

Saved by a Witticism.

In February, 1844, when John Tyler was president, the Princeton made a trial trip down the Potomac under Captain R. F. Stockton. On board at the time were President Tyler, members of the cabinet, other notables and a large number of women.

FLIES FROM PARIS TO MADRID

VENDRINE HONORED BY KING OF SPAIN.

By His Daring Performance, Winner Captures All Emoluments and Prizes, Others Having Failed.

Madrid, May 26.—Pierre Vendrine, the French aviator, completed today the cross-country, cross-mountain flight in the Petit Parisienne's race from Paris to Madrid, and tonight is in this city.

Vendrine completed the last stage of the race, a flight of 140 miles, from Burges to the aviation field at Greafee in two hours and 45 minutes. The honors and emoluments of the great international all belong to him, for Garros, who is still within the fastness of the Pyrenees mountains, near Andoain, and Gibert, the only other competitor, abandoned the race this afternoon at Burges, when a strong wind, accompanied by rain, set in.

The official time for Vendrine's flight of the 762 miles between Paris and Madrid is given as 37 hours, 37 minutes, which includes the numerous delays in transit due to making repairs, waits for fogs to clear away, etc.

The Paris-to-Madrid race was begun May 21 under the auspices of Petit Parisienne, which offered a prize of \$20,000. In addition, the Spanish Aero club gave prizes amounting to \$10,000 and King Alfonso offered a special prize for the fastest speed over the Spanish section.

Twenty machines were entered to start the race, but as a result of the tragic accident when the start was made from the Issy-Les-Moulineaux aviation field, which resulted in the death of M. Berteaux, the French minister of war and the serious injury to Premier Monis, all but three of the aviators withdrew.

T. P. A. MEN HAVE BIG TIME.

Large Crowd Go Out in Automobiles to Stoney's Grove to Attend Picnic.

A big crowd of the men from this city and all of the T. P. A. men visiting in this city were in attendance at the big T. P. A. fish fry which was held Friday evening at Stoney's Grove, and everybody was more than pleased with the refreshments served and the success of the event.

The crowd gathered on the court house square soon after six o'clock and there were a large number of automobiles lined upon the street to take the crowd out to the picnic grounds. The cars were boarded and the party set out in style, there being about sixty-five in the bunch.

When they arrived at the grounds the traveling men did not wait long before they were all invited to one of the best fish stews and fries that Mr. L. I. Parrott had ever made. There was plenty of grub for all and the men did ample justice to what was set before them although they were unable to eat all of the fish stew and fried fish which were prepared.

GOV. WILSON LEAVES FOR SOUTH.

Gov. Wilson left for the south today.

George (as he arrives home two hours later)—What on earth is the matter, dearest?

Young Wife—The baby said "Dada!"—Exchange.

Where His Interest Lay. Excited Messenger—Your wife's just met with a serious accident; thrown from car which ran over a dog. Jones (excitedly)—Was it a fox terrier with black spots on his shoulders?

Handing Her One. Mabel—That story you just told is about fifty years old. Maude—And you haven't forgotten it in all that time?—Toledo Blade.

To resent kindly rebuke is not a sign of spirit, but of stupidity.

Mr. R. M. Cooper, Jr., of Wisacky, spent Friday in the city.

SEWERAGE WORK PROGRESSES.

Larger Force of Hands Now Than for Some Time—Work May be Completed in a Month From Now.

The work on the sewerage system has progressed more rapidly during the past two weeks than at any time during the Spring, after labor became so scarce, although it is not moving very rapidly now.

The work will probably be completed about the first of July, when the new line will be joined to the old line at the corner of Oakland and Salem avenues. At present the work is going on on Salem avenue and is almost extended to Dingle street.

The work is being pushed as rapidly as possible with the force of hands now engaged and the dry weather has aided much in the progress.

HANGED FOR ATTACK ON WOMAN.

Negro in Spartanburg Pays Penalty for Attempted Assault—Calm to Last.

Spartanburg, May 26.—Gary Gist, colored, convicted for an attempt at criminal assault on a white woman, was hanged in the county jail this morning. He mounted the scaffold at 11:15 and was pronounced dead 11 minutes after Sheriff White sprung the trap.

