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BILKINS AT THE FAIR.

His Reception at Bilkinsville Was a Hummer—Will Give Mr. Bryan a Fine Bear Hunt and Will Tell All About It Next Week—The Mistake at Asheville—Mr. Cleveland in a Critical Condition, if Reports Are True.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 16th.

Correspondence of The Enterprise.

I landed at Bilkinsville Saturday after a quick trip from Jamestown. Me an' Bob air well an' I found Betsy enjoyin' the same grate blessin'. The nabors hev bin mity nice ter Betsy. It would be hard ter find better people than live erlong Terrible Creek.

When I rid Bob up ter the gate at our house in Bilkinsville Betsy wuz in the kitchen cookin' an' a-bakin' ples fit fer a King. I hollered "hello!" an' you orter a-seed her cum a-runnin' ter put her arms erround my neck an' welcome me home. Then she patted Bob on the head an' made a big fuss over him. Bob looked like he wanted ter blush but didn't know how ter go erbout hit. I am goin' ter larn Bob how ter blush before I start erround the world.

I am goin' ter get my hair cut an' shave up an' wear my long-tailed jim-swinger ter the State Fair this week. I will wear one ov them tall collars erround my neck awlso. I will probably be the only cool, sober man thar, so by notisin' my clothes an' seein' that I am sober everybody will reckonize me at furst site. I will be rite up close ter Billy Bryan most ov the time, purvided Jodeesevus Daniels ain't.

I hev bin readin' erbout that pro-herblishun eleckshun they hed in Asheville the other day an' tryin' ter figger hit out. Az the sitizens ov that town hev bin sich grate drunkards, the only solushun I kin offer iz that purty nigh awl ov them got drunk on the eleckshun day an' got holt ov the wrong tickets an' voted fer prohibishun when they meant ter vote the other way. Lickker will make men do sum curious things.

I hev bin studyin' the religious situashun fer sum time, an' the more I see ov hit the less I know erbout hit. Religion hez made mity little headway in four thousand years. Nine times out of ten if you want ter git cheated ter death jist begin ter do bizness with an' extremely religious man. Still they ain't nothin' the matter with religion; hit iz awl in the people.

That reminds me that I hev jist hearn ov a case up in Guilford County. A protracted meetin' wuz in full blast a few days ergo an' a circus cum erlong an' pitched hits tent. The peple in the naborhood give the circus a big frost an' went rite on with the meeting'.

That reminds me ov the story erbout the gude little boys an' the gude little girls that we read erbout in the Sunday-school books. When anybody would give them a nice, big red apple or a bag ov candy they would never eat any ov the fruit or candy themselves, but would awlways hunt up sum poor little child in the naborhood an' give them the gude things. That makes mity nice readin', but hit awlways happens erway off sumwhar or else hit happened erway back over a hundred years ergo before most ov us wuz born.

I see by the papers that a promi-

nent Charlotte man, a descendent ov one ov the signers ov the Mecklenburg Decklarashun ov Independence, hez bin caught fer sellin' whiskey on the sly ter hiz nabors. They air makin' a big row over hit thar. I don't see why, fer the men an' women ov lots ov towns, the religious men an' women, air sellin' whiskey, beer, wine, brandy an' everythin' ov that sort ter their nabors every day in the week. The gude peepole ov Raleigh sold more than \$67,000 worth ov the stuff to the poor weak critters in an' erround the city in the last three months, accordin' ter the offishial report ov the dispensary, ter keep the poor sinners frum gittin' thirsty. Az Charlotte ain't got a dispensary, I reckon this promernent an' benevolent gentleman thought he would do a little temperance wurk on his own hook. You kin awlways depend on North Carolina to take a front stand on anythin' that will soothe the savage breast or irrigate the thirsty throat ov mankind.

I see a telegram in the papers that says that Mr. Cleveland, former President, iz "weak, but not hors de combat." Betsy wanted ter know rite erway what that meant. I tole her that I didn't know, but hit must be sumphin' perlitical that they wuz tryin' ter scare the other side with, or else it mite be one ov them new diseases that the quality hev every now an' then sumphin' like appendicitis or locomotive attacky ov the diagram. But I hope Mr. Cleveland will dodge the docktors an' git well.

Don't worry erbout the expense. Read erbout the bear hunf I am goin' ter give Mr. Bryan this week. Hit will be published in the next issue ov The Enterprise.

As ever,

ZEKE BILKINS,
Offishial Bear Hunter.

The Three Wishes; or Wishes Are Not Wants.

"I wish I could have all I want," said a poor man to a fairy.

"You shall have instantly all you want, if you will give me what you already have," said the fairy.

"Done!" said the man.

And he gave up his little cottage and his cow, which were all he possessed.

"Now wish only for what you want," said the fairy.

"I wish for a thousand loads of gold," said the poor man.

"You do not want so much," said the fairy. "Wish only for what you want."

