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KIVIAT WILL NOT ACCEPT

Offered 60-yard Handicap and \$1,000.00

TO MEET LITTLE JULY 20TH

Richard Little Has Sent in His Resignation as Captain of the Harvard Track Team—Enters Class of Professionals Voluntarily and Resigns all Claims to Amateur Honors—Ascertained Here that the World Champion Received From 4 New York Clubs the Sum of \$6,000 for Making his Famous Run on June 11—Moser Gives Out Challenges.

New York, July 4.—The executive committee of the Cornell Athletic Association sitting in special session here today announced that it would not allow Richard Little to break his contract signed here in 1910 to be at Cornell from 1910 through 1913-14 if he attended school at all. This prevents the famous World Champion from being captain of the Harvard track team next year. It is a serious blow for Harvard, but owing to the strong antagonism between the two great universities no other action was expected of Cornell. The finding of the committee was as follows:

"Whereas Richard Little filed with the Dean of Cornell in 1910 on obligatory contract registered as 4536 agreeing to be at Cornell, if in school, from 1910-1914, we see no reason why the said contract should now be broken."

Easton Wilnot, president of the Harvard alumni association, said today after he heard the decision that Harvard would take drastic means to break the contract legally if possible.

The nature of an obligatory contract from Cornell was fully explained by Richard Little here today, and he says from its binding clauses it will be impossible to break it. They are made by all the star athletes of the leading universities, and this one was made by Little in 1910 before he realized his track ability. It does not compel him to go to Cornell next year, but if he is in school at all he must be there.

Immediately after the decision of the committee Richard sent in his resignation as captain of the Harvard track team. Owing to the action of Cornell he will not be in school next year and has accepted a position as principal of the Newton Graded School.

Since the decision of Cornell Little announced that he was a professional athlete and resigned all claims to amateur honors. He has been a professional since June 11. It was ascertained here today that Little received from four New York clubs the sum of six thousand dollars for making his famous run on June 11. This was about fifteen hundred dollars for every minute of the four minutes he ran, or over one dollar for every foot of the 5,280 feet he covered. Little enters the class of professionals voluntarily. He was not forced into it like Thorpe. He no doubt could have remained an amateur for many years as Thorpe, but he preferred to acknowledge his professionalism. Moser gave out the following challenges here Saturday:

"To any living man who will stay with Little on the one-mile run he hereby agrees to give \$3,000. The conditions of the meet are that it will be held at any place agreeable to the one accepting on or before September 1, 1913."

"To any three men in Hickory who in a relay mile, each taking one-third of the distance, will meet and defeat Little in the mile run he will give the sum of \$300."

On Saturday Little received a letter from Abel Kivat asking for an 85 yard handicap instead of 50 as he had previously challenged. Little wired him back that he would grant him 60 yards and give him \$1,000.00 to meet him July 20. But Kivat would not accept.

Catawba Items.

Miss Emma Pitts has returned from a three weeks' visit in Salisbury and Spencer.

Miss Ethel Brown of Long Island spent the week-end with Miss Gladys Lowrance.

Miss Janie Leonard has returned to her home in Statesville after spending a week with Misses Winona and Lorean Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hudson of Spencer came up in their automobile Friday to attend the Junior picnic and visit Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pitts.

Miss Beulah Little of Newton came down Sunday to visit Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Little.

Messrs. Paul Ward and Lonnie Turner of Statesville, Claud Jones of Asheville, and Williams of Cleveland, were among the Sunday visitors.

Mrs. F. Y. Long has returned from a visit in Marshville with her sister Mrs. Griffin.

Miss Connie Troutman of Statesville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. A. S. S. S.

Coite Sherrill of Statesville, is the guest of his father, W. L. Sherrill.

Charlie Abeanthy of the Southern, had his hand broken last week and is at home.

Miss Lena Abernethy is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robinson in Spencer.

Miss Zula Sherrill who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Dr. Long's Sanatorium two weeks ago, has returned home.

Miss Annie Laurie Lowrance is recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

The election Monday for special school tax carried by a majority of thirteen.

The picnic given by the Junior order here the Fourth was largely attended. The speaking was held in the grove in front of J. R. Cline's. There were several prominent speakers, among them being Z. V. Long of Statesville.

RETURNS TO MORGANTON.

Dr. J. R. Anderson Again With Deaf and Dumb School.

Statesville, July 4.—Dr. J. R. Anderson, who has been practicing medicine in this county for two years, having his residence at Cool Springs, will return to Morganton. Dr. Anderson was formerly physician at the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton and he has again been elected to that position.

