

THE SULTAN'S HAREM.

Dispersal of Remarkable Seraglio Comes With Abdul's Downfall.

The downfall of Abdul Hamid has been accompanied by the dispersal of the most remarkable seraglio in the history of the world.

Every one of the Sultan's favorites had been jealously guarded from the prying eyes of strangers from the moment she entered the harem.

As a voluptuary Abdul Hamid had a reputation unrivaled in history. He professed to be a person who practiced exemplary moderation in all kinds of pleasure.

Under the English law an actor is "a rogue and vagabond," and is therefore disqualified for jury duty.

Mrs. Lella Eberhardt, an attractive looking young woman, was arrested in Chester on the charge of selling liquor.

MUST BELIEVE IT

When Well Known Sumter People Tell It So Plainly.

When the public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Sumter the proof is positive. You must believe it. Read this testimony.

S. R. Smoak, 12 Oakland Ave., Sumter, S. C., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and am pleased to say that they helped me very much."

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

BAPTISTS FAVOR PROHIBITION

Convention Takes Firm Stand on Liquor Question.

Louisville, Ky., May 17.—Firmly for prohibition the Southern Baptist Convention adjourned in the city tonight, after a meeting of five days.

JAPAN'S EYE ON CHINA.

Internal Troubles in the Flowery Kingdom are Feared.

Saoul, May 17.—Obeying a sudden summons from Prince Ito, Japanese Resident-General in Korea, who is now in Japan, Viscount Sone, Vice-Resident-General, departed yesterday for Tokio, and for the first time in two years the affairs of the Korean Government are administered by the Cabinet without the supervision of Japanese officers.

The fact that Korean affairs are entrusted to the Korean Cabinet in the absence of the Japanese officers is taken as evidence that Japan has full confidence in the Ministers and is well satisfied that the country has been tranquilized.

There is reason to believe that the recall of Viscount Sone indicates that the resignation of Prince Ito is pending.

The Japanese Government has shown an unusual interest in developments in China of late, and in paying close attention to its interests there.

Viscount Sone is expected to carry out the plan of restraining the disturbing elements and even more determined enforcement of law in the protection of the lives and property of peaceful Koreans.

Although Viscount Sone is politically a supporter of Field Marshal Yamagata, president of the Privy Council of Japan, and Yamagata is an old rival of Prince Ito in Japanese politics, it is not expected that this will mean a change in the policy of Korea or elsewhere.

The Chester A. R. P. Church has called Rev. D. G. Phillips of Newberry to fill the pulpit recently made vacant by the death of Rev. Charles McDonald.

Those former friends of the late George Rice Carpenter, in Andover and Boston, who knew him as a youth and a teacher at the Institute of Technology, will welcome the opportunity to contribute to the memorial library, which the English department of Columbia University is to establish.

Senator Tillman and Smith and Congressmen Aiken and Finley are using their earnest efforts to have the artillery band from Sullivan's Island visit Chester and furnish music on the occasion of the State reunion of Confederate veterans at Chester June 23 and 24.

A special committee is investigating the offices of Colleton County under an act of the last legislature.

The properties of the Anderson Tractor Company will be sold at auction under an order by Federal Judge Brawley. The property is valued at \$300,000.

An Atlantic Coast Line switch engine jumped the track in the yards at Florence and turned completely over.

Three hundred negroes left Charleston Monday for New York, where they will work in hotels.

KEEP THE STAMPS AND RISK PRISON.

Wine Merchant Sues Those Who Ignore His Letters—Curious French Case Causes Proceeding in Court.

Correspondents who enclose stamped envelopes for a reply have discovered a new terror for their victims. Every celebrity is the prey of autograph hunters, whom they treat differently according to temperament.

Alexander Dumas had no such scruples. He announced publicly once and for all that he would never use enclosed stamps for replies, but would make it a rule to retain the stamps, which he did.

It is a wine merchant of the South who has discovered a new terror for his victims in his desperate attempts to sell his wine.

It seems that no other legal course was open to the authorities than to proceed in the matter. This was bad enough, but the sequel proved worse.

Better Marriage Laws Needed. The Dublin Courier-Dispatch quotes approvingly a recent editorial in The Herald under the caption "Marriage Over the Telephone."

A Negro Patriarch.

There arrived in the city Monday from Aiken an old colored man who is a character. He appeared in the Hotel Jerome in the afternoon and attracted a great deal of interested attention.

A reporter talked to the weird old colored man a while and was much interested in what he said. His name is Fred Jones; that he is 137 years old; that he was born at Culpepper, Va., and has lived in Aiken for many years.

The old man says he walked all the way from Aiken to Columbia. He started last Sunday "an hour before sun-up" and got here Monday forenoon.

He said he lived at Culpepper until he was 12 years old. There were only two houses there then and the country was wild and "full of wild varmints."

Possibly a warm wave will prove more or less of an argument for accelerated action in the extra session of Congress.—Washington Star.

Mrs. Gibbs—Anything spicy at the theatre last night? Mrs. Dibbs—Yes, my husband's breath after the first act.—Boston Transcript.

CALVES SPREAD GERMS.

Vaccine Animals Caused Epidemic of "Foot and Mouth" Disease.

