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FIRE AT COPPERHILL

Has Done Great Damage to the Town.

Tom Melton, a dum mute who once lived here, was killed recently at Copperhill by a train; he having been walking in front of it and being unable to hear, was run over and killed instantly.

A fire broke out at Copperhill several days ago, taking houses clean as it went, and was not thoroughly put out until Saturday. We have not yet received the latest news from Copperhill and will probably give a more detailed account of the fire next week.

Springtown

Dayton Brown has bought but Will Smith's saw mill outfit and set up on Jas. Harris' place.

Bob Smith has his new house about finished.

Another old soldier is gone. Francis Presswood passed away Nov. 30. Uncle Francis was an upright church-going citizen; but, but little to say, attended strictly to his own business.

Archville.

(Too late for last week)

Mrs. Parks of Madisonville, was visiting relatives here last week.

Bob West went to Austral recently.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a 'corn shucking Thursday night at the Kimsey home, after which two balloons were sent up. All report a nice time.

SCHOOL GIRL.

Ducktown

(Written for last week)
Master Claud Center, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Center, is very sick with pneumonia fever.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Knox, Miss Minnie McCamey, and Miss Annie Lee McCamey of Cleveland, spent Thanksgiving with Jas. McCamey and wife at this place.

Mrs. Harriet Kingsbarry, of Michigan, who has visited relatives here and at Archville, has returned to her home.

Miss Minnie Harbison has gone to Knoxville to assist the Miller Store during the holiday rush.

Miss Callie Center and Mrs. Roscoe Brooks are visiting their sister, Mrs. Russell, of Benton.

Mrs. Lucie Nativil returned Saturday from a visit to Athens friends.

Capt. Joseph Harbison, of Knox county, who has been visiting the writer and family has returned to his home. While he is 75 years of age, he is hale and active.

Rev. C. B. McClain preached his first sermons here Sunday. His congregations at both services were large, and his efforts well received.

E. M. HARBISON.

Church Notes

You are invited to attend divine services at the Presbyterian church Sunday, Dec. 11.

Morning subject "The Depths of the Soul." Evening, The Irrevocable, or "Water split upon the ground cannot be gathered up again."

At the morning service Prof. Hoover will sing a solo. There is a pew and a welcome for you.

Advertise in your home paper for the best results.

Padgett-Nicholson

Married—at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Bettie Nicholson, on Athens Route 5; at 11 a. m. Monday, the 20th: Mr. Chester Padgett to Miss Jessie Nicholson, Rev. Tup M. Hicks officiating. Only a few special friends and relatives were present. The Chattanooga guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bivens and daughter, Robbie; Mr. M. R. Padgett and son, Alfred. Those from Westlianna were: Mr. Pony Massengill and Miss Mahala Long.

The groom is an efficient bookkeeper for the Bible-Sand Supply Co., of Chattanooga, while the bride is a daughter of Rev. Joe Nicholson, deceased. Many of the people of Benton and Polk county remember Rev. Nicholson, he having lived in Polk county for a number of years.

The happy couple went to Chattanooga immediately after the ceremony. They will make their home in that city, and wish for them all the happiness possible for human beings to know.

Rapid calculation is also a source of pleasure and profit to the operator and never fails to cause astonishment in those who do not know it is done. Suppose you wish to multiply two numbers of two figures each, such as 23 and 45. This can be written in one line by inspection as follows: Eight times 5 are 40. Put down 0 for the right hand figure and carry 4. Add 4 and 8 and multiply the sum, 12, by 6, obtaining 72, and add 4. Put down 2 for the next figure and carry 8. Multiply the 6's and add the 8 and put down 44 for the remaining numbers. The product is therefore 4420. In this case the tens are alike.

The same method may be used if the units are alike, thus: Five times 5 are 25. Put down 5 and carry 2. Seven and 5 are 12. Twelve times 5 are 60. Add 2. Put down 2 and carry 6. Seven times 5 are 35. Add the 6 and write 41. The product is 4,125.

The last illustration might be worked another way since both of the right hand figures are 5 and the sum of the tens gives an even number. In such a case simply write 25 for the right hand figures, and for the remaining figures write the product of the tens increased by one-half the sum of the tens.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Liquor Situation.

(Silena M. Colman)

Returning from our great National W. C. T. U. convention at Baltimore I find many anxious questions as to what the next step in our prohibition fight will be, awaiting me, pressing for a reply.

After reading the press on both sides of the question, carefully considering the matter from every viewpoint and many conferences with friends who have been on the ground, and being in close touch with the situation all through, I am convinced that our laws are safe, and that no backward step will be taken. That the present legislature will not change or modify our laws.

While the "Fusionists" who stand for the law to a man, did not get a majority in the Senate yet a number of Senators, who were elected as 'Regulars,' and enough to give us a majority in that body, are pledged to stand for the maintenance and enforcement of our laws.

Dog That Climbed a Tree.

Can a dog climb a tree? A correspondent writes: "While on a walk on a hillside near the city of Chicago, I tracked a porcupine to a balsam tree, in which it had taken refuge. My Scottish terrier climbed the tree, pulling herself up from branch to branch to a height of about seven feet, where a space of bare trunk separated her from the porcupine, which had watched her progress with evident alarm. The terrier made several ineffectual attempts to scale the smooth bark and finally jumped down into the snow."

