

Humorous Department.

His Bad Break.
"Talking about a fright and gray hairs," said a traveling man, according to the New York Press, "my hair never came so near turning white in a single night as it did a couple of weeks ago when I was in a town in one of the wildest patches of country in the west. I entered a cafe and started in to ingratiate myself with the boys and was getting along fine.
"There was one fellow who hung around the bar a great deal and seemed to have everybody scared. I made up my mind that he was a chap I wanted to have over my side, so I started how. I told him all the funny stories I knew. Every time he laughed everybody else laughed, and when he didn't seem to like a particular one I would attack of the blues. After a while he told a story himself. I laughed as hard as I could and slapped him on the shoulder and said:
"I've heard of you before."
"You have?" said he, looking suspicious all of a sudden.
"Yes," said I, "and you're all right. You're a bird."
"I never saw such a swift change of scenery in my life. The floor was cleared all of a sudden and all the cups and plates except the old man and myself were looking up from behind tables. He had a six-shooter pointed at me and if his finger had trembled I'd have been the subject for a dearest Willie, thou hast left us," piece of poetry then and there. Just then a young girl rushed into the place and threw herself between us.
"Of course," commented a listener, "this is about Chapter III. She exclaimed: 'Spare him! spare him for my sake!'"
"No," she said, "anything of the kind she merely said: 'Don't be a fool, dad. He didn't mean anything. He ain't heard a word about it.'"
"Then she turned to me and said: 'You want to know anything about you talk about anything in the fowl line before dad. He was tarred and feathered week before last. He ain't got clear over my side, so I started stand the jokin' about it, you see.'"

Auntie Was Old.
In the days of Barnum an old "auntie" lived in East Tennessee who was reputed to be of great age, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Like all of the kind, she was extremely proud of the distinction, and never underestimated her age in the least. She had outgrown that weakness decades past. Barnum heard of her, and concluding that if she was as old as rumor made her she would be a valuable acquisition to his show, he sent an agent down to make an investigation. She caught the direction of the wind very promptly, and was prepared for any question that might be asked. Gradually the agent led up to the crucial interrogatory, and at last said: "Auntie, do you remember George Washington?"
"Does I remember George Washington? Why, laws-a-massy, mistah, I reckon I does. I orter orter it? Fer I does nussed him. We played together every day when he was a little child. Well, do you remember anything about the revolutionary war?"
"G'way, chile! Yes, indeed, I does honest. I stood dar lots or thicker'n any day when he was a little childer'n rain drops."
"Yes—well, how about the fall of the Roman empire? Do you recollect anything about that?"
"The old woman took a good long breath. In fact, it amounted to a sigh. She reflected for a few moments, and said:
"Fact is, honey, I was purty young den an' I doesn't have a very exting remembrance 'bout dat; but I does 'member, now dat you speaks of hit, dat I did, indeed, see folks tell about hearin' some'n drap."

Miscellaneous Reading.

IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.
News and Comment Clipped From Neighboring Exchanges.
CHESTER.
Lantern, Nov. 15: Saturday night Melissa Dickey, wife of J. L. Hudson's, beyond the railroad crossing, a little north of town, and wanted to go into the house, being quite drunk. Mr. Hudson met her the Missus go on home or he would send for the police. Finally she started off, but soon returned. He tried to send her home but she would not go. Perhaps she went away for a little while, but in the morning she was found under the piazza dead. Dr. J. M. Brice expressed the opinion that death was caused by a disease of the heart and drinking, and the coroner's jury, with Mr. M. A. Ferguson as foreman, rendered a verdict accordingly. Mr. and Mrs. Mac Brice and Little John, of Yorkville, returned yesterday on their way home from a visit to their parents at Woodward. Mr. Erskine Anderson, of Lowryville, aged twenty years, died Saturday afternoon, Nov. 12th, about 4 o'clock, from consumption. The burial was at Zion cemetery Sabbath afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. And-Orr, aged about three months, died Tuesday and was buried in Evergreen cemetery Wednesday. Died at Lockhart yesterday night of Mrs. Maggie Byars, in the nineteenth year of her age. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Canupp. Some two years ago she was married to Mr. Marshall Byars, who survives her. Her death was not a surprise to those acquainted with her condition, as she had been lingering for some time with consumption. She was survived by four brothers and three sisters, viz.: Mr. John Canupp of Chester, and Messrs. Daniel, James and William Canupp of Lockhart, Mrs. Anna Cookson and Misses Edw. and Claudia Canupp of this place. Her remains were buried at Brushy Fork church.

CHEROKEE.
Gaffney Ledger, Nov. 15: The extra term of court called for Cherokee county, to finish up a large amount of business left over from the last regular term, convened yesterday morning with Judge Frank B. Gary of Abbeville as special presiding judge. The solicitor, court stenographers and attorneys were all on hand at the opening, and after the usual preliminaries, the business of the session was at once taken up. There are over twenty cases to be heard and the term will probably be continued for three weeks. The first case called yesterday was Chadwick vs. Gaffney Manufacturing company, which occupied the attention of the court throughout the day. The first case called yesterday had not been reached when the Ledger went to press. Mr. John Harris, a young man who lives in the northern part of the county, was at the Southern depot last night, presumably waiting for No. 40, a northbound passenger train which arrives a little after eight, while several little duffers and one larger one were playing around the tracks. The larger negro seemed to be chasing the smaller ones, and finally the boys ran around behind the depot and were up to Mr. Harris, ripped open his trousers pocket with a knife and took out three dollars and three silver dollars fell to the ground. Mr. Harris caught him by the collar and attempted to hold him; but the negro was "too much" for him, and finally succeeded in getting the money and making his escape. The friends of Mr. Samuel Jefferies are glad to see him able to be out again after his severe fall from a horse some time ago.