Washington, May 18.—Accidental inoculation of calves used by wholesale medicine firms for the propagation of vaccine virus is said to have started the epidemic of the deadly "foot and mouth" disease last fall, which necessitated a quarantine in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and other states and cost the United States Government \$200,000 to suppress.

"Calves used by the latter firm in propagating vaccine were sent October 16 to the Detroit stock yards and thence on the same day to a farm near Detroit," says the report.

"Three separate series of experiments were made by Drs. Mohler and Rosenau. Young cattle and sheep were inoculated with vaccine virus obtained from both firms.

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The Dublin Courier-Dispatch quotes approvingly a recent editorial in The Herald under the caption "Marriage Over the Telephone," and in its comment on the same points out additional bad features of the customs and laws in our State in relation to marriages.

"The ordinary asks a few questions and then hands over the necessary paper. He pockets his fee with a satisfied smile and cares nothing more about the matter.

"It is the opinion of many people that physically and mentally un-sound persons should not be allowed to contract marriage. Deaf mutes come under the ban of this prohibition.

"Under the laws of Georgia, any two persons can marry who want to, it matters not how unsound either or both of them may be.

"There should be a national law regarding marriages and divorces. We believe that there are many divorces which ought not to be allowed, but in many, very many, instances divorces is better than requiring certain people to live with each other.

"Some men have suicided rather than live with the shrews they obtained as wives. Some women have preferred a suicide's grave rather than longer be joined to a body of living death.

"Do you think you could learn to love me?" asked old Gotrox. "Oh, I don't know," replied Miss Youngbudd. "How much are you willing to spend on my education?"—Chicago Daily News.

Dr. D. G. Phillips, pastor of the Newberry A. R. P. church, has been called to the pastorate of the church at Chester, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. C. E. McDonald.

COUNTY DISPENSARY GRAFT.

True Story of Crooked Dealing by a Liquor House.

A few days ago the writer was told an interesting incident in connection with the management of the County dispensary of one of the counties that retains the system.

The facts are as follows according to the relator, who said that the story was told to him by a member of the dispensary board of _____ County.

A month or two ago the dispensary board placed an order with a certain liquor house for a quantity of whiskey, the proof and quality of which were guaranteed to be the same as sample submitted with bid.

The liquor house was communicated with and the report of the chemist laid before them. They came down at once, like Davy Crockett's coon, without waiting for forcible measures.

Out of the discarded rail fences on the old farm in Phoenix precinct William Matches is storing up at his home a supply of oak wood for household use.

The choice of Prof. George P. Moore as Harvard's representative lecturer at Berlin University next year will give German scholars an opportunity to meet a peer, a man whom many consider the most erudite and encyclopedic in his range of knowledge that Harvard or any other American university can present to European scholastic world.

A special from Washington to the News and Courier says: Richard Carroll, the negro educator of Columbia, is in Washington and may receive a good appointment at the hands of President Taft.

The College of Charleston is to be equipped with a complete set of weather bureau instruments for weather forecasting. The instruments are to be installed at once.

Peter Hains is guilty and T. Jenkins is not. The ways of a jury are past finding out.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

In the United States district court in Charleston proceedings were instituted to have W. B. Jenkins of Lee County, G. S. Sawyer of Aiken and Hertz Brothers, of Newberry adjudged bankrupt.

81.55 TO FLORENCE, S. C. AND RETURN VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Account Musical Festival May 23rd-25th.

Tickets on sale May 23rd, 24th and 25th. Limited to return leaving Florence not later than midnight May 26th.

Corresponding low rates from intermediate points.

For further information call on Ticket Agent or write W. J. Craig, Passenger Traffic Manager, of T. C. White, General Passenger Agent.

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Winthrop College. SCHOLARSHIP and ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The examination for the award of vacant Scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 2, at 9 a. m.

Change Her Prospects.

Kansas views the activities of the new governor with feelings of almost unmingled joy, says The Boston Transcript. But the railways whom he disciplined with an anti-pass law, and several other forms of drastic legislation besides the public commission bill, have another idea about him.

"What do you think of Stubbs?" a visitor asked one of the ex-railway lobbyists.

"Well," he replied, "he reminds me of the story of a North Carolina wedding. 'They as the Lord have joined, let no man put asunder,' says the parson.

"Parson," says the bridegroom. "I rises to question your grammar in that sentence. We wants this wedding done right."

"When the smoke had cleared away the bride looked around on a dead minister, a dead brother, a dead bridegroom and several other dead men lying near, and sighed.

"Them new fangled, self-cookin' revolvers," said she, "sure has played hell with my prospects."

"DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little liver pills, small, gentle and sure. Sold by all druggists.

The stock of plumbing supplies belonging to the late S. F. McCants of Spartanburg, were sold at public auction to settle up the estate and were bought in by James T. Harris, Jr., for \$2,500.

Lived 152 Years. "Wm. Parr—England's oldest man—married the third time at 120, worked in the fields till 132 and lived 29 years longer. People should be youthful at 80, James Wright, of Spurluck, Ky., shows how to remain young.

"I feel just like a 16-year-old boy," he writes, "after taking six bottles of Electric Bitters. For thirty years kidney trouble made life a burden, but the first bottle of this wonderful medicine convinced me I had found the greatest cure on earth." They're a godsend to weak, sickly run-down or old people. Try them. 50c at Eibert's Drug Store.

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