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## THREE DIE IN RAILROAD WRECK

### Most Disasterous Wreck in Years Happens Near Oyama, Monday

#### TRAFFIC ON THIS DIVISION TIED UP A Broken Rail Causes Death of Engineer, Fireman and Conductor

One of the most disasterous wrecks that ever occurred on the Asheville and Salisbury division of the Southern Railway happened about 5 o'clock last Monday morning near Oyama, four miles east of Hickory, when through freight No. 73 left the track on account of a broken rail.

The dead are:  
Engineer, Wm. Eagle, of Spencer.

Conductor, E. V. Boyd, of Mooresville.

Fireman, A. L. Huddle, of Asheville.

The injured are: Section Master Bumgardner, who had a finger cut off in attempting the rescue of some of the crew, and a hobo who gave his name as West, caught in the wreck and slightly hurt.

The wreck was evidently caused by a broken rail as a section of the rail about three feet in length was found broken at the point where the trouble began.

Conductor Boyd and Fireman Huddle were caught underneath the overturned engine and the body of Boyd was crushed beyond any possibility of recognition. Huddle was pinned underneath the boiler and was evidently scalded to death. Engineer Eagle was either thrown or jumped several feet from the wreckage and was scalded severely. The body of Eagle was at once brought to Hickory and prepared for burial while those of Boyd and Huddle remained buried underneath the overturned engine until the arrival of the wrecking crews about 1 o'clock. The bodies were all prepared for burial at the undertaking parlors of J. W. Shuford in this city and were shipped to their respective homes for burial.

James Miller, a resident of the section where the wreck occurred, received a badly bruised leg while trying to free the young hobo from his precarious condition and Eugene Bumgardner lost a finger while engaged in the same work.

Traffic was completely tied up on this division until late in the afternoon, trains No. 11, westbound, and 36 eastbound, being detained by way of Spartanburg and Nos. 22 and 15 exchanged passengers at the scene of the wreck. About twenty cars were piled on top of each other and many were torn to kindling wood and piled up in the public road. The cars were all loaded with through freight destined to Tennessee points, and made up of various kinds of merchandise, such as sugar, dry goods, shoes, clothing, etc.

It was fortunate that no fire started to add to the excitement. Some of the cars were totally demolished. Great crowds gathered at the scene of the wreck from Hickory, Conover, Newton and surrounding country. The young man hobo was taken to James Propst's where he was given breakfast and medical attention.

Two of the men killed, Huddle and Eagle, were married and have children. Conductor Boyd was to have been married on April 10.

The enterprising firm of Jerome Bolick & Sons of Conover are making arrangements to add greatly to the output of its buggies. The new enlargement is intended primarily to manufacture the steel wheel of which Mr. Jerome Bolick is the inventor and patentee.

#### Joint Birthday Celebration.

Contributed:  
Dr. J. T. Johnson, Hickory's pioneer physician, and a man who, as a Major in the Civil War led a number of gallant charges against the enemy, as a man who has been a great factor in church life in Hickory and has been the noble champion of every good cause that has arisen, a man who is known far and wide for his noble Christian character has reached his 77th year. Sunday the home of Mr. W. L. Wolfe on Ninth Avenue was the scene of a unique celebration, one that impresses upon the mind of every person who might have the pleasure of attending, the beautiful scenes of old age and youth combined. This was the occasion of the Doctor's birthday and also that of Miss Loualee Wolfe, the Doctor being in his 77th year and Miss Wolfe the happy youthful age of 15. The Doctor and Mrs. Johnson and their two daughters Misses Mamie Sue and Effie and Misses Bertha Harris and Hettie Pitts and Mr. A. W. Cline were invited to be present at an excellent birthday dinner served in honor of the Doctor and Miss Wolfe. A bountiful feast was spread which all present enjoyed immensely.

The Doctor and Miss Wolfe have been for several years celebrating their birthdays together. It was the profound wish of all who attended this pleasant occasion that both may be spared to meet again, in the words of the Doctor "at Johnson's on March the 31st 1914."

The invited guests especially enjoyed the splendid music rendered by Miss Estelle Wolfe at the piano and W. L. Wolfe and Miss Loualee Wolfe with violins. It thrilled one's heart to hear those old songs which we are sorry to say are dying out. It brought us back to early days in the old country church.

#### From a Woman's Point of View.

Dear Editor:  
I have been reading for some time in your paper of your little city voting to establish the commission form of government. As it is the home town of my birth and childhood, I am always interested in its progress and growth although I have lived in the western states for over nineteen years. I am always glad to hear that the little city of Hickory is struggling to come to the front.

