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The Ohio legislature has actually passed a law to protect skunks, as if the little animals were powerless to protect themselves.

Next to New York's \$35,000,000 tunnel, the biggest municipal undertaking now on the tapis is Philadelphia's scheme to filtrate its water supply, for which the magnificent sum of \$12,000,000 has been appropriated and placed in the hands of the mayor for prompt work. No doubt it will be worth the money if it accomplishes the purpose aimed at, and relieves a great and wealthy metropolis of the perils that always go with impure drinking.

The baseballs are rapidly becoming up to date. A dispatch states that in a recent cricket match at Savaii the competing teams and their respective admirers took offence at a decision of one of the umpires and indulged in a free for all fight, which resulted in ten men being killed and the field being covered with wounded. Just how the umpire fared the dispatch does not state, but had the incident occurred on a ball field here his name would undoubtedly head the list of casualties.

At an English police court recently Captain Herve H. A. Errington Josse of Norman Villa, Burgate, Grimsby, was summoned by the inland revenue for keeping a carriage without a license. The question raised was whether a vehicle consisting of a car attached to a motor cycle was one carriage or two. If it was considered as one, the maximum traveling speed allowed would be twelve miles, and if as two, six miles per hour. The magistrate decided that it was one vehicle, and imposed a fine of one guinea.

A society has been formed in New York City for the prosecution of the science of healing through music. It is believed that many of the ills that flesh is heir to spring from disordered mental systems, from inharmonious nerves and unadjusted fibres. It is asserted that music, which is known to have a marked effect upon the mind of many hearers, will, if properly produced, with a judicious choice of chords and melodies, restore balance to the mind, nerves and fibres of the body and thus produce health. The science is of course in its infancy. Much ground is yet to be covered. Many researches must be made. At present nothing is plainer than the fact that all music does not appeal alike to all people. The world is still divided into the rag-time and the Wagnerian schools, for instance, with many gradations between these extremes.

A puzzling problem for educators is how to increase the proportion of high school pupils who continue to the end of the course, albeit the solution of the problem might necessitate an increase in many places of high school accommodations. From an inquiry on this subject, instituted in Philadelphia, it appears that one reason for the dropping out of pupils from the girls' high school in that city is a failure on examination in one or two subjects. Probably the same reason exists in the boys' school. Dr. Thomas G. Morton, chairman of the board's committee on the girls' high school, points out that many a bright girl is now practically driven from the school because she does not possess special aptitude in one subject. "Because a girl can't draw a picture of a horse," said Dr. Morton, "is no reason for keeping her out of an education in other branches." He believes that the present curriculum of the school is drawn on lines not sufficiently elastic. He would discriminate for the benefit of the individual girl and her special aptitude. And he would readjust the courses in the high school in a manner to permit any girl of intelligence to continue her course in spite of a failure in one or two subjects.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The South.

A fire at Tom's Creek, Wise county, Va., mines, destroyed the tripple and other machinery to the value of \$100,000.

General A. L. Pridmore, ex-Congressman from the ninth Virginia district, is reported dying in Lee county, Va.

Alec Whitney, a social leader of Augusta, Ga., was killed in a street car by Gus Wilson, a negro, who was lynched.

Roswell Walsler, a young white man was drowned in the Yadkin river Saturday evening at the county line between Davidson and Davie. Walsler and Richard Tucker, of Advance, were attempting to cross the river in a boat when it struck a rock and turned over, capsizing them. Tucker swam to the shore, but Walsler sank. His body was found the next morning fifty yards from where he was drowned. Walsler lived in Davidson county.

News reached Richmond of the shooting in Lee county of R. B. Young, a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates. He was shot by a man named Horton and his wounds are thought to be fatal. No particulars are given.

The North.

Despondent through inability to obtain work, Samuel H. Handy killed himself at Chicago, Ill.

New York's Corporation Counsel Monday started the work of digging the rapid transit subway by turning a shovelful of earth.

Mrs. Lena Anderson and her eight-year-old niece were burned to death at Omaha as a result of using gasoline to start a fire.

Illinois Democrats have Judge Worthington's acceptance of a gubernatorial nomination if the State convention selects him.

Three hundred delegates attended the opening session of the convention of Presbyterian Women, at Decatur, Ill.

Lawyer Thomas Taylor shot and fatally wounded E. H. Barrett, a School Director, of Dunlap, Ia., because the latter did not reappoint Taylor's daughter, who is a school teacher.

