

AYDEN ITEMS.

Newsy Notes From a Hastling Town Briefly Told

Ayden, N. C., Nov. 26, 1907

The road hands were treated royal yesterday. They are now at work on what is known as the Fork Swamp section in this neighborhood. So well are they doing their work the citizens gave them a dinner.

They had a fifty-two pound quarter of beef and Mr. Dick Cox had thirty seven potato custards made for them—one custard for each hand. The way these with other good things furnished for the occasion, disappeared in the inner man was indeed convincing. These poor fellows know how to appreciate a good dinner as well as other poor mortals. If they could only have had some good man of God to have told them the meaning of Thanks giving how much it might have added to the occasion.

George Cooper and family are visiting relatives in Greensboro. We gladly welcome the return of Walter Barfield and family to their old home, Ayden. They have been living near Norfolk for the past year.

Mrs. Whitty, of Newbern, is on a visit to her mother at hotel Blount.

Mrs. Martha Stocks is visiting friends in Williamston.

Mack Taylor is, we are pleased to learn, very much better.

Frank Jordan is off for the holidays.

F. Lilly and Mrs. Lily are spending Thanksgiving with their parents at Maple Cypress.

Mrs. W. J. Boyd and Lulla Rookh are in Greensboro visiting the family of E. G. Cox.

A great many Aydenites left home yesterday and a large number of visitors came here to spend Thanksgiving.

We spent the day yesterday with our relative, J. J. Edwards, and had an excellent dinner and a good time.

Gray Moore, of Swift Creek, was here Thursday.

If reports are true another of Ayden's prince merchants will be whistling "Only We Two."

NOTICE—The Junior Builder Society of the Ayden Christian church request all of its members to be present Friday night, December 6th, at 7 o'clock to a social. Please all come Sunday.

Conference And Conviction.

The two largest religious bodies in the State will hold their annual meetings the coming week; the North Carolina Conference at New Bern and the Baptist State Convention at Wilmington. Greenville will be represented at both meetings.

Thought it Was Monday

The Kinston Free Press got caught by the feeling and dated its issue the day after Thanksgiving "Monday." It certainly did feel like Monday and most folks had to shake themselves to find out that it was Friday.

Robbery at Hamilton.

The postoffice at Hamilton was robbed a few nights ago and the safe blown open. Reports say the robbers got about \$100 in money and a quantity of stamps. The robbers also took the horse and buggy of Dr. Long with which to make their escape, the team being found next day at Oak City.

Weather.

Rain tonight and Sunday, warmer tonight.

WINTERVILLE ITEMS.

Notes From Our Hastling Neighbor

Winterville, N. C. Nov. 30, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Uzzell, of Seven Springs, returned to their home Friday afternoon after having spent some time with Mrs. E. E. Cox.

Rev. W. E. Cox left Friday morning to take charge of his new field in Wilmington. Our best wishes go with him.

Quite a number of the pupils of Winterville High School went to their respective homes to spend Thanksgiving.

Miss Novella Bunting went to Bethel to spend Thanksgiving with her parents.

Misses Mollie Bryan, Kate and Lala Chapman, and Laura Cox, spent Thanksgiving day at home.

There were services at all the churches here Thursday. Children's exercises were held at the Free Will Baptist church at night which were very enjoyable.

Misses Cora Forbes and Elizabeth Boushall spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. J. O. Babbitt, of Shelmerdine.

Mrs. J. L. Jackson and Miss Roland Cobb are spending some time with relatives at Conetoe.

Miss Huldah Cox returned to Galloway's cross roads to begin work in her school.

Juniors at Shelmerdine.

Thanksgiving day was a red letter day to the members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Winterville Council No. 37. Some time ago the order decided to present to the public school at Shelmerdine a flag and a Bible, so Thursday morning it was the great pleasure of about thirty five of the members to take them to the school above mentioned. On their arrival they were greeted by a large crowd of the citizens and children of the community.

