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BEST IN THE WORLD.

AN INCENDIARY AMONGST US

ATTEMPTED TO BURN MR. J. L. SANDLIN'S RESIDENCE.

About midnight Sunday night, a villainous attempt was made to burn the elegant residence of Mr. J. L. Sandlin on Retta Esplanade.

The kitchen, which is a two-story building, closely adjoins the dwelling, from which it is separated by a hall only six feet wide, which is latticed up at the ends.

The lattice on both sides of the door was apparently dashed with kerosene, as the fire, when discovered, was running up at both sides, though the principal blaze was going up the corner of the kitchen.

Mr. Albert F. Dewey and family have long been occupying the residence. But, as is known, are absent in Savannah. Their cook, a colored woman, was sleeping upstairs over the kitchen, and she was awakened by becoming nearly suffocated by the smoke pouring into her room.

The cook got out of bed and, on seeing the flames rolling up the corner of the kitchen, she made a great outcry that alarmed the neighbors and quickly brought assistance. The neighbors extinguished the flames before any serious damage was done.

Now the generally accepted theory is that the incendiary who made this dastardly attempt to destroy one of the finest residences in town is identical with the man who tried to murder Mr. Dewey on the night of September 8. Many people have supposed that the residence was the property of Mr. Dewey, and this was doubtless the idea of the incendiary.

Mr. Sandlin, the owner, has offered a reward of \$100 for the detection and conviction of the incendiary. If, as is believed, he is the same man who shot Mr. Dewey, there are now \$700 in rewards offered for his arrest and conviction.

At the last service he looked down at the reporters, who sat at a table just in front of the pulpit, and said: "And I want to tell you fellows that I like you a lot in spite of your manifold faults. You boys don't treat me right, though. You take my sermons and pick out a piece here, a piece there and a piece somewhere else. Then you string the pieces together, and, naturally, they read funny."

THE MILKY WAY.

A System Which Gives Us a Vague Idea of the Extent of Space.

The Milky Way, the grandest feature of the "firmament" which hangs above us, the hazy path which so majestically bands the whole fabric of the skies together, is now known to be composed of a grand aggregation of at least 18,000,000 stars, each as large as or larger than that which makes vegetable and animal life an earthly possibility.

It is obvious, however, upon mere mature reflection that such comparisons are worse than "odious." The bulk of our sun exceeds that of the earth 1,300,000 times, being 600 times greater than that of the bulk of his whole train of planets taken collectively. This being the case, what basis can we use for calculating the magnitude of 18,000,000 suns, each, as I have said before, 600 times larger than that which gives us heat and light?

The infinite number of suns which, taken together, make up the Milky Way are not set at a uniform distance from our earth or even from our sun. In fact, they appear to work altogether independently of either this mundane sphere or our "glorious orb of glory." The majority of them are planted at a distance too remote to be even imperfectly measured or understood.

Some of them are so near (7) that light, which travels at the rate of 185,000 miles per second, would cross the distance between us and them in the period of about an even ten years. Others, however, are so remote that it would take a full thousand years for their light to reach us.

A Cautious State of Affairs. You must be very cautious how you treat your neighbor in Isle of Jersey, for he can have you arrested on the slightest pretext and if he has a grudge against you can bring about such a calamity by simply giving a fictional account of your misconduct to the nearest lawyer.

Man's Great Surgeon Died. While Bichat, the famous surgeon, was dying of typhoid fever he turned to an old colleague who was sitting beside his bed and said to him: "My friend, I am lost, but it is some consolation to know that my case is very curious. During the last few days I have noticed some odd symptoms, and I am studying them carefully."

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NEGLECTED ENTERTAINMENTS.

This scribe pleads guilty to having unintentionally omitted to mention two successful entertainments recently given, which oversight has caused him much mortification.

The other entertainment was a card party given by Gen. Gilchrist in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Elliott. This was largely attended and proved a happy occasion to all.

Appropriate refreshments were served and the guests were unanimous in pronouncing the party a decided success.

