

**DEER PERISH IN HUNDREDS.**

**Many More Now Starving in Region Swept by Floods.**

New York, May 12.—Hundreds of wild deer, as well as much smaller game, have been killed by the floods in the Mississippi Valley, and hundreds more are now starving in the overflowed territory, according to reports received by the American Game Protective and Propagation Association of New York. One hundred and seventy deer are marooned on two mounds in the submerged Sunflower river district, a few miles from Vicksburg, Miss.

In response to a request for aid from game protectionists in that locality, the association has sent one of its special agents, Mr. Phillip S. Farnham, to investigate and to help in the rescue work.

After leaving Vicksburg, Mr. Farnham will go to Texas to assist in the formation of a State game protective association. Those interested in this will hold a convention at Waco, May 21 to 24.

**Wrong Body Buried.**

Asheville, May 9.—It is a rather weird story that comes from the western part of the State, brought by one of the leading business men of Andrews, in which a brother and sister of that place buried as they thought the body of their sister and mourned her death, but later found that she was alive. The beginning of the story dates back several months, but it culminated only a few days ago, when the brother ascertained for a certainty that his sister, whom he had mourned as dead, is still alive. The occurrence was made possible, it is said, by the family's decided aversion to look on the faces of their dead, preferring to remember them as they lived.

William Oliver, who belongs to the firm of the Andrews Supply Company, lived in Andrews with his sisters Annie and Della. The story goes that Annie Oliver left Andrews about six months ago and came to this city and stayed for several weeks. After she left Asheville, it seems that her brother and sister lost track of her.

About two weeks ago a young woman committed suicide in the red light district of Charlotte by taking poison. The people with whom she lived believed that she had been using an assumed name. A traveling salesman stopping in Charlotte who knew William Oliver and also knew that his sister had left Andrews went to look at the suicide and was shown a letter which was found among her effects addressed to Annie Oliver. The salesman telegraphed to William Oliver that he was convinced that the suicide was his sister, and the brother seems to have had no doubt about the identity since he immediately telegraphed to an undertaker, instructing him to embalm the body and ship it to Franklin, where the family formerly lived and where other members are buried.

He was notified when the body was shipped and he and his sister, Delia, made the trip to Franklin to attend to the last rites. Another brother came from Atlanta and there were numerous relatives and friends living in Franklin, who were present. The body was put away with appropriate ceremonies, flowers were laid on the grave, but the casket was not opened on account of the aversion referred to. It is also said that Mr. Oliver had received a letter from the undertaking firm suggesting that the casket had better not be opened as the face of the corpse was disfigured about the mouth, caused by the corrosive action of the poison which she had taken.

William and Delia Oliver returned to Andrews and the other brother to Atlanta, apparently well satisfied that they had attended the burial of their sister. But a few days ago the brother at Andrews received a letter from Columbia and was amazed to see that it was in the handwriting of his sister whom he believed dead. She gave the information that she was in a Columbia hospital and had been for some time where she had undergone an operation for appendicitis. This evidence that his sister was alive seemed conclusive, but Mr. Oliver was not taking any more chances. He went to Columbia, and sure enough he found his sister alive.

He has no idea whose body it was that was buried. He is not quite sure that a "job was not put up" on him. He certainly went to a great deal of expense and trouble besides the mental anguish that he suffered.

**Driver Killed by Fall.**

Greenville, May 10.—Young Jones, a driver for the Hunter-Wilson Lumber company, was thrown from a wagon heavily loaded with lumber this afternoon and injured to such an extent that he died an hour later. One of the horses became frightened, causing the team to run away. The accident happened near Main street. The dead man was married and is the father of seven children.

**COL. GREEN NOT PAID.**

**Comptroller Demands Itemized Account by Special Detective.**

Columbia, May 11.—Comptroller General Jones to-day stated that the account of Col. Leon M. Green, special detective of the governor, had been rejected by him and sent back with instructions that it be itemized. Col. Green filed an account with the comptroller general for over \$400, but as yet has not received a cent.

