







TRAIN WRECKING FOR FUN.

Simple Cape Breton Boys Try an Experiment with Remarkable Results. Of late faraway Cape Breton is land, with its quaint manners and customs and the simplicity of its inhabitants, has attracted much attention among the people of the states.

As might well be imagined the first train of cars that ran on the island attracted great attention. The Gaelic people collected from miles around and waited for hours to see the puffing, screaming engine and the cars pass on their way either to Sydney or down to the Gut of Canso.

The trains had been long in operation before two young brothers, aged twelve and sixteen years respectively, conceived the brilliant idea of removing a rail or two. They did this in pure simplicity and without any appreciation of the heinousness of the crime.

In due course of time their trial came on and they were found guilty of train wrecking. The judge sentenced the older lad to ten and the younger to six years in the penitentiary. The older burst into tears, and the engineer of the wrecked train, who had had a narrow escape of his life, turned ashen and got up and said: "Well, you see train wrecking isn't such fun after all."

The boys were both so innocent and it was so evident that they intended no harm, that after serving a few months only they were pardoned. Symbolical Marriages. Dr. A. H. Post, the famous anthropologist, referring to a strange sort of symbolical marriage which is supposed to have originated in India.

John Bright's First Salmon. An interesting story of Mr. John Bright's early angling experiences is told by Mr. Corbally. Mr. Bright was receiving his first lesson in salmon fishing from the grandfather of the present Lord Lovat at the Groom Pool, on the Beaulieu.

Explorations in Honduras. Harvard archeologists are now making every effort in Honduras to obtain intelligent clews of the history of what is supposed to have been a race of people as ancient as the Egyptians. The pyramids found combined with the style of heaving stones, erection of buildings, etc., would indicate that a race of enlightened people had existed there centuries ago.

DISCIPLINE.

My life is full of sweet fruits. My garden blooms with stock and clover. Yet for the wall my fancy shoots. And hankers after harsher loves.

A shouting crowd, a walled hut. A cheering multitude of sodden feet. The noise of a street out. Would make my weary pulses beat.

Oh, stupid brain that blindly averted. Oh, heart that strove to see and understand. Since heaven's handprints to your nerves. Thank heaven a garden lot is yours.

How Crassus Acquired His Wealth. One of the strangest businesses in ancient Rome is mentioned by Juvenal in his Satires. It consisted in buying horses on fire.

The Romans, following the Greek model, divided games into males and females, according to the depth or lightness of their color. These terms are thus alluded to by Theophrastus.

The Giant Spider of Ceylon. Far up in the mountains of Ceylon there is a gigantic spider which spins a bright yellow web, each thread being almost as large as a string.

Little Known About Siam. Siam has been until lately a terra incognita, a country whose only product so far as was known to Americans and Englishmen was the famous Siamese twins.

Pure Chloroform. A Frenchman has succeeded in making commercially pure chloroform. Heretofore this has been considered impossible.

THE FRENCH AT SEDAN. Archibald Forbes, War Correspondent, Describes the Picture of the Battle. Never was fortune kinder to any director of a great war than she was to Von Moltke in 1870.

MAISON YIELDED HIM THE FAIR WAY BY MOVING OUT OF HIS PATH.

It is a true saying that nothing succeeds like success, and its converse is not less true—that nothing fails like failure. But the evidences of the Franco-German war must be purblind or warped, who dare aver that the old spirit had faded out of the army on which had shone the sun of Austerlitz, and which had stormed the Malakoff with a rush.

No; the poor, miscommanded, bewildered, harassed, overmarched, outnumbered soldiers in the blue coats and red breeches fought on with a royal valor that ever commanded respect and admiration. The sad, noble story of unflinching devotion is to be told of the French regular army from the first battle to the ending at Sedan.

With swelling heart and wet eyes I looked down on the final scene of the awful tragedy. The picture rises now before me of that terrible afternoon. The stern ring of German fire ever encircling with stronger grip that plateau on which stood, huddled, the Frenchmen in their gray clothing, the storm of shell fire that tore lanes through the dense masses, all exposed there to its pitiless blasts.

No semblance of order there, no token of leadership; simply a hell, in the heart of which writhed an indescribable mass of brave men, with no thought but of fighting it out to the bitter end. I shudder as I write of the recollection of that ghastly field's horrors on the day after the battle.

Some Large Libraries. The three largest libraries in the world are the National library at Paris, the London British museum and the St. Petersburg Imperial library. The latter contains approximately 2,500,000, 1,500,000 and 1,000,000 volumes.

Valuable for What They Might Tell. A well known compounder in Cambridge has developed in his laboratories where his goods are prepared a curious race of old men who never told a secret.

A Question of Sanity. A man was brought before a justice in Illinois accused of a criminal offense. The prisoner pleaded guilty, but asked the judge to suspend sentence until he should have an opportunity to prove some mitigating circumstances.

Safe from Poisonous Serpents. A physician who spent some time in the countries bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, found a curious body of men among the natives called Curudos de Calobra, or the safe from vipers.