The Epworth League posts held a great anniversary celebration in the Chicago auditorium Tuesday.

The revision of the discipline was the chief order of business at the American Methodist Episcopal General Conference, at Columbus, O., Tuesday. No vital changes were made. Rev. R. M. Cheeks was re-elected editor of The Southern Christian Recorder.

The police, in beating back the crowd attacking the crew of a transit car in St. Louis, fired several shots, one wounding a man named Fladley. Thomas King, 22 years of age, one of a crowd that stoned a transit company's repair wagon, was shot and badly wounded by one of the wagon men.

The Republican State convention, at Kansas City Tuesday got no further than to effect a temporary organization and name committees. The most important incident was the withdrawal from the race for delegates-at-large of Major Warner, of Kansas City, who, in answering a call for a speech, declared emphatically that he would not permit his name to be used, owing to the friction it created.

Foreign.

British troops have occupied Kroonstad, in the Orange Free State, and have pushed five miles beyond it.

John E. Redmond, in an address at Manchester, England, said Lord Salisbury's recent speech was "an insult to Ireland."

Large crowds heard Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage preach in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Rumors have been circulated in Manila of a probable native uprising in the city.

General MacArthur's policy in the Philippines is said to be to devote his time to general questions and leave considerations of detail to his staff.

Cuban officials fear trouble in the island at the time of the elections.

Belgian railways will ask bids for 1,500,000 tons of coal.

A shipment of Pocahontas coal brought \$6 a ton in Germany during the past week.

Miscellaneous.

German shippers protest against the proposed tax on bills of lading and ocean passenger tickets.

The papers in the suit of Robert J. Trimble against the American Sugar Refining Company, were filed in the Court of Chancery, at Trenton, N. J., Trimble, who is a stockholder, charges that the company has been more than \$1,000,000 of surplus and that this surplus is now being used to depress the price of sugar and to force Arbuckle Bros., independent refiners, into a combination with the American Sugar Refining Company, to illegally restrain trade.

All the land belonging to the Carabelle Land and Lumber Company, in Liberty county, Fla., and all its floating property, such as barges, steam tugs, etc., have been sold to a Mr. Conger, of New Brunswick. The cash consideration was \$95,000.

INDUSTRIAL MEETING

The Great Gathering in Session at Chattanooga.

VICE PRES. KILLEBREW SPEAKS.

A Letter From Col. McClure Creates Enthusiasm—Advocates a Textile University.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The second session of the Southern Industrial Convention met at 10 a. m. Tuesday, in the auditorium, with an encouraging number of delegates present. In the absence of President McCorkle, Vice President Killebrew, of Tennessee, presided. The proceedings were opened by prayer. A. S. Glover, president of the Chattanooga chamber of commerce, and Mayor Wassman, welcomed the delegates and their addresses were responded to on behalf of the convention by Vice President Coffin, of Florida, and Edwin Brobston, vice president for Georgia. Vice President Killebrew followed, telling of the wonderful industrial growth of Chattanooga, saying in part:

"You are surrounded here practically by coal, iron and timber, with cotton fields within sight of your borders, and what is to prevent your going on and making yourselves a Manchester, or a double Birmingham for that matter, if you use the material that is around you? Think how much better you are situated than any portion of England. England ransacks the world for material and for a market. You have the raw material and markets at your door, and what then is to prevent Chattanooga from being one of the great industrial centres of the earth?"

The various committees appointed are: Educational interests, V. W. Grubbs, of Texas, chairman; railroads and immigration, Edwin Brobston, of Georgia, chairman; industrial interests, John P. Coffin, of Florida, chairman; commerce, W. P. Wilson, of the Philadelphia Museum, chairman; agricultural, Frank Hill, of Arkansas.

The secretary read a letter from Col. A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia, which was received with great enthusiasm. The Business Men's Club, of Cincinnati, and the delegation from New Orleans, want the next session.

The afternoon session was mainly devoted to the needs of a textile university. The subject was opened by Mr. H. H. Hargrove, of Louisiana, who presented the matter in a most masterly manner. Mr. Hargrove introduced a resolution asking the support of the convention for an appropriation from the government for a textile university.

He was followed by Hon. W. B. Swaney, of Chattanooga, who made an eloquent appeal for textile education. The discussion was very general and was participated in by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson; S. W. Grubbs, of Texas; Dr. Wilson, of Philadelphia; Judge Story, of New Orleans, and Mr. Hargrove. The matter was referred to the committee on education, and the convention adjourned until 8 p. m.