"I wish for a thousand slaves," said the poor man.

"No man who can help himself wants a slave," said the fairy.

"I wish to live a thousand years," said the man.

"You will live forever," said the fairy, "whether you wish to do so or not."

"Well," said the poor man, "I should like to have my cow and cottage back again."

"You shall have them," said the fairy; "and with them my advice, which is that the next time you wish for what you want you should wish for contentment."

C. H. WILLIAMS.

Temptations from without have no power unless there be a corresponding desire within.

Entomologist Appointed for Agricultural College Experiment Station.

A new department for the study of injurious insects Farmers, fruit growers, truck gardeners, and in fact all who are interested in agriculture in North Carolina should be interested to learn that the A. & M. College and Experiment Station has established a new department for the teaching and study of insects. This is not a new line of work for the State, as the State Entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, at Raleigh, has for a number of years conducted the work of the inspection of orchards and nurseries, and undertaken investigation and control of certain injurious insect pests. There must be, however, many problems that the State Entomologist has not, and may not, be able to undertake.

The new Entomologist, R. I. Smith, at the A. & M. College and Experiment Station at West Raleigh, comes from Georgia, where he held the position of State Entomologist for a number of years. In that position he was enabled to gain a wide experience in the control of injurious insects of the Southern States.

In taking up the work in North Carolina, the Entomologist desires to obtain the co-operation of the farmers and fruit-growers of the State. Letters and correspondence are the best means to this important end, and it is his earnest desire that everyone will feel free to write for information. Specimens of insects, their eggs or cocoons, together with samples of the work of injurious forms should be sent with the letters. Insects should always be sent separately in tight wooden or tin boxes plainly labeled with the name and address of the sender.

Experimental work, looking toward the control of some important insect pests will be taken up by the entomologist and letters from farmers and others over the State about the principal insects will greatly aid him in selecting lines of work that will be of greatest benefit.

The State Experiment Station work in all its branches, is for the benefit of the citizens of North Carolina. This is perhaps particularly true with investigations of injurious insects. Statistics show that insects destroy about 10 per cent of all agricultural products each year. Hence very little thought is needed to make one realize the importance of insect control.

Insects injuring household goods, stored products such as corn and small grains, garden, field crop, and fruit tree pests, all help to cause the annual loss.

Most crops for this year are practically beyond damage from insects for this year, except perhaps cotton and some late garden crops. During the past summer, however, much injury has no doubt been caused by various insects of the farm and orchard. Letters concerning such damage will be welcomed by the entomologist. Furthermore in many cases he may be able to suggest methods for preventing the re-appearance and damage from such insects next year.

All citizens of North Carolina should grasp this opportunity of getting information and assistance entirely free of cost.

All packages should be addressed

to R. I. Smith, Entomologist, Agricultural Experiment Station, West Raleigh, N. C.

Colonel Bryan's Illustrated Book of Travel.

The success of Col. Bryan's new book, "The Old World and Its Ways" gives striking testimony to his hold on the popular mind. It recounts and profusely illustrates his recent journey around the world. It has been issued five months, and we are advised that, in that short period, four large editions aggregating 41,000 copies have been called for. The reports of agents, which have been submitted to us, would indicate that the demand for it is well nigh spontaneous and universal—that it exceeds that for any other book published for the subscription trade since the period of "Grant's Memoirs." Col. Bryan's book with like success depends upon no sympathetic element for its strength. But it has on the part of the people the enduring feeling of personal confidence in the great moral and intellectual integrity of its author.

It has an equally pronounced admiration for his brilliant abilities, and the untiring energy that enabled him to cover the world in his noted tour—and to photograph and describe in his inimitable way. Without official place Col. Bryan is everywhere regarded, at home and abroad, as a vital force in American affairs. As a student of men and government, and of governmental conditions, his observations and conclusions profoundly interest the people. Hence the great sale of his book, descriptive of men and things seen during his noted tour around the world and through the nations. It is vitalized by 251 artistic engravings, from photographs taken by him or under his supervision, representing men, places, and things that interested him and that specially interest every American reader. It is a most unique presentation of a wonderfully interesting journey that has caught the attention of the people, and met with great demand. It is sold only through soliciting agents.

The Thompson Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo., are the fortunate publishers. They advertise for agents in another column of this issue.

Letter to Her Kuzzen.

A young lady addressed the following letter to her cousin:

"Dear Kuzzen:--The weather whar we is air kold and I suppose whar you is it is kolder.

"We is all well and mother's got the his Terrix, brother Tom has got the hupin Kaugh, and sister susin has got a babee, and hope these few lines will find you the same. Rite sune. Your aphectionate Kuzzen."

Religion to Bur..

The Cox Mill corespondent of the Greenville Reflector writes that paper:

"We have something new here—some of our people claiming to have the Holy Ghost. I don't know what they will get next."

Sometimes people who are really possessed of the devil think they have the Holy Ghost.