening ov the Expersishun an' will open it with great ceremonies. The millishia will be in bright colors and gold brade that will flash in the sunshine. The ambassydery will awl be present ter add ter the grand pagent amid the huzzas ov thousands ov visitors. Hit will be a grand show, an' everybody will be pleased with it whi attends.

Yours az ever,
ZEKE BILKINS.

Raleigh needs more factories to give the people flocking to the city work. But the first thing the factories here should do is to cut down the hours of work to ten hours a day, and not work their operatives from eleven to twelve hours per day, as is now done. In winter it is dangerous for young girls to be going home after dark by themselves.

White Man Charged With Taking Watch.

While the jewelry stock of Mr. T. W. Blake was being moved from the stand recently occupied by him to the store he now occupies, across the street in the Baptist Book Store, he missed several valuable pieces of jewelry from his stock, and among them some watches.

Thursday morning a white man by the name of L. E. Tatum was in the city police court on a charge of stealing of one of the watches, and was bound over to court under a bond of \$100.

Tatum had been seen around the place while the stock was being moved and was suspected of taking some of the missing jewelry. It seems as if he went to a business man of the city and sold him a watch for ten dollars, the real value being about \$45, and it was in this way that the case was worked up.

It is thought that Tatum took several other watches, but so far there is no evidence against him further than the charge of taking the one.

Later.—L. E. Tatum, the Seaboard flagman who was bound over to the Superior Court and committed to jail upon the charge of having stole a watch from the store of Mr. T. W. Blake, the jeweler, has been released on a \$100 bond, which was given by his father who came here from Virginia.

Firemen Complain to Chief of Police.

Another complaint was made Saturday morning to Chief Mullins, of the police force, of the people who are not members of the fire department jumping on the wagons when they are going to fires.

Raleigh has one of the best volunteer fire departments in the State, and one that the citizens can be justly proud of, but it is a great nuisance both to the drivers and the members of the different companies for non-firemen to be running in the fire house when an alarm is coming in and jumping on and off the wagons.

The penalty is a heavy fine for the offense, and hereafter the law will be strictly enforced, and any one caught on a wagon that is not a member of a company will be taken before Police Justice Badger and dealt with accordingly.

Hidden by His Wife—Girl Who Supplanted Her in His Affections.

Chicago, March 25.—A girl, supposed to have been abducted, was found yesterday where she had been hidden by the wife of the alleged abductor. Both wife and young girl profess to love the man and will make every effort to shield him from punishment. The girl is fifteen years old and her name is May Walters. The police had been searching for her since March 14th. She was thought to have been abducted by friends of John H. Clark, who is now in jail. She was found in Mrs. William McKenzie's flat on Oakley Avenue, by Detectives Swayne and Creed from the Grand Crossing police station.

Mrs. Clark, wife of the man in jail, is under arrest at the station on a charge of abduction.

In spite of the fact that the girl by her own admissions had been the means of alienating the affections of

Clark from his wife, Mrs. Clark befriended her and both of them endeavored to shield the man. Mrs. Clark is twenty years old and the mother of a three-year-old boy. Both she and the Walters girl still profess their love for Clark.

Work Was Begun Saturday on Seaboard Pass Tracks.

Work was begun Saturday morning on the pass tracks of the Seaboard Air Line between Raleigh and Norlina, the contract having been awarded several days since to a Charlotte firm. The tracks are badly needed and the work will be pushed rapidly to completion.

Doctor Shot in His Office by Negress.

Charlotte, N. C., March 25.—Dr. William Lindsay, a leading physician of Union, S. C., was shot and killed by a colored woman this morning while seated in his office. The woman is Lucy Litsey, said to be of bad reputation.

She walked into the physician's office, closed the door and fired a bullet into his back. The woman has been arrested.

Remains of Mr. Jones Laid to Rest in Oakwood.

The funeral of Mr. Needham Price Jones was held Wednesday afternoon from the residence, ten miles east of Raleigh. Quite a number of people from Raleigh attended the funeral, and there were many beautiful floral designs.

Rev. G. T. Simmons, pastor of the Methodist church at Milbrook, conducted the services.

Mr. Kimbrough Jones, a son of Mr. Needham Jones, arrived Tuesday night from Baltimore, where he makes his home. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bickett of Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Wissler of Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Davis of Goldsboro, Mrs. Frank K. Borden of Goldsboro, and others, were in attendance at the funeral.

Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. George E. Hunter, A. M. Powell, L. L. Doub, B. P. Williamson, Charles Hinton and Millard Mial.

Both Defendants Were Bound Over.

The Caraleigh Mills case was heard Thursday night before Justice of the Peace H. H. Roberts, and the result was, that both defendants, Superintendent J. J. Dye and the negro, Claud Evans, were bound over to the Superior Court and their bonds placed at \$100. In default of bond, the negro was committed to jail. They were charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and the negro was also charged with trespass.

The evidence was about as follows: The negro having gone to the mill, and, when ordered from the premises, refused to go, and the difficulty ensued with the superintendent, in which the negro was cut.

Superintendent Dye was represented by Col. J. C. L. Harris and the negro by Mr. Charles U. Harris.

It is said that about twenty-five of the negroes have gone back to work at the same pay they originally received. The negroes who are employed in the acid pit get \$1.10 per day, and they wanted \$1.25.

Negro Who Attacked Woman Shot by Mob.

Florence, Ala., March 25.—Cleveland Harding, the negro who attacked Mrs. Benjamin F. Rice on Friday, was captured about half a mile below town and taken to Mrs. Rice, who identified him. He was then taken to a nearby tree and summarily executed by a mob of 200 persons. More than 1,000 bullets entered Harding's body.

How to Use an Incubator.

The time is drawing near for putting the incubator into "commission," as is said of a battleship. To have pullets laying in October the hatching must be begun in March. One of the first things to do is to disinfect the incubator thoroughly and have it accurately regulated before the work of hatching begins. The eggs should be carefully selected from the hens with the best records, and it is well to remember that eggs from hens are more likely to produce strong chicks than those from pullets. There is, also, some strong testimony in favor of sires which have lived more than one season.

Breeding stock should be mature, says the West Virginia Experiment Station. The first eggs laid by pullets should not be used for hatching, but when the eggs have attained their normal size, and the fowls have reached the age of one year or more, the eggs should hatch well, provided the production of fertile eggs are favorable.

The fowls should be fed a ration containing in proper proportion the different food elements required. Green food, grit, pure water, pure air, and the opportunity to take exercise are all essential. In feeding, it is important to feed neither too much nor too little, for one extreme is as bad as the other. If fed too much, the fowls are apt to become sluggish and lazy, and the chickens which result will almost invariably be weak. On the other hand, if the fowls are fed too scantily, a large proportion of the eggs will be unfertile, and the chicks will not be as vigorous as they should be.—From The Poultry Department of the February "Circle" magazine.

An old man said that in reviewing his life he discovered to his great surprise, that the best things in his character and in his career were the fruits of what he regarded as his failures and follies. These defeats had wrought in him new wisdom, and had led to repenting and to renewals of faith in God, and had thus proved sources of richest blessing and good. Probably the same is true, in greater or less degree, of every life. We owe more to our defeats, with the humblings of the old nature, the cleansing of motive and affection, and the deepening of trust in God, than we owe to the prouder experiences which we call our successes.—Anon.

Dwight L. Moody never made an audible prayer more than three minutes long, but his whole life was a prayer. Often, when riding along the road he would begin to pray aloud unconsciously. Nearness to God was the secret of his great power over men—a position which we may all attain if we choose.