At 10:45 the exercises began with the song "America," by the school, after which the audience was led in prayer by Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Ayden. Next came the address of the day by Prof. G. E. Lineberry, who was at his best. He reviewed the leading principles for which the Order stands on the rejection of foreign immigration to our shores, temperance and public schools. The audience gave the speaker their undivided attention, thus showing their high appreciation of this most excellent address.

Prof. Lineberry was followed by Prof. W. H. Ragsdale, who received the flag in behalf of the school. He was delighted with everything for his very countenance portrayed the emotions within his heart. He reviewed the history of the school and the rapid strides towards advancement that have been made in this community. The Bible was presented by F. C. Nye.

After the exercises in the house were closed, the Juniors raised the flag.

Next came the most interesting part of the program, especially as it was getting late, and that was a dinner that was fit for a king. Every Junior present did full justice to this sumptuous dinner, for which they wish to express their highest appreciation to Mrs. Bobbitt and the ladies of the community for so kindly remembering them.

FARMS FOR SALE.

Especially adapted to cotton, tobacco and corn. Good dwellings. Apply to F. C. Harding. 29 d w tf

FARMERS URGED TO HOLD COTTON

President Jordan Believes Money Stringency Will Soon Be Over.

President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, has written a letter to the farmers throughout the South urging them to hold their cotton until the prices reach their proper level. Mr. Jordan points out the money stringency is fast being relieved and conditions will soon be as good as ever and then there is no reason why cotton should not bring more money.

Following is the letter written to the different farmers:

"Headquarters Southern Cotton Association, Atlanta, Ga., November 27, 1907.—In the face of the present monetary stringency and the strenuous efforts of bullish manipulation to depress prices for spot cotton, the cotton growers all over the South are standing firm, in their heroic purpose to maintain the market and prevent the anticipated panic of rush sales, so confidently hoped for from certain speculative sources. The records show that the crop has moved freely, until quite recently, and the year's obligations, due by the farmers, largely liquidated. Every banker, merchant and business interest in the South should now give every possible aid to the growers in the present holding movement, until the price of spot cotton reaches the high level it should attain, and force the payment of its full intrinsic value.

"The recent census ginner's report does not indicate a crop in excess of 11,000,000 bales, due to the very short yield in the southwest.

"Production in foreign countries is reported at least 2,000,000 bales short as compared with last year. Exports of American cotton exceeded 9,000,000 bales in the last twelve months, and the demand continues unabated.

The money stringency is fast being relieved and the business will soon assume its normal level. Sell no cotton that can be financed, or held, at present prices. The future strength of the cotton growing interests of the South depends upon winning the victory in the present struggle. Let every man in the South do his full duty and the reward will be sure and swift in the realization of higher prices.

"Farmers, merchants, bankers and business interests generally favorable to the holding movement should hold mass meetings at once in their respective counties or parishes and determine upon a concentrated effort and an effective co operation.

Yours truly,
"Harvie Jordan,
"President Southern Cotton Association.

The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, which gives in detail the progress of work on the Panama canal for the fiscal year just closed, discloses the remarkable fact that no yellow fever originated on the canal zone during the year. All of us here thought yellow jack had its native home and flourished down there. The report shows what revolutions common sense sanitation and a slight regard for health conditions will accomplish.

God gives much and takes little; men remember the little taken and forget to return thanks for the much that is given.

Tobacco Sales.

Secretary C. W. Harvey, of the Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade, reports the sales of leaf tobacco on the Greenville market for the month of November to be 1,964,654 pounds at an average price of \$11.87 per hundred. The sales for the season to date were 8,693,841 pounds at an average price of \$10.60 per hundred. This makes the large sum of \$921,642.75 paid out for tobacco here in four months from Aug. 1st to Dec. 1st. That is a fine showing for one crop.

Pat Bear ft.

"Look Out" is the name of a paper that has just been started at Beaufort with H. H. Hamlin editor. The first number is a very creditable one and has fine prospects of success. Beaufort has long needed a good paper.

Zeb Bland Dead.

