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ONE KILLED, ONE INJURED IN BAD AUTO ACCIDENT

Automobile and Motorcycle Collide on Newton Road With Fatal Results.

Mr. C. Rome Blanton, aged 38, died at the Richard Baker hospital here Sunday afternoon shortly before seven o'clock as a result of injuries sustained late Saturday afternoon when a motorcycle on which he and his brother, Mr. H. Q. Blanton, were riding collided with an automobile driven by Mr. C. M. McCorkle, at a point just below Oyama.

The Messrs. Blanton were coming to Hickory with Mr. H. Q. Blanton driving the machine and Mr. C. R. Blanton riding on behind. Just at the top of a little hill where the view is obstructed, and where people say it is impossible to see an approaching machine more than twenty-five yards, they suddenly came up on Mr. McCorkle and party of friends who were on their way to Newton.

Both machines were hugging the curve, which is the left side of the road going down. Mr. Blanton evidently thought Mr. McCorkle would hold his position on the road, and turned to the left. At the same instant Mr. McCorkle turned to the right, a case of each mistaking the other's intentions with fatal results.

Dr. T. C. Blackburn answered a hurry call for a physician and went to the scene of the accident. The injured men were brought to the hospital here by Mr. Tom Setzer, where it was realized from the start that Mr. C. R. Blanton had no chance for recovery. He suffered from concussion of the brain and never regained consciousness up to the time of his death. His body was turned over to undertaker J. W. Shuford, who prepared it for burial and Monday morning shipped it to Kings Mountain, Mr. Blanton's former home, for burial. The deceased is survived by a wife and two children. They had just moved here from Charlotte and Mr. Blanton was going to take up work here.

Mr. H. Q. Blanton, who is manager of the telephone company at Newton, suffered a badly broken right leg. An operation was performed on the injured limb Sunday morning, and although he will be unable to leave the hospital for some time, his chances for recovery are good. He is married, his wife formerly being Miss Fannie Crouch of this city.

None of the auto party were injured to any extent. The motorcycle was wrecked and the auto put out of running commission.

The accident is very deplorable and sad, and we hope will result in the elimination of much reckless driving on our splendid roads.

Boy Scouts Raise Good Sum

The Boy Scouts of Troops Nos. 1 and 2, of Hickory raised the sum of \$250.40 last Saturday in a campaign for funds to finish equipping their new quarters and gymnasium on the second floor of the Hickory Banking & Trust Company building. The scouts had set as their mark the sum of \$300.00 but fell a little short. However the sum raised will go a long way toward equipping their new quarters and they are very grateful for the money subscribed. Mr. Richard Little has been elected physical instructor of the Scouts and they have already been taking lessons.

Married at the home of Mr. Noah A. Whitener on September 10, Mr. Charlie Whitener to Miss Jennie Whitener. Both of the young couple are of prominent families and the Democrat extends to them all the happiness of life.

80 BURNED IN CAR BY YAQUI INDIANS

Southern Pacific Passengers Are Victims of Band in Northern Mexico.

Sandiego, Cal., Sept. 26.—Eighty passengers of a Southern Pacific Mexican train were thrown into a car containing hay and the car set on fire by a band of Yaqui Indians Friday near Torres, Sonora, according to radio advices received here today from Hermosillo via Guaymas.

Only twenty passengers have been accounted for thus far, the others having been burned to death.

The Indians, according to the report, numbered about sixty and were deserters from one of the Mexican factional armies. They first derailed the train, which was running from Camp Verde to Torres, after which they placed the passengers, most of whom were women and children, in the hay car and applied the torch. So far as is known no Americans were on the train.

Peter Wilfong.

Peter Wilfong was a son of George Wilfong and wife. He was born and raised in what is now Catawba county. He had a farm on the east side of the South Fork river, and became owner of a part of his father's farm. Here he raised a family.

