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ANOTHER MISTRIAL

The second trial of Wave Allison and Vellie Parker, charged with the murder of J. W. Clayton, resulted exactly as the first—a mistrial, six of the jurors voting for conviction and six for acquittal, and the jury was discharged late Tuesday afternoon and a new trial ordered. There is little question but that the case when it is tried again will be moved to another county.

This case was called in Superior court on Thursday morning of last week and the case did not go to the jury until late Monday afternoon.

The evidence in the case was practically the same as in the last trial, and as the majority of the citizens of the county are familiar with the case the News can see no good reason to give an outline of the disgraceful scenes connected with the evidence. As in the former trial the star witness for the state was Susie Williams, the negro girl who was with the defendants a short while before the crime was committed. The defendants also went on the stand again in their own behalf and testified to the same things brought out before.

The charge of his Honor, Judge W. E. Harding, was very clear, but contrary to the charge of Judge Long in the previous trial, he told the jury that a verdict for manslaughter could be found. Before the judge charged that the elements of manslaughter were missing in the evidence and that the jury could not so find.

The case was hard fought by both sides. Solicitor Michael Shenck was assisted by D. L. English and O. W. Clayton of the local bar. W. E. Broese, Jr., was senior counsel for the defense, assisted by Galloway & Allison, R. L. Gash, and Chas. B. Deaver of the local bar and R. S. McCall of Asheville.

After the jury was discharged a member of it stated that the vote stood six for acquittal and six for conviction of manslaughter on every ballot taken, and that there had been no changes made since the first ballot. The following are said to have voted for conviction: Willie Deaver, John Perry, John Garren, S. M. Macfie, Julie McCall and Ollie Cray, while the following stood for acquittal: Gus Gillespie, L. C. Tinsley, T. C. McCall, Chas. Hamrick, Chas. Mull and W. A. Brown.

ROSMAN HIGH SCHOOL

The next term of the Rosman High School will open the 23rd of August. There are six members of the faculty including the music teacher. Of these, four are college graduates, all have had college training, and all are keeping in touch with the best that is out in the teacher's profession by attending the summer sessions of such well known institutions as Cullewhoe, the University of North Carolina and the University of Kentucky.

Among the special features of the school is the music department, managed by Mrs. P. T. Bauman, whose ability as a musician is seldom equaled.

In order that students may be prepared for teaching, special courses in pedagogy will be offered by one or both of the high school teachers. Each of the teachers engaged in the high school department has had thorough professional training and is well qualified to put vital interest into these courses.

The four year's work of the high school will prepare students for college, and those completing the course may enter any college in the state without entrance examinations.

A moonlight school is taught for the benefit of those too busy or too old to take advantage of the regular school.

Except music, tuition is free in every department, and good board including room, light and fuel can be had for \$8 or \$10.

BREVARD'S CHAUTAUQUA

As we go to press the last numbers of the first chautauqua ever held in Transylvania county are being given at the Auditorium, and to say that those who have attended the various programs are pleased with the entertainment and instruction furnished is stating the facts very mildly. There is no question but that the entertainers here this week are the best ever brought to Brevard, and we believe the people of the town will want another chautauqua next year.

The first day's program went off without any hitch, and while the attendance was not all that could be desired, especially in the morning and afternoon, a fair sized audience heard the evening performance. In the morning Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, made an address on national prohibition, and it was very disappointing to the managers of the chautauqua that so few heard this address. Rev. Mr. Davis is a very forceful speaker, and as he was thoroughly at home in the discussion of the liquor question his address was very interesting to all present. In the afternoon he made another address in the court house during the recess of the court.

The afternoon program started with a concert by the Bessie Leigh Concert Company, and it was the unanimous decision of those present that the members of this company are all artists, and that rarely, if ever, has the town had such a musical treat. After the concert Dr. George P. Bible, the chautauqua director, gave an address on "Fads and Fancies," which captivated the audience at once and held their attention for forty-five minutes. In it the speaker told of some of the fads in politics, religion, styles, etc., mixing facts with humor in such a manner that everyone was kept smiling although he did shake their pet hobbies.

The evening performance consisted of another lecture by Dr. Bible on "The Elements of Success," and another concert by the Bessie Leigh Company. This program was the equal in every respect of the one given in the afternoon, and everyone agreed that this program alone was worth the price or the whole season ticket.

An interesting feature of the coming of the chautauqua to Brevard is that Mrs. J. B. Weinstein was at one time a pupil of Dr. Bible, the director, graduating from the State Normal School of Pennsylvania while he was at the head of that school.

