

Humorous Department.

HE APOLOGIZED. A member of a well-known athletic club, riding along at an easy pace, was overtaken by another wheel which didn't turn out in time, and a rear-end collision was the result.

HIS MOTHER DIED TOO OFTEN.—When Shafter was senior colonel of the army he was temporarily in charge of some western post, and numbered in his command an exceedingly bright, capable fellow, whose cleverness was continually getting him reduced to rags, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

AN EVEN EXCHANGE.—A good Irish story will bear considerable retelling. Such, evidently, is the view of Cornhill Magazine, from which the following example is taken:

BRINGING IT HOME TO HIM.—The value of an object lesson is suggested, says the Lewiston Journal, by the experience of a Sullivan man whose young son had a bad attack of Klondike fever.

AN INVERSE RATIO.—"I know that you will be pleased with the present I am going to give you," said Mrs. Hunnime.

QUITE WILLING.—"Can't I have your daughter as a New Year's gift?" asked the brave young man who had heard the rich old father in his den.

ONE THING NEEDED.—"What we need in this country," howled the political orator, "is an elastic currency."

Wayside Gatherings.

A piano contains nearly a mile of wire. If you love me, your deeds will tell me so. There are 5,000 Japanese in San Francisco.

THE CUTTING OF A BUTTON from a man's coat led to a fight at Hughes Springs, near Dallas, Tex., resulting in the killing of three men.

THE PLEASURE THAT SOME MEN feel at being able to borrow money, isn't a circumstance to the joy of the other fellow when he gets it back.

ON HIS RETIREMENT from active service at the age of 62, Admiral J. N. Miller says: "I hope that our success with a fifth-rate power will not lead us to believe that we could expect the same success in a conflict with one of the first class."

THE REMAINS of Columbus will be placed on board a Spanish war vessel at Havana December 18, and accompanied by three other vessels, will start for Spain.

MEN BECOME bald. Why? Because they wear close hats and caps. Women are never bald except by disease, and they do not wear close headgear.

TO SAY WHAT SHOULD be said, and to say only what should be said, and to say it only as it should be said is a rare gift.

International Lessons.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 18.

Text of the Lesson, Jer. iii, 1-11—Memory Verses, 9-11—Golden Text, Jer. xlii, 13—Compendium Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Zedekiah was one of the twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 11 years in Jerusalem. After the death of Josiah, the good king, three of his sons and one grandson succeeded him, reigning altogether 22 years—Jehozabab, or Shallum, three months; Eliakim, or Jehoiakim, 11 years; Coniah, or Jehoiachin, three months, and Zedekiah 11 years.

THE FIRE was quick extinguished; but the little fellow was too horribly burned to live. All his clothing, except an underjacket, was consumed. The skin slipped from his hands like gloves, and his body was almost roasted.

THE FIRE originated in the list and is supposed to have been caused by a match in the cotton they were ginning. In addition to the building, gin, press and suction attachments, they also lost two bales of cotton and several thousand bushels of cotton seed.

THE DEPARTMENT has purchased the right to use the method of manufacture of underwater discharge tubes from the Armstrongs, and has also bought the right to use the breach mechanism of guns built by Vickers' Sons and Maxim.

THE 6-INCH rapid-firing gun built by the latter firm is one of the latest weapons of that caliber constructed, a splendid record having been made in firing trials, which were held sometime ago. In this gun the powder and projectile are separated, while in the 6-inch rapid-firing guns of the United States navy the shell and powder are combined by means of a cartridge case.

THE 6-INCH gun on plans somewhat similar to those followed in the construction of the Vickers gun was recently built. The tests of this weapon at the proving grounds have demonstrated its value, and all future 6-inch guns will be constructed on the same lines.

Miscellaneous Reading.

IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.

Summary of the News That is Being Published by Exchanges.

GASTON—Gastonia Gazette, December 1: A Sunday excursion on the Narrow Gauge—something almost unheard of—was run last Sunday from Gastonia to Chester, where some sort of colored conference was in session.

CHESTER—The Lantern, December 2: Captain O. A. Hamlin has quit the hotel business at Lenoir and accepted a position again as conductor on the C. & N-W. railway.

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December 1, 1898, Mr. W. P. Perry and Miss Mamie McNinch. Rev. J. E. Grier officiated. The following committee has been appointed to provide music and otherwise arrange for the veterans' rally on the 20th instant: Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, Mrs. A. M. Aiken, Mrs. L. D. Childs, Mrs. J. A. Blake, Miss Louise McFadden, Mrs. J. G. White, Miss Josie Black, Miss Leila Lathan, Mr. J. W. Reed, Colonel W. L. Davidson and Captain M. H. Hunter.

UNION—Correspondence of The State, December 2: Tom Pratt, a colored man was committed to jail yesterday charged with the murder of his wife. The facts as we have been able to obtain them reveal a most heinous crime, and one revolting in the extreme.

CLEVELAND—King's Mountain Reformer, December 1: Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Lona White, of this place, and Mr. Lowry McGill, of Bethany, S. C., on the 7th day of December, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the residence of the bride's father, Wm. White.

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Jorgensen rifle is the best for its use, while the navy asserts that the Lee is superior. It is not believed that any great objection would be raised by the navy to increasing the calibre of its gun to .30 so that cartridges manufactured for the Lee might be used for the Krag-Jorgensen.

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