He was cool to the last. Gist was the first prisoner up at the jail this morning. He ate a hearty breakfast, said several prayers, sang a song and met the death party at his cell door.

OFFICER TO RESIGN.

Question of Right to Hold Two Commissions.

Columbia, May 27.—Adjutant General Moore has taken the position that an officer of the national guard of South Carolina has no right to serve as a member of the governor's staff. As announced yesterday he has requested C. J. Epps, captain of company H of the third infantry to resign as captain or as a member of the staff of the chief executive.

It was announced yesterday that J. M. Richardson of Aiken, captain of the Coast artillery, had refused to accept appointment on the staff of the governor. It was also announced that G. E. Bamberg has accepted the position on the staff of the governor and had resigned his commission as lieutenant of battalion adjutant of the Third infantry.

An opinion has been given by M. P. DeBruhl, the assistant attorney general, that an officer of the national guard has no right to serve as a member of the governor's staff if the duties of the two commissions conflict. Adjutant General Moore is of the opinion that the duties of the commissions might conflict and therefore he will again request Capt. Epps to resign one or the other commission.

To Beekeepers.

The A. I. Root Co., Medina, Ohio, are offering a six month's trial subscription to Gleanings in Bee Culture and a free book on bee keeping and their 1911 catalogue of bee supplies all for twenty-five cents.

Gleanings in Bee Culture is the leading publication of its kind in this country, is issued twice a month for \$1.00 a year. It is handsomely printed and illustrated.

Address The A. I. Root Co., Medina, Ohio. In writing mention this paper.

In The Police Court.

The following cases were tried in the Police Court Friday.

Cephas Ford, for stealing peanuts from Mr. Frank O'Donnell's store, was given a sentence of \$15 or 30 days.

E. Y. Hall and J. G. Morris were fined \$5.00 each, for exceeding the speed limit on their motor cycles.

BEEKEEPERS' SUPPLIES.

I have decided to keep on hand a stock of Hives, Frames, Sections, Comb Foundations, Smokers, Veils, Gloves, Etc., for Beekeepers, and will order any goods not in stock.

These goods are made by the A. I. Root Co., the largest and most reliable manufacturers of Apian Supplies in this country. Catalogue will be furnished on application.

Also on hand Roots A B C and X Y Z of Beekeeping Price \$1.50, by mail 25 cents additional. If you are keeping bees in the old way, get this book, and learn to do it in the improved way.

N. G. OSTEEEN, Daily Item Office, Sumter, S. C.

MAY CALL STRIKE IN WEEK.

FIREMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE SAY THEY WILL ACT QUICK.

Rules Are Considered but Without Result, Following Men's Refusal of Mediation Plan.

Washington, May 26.—"Unless our demand for an increase of 20 per cent. in wages is granted, there will be a strike of all firemen employed by the Southern railway before the middle of next week," said H. O. Teat, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, tonight, after another day of ineffectual conferences between W. W. Finley, president of the Southern, and representatives of the firemen.

Following the refusal of the firemen to agree to President Finley's proposal to submit the wage question to a board of mediation this matter was put aside temporarily and rules, against many of which the firemen complained, were considered without conclusion. The conferences will continue tomorrow.

Interested in Children.

Chicago, May 22.—To show the interest Chicagoans feel in their children, it is announced that more than 265,000 persons have visited the child welfare exhibit now in progress here.

American Thieves in London.

London, May 22.—American thieves have stolen jewelry valued at \$7,500, including a diamond tiara, from Messrs. Halford Sons, jewelers, of Pall Mall. The thieves escaped.

How to Enter and Leave.

Chicago, May 22.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago schools, has instituted a course in which girls are taught how to get on and off street cars without injuring themselves.

Nothing that has happened in Sumter recently has been so generally commented on by the newspapers of the State as the manner in which the new hotel proposition was handled by the hotel committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the success of the negotiations with the Gresham Company. A successful undertaking is the best sort of advertising for a town, while plain old hot air is about the worst.