The second day's program started with an address by Prof. A. C. Reynolds, principal of the Cullewhoe Industrial School, on "The Right Education of a Child." We regret very much that we cannot give our readers this address in full for every parent in Transylvania county should receive the message. The attendance at this number of the program was very discouraging.

The afternoon entertainment consisted of a series of magic tricks and sleight of hand performances by the Mysterious Milburns and the wailing scene from "The Taming of the Shrew" by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Deaver. Both of these numbers were well received and the program was the equal in every respect of the one of the day before.

In the evening the same people entertained a larger audience than had before gathered, giving an entirely new program.

As we go to press the last matinee performance is in progress. Dr. Frank B. Vrooman, the famous lecturer is delivering his lecture on "The New Agriculture," and the Lyric Glee Club is rendering one of the best musical concerts ever listened to in Brevard. The first chautauqua ever held in Brevard, and probably the last, will come to a close tonight (Thursday) with another lecture by Dr. Vrooman and another concert by the Lyric.

WAR SUMMARY

The chief interest in the war for the past two weeks has been centered on the efforts of the Germans to capture the city of Warsaw, the capital of Poland, and the daily press have given us assurances almost every day that the grand entry of the Germans into the city would be made within a few hours. There is no question but that a number of bloody engagements have been fought in and around this city and it is quite likely that the city will eventually fall into the hands of the Germans. The Russian army have maintained their position here against great odds and the fall of this fortification, if it does fall, will be a severe blow to the Allies by reason of the fact that a large number of fighting men will be released on the eastern border to go to the western armies.

The Austrians attacked the Italians at Gorizia last Friday with 170,000 men, including 30,000 Bavarians, with disastrous results. The Austrian losses numbered 12,000. On the following day a fierce Austrian attack on Carso Plateau was also repulsed. The Italians hold all the important positions they have captured in the last fifteen days except the advanced trenches before Gorizia which have been evacuated.

A Norwegian steamship was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine last Friday. The Belgian steamer Prince was also sunk by a mine. The crews of both vessels were saved.

The Leyland liner Iberian was sunk by a German submarine last Friday. Five members of the crew were killed and two died in a rescue boat, while 61 landed in safety. One of the seven dead is an American. The casualties were caused by shell fire, while the vessel was torpedoed. The ship attempted to escape the submarine.

A hundred miles southeast of Warsaw, Austro-German cavalry have entered Lublin, one of the chief cities of Poland, thus succeeding in cutting the Lublin-Gdansk railroad, an important line of communication with the Russians massed between the Vistula and Bug rivers.

Anti-American outbreaks are reported by travelers arriving at Zurich, Switzerland, to have taken place in Berlin.

The capture of Lublin cost the Germans 10,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. The four miles north of Lublin the Russians are fighting fiercely, disputing every foot of ground while covering their retreat. In an advance of seven miles with seven army corps, Field Marshal von Mackensen lost 30,000 men. The army massed from Lovicz to Ostrowiec has begun an advance upon Ivanogorod and Nowa Alexandria, the evacuation of which was commenced by the Russians Friday night, according to the Germans. The Germans have despatched more than 100 train loads of ammunition from Radom and Lodz toward Warsaw since July 25. The Russians who attacked south of Przasnysz killed 5,000, wounded 8,000 and took prisoner 1,300 of the eighth German corps.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A. W. McDaniel, pastor, Bible school at 9:15 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:00 p. m. The evening service is always evangelistic and the morning theme for the building up of Christians.

The mid-week people's service will be at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. This is for all as is also all our services.

We especially extend a hearty invitation to all visitors in the town and give them a cordial welcome.

GENERAL NEWS

Vilbrun Guillaume, president of Haiti, was removed from the French legation at Port-au-Prince last Wednesday, where he took refuge from a rebellion, and was shot to death by a mob of infuriated Haitians. His body was then mutilated and tied to the end of a rope and dragged through the streets of the city. The violence followed the burial of 160 political prisoners who were massacred in prison the day previous, at the time of the revolutionary outbreak against Guillaume.

Four hundred American marines were landed at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Thursday, to protect the lives and property of Americans and other foreigners. The marines were fired upon shortly after their landing and two were killed.

With the receipt last week of a complete report of the torpedoing of the American steamer Leclanow by a German submarine, state department officials began the preparation of a note to Germany requesting the payment of damages on the ground that the Prussian-American treaty of 1828 had been violated.