We have the commission form of government here in the city of Everett where I live. The city has a population of about 38,000. We find the commission form of government there is and what is good for a big place ought to be good for a small one. The men that fight the commission form of government are fighting for extravagance. The men that are working for the commission form are working against it; because in the commission form of government the way we have it there is no room for graft and if there is anything crooked done you know who does it.

We have three commissioners. These three men run the city and if anything is not done right these three men are held responsible for it but when we were under the old form we had the mayor and councilmen, one councilman in two years made money enough to retire from business. The councilmen here used to let out street grading and paving and if some big firm or some rich man had quite a number of lots on the street that was to be graded or paved they did not want to pay for having their lots graded or paved they would get around the councilmen and bribe them and then the poor people would have the work to pay for. Now our charter says all work done on the streets of any kind must have the consent of ninety-five per cent of all the property owners. Each man

## SPEEDY ADJUSTMENT OF RATES EXPECTED

### Gov. Craig Says It Will Be But Short Time Until Carolina Rates Are Lowered.

#### RATE EXPERT AT WORK.

Asheville, March 28.—Governor Craig, who is spending several days in the city, bears some very hopeful information concerning the speedy adjustment of freight rates by the railroads that are doing interstate traffic in North Carolina. He says that it will be only a short time now until North Carolina cities will have rates as equitable as those accorded to Virginia cities, and that discrimination in rates against North Carolina will be at an end. A rate expert has been at work for some time now figuring out the new rates, and the situation is already well shaped up. No dilatory tactics are likely to be resorted to, in the opinion of Governor Craig, and the new rates should therefore be put into force at a very early date.

It was immediately following the last conference that the rate expert was appointed by the state, and he has been at work diligently ever since in compiling the new rates. These rates, according to the statement of Gov. Craig, will not be as low as those accorded the Virginia cities, but they will be equitable, based on distance, and there will be a very material reduction from the present rates. Every city and important shipping point in the state will be affected and the long fight of the shippers against the railroads for lower rates that are equitable will be won.

pays for the amount of property he owns when the work is done. There is no room for graft this way.

Our charter provides for everything; we have no poll tax in this country. We don't need any poll tax, as every man has paid tax on what he has.

A man can go and give in his tax at what he wants to. A tax assessor comes to your house. He looks over what you have, both real and personal, and he assesses you for what he thinks your property is worth. Lots of people like to tell how much they have got until it comes to tax paying time and then they have not got very much. I remember of hearing of a man there in Hickory years ago who bragged that he was worth \$25,000. But when he went to give in tax he was only worth \$900. I believe in every man paying tax on what he has got, not on what he says he has. I was surprised two years ago when I visited your county back there to see the men who owned large farms and tracts of land and hear them say that their farms were worth \$5,000 to \$10,000, but when it came to tax paying time they were not worth over \$500 to \$600. And until each and every man has to pay tax on what he owns your high rate of tax will continue. The poor man back there pays the tax, the rich man practically pays none and when you get a government that will see that every man pays tax on what he has then you will not need any poll tax.

I think it is a shame for the rich men in your county to get out of paying tax on their real and personal property as easy as they do and then hold up some poor man that has not got anything and make him pay poll tax. If the rich men pay tax on what they have you would not need to have a poll tax. The commission form of government will not make your tax any higher but see that your Charter provides a clause that all men shall pay tax on what they really have got, not on what they say they have at tax paying time.

Yours Respectfully,  
MRS. W. H. BENFIELD,  
2015 Rockefeller Ave.,  
Everett, Wash.

#### Hickory Township Road Commission Statement for March 1913.

We give herewith a statement of the expenditures for road improvement by Hickory Township Road Com.

Pay Roll & Salaries	\$ 667.82
Blacksmith work	37.23
Feed	500.04
Equipment	66.04
General Expenses	17.42
Total for March	\$1,297.55
Previously Expended	\$17,715.19
Total to date	\$19,012.74

## A PERSONAL LETTER TO THE PUBLIC.

Since buying the Hickory Democrat I have been asked on many occasions as to the political aspect of the paper. I feel therefore the necessity of this public announcement.

The paper will continue the same policy pursued by Mr. Banks and will endeavor while fighting for Democratic principles to do so on the same high plane maintained by the former editor. The question is often asked, "How can the paper continue Democratic, with a Republican editor?"

I employed Mr. Mace to edit the paper knowing full well his political status and have not asked him to change his personal views in the least, but I shall dictate the political policy of the paper myself.

Trusting to have the patronage of all good people and assuring you of my very best efforts to serve you, I am,

Sincerely,  
E. V. MORTON.

