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RIOT AT FARMVILLE

Bad Negro Scrapper Resisted Arrest.

The arrival of a posse with tied and bloody negroes from Farmville this afternoon is one development of a riot at Farmville this morning.
Geo. Joyner, colored, had engaged in an affray with Buck Tug when officer Belcher attempted to arrest the negro the latter resisted, fired once at Belcher, hitting him with two shot in the leg. Belcher returned the fire with a revolver, striking the negro in the thigh. Joyner was arrested, tried, and bound over to the Superior court. He was kept in the lockup Tuesday night. This morning, just as a guard were about to leave for the sheriff, a brother of George rushed up and interfered with the proceedings, declaring that his brother should not go to jail. The immediate consequences was a general mixup between the whites and the blacks, involving about everybody it is said that had been attracted to that part of town. No shots were fired, but such unsubstantiated arguments as were thought appropriate for the occasion soon resulted in a victory for the officers, and the two negroes were brought here and jailed about 2:30 this afternoon.—Daily Reflector, 17th.

New Hymn for the Methodist Church. Pittsburg, Pa., December 16.—For the first time in the history of the M. E. church since the civil war, important commissions from the church, north and south, have arranged to hold a joint meeting on interests of like importance to both branches. This will occur on the tenth of next month, when a commission of the church, north of eleven members, who have in process of preparation a new hymnal for the denomination, will meet with a similar commission of eleven men from the church, south, at Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of considering the adoption of the same book for both branches of the church.

The general impression is that a compromise will be made and some of the best hymns of the two branches be placed in the new hymnal.

Asking Better Service. Strong petitions from Greenville, Winterville, Ayden and Grifton have been sent to the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line asking for an improvement of transportation facilities on this branch of their road, as suggested in THE REFLECTOR a few weeks ago. The suggestion is made that double trains be put on, having one train to come down from Weldon in the morning and return in the evening. The REFLECTOR is informed that over 1000 bales of cotton has changed hands in Greene and Pitt counties during the last three days at and above eight cents.

Testing Alabama's Constitution. Montgomery, Ala., December 16.—Jackson W. Giles, colored, today filed in the supreme court, a petition for mandamus to compel the state board of registration to issue him a certificate and place his name upon the list of qualified voters. The suit is brought to test the legality of the new constitution of Alabama. Two suits of similar character have been filed by Giles, both of which were decided against his contentions.

Charlotte, N. C., December 16.—Lawrence Pulliman, late cashier of the First National Bank of Asheville, N. C., was tonight found guilty of embezzling \$7,600 from that institution some years ago. When he is sentenced tomorrow, he will be sentenced to the penitentiary. He is now in the county jail, appealing to the United States court of appeals at Richmond. Va. Pulliman has been on trial in the United States district court here for about a week.

North State News

The North Carolina Association of Academies will meet in Raleigh Dec. 26th and 27th.

The Blades Lumber company, of New Bern, has been chartered by the state, capital \$150,000.

The state chartered the Eli Gurigan mercantile company of Williamson, capital, \$25,000.

Eleven thousand, eight hundred and sixty Confederate veterans in North Carolina have received pensions amounting in the aggregate to \$200,000 this year.

The Proximity Mills of Greensboro have reduced the number of hours to constitute a weeks work to 60. This is virtually an increase of 10 per cent. in wages.

Only \$5,000 of the money secured by the Amos Owens Cherry Tree Co. has been refunded, and unless the remaining \$7,500 is forthcoming this week the defendants will go to jail. It is said that the balance due is not in sight.

If North Carolina elects progressive legislators she will soon cease to be known elsewhere as the "Rip Van Winkle" State. Her rank in manufacturing and various agricultural products has given her an excellent reputation. She has kept business men; let her state men prove their equal.—Wilson Sentinel.

An innovation recently introduced in the county public schools, which has proved immensely popular, is the employment of a teacher to instruct the pupils in vocal music. The county board of education first employed a man as an experiment. The results were satisfactory. The results were so satisfactory in a number of ways, that the County Teachers' Association memorialized the board to continue his service for the full length of the term which has been done. The vocal instructor visits each school in the county at stated intervals each week, and the effect has been not only the training of the voices of the pupils, but it has interested the parents of the children in their schools and has decidedly increased the average attendance.—Wilmington Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

Peace in Washington. We are always glad to note peace in the family, and it is a pleasure to announce that the church trouble at Washington over the appointments by the recent conference has been amicably adjusted. Presiding Elder F. A. Bishop tells us the church at Washington has acquiesced in the work of the conference and Bishop Smith has announced that all appointments will stand as at first made. The Washington brethren have reconsidered their former action, taken no doubt on the spur of the moment, in refusing to have any pastor other than Rev. Mr. Bosman, and have written another letter to Rev. Mr. Thompson, whom the conference appointed to that town, assuring him that he shall receive the most cordial and hearty welcome.

