

Humorous Department.

A Hot One. August Belmont, at a certain directors' meeting, was describing a fraud that had been brought to light in a proposition laid before the board, says the Buffalo Enquirer.

"These gentlemen," said Mr. Belmont, "gave themselves away. They stood convicted out of their own mouths. They were like the innkeeper's family that conducted the weekly raffle."

"In this raffle the prizes were turkeys, ducks, young pigs, baskets of eggs and such like rural commodities. A quantity of steel disks, numbered from 1 to 25, were put in a black bag, and the little daughter of the innkeeper drew a disk for each speculator in turn. The person whose number was the highest got the prize."

"Well, it had been noticed that the innkeeper's wife got the prize pretty frequently, but nothing was thought of this by the simple, honest rural folk."

"One evening though, the little girl, with her hand in the bag, paused. It was her mother's turn and she did not draw forth her mother's disk in her usual quick and careless way. She rummaged about. The other rafflers looked at one another oddly. The innkeeper said:

"Come, come, child. Hurry up!" "But father," said the little girl, "I can't find the hot one."

A WIDOW'S WORRY.—A Kansas man who recently passed through Georgia and stopped for a day in the mountainous sections brought this story home with him, says the Kansas City Journal.

"Several years ago there was a long dry spell in Georgia. About the beginning of it the wife of one of the mountaineers died. The disconsolate husband followed her to the grave, and was the last to leave the burying ground. His foot prints remained, large and distinct, in the clay beside the grave. Six weeks afterward my friend drove out to see how the widow was doing. He was found sitting in the door of his cabin staring hopelessly at the cloudless sky.

"'EZ hit would only turn in an' rain,' he said, 'I wouldn't ask nothin' of nobody.'"

"The dry weather is bad for the crops," the visitor remarked. "'Tain't crops," said the widower, "his Miss Selmy Johnson. She swears she won't marry me till it rains."

"Why not?" the visitor was asked. "'She lows it wouldn't be showin' proper respect for my first wife to marry before my tracks in the graveyard is washed out. I shore do wish it would turn in an' rain. I been courtin' her six weeks. Good Lord, a man kaint wait on the weather forever!"

HER FIRST RAILROAD RIDE.—An old lady in Missouri took her first railroad trip last week, says the Butler Democrat. She noticed the bell-cord overhead, and turning to a boy, she said: "Sonny, what's that for?" "That, marm," he said, "with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, 'is to ring the bell when you want something to eat."

Shortly afterward the old lady reached her umbrella up to the cord, and gave it a vigorous pull. The train was in the middle of a trestle. The whistle sounded, the brakes were pulled on, the train began to slacken its speed, windows were thrown up, questions asked, and confusion reigned among the passengers. The old lady sat calmly through it all.

Presently the conductor came running through the train and asked: "Who pulled the bell?" "I did," replied the old lady meekly. "Well, what do you want?" asked the conductor impatiently.

"Well," said the old lady meditatively, "you may bring me a ham sandwich and a cup of tea, please."

EASILY MANAGED.—A famous lawyer once had a singular case to settle. A doctor came in with a great disease had babies of equal age who resembled each other that their own mothers were unable to distinguish them when they were together, and it happened that by the carelessness of the nurses the children had become mixed. How were the mothers to make sure that they received back their own infants?

"But, perhaps," suggested the lawyer, "the children weren't changed at all." "Oh, but there's no doubt that they were changed!" said the doctor. "Are you sure of it?" "Perfectly."

"Well, if that's so, why don't you change them back again? I don't see any difficulty in the case."

Miscellaneous Reading.

IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.

News and Comment Clipped From Neighboring Exchanges.

CHESTER.