## COMMENT

The Engineering News predicts that the "city manager plan is to become the next popular innovation in municipal government." In as much as Hickory has now adopted this plan we believe a few extracts from the News will not be out of place.

After showing just what the plan is the News adds:

"This would be a great step in advance of present methods of municipal administration."

"The success of the city manager plan, like the success of any other plan, depends upon the faithfulness with which it is carried out. To be successful, the manager must be selected for fitness only, must be retained in office during efficiency and good behavior, and must be absolutely free of all control by the city council or commission, except that inhering in the power of removal for cause. Anything short of this means weakness and probable failure in corresponding degree."

It will be observed that with this as all other plans everything depends on the character of the manager and back of that on the character of the people who select the manager. This plan may be better than other plans but it does not meet the real need which is—a plan that will provide ideal city government automatically—proof against all the power of error and evil—performing its great and good work with machinelike perfection, independent of the machinations of the bad and the indifference of the good."

As a matter of fact, no plan exists and no plan can be invented that will provide the best city government without public virtue, intelligence, interest, vigilance, determination. All gets back finally to the personality of the men in office and the character of the people who put them in office and hold them accountable for the performance of their duties. The real hope of better city government lies in the slow process of developing a wiser, better and less apathetic people. For that there is no substitute.

This paper extends condolence to Brother Cobb, of the Morganton News-Herald, on account of the death of his little dog "Boozer." Boozer went astray one day last week and reached the depot just in time to be horribly mangled by a passenger train. It is not known whether or not Boozer was boozing, but, anyway, Cobb's grief is great.

A young man Bumgardner sent to the chain-gang from Caldwell county some time ago, escaped from the force near Conover last week.

## A HEATHFUL INNOVATION IN ICE CREAM.

### Grimes Drug Co. Makes A Great Hit With Ice Cream Lovers—To Use Only Cream Made From Dairy Milk.

It is the fashion in this day of tabloid feeding to hold every food guilty of impurities until proven innocent. In this respect the treatment differs radically from the procedure in the courts. Doc Wiley started it when he sprang benzoate of soda on the public, planting a suspicion against every food product that doesn't carry its character on its face as is the case with radishes and lima beans.

The maker of ice cream has borne the burden along with the maker of pickles. From time to time arises the man with a grievance who announces to the public that all commercial ice cream is made from milk powder water and sundry petroleum products which serve as flavoring and coloring. "It is this kind of statement" said Mr. Grimes yesterday, "that does the conscientious manufacturer most harm." "We shall handle now," said he, "cream made only from the pure milk, no powders, condensed milk or other artificial product will be used—only the original cow product. We shall buy directly from the Purity Ice Cream Co., whose cream is made from pure Richmond Dairy milk, and these dairies must all be licensed and inspected under the state laws."

"In the manufacture of the product, the milk is subjected to a process of pasteurization which scientifically rids it of all germ life, sending it absolutely sterile to the cooling vats and freezers. From the time the dairy cans are emptied into pasteurizers to the time the cream is ready to be handed out to the customer, the process is entirely mechanical and free from human touch."

"A chemical laboratory in the Company's plant tests both the incoming milk and the outgoing cream for butter fat. While the new ice cream law requires only eight per cent butter fat before allowing the product to be called ice cream, this company allows no cream to leave its plant that does not test at least twelve per cent."

"The charge that all ice cream is artificially colored, is without foundation. So far as I know" continued Mr. Grimes, "no reputable manufacturer is guilty of such practice. We use only the purest of fruits for our flavoring all of which are made under the strictest supervision."

This then is the history of that splendid product which will be handed across the counter of the Grimes Drug Co. at 10 cent per to gladden the heart and tickle the palates of Hickory Ice Cream Lovers.

## Highland News.

Highland March 31.—Mr. J. P. Robinson, who has been confined to his home for several weeks is slightly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Killian, of Granite Falls, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Killian's parents at Oyama.

Mrs. Dan Fry, who spent Easter and the week following with parents near Granite Falls, returned Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Miller, and son Jenks have purchased the store building belonging to their son and daughter Mr. Herbert Miller. They report the intention of enlarging the same in the near future.

Mr. Hollar will continue his business and further equip himself for the better service of his patrons.

Mr. Miller, is somewhat of an expert in the line of buying veal calves. Week before last he shipped 56, dressed ones and bought two more, making a total of 59 calves handled in one week. All these calves came from this and adjoining counties.

The base ball ground rented by the Shuford Mill Co., has undergone a good working and is now ready for service. Any team desiring a game with this place can make the necessary arrangements by calling phone no. 231 M.

