

ODD INCIDENTS.

Bits of News Out of the Ordinary Gathered from Exchanges.

A nail factory in Pueblo, Cal., makes the largest and smallest nails in the world. The 3-16 brads require 30,500 to the pound, and half a million are cut a minute. The 12 by 3-8 inch spike, used in bridge building, weigh three to the pound, and are made at the rate of 200 to the minute.

Dr. Otton Henry Rhode, of Brooklyn, in his paper on "Canteens," read at the convention of the Medicopharmaceutical league, said that beers and light wines are active acids to the system as well as food and drink, and that the women and children of the United States are injuring their health by the inordinate use of soft drinks at soda fountains.

When chiropractors adjusted two vertebrae in the neck of Frank Van Wie, of Milwaukee, Wis., whose mind had been blank for two years, he awoke to find himself married and in the home of his wife. He had lost his mind following an injury and had wandered without knowing what he was doing until cured.

Taking advantage of a sunrise rehearsal when the young women students were practicing an esthetic barefoot dance on the dew lawns, a burglar entered the dressing room of a fashionable school of art and expression at Los Angeles, and made off with eight purses, containing \$13.20 in "pin" money. In addition to the money, the girls reported to the police that several bits of jewelry had been stolen.

The Norwegian diet recently passed a law providing that the licenses of motion picture theatres in Norway shall expire in 1916. The cities may then renew the licenses or establish municipal motion picture shows. Many of the cities propose to show educational films in municipalized theatres, thinking the surplus earnings of the theatres will increase the city revenues. The proprietors of the motion picture houses will lose their businesses without compensation, although some of the cities are extending the time for canceling the licenses until 1918.

Typographical Errors.

Every week this paper, and every other paper in the country, has a number of errors—typographical and otherwise. That's one of the reasons a good many people think the editor should have been a blacksmith. But what of the editor's viewpoint? If there's one thing better calculated to turn rosy youth to doddering old age than, for instance, to get death notices and weather predictions mixed so that the thing comes out in the paper, "Mrs. William Williams died last night. She has gone where it is —116 degrees in the shade and with rising temperature tomorrow;" to walk down the street and hear some grinning idiot, with a head like a pancake and a brain like an addled egg, holding up the sheet to caustic criticism and the editor to scorn! Maybe you think it nice to hear some member of the Vacuum family remark that the editor must make up his paper with a shovel! Or some Pinhead Percy wonder why the editor doesn't learn how to set type! No doubt you think it excruciatingly delicious when an item announcing that Miss Merry Merryvale is to be led to the altar gets into the paper as "led by a halter."

Funny, isn't it? Yes, it is! It depends on the point of view. We are all apt to make mistakes. Don't forget that. What would you think if the editor put some of your mistakes into the paper? Remember when Mr. A, who shaves himself, came to church with a fine patch of whiskers on his chin he had overlooked? And when Miss B let the shoestring on her switch hang down her back? And how Elder C caught the tail of his long coat over the neck of the bottle in his hind pocket and went down the street that way.

But we have no intention of telling these things. As an editor we wouldn't be much of a hair-pin if we were bent that way. Just remember, though, that we are all prone to errors, and the next time you see something in the paper which you regard as a sure sign of the editor's feeble-mindedness, just say the devil did it, and we'll back you up.—Newberry Observer.

Might Have Been Worse.

The great explorer was captured by the savages, relates the Philadelphia Ledger.

"We will spare your life if you will marry my daughter," stated the chief in a ukase or ultimatum or trade or whatever you call it in their parts of the world.

The great explorer quailed, as well he might, for the princess had an ingrowing face.

"Still," he murmured philosophically, "it might have been worse. They might have insisted on a fashionable wedding."

And so they lived happy ever after.

CORRECTS PRINTED STATEMENT

Bank Examiner Gives Out Statement in Regard to Bank of Lodge.

I. M. Mauldin, State bank examiner, has sent the following statement to the News and Courier in regard to the alleged shortage in the Bank of Lodge:

My attention has been called to a communication published in your issue of July 15, page 3, bottom of column 2, dated Walterboro, July 14, and giving an account of an apparent shortage of \$6,100 in the Bank of Lodge, Lodge, S. C. In the second paragraph of this communication I find this statement:

"The bank examiner made his usual inspection about a month ago and reported nothing wrong with the books of the bank, but the officers, on account of the bank not paying as large dividends as they thought it should and for other reasons, decided to have a thorough examination made which resulted as above."

I wish to correct some erroneous statements embodied in the above quotation, for the reason that they might be construed by some as a reflection upon the efficiency of the examinations made by examiners connected with this office.