He married Sueannah C. Hoyle. She was a daughter of John Hoyle and wife and was raised in what is now Catawba county. My grandfather, Jacob Shuford, married Margaret Hoyle who was a daughter of John and wife.

Sueannah C. Wilfong, wife of Peter Wilfong, died June 7, 1828, in the 55th year of her age. Peter Wilfong died December 23, 1841, in the 66th year of his age. Peter Wilfong and wife are buried at St. Paul's Church in Catawba county. Here they attended church. The Wilfong family were among the first members of St. Paul's Reformed Church.

J. H. SHUFORD.

St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. E. J. Sox, Pastor. Sunday, October 3rd. Sunday School at 9:30 conducted by the Superintendent Mr. J. H. Fry.

At 10:30 the chief service will be held with a sermon by the pastor on that most vital of all questions, "What think ye of Christ?" For 1900 years this question has been uppermost in the minds of serious minded people. Thousands have answered it to their everlasting salvation. Thousands more have ignored it or sought to ignore it to their everlasting shame and ruin. What think ye of Christ? You dare not dismiss this question without serious consideration.

Young Man in Trouble.

Three young men giving their names as Wilbur Pearson, George Godfrey and Frank O'Donnell and claiming to be from Washington City, were given a hearing before Esq. W. F. Hallyburton Saturday on the charge of entering the home of Rev. E. H. Tron at Valdese and removing therefrom several articles and a certain sum of money, says the Morganton Messenger. The evidence tended to show that only one of the party, O'Donnell, knew where the articles were hidden and he was sent on to Superior court, being remanded to jail in default of the bond required. The two other defendants were sentenced to a month each on the roads for beating train.

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DOCTOR BROWN HAVING TIME IN CALIFORNIA

Hickory Man at Exposition Writes Entertainingly of His Trip.

To the Editor of The Democrat. As I cannot write individually to my many friends I take this way of reaching all who care to read.

I left Hickory September 7, 1915 with some regret but I knew I would return in a few weeks. I had dinner with Howard A. Banks at his apartments in Washington, D. C. Nothing of moment until I arrived in Omaha, Neb., at midnight. I was the guest of my old friend and chum the Vice-President of the Union Pacific Ry. During my two days visit I rode over Omaha in a buzz wagon and saw a very beautiful city, many parks and pleasant drives. Another boyhood friend named Art accompanied the vice president and myself. Their largest hotel named the Hotel Fontenelle named after an Indian chief cost one and a quarter million dollars, and the meals were very palatable.

Taken down to the Union Pacific depot in the vice president's auto. I left my old friends with some sorrow, and eventually arrived in Salt Lake City at 5 p. m. This city is very interesting. It lays in a basin which was in prehistoric time the bed of a great body of water. The grading around the new state capitol shows the strata made by deposits from water. It is somewhat difficult to tell what is the most attractive in this city, the Mormons', their Temple, the Tabernacle, the Assembly hall, the Utah Hotel built by the Mormon church or the Great Salt Lake some times called the Dead Sea of America. This lake is sixty miles long and eight miles wide. Many persons get an erroneous idea of Salt Lake City. I think it has a commission form of government. Sixty per cent of the inhabitants are Gentiles and forty per cent Mormons. Saltair is the bathing beach on the great salt lake forty-five minutes ride from the city. As this is my third visit to Salt Lake City I spent most of my time resting.

I heard an organ recital at the Tabernacle. The acoustic properties are marvelous. Any noise or whispers detracts from the enjoyment of the music, so the doors are closed, and the recital does not commence until every one is seated, and absolutely quiet. The recitals are free, every day at noon, no collection. The tabernacle seats 10,000 persons the Assembly hall 3000. I asked a Mormon M. D. how much the temple cost and he replied he did not know, "between one and two million dollars." The roof of the tabernacle is self supporting and these is ten feet between the ceiling and the roof. The panes of glass were carried before railroads on burros from the Pacific coast and each pane of glass cost about one dollar, guessing at their size I should say they were about 6 by 8 inches, perhaps a little larger.

