

SAVED BY AN ELEPHANT.

Interesting Story Told by an Old Time Man.

An old show man tells the following exciting story of his experience when connected with a well-known menagerie during an engagement in a town in Kentucky. "After the exhibition was over," he says, "I passed into the menagerie to talk to the watchman. For some cause he was absent from his post, and I walked across the amphitheatre toward my old friend the elephant to give him an apple, for we were the best of friends. He was one of the largest elephants I ever saw, and was as good-natured as he was large.

"I was half way across the ring when I heard a growl, and, looking around, saw to my horror one of the lions out of his cage and approaching me in a crouching manner ready for a spring.

"I thought a thousand things in a moment, and among them I must have regretted perpetrating so many old worn-out jokes at the performance that night. I had sufficient presence of mind to realize my dangerous situation and to know that it required the utmost caution to extricate myself from it.

"One hasty motion on my part and I would be in the jaws of the monster. I felt that my only hope was the elephant, if I could reach him, but he was chained by the foot and could not reach me.

"Nearer and nearer came the lion, waving his tail in a manner that meant business. If I turned my back he would spring; if I took my eyes from him I was lost.

"It was a terrible moment. I glided backward as swiftly as I dared. I had another fear. I feared stumbling backward, and knew if I did fall I would never rise, but that where I fell I would make a meal for that lion.

"As I neared the elephant I saw that the lion understood my movements, and, fearing he would be balked of his prey, he prepared to bring the matter to a crisis. I then saw that I had but one hope, and that was to rush with all my speed to the elephant.

"I think I must have jumped 20 feet when I turned, and I knew the lion jumped 30, but he just missed me.

"How I completed the race I do not know. I only know that the elephant's trunk was around my waist and he was lifting me up on his head. I only knew that I was saved."

—Philadelphia North American.

Newspaper Plan Burned.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 3.—The Macon Telegraph building was completely gutted by fire to-night between 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock. The loss is estimated at \$100,000 covered by 80 per cent. insurance.

Raymond Clay, a printer, was burned to death. He had come to the city from Knoxville, Tenn., looking for work, and, worn out from loss of sleep, lay down to get some rest in the rear of the composing room. The fire spread with such great rapidity from the back to the front of the building that Clay was forgotten in the rush for safety by the other employes.

Only about half of the files of the paper, dating back for 75 years, were saved. C. R. Pendleton, editor of the paper, also, it is feared, lost a valuable collection of old works on history and Georgia subjects.

The fire, as far as can be learned, started from three boys smoking cigarettes at the back of the building, a "butt" dropping into some paper. The flames leaped up and spread as though the building was tinder. The efforts of the firemen were chiefly confined to keeping the flames from spreading to the adjoining buildings, one, of which is occupied by the Macon Evening News. Half an hour after it was seen that the Telegraph plant was a total loss the working force was transferred to The Evening News office and the regular morning edition was being gotten out.

Building Falls With Men.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 7.—The third story of a building of construction for H. & W. B. Drew Co. collapsed, carrying with it three or more negroes this afternoon. The office force, warned by the creaking of timbers, miraculously escaped being carried down in the mass of brick and timbers. Almost all of the debris has been removed and it is believed that there is no one missing. The negroes were badly injured but will recover.

Orangeburg's main street is to have a "great white way" from Broughton street to Middleton street. As a result of a subscription taken among the merchants located on the above business section, liberal donations have made possible the street arcade illumination. Orangeburg has assumed city proportions and is certainly keeping pace with the times.

SHOT IN OPERA HOUSE.

Negro Boy Accidentally Killed by Billie Britton at Kingstree.

Kingstree, Nov. 4.—Pinky Scott, a little negro boy, about ten years old, was accidentally shot and killed to-night about 8 o'clock in the opera house here, just before a play commenced, by Billie Britton, a son of Clerk of Court H. O. Britton.

No one except young Britton knows just how the accident occurred, and he is nearly distracted over the occurrence.

Marriage at Govan.

The wedding of Miss Estelle C. Lancaster, of Govan, and Rev. Paul A. Bolen, of Orangeburg, occurred Wednesday, October 26, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Annie R. Lancaster. The bride was attired in a lovely gown of cream silk and carrying a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums and ferns. They entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by Miss Anna McCormick, of Olar. The ceremony was then very impressively performed by Rev. John R. Smith, of Cordova. At noon a bounteous dinner was served at the home of the bride's mother. The popularity of this couple was evidenced by the many and useful presents received. Rev. and Mrs. Bolen were carried by Mr. J. D. Whissenhunt, of Orangeburg, in his automobile to Bamberg, from where they left for Charleston and other points. Mrs. Bolen is one of Govan's most winsome and charming young ladies, gifted with a rarely pleasing and magnetic personality and is loved by all who know her. Rev. Bolen is a successful young minister, and a host of friends wish them continued success in their life of service for many years.

NO COMPROMISE PROPOSED.

Richland Distillery Case Unsettled. Commission's Work About Over.

Columbia, Nov. 4.—A denial that any official offer of compromise has been made in the Richland distillery case was made here this afternoon.

It is understood that the dispensary winding-up commission has about closed up its work, and that it will have an interesting report to submit to the General Assembly. The commission has made a number of excellent settlements and, with the payment of \$15,000 by the Grabfelder Company, the only large claim that is outstanding is said to be that against the Richland Distillery Company. In the first announcements that were made it was said that this claim would run up to nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, but it now appears that later figures have reduced this claim to about \$300,000.

