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BILKINS AT JAMESTOWN.

It Was a Woman's Rights Woman He Met—Has Poisoned the Mind of Mrs. Bilkins—Will Soon Go to Washington—Will Avoid Folding Beds and Other Death Traps.

Jamestown, Va., July 10th.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.

I hev found out that I wuz rite erbout that strange lady that Betsy got erquainted with at the Expersishun last week. She iz fer woman's rites an' awl the perlitickal milernery that goes erlong with that superstishun, an' I beleeve she hez pizened Betsy's ekerliberium, fer she wuz ready ter go home an' leave me an' Bob here ter go ter Washington an' spend a few days with the Preserdent. Now she iz not sayin' enythin' erbout goin' ter start home, but iz here practisin' woman's rights on me an' makin' hit az hot az she kin.

But I am goin' ter Washington if I hev ter git the Preserdent ter send the navy down here an' drive awl the wimins' rites wimin into the Virginy swamps with gatlin' guns firin' log chains an' sledge hammers at the rate ov ten thousan' a minit. I hev writ the Preserdent that I am goin' an' that settles hit. I reckon Betsy thinks she orter go erlong an' talk pollyticks an' sich things, but I'll see that she don't go when I am ter be thar.

I hev bin hangin' erround the liberty stable curryin' an' rubbin' Bob up az slick az I kin git him, fer I want him ter look az sleek az a peeled ingun when he gits ter Washington an' maybe Mr. Roosevelt will offer me \$500 fer him. Of course I wouldn't take that, fer if I ever run fer Kongress or anything I'll wanter ride Bob. He would do me a lot ov gude on a perlitickal campane fer he knows so much an' would help ter make me poplar. These candydates that ride eround on ortermobiles, Pullman cars an' top buggies can't be very popular, fer people would rather vote fer a plain sitizen that don't put on so much style. I am that sitizen.

I hev writ ter Billy Bryan at Lincoln, Nebraska, tellin' him ter meet me at Washington az soon as he kin so we kin hold a counsell ov war, so ter speak, on the perlitickal situashun. I want him ter be thar, anyway, an' sorter look after hiz side ov the house. I wanter git him an' Mr. Roosevelt tergether an' look them over an' see which will make the best Preserdent. Mr. Bryan hez tried the people an' the people hev tried Mr. Roosevelt, so hit iz a even fite now.

Betsy sez I'll go up ter Washington an' git exsited an' do a lot ov outlandish things. But I'll not. I'm goin' ter keep az cool az a cucumber in October, an' I'll be az dignified az a judge while I am stoppin' at the White House. The Preserdent can't work off no foldin' bed tricks on me an' git me awl crippled up. If they ain't got nothin' but foldin' beds in the White House Mr. Roosevelt will hev ter send ter a furniture store an' git a plain old-fashion bed fer me ter sleep on. I hev hearn awl erbout how them foldin' beds wil git cranky at nite an' fold up with a feller inside ov them. I'll carry a saw ter bed with me an' saw the thing ter peeces before I will suffer awl nite an' purty nigh die fer want ov breth.

I don't know whar I'll be when I rite ter you next. If I kin git erway

frum this Expersishun an' kin git Betsy ter go home I may be sumwhar betwixt here an' Washington when hit cums time ter write ergin.

Az ever,

ZEKE BILKINS.

Court Begins.

Wake County Superior Court is in session this week and it may last as much as three weeks. Judge B. L. Long, of Statesville, is presiding.

There are five murder cases on the docket to be disposed of in some manner; also many other cases of more or less importance.

No important cases were tried Monday.

Jerry Dunn, of Wake Forest Township, was tried for stealing two hams from Mr. W. T. Blackley. Disposition of case not announced.

Several parties were indicted for failing to list taxes. Most of them got off by paying cost and taxes.

Sewell Turner plead guilty to the charge of forging a mortgage and gets fifteen months. Cherry Rowland, a woman, was interested. She got off by paying half of the cost in the case.

Alex Johnson had to pay \$10 and costs for carrying concealed weapons. Other minor cases were disposed of.

Charles Alston and Charles Vincent, colored, paid \$10 and costs for shooting craps.

The Southern Railway and Its Business.

The Southern Railway is the greatest railway system in the South and touches nearly every part of the South. However, comparatively few people know just how extensive a system it is or how much territory it covers. A recent article in the New York Commercial gives a good idea of its business. The article shows that the Southern operates 7,515 miles of railroad. Last year the system yielded \$13,259,113 in passenger earnings; \$36,259,113 in freight and \$4,240,778 from miscellaneous items. This gives a total of \$53,541,438, or \$7,274 per mile. Since the reorganization of the Southern some twelve years ago the company has spent \$36,184,018 in improvements. The expenditure of \$60,000,000 more has been contracted for. For double tracking over six and a half million dollars has already been spent and the expenditure of over six and a half million more is contracted for.

Only a Penny.

