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## NEWTON CHILD GETS LOST ON BAKER'S MOUNTAIN

### AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE

The Decision That Had Been Reached by the Searchers Was That She Had Wandered to the West Side of the Mountain and Fallen Over a Cliff.

(Correspondence of The Observer.)  
Newton, May 24.—An exciting experience, the like of which has often been told in fiction, occurred yesterday on Baker's Mountain, six miles west of Newton, where Mrs. S. L. Herman's class of young girls of the Reformed Church had met for a picnic. Soon after their arrival a part of the girls suggested a climb to the top of the mountain and little Camilla Rhyne, 10 years old, accompanied them. About half-way up it began to rain and the girls started to run to a farm house a few hundred yards away. The little girl ran on ahead and took a path which led her in the opposite direction from the place for which the party was headed.

After the shower the girls returned to the crowd and someone asked, "Where is Camilla?" It was not until then that they discovered that she was lost. Searching parties were quickly formed by the men of the picnic party and farmers of the community. Men went in every direction over the mountain one man on horseback even going so far as to ride to the summit of the mountain on horseback, a feat which heretofore has never been undertaken. The search continued for three and one-half hours when the sound of a horn from the camp announced the finding of the little girl. She had wandered on through hard rainstorms until she came to the home of W. P. Robinson, three miles from where the party was gathered. She was drenched with rain, but Mrs. Robinson quickly dressed her in dry clothes and Mr. Robinson started with her in a buggy to find her friends.

She did not seem to be excited in the least and told the story of her adventures as calmly as a much older person. It was nearly 4 o'clock when she was safely returned to her friends. No dinner was spread during the entire day; all too much concerned about the loss of their little friend. There was great joy among the party when Mr. Robinson appeared on the scene with the little girl in his buggy. The decision that had been reached by the searchers was that she had wandered to the west side of the mountain and fallen over a cliff.

### Mauney-Campbell.

A wedding which came as a surprise to her many friends here was that of Miss Florence Campbell, daughter of Mr. S. D. Campbell of this city, to Mr. Carl Mauney, of Cherryville, which took place at the Lutheran Parsonage in Newton on last Wednesday, Rev. B. L. Stroup officiating.

Miss Campbell is a beautiful and accomplished young lady, and is very popular with her many friends. Mr. Mauney is a former student of Lenoir college and was here attending commencement when he and Miss Campbell renewed their affection their troth for life.

The Democrat extends congratulations and best wishes to this happy young couple.

### Beam Dies of Wound.

G. F. Beam, publisher of the Lincoln County Times, was shot in the back on the morning of the 24th by Lewis Lee, proprietor of the Lee Printing Co., at Lincolnton. Beam died Saturday night at 10 o'clock at the Lincolnton hospital following an operation and the body was taken to Cherryville for burial. It is said there were no eye witnesses to the tragedy.

## CONCERNING OUR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

It is undoubtedly a fact that the most important person in the county is the superintendent. No intelligent person doubts this. Especially is it important just now. It may not have dawned upon the average intellect that we are facing the most trying period since we struggled out from the horrors of Reconstruction, so far as education is concerned. We have fought a good fight. The six months school term and the compulsory attendance law will be realities next year. Do matters stop here? By no means. To carry out these measures, we must have a superintendent possessed of certain traits of character, energy, ability, culture, tact, unflinching courage, above all, wide and long-continued experience, with the ripened judgment that can only come with mature years.

No one who knows our present superintendent can doubt that he possesses these qualities in a high degree. Drive over the county and see the pretty comfortable schoolhouses recently erected, attend the meetings of the teachers' association, listen to the discussions, note the personelle of the crowd gathered, examine the papers of the rural school graduates, become somewhat conversant with educational matters in the county and the wonderful improvement in the past four years; then express your sentiments. He would have been held an insane captain, who, in the years before Hell Gate was blown up, would have entered that fearful passage, having rejected the services of a skilled and competent pilot, to accept those of an apprentice, however promising, with no matter how many brilliant, but utterly untried and impractical theories of navigation.