Gruel in the Parlor.

"Sweet Home," was when a young man, deeply in love with Mary Estlin, a southern girl of grace and beauty. One morning, while Payne was staying in the town where the young lady lived, he entered her parlor with a pale and dismal face.

"Certainly," she answered, and listened from her parlor to kitchen to lay the cakes before Aunt Minda. "Oh, Miss Mary," exclaimed that ebony mistress of pots and pans, "you know yer ma not gruel ter like that. I never knowed gruel carried in'er her parlor to company. Yer got to pile up a goodly stack of gruel, and give er gentlemen fruit cake and pineapple cheese."

Tea buyers and agents are now much less frequently sent out to China and Japan by American houses than was the custom until recently. The foreign merchants in China, in fact, now frequently send agents here, not to sell tea, but to become acquainted with the demands of different parts of the country.

A horse jockey in Aroostook county, Me., rejected of his sharp practices, joined the church, and announced that he was now enjoying the advantages of any one in a horse trade he would be glad to square things by paying the difference in cash.

There is more character in shoes than in any other article of a man's wardrobe. A Broadway shoe dealer of looking out upon the passing throng as an expert in every other particular but in shoes. I mean the kind and the way he wears them.

Scraple. Scraple is a compound of fresh pork boiled to a jelly, seasoned and thickened with prepared Indian meal and flour. It is then put into a mold and when cold looks like a cake of gray mush.

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They Laughed Teles. An eminent Scotch clergyman happened to dine with some learned lawyers of the Edinburgh bar. It appropriated to himself a large fish of crosses, upon which he fed voraciously.

Hidden Treasures in Scotland.

From the Viking grave mounds of the northern and western isles of Scotland comes a considerable assortment of swords, spears and other implements of iron, as well as a variety of personal ornaments of Scandinavian character.

A quite recent example of such a hoard, in the Isle of Skye, consists of various Anglo-Saxon silver coins, broken Celtic brooches, ingots of silver and Arabic coins of the early Caliphate. One of these hoards from Orkney includes several immense circular brooches of silver, the pin in one case being actually thirteen inches in length.

"I was present at a duel," writes Mr. S. C. Hall in his "Retrospect of a Long Life," "a fatal duel, which was fought near the Bowery. Two fine gentlemen quarrelled over something—the merest trifle—and a meeting was the result. A few minutes before they fired I heard one of the principals say to his second:

"I declare I have not even anger against my cousin." He had merely said what he thought, that the other principal had behaved like a goose, adding, "I know that I am less than a goose for going out with him."

When we consider that of all the products of locomotion that it has produced the most important; when we remember that the Lehigh and Lackawanna coal fields alone have created fortunes more vast than the gold mines of California; when we realize that it has revolutionized the means of locomotion; that it has opened new highways of trade and travel; that it has supplanted the water wheel on land and the sailing ship on the seas; that it is the impelling force of commerce, and the foundation of a manufacturing system that has developed in proportion to the age, what shall we say of the future, with the possible, yet probable, displacement of coal by something vastly better—Engineering.

His Own Patent. "Father in?" asked the landlord of a flat of the boy who opened the door. "Now, he ain't."

First Victim of the Franco-Prussian War. The first man killed in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 had his memory honored by a monument which has been erected near Worth. Singularly enough, he proves to have been neither a German nor a Frenchman, but an Englishman, who was with the German army.—Exchange.

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Houston Co. took the Gold Medal

At the Fort Worth Spring Palace in 1890 for its magnificent display of timbers. The North-eastern, Northern and North-western sections of the County are rich in iron of the Laminated and Brown Hematite varieties.

The Railroads of the County

are splendid. The International & Great Northern runs through it directly North and South. The Trinity & Sabine belt on the South, the Houston, East & West Texas on the East and the Kansas & Gulf Short Line on the North.

LARGEST IN THE STATE.

including the splendid sum total of \$70,000, from which is annually derived for available use in maintaining the schools of the County from four to five thousand dollars.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

of every variety are produced here and the County yields to none in the State in adaptability of soils to the growth for market of peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots, grapes and berries.

Houston County's Schools

are unsurpassed by any in the State, in respect of efficiency and competency of teachers, standard of scholarship and duration of free term. Its own unsurpassed permanent School Fund supplemented from other sources enables us to come nearer fulfilling the constitutional requirements of a six-month term than any other county.

County Products

are cotton, corn, oats and other small grain, sorghum, ribbon cane, fruits and vegetables of every variety, hay, and in some places rice etc.

CROCKETT

the county seat of Houston County, is situated on the I. & G. N. R. R. It has a population of 2000. The people of the town have recently voted to take charge of its schools and support them by taxation, nine months in the year.

LOVELADY

to the South, on the I. & G. N. R. R., is an enterprising town of 500 people, good society, several churches and a splendid High School maintained all the year in one of the finest high school buildings in Eastern Texas.

GRAPELAND

to the North is another enterprising town of several hundred people fully alive to the demands of the hour and supported by a superior section of country. They have in course of erection a very fine high school building in which the public spirited citizens of that place propose to sustain during the entire year a high school second to none in the County.

