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CITY AND COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Social Happenings of Caroline As Reported to The Union.

Clerk L. B. Towers is improving slowly.

Mr. Thomas Bradley is still very ill, his condition is considered critical

Miss Grace Dyer is spending several weeks in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

C. S. Roop has opened a blacksmith and wheelwright shop on the Tuckahoe road at Hillsboro.

Major Enoch B. Garey spent the week end at the home of his mother Mrs. Vashti Garey.

Miss Louise Dukes is spending a month with her sister Mrs. John Magruder in Baltimore.

The stork visited the home of Mr and Mrs. William Irwin Sunday night and left them a baby boy.

Miss Caroline DeFord of Wilmington spent the week end with 'her mother Mrs. Emily DeFord.

Mrs. Charles Redden has returned after spending a week with Mrs. William Brown in Federalsburg.

Mrs. Harry Knotts and son Harry of Queen Anne have been visiting Mrs. Knotts parents Mr. and Mrs. C ay Hobbs.

Fire in Preston destroyed the dwelling of Dr. Webb on Tuesday night. A colored baby was burned. The origin of the fire is. unknown.

The public sale of the property of Wilbert Butler in Tuckahoe Neck was largely attended. and the property sold at fairly good prices.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Earl Smith who have been spending several months in Baltimore have returned home.

Miss Virginia Davis of Delaware College is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B, Nuttle on Thursday morning and left a fine son.

Robert Seymore of Talbot county, a traveling salesman, died at a Baltimore hospital this week with cancer of the stomach.

Frank Boardly, a well known colored man, was paralyzed while at church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Hills and children of Salisbury spent the week end here as guests of Mr. Hills' parents, Rev. and Mrs. V. E. Hills.

Miss Ada Cannon is spending several days in Salisbury visiting relatives and friends.

Next Wednesday will be Candlemas day, when the humble ground hog becomes the honored prophet of human destiny and the arbiter of our fates.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank on Tuesday elected the following directors: John T. Carter, C. Clarence Deen, Joseph H. Carroll, Thomas H. Draper. C. Fulton Noble, D. Wilson Davis, Clement Drake, Harvey M. Parrott, W. Brewster Deen, Henry W. Hughes. Josiah A. Beck, W. Kemp Newnam, Willard C. Todd, James W. Thawley, J. Hudson Taylor. The directors organized with the following officers: John T. Carter, President; C. Clarence Deen, Vice President; Joseph H. Carroll, Secretary. The directors appointed Sherman C. Hignutt, cashier and Wilbur B. Parker. teller.

If Noah Webster were living today he would have to revise his dictionary —Palace no longer means merely a fine building. Since the Palace Theatre opened here the Palace is known for high class amusements. The revised dictionary would say: "Palace—the home of refined amusements"

James Massey was buried last Sunday at Greensboro. Thirty-five years ago he was one of the leading Republicans of Caroline County. He was elected to the House of Delegates and for a long time held a responsible position in the Custom House in Baltimore. He left a widow and two sons.

Mr. Clifford Trazzare met with an accident on Saturday night near Harmony. The lights on his automobile went out and in almost an instant his machine collided with a horse and carriage, wrecking the carriage, the machine turned over and Mr. Trazzare was severely cut about the head and otherwise injured.

ONE CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL

His Friend's Deafness Came Very Near Getting Innocent Man Into Quite Serious Trouble.

Capt. Sutton Rutherford, the new polo star, said at Chevy Chase last month:

"I wonder what the maximum price of whisky will be under prohibition? It soars and soars and, really, to be offered a drink today is a high compliment."

Captain Rutherford smiled.

"The question of treating," he continued, "has a humorous side, too.

"A friend of mine whispered anxiously to me the other day at a club:

"'There goes Rogers! I try to avoid him nowadays, for he is becoming deafer than ever, and it is dangerous to accost him. Recently I hailed him with:

"'Fine day, Rogers,' and he smiled and answered:

"'Will I licker? Sure, Mike! Lead me to it!'

