

CAN BREAK KISSING RECORD.

Will Ellwanger Bets \$200 He Can Kiss 200 Consecutive Times.

There was a kissing contest held in New York city last week—a serious kissing contest.

It was between the famous actress, Anna Held, and Julius Steger, one of the handsomest men in New York; and Anna Held and Julius Steger, who bet he could kiss Miss. Held on the lips, 1,000 consecutive times, and Mr. Ziegfeld, Anna Held's manager, who bet Steger couldn't give her 200 kisses.

When the contest came off the woman gave out first, and Steger stopped at 156 kisses.

The contest has caused much comment.

Will T. Ellwanger, the handsome young baritone of the Wilbur Opera Company, who was here two weeks ago, says that the task of planting 200 kisses upon the lips of a pretty woman or a handsome man is an easy one.

To prove his assertion and to establish the fact that he is a kisser of no small degree, Mr. Ellwanger has issued a challenge, through the Atlanta Journal.

Mr. Ellwanger says that any man with a proper knowledge of the art of kissing could impress 200 times his lips to those of any pretty woman without causing her any fatigue. It must be done by an expert, he claims, who not only has mastered the art of kissing, but must be done by a person who appreciates the situation.

A man who expects to hammer out 200 kisses like a blacksmith would a horse-shoe will exhaust the strength of any woman with nerves, says Mr. Ellwanger, before that number has been reached.

"Now," says Mr. Ellwanger, "my proposition is this: I will kiss any lady who is recognized in good society 200 times, or pay to her one dollar for every kiss agreed to. The attempt to be made in the parlors of the Kimball House or at such place as may be more agreeable to the lady accepting my proposition. I would suggest that the city editor of the Journal, the dramatic editor of the Constitution and a third person to be named by the lady act as a committee of arrangements, and later as judges and counters.

"These gentlemen are to select two physicians to be in attendance as medical advisors. There is to be no unnecessary fussing, and the contest is simply to be one of artistic kissing."

Should any lady accept this proposition she will have the satisfaction of being the most thoroughly kissed person in America if Mr. Ellwanger wins. Should he fail, she will have the greater satisfaction of winning \$200.

Thrown by a Wooden Horse.

A fractious, prancing, wooden steed in a California merry-go-round, threw a woman not long ago, and now she sues for \$25,000 damages, writes "The Listener" in the Chicago Evening Post. She seems to have been badly hurt, and may find herself disabled for life. The picture of a sedate woman of family cavorting around on a hobby-horse which became unmanageable is one that her children will not care to cherish. Far better for Mrs. Clark, her family and the world generally had she stayed at home employing her leisure moments with the family mending or committing to memory stirring recipes that would have urged her on to darning deeds or cookery. Shooting the chutes, merry-go-rounds and their ilk were made for children and grown people whose intellects are not robust. They set a pace that often kills, and the pleasure derived can hardly atone for broken heads or mangled limbs. Many are the baits thrown out for the victims of the merry-go-round. Music, with its "voluptuous swell," is a great ingredient in this sport. The faster the time the more the insensible horses rear and plunge and leap wildly around their fixed path. Mrs. Clark was enjoying a mad gallop when disaster overtook her. Mrs. Clark may have received bodily injuries which only \$25,000 can assuage, but the fact is borne in upon one that her dignity has sustained a shock for which not twice that amount can be a fit recompense.

Architect Pearson Busy.

Mr. Charles Pearson, our popular and skillful architect is as busy as a bee these days with all classes of architectural work.

RAID THRO' REEDS

Revenue Officers' Rough Experience.

UP TO KNEES IN MUD

LARGE ILLICIT STILL DESTROYED IN HEART OF IMMENSE SWAMP.

Revenue Officers Made a Good Haul Yesterday Near Battleboro, Edgecombe County.—The Trail to it Was Only a Pig Path.

"I never in all my raiding experience ever had such a raid before," said Deputy Collector Jack Shelburn this morning, referring to his successful raid near Battleboro yesterday.

Mr. Shelburn and posse left here yesterday on the Southern for Rocky Mount. Upon arriving there they took teams and drove to a point near SanCy Creek, within three miles of Battleboro, in Edgecombe county. The guide joined the party near Battleboro.

The still was located in an immense reed swamp, and the trail to it was one of the most difficult ever traversed by officers—the worse Mr. Shelburn says that he ever experienced, and he has raided moonshiners in every section of the State, and in all his mountain work he never experienced such trouble in getting to a still.