Men Who Swindled Davidson Indicted.

New York, July 3.—John Jones and George Harris, alias George Hart, were indicted today on a charge of swindling Edward L. Baxter Davidson, of Charlotte, N. C., of \$700 in cash and a \$10,000 draft through a fake wire tapping game. They were arrested Tuesday at the Pennsylvania station before the draft was negotiated. Jones was being arraigned today, tried to escape in a taxicab while walking into court, but was caught. The two were held without bail for trial.

J. Arthur Powell, a merchant of Clinton, N. C., accompanied by a Baltimore detective, showed the court an indictment brought in Baltimore charging Harris with swindling him out of \$1,045 on June 7. Harris had witnesses on hand who testified that he was in England on that date, but he was held to await extradition papers from Maryland.

Loses a Hand.

Granite Falls, July 6.—Special Mr. Claude Berry son of Mr. L. S. Berry living near town was taken to the Richard Baker Hospital at Hickory yesterday where his right hand was amputated. Young Berry has been in Missouri for some time and while out driving last Winter his hand was frozen, and during the Summer gan-green set in, and when his mother brought him home last week the doctors here decided that in order to save his life an amputation was necessary.

The young man stood the operation well and is getting along nicely.

Sunday School Picnic.

A no more enjoyable time has been experienced than that of the Presbyterian picnic at Catawba Springs the Fourth of July. A large crowd was present. Mrs. Bettie Holden was there and enjoyed it very much. There was plenty to eat and everything passed off very pleasantly.

We are publishing this week the report for the month of June of the Hickory Township Road Commission. Look it up on another page.

INFORMAL RECEPTION BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Was Hickory's Big Social and Business Event—A Liberal Patronage by Both the Social and Business Interests of the Town Made it a Noteworthy Success.

The reception by the Chamber of Commerce last Friday night was a most unique event in the civic life of the town, for it displayed a happy mingling of friendship and fellowship which will give rise to other and greater commercial and municipal developments.

To attempt to mention the features that lent most enjoyment to the occasion would be an impossibility, for this entire evening was one of genuine pleasure and enjoyment; made possible largely by the absence of all formalities. It was truly "All Hickory" assembled on a democratic plane. With Mr. Joy, sponsor for the occasion and host at the reception, beautifully and generously assisted by the wives of the directors, who presided over the "ice cream cans" and "merry widow" punch dish pans there was assured to everyone a cordial and happy welcome. The merry widow punch which was served was a copyright from the drink which Georgia created and made famous by its association with President Taft.

Through the courtesy and generosity of Mr. Geo. Hall the occasion was much enlivened by the music of the Victrola which he furnished, while the whole environment was made beautiful and in every way attractive by the generous patronage which the women of Hickory accorded the evening. In every way the reception furnished a happy blending of the delights of society with the interests of business.

From the view point of the organization's purposes and the idea of artistic decoration, the scene from Hickory's various industries which cover the entire walls of the large assembly room, furnishes an idea which uniquely combines both the useful and artistic in one. The equipment of the reading room was another feature which strikingly appealed to those who had not previously made an acquaintance with the new quarters of the Chamber of Commerce, for to them the whole occasion furnished one happy surprise after another. The success of the entire event assures the Chamber of Commerce of a most liberal patronage in the event of their deciding to entertain again.

Six Rules For Meadow Owners.

1. Do not sow without testing beforehand the power of germination in the seed.
2. Do not sow anything but clean seed. Examine for noxious seeds with a magnifying glass.
3. Do not sow when soil is very dry and cloudy.
4. Do not cover seeds to a greater depth than one-half of an inch. When covered two inches very few, if any, will germinate.
5. Do not fail to exterminate all bunches of "broomsedge" and all "yellow dock" that may appear in the meadow during the summer. Never let these go to seed.
6. Above all, do not forget to top-dress your meadow with suitable manure in the fall of the year or the spring. Feed your meadow and it will feed you, and if you don't you will have to buy hay which no Southern farmer ought to do with the chance he has.—P. A. Bryant, in The Progressive Farmer.

Clyde Hoey Gets His Appointment.

Washington, D. C., July 7.—The attorney general announced this afternoon the appointment of Clyde R. Hoey as assistant district attorney for the western district of North Carolina. As no confirmation by the Senate is necessary and since the resignation of Judge A. M. Coble, of Statesville, has already been received, there is nothing to prevent Mr. Hoey's immediate induction into the office.—News and Observer.