Mr. Zeb Bland, a one legged man who recently became an inmate of the county home, died there Friday. The funeral took place today, service being conducted by Rev. D. W. Arnold.

"Humpty Dumpty."

A cyclone of fun is blowing this way. It beats any circus. So many of our town theatre goers have done nothing else but talk about its coming.

"Humpty Dumpty" and a big company of jolly people, including a host of handsome maidens, funny comedians, graceful buckwing dancers, up-to-date specialties, bright catchy music, everything clean, clever and refined, three long acts, constant laughter, brimful of jolly frolic, music and original comedy. Two and a half hours of solid humor, everything goes with a dash, snap and sparkle, not a dull moment in it.

The pretty girls with handsome faces and shapely figures, neatly costumed, will be a surprising feature seen in "Humpty Dumpty." Fun for the boys, laughter for the girls, bring the children. Also grandpa and grandma. Let the whole family see "Humpty Dumpty." It will make your household happy for days after. When you see "Humpty Dumpty" once you will like it so well that you will want to see it over and over again. It has made millions of people laugh. Better inquire about tickets as standing room only is expected on the night of December 3.

Professor Alexander Graham Bell, of telephone fame, is of the opinion that he has perfected a flying machine. But he will have more trouble floating it in mid-air, than he experienced in floating telephones on terra firma, when that invention of his was first put before the capitalists of the country.

"The earth is pear-shaped," says Prof. Love, of London, instead of "round like an orange," as the geographers say. This is a fruitful subject, and it is surprising that there have never been banana puns made on it before," says the Atlanta Journal.

FOR SALE.

Farm of about 26 acres in one mile of Farmville. Small house, stables and barn, and water. Fine land for any crops and good location. Will sell reasonable for cash. Clayton Joyner, R. F. D. Farmville, N. C. 27 1 m.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Those Who Come and Go—Some You Know Some Know You

M. H. Hardy, of Washington, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Scott, of Robersonville, spent the day here.

Little Miss Louise Rives, of Robersonville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Rives.

Miss Mattie Abram, of Rocky Mount, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. M. Schultz.

Mrs. Bettie Harrison is spending a few days with friends in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bryan Grimes, of Raleigh, who have been visiting the latter's parents here, returned home today.

W. E. Harris, who for the past six months has been here in the interest of the Jarrett Construction Co., left yesterday for Joplin, Mo.

They are in some degree great who remember to be grateful.

An editor in Kansas City was recently discharged and in his anger his pistol was, also.

The frightening of wolves with a bag pipe does not sound like a nature fake to those who have ever heard it.

A South Carolina paper asks: "Are a mule's hind feet alike?" The editor evidently wished for some one else to make the examination.

The elections in New York city and Cleveland this year were purely local contests while the result in Kentucky is of grave national importance.

The Washington Herald deposes and says that the devil is the great original demander of rebates. Is this a sly thrust at Mr. Rockefeller?

If the president wants his message read this year let him confine himself to the issue of the tariff, as Grover Cleveland did just twenty years ago.

At any rate the financial crisis seems to have kept the president from taking that bear hurt in North Carolina.

Another week and the president will have congress on his hands with more insurgents than ever in the ranks of his own party.

Give the president credit, however, for having telegraphed his congratulations on the election of a Democratic mayor in San Francisco instead of a grafter.

Gratitude seems the more gracious because of its rarity. Whoever ceaselessly "remembers his mercies" is a marked man by the hosts of heaven.

Major General Charles Miller, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, told his Sunday School class at Franklin that he would never handle a coin that did not contain the words "In God We Trust," preferring to confine his business transactions to currency and checks. Perhaps he is responsible for the present currency stringency.

Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant, third, of the engineer corps of the United States Army, and Miss Edith Root, daughter of Secretary of State Root, were married in New York this week. Lieutenant Grant is a son of General Fred D. Grant and a grandson of the late President and General U. S. Grant.

AROUND ABOUT TOWN

Some of the Things that Happen in Greenville and Hereabout

Last day of November.

