

OBITUARY

Henry Greene, one of Watauga's best citizens passed to his reward at 2:30 a. m. Dec. 10th.

Brother Greene was born Nov. 24 1866 on Beaver Dams. He was first married to Manda Green, sister to Rev. Geo. Greene, Missionary to China. She was a native of Caldwell County. She preceded him by eleven years to her reward. To this happy union five children were born: Mrs. Una Tester, Mrs. Clara Farthing of Blountville, Tenn., Mrs. Jane Dishman and Robert Greene. One is dead.

Brother Greene united with the Bethel Baptist Church when a young man. When Timbered Ridge church was organized he moved his membership there, becoming a charter member of that church. Less than two years ago he moved his membership to the Boone Church. While a member of Timbered Ridge he was the Church Treasurer, and for several years served as Superintendent of the Sunday School. He was ever loyal and faithful to his church.

Brother Greene was raised in a large family. There were seven children. Six brothers and sisters are dead. Mr. Greene was a successful farmer. He was also Secretary-Treasurer of the Watauga Building & Loan Association when he died.

July 21, 1923 he was happily married to Mrs. Floy Mast of Boone. This brief married life was one of happiness. Brother Greene was a good man, a faithful husband, a loving father, a true friend, a public spirited citizen, a loyal church member a devout citizen.

The funeral services were conducted from his home on Beaver Dam by Revs. F. M. Huggins and W. Swift. The body was gently laid to rest in the family grave yard near the old home.

F. M. HUGGINS.

COUNT THE BLESSINGS, TOO

While traveling recently we came across a man whose point of view is undoubtedly similar to that of many others just now. Not long ago one of his best cows was taken sick and by midnight it was evident that if she did not receive medical attention soon her chances of recovery would be very slight.

A veterinarian was called, who as soon as he examined the cow, asked why he had not been called sooner. The farmer explained that he already owed him a bill and was ashamed to ask for further credit. Further, he owed the implement dealer and the feed store. Once started telling his troubles he painted a very gloomy picture of the proposition he was up against.

In the meantime the cow had been relieved and the doctor began to ask questions. How many cows have you now and how many horses and hogs? Isn't your barn and house comfortable? How long ago did you start farming, anyway? From the questioning it developed that this farmer had started to years ago on a rented farm with a team, three cows, a few brood sows, and some hens, now he owns his farm almost free from debt has a fine bunch of cows, good horses and feeds out a carload of hogs every year.

Suddenly grasping his friends arm the farmer almost shouted, "Why, I am rich," and in a modest way he was but never before had the fact dawned upon him. Success at farming necessarily extends over a long period of years. In common with all other undertakings it has its downs as well as ups. If we persist in counting the downs without ever stopping to consider the ups we leave ourselves open to attack to the first gloom bug that comes along. It pays to count the blessings, too.—Successful Farming.

The Chamber of Commerce meets on Saturday night at 7 o'clock and 30 minutes. Your presence is needed.

Surgery in France

Paris.—Two cases of what has been considered hitherto an incurable disease were presented lately to the Society of Neurology of Paris. Tumors pressing on the spinal marrow have always proved fatal owing to the difficulty of diagnosing them and of locating them. Professor Slead has introduced a method of injecting iodized oil into the bony canal formed by the vertebrae of the spine which enables an X-ray to be taken, showing where the iodine has been deposited, and where the deposit has been interrupted by the tumor. The exact spot for operating is thus seen.

The application of this method is described as delicate but not extremely difficult, nor beyond the power of any good surgeon.

Farmer Has Watch That Winds Up Automatically

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Sam Bird, a farmer living near here, owns what is thought to be the only watch in the world which does not have to be wound. The timepiece, made by the farmer-jeweler during his leisure hours, is provided with a small pendulum, which swings back and forth when he walks. This movement winds the springs of the watch.

