FIREMEN'S

Mediation Plan.

Saved by a Witticism. In February, 1844, When John Tyler FLIES FROM PARIS TO MADRID was president, the Princeton made a trial trip down the Potomac under Cap- VENDRINE HONORED BY KING tain R. F. Stockton. On board at the time were President Tyler, members of the cabinet, other notables and a large number of women. As was customary at that time, a salute was to be fired while passing Mount Vernon. Just as it was discharged the gun exploded at the breech, killing five persons and wounding several others. Those killed were Abel P. Upshur, secretary of state; Thomas W. Gilmer, secretary of the navy; Commodore Kennon, chief of the bureau of construction of the navy; Virgil Maxcy. Gardiner, former senator from New

York. William Wilkins, then secretary of war, was saved by a witticism. Seeing the gun about to be fired, he exclaimed jokingly, "Though secretary of war, I do not like this firing, and I beleve I shall run." He thereupon left his position directly beside the gun and had just reached safety when the explosion occurred.

A Burning Glass In the Eye. In the front part of each of our eyes a convex lens of great power and clearness. It acts exactly like a burning glass. If a person was made to ok at the sun, say, for half a minute his eye would actually start to burn The lens would focus the rays of the sun on the retina, and that part of the eye would immediately scorch and later would burn to a crisp. This can happen, however, only when one looks at the sun directly or in a mirror. If one holds a pin between the sun and the eye and looks at the pin. although the sun is in a direct line with the eye and although its rays are entering the eye, the eye is not hurt, because the rays are not focused inside the eyeball. This is the wonderful property the lens has, that of focusing objects at different distances. The means by which it does this are its power to change its curvature.-Chicago Record-Herald.

An Election Story From Hungary. An electioneering story from Huncary, as told by Mr. R. W. Seton-Waton in "Corruption and Reform In Hungary:" "Not many years ago a noble count stood as candidate for a west Hungarian constituency and was in due course elected. Soon afterward a deputation of the electors visited him in Budapest, reminded him of his promises at the time of the election and asked him to use his influence in a certain direction. 'Why do you come to mer asked the count. 'Why, because you are our representative,' the astonished peasants replied. 'Nothing of the kind,' said the count. 'I bought the constituency for £2,000. You all had your price-free lunches and free drinks into the bargain. I'm --- if I do anything for you. We are quits.' And in another minute the deputation found itself in the street."

Robespierre's Style of Dress. Robespierre's manner of dress, even at the period when the demagogues affected the slovenliness and disorder of indigence in order to flatter the people, was clean, decent and precise as that of a man who respects himself in the eyes of others. His white powdered hair, turned up in clusters over bis temples; a bright blue coat buttoned over his hips, open over the breast to display a white vest; short yellow colored breeches, white stockings and shoes with silver buckles. formed his invariable costume during the whole of his public life. It was cald that he desired by thus never varying the style or color of his garments to make the same impression in the sight and imagination of the people as a medal of his face would have caused.-Lamartine's "History of the Girondists."

Very Sensitive. "I don't know what I am going to do with that kid of mine. He's always getting into fights. I jerked him up for it the other day. 'What so you mean by fighting on the public streets like this? I asked. "Well,' he said, 'Jimmy Montgomery said you were my father.'

Well, ain't I your father? "'I s'pose you are, but a feller don't

want it thrown up to him right in front of a crowd."-Boston Traveler. A Taste For Soap. Surely one of the queerest of tastes

was that of the historian Prescott, of whose life in Rome Mrs. Eagh Fraser tells in "A Diplomatist's Wife In Many a cake of soap on his writing table and nibble at it constantly, "saying, when he was remonstrated with, that people should be clean inside as well as out."

Most Important. George-What can be the matter? The telegram says, "Come home at once." I must fly.

George (as he arrives home two hours later)-What on earth is the matter.

Young Wife-The baby said "Dadda!"-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 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.

spent Friday in the city.

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 the new line will be joined to the old in this city. On his coat hangs the ex-minister to The Hague, and Mr. cross of Alphonse XII, which is reserved for persons who have distinguished themselves in the arts and sciences. It was pinned there by the hands of the Spanish monarch, who at an audience granted Vendrine today, also warmly shook his hand and congratulated him for his bravery, and afterward engaged him in conversation for an hour.

Vendrine completed the last stage of the race, a fight of 140 miles, from Burges to the aviation field at Greeafe 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. Gibert made a game effort to finish. He left Olazagutia, where he spent last night, at 7:25 o'clock this morning and finally gave up the race at 2:50 o'clock this afternoon. His distance today was about 100 miles.

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 re- his cell door. pairs, waits for fogs to clear away, etc. His actual time of flight was 12 hours, 18 minutes, which is at a rate faster than 60 miles an hour.