THEY GOT FREE SEATS.

An Order That Was Promptly Honored at the Box Office.

Once when Nat Goodwin was playing in Chicago two men approached his manager, who was standing in the lobby of the theater, and introduced themselves as a couple of actors.

The manager, who feared a scene, handed over one of his cards and told the men he was responsible and quite willing to take the consequences of refusing to give them seats.

When, half an hour later, the manager's attention was called to what had been done, he was at first inclined to take some severe action, but later he saw the joke on himself.

Sam Jones to Reporters. A prominent Baltimore physician tells in the Baltimore Sun the following anecdote about Sam Jones, the Georgia evangelist:

At the last service he looked down at the reporters, who sat at a table just in front of the pulpit, and said: "And I want to tell you fellows that I like you a lot in spite of your manifold faults. You take my sermons and pick out a piece here, a piece there and a piece somewhere else. Then you string the pieces together, and, naturally, they read funny."

Now, suppose I reported the Bible that way! A man asks me what the Bible tells him to do. I read in one place, "And Judas went out and hanged himself." I turn over and read, "Go thou and do likewise." And in another place I find, "And do it quickly."

Now, you see, boys, that sort of thing won't do. It ain't fair.

Brain Work. Its Effect Upon the Body and the Kind of Food It Demands. The changes of tissue in the brain that take place during study and thought are very important and very rapid.

Brain workers require the most concentrated and easily digested foods. They should eat fresh beef and mutton, fish, eggs—cooked in many forms, but never hard-boiled or fried—oysters, and crisp salads, lettuce, chicory, tomatoes, watercress, etc., with mayonnaise or French dressing.

Some men take pains naturally, and some give them the same way.—Chicago News.

DE SOTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

AFTER BLIND TIGERS AND CATTLE THIEVES—OTHER CASES.

As condensed from the News and other exchanges, the following cases were disposed of by the circuit court at Arcadia last week:

State vs. William Miller, selling liquor. Guilty. State vs. Orlando Silcox, selling liquor. Continued.

State vs. Robert Coleman, selling liquor. Continued. State vs. Silas Powers, selling liquor. Continued.

State vs. Joe Keene, et al., larceny of a cow. Plead guilty, and fined \$50 and costs. State vs. James Diass, larceny of a cow. Acquittal.

State vs. Allen Lowe and Robert Lowe, larceny of a cow; not pressed upon motion of the state attorney. State vs. Allen Lowe and Robert Lowe, altering marks of a marked cow. Plead guilty to disfiguring an animal and were fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. John Merritt, selling liquor. Trial and conviction. State vs. Dick Hogan, selling liquor. Continued.

State vs. Charles Sanders, selling liquor. Plead guilty. State vs. James Gordon, selling liquor. Plead guilty.

State vs. Geo. J. Johnson, adultery. Plead guilty and was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. State vs. Ed Drummond, alias Ed Pletcher, selling liquor. Plead guilty.

State vs. Henry Jones, selling liquor. Plead guilty. State vs. Charles Saunders, selling liquor. Plead guilty.

State vs. Orlando Silcox, selling liquor. Continued. State vs. Nettie Castle, keeping house of ill-fame. Trial and acquittal.

State vs. W. H. Lockwood, selling liquor. Case not pressed. State vs. W. H. Lockwood, selling liquor. Plead guilty.

State vs. Norman Davis, breaking and entering. Plead guilty and was sentenced to Reform School for two years. State vs. Herman Roberts, selling liquor. Plead guilty.

State vs. Thomas Harrison, selling liquor. Plead guilty. State vs. James Carson and Albert Hunter, larceny of a domestic animal, two cases. Continued.

State vs. Orlando Silcox, selling liquor. Continued. The grand jury has returned indictments against Ivy Midgett and Charles Daniels for murder in the first degree. Also three indictments against John E. Hogan, Melvin Corbett and Buck Daughtry for larceny of a domestic animal.