The trail led at least three quarters of a mile right into the heart of a swamp and was only a pig path, overlapped by the thickest growth of immense reeds so that the daylight for nearly the entire distance was excluded, and they were really proceeding through a dark hole, or reed tunnel. About one-third of the tunnel was so wet and miry that the officers sunk up to their boot tops and at one place it is said that George Perry, a well known officer, who was along, at one time sunk to an extra depth, nearly waist deep, but was promptly extricated by his companion.

The mud and labor in reaching the still was forgotten upon arriving at the point where it loomed up, for it was an extra large one—80-gallon capacity. There were twenty four beer stands, 600 gallons of beer, and one barrel of old "blackstrap" molasses. It was a rum distillery. The officers were not long in destroying the outfit.

On their way through the swamp to the still they captured a white man by the name of Taylor, held him in custody during their stay in the swamp, but released him when they emerged from the swamp, as they had no evidence against him.

The still was located on the bank of the creek, which is at least twenty feet wide at that point, and supplies were brought to it by boat.

It was supposed to have been operated by seven brothers.

The raiders returned to Raleigh on the early train this morning.

Good for Sam.

Sam Baker, colored, of Lane's Creek township, takes the cake. He and his daughter made seven bales of cotton this year with the aid of only a steer that weighed just 750 pounds. They used little guano and had a small ration bill. Besides the cotton they made 75 bushels of potatoes and a quantity of corn. Sam was in town Saturday with his steer and Mr. Henry Laney took their pictures with his kodak for the Journal, which latter paper Sam has been reading and paying for sometimes. We give Sam the compliments of the day.—Nonce Journal.

RUNS IN THE FAMILY.

The Henry Berry Lowry Stock Still Violating the Law.

Upon the United States Court record of Wednesday last appears the following entry: "United States vs. Rhoda Lowrie, of Robeson county, charged with retailing liquor without license; verdict guilty and defendant sentenced to sixty days imprisonment in jail and to pay a fine of \$100."

To the cursory reader, and even to the young, attentive and thoughtful, this bit of news, as recorded in yesterday morning's issue of the Star appeared without feature, save that some unfortunate woman had been meted out just ice for breaking the laws of man; but to the older readers the name of Lowrie ever sounds familiar, not on account of the numerous people who possess it as a cognomen, but because it recalls to memory the time (about thirty years ago) when Henry Berry Lowrie, the noted North Carolina outlaw, held full sway in Robeson county, and with his band killed and plundered until death claimed him. In this case well can the name of Lowrie be associated with that of the outlaw, for the woman tried and sentenced in the United States Court Wednesday for retailing liquor without a license (as referred to above) is the widow of Henry Berry Lowrie. She is about forty nine years of age and still bears some semblance of the beauty that she once possessed, while her carriage is perfectly erect. In the custody of a United States deputy marshal she left for Robeson county yesterday to serve out her sentence in the jail of that county.

One of Henry Berry Lowrie's daughters also stands indicted in the United States Court, of this district, for retailing liquor without license. Henry Berry Lowrie, as most of our readers are aware, was a man of boldness and nerve, and was killed at his home in a swamp in Robeson county. Death was caused by a shot from a gun in his own hands; thought by many to be an accident, but others contend that the noted outlaw committed suicide.

VESTIBULE WRECKED.

Four Persons Killed and a Number of Others Injured.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 5.—The Chesapeake and Ohio vestibule express, known as the F. F. V., from Cincinnati to Washington, was wrecked near Old Shadwell, five miles east of this place, at 1:35 yesterday afternoon. Four persons were killed and 17 injured. It is stated that the body of another Italian child is under the wreck, but this cannot be confirmed.

The cause of the accident has not been definitely ascertained, but it is believed to have been due to spreading rails. The engine left the track on a sharp curve and was hurled against a rocky hill. All of the cars except the dining car and the Richmond sleeper were derailed. Two cars were plunged end foremost down the steep embankment and one of them went into the Rivanna river, which at this place skirts the tracks. The day passenger coach and the express car were badly wrecked. As the locomotive plunged from the rails and overturned Engineer Duke was hurled from the cab and crushed under the engine, besides being terribly scalded by escaping steam. He was rescued by his fireman and the conductor. As soon after the wreck as possible, the uninjured passengers and trainmen began the work of rescue and aiding the injured. Word was sent to this place and the wrecking train with physicians, was immediately dispatched to the scene of the wreck.

A Fine Wine Apple.

One of the finest wine-apples ever seen in this section is on exhibition at Mr. A. Dughi's. It was brought to the city to-day and was raised by Mr. Walter Brinkley, near Nense, N. C. The apple has a beautiful red skin, and weighs nine ounces. The wine-sap is a good apple, but it is something unusual to attain this size.