It was also stated that the commission had an offer of a compromise of something around \$100,000. An announcement has just been made that this is a mistake, and that no official offer of compromise has been made to the commission and that no such settlement has been authorized.

It is figured that the commission, with the co-operation and hard work of Attorney General Lyon, has collected fully half a million dollars in the way of claims for overcharges. The commission and its attorneys are now hard at work trying to push all outstanding claims to settlement or to the courts.

Is Belle Elmore in This Country?

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—Belle Elmore Crippen, for whose murder Dr. Harvey H. Crippen is to be hanged to-morrow, in London, is declared to be alive in this country by Francis Tracy Tobin, a lawyer in this city, according to an interview, which The Philadelphia Press publishes to-day.

Mr. Tobin declares in the interview that he "has received letters from those who have seen her," and says he knows "that she is living and hiding in this country not far from Chicago." He states "she was first seen in San Francisco, at the time Dr. Crippen was first sought by the British police charged with her murder."

Mr. Tobin's statement continues: "If anything is going to be done we had better make haste. There is very little time to spare now. The proper means for me to pursue is to at once get in touch with the Secretary of State at Washington and set before him the facts in my possession. Then we want to get him to cable the American ambassador at the Court of St. James, who in turn will lay the case before the home secretary and cause him to order a stay or to commute the sentence, pending our investigation."

Succumbs to Hookworm.

Spartanburg, Nov. 7.—Garret Dewey Whetstine, aged twelve, died here to-day after a two-month affliction with what the physicians pronounced the hookworm.

His body had dwindled to half its normal size, but there was little suffering.

This is the first death from hookworm recorded in this State.

WARANT FOR R. E. HAMER, JR.

Charged that He Violated Cattle Quarantine Law.

Spartanburg, Nov. 3.—A warrant has been issued in this city at the instigation of J. F. Fahey, inspector of cattle, employed by the government, for the arrest of R. E. Hamer, Jr., of Hamer, S. C., in Marion county. It is alleged that Hamer shipped a cow from his home in Landrum, in this county, in violation of the State quarantine laws, which prohibits moving cattle out of certain districts after they have been quarantined. This case is attracting much attention, as Mr. Hamer is one of the most prominent men in the State. The warrant has been sent to the sheriff of Marion county to serve.

Weevils in Corn.

The weevils lay their eggs in the seed where the young larvae eat the starch. When full grown they change to the dormant or pupal stage, from which the full grown weevil emerges and works its way out to lay the eggs for another generation. The entire time, from egg laying to the development of the full grown weevil, requires about six weeks.

The first step in controlling corn weevils is to select the seed corn in the field, paying special attention to the ears that are well covered by the shuck and if possible that hang with the pointed end downward. This is an important precaution, although not sufficient to fully protect the corn in the cribs.

Carbon bisulphide is a colorless liquid with a strong disagreeable odor. It vaporizes rapidly at ordinary temperatures, is highly inflammable and when ignited is explosive. It is, therefore, important to keep away fire of any kind, whether flame, stove, lantern, embers, lighted pipe or cigar. This chemical is very widely used at present, and when the above precautions are observed there are no dangers from accident. It may be purchased at any drug store or chemical wholesale house, ranging from ten to twenty-five cents per pound. The brand that has given the best satisfaction in our experimental work is named fuma and costs about ten cents a pound. The liquid and vapor coming from it are heavier than air and will sink, therefore the application is made at the top of the crib and not from below. Fumigation should be done on warm days as volatilization is slower in cold weather and consequently less effective.

Assuming that the crib is moderately tight, it is used at the rate of three pounds to 100 bushels of grain, or approximately 1,000 cubic feet of space, the latter being for an empty crib. It should be repeated in ten days. It may be distributed in several shallow vessels, but the simplest way is to sprinkle it over the top like water and if blankets are available the surface of the corn should be covered. Where the bin is open, the best possible thing to do is to make it tight. In case of log cribs, this may be accomplished by means of canvas tackle over the walls.

Where a small quantity of grain is to be fumigated, such as seed corn or cowpeas used for seed, it may be accomplished by pouring it in a coal oil or molasses barrel. Such a barrel will accommodate about three bushels. Three to five ounces of carbon bisulphide is poured over the surface and the barrel tightly closed for twenty-four to thirty-six hours. The top of the barrel may be made perfectly tight by covering it with several burlap bags weighted down with boards. A permanent covering for this purpose may be made by heavily painting a piece of canvass of proper size, which is then laid over the opening and a barrel hoop dropped over the top to hold it firmly in position.

Carbon bisulphide is not poisonous nor caustic. It drives the air from the space to which it is applied and causes suffocation. When overcome by this gas in a building, the symptoms consist of a dry feeling of the skin and a streaked headache, accompanied by dizziness. This will pass off immediately after a person reaches the fresh air. It is not advisable that people affected with heart trouble handle this gas to any great extent.

Among other methods for controlling weevils, lime and salt are sometimes recommended. These materials are not nearly as effective as fumigation, while the decrease in the palatability of the corn, where lime is employed, makes the use of this material objectionable.

The use of each does not decrease the palatability but, in order that it may do any good at all it must be used at a heavy rate. A fair application would consist of 75 to 100 pounds of salt to 500 bushels of corn. Better permeation is secured when applying it in solution at the rate of 2 pounds of salt to one gallon of water. It must be applied when the corn is put in the crib.

PROF. A. F. CONRADI, S. C. Experiment Station Entomologist.

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