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ENTRIES FROM OUR DAY BOOK.

DISTRUST the man whose patriotism and philanthropy are of the noisy kind. When a man makes a great noise about his love for the people and his devotion to the country, ten to one he is only working some scheme of self-aggrandizement.

Of course the South will do her part in upholding the honor of the common country; but if the South has anything to gain for herself in a war with Spain, we cannot see it. It will take only an infinitesimal part of her cotton to make tents for the army and she has no flour, bacon nor beef to sell.

It would be interesting and instructive to know, in case of war with Spain, how many of those who are now making ostentatious offerings of their services will be found "near the flashing of the guns."

There are five candidates for Governor and more to hear from. It appears to us that the more candidates, the better will be Ellerbe's chances for re-election.

We have been informed that the town of Gaffney will pledge itself by executing a valid bond, to take back the property now offered for the court house and jail, if at the expiration of eleven years it be not worth \$15,000, and to pay the county \$15,000 to be expended for these purposes.

The town of Gaffney is exactly where the people put it and is just what the people have made it. That it grows and prospers is evidence that it is needed by the people of the county, and that it and the county are growing and prospering together.

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and get out. Recently every branch of the family has come together in loving embrace and put \$50,000,000 in the hands of the President to be used in thrashing Spain if occasion may demand.

War is a dreadful alternative, under any circumstances. It is, in one respect, like a law suit, the party that gains it is badly worsted, and the party that loses is ruined.

A FRIEND in a private letter writes us as follows: "Much inquiry is made of me about the likelihood of a war with Spain, and I'll thank you to tell me what I shall tell the good people. Also, whether the United States is going to recognize Cuba."

We reply to our friend, it is not for every one to know the times and the seasons, but tell the people to watch the United States, watch Spain, and keep an eye on Cuba, and remember after all, that much depends on a fortuitous concatenation of collateral circumstances.

SOME of the Pomaria gang of robbers have been brought to trial, and the Risers, father and sons, who have formerly stood well in their community, have been convicted and sentenced.

THE United States is having prepared for its great guns, projectiles that weigh 1,000 pounds, and cost \$511 apiece.

During the civil war the Yankees had guns that threw 500 pound shells a distance of five miles. This was the utmost limit in weight and distance that could then be reached.

Think of throwing \$511 worth of metal at every discharge from one gun, and you'll begin to realize something of the cost of war, then think of the effect of such a projectile and you may realize something of the destructiveness of war.

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mortifying to his friends and, which in after years, will appear hateful to his own eyes. His usual expedients are fast riding, especially when in sight of the girls, a swaggering gait if he is walking, boisterous behavior on the outskirts of a crowd, and, more than all, by talking in church or in other assemblies where true politeness requires respectful silence, or by leaving the house just at the most interesting point in the exercises and disturbing the whole assembly by his noise and swagger.

Exactly what to do with or for this consequential amphibian is difficult to tell. He is, however, more to be pitied than blamed, and perhaps it is best for those who have to endure him, to possess their souls in patience and wait for "the years that bring the philosophic mind."

The following is a bill to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Cowpens which has been introduced in the House of Representatives by the Hon. Stanyarne Wilson:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that for the purpose of preserving and suitably marking for historical and professional study of the fields of one of the most brilliant and important battles of the war of the revolution, upon the ceding of jurisdiction of the United States by South Carolina, and the report of the Attorney-General of the United States that the title to the land thus ceded is perfect and has been secured under the provisions of the Act approved August first, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled "An Act to authorize condemnation of land for sites of public buildings, and for other purposes," the lands and roads embraced in the area bounded as herein described are hereby declared to be a national park to be known as the Cowpens National Park; that is to say, the area inclosed in the following boundary, to wit:

Beginning at a stake two hundred yards south of the Howards Gap road and running in a southeasterly direction to Little Buck Creek one hundred yards below its source; thence crossing the Spartanburg road to the head of Maple Swamp (or Island Creek Numbered one); thence in an easterly direction to the head of Island Creek Numbered Two; thence nearly due east to a stake in Black Scruggs' field; thence nearly due north, crossing the Howards Gap road east of the "Wolf pit" (where the British were buried), to a stake in Black Scruggs' field; thence nearly west to the head of Suck Creek Numbered Three; thence west, crossing Suck Creek Numbered Two, one hundred yards below its source; thence to the head of Suck Creek Numbered One; thence to a stake two hundred yards northeast of J. H. Ezell's store; thence by straight line across the Howards Gap road back to the beginning corner, the same embracing Cowpens battle ground, and containing one hundred and eighty acres, more or less.