Two years ago I saw a foundation being laid in Temple lot. This visit I saw it completed, and it is called the Sea Gull Monument. It seems, so the story goes, that in 1848 the crickets or locusts threatened the destruction of the crops. Thousands of sea gulls appeared and preyed upon the crickets until they were vanquished and the people saved from starvation. Since then sea gulls have been protected by State laws.

It does not make any difference what the sentiment is, the monument is certainly very beautiful and a credit to any park or city. It has a square base with bronze tablets, a round shaft with round ball supporting two large bronze sea gulls.

The street gutters have running water, the buildings while not large are handsome and the city is kept very clean. It would take too long to describe all that pertains to the Mormons and those things connected with their religion. I arrived in Frisco in the evening without seeing much of interest except beautiful mountain scenery. Oh! yes.

In the mountains of California near a place called Truckee nearly 6000 feet elevation, there is a very beautiful lake called Bonner Lake. It seems that in 1843 a party of 23 men and women camped on the edge of this

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CATAWBA COUNTY IS DENIED ANY DISCOUNT

Fifteen Per Cent Increase in Real Property Assessment Will Hold Good.

A telegram came to the register of deeds last week from Clerk A. J. Maxwell stating that the corporation Commission had affirmed the increased valuation of real property of this county, the increase being 15 per cent; and in about 10 minutes came another message saying: "Our telegram to you today should have read: 'Commission confirms increase of 20 per cent on real property in Catawba County.'" The conflicting messages threw the register's office in consternation, because they had gone ahead with their book work on a basis of 15 per cent increase, but after a moment or two it was decided that there had been a mistake, that the first telegram was the right one and that the increase of 15 per cent would stand and was not increased further to 20 per cent.

Big Day At Lenoir College

The Quarto-Centennial Celebration at Lenoir College last Thursday was a grand day for Lenoir College. Scripture lesson was read by Rev. A. R. Beck, of Dallas, then prayer was offered by Rev. E. J. Sox. President R. L. Fritz gave a talk on the work of the college for the last 25 years; which was of great interest to the large crowd that filled the auditorium. Mr. John J. George of Cherryville, spoke on the needs of the college and how to get them. Mr. George's speech was a striking one and to the point as we realize that Lenoir College has done great good for this section of North Carolina.

A Sermon Lecture was delivered by Rev. S. P. Long of Mansfield, Ohio, who held the audience for about an hour. Mr. Long is one of the few men speakers who can hold an audience for an hour after hearing three such men as had spoken before him. After this there was a picnic dinner on the campus, the table being about 200 feet long and loaded down with something good to satisfy the inner man. The number of people that partook of this dinner was estimated at 1200 and after everybody had left the table there was plenty left for half as many more.

At 2:30 P. M. Rev. A. L. Crouse was to speak on the founding of the college but was not present. Rev. W. P. Cline of White Rock, S. C., formerly of this city, made a very interesting talk on the college which was very much enjoyed by the audience who have a very warm spot in their hearts for Mr. Cline. Addresses by Laymen: Mr. J. M. Rhodes of Lincolnton, J. H. C. Huitt of Catawba, D. W. Adherholdt Henry River, Attorney A. A. Whitener, Hickory, concluded the programme. Mr. D. L. Russell, who was to speak, was not present on account of legal business at Gastonia on that date.

Reduced Fares on C. & N. W.

Carolina and Northwestern Railway Company has granted the following reduced fares from Hickory account of the occasions listed below:

Caldwell County Fair, Lenoir, October 13, 14 and 15. Fare from Hickory for round trip, 65c.

Gaston County Fair, October 12-15. Fare from Hickory, one way regular fare for round trip.

Charlotte Fair, Charlotte, October 26-29. Fare from Hickory for round trip, \$1.80.

Other stations on same basis. See your ticket agent for further information.