Frankfurter Soung at J. M. Reuss' 22tf.

County commissioners will meet Monday.

New Buckwheat at S. M. Schultz's.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Quinerly is quite sick.

New supply of Royster's fine Candies just arrived at Reuss' Bakery. 22tf.

It looks outside like December may be ushered in with snow.

New lot Seedless Raisins, Currants, Citron, all kinds of Nuts. J. M. Reuss. 22tf.

Our police officers have done their new winter uniforms.

Leave your orders for Fruit Cakes for Christmas with J. M. Reuss.

Read A. B. Ellington & Co's ad in this issue. They have something to give away. 2:

The sale of low round trip tickets to Norfolk ends with today.

Cabbage Plants—Early Jersey Wakefield cabbage plants ready for delivery. D. R. King. d 2 vks.

Christmas goods are getting on display, and christmas advertisements should be getting busy.

The Reflector will swap subscription receipts for cash, checks, dollar for dollar. Just bring them on.

Mr. H. L. Coward has improved the looks of his residence in South-Greenville with a dress of new paint.

The possum that Policeman George Clark had up fattening for the editor has been slaughtered, and "possum and taters" is on the bill of fare for Sunday.

One day special for Tuesday, Dec. 3rd—3 pieces yard wide Taffeta Silk at 75 cents, solids. 1 piece brown stripe Taffeta \$1.50 quality at 95 cents. For Tuesday only. J. F. Davenport Co. 30 2:

The usual Saturday church announcements were overlooked today until it was too late to get them up. Regular services will be held in all the churches and all are requested, and expected, to attend.

John C. McLemore, a young man employed by the Southern Railway at Charleston, S. C., was fatally injured a day or two ago. While demonstrating how a suicidal wound was inflicted he placed a pistol to his head and laughingly said "this is the way they do it." The trigger was pulled, the weapon discharged and McLemore fell to the ground with a bullet in his brain.

Stuyvesant Fish, former president of the Illinois Central Railroad, and one of the few New York financiers who operated a great railroad system for the benefit of all the people along its line, as well as for the best interest of its stockholders, believes that there can be no restoration of public confidence until the State and Federal authorities send to jail the men who have looted corporations. It would not surprise us at all if Mr. Fish hasn't struck the true solution of the problem. The placing of some of the big thieves behind prison bars would likely relieve the situation. It would at least make honest men rest easy.

Report of the Condition of
THE NATIONAL BANK
OF GREENVILLE
At Greenville, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business August 22, 1907

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$161,844.64
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	3,128.51
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	2,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	476.56
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	3,444.78
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	11,465.02
Due from State Banks and Banks	5,032.33
Due from approved reserve agents checks and other cash items	2,394.32
Exchanges for clearing house	83.72
Notes of other National Banks	425.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	7.38
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	2,215
Legal-tender notes	4,751
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	625.00
Total	\$208,521.13

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus Funds	3,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,836.74
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	59,427.03
Time certificates of deposit	35,855.61
Cashier's checks outstanding	640.35
Notes and bills rediscounted	86,922.99
	53,264.40
Total	\$208,521.13

State of North Carolina
County of Pitt.—ss.
J. W. Aycock, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. W. Aycock, Cashier S. described and sworn to before me this 25th day of Aug. 1907.
M. L. TUNAGE,
Notary Public.

Correct Attest
J. E. WINSLOW,
J. R. HARVEY,
H. W. WHEDEBEE,
Directors

—ESTABLISHED 1875.—
S. M. SCHULTZ.