"'And blest if a passing prohibition-enforcement officer didn't arrest us both on suspicion.'"

Let Doctor Name the Baby.

Perhaps more often than one realizes the family doctor has a deciding influence in the naming of the baby. Many instances might be related by observant nurses, but this one may suffice:

The doctor breezed into the room on the morning after, and on the spur of the moment asked cheerily: "Well, how is Elizabeth Ann finding herself?"

"Elizabeth Ann is quite well and apparently contented," answered the nurse. And Elizabeth Ann, as an offhand appellation, so pleased the father and mother that Elizabeth Ann she will remain to the end of her days.

There is a Thomas James on Long Island and an Alfred Henry in Mount Vernon who received their names in that way.—New York Sun.

How People Die in India.

A return of the number of inquests held by the coroner of Bombay during 1919 gives us some very interesting particulars. Among the "suicide" we find that six cut their throats, 28 drowned themselves, four hanged themselves, 15 jumped out of windows, 20 took opium, arsenic or some other poison, four shot themselves and eight burned themselves. Drowning, therefore, took pride of place last year, whereas self-poisoning was the favorite method of quitting life in 1918, there being 21 cases reported. Other suicidal practices mentioned in the report are stabbing and the act of knocking one's head against a wall. No one has favored either of these methods during the past two years, however.

TIMELY MENTION OF CHURCH NEWS

The ministers of the several churches of Denton, irrespective of denomination are requested to furnish the news and announcements of the services for their respective churches, for publication under the above heading.

Denton Methodist Episcopal Church.

VINAL E. HILLS, Pastor.

At the Sunday morning service the pastor's subject will be "The World—And Methodism's Responsibility."

The Sunday evening lecture will be devoted to "The Berbers of North Africa." The pastor considers this the most interesting subject of the series. Berbers are a group of the White Race concerning whom most of us have little knowledge and Dr. Hills' lecture Sunday evening will not only give us interesting incidents but a wealth of facts that will be profitable in the instruction they convey.

The devotional meeting of the Epworth League will be led Sunday evening by Miss Jessie Betson. The subject "The Hand-Clasp of Neighbors", is suggestive of much interesting discussion.

Orphans' Court For Caroline County.

Present their Honors: Judges West, Harper and Shawn.

On petition and Order of Court, by George L. Pendleton, Attorney for Charles L. Bailey, petitioner, the Orphans' Court for Caroline County postponed the date of probating the will of George W. Bailey, deceased to March 8th 1921.

On application, after renunciation has been filed, Letters of administration on the personal estate of Frank Holland, deceased, were granted to Everet C. Kelley. Bond filed and approved, notice to creditors ordered and Harvey M. Parrot and Joseph J. Garris were named as appraisers.

HENDERSON

Miss Lillian Meredith was a Wilmington visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walls and daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll M. Jones family on Sunday.

Little George Alda Montague is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bickling of Wilmington were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R Melvin on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs Reese Bostic and Mrs Harry Bostic of Felton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Quillin on Monday.

Mr. Edward Pritchett of Wilmington has returned home after spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Pritchett.

Mr. James Johnson of Wilmington after a few days spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnson. left on Wednesday of this week for Missouri. We wish him good luck.

Miss Annabelle Clark, Miss Pauline Cole and Mr. Norman Melvin were Marydel visitors on Sunday.

Miss Lola Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Seward, and Mr. Wallace Jones, were quietly married on Tuesday a. m. at the M. E. parsonage in Goldsboro.

Our Postmaster is very much improved, we are glad to announce.

RITES OF MOUND BUILDERS

How "Bundle Burials" and "Burials in the Flesh" Were Conducted by Ancient Race.