Sec. 2. That the said Cowpens national park shall be under the control of the Secretary of War, and it shall be his duty, immediately upon the passage of this Act, to notify the Attorney-General of the purpose of the United States to acquire title to the roads and lands described in the preceding section, and upon receiving notice from the Attorney-General of the United States that perfect titles have been secured to the said lands and roads, shall at once proceed to establish and substantially mark the boundaries of said park.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to purchase any of said land, also to enter into agreements, upon such terms as he may prescribe, with such owners of the land as he may desire to remain upon it, to occupy and cultivate their present holdings, upon condition that they will preserve the present roads and outlines of field and forest, and such tablets, monuments, and other artificial works as may from time to time be erected.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of War shall, through a commissioner to be appointed by him, and who shall receive such compensation as said Secretary shall deem proper, superintend the opening and repairing of such roads as may be necessary for the purposes of the park, and to ascertain and definitely mark by substantial tablets the lines of battle and locations of all troops engaged in said battle of Cowpens.

Sec. 5. That the Secretary of War, subject to the approval of the President of the United States, shall make all regulations for the care of the park.

Sec. 6. That if any person shall willfully destroy, mutilate, injure, or remove any monument, column, statue, structure, fence, railing, or other work within said boundaries, upon being convicted thereof, such person shall be punished by a fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 7. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, including the condemnation and purchase of the necessary land, the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Tame rabbits are commonly kept without water, but they may be seen licking the bars of their hutch after a shower and drink eagerly when they have the chance. Most other rodents, including rats, are thirsty creatures.

The cold desert of shifting sand in Kashgar there were no reptiles, and not even a fly. But the Afghan boundary commission found swarms of lizards and a new and venomous species of adder in astonishing numbers in the awful desert of hot, shifting sand at the corner where Persia, Baluchistan and Afghanistan meet.

Seals do not apparently drink; neither do cormorants and penguins, but there can be little more evaporation from their bodies than from those of fish, and their food is wet and moist. A more difficult question is that of the water supply of arctic animals in winter. Possibly they eat snow. There is abundant evidence that, though many animals can exist without water for long periods, this abstinence is not voluntary and when unduly protracted causes suffering and loss of health.

A native living in Nawiliwili, district of Lihue, on the island of Kauai, whom every one knows as Johnny, but whose family name is Kuaokai, is a peculiar character.

Johnny is a remarkably good swimmer and, it is said, was at one time very much addicted to the habit of stealing ducks from various people. His method was very simple. He would hide in the bulrushes along the edges of the duck ponds and would from time to time dive out where the ducks happened to be, snatch one or two from the surface, push them into a bag and swim back again to the rushes, there to take breath for another sally. In this way he succeeded in making quite a comfortable living.

When out on a hunting or fishing expedition, there is no better man on the island of Kauai than this same Johnny. Barefooted, he will climb all over the dangerous palis that fall away abruptly and end thousands of feet below in the sea. The festive goat itself is not more active, and when hunting for this kind of game he is an invaluable man to chase the animals round to a point of vantage.

As a diver there are few natives even who can beat him. In diving after lobster he has the very uncomfortable habit of swimming a great distance into the caves that have no opening above the water. Beneath the rocks of these places he will feel around, never failing to come to the top bringing with him something to make glad the hearts of the housewives.

Speaking of sweet words, nothing sounds nicer than "I took your advice and found it right."

GROVER, Mar. 14.—Some of the farmers have been hauling guano but the majority have not bought any yet.

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Bessie Archer has applied to me, by petition, to have a homestead in the personal property of her late husband, W. D. Archer, deceased, set off to her and her minor children, to wit: Lily Archer, Sadie Archer, Herman Archer, Freddie Archer and Harry Archer.

HOLLY GROVE, March 12.—The farmers are busily at work preparing their lands. They are buying as much guano as ever. I guess they will raise some more five cents cotton.

Miss Annie Moore of this section is very sick but we hope she will soon be well.

Mr. Frank Neal's little daughter has been sick but I am pleased to say she is much better now.

STAR FARM, March 14.—We have had some lice weather lately.

Mr. A. E. Susong has been in this section for some time with stock. He has about sold out. Mr. Susong is buying cattle.

Writes Dr. Hartman and Tells Him What Makes Her So.

Dr. Hartman receives many such letters as this every week. Some of them have been gathered together and published in book form.

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