Francis B. Thurber, of New York, addressed the convention on the subject of trade expansion in the South at the night's session. Mr. Thurber said that circumstances were now propitious for the South to make an effort for expanded trade and the results only depended on the effort put forth. He prophesied a brilliant trade future for the South.

He was followed by Vice President Edwin Brobston, of Georgia, who delivered an address on "The Southern Industrial Convention and its possibilities of Usefulness."

Brevities.

The Republican State convention at Sacramento, Cal., adopted a platform endorsing the McKinley administration, an inter-oceanic canal under government control, and ownership against Asiatic labor, and instructed delegates for McKinley.

The relief of Mafeking is reported, though not officially confirmed.

Emergency River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, D. C., Special.—An emergency river and harbor bill was agreed upon by the river and harbor committee. It provides a large number of surveys and makes several appropriations for work of pressing necessity. This includes \$200,000 for the South pass of the Mississippi, with authority to terminate the contract with the late James B. Eads, for the maintenance of this channel, and to purchase the plant now used for this work; also a provision making available \$50,000 for jetty work on Cumberland Sound, Ga., and Florida.

PRESBYTERIANS IN ATLANTA

Much Interest Being Manifested in Their Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The commissioners to the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, which is holding its thirty-ninth annual session in the Central Presbyterian church, of this city, met for the first business session Friday. The attendance was larger than Thursday, and an active interest was shown in all the proceedings, not only by the 200 commissioners, but a large number of visiting members and laymen of the Presbyterian Church, officially connected with the Assembly and many resident Presbyterians. The day's sessions opened with devotional exercises, after which the transaction of routine business was begun. Stated Clerk Alexander read the committee report, which had been appointed by the Moderator. The personnel of the committees is considered very important, as much of the work of the Assembly will be directed by them. The committees on records for each State were named as follows: Alabama, Byron Clark, Geo. Stevenson; Arkansas, W. T. Walter, J. M. Carothers; Florida, R. A. Hardin, P. McGregory; Georgia, R. S. Brown, S. D. Reynolds; Kentucky, J. B. Swann, J. M. C. Moore; Memphis, R. A. Brown, A. E. Dimmock; Mississippi, V. R. Gaston, G. W. Taylor; Missouri, T. D. Latimer, D. McCarr; Nashville, W. D. Shoemaker, J. J. Wood; North Carolina, Dugald Monroe, George Hartfield; South Carolina, J. F. Lloyd, H. L. Money; Texas, J. E. Anderson, W. H. Mitchell; Virginia, T. T. Wade, D. M. Killam.

Interest was intense as the stated clerk read the overtures from the Synods and Presbyteries of the South. The overtures were referred to the proper committees and constitute the work which will come before the Assembly.

The Presbytery of Suwanee, Fla., protested against the "spectacular and theatrical features" of children wearing fancy costumes in the exercises to be held on Children's Day, May 27.

A time was set apart for raising funds for foreign missionary work. The question of divorce and re-marriage will be a leading one before the Assembly. The Synod of Alabama and the Presbyteries of Memphis and Norfolk sent in overtures asking for definite Church laws, governing the re-marriage of divorced people.

The question of salaries for secretaries of the executive committees will be an important one, many overtures being filed asking that no increase be made in them. On the adoption of a new hymn book, there were overtures strongly protesting against a change this year, it being claimed that the expense will be too great.

Hester's Cotton Report.

New Orleans, Special.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans cotton exchange statement shows that for the 260 days of the season that have elapsed, the aggregate movement into sight is behind the 260 days of last year 2,008,000 bales and behind the same days year before last 2,075,000. The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 56,780, against 68,157 for the seven days ending this date last year. The total movement for the 260 days from September 1 to date is 8,681,498, against 10,689,406 last year. The movement since September 1 shows receipts at all United States ports 6,444,610, against 8,139,685 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada, 1,116,368, against 1,214,258; interior stocks under September 1st, 54,331, against 265,002; Southern mill takings, 1,174,851 against 1,070,451.

Presbyterians at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., special.—The 112th annual session of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the law-making body of that Church, began the day at the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian church. Nearly 1,000 commissioners and delegates attended. The session, owing to important matters pending, probably will occupy a fortnight.

Brevities.

