

# THE HEADLIGHT

"OUR AMBITION IS TO MAKE A VERACIOUS WORK, RELIABLE IN ITS STATEMENTS, CANDID IN ITS CONCLUSIONS, AND JUST IN ITS VIEWS."

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NO. 27

D. M. Dodson of Campbell county has an apple tree standing below Hathcock's mill which is 45 years old. It is loaded down with fruit, and looks as if it might live forty-five years longer.

A gentleman of Murray county has a genuine curiosity in his possession. It is the deed to a tract of land in Kentucky bearing the signature of the famous Daniel Boone as witness. The document is mussy and yellow with age but notwithstanding this the chirography of the old hero of a hundred battles appears in characters still bright and legible.

All Celestials are not like the famous Ah Sin of "ways that are dark and rocks that are vain." A few days ago several young ladies went into a Chumman's shop at Atlanta to see what curiosities he had in there. One of them, noticing the little roll of wire-like hair that John carries under his hat, became curious to see what a pigtail looked like. Never seen a Chinaman's pigtail."

At Aker's mills, eleven miles from Atlanta, is an old man and his wife who have a remarkable set of children. One of the sons is 28 years old, is called Bud. He has never been any farther than Marietta since he was born, at a little white cottage perched on a hillside near the mill. Another son is 21 years of age; and he has never seen a town in his life, having been so far from Marietta's station, one and a half miles from his home. The girl of the family is known as "Sweetie," and she is a little over 15 years of age. The family talk is in dialect, sleep in a two-room house and do all the cooking in pots in the yard. "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise."

A remarkable case was tried at a justice court in Pickens county recently. Mr. Stephens Kirby sued the Marietta and North Georgia Railway Company for damages to a hog by reason of the loss of "one of the hog's feet in a collision with the train. After a strong legal fight for three hours, in which the defendant's counsel contended that the rule of assessing damages was the loss in weight of the hog by reason of being run over which was one foot per pound, half a pound, at 10 cents per pound, 5 cents, and the plaintiff's counsel insisted that the rule for assessing damages was the value of the hog when hurt, with the cost of nursing and medical treatment in curing the hog, together with such damages as the enlightened minds of the jury thought proper for the mental pain and anguish of the hog—the jury gave the plaintiff \$3.

On Thursday night last Mr. H. T. Huff, a well-known coal dealer of Atlanta, while cutting down a bee tree on his farm, five miles from Atlanta, on the Sandown road, made a strange discovery. The bees were in a hollow tree, and Felix Jackson (colored) was put to work with in ax to hew it down. "Lard a mercy," exclaimed the negro, as he dropped his ax and peered into the opening he had made by the light of a torch. The negro had discovered an arsenal whose implements of war were like the gun of Rip Van Winkle after his sleep of twenty years. In the hollow tree were eight old army muskets and two bayonets which had been stored away by soldiers twenty-five years ago. The stocks of the guns had nearly rotted away, and the barrels were rusted. The tree had grown about one of the bayonets and made it immovable.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A movement has been started in Hart county to have farmers decline to hire hands unless the hands can show in writing that they either fulfilled their previous contracts or have been honorably released from the same.

Lawrence Krown of Gwinnett county has four children with a difference in their ages of two years, and just ten pounds difference in their respective weights. The first weighs 25, the second 35, the third 45 and the fourth 55 pounds.

Several days ago a lady in Perry saw a jaybird eating a chicken on top of a fence post. Only a short while before the chicken had been seen in the yard alive. Of course it was a small chicken—only several days old—yet almost as large as its captor.

Here is an interesting bit of war history. In May 1864 Rev. Isaac Padgett went on the mountain to hear the guns at the battle of Resaca, thirty miles away. While listening he placed a good sized rock in the fork of a hickory tree, standing then, as now, on the top of the mountain. Recently he climbed the tree and found the rock nearly out of sight in the tree, where it had quietly lain for twenty-five years.

In Atlanta Wednesday the little eleven-year-old daughter of Dr. Charles D'Alvigny, who lives on near Grant park, was sent out on an errand and her pet Maltese cat followed her. On her return she found the cat when she met some boys with a dog. The dog began to worry the cat, which made a desperate effort to get away from the child. She clung to it, and the animal attacked her furiously, biting her three times in the calf of the leg and in the foot. Her wounds are quite painful, and serious results are feared.

A responsible citizen of Bruton tells Wrightsville Headlight that the hail storm which recently passed over that section was undoubtedly the heaviest and most destructive that had ever visited there. In many instances it literally annihilated the cotton and corn crops, to such an extent really as to necessitate the ground plowed and the respective crops planted over again. On Hon C. L. Holmes' place the hail killed outright all the fowls on the premises that were not under shelter, besides doing like damage on the place. But the most remarkable part of the story comes with the sequel viz. Two days after the storm had passed, it is said hail was found from 12 inches to 18 inches in depth in certain localities where it had drifted.

An elephant stampede is reported from Riga, in Russia. Eight trained elephants were performing in a circus, when one of the animals, instead of going quietly through the performance, raised his trunk suddenly and began to trumpet. His comrades at once became unruly and made for the door. One of the spectators burst it open with a pickaxe. A lady who attempted to run across his path was seized gently around the waist and safely deposited on one side. The huge quadrupeds burst through another door into a passage and found their way to the box office. This seemed to excite their curiosity and they examined it in haste. They then entered a small courtyard and began a regular war dance, uttering piercing cries as they pranced about in their wild antics. Eventually they were mastered and walked off to their quarters.