Lantern, June 6: Mr. Ernest Gladden, of Grover, N. C., who has been boarding at Mr. W. R. Brown's and attending the public school, left for Clover yesterday to visit his brother on his way home. At the closing exercises of the public schools Friday at the opera house, Rev. M. L. Banks delivered the diplomas and Rev. H. O. Judd the prizes. The four young men in the class had speeches. Their subjects were: "America as a Moral Force," William James; "declamation," "Self Government and Civilization," James Glenn; "declamation," "The Future of the Republic," Campbell Spratt; "declamation," "The Immortality of Good Deeds," Reuben Oliver. The girls in the graduating class were Misses Julia Marquis, Mamie Hutton, Kate Irwin, Margie Johnson, Lillian Neely and Jennie Oates. Misses Janie Ford, Hamilton Henry and Pattie Gage won the Robinson gold medals and Reuben Oliver the Washington and Lee university scholarship. Mr. A. G. Brice was chairman of the exercises. Mr. J. E. Trussell, of R. F. D. No. 2, was in the city yesterday. He says most of the farmers in his neighborhood see their way out of the grass. All did not get all the cotton planted they expected, but now they are planting the land in corn.

Mrs. Sarah P. Carter, widow of Henry Carter, Sr., from near Liberty church, died May 31, at the home of her brother, Mr. Henry Jeffries, at Feastersville. She was 79 years old and died from the infirmity of old age. She lived alone and Mr. G. E. Minter looked after her. She was a member of Liberty church. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. D. Wells and the burial was in the family burying ground. On last Saturday the numerous friends of Col. J. W. Reed presented him with a medal. The sentiment which prompted this action on the part of his friends is best expressed by the inscription engraved upon the medal, which reads as follows: "In recognition of his faithful services in interest of Confederate monument, Chester, S. C."

CHEROKEE.

Gaffney Ledger, June 6: Mr. W. E. Hidden, of Newark, N. J., was in the city yesterday. The object of Mr. Hidden's visit to this section of the country is to secure data relative to the old Betchler mint, which was operated at Rutherfordton, N. C., many years ago; and he is also purchasing all the Betchler gold coins he can find. It is his intention to write a book on the subject, giving a full account of the Betchlers and the operation of the mint from the time of its establishment till the death of the last member of the family who owned it. Mr. Hidden has already secured much information, as well as a photograph of the elder Betchler who established the mint, a facsimile copy of his last will, his autograph, and pictures of "many scenes around Rutherfordton. There are many in this community who have seen and heard of the Betchler gold coins. The operation of such a mint was not exactly legal, but as the coins made were not counterfeit of United States money, the government did not interfere with their manufacture. Mr. Hidden had several of them in his possession, and several counterfeiters—one, a splendid imitation, except the thin coating of gold had worn off. He will write his book more for the interest he has in the work than for the money he expects to get out of it. Mr. W. W. Daniels, of Henrietta, N. C., and Mrs. Z. T. Higgins, of Gaffney, were married Sunday morning about 10 o'clock at the home of the latter on Main street. The couple left at 2 p. m. for Henrietta to spend about a week and will then return to Gaffney and make this their future home.

LANCASTER.

Ledger, June 7: A letter received Mrs. I. T. Hunter of this place informs her of the death of her uncle, Capt. J. Rives Wade, which occurred last Wednesday at his home in Jefferson county, Miss. Captain Wade formerly lived in this county and his many friends here, especially his old comrades of Co. E. 12th S. C. Regt., of which company he rose to be captain, will regret to learn of his death. Mrs. Miles Threant, mother of Mrs. L. Jordan, Mrs. Loula Plyler and Mr. W. B. Threant of Kershaw, died at her home near Jefferson last Friday and was buried at Fort Creek church on Saturday. Died, at Waxhaw, N. C., Monday, June 5, little Henry Blythe, the only child of Mrs. Blight Clyburn, aged six months. The deepest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Clyburn who lost her husband, Mr. Jesse B. Clyburn, only a few months ago of pneumonia. The interment of the little one took place at Waxhaw yesterday. Mrs. E. W. Pressly and Miss Mattie Caldwell of Clover, are guests of Mrs. Paul Pressly. Married, May 27, by Magistrate J. J. Roberts, Mr. Hampton Ellis and Miss Ella Twitty, daughter of Mr. Frank Twitty, all of the Longview section. The State wishes to know if anyone can recall an instance of a pure black negro ever having committed suicide. Lancaster county furnishes one instance. On the morning of the 24th of December, four years ago, Richard Perry, a full negro was found suspended to the end of the bell rope at Mount Moriah (colored) church, where he had hung himself the night before. Perry had borne a good reputation, but had been caught stealing a pair of pants and it is supposed he suicided rather than face a trial before a magistrate which had been set for the morning on which his dead body was found hanging to the end of the bell rope.