Three municipal ice plants are projected at New York, to meet the raise in price by the Ice Trust.

Rev. Dr. Henry Granjohn, of Baltimore, has been appointed by the Pope Bishop of Tucson, Arizona.

After shooting at his wife and missing her, Henry Simmons, Bremen, Me., shot his daughter and then killed himself.

Dr. Johannes Trojan, editor of the comic-satirical weekly, Kladderadatsch, arrived at New York last week from Eremen.

Probably fatal injuries were inflicted upon Jacob Harnell, a non-union carpenter, at Chicago, Ill., Thursday night by strikers.

GREAT WAR NEWS.

Account of Feverish Activity at Pretoria.

KRUGER WORKING DAY AND NIGHT.

The Relief Column Reported to Have Been Defeated With Great Loss—Buller Moving.

London, By Cable.—The British relief column fought the Boers at Kraapan, 32 miles south of Mafeking, on Tuesday, according to a telegram received Wednesday night at Lorenzo Marques, from Molopo, 100 miles north of Mafeking. This intelligence is accepted here with some reserve because it is difficult to understand how the news could have been so quickly put on the wire from a place 132 miles from the scene of the engagement. A correspondent of The Morning Post, presumably John Stewart, is reported captured by the Boers at Kraapan. The British public is keenly expectant of the announcement that Mafeking has been relieved. Douglas Story, The Daily Mail correspondent at Pretoria, wires:

"The Boer government is holding back some big news. Feverish activity prevails here. President Kruger is working day and night. The latest Boer official bulletin is that the relief columns has been defeated with great loss. Lord Roberts continues passive at Kroonstad. His cavalry are stretching like a semi-circular screen many miles in length, with overlapping flanks."

The railway will probably be completed soon. General French's cavalry had one lively fight after crossing the Zand river. A mixed squadron, composed of the Scots Greys, the Inniskillings, Carbineers and Australian Horse, took a kopje and dismounted. The Boers suddenly fired from a concealed position, killing many horses and stampeding the rest. The Boers then advanced in overwhelming numbers and drove the squadron, capturing some. The Boers robbed the dead and looted the saddle. Finally a brigade of cavalry drove them off.

Farther north the Hussars charged the Boers, killing and wounding many stragglers with sabres and pistols. Lord Roberts' infantry marched 122 miles in seven days. General French marched 30 miles in one day. The Boers, when retiring, dragged 32 guns through Kroonstad.

General Buller is moving toward New Castle. He appears to be using 25,000 men against 5,000 or 6,000. His operations will almost certainly result in his forcing his way into the Transvaal, possibly in time to co-operate with Lord Roberts' advance, although General Buller is now 252 miles from Johannesburg, or 25 days' march.

A Dane, who was captured by the South African Horse, says there are 500 Frenchmen with the Boers who are opposing General Buller, together with many Germans and other foreigners. General Rundle is sweeping through the northeast of the Free State. The Boers are dissolving before him and some are surrendering. Their main force is assembled between Ficksburg and Winburg, but it is without close organization.

The occupation of Glencoe was merely a logical sequel of General Buller's advance and the Boers' retreating movement. As usual the Boers are reported to be flying precipitately, but, also as usual, the accounts add that their transport and guns were removed in safety which, in itself, is a contradiction of any statement that the Boers were panic stricken. The prolongation of the Mafeking siege only intensifies Great Britain's anxiety to hear of its relief.

About 1,100 more troops have arrived at Beira, Portuguese East Africa.

The British Advance.

Pretoria, By Cable.—A war bulletin has been received here announcing that the British are advancing against the Federals at Helpmaaker and Tonder's Nek. The Burghers attacked Mafeking. The telegraphist at Malopos says that a heavy rifle and cannon fire was heard before 6 o'clock Saturday, and that the Kaffir location was in flames within an hour and was totally destroyed.

Georgia Democratic Primary.

At the Georgia Democratic primaries held Tuesday the following ticket was named:

For Governor, Allen D. Candler; for Secretary of State, Philip Cook; for Comptroller General, Wm. A. Wright; for State Treasurer, Robt. E. Park; for Attorney General, Joseph M. Terrell; for State School Commissioner, G. R. Glenn; for Commissioner of Agriculture, O. B. Stevens; for Prison Commissioners, Clement A. Evans, Tom Eason; for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Wm. Little and Henry T. Lewis; for United States Senator, A. O. Bacon.