

# Twenty-Five Years Ago

Items of Interest as Recorded in The Cherokee Scout of a Quarter of a Century Past

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Sam Asin is confined to his bed with grip.

The two rivers were out of their banks Tuesday and Wednesday.

H. S. Hayes moved to his farm near East Murphy last Thursday.

P. C. Hawkins has moved into the house with Mrs. Avaline Davidson.

W. T. Corder and little son Gustave spent Thursday in Blue Ridge, Ga.

Dr. J. W. Hammond, who has located at Unaka, was in town the first of last week.

Miss Jessie McGuire, of Peachtree was the guest of Miss Meb King several days last week.

Captain Stephen Porter, the jolly liverman and hotelist at Andrews, was in town Thursday.

Hon. J. S. Bell, of Clay County, one of the assistant clerks in the late Legislature, returned home the first of last week.

The issue of the approaching municipal election was made when the Town Council passed an ordinance putting up the dogs.

The Southern train, which left here Tuesday morning, was not able to get back until Thursday night on account of a land slide at Bushnell.

Mrs. M. Perry and her little daughter Ethel returned last week, after an absence of several months visiting relatives in the eastern part of the State.

Mr. Edmund B. Norvell, engrossing clerk of the recent General Assembly, returned Thursday night, looking none the worse from his arduous labors.

From all reports the roads are in the worst condition that they have been in for many years. The continued wet weather has prevented farmers from doing any work.

J. L. Wilson, who was badly burned last week while fighting fire on his Brasstown place, is improving.

Mrs. L. B. Tatham, of Andrews, went to Blue Ridge Saturday to see her daughter, Mrs. G. B. Collett, who is quite sick.

A. M. Brittain returned Saturday from Asheville, where he disposed of 40 head of stall fed beef cattle to Redman Bros. of Richmond.

T. C. Lovin, of Clay County, was here Saturday on his way home from Hangingdog, where he had been to put up a saw mill for J. B. Sanderson.

J. E. Crain, whose wagon, loaded with hardware, which was overturned in Axley's creek early last week, was recovered Saturday morning, together with most of the goods.

Messrs. J. F. Harpitt, J. T. L. Harless, Albert Reid and E. A. Voyles, merchants at Unaka, Oconota, Vest and Grape Creek, respectively, were in town last week buying goods.

A land slide on the A. K. & N. at Hiwassee last Tuesday carried about a quarter of a mile of the track into the river, while a freight train was wrecked at Ball Ground Thursday morning. No casualties.

C. M. Watson, in attempting to ride through some quick sand near Tomolta last Tuesday, came very near losing his horse. It was with considerable difficulty that the horse which had mired up nearly to its shoulder, was extricated.

The last issue of the Bulletin contains the following announcement: "In order to make important changes, which at present are unnecessary to mention, the Bulletin will suspend publication temporarily after this week's issue."

The A. K. & N. ran into an open switch Friday afternoon at Kinsay, five miles south of Murphy, but happily no damage was done, other than that the engine got off the track. Some one had broken the lock and opened the switch with a view to wrecking the train, and if caught an example ought to be made out of them. An extra engine was sent from Blue Ridge to pull the train back on the track, reaching Murphy several hours late.

The A. K. & N. train, which was several hours late Thursday night, happened to an accident that came near proving serious. The front trucks of a freight car jumped the track just as the train was rounding the sharp curve and had proceeded nearly over the trestle that spanned the river before being discovered. Nine of the trestle crossies were broken and over a hundred more or less damaged. This is the third accident to occur on the trestle, and unless the curve is fixed, it would not surprise us any time to hear that the whole train had gone into the river. It was a close call.

**SATURDAY NIGHT'S STORM.**  
The heavy downpour of rain Saturday raised the waters some, but the storm—some call it the equinox—that visited this section Saturday night eclipsed anything within the memory of the writer. It rained, torrents upon torrents, while the flashes of lightning were incessant and heavy thunders roared, reminding

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ing one of mid summer. The waters almost covered the face of the earth Sunday morning, which dawned cold, cloudy and windy. It even snowed a little, which made the day only more disagreeable if possible.

The Hiwassee and Valley rivers were roaring, raging seas of water, and the damage in this county cannot approximately be estimated at this time as communication is cut off with many portions of the county. Hiwassee River was two feet higher than it has ever been since Mr. J. C. Axley has resided where he now lives, some twenty years or more.

Both the Southern and A. K. & N. trains are tied up here on account of washouts, land slides and numerous trestles being gone. The A. K. & N. expect to have the Murphy branch in shape for travel by today or tomorrow. The main line is open nearly all the way. It could not be learned the extent of damage done on the Southern, but it will be several days before trains will be able to get through.

We learn that the county bridge over Nolli river is gone, as well as the one at Ancil Roger's, the one at Axley's and the new Hangingdog bridge. The approaches to the three bridges entering Murphy are more or less damaged. The river roads are impassable. A water spout took off part of the bluff in the bend of Valley River on the other side opposite the Baptist Church.

It was reported that a cyclone struck Cherry Log, Ga., beyond Blue Ridge, Saturday night. No particulars.

## The Man and His Two Daughters

Once upon a time, a good many years ago, there lived in France a man and his two daughters.

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were rather small. The girls' names were Folly and Molly.

Polly was more beautiful than Molly. Her father got her more beautiful clothes than Molly.

Polly stood before the mirror and combed and primped. She would go to balls and parties, while Molly washed and scrubbed the pots and kettles.

One day while Polly was gone to a ball, poor Molly left her father alone and went into the woods to get some wood. While she was sobbing she heard a voice speak and she looked around and saw a prince. He said, "Why doth thou weep, my kind maiden?" Then Molly told him why she was sobbing. Then he said, "Do not worry, you shall soon be happy."

So he went on and Molly gathered her wood and went on home wondering how it could be that some day she would be happy.

When poor Molly reached home she had stayed so long her sister had arrived home and had nothing to eat. Her sister abused her in many ways because she had stayed so long

in the woods. She said, "I am almost starved and not one bite to eat!" and she left the kitchen. Then poor Molly prepared the dinner, rang the bell and left the room for the chimney corner, and began to sob again. As soon as she began to sob she heard a voice and looked up and there was the Prince. He said, "Why doth thou cry, my young maiden?"

Then she told him how her sister had abused her for not having dinner ready when she arrived from the ball.

The Prince said, "Get in the carriage and we will be married in half an hour." So she obeyed him and got in and they drove away as fast as they could and were married.

It was not long until her father died, then not very long until her sister died, and she lived happily ever afterwards.

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