GASTON.

Gaston Gazette, June 6: The constitution of young Frank Spake in Cherryville township, who was shot about ten days ago by a younger brother, is reported to be more favorable. He is about 22 years old. After returning from hunting Friday a week ago,

and two brothers, Will and Lum, were in the barn lot together. Will is 12 and Lum 16 years of age. By some means Will's gun was discharged and the contents took effect in Frank's neck and face. According to some accounts it was an accident, while others say the boys quarreled. Mr. Jacob Luther Lineberger died Saturday night at his home near the Old mill, aged 52 years. He had been afflicted about four months with Bright's disease. He was a half-brother of Messrs. W. V. Lineberger, of Gastonia, and Augustus Lineberger of Stanley, and a full brother of Mrs. F. H. McArver. A widow and eight children are left to mourn his death. The children in the order of their ages are Mrs. Robert Lineberger, Miss Ethel, Elliott, Augustus, Miss Ella, Charlie, Walter and Leo. In the presence of a large concourse of mourning and sympathizing friends Mr. Lineberger was buried Sunday afternoon at Chapel church, after funeral services conducted by Rev. C. L. Morgan.

FIGHT WITH STANDARD OIL.

Signs That It Will Be Joined in Earnest at Washington.

A Washington special to the New York Evening Post says: Whether pipe lines for the conveyance of oil, can be declared common carriers, is a subject with which congress next winter will be asked to grapple. It is entirely clear that the moving oil from one state to another in this way is interstate commerce, and that any new line could be thus decreed a common carrier. But the application of this principle to existing lines, in certain conditions, might present grave difficulties in view of the constitutional provision in the fifth amendment that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation and the provision of the fourteenth amendment: "Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Suppose a Standard Oil pipe was already fully occupied with its own business, and outside persons desiring to have oil conveyed, demand that this pipe as a common carrier should take theirs; who would adjust the loss to the Standard Oil company?

CAPERS OF THE CROW.

Some Remarkable Stories of the Bird's Intelligence. By this title to an article in a recent issue by Charles Hallock, I am reminded of many of the doings of tame crows that I have known.

I wonder how many know that by getting a young crow, before it is able to fly, and by patience and perseverance for a few days or perhaps weeks, it can be taught to talk, and after the first few words that it learns to pronounce it learns much faster than any child that I ever heard of. Among wild crows I never have seen one that talked, so I cannot say whether talking would frighten crows or not, but I presume it would. I wish that a pair of talking crows could be mated, and raise a brood to see whether they would teach their young to use human speech.

I have seen things that astonished me as much as that would. I have seen a pet duck raise a brood of chickens, and before they were two weeks old she had them well versed in duck language, and had taught them how to swim. The reason that I have for believing that they understood duck language is this: That if a hawk or a crow flew near she would give one harsh quack and every one of the chicks would scud into the weeds, and after the danger was past she would give five or six quacks and out they would come, without the least appearance of fear.

But the greatest performance was the way she impressed it on their minds that it was time that they learned to swim. One foggy, cold morning, early in the spring, when they were about a week old, I heard her using some of the worst duck language that I ever heard and the chicks were yelling all kinds of bloody murder. I ran out to learn what was the trouble, and there she was at the edge of the water, grabbing the chicks in her mouth and throwing them in the river, and they were scrambling out so fast that she never had more than half of the brood in the water at one time. I knew that the water and the weather were so cold that she would have them so chilled in a short time that they would all die, so I shut her up in the coop and kept her there for several days.

When I again let her out she took the chickens to the water and gave them another lesson in swimming, and she repeated this several times a day, and in three or four days she had them educated so that when she would go into the water and call them to come along they did so without any hesitation. She apparently had sense enough not to keep them in the water long at a time, and that I call reasoning, for it certainly was not instinct.