The Lands

of the County are cheap and can be bought on easy terms.

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS

French & Chamberlain for drugs.

W. F. Breiting is improving.

D. J. Cater was in town Friday.

Look out for the hog law election.

T. J. Kennedy has had a very sick child.

Capt. B. B. Arrington has been quite sick.

Ball at the Opera House to night (Thursday.)

Wallace Totty of Grapeland was in town Tuesday.

Judge Williams has a child quite sick from flux.

Wm. McLean of Augusta was in town Saturday.

Bob Barrett and Mrs. Rush were married last Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Collins went down to Trinity last Saturday.

Frank Smith leaves for the Panhandle in a day or two.

One of Earle Adams' children was quite sick this week.

Col. W. W. Davis went down to Galveston Monday night.

Sugar 20lb for \$1.00, Coffee 5lb for \$1.00, at L. M. Campbell's.

Dr. W. C. Lipscomb is laying down the lumber for his residence.

For neck wear go to E. Downes, he has the very best and prettiest.

Dump McLeMore is going to take a trip to West Texas next month.

Wilson, Adams & Co. have just received a fine lot of ladies dress goods.

Boys knee suits from 5 to 13 years old for \$1.00 at Bill McConnell's.

Mr. Bryant Wilson, of Phoenix, Arizona Ter., is working for W. V. McConnell.

Boys knee pants from 40 cents per pair to \$1.25 at Bill McConnell's.

Try Bill McConnell's \$1.00 Button and Lace shoes for ladies.

Nice Oxford Ties and Patent Leather Pumps at Bill McConnell's for ball room wear.

The Commissioners' Court has granted Judge Davis a thirty-days leave of absence on account of his health. He will probably leave in a few days for South West Texas.

W. H. DENNY'S! JUST RECEIVED AND COMING A FULL LINE OF Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and an Elegant Line of Ladies Dress Goods, THESE ARE ALL NEW AND FIRST CLASS, BOUGHT CLOSE AND WILL BE SOLD CHEAPER THAN EVER BEFORE IN CROCKETT FOR CASH.

THE OLD RELIABLE BRICK DRUG STORE! French-&-Chamberlain.

Financial Exhibit for Houston County. Exhibit showing aggregate receipts and disbursements of Houston County Texas for the quarter beginning Nov. 11th 1891 and ending Feb. 8th, 1892.

Election Officers for 1892. In accordance with the statute the Commissioners' Court at its last sitting appointed the following election officers for 1892 to act at the general election in November:

Negro Killed. On Thursday night last, Aaron Atmar, a deaf negro, living on Dr. Lipscomb's place, two miles west of town, was walking down the R. R. track near Stokes place, and was struck by a freight train engine and knocked from the track.

John R. Foster Closed Out. Early Monday morning attachments were run on the mercantile assets of John R. Foster by Ed Foster for about \$400. W. H. Denny Jr for a thousand dollars or more and by foreign creditors in the order named.

The Mills of the Go's. Grind slowly, but not any more surely than a hacking cough upon the breathing organs. Don't monkey with a cold when you know how it will result when neglected. Marsden's Pectoral Balm cures coughs and colds.

Clothing! Clothing! Clothing!!! HAVE YOU TRIED The Cash Store? Come to hand this week, suits for men, youths and children. Also a beautiful and stylish line of pants to fit all ages and sizes.

It R. Harvin and Bill Patton were in town last Friday on business. Best grade of Arbuckle's roasted coffee at 25 cts per package, at Bill McConnell's.

Bill McConnell Says. His compliments to the trade, and would be pleased to have them hold themselves in readiness for inspection of one of the most dazzling stocks in the spring and summer line that ever landed in Crockett, and to itemize and describe this line would be like undertaking to count the stars.

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Election Proclamation. STATE OF TEXAS. Whereas a petition signed by more than twenty citizens, qualified voters, and freeholders, of the hereinafter described sub-division of said county of Houston and State of Texas, was presented to the Commissioners' court of said county, at its regular February term, 1892, asking that an election be ordered in said sub-division to determine whether hogs shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of said sub-division and said petition being in accordance with law, and the election asked for having been granted by said Commissioners' court. Now, therefore, know all men by these presents, that I, W. A. Davis, County Judge of Houston county, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby order an election to be held in said Justice Pre. No 5, on the 21st day of March A. D. 1892, to determine whether hogs shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of said precinct. It is further ordered that polls be opened at Grapeland and at Daily the usual voting places in said precinct, and I hereby appoint R. H. Hickey manager of said election at Grapeland, and Jas A. Hill manager at Daily. No person shall vote at this election unless he is a free holder and a qualified voter under the constitution and laws.

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ABSCESS OF THE LIVER. Mrs. W. H. M., of Llano, Texas, says, "I have been a sufferer of abscess of the liver for fifteen years have taken medicine from a number of doctors and different kinds of patent medicines, but I have received more benefit from Stillinger's in one week's time than in the whole fifteen years before."

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