The Paris-to-Madrid race was begun May 21 under the auspices of Petit Parisiene, 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 serve as a member of the governor's over the Spanish section. The jour- staff. As announced yesterday he has ney was divided into three stages, requested C. J. Epps, captain of com-Paris to Angouleme, Angouleme to pany H of the third infantry to re- Sumter recently has been so generally San Sebastian, and San Sebastian to sign as captain or as a member of commented on by the newspapers of Madrid, a total distance of about 600 the staff of the chief executive.

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 Pic-

A big crowd of the men from this city and all of the T. P. A. men visiting in this city were in attenddance 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

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 be-When they arrived at the grounds the traviling 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 Lands." She says that he used to keep fried fish which were prepared. The crowd, after spending a couple of hours on the grounds, broke up and got home in time to escape the big wind storm which came up soon afterward.

> WILSON LEAVES FOR GOV. SOUTH.

Puts in Busy Day in Lincoln as Guest of Business and Educational In-

Lincoln, Neb., May 26,-Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey was the guest today of Lincoln business and educational interests and put in a busy day from the time of his ar-(excitedly)-Was it a fox terrier with rival early in the afternoon until he left for the South late tonight.

> club banquet tonight. Gov. Wilson be furnished on application, discussed the relations of the States and their laws to those of the national Y Z of Beekeeping Price \$1.50, by

day," says a physician, and you will improved way, not have indigestion. But your neigh-Mr. R. M. Cooper, Jr., of Wisacky, bors may have nervous prostration .-Anderson Mail.

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 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. Behind the workmen is a stretch of three hundred feet which has to be filled in. The work on this will be done as soon as Dingle street is cross-

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

HANGED FOR ATTACK ON WO-MAN.

Negro in Spartanburg Pays Penalty for Attempted Assault-Calm to

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

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

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 commisions 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.

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> Address The A. I. Root Co., Mediina, 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

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, Gioves, Etc., for Beckeepers, and will order any goods not in stock.

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Also on hand Roots A B C and X mail 25 cents additional. If you are keeping bees in the old way, get "Sing for an hour or two every this book, and learn to do it in the

N. G. OSTEEN, Daily Item Office, Sumter, S. C. MAY CALL STRIKE IN WEEK.

REPRESENTATIVE

SAY THEY WILL ACT QUICK. Rules Are Considered but Without Result, Following Men's Refusal of

Washington, May 26 .- "Unless our demand for an increase of 20 per cent, in wages is granted, there wil 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, presi-

tives 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.

dent of the Southern, and representa-

Interested in Children.

Chicago, May 22.-To show the in terest 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.

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

How to Enter and Leave.

Chicago, May 22 .- Mrs. Ella Plagg 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

Nothing that has happened in the State as the manner in which the It was announced yesterday that J. new hotel proposition was handled very much exaggerated-that the real Twenty machines were entered to M. Richardson of Aiken, captain of by the hotel committee of the Chamstart the race, but as a result of the the Coast artillery, had refused to ber of Commerce and the success of accept appointment on the staff of the the negotiations with the Gresham governor. It was also announced Company. A successful undertaking that G. E. Bamberg has accepted the is the best sort of advertising for a position on the staff of the governor 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 .- Wilming-

> 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 "n man is big enough to seek the presidential job," Sounds like a backhanded 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.—Birn ingham

Do you need printing of any de scription? Come to headquarters-Osteen Publishing Co. For nearly fifty years Osteen and good printing have meant the same thing in Sum-

COTTON SEED-Wood's Improved fore or after."-Washington Herald. Early Prolific, similar to but better than King cotton, made full crop last year after oats; also Moneymaker Cotton seed. Grown on blight-free farm and ginned on private gin; Wood's Early Prolific. round."-Judge private gin; Wood's Early Prelific, \$1.25 bushel; Moneymaker, \$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

"Why can't you?" demanded Wilson

"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 thutty pounds heavier. If it gave way under you twould cost me a dollar to get it mended. Considering the resk, 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 ligure, 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

SSSSXXXXZZZZ33338888 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, ment Station are along the following and without any careful looking you will see that the difference in size is 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

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 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 improve-

ments 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 busband 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

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

Bait.

She-Why. Charlle, 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 guideposts to take medicine be-

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

Mr. John H. Clifton went to Columiba Friday,

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

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 One of the most interesting depart-

ments 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

The offices and laboratories of the Experiment Station occupy the second floor of the Agricultural build-

The Experiment Station 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 scuppernong grape, and all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

The other activities of the Experiprincipal lines: Botany, entomology, bacteriology, chemistry, soil improvement feeding experiments of cattle plant breeding, diseases of plants, forestry, rotation of crops, orchard and vineyard experiments, farm management and co-operative experi-

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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