GERMAN NOTE IN CASE OF THE FRYE

Will Not Destroy American Vessels Carrying Conditional Contraband

Germany, in a note on the case of the ship, William P. Frye, has given the United States formal assurance that American vessels carrying conditional contraband will under no circumstances be destroyed, even though deemed lawful prizes. The right to destroy American merchantmen if carrying absolute contraband is reserved, but the promise is given that this will be done only in case of extreme necessity as provided by the Declaration of London.

These assurances, together with the acceptance by Germany of the two proposals of the United States—the one to name a joint commission of experts to fix the indemnity for the loss of the Frye and the other to submit to the Hague the dispute over the meaning of the treaty of 1828—produced a favorable effect in official quarters.

Just what the practical operation of the new assurances will be officials were keenly interested to learn, for under the lists of contraband proclaimed by Germany in relation for acts of Great Britain nearly everything previously known as conditional contraband has been made absolute. It is not known as yet what attitude the United States will take in its next note, but it is understood that it may reiterate its insistence that the treaty of 1828 and not existing international law make American vessels immune from destruction irrespective of their cargoes. Germany, however, is anxious to submit to arbitration what the meaning of the treaty is on this point and it is possible that if no further cases of damage occur during the pendency of the arbitration proceedings, the American Government will be disposed to await the decision of the arbitral tribunal.

One thing which attracted attention in connection with the German note was the evident necessity of submarine commanders under their new orders to exercise the right of visit and search with respect to all American vessels to determine the nature of their cargoes.

The fact that Germany referred to its desire to demonstrate "its conciliatory attitude" toward the United States was regarded by many officials as evidence that the Berlin Foreign Office was disposed to avail itself of every opportunity to remove causes that have led to the strained relations between the two Governments.

Railroad Prospects Encouraging.

A delegation composed of J. H. Pearson, J. M. Brinkley, A. C. Avery, B. F. Davis and C. F. Kirksey motored over to Shelby to talk railroad with the promoters at that end of the proposed line. They returned greatly elated, and report things as being in fine shape at that end; those people say they are going to build to Casar, regardless of what Morganton does. This is the right kind of talk, for when they get to Casar with their end of the line they will hear the spikes being driven on the Burke Division.—Morganton Messenger.

Littleton Farmer Shot to Death by Negro.

Littleton, Sept. 25.—J. V. Smith, a prominent farmer, was shot to death at his home near here early today by William Alston, a negro employe, as the result of an argument. Alston was arrested by Chief of Police J. F. Cullom and was placed in jail here. He is said to have confessed to the shooting.

SCHENCK, PIONEER COTTON MAN, DIES

Served as Major in Civil War and Built First Cotton Mill at Cleveland.

Shelby, Sept. 25.—Major H. F. Schenck, pioneer cotton manufacturer, legislator, financier and friend of education, died in the Rutherford Hospital this morning at 7:15. He was president of the Cleveland Mill and Power Company, Lawndale Railroad, board of directors of board of trustees of Thomasville orphanage, vice president of Lily Mill and Power Company. He would have been 80 years old in November.

Major Schenck was active man of good habits, superb business acumen and unapproachable character.

When the war between the States came on he organized company "F" Fifth-sixth Regiment and had highest respect and confidence of his men. At camp Mangum near Raleigh he was elected major in which capacity he served until ill health caused him to resign his commission. He came home and took to farming in which he regained his health. In 1873 he built the first cotton mill in Cleveland. In 1888 he built another mill at Lawndale into which the Cleveland Mill was merged, during the panic of 1897. He never took to politics although the Democrats called on him to make the race for legislature in 1887. He was elected and served with honor and distinction.

Michael Schenck, his grandfather, a German-Swiss who came to Lincoln county from Lancaster county Pennsylvania, built the first cotton mill in the State. Major was married to Miss Lou Lattimore who survives at the age of 79 together with children, Mrs. Thomas, J. Ramseur of Lincoln county; Mrs. J. O. E. Osborne, John Schenck associated with him in business.