And of another curious trait the same writer continues: "This little dog and her mate, now dead, though enthusiastic fire worshippers at home, never sat near the bonfires built at luncheon or tea time on winter walks, but dug holes in the snow at a little distance, in which they curled themselves up after the manner of their primitive ancestors."—Chicago News.

Processes Which Defy Analysis.

I think that the more thoroughly and conscientiously we endeavor to study biological problems the more we are convinced that even those processes which we have already regarded as explicable both by chemical and physical laws are a reality infinitely more complex and at present defy any attempts at a mechanical explanation. Thus we have been satisfied to account for the absorption of food from the alimentary canal by the laws of diffusion and osmosis. But we now know that, as regards osmosis, the wall of the intestine does not behave like a dead membrane. We know that the intestinal wall is covered with epithelium and that every epithelial cell is in itself an organism, a living being with the most complex functions. We know that it takes up food by the active contractions of its protoplasm in the same way as observed in independent naked animal cells.—A. Bunge.

Colors in Dreams.

Red and yellow are the dream colors if Dr. Havelock Ellis is right. No other hues come to the dreamer of dreams. Simroth has declared that red is the most primitive of colors, and long ago protoplasm from which human beings derived their origin on the new earth probably responded to or was affected by red color waves.

In the depth of the sea the algae, or seaweed, are red. With the savage red is the favorite color, and for a bright piece of red calico African savages gladly would give valuable elephant tusks.

Red strikes the note of intense emotions. It is the color of joy, exultation, jubilation. Savages paint themselves red and rejoice at seeing each other in burning hues. German women of the early ages daubed their bodies with brilliant red and yellow and considered themselves most beautifully adorned.

On sacred festivals in Rome and Greece, Pliny records, red was smeared over the statues of Jupiter and was the color of religious rejoicing. The human eye, it is said, can distinguish 100,000 different hues or colors and can appreciate and differentiate twenty shades of each hue. In other words, the eye is capable of 2,000,000 color impressions.

Washington Letter.

"Will a river and harbor bill be passed during the closing session of the 61st Congress?" is a question seriously agitating the friends of waterways throughout the country. If such a bill is to be passed it behooves those who are interested in the subject to get busy; for serious opposition is springing up largely due to the fact that the engineer corps of the army has been unable to spend but a small part of the money appropriated by the last river and harbor bill because of the lateness of its passage.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt visited Washington this week for the first time since he quit the office of president. It was a strange sight to Washington to view the Col. going about town unattended by either army or secret service officers.

He Asked For State Bread.

The sympathetic young woman was telling the story "I went into a bakery to buy some supplies, and as I was waiting for the girl behind the counter to do them up the door opened, letting in a man, unshaved, unwashed, unkempt, with a thin coat buttoned tightly around his neck. "Got any state bread?" he asked the clerk giddily.

"No. We keep only fresh bread here," the clerk replied indignantly. "The man turned around with a weary droop to his shoulders and passed out into the night. All my Samaritan impulses welled up. I gave the haughty clerk a reproachful look and hurried after him. He had stopped in the middle of the next block and was looking around uncertainly.

"I ran up breathlessly and, holding out my last dime to him, panted out: "Are you so hungry? Here, please take this."

The man stared and then slowly glanced at me as he replied: "Why—why, no, miss, I ain't hungry; but I've got some chickens I want to feed!"—New York Press.

He Kept His Job.

Railroads frequently receive consolation money. On one of the big roads of the middle west a conductor who had been in the employment of the company for years was in the habit of "knocking down" fares. The fare over his route was about \$3. Money was generally scarce among the students, and when they wished to go to the larger city they were in the habit of taking a silver dollar, placing it under a card of any kind and handing it to the aged conductor when he came to take up the tickets. He used to slip the dollar into the palm of his hand, punch the card, and the students saved \$2 a trip, the conductor pocketing the extra dollar. In October, 1904, the officials of the road were astounded to get, together with his resignation, a full confession of his guilt in the form of a check for \$24,000, the sum he had stolen in twenty years. Every one thought the road would prosecute the old man, but it didn't. The officials were so flabbergasted that instead of discharging him they raised his salary.—St. Louis Republic.

Why He Was Happy.

He was a baldheaded bachelor, whose heart's first time had been moved by the reader passion.

"Then you confess," he said in a trembling voice to the object of his regards, "that you like me a little—that you admire certain qualities of my head?"

"Yes," shyly responded the young lady.

"And may I ask," he continued in a tone of emotion, "what those qualities are?"

"I can hardly explain," said the young lady bashfully, "but I think it is because your head is so mellifluous. I can't express it more clearly."

"And you can never know how I appreciate your high opinion," exclaimed the happy bachelor as he pressed her hand. He didn't know just what "mellifluous" meant, but he was sure it was the synonym for something grand and ennobling, and when he bade her good night he rushed eagerly home, excitedly took down the dictionary and turned feverishly to the endorsed word. His blood changed to ice as he read, "Smooth, soft, mellow."

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