

Meteoric Electricity. We now know quite accurately the nature of lightning and the method of production of the enormous electrical pressure exhibited by the flash. When clouds are formed by the condensation of very minute drops of water from the vapor in the air, under certain conditions these drops exhibit a small electrical charge. As the drops coalesce the capacity increases less rapidly than the quantity of charge, for the reason that two drops of equal size, when they flow together, produce one of only slightly larger diameter. On this account the drops formed by the flowing together of the small mist particles, long before they attain such size as to be precipitated as rain, acquire an electrical charge of enormous voltage, sufficient often to leap a distance of a mile through the air. This must correspond with pressures only to be indicated by millions of volts.—Electrical Review.

Having found by experience that American mules and horses are the hardest for veit work, the British authorities will continue the shipments from Port Chalmette to South Africa, in order the better to carry out the promise of restoring the Boers ruined farms. Thus does alien officialism pay a deserved compliment to the American mule—first in peace as well as in war.

Mother

"My mother was troubled with constipation for many years. At last she was given up to die. Then she tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was speedily cured."
D. P. Jolly, Avoca, N. Y.

No matter how hard your cough or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you can take. It's too risky to wait until you have consumption. If you are coughing today, get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., \$1.00.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. Leave it with him. We are willing. S. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Liver Pills

That's what you need; something to cure your biliousness. You need Ayer's Pills.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use Buckingham's Dye

50 cents of druggists or P. H. Mall & Co., Nashua, N. H.

Maggie's Apology.

William Pruette, the singer, was one of a group of married men who were discussing housekeeping and servants the other evening in a Philadelphia hotel corridor. He told of a girl who served him and Mrs. Pruette well enough while they were living in a New York flat several years ago, and who one day went to Mrs. Pruette in tears and asked permission to go home for a few days—she had a telegram telling that her mother was ill. "Of course, go," said Mrs. Pruette—"only, Maggie, do not stay longer than is necessary. We need you."

Maggie promised to return as soon as possible, and hurried away. A week passed without a word from her, then came a note by mail, reading: "Dear Miss Pruette I will be back next week an please keep my place for me. Mother is dying as fast as she can. To oblige, Maggie."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TO YOUNG LADIES.

From the Treasurer of the Young People's Christian Temperance Association, Elizabeth Calne, Fond du Lac, Wis.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I want to tell you and all the young ladies of the country, how grateful I am to you for all the benefits I have received from using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered for eight months from suppressed menstruation, and it affected my entire system until I became weak and debilitated, and at times felt that I had a hundred aches in as many places. I only used the Compound for a few weeks, but it effected a change in me which I felt from the very beginning. I have been very regular since, have no pains, and find that my entire body is as if it was renewed. I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to everybody. Miss ELIZABETH CALNE, 60 W. Division St., Fond du Lac, Wis.—\$5000 forfeit if above statement is not genuine."

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HEAVY SEIZURES OF CONTRABAND.

Constables Have Been Active During Past Month.

In the month just ended, Chief Constable Bateman and his squad have broken the record for seizures in Columbia. The blind tigers have not been broken up, but the constables have in that time seized over \$1,000 worth of liquor and have convicted cases in the recorder's court in which the fines amounted to \$250.

Mr. W. W. Harris, clerk of the contraband room at the State dispensary, says in his report to the governor: "J. F. Bateman and force seized 370 gallons whiskey, 253 dozen bottles of beer, 19 cases in major's court, fines imposed and paid \$250. Nearly all this whiskey was shipped to notorious names but is said by Chief Bateman to have been intended for J. L. Smith, E. C. Shull, W. R. Waits and W. H. Sellers, who are liquor dealers in Columbia."

As to the other constables, Mr. Harris for July and August reports: "J. R. Fant and force seized 233 gallons of whiskey, one one-third dozen bottles of beer, destroyed lot of still gear, and obtained three convictions—fines imposed \$200.

S. G. LaFara and force seized 51 gallons of whiskey, 14 1-2 dozen bottles beer, two teams, obtained eight convictions in magistrate's court and four in mayor's court—fines \$275 imposed.

C. G. Cureton and force seized 223 gallons whiskey, two stills, and obtained two convictions. Fines imposed \$200.

W. W. Sellers and force seized 215 gallons whiskey and wine, 40 dozen bottles of beer, and three teams.

John G. Watson and force seized 15 gallons whiskey, 29 dozen bottles of beer and obtained one conviction.

S. T. Howie and force in Charleston seized 45 gallons whiskey and wine, 273 dozen bottles beer, 615 gallons beer in kegs. Nearly all this beer was destroyed.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The celebrated Polish painter, Senyryk Siermiradzki, is dead.

The czar of Russia has taken up painting as an amusement.

King Christian has celebrated his jubilee as General in the Danish Army.

General De Wet kept a diary during the South African war, and he is writing a book about it.