Wholesale and retail Grocer and Furniture Dealer. Cash aid for Hides, Fur, Cotton Seed, Barrels, Turkeys, Eggs, etc. Beds, Mattresses, Oak Suits, Baby Carriages, Go-Carts, Parlor suits, Tables, Lounges, Safes, Lorelard and Gail & Ax Snuff, High Life Tobacco, Key West Chiroots, Henty George Cigars, Canned Cherries, Peaches, Apples, Pine Apples, Syrup, Jelly, Meat Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Meat Soap, Lye Magic Food, Matches, Oil, Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls, Garden Seeds, Oranges, Apples, Nuts, Candies; Dried Apples, Peaches, Prunes, Currants, Raisins Glass and China ware Tip and wooden ware, cakes and crackers, Macaroni, Cheese, Best Butter, New Royal Sewing Machines and numerous other goods. Quality and quantity cheap for cash. come see me.

S. M. Schultz.

DR. R. L. CARR
Dentist.
GREENVILLE, N. C.

Central Barber Shop.
Edmond & Fleming Props.
Located in main business section of the town. Four chairs in operation and each one presided over by a skilled barber. Our place is inviting, razors sharp. Our towels clean. We thank you for past patronage and ask you to call again when good work is wanted.

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NOBLES'
Barber Shop.
Next to Postoffice. Sharp razors clean towels and good work guaranteed.

COSMETICS A SPECIALTY.
Hot and Cold Baths. Thanking one and all for your past patronage and hoping for your continuance, I remain yours to serve.

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Bad breath is a most offensive ailment, irritates you as well as your friends; Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea takes the bad taste from the mouth, removes the cause, purifies the breath. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets.
Wooten's Drug Store.

J. LO'QUINN & CO
Raleigh, N. C.
LEADING FLORISTS.
OF NORTH CAROLINA.

All kinds of all kinds of choice cut flowers in season. Special attention given to Wedding and Funeral Decorations. Bulb stock, Pot plants for Winter blooming, Rosebushes, Shrubberies, Hedge plants Evergreens and Shade trees.



THE BANK OF GREENVILLE
R. L. DAVIS J. A. ANDREWS
President Vice-Pres.
J. I. LITTLE, Cashier.

Capital \$25,000 surplus \$40,000
Next to having money, the most important thing is how to take care of it—how best to invest it.
A banking institution of this kind cannot only care for your financial interests in a careful conservative way—giving you abundant banking facilities in every department of finance—but can also give you valuable aid and advice about investments and securities. Open an account and enjoy the advantages that accrue.

TO MY FRIENDS.
Having been away for several months I wish to announce to my friends and patrons of the "empire" of Pitt that I am still connected with the firm of Chas. M. Stieff, and if bachelors are allowed to misuse the happy term home as a synonym for a "hanging out place" I still call Greenville my home, and while I intend to be away from Greenville a great deal of my time during this fall a postal care of box 325, Greenville, will reach me within a day or two. We now have a number of slightly used upright pianos, some of which have been rented during the summer months, others which were temporarily used by artists at the exposition and for orchestra work, at bargain prices.
We also offer a special school piano for \$225.00 fully measuring up in standard to any \$350.00 instrument. This piano is especially built for college and school work for the special price named above and is full guaranteed by my firm for 10 years. Those interested in a school piano or in a good slightly used piano for the home should write me at once and will profit by it, and as ever I am always mindful of my patrons' protection and interest as well as my firm's interest. Grateful of past patronage. Very respt.
G. G. Fineman,
Box 325 Greenville, N. C.

SALE PERSONAL PROPERTY.
The undersigned Administratrix will sell for cash at the McGowan Mill about 4 miles from Greenville on Thursday, December 5th, 1:07, sale to begin at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described personal property, to-wit:
About 20 head of mules one horse, several cattle, several wagons, one logging locomotive 10 horse-power, one Lathem Machine trimmer and edger, one double edger, one cotton huller and separator, one pair cotton scales, two grist mills, two lumber trucks, 32 pieces of steel rails, one mowing machine, one 60 horse power boiler and 0 horse engine, one number 3 Knight Saw Mill, one Van Winkle System Gin complete, two Harrows, one Disc Harrow, 9 new Cox Cotton planters, several several Guano Distributors, two Corn Planters, a large quantity of Agricultural Implements, one blacksmith shop with full equipment, about 500 barrels of corn and a lot of fodder, one Iron Safe (Victor make) and some store fixtures and articles of merchandise.
This November the 11th 1907.
Q. V. Blair, Administratrix.
F. G. James, Attorney.