Mayors Court. The following cases have been disposed of by Mayor Webber since last report.
Henry Davis, riotous and disorderly conduct, fined \$2 and cost, \$1.30.
John A. McNair, drunk and disorderly, fined \$1 and cost, \$3.20.
John A. McNair, drunk and disorderly, fined \$2 and cost, \$4.20.
B. T. Anderson and Manasses Forbes, riotous and disorderly conduct, fined \$1 and cost, \$5.55 each.
Jack Bryant and Luther Neal, riotous and disorderly conduct, Neal fined 1 penny and cost, \$1.21.
Will Owens, using vulgar and profane language on street, fined 1 penny and cost, \$2.76.

Notice. There will soon be a change in the firm of the John Fleming & Beary Co., and all persons indebted to us are requested to settle at once. By so doing you will save us trouble and yourself cost. R. GREENE, O. HOOKER.

Thumb Nail Pictures. In collections, centuries old, to be seen in both China and Japan are specimens of the most remarkable drawings in the world, pictures of all kinds drawn with the thumb nail. The nails of the thumb on the left hand of the artists of these are allowed to grow to an enormous length, sometimes to a foot or eighteen inches, and are then pressed down to a pen sharp point. This oddly constructed pen is used for writing or sketching in a beautiful vermilion or sky blue ink, the only kinds of ink used in these thumb nail drawings, the artist gracefully outlines his work. Occasionally the bold touches from the stumps of a master in this department of "high art" are life size and are sketched by a few sweeps of the artist's arm. Like other pictures and sketches of the artists, those sacred thumb nail pictures are mounted and rolled up like scrolls.

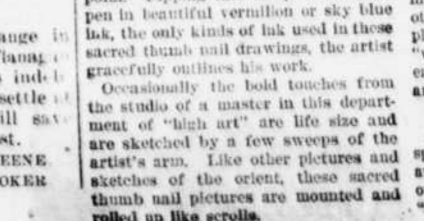
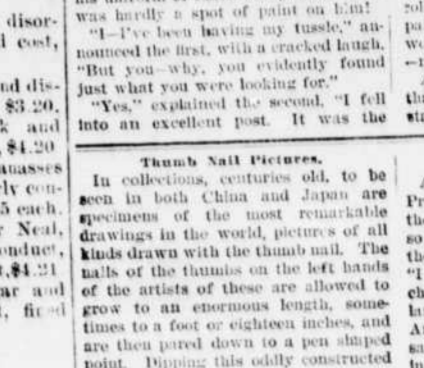
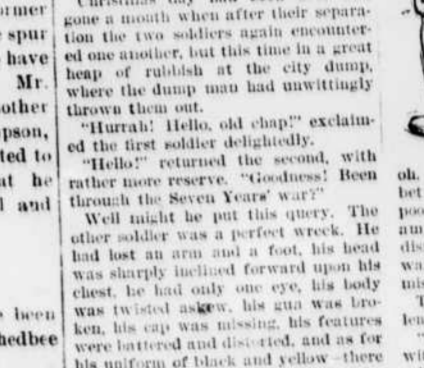
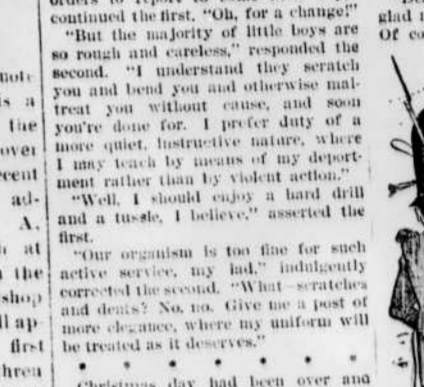
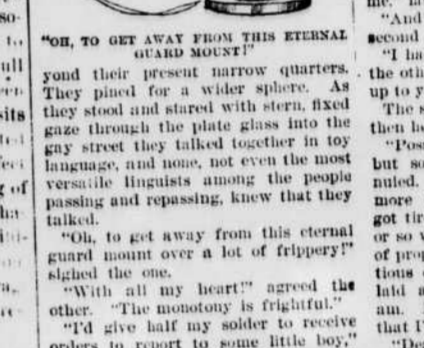
Some Words. According to the late Richard A. Proctor, says the London Chronicle, the phrase "I guess" in English usage, as a reflection, is really identical with the old expression, "I wis," meaning "I know." The word "guess" has changed its meaning, entirely in the last, but has partly preserved it in America, where of course the native "I guess" when he is more or less "I guess" in a state of certainty. There are many other examples of words that have played fast and loose with "I guess," such as "guess" and "warden," "guess" and "ward," "guess" and "wicked."

