

Humorous Department.

He Found Out. "Do you sell a book of games in which bridge whist is described?" asked the serious-looking man of the stationer.

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES. News and Comment About Things in and Around the Country. Gaffney, August 23. The county has been progressing nicely on the creamery for this county and is now nearing completion.

WON'T RAISE CHEAP COTTON.

Riches Coming to the South In Other Ways. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore, who is in close touch with southern business conditions, was in New York yesterday. Speaking of the south he said: "As the south is now annually raising about 800,000,000 bushels of grain, mainly corn, it is of great importance that a permanent addition be made to a very heavy yield this year, much the largest that the south has ever produced. It is quite possible that this year's grain crop in that region may reach 1,000,000,000 bushels, or nearly every southern state reports increased acreage and exceptionally good conditions. The yield will probably be 100,000,000 bushels more than last year."

ENGLISH POACHERS.

They and Game Keepers at Never Ceasing Contest of Wits. Though private game preserves in the United States are rapidly increasing in number and game brings a high price in the markets, it will probably be some time before poachers become such a serious problem as they are in England, where poaching is a very ancient and constant warfare, more or less serious in results, is maintained between these gentry and the gamekeepers. The signs sometimes seen on the fringe of English woods, "Beware of mantraps and spring guns" may frighten the harmless cockney out on a Sunday, but the professional poacher knows that mantraps and spring guns are prohibited by law. He has to be the watch, however, for traps which will at least give him a bad fall or a ducking. A fence which is climbing and has climbed many times before may give way with a crash, or a plank laid conveniently across a ditch or stream may have been saved almost through a fine but strong wire stretched across a path about eighteen inches from the ground is a serious danger to the poacher, as he may stumble over it and get a bad fall, or, worse still, his dog may encounter it when running at full speed and be cut almost in two. Without his dog, the poacher is practically harmless, and the most effective way of putting an end to poaching is to kill or injure the faithful and intelligent beast. Sometimes a trap is set for the dog which is not intended to injure him but to set an alarm. A loaded gun is put in a field where hares feed, and a number of strings fastened to the trigger are led in various directions and secured to pegs. In driving the hares the dog is almost certain to encounter one of the strings, discharge the gun and put the keepers on the alert. When a keeper finds a number of snares set he will put a dog on the ground which will make it appear that the animal had struggled in a natural manner, conceal himself near by and take the powder "in the act" when he next comes to his snares. The usual way of collecting pheasants is for the poacher to provide himself with a light gun, using a very small charge, so that the report will be slight, with which he kills the birds in the trees in which they roost. Keepers, therefore, make wooden decoys and place them in trees located from the poacher's point of view most conveniently and conceal themselves near by. When the night prowler begins to blaze away at the decoys the keepers rush out and make a capture. The stealing of pheasants' eggs is regarded in England as the most heinous form of poaching, and eggers are sometimes caught by means of a decoy nest in which eggs have been placed. When all else has failed poachers are occasionally helped by means of marked animal lures in a game shop it is an easy matter to trace it back to the man who originally offered it for sale. On more than one occasion it has been proved that London game dealers were operating as the confederates of the professional poachers, who operated boldly in gangs so large as to make the efforts of the keepers futile.—Harper's Weekly.

ROMANCE OF BOOKS.

How Some Famous Tales Came to Be Written. Books play a very important role in the journey from the cradle to the grave—they are by no means the least of the things that tend to make life worth living. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that the love of books is a passion that nothing but death can quench. And this attribute was displayed by Mark Twain, whose last moments of consciousness were spent in the endeavor to read one of his favorite passages in his favorite book—Carlyle's "French Revolution." Another illustration of "the rolling passion strong in death" was afforded by another humorist. When James Russell Lowell and all his friends knew well that for him the silver cord of life would soon be loosed, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes went out to pay him a last visit at his house at Elmwood. The two brilliant men of letters had always been like brothers, calling each other by their first names. As the doctor entered the room he said, in his hearty, hearty way, "Well, James, how are you today?" And Lowell, book in hand, looked up with a bright smile as he answered: "Wendell, I do not know how I am, and I don't care. I am reading Scott's 'Rob Roy'."

ROMANCE OF BOOKS.

Compulsory English in China. An official order has just been issued in China making the study of English compulsory in the technical schools, says the London Globe. Severe as this blow must be to the Esperantists and other "lingua franca" advocates, it is a considerable step forward on the new road that China is now taking; and its results cannot be predicted. If the Chinese merely learn English as a utilitarian language, it may help their trade considerably, but it will scarcely affect their conception of life. But the Chinese are a literary nation; and it is highly improbable that when once the door to English literature is unlocked they will refrain from reading English philosophy. And the effect of teaching the views of John Stuart Mill and Herbert Spencer, to say nothing of the theories of our living scientific men, may prove extraordinary. It was very largely these doctrines of John Locke that produced the French philosophy which led to the French Revolution. A considerable amount of the present unrest in India may be traced to the results of the fermentation of novel western doctrines in the eastern mind, through the same medium of English literature; another 50 years—for changes of this kind seldom touch the generation that adopts them—may see even more extraordinary results in China.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS--5TH DISTRICT. I AM a candidate for CONGRESS, JAMES E. BEAUMONT as a candidate for the Democratic primary election. THOS. B. BUTLER, Gaffney, S. C.

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Bethesda Township. WE are authorized to announce D. F. QUINN, as a candidate for MAGISTRATE for Bethesda Township, subject to the recommendation of the voters in the Democratic primary.