The Hon. Abram S. Hewitt has passed his sixtieth birthday with the honors of a long, eminent and useful life.

David B. Hill has, it is said, entirely abandoned the committee of speeches to memory and always reads his public addresses.

John W. Abernethy, a native of Alabama, and a relatively young man, has been elected to the presidency of the State University.

Mr. Frederick Teves, King Edward's physician, gained his vast experience in London by assisting the famous men in the North Sea fishing fleet.

H. N. P. Barry has announced in Berlin that he would abandon chess completely, and settle down to the practice of law in Philadelphia.

President Loubet has promised to visit America, which has not seen a chief magistrate since 1867. His visit will probably be paid next Easter.

Dr. W. Seward Webb, one of the trustees of the University of Vermont, has given \$5000 for the purchase of the herbarium of Cyrus G. Pringle, the botanist.

Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, dislikes public speaking, and considers the necessity for the delivery of speeches one of the most trying features of public life.

United States Senators Burrows, of Michigan, and Fairbanks, of Indiana, are to make two speeches each, perhaps more, in behalf of the Republican cause in Pennsylvania during the present campaign.

Capital City News.

The Columbia State recently told of a sad accident in Pickens county. Mr. W. F. Bright died the day before the first primary and on the very day of Henry Woods in Japan caused the loss of his father and his own life. The superintendent of education in the State board of education has taken cognizance of this matter and it is understood that Mr. Bright's successor will be commissioned with instructions to let the late Mr. Bright's daughter conduct the school and receive the pay, being a defacto, if not nominally, in charge.

Prof. H. T. Cook, Dr. J. I. McCain and Mr. McMahon, as a committee of the board, wrote Miss Jane Bright a letter of condolence in which they said:

"The State board of education, having heard through your letter to Mr. McMahon, as well as through the papers, of your father's death, desires to express through us as a committee its sincere sympathy with your family, and to put on record its high regard for your father both as a parent and as an educator. We have known him for years, and the more we came in contact with him, the more we found him worthy of our confidence and respect. Not only was he honest and faithful, in the performance of routine duties as teacher and county superintendent, but he was a man of fertile mind, of fresh ideas, and was always looking out for ways and means to advance the cause of education in his own county and in the State at large.

"Naturally, therefore, do we feel that his death, after a period of 35 years spent in such faithful and efficient educational service, deserves more than a passing notice; and we beg you to accept from us as individuals and as representatives of the State board of education, this little tribute of esteem for which it is worthy to rank among the best county superintendents that the State has ever had."

The governor recently received from Mr. B. J. Massey of Atlanta, evidently a student of local and State history, a request to know what this State did with the money given the commonwealth in 1837 by the federal government. There were three payments, aggregating a high over a million dollars. The governor referred the matter to the State treasurer, and Capt. Jennings reports that \$200,000 of this amount was given to the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston railroad in which Robert Y. Hayne, Calhoun and other statesmen were interested. The balance of the \$1,014,820 was given to the care of the sinking fund commission. Capt. Jennings says that in January, in May and in July of 1837 the State received payments from the government's apportionment among the States of its surplus revenue. This money was deposited in the bank of the State of South Carolina until disbursed.

The governor has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of Will Sullivan who on the night of August 23, 1902 shot and killed Frank Heeks. Beeks died on the 24th of August. The murder was committed in Sullivan township, Laurens county. The sheriff says that he has made two unsuccessful attempts to catch Sullivan, that he is still at large and threatens to shoot any one who attempts to arrest him. Sheriff Beckett has offered a reward of \$100 for his capture and delivery to him. Pickney Sullivan, a brother, is now in jail as an accessory to the murder.

Mr. Hal P. Russell of Auton, Anderson county, has been added to the list of delegates from this State to the national farmers congress which meets in Macon the second week in October.

Gov. McSwain, as chairman, has called a meeting of the board of trustees of the South Carolina college to be held Friday, September 12th. Important business will come up, but it is doubtful if the matter of electing a president will be attended to at this meeting.

The London Daily Chronicle says that a wealthy American has purchased Sulgrave manor, Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of the Washington family.

The McColl Manufacturing company of Bennettsville has decided to add to its equipment and yesterday gave notice of an increase of capital stock from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Another company which has made a material increase in its capitalization is the Carolina-Portland Cement company of Charleston which raises its capital stock from \$15,000 to \$50,000. The corporations are J. Ross Hannahan, Lahe, Payne G. Hannahan, George H. Moffett and Frank O. Ford.

Prof. Rudolph Virchow, world-famous as a medical discover, died in Berlin.

The Arkansas Ready.

Washington, Special.—The Navy Department is informed that the monitor Arkansas, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, was delivered to the government at Norfolk Monday. The vessel will be put in commission in a few days. Her first commander will be Commander Chas. N. Vreeland, recently a member of the board of inspection and survey.

Several arrests were made in connection with the Chicago tax frauds.

Feminine Collectors.