The comptroller stated in reply to the governor's statement in Spartanburg, that he had discriminated in not honoring Creighton's second account when he had honored his first account; that the first had been approved contrary to his orders and by an oversight in his department. He will not honor an account, he says, that does not specify for what the money was used.

**The Mystic Seven.**

On the seventh day God ended his work.

On the seventh month Noah's ark touched the ground.

In seven days a dove was sent. Abraham pleaded seven times for Sodom.

Jacob mourned seven days for Joseph. Jacob pursued a seven days' journey by Laban.

A plenty of seven years and a famine of seven years were foretold in Pharaoh's dream by seven fat and seven lean beasts, and seven ears of full and seven ears of blasted corn.

On the seventh day of the seventh month the children of Israel fasted seven days, and remained seven days in their tents.

Every seventh day the law was read to the people.

Solomon was seven years in building the temple.

In the tabernacle there were seven lamps.

Naaman washed seven times in the River Jordan.

Our Saviour spoke seven times from the cross, on which he hung seven hours, and after his resurrection he appeared seven times.

In the Apocalypse we read of seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven stars, seven trumpets, seven plagues, seven thunders, seven virgins, seven angels, and a seven-headed monster.—Newark News.

**City Council Meeting.**

City council held a regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening of last week, with a full attendance.

B. W. Miley, Esq., of the board of health, appeared before council and asked the adoption of ordinances which would assist the board in improving the sanitary condition of the town. Mr. Miley was requested by council to submit such ordinances as the board wanted.

Capt. W. R. Wright, of the Bamberg Guards, appeared before council and requested that the members of the military company be exempted from street tax. Council discussed the matter, and finally decided that no one would be exempted, that members of council, all city officials, commissioners of public works, members of the fire companies, and, in fact everybody liable to this tax, must pay it. There will be absolutely no exemptions from the mayor down.

**Hotel Proprietor Injured.**

Florence, May 10.—W. H. Dorman, the proprietor of a hotel here, was cut and seriously injured this afternoon by H. M. Hill, a young man about town, in a restaurant. The cause of the row does not seem to be understood by any one of those about the place. The two men were in one of the private rooms. Dorman is cut over the kidney and his physician fears serious consequences. In the excitement Hill walked out and was several miles from the city by the time he was overtaken by the police. He is now under arrest awaiting the results of the wound.

**BURROUGHS DIES IN PRISON.**

**Recently Granted New Trial—Convicted of Florence Murder.**

Florence, May 9.—Sheriff Burch, of this county, received a telegram from the penitentiary authorities at Columbia this morning announcing the death in the State prison of William Burroughs, one of the negroes that was removed from the Florence county jail for safe keeping in the penitentiary.

It will be remembered that William Burroughs and Alec Weldon were convicted, together with Ham, the negro that was hung, for the killing of Mr. Elihu Moye, a prominent farmer, in the Ebenezer section, in the fall of 1910. Ham was hung and upon the effort of Col. W. F. Clayton, attorney for Burroughs and Weldon, appointed by the court, the two last named were recently given a new trial by the supreme court. But Burroughs has rendered his account and his case has been closed. Weldon will be tried again at the fall term of Florence county criminal court.

**DRIVER HURT, MULES KILLED.**

**Accident at Southern Railway Crossing, Near Camden.**

Camden, May 9.—George Dubose, a well known negro, was seriously injured, and the two mules hitched to the wagon that he was driving were killed by the southbound 10 a. m. Southern train, on the road leading to the Pine Creek Cotton Mill, a quarter of a mile above the Southern station. Dubose was going to the cotton mill to deliver groceries for Sheehan & Brother, and it is said that he could not see the train until it was almost on him, on account of the vines and hedges nearby, which obscure the view of southbound trains. Dubose's injuries are not fatal, but are very painful. The mules belonged to Sheehan & Brother, and are said to be very valuable.