Mrs. N. M. Bobbitt died at her home on Twelfth street in this city on last Wednesday afternoon and was buried Thursday, the funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. M. Erwin. Mrs. Bobbitt was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago and never rallied from the stroke. She leaves a son and two daughters.

Mrs. Coffey, of Happy Valley, is visiting her son, D. F. Messick,

The Best Methods of Curing Hay.

There has been much discussion as to the best time at which to cut cowpeas for hay. As a rule, it is better to wait until about one-fourth or one-half of the pods show color. By so doing the process of curing is rendered easier and less time is required. Moreover, the yield is somewhat greater than if cutting were done earlier. However, I have observed conditions under which I believed it advisable to cut cowpeas much earlier; that is, when during periods of extremely dry weather there is very free shedding or yellowing of the lower leaves preparatory to shedding, it is desirable to attend promptly to harvesting.

The standard rule for cutting red clover is when about one-third of the heads have turned brown. It has been found that the best time for cutting alfalfa is immediately after the stage at which new roots begin to spring from the base of the old plants. However, in case the alfalfa turns yellowish, which in humid regions is usually the result of injury from the alfalfa leaf-spot, haying should be done promptly. This is with a view to getting a new growth, largely free from this disease.

There can be no rules-of-thumb in curing hay, but there is constant need for the exercise of the farmer's judgment. This is more easily brought into play if one definitely formulates some of the principles on which successful hay curing depends, or some of the objects aimed at. Among these are the following:

1. Exposure of the leaves to direct sunshine for the shortest practicable period.
2. The minimum amount of breaking or detaching of leaves, pods, etc., during the process of handling.
3. Recognition of the need for well cured hay to pass through a slight heating or sweating process, which, if not occurring in the shock, must later occur in the stack or barn.
4. Prompt protection against rain.

To secure the first end, raking should be done just as soon as practicable, or immediately after thorough wilting and before many leaves have dried. I have found it a useful general rule with cowpeas to rake as soon as a small proportion of the leaves most exposed to the sun would give forth a crisp or rustling sound when handled, and while most of the leaves were quite limp.—J. F. Duggar in The Progressive Farmer.

The Baraca and Philathe Meeting.

The Baraca and Philathe contest for new members of the First Baptist Church ended Sunday July 6th.

Although the Baracas outnumbered the Philatheas, it has been a great help to both classes and the entire Sunday School shall be benefitted in the end.

The Baraca class has grown so large that they had to lease their room and meet in the main auditorium.

The Philatheas are filling their room to overflowing. Naturally there is only one thing left to do—build new Sunday School rooms large enough to accommodate these classes.

Let the Philatheas and Baracas think seriously of this. We can do it!

The business meeting will be held July 11th, at 8 o'clock. There will be election of officers.

After the regular business the classes will join in a social. A good time is assured to all present. Philatheas Class Reporter.

Husband Claims the Shooting an Accident.

Raleigh, July 4.—The condition of Mrs. Floyd Prince, who was shot through the abdomen at the hands of her husband, near McCullers, Thursday, was reported as having undergone no change at Rex hospital today, though she is critically ill. Those who know Mr. Prince take his word for it that the shooting was an accident and up to noon today the authorities had not taken any action. To add to the seriousness of Mrs. Prince's illness is the fact that she is in a delicate condition, her accouchement being only a question of a few weeks.

According to the husband, who, with Dr. Judd, of Cardenas, brought his wife to the hospital Thursday afternoon, he was fooling with a pistol on the bed at noon Thursday. Mrs. Prince standing at the window. He had snapped the weapon several times not thinking it was loaded, when the pistol discharged, sending the bullet into his wife's abdomen. It was nearly 4 o'clock before a physician was secured.

MARRIED IN CHARLOTTE ON LAST SUNDAY MORNING

Mr. M. M. Horton, of Marion, Weds Miss Jennie Vanderburg of This City.

A marriage which came as a surprise to their many friends here was that of Mr. M. M. Horton, of Marion, and Miss Jennie Vanderburg, of this city, which was solemnized in Charlotte on last Sunday morning.

The following account of the marriage was taken from the Charlotte News of July 7th:

"A very interesting marriage which came as a surprise to the friends of both parties was that of Miss Jennie Vanderburg, of Hickory, and Mr. M. M. Horton, of Marion, which was solemnized yesterday morning at 10:30 at the Methodist parsonage in North Charlotte, Rev. L. R. Falls, the pastor, performing the ceremony.

"Mr. Horton and bride left immediately for the west on a bridal trip. On their return they will make their home in Hickory.