We are not dealing now with educational miracles on Wolf Creek and Fisher's River, Virginia. (The writer was born in that section and has some practical knowledge thereof) but with stern realities in Catawba County. Being now considered the leading county in educational progress in the Old North State, let us not throw away what we have gained.

A friend to Catawba County.  
Sallie Floyd Watson.

## Books to Library.

Rev. F. A. Bishop, a life-long friend of Trinity College and a member of the board of trustees since 1893, died last year and bequeathed his books to the Trinity College Library. The books have been received at the library during the past week and constitute a valuable and highly appreciated gift.

Many years ago the late R. T. Gray, Esq., of Raleigh; established the Wiley Gray medal in memorial honor of a brother from whom the medal takes its name. The medal is awarded each year at commencement to the member of the graduating class who makes the best speech in the contest held on Tuesday night, composition and declaiming entering equally into the decision. The contest is open to all men in the class but from a preliminary contest four are chosen to take part in the senior speaking at commencement.

Mrs. R. T. Gray has informed President Felt that she will continue to make permanent this medal, which was already perhaps the most coveted honor open to Trinity undergraduates. It will henceforth get added worth from the memories of Mr. Gray and the graciousness of Mrs. Gray.

## Dies Shouting.

Greenville, S. C., May 25.—After shouting for about five minutes this afternoon during services at an "Holiness" church near Paris mountain, Mrs. Millison Bryant, a white woman about 35 years of age fell to the floor in a swoon and died.

## AUTOMOBILE PLUNGED INTO A DITCH; TWO KILLED

### ONE DANGEROUSLY HURT

W. M. Arnheim, Prominent Business Man, and Mrs. Edna Morris, both of Tarboro, Met Death in Serious Accident.

Tarboro, N. C., May 25.—W. M. Arnheim, a prominent business man of this place, and Mrs. Edna Morris, socially well known here, were killed and Mrs. Arnheim dangerously hurt this evening about 7 o'clock near Tarboro when an automobile in which a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Arnheim, Mr. and Mrs. Morris and a Mr. Mathews were riding, plunged into a ditch half filled with water. Mrs. Morris was dead when taken from under the car and it is believed that she drowned. Mr. Arnheim lived for almost an hour.

Mrs. Arnheim was thrown from the car when it plunged into the ditch and in some manner received a terrific blow on the head while several teeth were knocked out. Mr. Mathews and Mr. Morris jumped and saved themselves. It is said that the party was proceeding down along the road when Mr. Arnheim, who was driving, was asked by his wife to turn and take another route to town. Mr. Arnheim turned the car when suddenly it shot forward and with terrific speed plunged into a ditch along the side of the road. The generally accepted theory of the accident is that Mr. Arnheim, as he turned the car toward the other road intended to apply the brakes but that his foot struck the accelerator instead.

## Presbyterian Church Notes.

Rev. J. G. Garth, with Mrs. Garth and Charlotte, their little daughter, left on Wednesday for Union City, Tenn., their old home and present home of their parents. They expect to spend Thursday at the Reunion at Chattanooga, reaching their final destination on Friday about noon.

Next Sunday night Dr. Murphy will unite his service with ours and will preach at the Presbyterian church. There will be no morning service.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet at the place and hour Monday afternoon.

Miss Isabel Arnold is expected to be here about June 18 to 20 to conduct a missionary institute for Catawba county.

On June 8, next Sunday week, Rev. D. M. Litaker, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach at the Presbyterian church at night.

The pastor, Rev. J. G. Garth wishes to urge his congregation to aid in making two union services for both Sunday, June 1 and 8, on the first with the Reformed congregation, on the 8th with the Methodists.

## The Girl Worth While.

A scotchman, wishing to know his fate at once, telegraphed a proposal of marriage to the lady of his choice. After passing the entire day at the telegraph office he was finally rewarded late in the evening by an affirmative answer.