CROKER NOT DEAD.

The Tammany Leader Was Only a Little Indisposed.

Yesterday we published the information received by wire that Richard Croker was dead. The report proved untrue. A New York dispatch says:

The rumor that Richard Croker was dead was in circulation in all quarters of the city from early in the morning until late last evening. It also spread throughout the country, and inquiries as to the truth of the report were received from points as far distant as San Francisco. The Tammany leader has simply a slight cold. He is at the Murray Hill hotel here, and did not leave his room all day. He had a chill on Tuesday night at Tammany Hall, and on Wednesday complained of not feeling well. Prof. William Fluhner, who was called in, said that Mr. Croker is simply suffering from stomach trouble, the result of overwork, and is not in the slightest danger of serious complications.

ONLY TWO SUCCESSFUL.

State Board of Examiners Were in Session Yesterday.

The State Board of Examiners met yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the office of the State Superintendent of public instruction. All the members of the board were present, as follows: Superintendent Mebane, W. L. Poteat, L. L. Hobbs and M. C. S. Noble.

They spent the afternoon looking over examination papers handed in by candidates for life certificates to teach public schools of the State, as provided for in the new school law passed by the last Legislature.

The examination was held early in July and only three persons in the State stood it. Two of these passed and their certificates will be sent them to-day. They are R. O. Craven, of Surry county; A. M. Garwood, of Davie county.

The third man failed to pass. Mr. Craven is superintendent of the graded schools of Mt. Airy; Mr. Garwood is a public school teacher in Davie county.

The reason so few teachers took the examination is that the law is a new one and after the board was appointed, got together and organized there was very little time left to give notice of the examination. Since that time many teachers have made application to be allowed to stand the examination, but this cannot be done; they will have to wait until next year.

Last year the board prepared a course of reading and study for public school teachers of the State. This will be printed in these columns as soon as it is complete.

Death of an Old Soldier.

Mr. David Pugh, an old veteran, died this morning at the Soldiers' home. He has been an invalid for years. He was a native of Wake county. He served in the late war and was a member of Company E., 47th N. C. regiment.

His remains will be buried in the Confederate Cemetery to-morrow afternoon.

Christian Church,

Sunday school at 10 a. m., Jno. A. Mills superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. A church meeting will be held immediately after morning service. Reports will be made preparatory for conference. All members requested to be present.

The Band of Cousins will meet at 4 p. m.

A Good Farce Comedy.

McFee's Matrimonial Bureau, which appears at Metropolitan Opera House Monday night, is one of the best and most refined musical comedies on the road. There are twenty people in the cast, and the play is full of good specialties. Good singing, dancing and plenty of fun. Do not fail to see this performance. Get your seats early.

Mr. Sattle to Wed.

Mr. Thomas Sattle will be married to Miss Eliza Potter, daughter of Colonel John Wilder Atkinson, on Thursday, November 12, at 12 o'clock at St. James Church, Wilmington, N. C.

MULLEN PROMOTED

He Is Made Sergeant of Police.

THE CITY'S FINANCES

SEWER MAIN WILL BE EXTENDED ON NORTH WILMINGTON STREET.

Request from Street Railway Co. to Prevent Bicyclist from Endangering Their Lives by Coming in Too Close Contact With Cars.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in regular monthly session.

The rules and regulations for the Police Department, as codified and arranged by the city attorney, were presented by Alderman Parrish, adopted by the Board, and ordered printed in book form. No material changes in these rules and regulations have been made, except the provision for the election of two police sergeants.

To fill one of the offices so created, the name of Officer Mullen was presented, and he was elected. The matter of filling the other vacancy was deferred. There is no provision for increase of pay for the new officers, but this will be arranged in a short while.

The object of these sergeants is to promote the efficiency of the police department, and to relieve the Chief of a great deal of the detail work. They are to be held directly responsible for the preservation of the good order of the city, and will have personal supervision of the force. They are vested with power to post the men under their command in such parts of the city, and to assign them such duties, as they may deem expedient under the supervision of the chief, to whose orders the sergeants are at all times subject, and to whom they must report.

The sergeants will also have control of the men and turnkeys on their respective reliefs, and will be held accountable for their good condition and efficiency in the performance of their duty. Any dereliction of duty must be reported to the chief. The sergeants shall pay frequent visits to different parts of the city that they may know that their men are properly discharging the duties assigned them.

It was ordered that a uniform overcoat be adopted for the police force, the city to pay half the cost of the coats, which are to cost not exceeding \$10.50. The work of making the coats will be let out to the lowest responsible bidder.