A man feels better, looks better and acts better when he is a progressive citizen. A pessimist looks like a frost-bitten potato patch.—Wilmington Star.

Many a Republican changes his mind after he sees his interview in print.—Toledo (Ohio) Blade.

Thomas Jefferson's opinion of other Democrats wasn't good and he did not fail to say so. Democrats are all Jeffersonian in that particular.—Wilmington Star.

A Pennsylvania woman of 26 has just married her fourth husband. And there are lots of women who have never had a single husband. It doesn't look to be fair, does it?

Woodrow Wilson says that "no man is big enough to seek the presidential job." Sounds like a back-handed slap at Taft, doesn't it?—Anderson Mail.

White Comb Honey.

In one pound sections, now ready. Price 20 cents per section. Also extracted honey at 40 cents per quart. All this season's make, fresh from the hive. Send to my residence, 316 W. Hampton Avenue. I do not deliver. N. G. OSTEEN.

The railroads are considering a proposition to limit the length of trunks to 40 inches. It is to be hoped that the Pullman will not apply the same rule to its berths.—Birmingham News.

Do you need printing of any description? Come to headquarters—Osteen Publishing Co. For nearly fifty years Osteen and good printing have meant the same thing in Sumter.

COTTON SEED—Wood's Improved Early Prolific, similar to but better than King cotton, made full crop last year after oats; also Money-maker Cotton seed. Grown on blight-free farm and ginned on private gin; Wood's Early Prolific, private gin; Wood's Early Prolific, \$1.25 bushel; Money-maker, \$1.00 bushel. C. P. OSTEEN Co., Sumter, S. C.

A Double Risk.

It was well known in Mayville that when Cyrus Fanning lent anything, from a hammer to a plow, he expected a good return for the favor. It was a matter of astonishment to Wilson Green, however, when on inquiring of Mr. Fanning how much it would cost to rent his long ladder for an afternoon Cyrus replied promptly, "One dollar fifty."

"Now, look here, Cy," remonstrated his neighbor; "you know I've got to borrow it, for mine isn't long enough to reach where I'm obliged to climb to search out that chimney leak for the Widow Sears. Can't you make it less?" "No, I can't," and Mr. Fanning shook his small head and closed his obstinate mouth.

"Why can't you?" demanded Wilson Green. "Because there's a weak place in it two-thirds the way up!" snapped Mr. Fanning. "It'll bear my weight all right, but you're a good thumpy pounds heavier. If it gave way under you 'twould cost me a dollar to get it mended. Considering the risk, I call a dollar 'n' a half cheap."—Youth's Companion.

The Seal Ring.

The seal ring is known to be the oldest style of ring. It dates back to the days of the Old Testament, and products of the glyptic art, as gem engraving was called, were known in the most remote times. In Exodus xxviii, 17-20, mention is made of the following stones, upon which the names of the twelve children of Israel were engraved: The sardius, the topaz, the carbuncle, the emerald, the sapphire, the diamond, the figure, the agate, the amethyst, beryl, onyx and Jasper. In verse 2 of the same chapter we find mention of the engraving of signets upon the hardest stones. It is believed that the Egyptians instructed the Israelites in the art of stone engraving. The Egyptians used the lapidary's wheel and emery powder and knew the use of the diamond in engraving other hard stones. Among the Assyrian and Babylonian ruins were found fine specimens of signets on gems, many of them set in rings.

Oddities of the Printing Shop.

Here is a row of capital letters and figures of ordinary size and shape just as you will find them in the daily newspaper:

SSSSSXXXZZZZ3338888 They are such as are made up of two parts of similar form. Look carefully at these and you will perceive that the upper halves of the characters are a very little smaller than the lower halves, so little that, at a mere glance, you would declare them to be of equal size. Now turn this page upside down, and without any careful looking you will see that the difference in size is very much exaggerated—that the real top half of the letter is very much smaller than the other half. It will be seen by this that there is a tendency in the eye to enlarge the upper part of any object upon which it looks. Thus two circles of unequal size might be drawn and so placed that they would appear exactly alike.—New York World.

Wanted Them Green.