"Miss Vanderburg came to Charlotte about a week or so ago to visit at Mr. A. D. Vanderburg's. Mr. Horton joined her here "and they were wed"—the marriage being the sequel of a love affair of some months. The bride is an attractive, popular young woman of Hickory, her many friends being won by traits of character which define a noble, true womanhood.

"The groom is prominently known in Marion and the surrounding section. At present he is traveling for a large furniture house in Tennessee. With him, as with all traveling men, "there is no time like the present" in a case of love and marriage, hence, the hasty but happy event of yesterday."

General Manager Plan of City Government Success in Virginia Town

Staunton, Va., July 7.—After a trial that has extended over a period of three years the people of Staunton are almost a unit on the proposition that the Staunton plan of city government is not only a great success but the best plan of municipal government that has ever been devised.

Staunton is a city of 12,000 inhabitants. Before 1910 its affairs were administered by a city council and a mayor. It is forbidden by law to abolish these institutions, but it decided to hire a general manager, an expert in municipal affairs, to direct its business. It chose S. D. Holsinger, a practical engineer.

During the past three years Holsinger, who is under bond, has directed the various departments, has had charge of city improvements and purchased supplies. The mayor acts in conjunction with Holsinger, the general manager, and the city council acts as a safety valve for them. The scheme has worked beautifully.

It is possible that the character of Staunton's general manager has had much to do with the success of the system here. Some notion of Holsinger and his methods may be gained from his axioms on city government. Here they are:

"City business should be transacted with same financial insight as that required in the conduct of a private corporation.

"Contracts for supplies should be awarded on the lowest bids for the best material without favor or recognition of political 'pull'.

"Merit must rule in the appointment of chiefs of departments—the best man for the job to get the place.

"Petty animosities are to be discouraged and complete harmony demanded between departments.

"Reports of finance and recommendations should be submitted to an auditing committee every month.

"Better salaries should be paid city employees, there should be more public improvements and greater school facilities.

"Economy must rule in everything so that the tax rate may be lowered and the property values increased by reason of municipal development."

Heat Killing Stock.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Maxton, July 4.—The excessive heat for the past several has been in the way of the loss of live stock. J. A. McBride having lost two fine mules and Neill Alford one. Two other losses having been reported from the same neighborhood, Floral College.

A temperature of 102 has been reported, this reading being from a thermometer hanging in the shade of a back piazza.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

Next Sunday is the midsummer communion. The service will be held at 11 a. m. and it is hoped that all will try to be present. Our book of church discipline censures all who neglect attendance on this ordinance for three consecutive times, and while the sessions seldom enforce this rule, it should cause all who have been negligent to seek a revival of their religious vows. Nothing is more sacred than this holy sacrament and no Christian should let worldliness or indifference rob him of the blessing of grace it bestows, thru faith, penitence and consecration. "Think! How long has it been since you revived your vows of love to Christ? Maybe this the time of revival.

Preparatory service will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights and the pastor lectured on the "Divinity of Our Christian Faith," a study in Christian evidences. It will not be a parade of doubts, but an examination of the reasons of faith in Christ.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the regular Household meeting will be conducted with baptism of infants as a part of the service. At this service the pastor wishes to begin a series of sermons on child psychology, under the title of "The Sainthood of Loddie." There will be three or four sermons in the series. In these days, nothing is more important than this study of childhood, and the pastor suspects an earnest and numerous audience.

Boone Items.

Boone, July 8th.—Quite a number of distinguished visitors honored our school during the last two weeks. Among them Mrs. Stratton, representative of the W. C. T. U., Professor P. E. Seagle, of Raleigh, representing Ginn & Co.; Dr. Royall, of Elkin, and others.

The weather for some time has been unusually warm for this section, still to one from east of the Ridge it would be called pleasant. To all who swelter in the heat below the mountains we would say, come to this beautiful little mountain town and be comfortable all the days and nights.

Commencement at the Appalachian Training school will include Friday July 11. This is always an interesting occasion for the many friends of this institution. It is a time of reunion and a good time generally. This year being the tenth anniversary of the school, will be one of unusual interest. The address will be delivered 10:30 a. m. on Friday the 11th. The Class Day Exercises will take place at 2 p. m. followed by the presenting of diplomas and honors. These of course will be interspersed with instrumental and vocal music. To these exercises all are cordially invited. At night the Alumni Association will give its annual reception to its members and some guests specially invited by them. This will close the very best summer term the school has ever had, having enrolled nearly 250 for this term, and far beyond the 400 mark for the year.