JUDGE GARY AND CHARITY

Statesville Daily.
Judge Gary, directing head of the United States Steel Corporation recently discussed charity in a public address in New York, and while he isn't noted as a charitable man in any aspect, so far as recalled at this moment, his remarks on the subject are more than usually interesting, coming from the head of a big corporation. First he laid down the axiomatic principle that one must be generous not until he has been just, that charity is commendable only when it does not interfere with the existing obligations of the donor. In every day life for instance, if one owes money or duty, that has first call. When the obligations are discharged one can be generous and lay claim to the virtue of charity. Sometimes folks are rather free in giving money for charitable causes for which they receive due credit, when their money isn't theirs to give. It belongs to their creditors. Their generosity is a fraud, they committed robbery in the name of charity by giving away what did not belong to them.

Judge Gary's immediate purpose in discussing this feature of charity was preliminary to taking the position that the United States could not cancel the war debts due from European Nations so long as the government owes that money, that the government has no call to be generous with borrowed money and money which must be repaid. But regardless of the purpose, this eminently sound view of charity should be emphasized occasionally. It is too frequently disregarded, and sometimes when debtors give to charity they are disposed to take that much from their creditors and impute it to themselves for righteousness.

But here is the most interesting point in the steel magnate's remarks. "Real generous charity is fashionable and it is Christian, but the door is not entitled to credit if the money comes from that obtained by illegal unconscionable and unfair means." That has been and is a subject of much controversy. Not a few people take the view that millionaires who have made immense sums from oil, steel, tobacco or any other monopoly where the immense gains resulted, as everybody knows, from unfair methods that dominated and controlled the market, are not entitled to credit for the millions they give to charity; that the money really belongs to those from whom it was unjustly taken by unfair means. The oil monopoly, for instance, can collect millions from the people by raising the price of oil one cent, and then get credit for great virtue by giving a portion of that money to education or some other good cause. Judge Gary holds that they are not entitled to credit, but he modifies that by adding that it is appropriate that such ill-gotten gains be given as an assuagement of conscience to those who have unjustly suffered. But it is doubtful if the returns go back to the original sufferers. Certainly they do not receive their own directly, and giving their money to some cause no matter how worthy, when the man or the corporation who robbed them gets the credit, does not make the unwilling victims feel any better. In fact that method adds insult to injury.

But then Judge Gary added the favorite camouflage of those who cannot defend the robbery but who condone the method which is the same because a part of the toll exacted is devoted to good purposes. He held that the millions which have been devoted to the cause of humanity would not have been available for such purposes had not large fortunes been concentrated in the hands of a few. That is the favorite defense that is supposed to end the argument. The big combines that dominate certain lines of business and collect extortionate profits from unwilling but helpless victims, give immense sums to numerous causes that help mankind. But for these the money would not be available. Therefore let them proceed with the robbery so long as they give a part of the proceeds to good purposes. Of course that is, in principle, the sale of indulgences, formerly a practice of the Romish Church which Luther and others have so heartily condemned. But the Christians today in effect approve the principle and thank God that the Church benefits by it.

"WAY DOWN SOUTH"

(W. A. Watson.)

The happiest moments in my life were spent in the school room, studying history—the record of past events.

And how my heart and soul did burn when I read and studied and pondered over the magic voyage, of the most famous expedition that ever set sail for unknown waters and land. I say waters and land because Ponce De Leon the intrepid Spanish explorer had a vision of a "Fountain of Youth" in which any aged person could bathe, and come back to youth, and live forever, so to speak.

Tradition and many winged legends have it that he landed and set his feet upon the flowers and Garden of Eden right here on St. Andrews Bay, Florida.

This bay is a part of the waters jutting out into the channel from the Great Lakes of Mexico.

After my arrival here when I would lie down on my bed to rest I could hear the mighty roar of something—like the noise of many waters, angry and playing hide and seek along the coast banks of sunny Florida—so I asked "What could all this mean?" and to my surprise I was told that what I heard was the wild waves on the Gulf of Mexico at play.

Oh, how my heart did burn and yearn to go down, and thrust my poor and feeble hands into this water, and to look with mine eyes upon the mighty deep of Blue Waters lashing at play with white caps that were sailing to and fro through the spaces that never seem to end.

It was then and here that my childhood dreams were realized and brought back to my mind when I was a school boy in my teens.