## Presbyterian Church Notes.

Rev. J. G. Garth is in Statesville and will be absent over Sunday. Rev. W. M. Sikes, of Newton, will preach here next Sunday at both services, and also probably at West Hickory at 4 p. m. He will also teach the Mens' Bible Class at Sunday School. The Livingston contest will take place on April 13.

## ALLENS PAY THE PENALTY

### Praying Softly, Floyd Allen is Led to Death Chair

#### HIS SON, CLAUDE, DIES 11 MIN. LATER

#### Friends Appealed to Lieut. Governor to Delay Execution.—Gov. Mann Was Riled.

By the Associated Press.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—Mumbling a prayer and crying half audibly that he was ready to go, Floyd Allen, a lawless product of the Virginia mountains, whose refusal to accept a short prison term for a minor offense led to the wholesale court murder in Hillsville one year ago, limped to the death chair in the state penitentiary today, 11 minutes ahead of Claude Swanson Allen, his son.

The sentence of the court, held up for six hours while desperate and dramatic efforts were being made to save the condemned men by 11th hour appeals to the lieutenant governor, was speedily ordered to proceed when Governor Mann hastened back to Virginia soil to take charge of a situation which was sensational and exciting to a degree. The prison superintendent, keeping entirely within the law, agreed at 2 o'clock this morning to defer the execution, giving Attorney General Williams an opportunity meanwhile to pass upon the constitutional right of Lieutenant Governor Ellyson to interfere.

But the young son of Governor Mann reached his father in Philadelphia by phone less than an hour after the delay had been ordered and by 8 o'clock today the governor was again on Virginia soil. Incensed, as it afterward developed, by the unexpected effort to take advantage of his temporary absence, when he had repeatedly refused clemency, the governor boarded an early morning train, arriving in Richmond at 11:30 o'clock. On the way he telegraphed the secretary of the commonwealth that he would be in Virginia by 8 o'clock, this information suddenly checking the plan of Allen sympathizers in further urging the lieutenant governor to interfere.

While every proceeding had halted, pending the governor's arrival, word reached police headquarters that a crowd had assembled at the station, patrolmen, detectives and plain clothes men being hurried there to prevent any demonstration. When the governor stepped on the platform he was quickly surrounded by officers who escorted him to a taxicab which took him quickly to the capitol.

In his office at the state prison Superintendent Wood was pacing the floor nervously as he awaited developments. The situation there had become more intense. Precisely at noon the superintendent was called to the telephone. "The governor of Virginia is at his desk," was the message he received from the capitol and instantly preparations were made to obey the mandate of the court. The witnesses who had assembled at 7 o'clock, the hour announced for the execution, had left the prison with instructions to return at 1 o'clock.

will be charged all delegates in order to meet the necessary expense of the convention, and delegates should use card for registration. There will be no further collections or subscriptions taken during the convention.

Among the most prominent speakers will be W. E. Doughty of New York city, educational secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, who will make an address on Men and the World Challenge; Prof. J. T. Henderson of Bristol, General Secretary of the Movement of the Southern Baptist Convention whose subject will be Worldwide Missions a Reasonable Service; Dr. C. F. Reid of Nashville, Tenn., Rev. R. W. Patton of Atlanta and others.

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## Convention of The Laymen's Missionary Movement Asheville, N. C. April 20th—21st.

This movement represents the christian workers of all denominations, and delegates will be present from all over Western North Carolina. The real idea of the movement from its very beginning has been to cooperate with its regular missionary agents in its work, and does not divert in missionary offerings from congregational and denominational channels, nor does it promote the organization of men's separate missionary societies within the congregation.

It is the purpose and hope of the movement to enlist the men of all the churches in the steady support of a missionary policy adequate to the presentation of the gospel of Christ to every human being. As a movement it is an inspiration and not administration. It has been chiefly occupied with the presentation of an adequate missionary policy at home and abroad.

The movement itself was inaugurated in New York city November 15th, 1906. During the fiscal year 1907-08 the missionary offerings for the foreign missions were \$602,000. The gain in the fiscal year 1909-10 there was a further gain of \$501,000.

The purpose of the meeting in Asheville is to create a greater interest among the laymen of the various churches and stimulate giving to the missionary cause through their own churches and abroad.

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Colleges and High Schools can send two for every fifty students. All who expect to attend should send their names to the North Carolina Sunday School Association, or to C. D. McLean, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, Greensboro, N. C., that homes may be provided as early as possible.

As a specialty is to be made of the Secondary Division, there should be a number of delegates sent from classes of teen ages, so send some bright boys and girls.

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