"If I were you," suggested the operator, when he delivered the message, "I'd think twice before I'd marry a girl that kept me waiting all day for my answer."  
"Na, na," reported the Scot.  
"The lass who waits for the night rates is the lass for me."—New York Globe.

## Meets Peculiar Death.

Raleigh.—While looking from behind the wall surrounding the target pit at the close of the Third regiment shoot, Lewis White, a well-known Raleigh boy, was shot through the head by a stray bullet and instantly killed. It was the first accident in the ten years' rifle contests at which 150 Third regiment men contest. White was 18 years old.

## NEW FURNITURE STORE.

J. S. Jones Furniture Company Now Occupying the Old Gem Theatre Building.

The J. S. Jones Furniture Company is the style of the firm now occupying the old Gem theatre building on East Main street. The interior of the store room has been remodeled and fitted up and presents quite an attractive appearance. The above named firm proposes to handle a full line of first-class furniture, either for sale or exchange, and owing to the delay in shipping will not be able to open until the latter part of the week. We predict for this enterprising firm a liberal share of patronage.

## Information Relative to Filling of Fourth-Class Postoffices.

By CLYDE H. TAVENNER. (Special to The Democrat.)

Washington, May 26.—The mail of nearly every member of Congress is clogged with requests for information relative to the filling of fourth-class postoffices. Here is the information most sought:  
Q. What was the Taft order pertaining to 4th class postmasters?  
A. It was an executive order made on Oct. 15, 1912, placing all fourth-class postmasters under Civil Service without an examination.

Q. What was the effect of this order?  
A. It meant each 4th Class Postmaster in the U. S. then in office would hold the office indefinitely regardless of his fitness or qualifications, vacancies of course to be filled based on a competitive examination.

Q. Wherein was this order unfair?  
A. It put postmasters under Civil Service who had received their appointment by virtue of political considerations and took no account of merit whatsoever.

Q. What is the "Wilson Way"?  
A. President Wilson, on May 7, 1913, issued an executive order, amending the Taft order, which provides that in all 4th class post offices where the compensation is \$180 per year or over, there shall be held an open competitive examination by the Civil Service Commission, the result of which shall be certified by the Commission to the Postmaster General. The Postmaster General shall appoint one of the three receiving the highest rating.

Q. How are they appointed when the compensation is under \$180?  
A. By the Postmaster General based upon a report made by a post office inspector.

Q. Who holds these examinations?  
A. Local examining boards are appointed by the Civil Service Commission to conduct the examination.

Q. When will these examinations be held?  
A. It is impossible to tell at this time; but they will be held as soon as the Department can take care of the work, and as the needs of the service require.

Q. Where are examinations held?  
A. At the most convenient point.

Q. How does one make application for examination?  
A. After an examination is announced the applicant secures, upon request, at the local post office, form 1753, which is the proper blank to be filled out and which contains full information pertaining to the examination.

Q. What is the nature of the examination?  
A. It covers elementary arithmetic, penmanship, letter writing, copying tests, together with statement as to facilities for transacting the business of the office.

Q. How can one get more complete information pertaining to this matter?  
A. By writing to the "Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.," asking for copies of form 1752 and 1759, which contain instructions to applicants and rules and regulations governing appointments, or by writing your Member of Congress.

As a result of a gasoline war in Charlotte between the Standard Oil Co.'s local branch and the McManaway Garage, gasoline is selling in Charlotte at 18 cents a gallon. The Standard Oil Company cut its first from 27 to 18 1/2 cents, and then McManaway cut it down to 18 cents.

## HICKORY-BLUE RIDGE LINK IS NOW ASSURED

Gap of Central Highway to be Completed, Is Statement of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt in Washington.

The sand-clay road connecting Hickory and Newton has been completed and it is said to be one of the best roads to be found in Western North Carolina. The first great step made by Catawba county in the improvement of her roads was when Newton township took the lead by voting bonds, and was soon followed by Hickory township. With the funds on hand these townships will build several roads leading out into the principal parts of the townships.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—That the Central Highway from Hickory, to the top of the Blue Ridge is assured is the statement of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, who has been in Washington since Thursday meeting with the educational committee of the National Drainage Congress. His account of the progress of road building in North Carolina is entirely optimistic.

