

FUNNY FANCIES.

If a cow breaks into the garden, it is a sign that some one in the family will die within six months.

If the right ear itches, some one is praising; if the left, somebody is abusing: if the foot, one is soon to walk over new ground.

Cricket and spiders bring good luck. So does it to touch a hunchback's hump. So does it to have one's teeth set wide apart or to meet a piebald horse.

Other signs of death are the howling of a dog outside of the house, the squeaking of a mouse behind the sick person's bed or the flight of a bird or bee into the room.

To cut one's nails on Sunday brings the devil with one all the week. To break a looking glass brings trouble seven years. To turn a feather bed on Sunday is bad luck.

The bad effort of seeing the new moon through glass may be mitigated by turning over the money in one's pocket. For a clock to strike while a preacher is giving out his text is a sign of death in the congregation.

If an unmarried person sits between a man and wife at dinner on any day between Christmas and Twelfth Night he will be married within a year. Welsh girls knock on Christmas eve on the hen-house door. If a hen cackles the knocker must wait another year. If a rooster crows she'll be married within the year.

A Georgia farmer went to Atlanta a few days ago with a bale of cotton and three pigs. He got \$25 for the bale of cotton and \$24.50 for the pigs. But even with the difference of 50 cents the pan-out was in favor of the pigs, for they cultivated themselves and lived on acorns while the farmer: cultivated the cotton and boarded himself.—Wilming ton Star.

A hundred years ago there wasn't a railroad in the world. Now there are railroads nearly everywhere.

Chloroformed His Horses to Death.

Mayor Pingree declared a few days ago that he would have no use this winter for his pair of carriage horses, and he says he sent them out and had them chloroformed to death. He said that he did not want to pay for their feed all winter, and knew it would be economy to buy new ones in the spring.

The horses were young animals, and the mayor said he would not sell them to any one for fear that they would be abused. The carcasses of the animals were sent to a rendering establishment but the mayor kept the shoes.—Detroit, Mich., Dispatch.

Eighty Pittsburgians to Colonize in North Carolina.

Pittsburg, Pa.—One of the largest colonization schemes that has been projected in this vicinity has been organized by an Alleghany firm, with Tomb, Johnston & Co in charge. With the financial backing they now have, the new colony is expected to prove a success. In this event, within the next thirty days more than eighty residents of this city and surrounding towns will leave to take up permanent residence in North Carolina. Farming lands to the extent of 50,000 acres have been leased and purchased in Craven county, at the junction of the Neuse and Trent rivers. The members of the colony are farmers, gardeners and mechanics.

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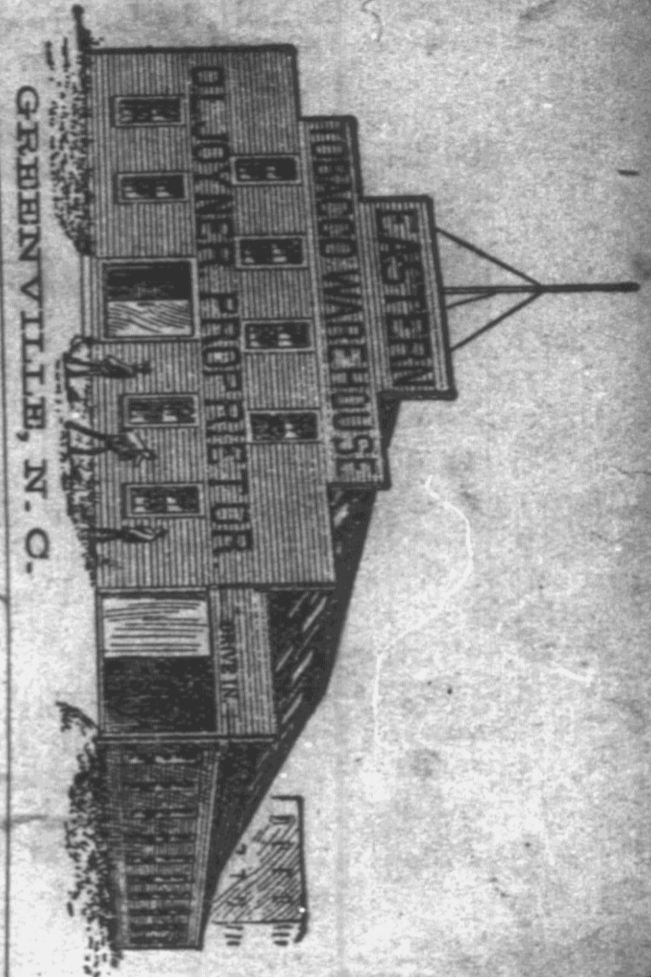
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