Funeral will be conducted in Piedmont High School auditorium Monday morning because he was father of this institution and loved it more than any other enterprise with which he was connected.

Library Reception.

The reception held at the Hickory Free Library rooms last Thursday night was all that could be desired. More than 250 new books were added to the collection, some of them being valuable volumes.

The library room was decorated with seasonable flowers and a Victrola furnished music.

In the receiving line were Mrs. O. M. Royster, President J. J. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Joy, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Staley, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Mrs. Edgar Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McRorie, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott.

Mrs. W. B. Menzies and Miss Ada Schenck presided at the register and Misses Adele Kirkpatrick, Adelaide Johnson, Elizabeth McComb, Mary Field and Louise Jones served refreshments.

Hickory people are taking a renewed interest in their library. It is an institution of which we all are proud and one that is capable of accomplishing much good. Those who are taking so active an interest in the work are to be congratulated on the progress they are making.

Two Valued Subscribers.

We wish to thank two of our valued subscribers, Messrs Sylvanus Cline and J. S. Starnes, both of Hickory, Route 2, for their renewals received recently. Both of these gentlemen ran their subscription up two years. We hope some more will do likewise.

WILMINGTON MAYOR IS AMONG THE INDICTED

Moore and Several Others Are Charged With Violation of the Election Laws Last Year.

Indictments were returned by the Superior court grand jury of New Hanover county at Wilmington last week against Mayor Parker Quince Moore, Councilmen W. F. Jones, Louis M. Bunting and W. J. Bradshaw and former Councilman D. N. Chadwick, Jr., for alleged violations of the election laws in the last municipal election, and one against John J. Furlong, now superintendent of streets and formerly recorder of the county, for violating the law in a special trolley line franchise election last fall. The cases will be tried at next term.

Indictments against Mayor Moore, Councilmen Bunting and Bradshaw read practically the same, as follows: "That they did give or promise certain persons money or other things of value for the purpose of obtaining the political support and aid of such persons."

There are two indictments against former Councilman Chadwick, one being the same as above and the other charging that he "did offer money or other things of value to one James M. Hall for the purpose of securing said James M. Hall to withdraw as a candidate in an election then pending wherein said Chadwick was candidate for councilman." Hall was elected, defeating Chadwick.

Seventy-Five Bushels Average Acre Yield Corn Club Boys.

Seventy-five bushels an acre is what the North Carolina Corn Club boys are putting as their this year's average. Last week the officer in charge at the experiment station at West Raleigh asked each of the boys to report an estimate of the years yield, and up to the latter part of last week about 1,000 had reported. It seems that this will be a good year for the corn crop, although it was rather unfavorable for a good stand to be attained in some parts of the State this Spring.

The membership of the corn clubs in North Carolina is about 3,000. At 75 bushels an acre the total yield would be 225,000 bushels, which will be a good addition to the State's wealth. But many of the boys are planting larger areas than one acre, and it is thought that this will raise the State yield of the boys about 10,000 bushels.

This year, T. E. Browne says, will probably mean more to the corn club movement in North Carolina than any year since the organization of the clubs several years ago. The larger number of members will mean a great deal. The meeting of the boys from all parts of the State at the A. & M. College in August will also mean a great deal to the movement. But the greatest progress which the members of the State will make will be the increased better methods of cultivation, fertilizing and harvesting.

A number of handsome prizes will be announced later. Various agricultural implement concerns have already made offers to the successful grower. A scholarship to the A. & M. College will be awarded to the State winner.

Deeds Filed for Record.

The following deeds have been filed for record:

Wm. P. Huffman to Mary C. Rink for \$500, lots 3 and 4, south end Huffman home place, Hickory.

A. A. Yoder to Lula G. Wannemacher for \$1,500, lot on 15th street, Hickory.

M. L. Stirewalt to Maggie V. Powlas of Rowan county, for \$1,600, lot on Charity avenue, near Lenoir college.