The Police committee unanimously reported unfavorably on the petition of Ben Carter, (col.), for license to sell liquor in East Raleigh, half a mile beyond the city limits. The committee also refused to allow J. D. Carroll to transfer his license in East Raleigh to W. A. Ferrall. There is an ordinance forbidding the transfer of license.

Report of the Finance committee showed the total collections during the month to have been \$9,173.90. Of this \$3,764.16 was from taxes, \$251.70 market rents, and \$158.67 street paving. The total expenditures for the month were \$5,449.58. The various city departments expended \$1,527.09 of this; the lights for streets cost \$428.70; Rex Hospital \$166.67; curbing \$397.19, and coal \$126.65.

The Sewer committee recommended that the sewer asked for on North Wilmington street be put in, provided the cost does not exceed \$150. The report was referred to the Finance committee with power to act.

It was reported by the Cemetery committee that the fence on the Hargett street side of the City cemetery had been taken down and permission was asked to remove the rock stile also, and place in the cemetery a hydrant connected with the city water main. The stone in the stile is to be used for terracing.

Report of the city physicians for the month of October was as follows: Number of patients treated 48; visits made 101; office consultations 27; prescriptions filled 74; patients discharged 37; patients continued 6; patients died 1; patients sent to hospital 4.

Candis Rogers (col.), was relieved from cost (\$7) on her taxes (\$47) for 1894, '95 and '96.

A request was read from the Raleigh Electric Company asking that an ordinance be passed prohibiting bicyclists from riding their wheels on the street car tracks or close beside them, when meeting a car, or taking hold of a car while it is in motion. The petition was referred to the Street committee.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Bright Briefs of Interest From All Sections of the County.

Ex Governor Oates is in Charlotte. The frost has not yet killed the yellow fever.

The Winston tobacco fair was a big success.

Greenland is said to be the home of the mosquito.

The Prince of Wales has been sued for \$300,000.

The Georgia Legislature killed the prohibition measure.

The McAdoo House, Greensboro, is undergoing repairs.

Great Britain will take part in the Florida fisheries conference.

Great deposits of graphite have been discovered in McDowell county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane is getting up a school teachers' directory.

The German army is experimenting with an air-ship, which is considered partly a success.

Mr. James Worby died at his home in Charlotte yesterday morning. He was forty-eight years old.

Anna Louise Mullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mullen, died yesterday morning at Charlotte, aged 9 years.

Henry Stafford, colored, was crushed to death yesterday, by the falling walls at the Ada cotton mills, at Charlotte.

The medical college of the State University and the Association team will play a game of foot ball at Charlotte, November 16th.

Charlotte will have the "Elks". On November the 17th, a lodge will be instituted in that city. There will be at least thirty five charter members.

The community of New Orleans was shocked over the announcement of seven deaths from yellow fever yesterday morning. Five of those were expected, the physicians having given them up. Only two cases are reported and business is booming. Orders are pouring in on the merchants, owing to raising the quarantine as all places since frosts occurred. By next week it is expected there will be no more new cases.

The contest for the control of the Ohio Legislature is likely to be carried into the courts for settlement. The official returns of about one fourth of eighty-eight counties have been received by the Secretary of State. No returns of close counties. Protests have been made, and it is proposed now to prevent the issue of certificates of election to certain legislative candidates if the courts so order.

Blue Mountain Joe's Show To-Night.

To-night Dr. Blue Mountain Joe will give his closing performance at the Metropolitan opera house. Mr. Clayton, the strong man will give an exhibition of his marvellous powers, among which will be the great bridge act. He will rest a large bridge on his chest and allow as many men to get on it as it will hold.

The other features of the show will be as bright as ever, and we predict that the hall will be crowded.

Robeson County Fair.

The Robeson County Fair closed yesterday. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, and those who were so fortunate as to attend and examine the stock, exhibits of agriculture and other displays went away the wiser. The attendance was largest Thursday. The fairs were on the grounds in full force. They left yesterday for the Fayetteville and Washington fairs, which will be held next week.

Mr. Nason Dead.

Mr. J. D. Boushall, State agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, yesterday received notice of the death of Mr. A. F. Nason, superintendent of the agencies of that company. Mr. Nason has often visited Raleigh, and is well and favorably known here. He died in Boston Wednesday evening, and his body was next day taken to Hartford, Conn., for burial.

Funeral of Gen. Clingman.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Gen. Clingman were held yesterday afternoon at Concord and was largely attended.

Rev. Mr. Davis read the burial service, and was assisted in the services at the grave by Rev. Mr. Thompson.