Robert Spell
SHOE REPAIRER
Shop in Winslow's Stables on Fourth Street. All work done promptly and satisfactorily. SEND ME YOUR ORDERS.

PRECOCIOUS CHILDREN.

They Should Be Held Back Mentally and Built Up Physically.
All those intrusted with the care of the young are faced by a grave problem in the case of children who inherit or display precocity. The guiding to maturity of the simple, normal child, who passes naturally from stage to stage of its development, is a comparatively easy matter. The trouble is largely that the nature of precocity is not understood. Most parents, for example, hail the signs of it with delight and do all they can to foster them. They treat precocity as a gold mine, to be "worked for all it is worth," but here they make a great mistake.
There are several types of precocious children, presenting varying degrees of peril to the training system, and this peril is greatly lessened by a capacity to classify the types. There are certain children, born of healthy and intellectual stock, with fine physiques. They inherit usually very active nerve centers, which imply, among other things, quick and eager brain processes. These children are hailed with justice as the legitimate flowering of their heredity, and then all concerned, including, of course, the poor child itself, hasten to work havoc with the fair prospect by a cruel and shortsighted system of forcing.
These children, being naturally strong and well, can bear an enormous amount of the system without breaking down, but they do not make the men and women they would have made under wise restraint.

They should be kept much with other children, noticed little by their elders, interested in physical pursuits and molded into symmetry by a persistent holding back.
There may not be much wrong with the child who reads the Greek Testament at four years of age, but there is certainly something wrong with the parents who let him.
There is another very different type of precocious children. These are the offspring often of gouty or tuberculous parents and inherit, if not actual disease, at least faulty physiques. They are often beautiful, engaging children of great mental brilliance. They often have phenomenal memories, which are developed at the expense of all other mental faculties. They are not physically strong enough for any sustained effort, and after a brilliant childhood they exhaust themselves and become commonplace.
These children should be made to lead physical lives, every effort being directed to form a good constitution. A country life is almost a necessity in their case, and the mental development should be made as gradual as possible.—Youth's Companion.

How to Make Luminous Paint.
Get a few good oyster shells and thoroughly clean them, after which insert them into a clear fire for twenty minutes or so. When cold hammer them into a powder, rejecting all parts that are not white, for the gray portions are totally useless for your purpose. Then put layers of this powder, alternating with flowers of sulphur, into a crucible and seal up the lid, which may be done by means of a paste made of sand and beer. An hour's baking on a good fire will follow next. When quite cold remove the contents of the crucible and make up into a paint with gum water. Two or three coats of this on any article will make such painted surface luminous for many hours after dark, but it is understood that it must be exposed to daylight previously in order that it may be able to store up the phosphorescence which it yields later.—London Express.

To Polish Wood Floors.
Take strong boiled coffee and strain it twice through a fine strainer; then to three cups of the coffee add one-half cup of common sweet oil and beat well. Put it in a bottle and shake well each time before using. Apply the polish with a soft cloth and then polish with a dry cloth. The coffee dries the oil into the wood, and you will be surprised at the polish you will have on the floors. You only have to put it on once in two weeks. Now and then just wipe up the floors with a dry mop when they need it, and they look like mirrors.—New York Journal.

Needle Threading Machine.
A machine which threads a thousand needles a minute is at work in a Swiss factory. The purpose of the machine is to thread needles that are placed afterward in a loom for making lace. The device is almost entirely automatic. It takes the needle, carries it along, threads it, ties the knot, cuts the thread off a uniform length, then carries the needle across an open space and places it in a rack. The work of threading these needles was formerly done by hand.

ARE YOU IN BUSINESS?

Do You want the people to know you are in Business?

Do you want more business?

Answer the first question yes, and it naturally follows that the other two should have the same answer. If you are in business you want the people to know it and you want more business.