"Two starboard lights," said the diner to the waiter in a Broadway restaurant. The waiter looked over the wine list, and his eye ran down to the liqueurs, for his two patrons had reached the post coffee stage of their dinner. He looked blankly at the list. He could see no such cordial.

"Starboard lights, sir?" he asked. "Yes; starboard lights—two—and hurry!" The waiter sought the maitre d'hotel and asked what the drink might be. "Creme de menthe," said that imperturbable person. "It's what they call 'em in England."—New York Press.

A Big Drawback.

A man was praising the improvements by a friend in his dwelling. "Your house looks a lot better now that it has been painted." "Well," the man who had been redecorating admitted gloomily, "it does look a bit better, but we shall have to clean the windows more frequently to keep in harmony with it."

A Calamity.

Neighbor—My! My! So the story is true and your husband has really eloped with the servant girl. Deserted Wife (weeping)—Yes, and she was the best girl I ever had, too, a perfectly lovely cook, and so quiet and respectful. Dear knows where I'll be able to get another!—Philadelphia Times.

Money.

Money is character; money also is power. I have power not in proportion to the money I spend on myself, but in proportion to the money I can. If I please, give away to another.—Bulwer Lytton.

Bait.

She—Why, Charlie, you seem to have become quite a man of fashion—such clothes, such jewelry! He—Yes; you see, my creditors are very anxious that I should get married.—Simplicissimus.

Their Use.

"Do you enjoy your meals, old man?" "Enjoy my meals?" snorted the indignant dyspeptic. "My meals are merely gulped to take medicine before or after."—Washington Herald.

The Way of the World.

"Isn't it awful? According to the papers there just seems to be one revolution after another."

"Yes. That's the way the world goes round."—Judge.

Clemson College News Letter.

Clemson College, May 23.—Prof. H. C. Thompson, professor of Horticulture, has accepted a position in the United States Government service at an increase in salary. He expects to leave on June 30th.

The contract for building an additional story on Barracks No. 1, and adding piazzas on Barracks No. 2, has been awarded to Mr. H. C. Morrison of Augusta, Ga., who will begin work immediately after the close of the session.

The open air reception to the corps of cadets will be held immediately after the Alumni address on Monday evening of commencement. In addition to the usual dress parade on Monday afternoon, a sham battle will be given for the entertainment of the visitors.

One of the most interesting departments of Clemson college to the farmers of the State is the Experiment Station, which is supported by Federal funds. The Experiment Station is divided into six divisions, each of which is presided over by a chief or full professor. These six divisions are as follows: Division of Agricultural, Division of Horticulture, Division of Botany and Plant Pathology, Division of Entomology and Zoology, Division of Chemistry, and Division of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science.

The offices and laboratories of the Experiment Station occupy the second floor of the Agricultural building. The Experiment Station farm, where the field and horticultural experiments are conducted, is about one mile from the main building. On this farm are tested the fertilizer requirements of the various types of soil cultural methods of cotton, corn, soy beans, sorghum, cowpeas, oats, wheat, barley, and all of the economic agricultural plants that grow in South Carolina.

The Station is working on about fifty different types of cotton. These are carefully bred and selected. All kinds and combinations of fertilizers are tested on these various crops.

In the Horticultural Division there are grown a number of varieties of the scuppernon grape, and all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

The other activities of the Experiment Station are along the following principal lines: Botany, entomology, bacteriology, chemistry, soil improvement feeding experiments of cattail plant breeding, diseases of plants, forestry, rotation of crops, orchard and vineyard experiments, farm management and co-operative experiments.

The Station officers write about 10,000 letters a year in answer to letters from farmers on all kinds of subjects relating to agriculture.

In addition to the well equipped laboratories, the Station has large seed houses, a large greenhouse, a splendid herd of dairy cattle and Berkshire hogs.

The Station has published 163 bulletins and 23 annual reports. These publications are sent to all farmers of South Carolina.

Mr. C. E. DesChamps has gotten an honorable discharge from college, having got an appointment to Annapolis. While we are very glad to see Mr. DesChamps get this appointment, we regret very much that it takes him away from Clemson.

J. M. W.

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