

Humorous Department.

His Bad-Colored Whiskers. "A little joke happened at the turn back there last year," said the stage driver as the highway made a half circle to the west.

The Terrible Demurrer. After having been solicitor general Captain Evan P. Howell, our present distinguished mayor, retained a considerable amount of private practice in Clayton superior court.

Too Great a Strain.—"Speaking of names," he said, "some one told me that Shadrach was a good name for a fisherman, but I'd known it for a good many miles and was Justin from the country. To be Frank, he looked like a Guy. Said he came to a river and had to bridge it."

Three Ancients.—A tourist passing near Aberfoyle, a place in Scotland noted for the longevity of its inhabitants, saw an old man sitting by the hedge crying bitterly. When asked the reason of his grief he replied that his 'father' had struck him. The gentleman surprised, asked his age. "I'dinna ken," he said, "but I'm near a hummer." "Take me to your father," said the tourist, and there, sure enough, was a tall, older looking man at work in a barn. "Is this your son?" was the inquiry. "Deed he is, the young loon!" he angrily replied. "An' he'll get mair the next time I come across him cloddin stanes at his grand-father!"—Exchange.

A New England Sandwich.—"How many children have you?" asked the friend of his boyhood. "I have three. The oldest and youngest are girls, and the second child is a boy. My wife calls them 'the sandwich.'" "Huh!" said the boyhood friend. "That's the first time I ever heard of a sandwich with the tongue on the outside."—New York Times.

"Nora!" gasped Mrs. Hiram Orfen, "surely that's my new hat and gown you're wearing." "Yis, mum," replied the cook lady, "Oj thought since ye're not goin' out ye'll not be nadin' 'thim the day."

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM CONTEMPORARIES.

News and Comment That is of More or Less Local Interest.

CHESTER. Lantern, August 14: Miss Anna McCav of Yorkville is visiting her cousin, Miss Susie Caldwell... Invitations were received in town yesterday for the marriage of Miss Mary Elid Weiser and Dr. Marcus Babcock Heyman, Wednesday evening, August 26th, at 9 o'clock, at St. Paul's church, Kittanning, Pa. Dr. Heyman is a Chester man, who has a responsible position in a hospital on Long Island, New York.

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following gentlemen: Mr. Eugene Sumney and Mr. Robert Rhyme of Dallas, chosen by the plaintiff; Mr. John F. Leeper of South Point and Mr. Frank McArver of Gastonia, chosen by the defendant; ex-Sheriff M. H. Shuford, umpire. The plaintiff was represented by Hon. O. F. Mason of Dallas, and the defendant by Attorney E. T. Cansler of Charlotte. This case, in which Mr. H. F. Forbes sought to recover damages from Mr. J. B. F. Riddle for injuries alleged to have resulted to his property from water backing up from the dam at Mr. Riddle's mill, had been pending in the courts for the past two years, and by mutual consent was referred to a court of arbitration. The court spent Monday going over the grounds, making a close investigation of the creek, dam, and adjoining lands and then repaired to Gastonia where Tuesday and Wednesday were spent examining witnesses, quite a number of whom were present at each party. When the testimony was all in the attorneys agreed to give the case to the court without argument. The case was decided in favor of Mr. Riddle; the costs in the case to be paid by Mr. Forbes. This settles the case finally as there is no appeal from the decision of a court of arbitration.

STARTING A RAILROAD MAN. Young Man Had a College Education But Took Office Boy's Place. It all occurred in the Atlanta railroad world, and it so happened that the Constitution man was in on the first chapter.

STUCK TO HIS BARGAIN. Incident of the Boyhood of Stonewall Jackson. At the "Old Cummins Jackson Mills," on the West Fork river, in what is now West Virginia, was living, sixty-seven years ago, a healthy boy, who had very definite ideas of honor and a strong sense of right. Little Tom Jackson, like a good many other boys, was fond of fishing, and equally as fond of selling his fish whenever he could find customers.

SPAN OF HUMAN LIFE. Steadily Increasing Because the Mind Is Kept Occupied. Medical men are discussing a lecture by Prof. Pfleger, of the university of Bonn, on longevity, in which he asserts that the average length of human life is steadily increasing. He maintains that one-third of all the deaths registered in Munich are due to heart disease, brought on by the immoderate use of beer, and that tobacco also claims a large percentage of the victims.

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An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Lazy Lion

There was once upon a time a young lion who often went out in the fields and watched the larger lions play baseball, and he often thought how happy he would be if he was only big enough to take part in their games.

"I'll go off to the coconut tree now and get a ball," said he to himself, and off he went to where the tall trees rose from the sandy soil of the plain.

IT STRUCK THE LAZY LION. boughs of the tree, but there was not a single one of them on the ground.

"Now, it is entirely too warm for me to spring up there and knock one of those coconuts down," he said. "I'll just sit here and wait until one of them drops to the ground."

And then the lazy fellow sat down on the sand and closed his lazy little eyes and went sound to sleep. He slept and he snored, and he snored so hard that he jarred a coconut off the tree, and it came tumbling down like a rifle ball.

I wonder if you can guess where it fell. Why, it struck the lazy lion square upon his lazy nose.

"Mercy!" cried he. "I'll never again wait for anything that I can get you and with less pain by going for it!"

And Mr. Lion was cured of his lazy habits.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

NOTICE.

Please take notice that the undersigned will file their final return in the Probate Court for York county, S. C., on SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1903, and will ask for their final discharge as executors of the will of Joseph S. McKenzie, dec'd.

S. A. SIFFORD, GEO. W. S. HART, Executors.

July 29—Sept. 2 w 6t

ABSENT UNTIL SEPT. 1ST.

I will be absent from my office from August 17th to September 1st, for a short recreation.

A. Y. CARTWRIGHT.

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