The crossing at this point is a very dangerous one. The grand jury has often called the court's attention to it and the railroad authorities have been requested to improve the crossing. Seven years ago a Mr. Osteen, a well known Camden man, was killed at the same spot, and several other persons, have had close escapes at various times. The Osteen family received a \$10,000 verdict from the railroad for the death of Mr. Osteen.

**CHILD GIVEN \$8,000 VERDICT.**

**Suit for Personal Injuries Against City of Florence.**

Florence, May 9.—In the civil court here to-day the jury in the case of Frances Stone, a minor child of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stone, vs the city of Florence, brought in a verdict of \$8,000 in favor of the child.

The origin of the suit was that the city was filling up the big ditch in South McQueen street with trash. The street hands or some one set fire to the trash and left it smouldering. Later, little Frances Stone, living nearby, was playing near the ditch and fell in. She was badly burned and her parents brought suit for damages, which the jury evidently thought they were entitled to. They asked for \$15,000.

**\$1,600 in Shoe Box Burned.**

Kershaw, May 9.—When fire destroyed Mrs. Alberta Kee's cottage at midnight, entailing a property loss of \$2,000, with insurance of \$1,200, it also consumed \$1,600 in currency in a shoe box which was kept in a closet.

Mrs. Kee, the only occupant, was saved through a couple across the street, the lovers seeing the outbreak of the flames, and hurrying to sound the alarm.

Mrs. Kee escaped from the burning structure just in time. The flames had gained such headway that there was nothing for the volunteer firefighters to do.

**Solve Mystery of Haunted House.**

Elwood, Ind., May 8.—Elwood's "haunted" house problem has been solved after five years, and the "ghost" proved to be electricity.

A ten-room house that was formerly owned by Frederick Hatman, and which was built for a boarding house in the boom days of the city, has been unoccupied for years owing to the strange and uncanny happenings at night.

Apparent hammering of the water and gas pipes aroused the sleepers at night. Gas jets would light themselves at intervals, one room in particular being flooded with light as soon as the door was opened. A rigid investigation failed to reveal the "spooks," but the house could not keep a tenant long, owing to the freak things going on within.

The property passed into new hands recently, and in repairing it the workmen found that poor electric wiring was the cause of all the trouble. The wires came in contact with the gas pipes, the gas tips acted as spark plugs, lighting the gas at intervals.

The hammering sounds were caused by the electric current contracting the pipes.

After removing the old gas fixtures and rewiring the building the freak happenings and noises ceased.

**COTTON IN FIELD 8 MONTHS.**

**Open Bolls Had Been in Florence Field Since August.**

Florence, May 8.—One of the strangest sights was seen during the present week. While on a visit to the lower part of the county this week a field of cotton of nearly fifty acres was to be seen with hardly a boll of it picked. The cotton had been standing in the field since last August and September throughout the winter, and instead of being white and fleecy it had become dark and matted from dust and rain. It was being ploughed under by the owner of the plantation and will be used as fertilizer. This cotton had been standing open in the field for nearly eight months. It is seldom if ever such a thing is seen in this neck of the woods.

**NEAR-BEER IN CHEROKEE.**

**Saloon Will be Opened Despite Raid Last Year—Judge Sease's Order.**

Gaffney, May 9.—Another legal fight over the matter of the sale of near-beer, sometimes known in Gaffney as "knee-high," is now impending. About a year ago there were four houses in Gaffney, selling this most popular article and doing a profitable business. Orders were received by Sheriff Thomas from the governor to move on the place and capture all goods on hand, and this was done. The men conducting the places were arrested and given a preliminary hearing and bound over to court. However, this case was settled by giving the beer back to the defendants with the understanding that they ship it back to the makers and abstain most religiously in the future from selling the product.