One of the latest fancies of the lady collector, says the London Graphic, is to obtain a number of tiny birds, beasts and fishes cut out of precious stones, such as turquoise, jade or chrysolite. The best collection is owned by the Queen, who is said to have set the fashion.

S. C. & G. E. R. R. CO.

General Passenger Department.

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CONDITION OF CROPS

Summary of Reports for the South Carolina Section.

The first part of the week ending Monday, September 8th, was warmer, the latter part cooler than usual. The average temperature was about 76 degrees, or slightly below normal. The highest was 95 degrees at Greenwood on the 2nd, the lowest 57 degrees at Spartanburg on the 6th. The sunshine was generally deficient, but a few points reported it above normal. There were no hailstorms or violent winds.

The western portion of the state had light but very beneficial rains, and the central portion heavy rainfall, with amounts ranging from one to two inches, but the weeks rainfall was poorly distributed and many points report no rain for the week, to the detriment of growing crops.

The weather was favorable for farm-work during the greater portion of the week, but showery weather interfered in places with cotton picking. The rains put the soil into good condition for fall plowing and sowing oats, although the latter work has not become general.

Late upland and bottom land corn continue to thrive and are very promising. Marlboro county reports the corn crop sufficient for its own needs for the coming year. Insects infest green corn in Nowberry and York counties.

Cotton opened readily, in places prematurely, during the week, and nearly all the reports indicate that from one-half to two-thirds of the bolls are now open. Picking made rapid progress, but failed to keep pace with the opening. Pickers are scarce in a few counties.

There is a reiteration of former complaints of the prevalence, and harmful effect of rust and blight, causing the plants to die making it evident now that there will be but a small top where the plants are free from rust and have continued to bloom and fruit. There is an almost unanimous expression by reporters, that the crop will be below average in yield, although a few correspondents state that the yield will equal or exceed last year's. Some of the cotton is of a very high quality, although it is generally being gathered in fine condition. Sea-island cotton is well fruited, but the prospect for a top crop is poor. It is opening, and some has been picked and marketed.

Cattarps infest many of the cotton fields, moving westward, and are destroying grass fields in their pathway. Peas are fine, as a rule, and all reports indicate an unusually large crop of sweet potatoes. Other minor crops improved during the week. Rice harvest is well under way and the yield above average. Tea plants are thriving. Late fruit is scarce.

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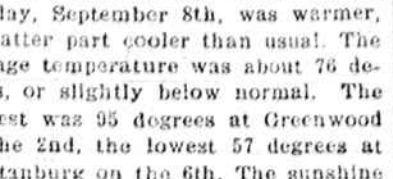
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Chronic Catarrhal Ailments Cured.



Rev. E. G. Smith, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, Ga., and its Pastor and Elder.

THE day was when men of prominence hesitated to give their testimonial to proprietary medicines for publication. This remains true today of most proprietary medicines. But Peru-na has become so justly famous, its merits are known to so many people of high and low stations, that no one hesitates to see his name in print recommending Peru-na.

The highest men in our nation have given Peru-na a strong indorsement. Men representing all classes and stations are equally represented.

A dignified representative of the Presbyterian church as the pastor of Rev. E. G. Smith does not hesitate to state publicly that he has used Peru-na in his family and found it cured when other remedies failed. In this statement the Rev. Smith is supported by an elder in his church.

Rev. E. G. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Greensboro, Ga., writes: "Having used Peru-na in my family for some time it gives me pleasure to testify to its true worth.

"My little boy, seven years of age, had been suffering for some time with catarrh of the lower bowels. Other remedies had failed, but after taking two bottles of Peru-na the trouble almost entirely disappeared. For this special malady I consider it well nigh a specific.

Mrs. Gertrude Drennon, wife of a Kansas City liverrman, died a few days ago, and in accordance with her expressed desire six girl friends acted as pallbearers at her funeral. They were dressed in white and the novel spectacle attracted a large crowd to the cemetery. Mrs. Drennon was 32 years of age, and had been married less than a year.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., Props. of Hall's Catarrh Cure, offer \$100 reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for testimonials, free. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

About ninety-nine per cent. of the starch made in the United States is made from corn.

FIT'S permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve-Soother. \$2.00 bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. King, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

State Pension Frauds

Columbia, Special.—There has recently been a good deal of agitation regarding the abuses that seem to creep into the pension lists in this State. In the Federal pensions, where the amounts are large, it is more readily seen why so many undeserving names get on the pension rolls, but in the matter of the State pension, which is but a trifle, it is surprising that there should be so much deception. All sorts of tricks are constantly being practiced and not so very long ago, it was discovered that many undeserving names got on the pension rolls, but in the matter of the State pension, which is but a trifle, it is surprising that there should be so much deception. All sorts of tricks are constantly being practiced and not so very long ago, it was discovered that many undeserving names got on the pension rolls, but in the matter of the State pension, which is but a trifle, it is surprising that there should be so much deception. 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