One of the talking crows that I have known was owned by a man by the name of Lew Labady, who kept a hotel in Petoskey, Mich., and his wife one day in a fit of anger for some misdemeanor that the crow had cut up, grappled him and took him out in the yard and chopped his head off, the crow shouting "Oh, don't!" "Oh, don't!" as she carried him to the block.

I suppose I should not write this last part, neither do I know as you will publish it, but I was angry at her for killing the crow, for I had taught him to talk several years before, and the offense was small. He had undertaken to fly off with a small bottle of something, ink probably, and had dropped it, and the bottle broke and made a stain on the carpet. Her husband would have been willing to recarpet the room rather than to lose the crow, and he was as angry about it as I was.

I don't know that all crows could be taught to talk, for it seems reasonable to me that some of them might be much more intelligent than others. I have known three talking crows, and they all spoke in a higher key than people commonly do, but not more so than a few persons that I have known; but their talk is very much plainer than that of any parrot, and a crow does not use a lot of meaningless words, and he knows what he is talking about.

One of these crows was owned by a man that lived in Cema, upper Michigan. I don't know as he or the crow either is living now or not, for it has been a long time since I was there, but that crow had a knowledge and command of wit and repartee that would beat the best criminal lawyer that ever tried to tangle a witness in his evidence. I can't recall the man's name that owned him. The other crow was shot by mistake for a wild crow, and the man's name that owned him was Tom Cutler, and he lived in Traverse City, Mich. Some of his sons are living there now.—Forest and Stream.

IN THE WEST END.—A small boy was reciting in a geography class. The teacher, who was trying to teach him the points of the compass, exclaimed: "On your right is the south, you is left the north, and in front of you is the east. Now, what is behind you?" The boy studied for a moment, then puckered up his face, and bawled: "I knew it. I told ma you'd see that patch."

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The latter two years of the war the subject of erecting mints for the coinage of silver and gold was discussed, and Baumgarten was sent to England to make the necessary arrangements for doing this. He was furnished with credentials to persons in England and drafts on the London fiscal agent of the Confederate States, amounting to more than \$2,000,000, with which to purchase machinery.

He went from Richmond to Wilmington, where the start to run the blockade was to be made. Presenting his credentials to the officer in charge of the port, he was put aboard a blockade runner due to get out at the first favorable opportunity.

After waiting an entire day, Mr. Baumgarten approached the captain and asked the reason for the delay. The captain handed him a pair of marine glasses and told him to take a look. The glasses revealed fourteen Yankee gunboats lying off the harbor in a semi-circle.

"Do you think you'd try to get through that?" asked the captain. "We can only go under the most favorable conditions, and I am ready, rather than be captured, to blow up the ship and all on board."

The vessel had a cargo of cotton, and most of the bales were ranged up on the decks along the rails, fastened together with chains and forming a bulwark about the height of a man's head, being a splendid protection against a cannon shot. Mr. Baumgarten was led to a spot immediately over the forecastle. There the captain, lifting a tarpaulin which covered the deck, displayed to the astonished gaze of Mr. Baumgarten about six bushels of coarse gunpowder, which the captain said was to be used in "blowing everybody to hell if capture seemed inevitable."

At midnight the blockade runner started. Bermuda was reached safely, but Mr. Baumgarten had to wait there for two weeks to get a vessel to Liverpool, and this delay proved disastrous to him in a financial way.

An uneventful voyage brought him to Liverpool and thence to London. There he presented his credentials and drafts and sought to get down to business at once. The fiscal agent, however, was out of funds, and handing him £200 in gold as pocket money directed him to put up at the Queen Hotel, where all his expenses would be paid until news could be received from Richmond.

What the fiscal agent next heard from Richmond was the news of the downfall of the Confederacy. This left the fiscal agent and Mr. Baumgarten in the lurch, but Mr. Baumgarten was provided with a ticket to Paris and a letter of introduction to Mr. Silldell, then representing the Confederate government at the French capital. Mr. Silldell took care of him until the president issued the amnesty proclamation, when he pulled out for home.

"I got here in time," said Mr. Baumgarten, "to be arrested on an average of six times a day, and if I had arrived two weeks sooner I suppose I would have been torn to pieces."—Washington correspondence New York Sun.