A little English boy proposed to put a penny in the box for missions. His sister told him it would be useless to make so small a gift, saying it would never be noticed among the large contributions of others. He gave the penny, however, and when the collectors reported a collection of 6£. 5s. 1d., he whispered to his sister: "Hear, that's my penny; you said it was so little it would never be noticed, and the gentleman has told the whole congregation."—The Observer.

The Democratic State Convention in Pennsylvania refrained from endorsing Mr. Bryan's Presidential candidacy. Colonel Guffey prefers not to deal in futures "at this time." He can do better with an option good a year hence.—New York Tribune.

AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

Baker-Thompson Lumber Company, a Bee-Hive of Profitable Employment.

The plant of the Baker-Thompson Lumber Company is located in Franklin Place, near the north end of Salisbury Street on the S. A. L. Railroad, and it is one of the busiest plants in the city.

Mr. George W. Thompson is president, Mr. B. W. Baker is secretary-treasurer, and Mr. C. P. Snuggs is general manager. After a glance at those names one will at once decide that there is something going on. But take a stroll through the plant and you will see the faces of fifty good mechanics, good laborers, and they are all busy directing the work of many modern machines that turn out window and door frames, colonial columns, brackets and scrolls, store fronts and store and office fixtures, sash, doors and blinds, turned work, veneered doors, grills, mantels, rails and balusters, etc. Good wages are paid.

This plant works up about 30,000 feet of lumber per day, and has been running about two years.

The products of the plant are such as were generally purchased elsewhere—in the North—and the money went away, never to return. The plant is well patronized, and it should be.

YOUNG MAN SUICIDES.

J. Thomas Wood, of Clayton, Shot Himself in This City.

J. Thomas Wood, of Clayton, aged about twenty-six, shot himself at the boarding-house of Mrs. M. E. Parson at 107 E. Davie Street Monday night.

Inmates of the house heard a shot during the night, but thought it was fired on the street and the tragedy was not known until early Tuesday morning when an effort was made to arouse Wood for breakfast. He was found lying on the bed dead and a revolver was lying beside him.

In Wood's pocket was a note addressed to his mother at Clayton saying that he did not get back home as soon as he expected, but that he would soon go home. Another note in his pocket was addressed to his cousin, Will Johnson, employed at Caraleigh Mill, as follows: "Let my folks know of this and they will get my body."

So far as is known there was no motive for the deed. The remains were carried to Shiloh church, Johnston County, for burial.

A WRECK VICTIM.

Mrs. C. E. Harris, of Aberdeen, Killed Near Kittrell.

Mrs. C. E. Harris, of Aberdeen, was instantly killed Sunday at a point near Kittrell when the Pullman car in which she was riding turned over, throwing her out of the window, crushing her head against an embankment.

Mrs. Harris, accompanied by her husband and eight-year-old daughter, was returning from Jamestown. They were riding in the rear Pullman car. The car lurched and tilted over, throwing Mrs. Harris through the window, the heavy car pinning her against the embankment, the train

being in a deep cut when the accident occurred. Mr. Harris was badly bruised, but the little girl and a number of other passengers in the car were not seriously hurt.

The Hammer and the Nail; or, Duty Drives the Unwilling.

"Don't hit me so hard," said the nail to a hammer; "you will make my head ache, if you do not stunn me."

"If I do not hit you hard you will never enter the wood," said the hammer.

"Please let me stay where I am," said the nail; "I have no wish to be jammed into a board."

"Why were you made?" said the hammer.

The nail was puzzled for an answer, but at last it said:

"To show the skill of my makers, I suppose."

"You do show his skill," said the hammer, "but you were also made to be useful, and, like many lazy men, you are of no use till you are driven. So take that, and that, and that, and hold your tongue!"

C. H. WILLIAMS.

Industrial Education at A. & M. College.

"The world is demanding men who can do, as well as think," says President Winston. "The best equipment for a young man to-day is technical skill, knowledge and power. A century ago education was for the few, and was designed to equip them for the learned professions; to-day education is for the many, and is intended to fit them for life's practical work."

The advertisement of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts appears in another column. This college has courses of instruction in Agriculture, 104 students; Civil Engineering, 101 students; Electrical Engineering, 108 students; Mechanical Engineering, 71 students; Cotton Manufacturing, Chemistry and Dyeing, 52 students. Besides the regular four-year courses there are short courses and special sources in Machine Work, Drawing and Designing, Carding and Spinning, Weaving, Cloth Analysis, Agriculture and Dairying.

Next session begins September 4, 1907. For catalogue, etc., address President Winston, West Raleigh, N. C.

Nurse Sparrow.

The following incident shows that our saucy sparrow has other good qualities besides his sturdiness and self-reliance.

For several days four or five sparrows had visited a certain place on the roof near our window. They always brought food for another little fellow, who never tried a flight from the spot. The visiting sparrows never come empty-billed. They would drop tiny morsels of food near the little sparrow. When it began to eat the crumbs the others set up a great chirping, and then flew away.

After watching this for a few days, we went out on the roof and approached the lone bird. It did not flutter away, and made no resistance when picked up.

The sparrow was blind. Its eyes were covered with a milk-like film.—Exchange.