About Two Busy Individuals

at general headquarters in the Western Union building are Miss Oulcia Kinzel, official stenographer, who writes a thousand--two letters a day for visiting Templars, and Miss Emily Schiller, telegraph operator, who sends off an equal number of telegrams daily for Knights for whom the mail is too slow. At really busy moments Knights stand deep around Miss Kinzel and reached over each other's shoulders to put in a bid for the privilege of dictating the next letter.

Lancaster News, August 24

Mr. Lonnie Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Phillips, and Miss Idell Johnson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Johnson, all of Kershaw, were married last Sunday, August 21, by Notary Public W. F. Estridge, at the latter's home. Mr. W. M. Duncan, a well known young educator of this county, a Wofford college man, and Mrs. Minnie Gibson, also a bright and successful young teacher, were quietly married last Wednesday, the 17th instant, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. G. W. Plyler, in the Tabernacle section. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. White, pastor of the East Lancaster church. Mr. William Morgan, a young citizen and farmer of the Fork Hill section, died last Friday, of jaundice, at his home on Mr. J. E. Bowers' plantation. He was a clever young man and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was about 25 years of age and leaves a widow and two children at White Bluff.

Chester Lantern, August 23

Mrs. Jane Oglesby died suddenly Saturday night at her home on McLure street. The funeral services took place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and were held in Evergreen cemetery, the pall bearers being members of the local K. of P. Mrs. Oglesby had been apparently well on Saturday, and was found dead sitting in her porch. She was a daughter of Mr. Wm. Orr, on R. F. D. No. 1, and besides him is survived by four children, Mr. James Oglesby, Mesdames J. A. Lybrand and Mary Griffin, and Miss Maggie Oglesby. Two brothers, Messrs. Thos. Orr of Richburg, Andrew Orr of Chester, and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Fudge of Wylie's Mill, also survive. The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. D. M. McLeod in the presence of a host of sympathizing relatives and friends. Mr. J. M. Tinkler died at the Wylie mill Saturday morning, after two weeks' illness following a stroke of paralysis in the 49th year of his age. The funeral services took place on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. D. M. McLeod, being in charge of Cedar Camp W. O. W., and a detachment from the Lando camp, of which the deceased was a member. The remains were interred in Evergreen cemetery. Mr. Tinkler is survived by his wife and the following children: Dan of Gastonia; Mrs. A. R. Nunney of Lancaster; Mrs. J. W. Roof, L. D. Tinkler, Jenny May and W. A. Tinkler of Chester. Mr. Tinkler was a native of the Rocky Creek section of this county, and for many years was engineer on the Manetta and Edgemoor railroad. He was a good substantial citizen, and a host of friends grieve with his family in his death. Mr. John A. Bradley of DeLand, Fla., accompanied by Mrs. Bradley and son, John D. of Washington, D. C., arrived in Chester from Atlanta Wednesday evening. Mr. Bradley is a son of Mr. John Bradley, Sr., deceased, of Chester, and is a well known to the older generation of Chester citizens. He was one of the Chester boys who fought under Hampton and Butler during the civil war. Later he practiced law in Chester and was associated with Mr. Edward McClure in the founding and publication of the Chester Reporter. He was last in Chester in 1881, when he removed to Fayetteville, Ga., with his family. Later he removed to Florida, where he has resided and followed his profession as a lawyer for the past twenty-five years. A serious throat affection, which has recently developed, brought Mr. Bradley to Atlanta for expert medical examination, and in connection with the trip he has included a visit to the place of his birth and early manhood. Mrs. J. M. Hood of this place, is a sister of Mr. Bradley.

Wanted Only His Own.

"Uncle" Bobby King was one of the most unique characters Anderson county ever produced, and there was possibly never an Anderson county man who was better or more favorably known. He was an able minister, always conscientious and square to a fault in his dealings with his fellow-man. An incident illustrative of the latter characteristic is told by one who knew him well. A good many years ago there arose a disagreement between "Uncle" Bobby and a neighbor over the location of a boundary line. The neighbor was dissatisfied with the line as located, and claimed that "Uncle" Bobby had infringed on his rights. The old minister was much worried. He believed that he was right, but was willing to give the neighbor the land rather than have trouble about the line. It was finally agreed between the two, that a surveyor be secured, and a new line run, or a survey made by the old plat, to determine the exact location of the line. This arrangement was satisfactory to both, and the surveyor was engaged, the expense to be borne equally between the two interested land-owners. Before sunrise on the morning on which the surveyor was to arrive and begin the work, "Uncle" Bobby, who had slept little during the night, fearing and being troubled in his dreams, lest he might in some way wrong his neighbor, went out to the scene of the survey, and after walking up and down the line a number of times, knelt down and prayed. He asked that the surveyor be guided in his work, that he might make the line exactly where it should be. "Oh, Lord, thou knowest that I want nothing that does not rightfully belong to me." Then "Uncle" Bobby went back to the house and awaited the arrival of the surveyor. He didn't know until afterwards that the neighbor had also gone out to look at the line early in the morning, and from his position behind a bush, watched the old man and listened to his prayers. But he had been there all the time; and he went away with tears in his eyes. When the surveyor arrived with his instruments, ready to begin the work, the neighbor, without having mentioned anything to "Uncle" Bobby, approached him and said: "We have decided that there is not going to be any survey. You go out there and put that line wherever 'Uncle' Bobby says it must go. I guess he knows what he is talking about." Anderson Daily Mail.

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I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for nomination for re-appointment to the office of COUNTY AUDITOR, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the primary election. JOHN J. HUNTER.

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