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FRON. L. PENN. : : Publisher.

The yellow fever in Vera Cruz is very bad.

Bond offerings yes today \$244,000 accepted, \$241,000 four and a half a 109.

Emperor William treated King Humbert yesterday to a military review.

Brooks & Wells, boot and shoe manufacturers at Westford, Mass., have failed.

Up to the 19th inst. the state has paid pensions to nearly twenty-three hundred disabled Confederate soldiers.

A country editor closes his financial ledger with the remark, "Money is close, but not quite close enough to reach."

There is an old negro in Quitman county who has never owned a sock. He has been for years making a bar of wood across the door of his crib every night.

On last Thursday, the 9th, Mr. John W. Thompson of Walnut Grove Walton county, let off his firebrand and he and his son killed twenty-five snakes. Two of them were very large water moccasins, the rest some smaller. The layout of snakes made a terrible show.

A white mole is as rare as a white crow, but, notwithstanding this, Dr. Thomas presented one to the McDonough Weekly, which goes to make up a part of his grand display of living curiosities. The mole differs from the other varieties only in color—being snow white.

Tripoli, a very valuable substance has been found on Col. Seaborn Jones' property, near his residence, in Rockmart. It is a fine light substance, of a yellowish color entirely free from grit, and polishes the finest metals with great rapidity, without the objectionable qualities of other preparations, deep.

In Oconee county recently Mr. J. B. Cook's two little sons, Emory and Jimmie, placed a large wash pot in the corn crib, sinking it deep down into the corn. After placing the pot in position the boys filled it two-thirds full of water, covering the water with cotton seed and sprinkling meal over the seed. They have fished out of this trap from five to eleven drowned rats each morning, making a total of eighty seven large rats to date.

A gentleman living a few miles from town, we won't give his name, dreamed a few nights since that an alligator had him. He had often heard that if you would gouge them in the eyes that they would turn you loose. So he proceeded to stick his thumbs into the "ator's" eyes. He awoke instantly from the screams of pain from his wife, when he found that he had almost put both her eyes out. She claims that he did it on purpose, and refuses to become satisfied. She's mad yet—Daddy Vandiestor.

In obedience to a call of President H. F. Perry a quorum of the executive committee of the Georgia Weekly Press association met in the parlor of the Markham house at 12 m. yesterday.

It was unanimously agreed to meet at the reading room of the Kimball house at 10 a. m. on the fourth of July, to be present at the dedication of the new capitol on that day. Every member of the weekly press is requested in the present. The members will proceed to Cartersville on the evening of the same day, where the annual meeting is to be held on the fifth of July. The boys anticipate a big time, as a movement is on foot for an excursion to Washington city and other points of interest.—Constitution.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

Col. Albert R. Lamar, of Macon, died the 18th inst. of consumption of the brain. Col. Lamar was the able Editor of the Macon Telegraph for six years, assuming that responsibility in 1881, after which he was connected with the Macon Evening News until the time of his illness.

We publish, in this issue of The Headlight, the speech of Hon. W. Y. Atkinson of Nexanah, which was delivered before the Teacher's Association, at Athens, during the last session of that body.

He deals in a clear and lucid manner with one of the most important live issues of the day; and we trust the subject of better methods, better teachers, and better school facilities generally will be agitated, until something substantial and effective will take the place of the chancelless shipwreck methods now so much in vogue in this state.

Inferior text books, indifferent accommodations, grammarly and ignorant teachers, in some instances, is rapidly sinking the noble profession of teaching into disrepute, ruining private schools, and leaving our noble young people in a helpless condition as far as the plain practical business affairs of life are concerned. The State needs to observe in an earnest manner the Spartan proverb; "Teach your boys and girls what they should practice when they become men and women."

We hope Mr. Atkinson will introduce his bill, and that it may become a law. Not only this, but Georgia needs to encourage, in a most substantial manner the cause of true Education in her homes.

Ordinary's Office, Jones Co., Ga. April 29th 1889.

Whereas it appears to the court that the estate of Miss N. A. Ross, deceased, is unrepresented, these are therefore to cite all persons concerned to show cause at this office on or by first Monday in June next, if any they have any administration on said estate shall not be vested in some proper person according to law.

Witness my hand officially. R. T. ROSS, Ordinary.

Notice is hereby given that the report of Commissioners setting aside one year's support to Tilda White (c) from estate of her dead husband is of file in this office and I will pass judgment upon the same at the June Term next of this court unless some legal cause be shown to the contrary.

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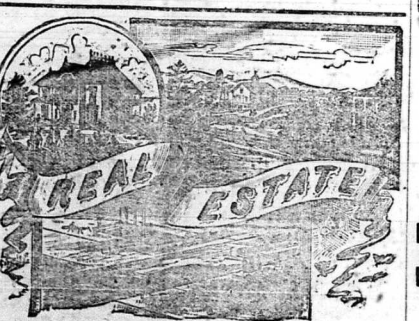
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