Urgent representations demanding in the name of humanity that food be permitted to reach the starving people of Mexico City, were sent by the state department last Friday to Generals Carranza, Villa and Zapata. The notes declare avenues of transportation to Mexico City must be opened to provision trains and kept open.

Judge Wilson of the Tennessee Court of Civil Appeals issued a writ of superseas last Friday setting aside the decision of Chancellor John Allison in appointing a receiver for the city of Nashville.

Ed Mills of Atlanta is critically wounded and Albert Thompson of Spartanburg is suffering from a pistol wound, and Thompson, Aiken Mitchell, Criss, Woodin and S. G. Leonard of Asheville are under arrest as the result of a mysterious shooting affray at Hendersonville last Thursday night. No cause for the shooting has as yet been assigned.

Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant of New York city, was electrocuted last Friday morning at Sing Sing prison for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler. Becker maintained his composure and protested his innocence until the last. His five associates in the crime were electrocuted about one year ago.

W. S. Cathey, twenty-eight years old, of Clyde, N. C., committed suicide at Black Mountain last Thursday by fastening a rope to the window of his room on the second floor of the Gratham hotel, placing his neck in the noose and jumping out of the window. No cause for the act is known.

Admission to American registry of twelve foreign steamers purchased for the American Trans-Atlantic Company was assured when Secretary Lansing transmitted to the department of commerce a written memorandum holding that neither international law nor policy stood in the way of the transfer. Registration is expected to be granted without delay.

Will Dixon of Oriental, Pamlico county, N. C., has invented a device that is claimed will prevent torpedoes from striking a ship when fired from a submarine, but will cause the explosion to take place before it strikes the vessel. He is now in Washington to show his device to the naval authorities.

For a Sprained Ankle.

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

THE BOY PREACHER

Charles Turner, the seven-year-old boy preacher, preached at the Baptist church last Thursday night to one of the largest congregations ever assembled in the town. People who had not been in a church for many, many months came to hear the Scriptures expounded by the boy, and all went away with mixed feelings toward the boy prodigy.

There is no question of a doubt but that the boy is remarkable in many ways, and every one present would have a better feeling toward him had his father had judgment enough to keep quiet and not interrupt the services to tell the congregation just how wonderful he is. The people who gathered had sense enough to know that he was an unusual boy in many ways, but there was no one present who believes for a moment that his sermon was entirely original.

The sermon was well received and at the close a number of people went forward to request prayer and it is to be hoped the services will do much good. After the service at the Baptist church the boy went to the colored church by request and gave the colored population of the town an opportunity to see and hear him.

INSTITUTE NOTES

Prof. Peck left last Friday for a three weeks' driving tour, over the mountains into South Carolina, Georgia and the southeastern corner of North Carolina, in the interest of Brevard Institute. He has already sent in the names of a number of new students and is combining business with pleasure in a most satisfactory manner.

Prof. Trowbridge returned Saturday night, after a tour among the district conferences of the Piedmont section. He was gone over two weeks and met a good many of the old pupils of the institute, as well as prospective students. The new Lancelotian, which will be issued this week, gives many interesting items of former students, many of whom are married and settled, or in business, mostly all prospering.

Miss Anna Belle Harris, of Winston-Salem, arrived last week. She is the first student to enroll for the coming session. Rev. and Mrs. Robt. Courtnie, of Winston-Salem, who are touring through our mountains, drove over from Hendersonville Wednesday to visit Miss Harris, who is a protégé of theirs.

"CAN GO TO HELL"

"The American government can go to hell," declared General Francisco Villa, addressing a gathering of Chihuahua City last Saturday.

Shortly afterwards he confiscated a number of merchants' stores. Forty-two Mexican merchants were jailed after the conference Saturday for the purpose of raising a forced loan. Six were executed.

"I am going to take your business for the benefit of the state," Villa declared to the merchants. Tomorrow a train will be ready to take you foreigners to the border. We are poor here and I will not send bread or water on the train. Meanwhile you Americans and Germans and Frenchmen, my telegraph wires will be open to you and you can protest to your governments.

"If the American government does not like my action it can go to hell. I have been fighting for twenty years, and I am willing to die as many years more."

The tirade ended, it was said, with a general order for the confiscation of all the stores in Chihuahua by the Villa government.

SPECIAL UNION SERVICE

There will be a special musical service at the Baptist church Sunday night, August 8th. A splendid program has been arranged and the regular choir will be assisted by members of the other city choirs. The public is cordially invited.