Nebo, Marion and Old Fort townships in McDowell county have recently passed bond issue for roads; Madison has passed \$300,000 worth of bonds. Burke county has completed its share of the Central Highway, with the exception of a short strip on each side of Morganton. And since the good roads bill passed the last legislature, Dr. Pratt says that there have been twenty-eight applications from counties wishing to take advantage of its provisions.—Raleigh News & Observer.

## Alliance Between Britain and Japan.

London, May 23.—The powerful English organs just appear to be awakening to the possibilities of the alliance between Great Britain and Japan and the sentiment which the British colonies would hold in event of war between Japan and the United States.

"The prospect of a war in which Great Britain would be fighting for a principle that is an anathema to her own dominions," says The London Spectator, "is causing much anxiety throughout the British Empire."

Although it believes the possibility of war between Japan and the United States to be vague, The Spectator says:  
"We doubt whether the Empire could survive such an outrage to the feelings of a large and important part of its white population."

The Saturday Review urged Great Britain to stand by alliance with Japan, "because America is working for supremacy in the Pacific, on lines that are unfriendly both to Great Britain and Japan."

## Fly Poison.

Here is a simple mixture that will kill flies, and as it seems to have an attraction for them, it is most effective for keeping your premises rid of the nasty little pests. Take one pint of milk and water in equal parts. Add two teaspoonfuls of formalin. Pour this mixture into plates or any shallow vessels with two or three small crusts of bread in each vessel. The crusts of bread furnish lighting and feeding places for the flies, as the bread absorbs the poison and adds to its efficiency. It is a good plan to place the vessels around the stables and on the back porch just outside the kitchen door, being careful to see that no other food is there for the flies to get. As is well known, flies will be attracted from quite a distance by the odors of the cooking, and will swarm on the kitchen doors and windows, seeking to get inside. Have the milk and formalin mixture ready for them, and they will not live long to bother you with their unwelcome and dangerous attentions.

## Baraca Class Notes

First Baptist Church :: By Class Reporter

These are lively times with the Baraca boys, 'round at the First Baptist church, since the contest between the Philathea and Baraca classes to see who can secure the largest number of new members. Last Sunday the race was running close, and it will be watched with great interest by the entire Sunday School.

Our teacher, J. R. Hosley, is so enthused in the Baraca work now, that he took Sunday off and went up to Asheville to visit the Baraca class of the first Baptist church of that city. It will be remembered that our present Governor, Locke Craig, was the teacher of that class before he went to Raleigh. Brother Hosley stated that he was more than pleased with his visit, and will tell the boys about it next Sunday.

Special attention is called to the fact that our regular monthly business meeting will be held on tomorrow night, Friday, May 30th, instead of June 6th as stated heretofore. The change in date is made owing to the fact that a reception will be tendered the pastor and family on June 6th by the entire church. Every member is urged to attend this business meeting as very important business will be passed upon. Refreshments will be served, too!

Boys, let everyone of you come out next Sunday and fill the room to overflowing, because Mr. J. D. Elliott, Supt. of Sunday School will conduct the lesson and make a talk to the class. And we are sure everyone of you will enjoy this visit from the superintendent.

## Jumped the Track and Back Again.

Rocky Mount, May 23.—The A. C. L. northbound passenger train from Jacksonville to New York, performed an unusual feat with its engine. The engine to the train, No. 82, derailed at Beard and ran 2,400 feet on the crossties before breaks could be applied and jumped back on the track. The train was in charge of Conductor McGee and Engineer Johnson, one of the oldest crews in the service. The derailment delayed traffic for 35 minutes. Nobody was hurt.