After an Indian mound has been cleared and surveyed it is stripped of the surface sod and excavated by a series of trenches. One mound, says the Southern Workman, contained no less than 45 "bundle burials," with two "burials in the flesh" above of later date. These "bundle" burials were disarticulated skeletons that had been taken down from trees and made into bundles. In each "bundle," as a rule, were the bones of from two to four individuals. They were placed end to end, lengthways, north to south, and formed a layer some ten feet long and five feet wide. They were placed on a carefully prepared bed of alternate layers of golden and bright-red sands, evidently of ceremonial import, and surrounded by several stone altars. On these, appropriate sacrifices were made to the dead; there were signs of fire all about. Some half-burned human bones in well-preserved oak charcoal were found near the top, indicating that some poor captive had been burned at the stake to minister to the souls of the dead on their journey to the happy hunting grounds. In the top strata were found two skeletons, both of them strongly fixed, with the knees drawn up to the chin. They were evidently of considerable age, but of later origin than the "bundle" burials. In fact, all the bones in this group of mounds showed extreme signs of decomposition. It was necessary to "paint" them all with a transfusing fluid the minute they were exposed to the air. These two skeletons were perhaps the remains of people who had died during the construction of the mounds and were given burial in the top of them.

REALM OF DEATH ON EARTH

Country in the Vicinity of Mount Vesuvius Graphically Portrayed by Gifted Frenchwoman.

The country at the foot of Vesuvius is the most fertile and best cultivated of the kingdom most favored by heaven in all Europe. The celebrated Lacryma Christi vine flourishes beside land totally devastated by lava, as if nature here made a last effort and resolved to perish in her richest array.

As you ascend you turn to gaze on Naples and on the fair land about it—the sea sparkles in the sun as if strewn with jewels; but all the splendors of creation are extinguished by degrees, as you enter the region of ashes and smoke, that announce your approach to the volcano.

The iron waves of other years have traced large black furrows in the soil. At a certain height birds are no longer seen; further on plants become very scarce; then even insects find no nourishment. At last all life disappears; you enter the realm of death, and the slain earth's dust slips beneath your unassured feet.—Madame De Stael.

Armenia First Christian Nation.

The Armenians are an Aryan race and probably emigrated from Europe into Asia Minor centuries before the Christian era. Their language belongs to the Indo-European group of languages. Their king was converted to Christianity as early as 301 A. D., and Armenia then became the first Christian nation of the world. The Armenian civilization has been established for centuries. The position of the country on the highway between Asia and Europe has subjected it to invasion and subjugation at various periods by the Assyrians, Medes, Greeks, Romans, Persians and Turks. From the Fourteenth century to the late war, the greatest part of Armenia was under Turkish rule. Their enmity to the Turks rises from their struggles as a nation to be free, which have frequently been accompanied by massacres of Armenians. America's interest arises from sympathy with an oppressed race that has for so long upheld Christian civilization in the Near East.

Bayoneted Insects.

There is in Cuba a curious grass, Cenchrus echinatus, which bristles with tiny sharp-pointed spikelets upon which multitudes of insects are impaled, by night as well as by day. The wings of the victims are pierced and entangled by the barbed spikes, so that most of them are unable to get away, and thus perish miserably.

Even a large, luminous snapping beetle, which is so strong and active that it can with difficulty be held in the hand, falls a victim to these vegetable bayonets. It has been observed, however, that two species of insects, a large bug, Oebalus, and an earwig, readily free themselves from the spikes. Minute insects are not caught. The grass does not appear to derive any nourishment from its prey. It is found elsewhere in the West Indies and in southern Florida.

City Has Endowed Flagstaff.

There is an endowed staff in the United States, that on the common at Lawrence, Mass. At the time of the Lawrence strike some years ago, when many indignities were shown to the American flag, there was held a flag parade of 40,000 persons, each carrying a flag as a protest. A public-spirited citizen, Joseph Shattuck, offered to erect a flagstaff and to set aside funds, the interest on which would buy flags for the staff. The city of Lawrence accepted the offer, and today on its common is one of the finest flagstaffs in the world.