The seniors left on Friday, the 4th, for a three days' trip to Linville and Grandfather Mountain, chaperoned by Professor D. D. Dougherty and Misses Bridge and Lackey. Quite a number of the other students went to Blowing Rock to-day (Monday) for a little outing.

A Resolution of Respect.

Whereas, God in his providence has removed from us, by death, our sister and co-laborer, Miss Mary Jane Poovey, a faithful member of Bethany Lutheran congregation and Sunday School of West Hickory. Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father.

Second, that we express the sense of our great loss in the death of so faithful and consecrated a worker in our congregation and Sunday School.

Third, that we will strive to emulate her Christian example.

Fourth, that we tender our sympathy to the mother and family of our deceased sister.

Fifth, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and published in the county and our church papers.

Signed: Mrs. H. A. Heavner, Mrs. S. L. Abee, Miss Fannie Cline, and Miss Mamie Walker.

Committee.

Married in Burke county last Sunday at the home of H. A. Adams, Mr. Walter W. Walker to Miss Fannie M. Roney, both of Catawba county. The marriage was well attended by the friends of both the bride and groom. H. A. Adams, J. P., performed the marriage ceremony.

Master DeWitt Messick is spending a few days in Lenoir this week.

MR. AND MRS. ROBINSON HAVE RETURNED

From a Delightful Trip to Gettysburg, Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson have just returned from a trip to Gettysburg, Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis. While in Annapolis they visited the Naval Academy. Mr. Robinson met the paymaster and was shown through the cooking department. It is as sanitary as possible, also the dairy barn. These are inspected every day. They buy nothing but the best food, and after explaining to the paymaster how our creamery is run he received a trial order for a tub of Catawba Creamery Butter. If this proves satisfactory they will use 5000 pounds per month. He is also expecting an order from some of the office men in Washington.

Miss Chadwick's Trip.

Miss Helen Chadwick's friends will be interested to hear of her trip to the top of Mt. Baldy, in California. June 18 she started for the mountains from her home in Upland, Cal., with her Bible class girls and one boy. After reaching the head of the car-line they walked eight miles to Camp Baldy where they camped for the night.

At 4 p. m. next day, they started with a burro for the top. They walked till 8:30 p. m., having reached the pines, then had supper and rested till 11 p. m., then on till 12:30. The rest of the party camped there, but Miss Helen and one girl with blankets, canteens, kodak and flashlight, started on. "The moonlight shed a clear silver light and we were for above everything except shade and a few stunted pines. On and on, ever up and round and round the lower peaks, across the divide and finally into snow at quarter to four in the morning. The other girl gave out there, so I dropped everything there by her side and went on alone reaching the top at 4:25 a. m. just as the sun's rays streaked the East with rose, and the moon was still high in the sky. To the south in the broad valley could be seen some twenty towns and cities (their lights had sparkled all night long,) among them Upland, Redlands, Riverside, Los Angeles and Pasadena—some of them seventy miles apart. To the west in a slight haze lay the ocean and Catalina and to the north lay a panorama of that vast desert region, hundreds of miles of it with all its wonderful coloring and undeveloped resources. As we went down the mountains were covered with sunshine and our big valley shone beautifully green with its orange groves. Oh it was all wonderful and worth the trip, but we were a weary and footsore crowd by the time we got back to camp that noon. We rested over night and came home the next evening and then ended our little jaunt of something over thirty miles."

SHOT HIMSELF.

Granite Falls Young Man Found With Bullet Hole Through His Head.

(Special To The Observer.)

Granite Falls, July 6.—Last night about 11 o'clock Richard Keller was found one mile south of town with a bullet hole in his head, the ball entering the right temple in front of ear, ranging up and coming out near top of head. Dr. O. J. Corpening was called and dressed the wound and the young man is getting along all right.

Mr. Keller, who is about 19 years old, had been to see his best girl and left a few minutes before 11 o'clock. There seems to be some mystery about the shooting as to whether it was accidental or an attempt at suicide and the young man refuses to talk.

Funeral of Branson York.

The burial services of the body of Branson York were held in Oakwood cemetery Friday evening by Rev. D. M. Litaker, pastor of the First Methodist church.

Branson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. York, of Charlotte, but formerly of this city. Since June 5th, he had been a sufferer from spinal meningitis, and had been in a hospital at Charlotte until the end came on the night of July 3. He was thirty-one years and five months old. The floral offerings at the grave were beautiful.

The deceased is survived by a father and mother, two sisters and two brothers. The entire family have the deepest sympathy of all our good people in their sad bereavement.