Now comes a man from Spartanburg, exhibiting an order handed down by Judge T. S. Sease, of the circuit court, which prohibits the municipal authorities in Spartanburg from interfering with the sale of near-beer. This gentleman states that he intends opening up a near-beer saloon in Gaffney at the earliest possible date and that he does not anticipate any interference on the part of the Gaffney authorities.

Mayor Butler is out of the city, and, therefore, could not be interviewed as to what steps he intended taking when the saloon opens, or whether he will take any action at all. However, it is generally presumed that it will not be necessary for the city authorities to interfere, because of the fact that it was the county officials who broke up the playhouse before and it is only logical to suppose that they will again raid the place in case another is opened up. The fight will be watched with considerable interest.

**Child Ate Match Heads.**

Florence, May 9.—The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Purvis, who live in the Willow Creek section, died this week as a result of being poisoned by eating the heads of matches which the little fellow got hold of in some unknown manner. The burial took place at Willow Creek Baptist church. The child died within twenty-four hours after eating the match heads.

**Auto Strikes Box of Matches.**

Florence, May 9.—A rather peculiar accident occurred on East Evans street a few days ago in which there came very nearly being serious results. A man was riding a bicycle. In one of his pockets he carried a box of matches. Behind him was an automobile which had just been started up, and the auto barely grazed the man's pocket, in which the matches were, and they caught fire and would have burned him badly had it not been for some bystanders who saw the smoke arising from his pocket and informed him of the fact. The fire was quickly extinguished after burning a hole in the pocket.

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**Too Much to Go Through.**

A lawyer picked his way to the edge of the subway excavation and called down for Michael Finnerty.

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"I am," said the lawyer. "Mr. Finnerty, did you come from Castlebar, County Mayo?"

"I did."

"And was your mother named Mary and your father named Owen?"

"They was."

"Then, Mr. Finnerty," said the lawyer, "it is my duty to inform you that your Aunt Kate has died in the old country, leaving you an estate of twenty thousand dollars in cash."

There was a pause and a commotion down below.

"Mr. Finnerty," called the lawyer, craning his neck over the trench, "are you coming?"

"In wan minute," said Mr. Finnerty, "I just stopped to lick the foreman!"

For six months Mr. Finnerty, in a high hat and with hard shoes on his feet, lived a life of elegant ease, trying to cure himself of a great thirst. Then he went back to his old job at one seventy-five a day. It was there in the excavation that the lawyer found him the second time.

"Mr. Finnerty," he said, "I've more news for you. It is your Uncle Terence who's dead now in the old country; and he has left you another twenty thousand."

"I don't think I can take it," said Mr. Finnerty, leaning wearily on his pick. "I'm not as strong as I wance was, and I'm doubtin' if I could go through all that again and live!"—Saturday Evening Post.

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**RICHESON UNDER EXAMINATION**

**Fate Hangs on Verdict of Alienists as to Sanity.**

Boston May 11.—If the three alienists who to-day examined Clarence V. T. Richeson, slayer of Avis Linnell, fail to find the former minister insane, it will be the prisoner's last Saturday night in jail before being removed to his death cell in the State prison.

Dr. L. Vernon Briggs, one of the first alienists called in by the governor, has placed Richeson under the pin prick test. In some instances, it is claimed, Dr. Briggs found him insensible to pain, even when blood was drawn.

The three who made a two hours' examination of Richeson to-day devoted most of the time to tests of the prisoner's power of memory and sensibility to emotions. They will continue the examination to-morrow or Monday.

With a physician for the defence reporting that Richeson is insane, and still another physician in attendance at the jail declaring him sane, the governor is expected to lay principal stress upon the report of the alienists appointed by himself. Richeson was prompt in answering that he did not consider himself insane when the question was put to him directly to-day.

Unless the sentence is commuted, one week from to-night will find him in the death cell at the Charlestown State prison, with the possibility of his being called to sit in the death chair at any time after midnight of that day.

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