

**A Windy Well.**  
Arizona possesses some of the greatest natural wonders in the world, not the least of which is this phenomenon of a current of air issuing from or going into the bowels of the earth through sandy natural and artificial openings made in the earth's crust. Sometimes ago a Mr. Couman undertook the drilling of a well at his place. Everything went well to a depth of twenty-five feet, when the drill suddenly dropped about six feet and a strong current of air issued from the hole. The escaping air current was strong enough to blow off the hats of the men who were recovering the lost drill. The well was of course, abandoned and left to blow but there are some peculiarities about it that are worthy of consideration. The air will escape from the well for days at a time with such force that pebbles the size of peas are thrown up and piled about its mouth until it looks very much like the expanded portion of a funnel. At the same time it is accompanied by a sound much like the distant howling of the fog horn. This noise is continuous and even in quantity. Again for days there will be a suction current, unaccompanied by sound, in which the current of air passes into the earth with somewhat less force than it escapes, and any light object, as a feather, piece of paper or cloth, will, if held in close proximity, be immediately sucked into this subterranean labyrinth of aeolus. The cause of this phenomenon is unknown. It is supposed that there is an underground opening between the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, which leaves the earth to the depth of more than a mile, and the Sycamore Canyon, some eighty miles to the south of it, of the same proportions, but much shorter. This seems possible from the fact that the current of air always passes from north to south, or vice versa, varying of course a few points of the compass from the true meridian, but always in these general directions, as determined by experiment, and then the stratum underlying the quaternary is of volcanic cinder. This is very porous, and in many places so-called bottomless holes exist.—Popular Science.

**News About Dancing.**  
The Rev. Dr. J. O. Wilson, pastor of St. Andrew's Church in West Seventy-sixth street, took for the subject of his sermon last night "A Time to Dance."  
The Bible says there is a time to dance," said he. "It also says in the same chapter that there is a time to kill. Dancing and killing are associated in the Bible, and so it is in life. The dancer often kills himself. Thousands of people are in their graves today who danced themselves to death, and thousands are physical wrecks from the same cause."  
Dr. Wilson then went on to say that friends of people who died from consumption little thought that in many cases this consumption was due to exposure after dancing in a heated ball-room and going out into the air with-

out due care as to wearing apparel. He said that the dancer often kills his intellect, for no man who spent his time in dancing could increase his store of knowledge.  
"Dancing often kills the moral nature," he said. In ancient times men and women did not dance together. There is not a single recorded instance of their having done so in any part of the Bible. The Bible does not refer to square dances, lancers, polkas, and schottisches. While private parlor dancing may not be an evil in itself its tendency is dangerous. Parlor dancing opens the door of temptation to thousands of boys and girls. The tendency of the private dance is toward the social hall, as he who begins with the public glass oftentimes lands in the gutter. Cicero says, "No one dances unless he is drunk or mad." Dancing destroys physical health. It kills time and therefore dwarfs the intellect and sets after the unholy nature of man. The modern dance is rebuked by the noblest men who ever graced this earth."  
Among those Mr. Wilson mentioned as being opposed to dancing were Beecher, Spurgeon, Tennyson, Milton, Longfellow, Whittier, Washington, Webster, and Lincoln.

**Some Joys of Heaven.**  
Do you ever read in old Jeremy Taylor's "Do you remember a passage in which he writes to one who is dreading the step into the next life, "If thou wilt be fearless of death, endeavor to be in love with the felicity of saints and angels, and be once persuaded to believe that there is a condition of living better than this; that there are creatures more noble than we; that above there is a country better than ours; that the inhabitants know more and know better and are in places of rest and desire; and first learn to value it, and then learn to purchase it, and death cannot be a formidable thing which lets us in to so much joy and felicity."  
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The dead which die in the Lord shall converse with St. Paul and all the college of the Apostles, with all the good men whose memory we preserve in honor, with excellent kings and holy bishops, and with the great Shepherd and Bishops of our souls, God Himself. For Christ died for us, that whether we wake or sleep we may live together with Him."  
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Lv. New York, via Penn. R. E. 11 09 a.m. 9 00 p.m.  
Philadelphia, " " 1 12 p.m. 12 05 a.m.  
Baltimore, " " 3 25 p.m. 2 50 a.m.  
Washington, " " 4 40 p.m. 4 30 a.m.  
Richmond, A. C. L., " 8 50 p.m. 9 30 a.m.

Lv. Norfolk via S. A. L. " 8 35 p.m. 9 30 a.m.  
Portsmouth, " " 8 45 a.m. 9 20 a.m.  
Lv. Weldon, via S. A. L. " 11 25 p.m. 11 55 a.m.  
Henderson, via " " 12 55 a.m. 1 39 p.m.

Ar. Durham via S. A. L. " 7 32 a.m. 11 09 p.m.  
Lv. Durham " " 7 30 p.m. 11 10 a.m.

Ar. Sanford, via S. A. L. " 7 35 a.m. 11 30 a.m.  
Southern Pines, " " 4 22 a.m. 5 55 a.m.  
Hamlet, " " 5 10 a.m. 6 20 a.m.  
Wadesboro, " " 5 54 a.m. 7 11 a.m.  
Monroe, " " 6 43 a.m. 9 12 a.m.

Ar. Charlotte via S. A. L. " 8 30 a.m. 10 25 p.m.  
Ar. Chester, via S. A. L. " 8 10 a.m. 10 47 p.m.  
Lv. Columbia, C. N. & A. L., " 16 00 p.m.

Ar. Clinton, S. A. L. " 8 45 a.m. 11 20 a.m.  
Greensboro, " " 9 35 a.m. 1 07 a.m.  
ABBEVILLE, " " 11 05 a.m. 1 40 a.m.  
Ellerton, " " 12 07 p.m. 2 41 a.m.  
Aberdeen, " " 1 25 a.m. 3 55 a.m.  
Windsor, " " 1 50 a.m. 4 30 a.m.  
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Aberdeen, " " 3 25 a.m. 12 25 a.m.  
Ellerton, " " 4 15 a.m. 12 33 a.m.  
Aberdeen, " " 5 10 a.m. 1 40 p.m.  
ABBEVILLE, " " 5 15 a.m. 2 03 p.m.  
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Abbeville, S. C., March 1, 1897.

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