## Also Some Riding; This

A promising young lawyer of this city, who claims High Point as his home, relates a thrilling experience which he had some time ago on a fast train between Greensboro and Mt. Airy. "He asserted that the train was running so fast that the trucks beneath the coach which he occupied were at times three feet in the air, falling back into position again without the wheels missing the rails, and that men, women and children were frantic in their efforts to reach the bell-rope, that the engineer might put on slow speed.

(We don't doubt the truthfulness of this story, coming from the source it did, but this must have been some Royal riding.

## New Trains on Southern.

Salisbury, May 24.—Special. Effective today four new trains were operated on the main line of the Southern north of this city and two running South to Atlanta. The first to leave Salisbury was No. 14 which was made up here leaving at 11:20 a. m. for Richmond relieving No. 36 as far as Danville where it will await the arrival each day of No. 36 bringing coaches from Atlanta and the West. Returning to Salisbury from Richmond the train will be known as No. 13 reaching here just ahead of No. 35 daily. In addition to these two trains Nos. 37 and 38, the finest trains in the South, are being operated in two sections.

Governor Craig has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of Eugene Wall, who is wanted in Anson county for the murder of Ambrose Hoyle. The Anson authorities have also offered a reward of \$100.

## Should Have a More Modern System of Collecting Taxes.

Lenoir News.  
Many of the county papers in all parts of the State are advertising long lists of delinquent taxpayers, which does not speak well for the people in these times of prosperity. Most persons just naturally do not want to part with their money for taxes until they are absolutely compelled. Nearly all persons engaged in any kind of business are using every dollar they can command in their business, and to those who have idle money our antiquated system of collecting taxes offers no inducement for them to pay taxes until the very last minute permitted by law. Most modern communities and States offer a discount of about one per cent per month for the payment of taxes just as soon as the books are made out. Then those who pay say during the first month after the books are ready get 2 per cent discount, those who pay the second month get one per cent off, those who pay the third month get their receipts at face value and those pay the fourth month pay one per cent interest additional and so on to the end of the sixth month, when property is advertised if the taxes are not paid. The sheriff or tax collector is not required to go out in county or district to collect the taxes but the taxpayer must take or send his money to the office. We think this method a vast improvement over the present system used in this part of the country and would work a big saving in many ways.

## To His Mother.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels celebrated his birthday at his old home in Washington, N. C., last week and the speech he made there was a gem.

The tribute he paid to his mother came from the heart of a good man. All that he is; all that he has done; all that he hopes to do; his ambitions; his ideals; his faith in God; his sense of duty to his fellowman—he attributes everything to the woman whom heteredily remembers as mother.

How many thousand men the world over, feeling the same way, will understand the sentiment inspiring this beautiful tribute:

"All that I am, if there is any worth in me, I owe to my mother. All that any man ever has been or ever will be is due to his mother. It is she that made him, she fixed his character, fixed his soul, shaped his career. No good man, no great man, was ever reared by a weak or vicious mother. . . . Whenever a big task looms up before me, whenever a mountain of adversity towers ahead of me, whenever the sky seems darkest and stormiest, I recall the placid face of my courageous widowed mother, I go back again to the days of childhood; I feel the glow of her radiant countenance, the courage of her calm, steady eyes, the fire of her dauntless soul. She still lives, thank God, and is here with us today, as when I was a barefoot boy, and guides my life now, as then. It will ever be so; it is so with all men. . . . All that I have done in life, except my mistakes, should be credited to my mother. My weekly newspaper in Wilson, my daily newspaper in Raleigh, my work in state and national politics, my present official promotion, offering opportunities for large service, all is hers and I only the instrument. All my power has come from her and everything I have tried to do of value that has met with your approval are tributes to the brave, noble, unselfish, heroic woman who took Christ for her master and in poverty and travail taught her boys to follow the flag of duty and never to strike their colors."—Charlotte News.

## Finishes Examination.

Salisbury, May 24.—A United States Government building expert today completed an extensive examination of the new court house in Salisbury and early in the week will file a complete report of his findings. The report will end a controversy arising over the condemnation of the building in course of erection as found by the grand jury two weeks ago. The Government report will be published.