LANCASTER.
Lantern, Nov. 15: The home of Mr. J. R. Ferrell at the cotton mill came near going up in smoke last Friday morning. His little three-year-old child while playing in the parlor lit a match and set fire to the window curtains and shades. The mother heard its screams and ran in from the yard and extinguished the flames, and also a counterpane on a bed at the window were burned however, before she could stop the fire. Mr. Jay Steele, son of Capt. J. C. Steele of the Wakersville neighborhood, who was in the secret service of the S. A. L. was shot and seriously wounded in Savannah, Ga., last Saturday night while arrested here with a hobo. The ball took effect in the left chest, just over the heart, grazing the ribs and coming out just under the left shoulder blade. It was close to the heart. Mr. Steele was getting along all right and no doubt of his speedy recovery was entertained. Mr. Lee R. Deas and Miss Doughty, both of that Creek district, were married the sixth instant. Notary Public W. F. Estridge officiating. The attendants were Mr. Leonard Fails with Miss Mitchell of the former city, and with Miss Isabel Deas. A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the interesting ceremony. Mr. E. D. Cunningham left Monday for San Antonio to attend the winter for his health. Mr. Sam F. Langley, who has been suffering for some time from some intestinal trouble, was taken to the hospital at Rock Hill this week for treatment. Married, on Sunday last at Rock Hill, Mr. Martin Chapman of this place, and Miss Mary Springer of the former city. They arrive here Monday where they will make their home. Mr. Charley Parker, a son of Mr. H. U. Parker, formerly of this place, who was in the employ of the Adels Lumber company at Adels, Ga., as engineer, was accidentally killed Monday afternoon by a log rolling on him and breaking his neck. His faithful horse was killed here. Mr. Franklin, the 15-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hudson, died Saturday and was buried at Waxhaw Baptist church Sunday. The store of W. H. Wallace was burned about 4 o'clock a. m. last Saturday. It is thought that the store was first robbed and then set afire. Mr. Wallace's loss is about \$500, with no insurance.

GASTON.
Gastonia Gazette, Nov. 15: A letter received by Capt. J. D. Moore from China, in which he tells of the illness of Miss Attie Bostick with typhoid fever. The letter was written a month ago. She went from Gastonia as a missionary, and the news of her illness was received here with much anxiety. Mr. Robert Barker, the popular clerk at Sattlemeyer's store at the Lory, has won a bride from Bessemer city. She was Miss Alice D. Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moss of that town. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. C. Killian

WHY BOOTH KILLED LINCOLN.

His Motives Were Not Political But Personal.
"In this country the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, one of the purest, the most generous, and the ablest rulers that ever lived, was the result of American slavery. It was slavery's attempt, in its death struggle, to deal a stunning blow to the head of the nation that was crushing out its life—a blow dealt in a desperate revenge for its having been compelled to submit to the triumph of liberty. It was slavery, in its dying throes, administering to itself its own coronation sting, thereby rendering its own character doubly despicable, and its own death more certain and everlasting. Hence, the cause (slavery) of Lincoln's assassination being forever annihilated no such despicable crime can again spring from that source."
Such paragraphs as the above, which is taken from the Religious Telescope, of Dayton, Ohio, have repeatedly appeared in northern religious papers. They do the southern people great injustice. No citizen of the Southern Confederacy had anything to do with the assassination of Mr. Lincoln; nor was slavery in any way responsible for an event which was a national disgrace. The actual facts which led to the commission of this crime are as follows: John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Mr. Lincoln, was a citizen of the United States, not of the Confederate States. He was a native-born American of any of the seceded states. His southern sympathies did not lead him to come to the south and make common cause with its rebels. He was an ardent lover of the south or of the southern cause that prompted Mr. Booth's crime, but rather a spirit of revenge for the personal wrongs of the United States in having Capt. Young Beall, one of Booth's friends, executed unjustly.
The editor of the Christian Observer writes of Capt. Beall. He was a native of Virginia, a member of a good family, a college graduate, a brave young man of attractive personality. In Richmond, Va., we met him one day at the same table as the same time as the same table, and we learned to appreciate his sterling worth. He possessed traits similar to those which distinguished Washington—firmness, courage, and a manly heart. When in the fall of 1864, a man was wanted to lead a hazardous expedition and make a raid on Lake Erie he promptly responded to the call of the government. With a handful of brave men, he seized a steambomb on Lake Erie, and on the morning of the 1st of October, he set it into a war vessel, captured or sank one or more other boats, terrorized the commerce of the Great Lakes, and captured a party of the Confederates. 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