The First National Bank of Arcadia and A. Yancy Teachey made a settlement out of court in the damage suit brought by the latter. The settlement was satisfactory to Mr. Teachey, who was vindicated from all damage to his character by the error of the bank.

REGAR CURED BLUE GRASS HAMS.

[Written for the Punta Gorda Herald by request.]

This excellent method is desired by every farmer and wife who has ever eaten the Blue Grass sugar cured hams and sweet bacon. I do not wonder at it, for I have eaten them myself and I obtained the method of curing them from a farmer who is noted for his choice hams.

He follows the simple method—when the meat is taken up to be dried he washes it in a clean hot water and while damp sprinkles powdered borax all over the flesh side of every piece, then you need have no farther fear of skippers or insects, although he left the hams and shoulders hanging in the smoke house until cured without even a sack on them, but the borax preserves the meat from taint and gives it a good flavor.

When the summer is very dry, re-wash and put more borax on in July or August; the taste of the meat is not injured. Each ham may be tied in a paper or canvas bag or it may be left hanging in a dry cool place. When wanted for use, the meat will be found juicy and sweet. Shoulders may be cured in the same way. The Blue-Grass farmer has used this simple method of curing hams and shoulders for years and it was a success and is yet.

S. H.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Fall millinery opening at Elliott's Thursday and Friday, Nov. 6 and 7.

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Hawaii's Rippling Language.

The language of the Hawaiian Islands, as every one knows, abounds in vowels and therefore ripples deliciously in the mouth. It is only necessary to pronounce such names as Honolulu, Oahu, Kilauea, Hilo, Mauna Loa, Kamahehameha and Liliuokalani to discover this. A young Presbyterian clergyman of Brooklyn who visited the islands two or three years ago and prepared a lecture on them on his return declared that there was only one place on the islands which possessed a name lacking in euphony. That place was Spreckleville. This euphony of the Hawaiian tongue was productive of one of the jokes of his lecture. The first time he gave it he remarked incidentally that he "took the steamer Wily-willy" to go to the town of Nawily-willy. A laugh followed the remark, and thereafter he always included this phrase in his lecture. It invariably produced the same result when used.—New York Tribune.

Aggravatingly Feudal. Up to the mill district of Kennington it is the custom for employes to contribute so much per capita each week to a fund for providing soap, towels, ice water, shoe blacking, etc. one of the number in each mill being appointed to take charge of the purchasing and distributing of supplies. A young Celt has had this duty in one of the mills for some months. One evening after the whistle had blown for the stopping of work for the day a grimy machinist found a very damp and unwelcome towel after he had reached the wash rack.

"Say, Reddy," he called to the custodian, "this is the limit to ask a man to wipe on."

"Don't you be so airish" retorted Reddy. "Fifty or sixty just as good as ye have wiped on it already, and ye is the first to complain."—Philadelphia Times.

A Historic Tree.

The oak tree under whose branches Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas held a political debate in 1858 is still standing in Bloomington, Ill. It appears to be centuries old. In 1858 the tree marked an inclosure then known as Hinshaw's pasture, a former public meeting place. George Hinshaw, the owner, was a Democrat. He arranged to have the debate there, being an admirer of Douglas. The two candidates for United States senator had engaged in a series of debates, and the one held in Bloomington attracted voters from far and near. A platform for the candidates was constructed directly under the boughs of this old oak. Its shade protected the audience as well as the speakers.

Ivory and Climate.

The American climate, with its extremes of heat and cold, is very trying upon ivory, and ivory backed mirrors of European manufacture almost invariably crack across the back after a few months of use upon this side of the Atlantic. The American manufacturers have hit upon the expedient of leaving a space between glass and frame in order to allow for contraction and expansion.

A Good Talker.

Clara—Is Mrs. Flitter a good conversationalist? Dorothy—Yes, indeed. She makes you think of lots of good things to say, but talks so much that you don't get a chance to say them.—Detroit Free Press.

Compromises.

"Why should religion and science quarrel?"

"Why, indeed?"

"Why not that man is descended from the monkey Eve made of Adam and let it go at that?"—Puck.