Instant Note. A fern in a jardiniere and two little sprouts in the cans if put in a window are sufficient to give the woman who owns them the right to use the word "femur"—Atchison Globe.

THE TWO SOLDIERS

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It was a brilliant holiday store, hands of a little boy, sure enough, but he wasn't allowed to hunt one. See, I haven't a mark on me." And he looked at himself proudly.
"True, he was still in dress parade condition." "Thunder and Mars!" chuckled the first. "And look at me! Do you mean to say that you never were stopped?"
"Oh, no," replied the second. "I didn't get around on the floor. I was put away just as soon as he was done playing with me. His mother had made him a very orderly little boy."
"So you never started out all night in the hall or in the middle of the sitting room?"
"Never," said the spick and span soldier.
"And did he shoot at you with his rubber gun ever?"
"Never," said the spick and span soldier.
"And he didn't bite you to see how soft you were?"
"Never," said the spick and span soldier.
"Did you drag you about among the chairs with a string?"
"Never," said the spick and span soldier.
"Did he kick the terror on you?"
"Never," said the spick and span soldier.
"Or take you to bed with him and roll on you?"
"Never," said the spick and span soldier.
"Or kick you or a black you or throw you?"
"Never," said the spick and span soldier.
"Watch! I can present arms as well as ever."
"The line you and long you with all his might and cry for you when he was sick through eating too much candy."
"Never. He used to forget me entirely for days and days. Did you beg really do all that to you?"
"Yes, all that and more," answered the latter soldier softly.
"And did he kiss you, you say?" asked the spick and span soldier a bit wistfully.
"Yes, he kissed me and he kissed me," laughed the first.
"And did you enjoy it?" pursued the second curiously.
"I had the time of my life," declared the other. "How did you find things up to your expectations?"
The spick and span soldier hesitated, then he replied:
"Possibly, I can't complain. But somehow I grieved dreadfully on mind. I almost longed at times for some excitement, more energy. We got tired of one another. After a day or so we exhausted all our programs or so we exhausted all our programs of proper exercises, and he was so cautious of wearing me out that I was laid aside, and—finally, here I am. I don't suppose he even knows that I'm gone."
"Dear me!" mused the other. "I'm glad my little boy was not like yours. Of course there are the knicks; but—"
"Our organization is too fine for such active service, my lad," indignantly corrected the second. "What warbles and drags! No, no. Give me a post of more energy, where my uniform will be treated as it deserves."
"Christmas day had been over and gone a month when after their separation the two soldiers again encountered one another, but this time in a great heap of rubbish at the city dump, where the dump men had unwittingly thrown them out.
"Hurrah! Hello, old chap!" exclaimed the first soldier delightedly.
"Hello," returned the second, with rather more reserve. "Goodness! Been through the Seven Years' war?"
"Well, might be put this way. The other soldier was a perfect wreck. He had lost an arm and a foot, his head was shaven and his hair was thin, his body was twisted askew, his eye was lowered, his nose had also dried, and as for his uniform of black and yellow there was hardly a spot of paint on him.
"I've been having my 'trades,' announced the first, with a cracked laugh.
"But you—why, you evidently found just what you were looking for."
"Yes," explained the second. "I fell into an excellent post. It was the



Christmas is Drawing Near,

And the time has come for you to think what you shall give your loved ones. We think we can help you if you are in doubt, for we have a beautiful lot of goods for you to select from—articles that are pretty and practical, ornamental and useful—a showing distinctly unrivaled. Now is the opportunity to select your Christmas gifts. They are here today but may be gone tomorrow.

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