In the first place, the usual examination of this bank was made by a representative of this office on March 19, four months ago, and not about a month ago as indicated by your correspondent. The examiner did not report that there was nothing wrong with the books of this bank as stated by your correspondent. The examiner's report was properly made and filed in the office of the State treasurer, as required by law. An inspection of the report will show that there were a number of discrepancies, inaccuracies and irregularities to which attention was duly called. Not only that, but shortly after the examination, to wit, on March 27, these irregularities were taken up with the president of the bank by letter, and his attention was duly called thereto. The president's reply to this letter indicated that the matters complained of were having prompt attention by himself and the directors. The fact is, as I am informed, it was the report of this examination and the letters pursuant thereto which brought about the employment of auditors for the purpose of making a more complete audit of all the books and accounts of the bank than it was possible for the bank examiner to make within the limited time available for that purpose.

We do not believe that your correspondent purposely misrepresented the facts in such a way as to apparently reflect upon the efficiency of this department, but no doubt he was misinformed.

This explanation is merely for the purpose of keeping the records straight.

New Explosives Have Terrific Power.

Seven-eighths of the wounds in the Galician fighting were caused by shells half of which were fired from big-caliber guns, said Surgeon-Major Lesghintseff to an interviewer on returning to Warsaw from the front.

"Bullets play no part now," he continued, "and the infantryman's rifle is a toy. Infantry merely occupies the trenches the cannon have won."

Most devastating of all are the new Skoda shells of the Germanic allies, which are seventeen inches in diameter and weigh 2,800 pounds. The Skoda howitzer shoots at a high angle and its shells penetrates twenty feet into soft earth before exploding two seconds after striking.

These howitzers do not resemble the Krupp mortars of the same calibre, to which they are said to be superior in every way.

When a Skoda hits, it means death to everything within a radius of 150 yards and even farther off. The mere pressure of its gas rips open the bomb-proof shelters and catches those who escape the metal fragments and flying debris.

This gas enters the body cavities and tears flesh asunder, sometimes stripping the men of their clothes. Of course, the men in the immediate neighborhood of the explosion are annihilated.

So fierce is the heat of the shell that it melts rifle barrels as if they had been struck by lightning.


GEORGIA'S FIRST NEW BALE...

Brings Over 13 Cents at Auction in Savannah.

Savannah, July 22.—The first new bale of upland cotton of the 1915-16 season grown in Georgia was marketed in Savannah today, and when sold at auction before the cotton exchange brought 18 1-16 cents. A local cotton concern was the purchaser.


The bale was grown by Ned Sanders, colored, of Mitchell county, and was shipped to E. A. Cutts, of this city, by the Hand Trading company, of Pelham. It weighed 510 pounds; graded good middling. It was well prepared. The staple was shipped by express to New York.

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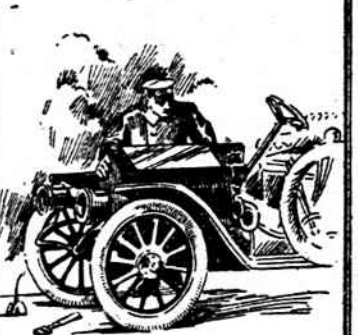
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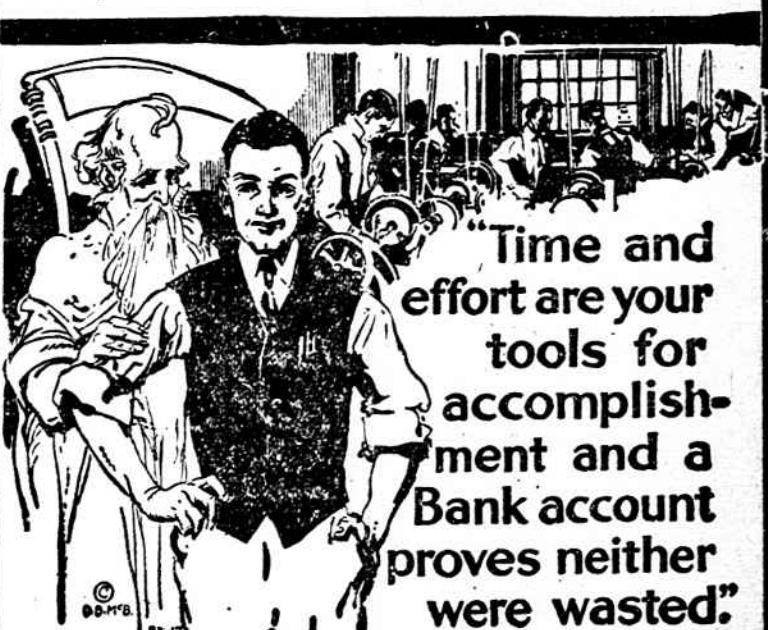
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