It was then that I realized for what Ponce De Leon had sought out but my only regret I have for this episode of past history is that he could have been successful and have found the true "Fountain of Youth" but the Great God who rules the universe today, tomorrow and forever, blinded this Spanish explorer's eyes and His wisdom sent an angel from on high to watch, so that these waters might not be troubled, and this old man like Peter at Rome had to undergo the trial (of disappointment) and suffer an untimely death at the hands of a tribe of natives a penalty for trespassing upon the Flower Garden and sailing upon unknown waters.

To think of all of this is to make one feel uneasy and almost brings to their minds of magic thought—the Garden of Eden, the Paradise of which was created for the first man of the human race.

On the other hand to look upon the Gulf of Mexico it makes us feel in an earthly way what John saw spiritually on the Isle of Patmos.

The beauty of what I have seen can never be described or told to others for I feel that the great Spirit keep two all-seeing eyes upon me and would not let me write the sentiments of my heart, so the memory of the sight fades from mine eyes when I try to explain what I have seen in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the nearby St. Andrews Bay—the tradition of the long sought Fountain of Youth, which could not be found—this links up history so to speak with our very own "Lost Colony of North Carolina" which is a mystery until this very day.

Why Do They Grow?

From the Atlantic to the Pacific the three outstanding states showing industrial development and rapid growth in population are New York, Illinois and California.

A recent survey of Illinois shows that it has more users of electric light and power than any state in the union and these users comprise 10 per cent of all electrical users in the country, according to figures published in the Elevated News of Chicago.

California ranks second and New York third. Illinois has more residential electricity users than any other state, is second in the number of industrial power users and third in the number of commercial lighting customers, according to the report.

Of the 10,800,000 electric light and power customers in this country 78 per cent were home users, 18 per cent commercial users and 4 per cent industrial consumers. There are 858,000 residential lighting customers in Illinois.

When you consider that electric light and power are two of the greatest forces for the extension of modern civilization it should readily be seen why Illinois, California and New York should show such growth, for they are leaders in electric power development.

You want to help your town and county—then don't fail to be at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 Saturday night.



Gift Suggestions

A partial list of the useful and attractive gifts we are offering this year:

Each purchase, if desired, will be attractively wrapped in Christmas paper, tags, seals, etc., and packed for mailing without extra charge.

FOUNTAIN PENS, ETC.

Parker Lucky Curve, Parker Duofold, Waterman's Ideal, Parker Pencils, Parker Duette Sets, consisting of gold or silver pen and pencil in velvet lined gift box.

STATIONERY

Crane's Linen Lawn, Crane's Kid Finish, Crane's Ravel Edge Vellum, Rilette Bond, Dalton Vellum, Autocrat Linen, Highland Linen, Romano, Old Chelsea Vellum, Paget Linen, Tuberoso, Old English Crushed Bond, Children's Writing Papers.

CANDIES

Jacobs' "Made Last Night" and Nunnally's "The Candy of the South" in most attractive boxes from one to five pounds. Miscellaneous chocolates and other candies in bulk.

BOOKS

Complete Line latest fiction: Classics in leather and Morocco bindings, Bibles, Dictionaries, Children's Books Comics, etc.

MAGAZINES

A years subscription to a favorite magazine makes a most acceptable gift, and one that can be appreciated for a whole year. We act as agents for all magazines and enter your subscription at publishers price, without extra charge for our services.

FOR SMOKERS

Pipes, Tobacco, Tobacco Pouches, Cigarette Holders, Cigarette Cases, Cigars in Holiday Boxes, of twenty five, Cigarettes, etc.

FLOWERS

We are agents for Gunnar Teilmann & Son, and the Bristol Floral Company. Orders should be given to us as early as possible in order to insure prompt delivery before the Christmas rush.

MISCELLANEOUS

Phonographs and records, mahogany and silver candle Sticks, Manicure sets, Card Sets, Card Cases, Bill Folds, Shaving Sets, Tissue Papers, Cards, Tags, Seals, Folders, Tinsel Cord, etc., etc.,



Greene & Bingham

Boone, North Carolina.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

LIFE

ONWARD, onward speed the years;
With their weight of hopes and fears;
Trials lurking here and there,
Joys to ease the press of care;
Light and shadow, sun and rain,
Alternating peace and pain—
But beneath the stress and strife
Sense of rich, pulsating life,
In whose depths we find the stir
Leading on to Character.
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