MASTER AND DOG SAVE 304 LIVES

Partners in Work of Mercy in the Great American Deserts.

IS VICTIM OF POISON

Faithful Dog Refuses to Drink From Polluted Spring, but Owner Does and Loses His Life—To Have Monument.

Los Angeles.—Lou Westcott Beck of Pasadena, Cal., and his dog, Rufas, are dead, after being partners in a work of mercy for 13 years. Beck laid down his life, a martyr to his work, dying as a result of drinking from a poisoned spring at the edge of the desert. Rufas lingered for three years, watching for his partner, who, for the first time, had gone on the long, long trail without him. Then he started out to find him.

During the 13 years of their partnership, the man and the dog rescued 304 persons from death by thirst and exhaustion in the great American deserts—the Colorado, the Mojave and, worst of all, Death valley. Friends of the desert guide and his four-footed partner will erect a monument to them in Brookside park, Pasadena.

Lost Fourteen Years Ago.

It was 14 years ago that Beck, a Chicago man, prospecting in Death valley, was lost in that inferno of shifting sand, maddening heat and deceptive mirages. With him was his dog, Rufas, a strong, intelligent animal, a cross between a Siberian bloodhound and a St. Bernard. There were no sign posts in the deserts in those days, nothing to guide the traveler to the water holes, nothing to warn against poisoned springs. The man and the dog were almost dead when they finally crawled to a water hole, drank the brackish water and staggered on and finally out of the desert.

Since that terrible experience, the man made rescue work in the desert his life task, and, with his faithful



The Man Drank But the Dog Refused.

dog, saved hundreds. But fate finally overtook them when, again lost in the desert, Beck found a poison well. The man drank, but the dog refused.

It was a terrible trip home and when it was ended Lou Beck went to bed, never to rise again. The dog, heartbroken over the loss of his master, drooped and drooped, until now he too is dead, but with a long record of service behind him.

"SNAKE BITE" CURE HIS FEE

Doctor Takes Home Jug Unearthed by Man Who Thought Snake Had Bitten Him.

Hornell, N. Y.—As the men of a section crew at work on the railroad near here were stretched out on the grass after their noon-day meal, one of them, Philo Jennings, jumped to his feet with a scream of pain, saying he had been bitten by a rattlesnake. In seeking some mud for the wound, one of the men lifted a big flat stone and found it covered a barrel.

In the barrel was a jug full of old-time whisky, which a resident said his father had buried there 60 years ago, and then forgotten it. The cork was pulled and the victim given first aid, successfully. When the doctor came, he said Jennings had been stung by a bumble bee. The doctor took home the jug of whisky as his fee.

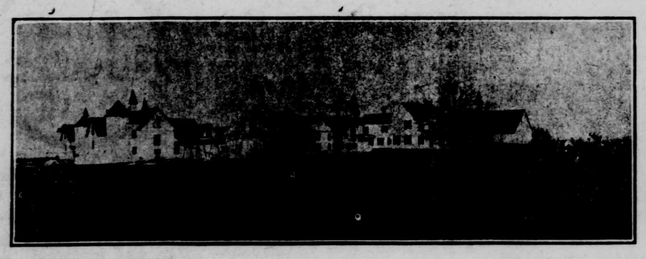
PRISON FOR WHIPPING BOY

Farmer Pleads Effort to Break Lad of Fibbing—Gets Twenty Months.

Peconic, N. Y.—"Thank you!" was all Samuel Sweezy, fifty-eight, a farmer, had to say when sentenced at Riverhead to not less than a year and eight months nor more than two years and six months in Sing Sing and to pay a $1,000 fine for horsewhipping a boy.

The boy, Benjamin Franklin Eubank, twelve, he had taken from an institution to work on the farm. Sweezy's counsel said he was trying to cure him of telling falsehoods.

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