Here is the way

Tell the people about your business through

The Reflector

Did you know that the two editions of this paper, Daily and Weekly are read by

10,000 People

every week? It is a fact, and in no other way can you get what you have to say read by so many people than to put an advertisement in the Reflector.

The Reflector wants your orders for

Job Printing

This department has just been overhauled, more help secured, and is ready to do our work.

Advertise and Subscribe.

MULES WERE REAL ONES.
"I saw a funny thing in the register of a 'hostelry' in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado," said a man who has just returned from a trip through the west. "I stepped up to the desk to register when I saw an entry just above the space I was destined to fill. The line read as follows:
"Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Arkansas. Two mules."
"The words 'two mules' were not in the same handwriting as that giving the names of the recent arrivals. A wild idea flashed through my mind that the hotel clerk must be in the habit of characterizing the guests. My natural curiosity prompted me to make inquiries.
"Oh, the mules?" replied the presiding genius of the hotel. "That means that Mr. Jones and his wife are going to ride down the canyon tomorrow morning. Quite a party making the trip. Would you like to go?"
"Yes," I said.
"And I had the pleasure of seeing him write 'one mule' after my name."—New York Press.

A Startling Encounter.
A man named Meneely of Hollywood, Belfast, had a remarkable fight the other day with an enormous rodent. He was shooting sea fowl on the strand when a strange creature, nearly three feet long, sprang from a clump of grass and attacked him. Meneely met the brute with a well directed kick, but the animal dashed at him again and this time sank its teeth through his sea boots and held on like a terrier. Thus embarrassed, it was five minutes before Meneely killed the animal, which fought with great ferocity. The brute, which was as big as a good sized dog, has been pronounced a coypu, a large rodent frequenting the river Plate, whence it probably came to Belfast in a trading vessel.—Westminster Gazette.

A Symphony in Delicatessen.
If there was one thing which Grieg, the famous Norwegian composer, had a weakness for more than another—next, of course, to his beloved music—it was something good in the way of eatables. "A fine portion of oysters, caviare or Norwegian snowhen would excite and cheer him up wonderfully," writes the Cincinnati conductor, Franz Van der Stueken. "One day we lingered before the shop window of a renowned delicatessen store when he—armed with his inseparable gloves, umbrella and rubbers—exclaimed enthusiastically: "What an ideal symphony! How perfect in all its details—in form, contents and instrumentation!"

Red Top Boots.
Oldsters may regain a moment's smack of youth when they read in a dispatch from a Connecticut town that at a sale of the goods of an old, long locked store "leather boots with red and green tops and brass toe plates" were sold for \$2.50 a pair—cheap at thrice the money. When the world was young boys wore red topped boots (green were too quiet), red topped boots with brass tips, guards for a coaster's toes in the days of "clipper" sleds, when double runners or "traverses" were not or were not much. No modern boy can be as happy as the wearers of those red topped and brass prowed boots were.—New York Sun.

Saving Time.
It is peculiarly a mark of our enterprise that we should have imported \$40,000,000 worth of diamonds during the last fiscal year. It shows how much better we order certain things than do some other nations—the English, for instance.

In England, such is the persistency there of even an unfortunate habit, it still takes three generations to make a gentleman, whereas with us three pecks of diamonds will turn the trick quite handily.
The saving of time is obviously enormous, and time is everything these days.—Life.

Equalization.
Professor Brander Matthews, who is at least as good a wit as he is a reformer, was overheard once talking with Mr. Carnegie.
"I notice, Mr. Carnegie," he said, "that you don't limp."
"And why should I?" asked the philanthropist.
"Well," slowly answered the professor, "maybe they pull them alternately."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Telephone and Telegraph Poles.
Recent estimates give 800,000 miles of telephone and telegraph pole line in the United States. At an average of forty poles to the mile there are 32,000,000 in use, and, assuming that the life of a pole is twelve years, there are needed each year more than 2,650,000 poles.—Woodcraft.