A MATTER OF HEALTH. ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure HAS NO SUBSTITUTE. THE MINORITY. Watch for It.

MADE THE CONFEDERATE SEALS. Herman Baumgarten, Who Died Recently in Washington.

Herman Baumgarten, the official seal maker for the Southern Confederacy, died in this city last week. He used to say that he had made every seal used by the Confederate government, and that he was regularly employed for that purpose. It was in the spring of 1861 that, at the solicitation of Senator Benjamin, he joined fortunes with the Confederacy.

"I first went to Montgomery, Ala., which was then the seat of government," said Mr. Baumgarten. "I was armed with letters of introduction to Alexander H. Stephens, who immediately offered me a good salary, which I declined, agreeing to do all the work—engraving—at a price to be set by myself. My offer was accepted, and I at once set to work engraving the great seal."

"While at Montgomery I practically completed engraving all the seals for the several departments of the government. I secured engravers from New Orleans, but after working two weeks, and earning \$800 each, they threw up their jobs and left. I had only worked six weeks when I sent for my wife and child, and I was able to put \$2,200 in my wife's hands when she reached me. When the seat of government was moved from Montgomery to Richmond I accompanied the officials, traveling on the special train. Immediately after reaching Richmond I set about establishing a plant and soon had quite a shop. After finishing the seals I set about preparing to make designs for stamps and money on wood plates. Eventually steel plates were obtained and beautiful specimens of the engraver's art were turned out, equaling the best work of today."

Mr. Baumgarten ran the blockade in the closing days of the struggle. In

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Three piece Double Breasted Sack Suit of All-Wool 11-oz. "America Blue Serge," fast color, per suit only \$36. Two piece Sack Suit of All Wool 11-oz. "America Blue Serge," fast color; Coat French faced and skeleton lined, pants made with belt straps—a good low-priced suit, only \$35. Double-Breasted Coat and Vest of All Wool 11-oz. "America Blue Serge," fast color, well worth the price, only \$45.00. Blue Serge Coats, all-wool, 11-oz. goods, French faced and skeleton lined, each \$35.00. Round Sack Coat of light weight Blue Serge, Skeleton lined, capped seams, a good hot weather garment, each \$12.50. Round cut Sack Coat of good Black Alpaca, fine black lustre, \$17.50. Round cut Sack Coat of Fine Imported Brilliantine, solid black, fast color, long cut, wide facings, capped seams, each \$22.50. Round cut Sack Coat of fine Imported Sicilian, fast black, best quality, each only \$30.00. Round cut Sack Coats of fine black imported Sicilian, in clerical cut, best quality of material and workmanship, cut extra long, with round corners, each only \$35.00.

STRAW HATS AND OTHERS. We have a complete line of Boys' Straw Hats, Staple and Fancy Shapes, at prices ranging from 5 cents to 35 cents each. We also have a complete line of Men's Straw Hats in Staple and Fancy shapes ranging in price from 10c to \$1.25 each. Men's Helmet and Resort Hats at 25 cents and 50 cents each. MEN'S AND BOYS' UNDERWEAR. Men's Balbriggan Undervests, all sizes at 25c and 50c each. Men's Nainsook Undervests at 35 cents each. Boys' Balbriggan Undervests at 25 cents each. LADIES' SHIRT WAIST SUITS AND SKIRTS. Ladies' Ready-Made Shirt Waist Suits in Calicoes, Percales, Lawns and Fancy Suitings at prices from 75 cents to \$2.50. Ladies' Crash Skirts at 50 cents and 75 cents each. Ladies' Covert Cloth Skirts at \$1 each. MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS. We have a big line of Men's Negligee Shirts—unmatchable in quality and variety at most interesting prices, running from 25c up to \$1.00 each. Men's Soft White Shirts, all sizes, at 50c and 75c each. MISCELLANEOUS. Ladies' Undervests at 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c each. We have a big line of Umbrellas at prices ranging from 40c up to \$2 each. Ladies' Fans from 1c up to 75c each. Light weight Laprobes, fancy colors, large sizes at 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1 and \$1.25 each.

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