

Mount Airy News.

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HOW TO KEEP WARM.

The question is now before this good town as to how to keep warm as soon as the days get cold. This time last year there were as many as twenty-five car loads of coal stored at the homes of citizens here. Now there is practically none.

For years it has been the custom here to burn coal in many homes, and there is no provision in the way of grates and stoves in which wood can be used in a satisfactory way. This year the Southern Railway Company has seized all the coal that has been ordered here, with the exception of a very few car loads. Mr. Claud Shelton who supplies most of the coal has been able to get only four cars since last August, and he has had shipped more than thirty. Again there is no wood cut in the forests about here, to amount to a supply.

We are not disposed to be an alarmist, but there appears to be a situation before the citizens here that is cause for alarm. It is a well known fact that a large per cent of our citizens order coal as they use it. They rarely ever get in more than a week's supply at a time. Just what these citizens are going to do when the weather gets cold is more than we know. If there were only a few of them then the question would be simple—they could borrow from their next door neighbor. If you want to know how serious the situation is try to buy some fuel after you have read this article. They tell us you will not be able to find a man who can supply you.

If the situation has not been overdrawn to us it is high time every man in town was getting busy and laying in a supply of wood. We may be able to get coal later on, but it is no dead certainty. This war is taking supplies of all kinds and this coal that has been coming here in years past is now going into great mountain piles down about the sea coast to be used in coaling ships. That is one way that the situation is being explained. Whether or not this is correct the fact remains that there is mighty little coal or wood in this town, and it is up to each citizen to get a supply in some way.

ABOUT FLEEING

There are many things that are all right so long as one does not get caught. For instance taking water-melons or chickens from a neighbor. It is an unpardonable sin to allow oneself to get tangled up with the law in such performances. If one is able to pull off these stunts they are simply funny until they get in the courts, then it is another question. And so it is with the fellows who are now mixed up with the old State of North Carolina on the charge of gambling. So long as they could fleece the boys and simple folk and not get caught and not fleece them too much it was all right, but they fleeced too close. "Fleece" is a term used by sheep men. To fleece a fellow is to take the essential from him, and to cut too close to the hide is to fleece to ones hurt, for then the animal will kick and raise a racket. So if one is out in the fleecing game it is essential that he be careful and not fleece too close. Now here at our Fair those engaged in the fleecing game had some assurance it seems that it was all right to fleece provided that it was not carried too far, and in some way the report got out that if any of the young animals got to kicking because their wool was being taken too close, some of it was to be returned. That report interested the Recorder mightily. It looked rather questionable to have an understanding of that nature. Any way the animals got to thinking that the wool was being clipped too freely and the howl they raised was heard up at the sheriff's office, and now the fleecers are sure enough in trouble. They should have had better luck. It is all wrong to get caught fleecing in this neck of the woods.

OUR COUNTY FAIR

As we write today, Thursday, the city is full of people from the country districts and from many places far away. The town is full of visitors who have come here to see relatives on this occasion. Weather conditions are ideal and there is not a jar to mar the pleasure and happiness of the great throngs of people who are out to enjoy themselves. The only disappointment is that the flying machine will not fly. Hour after hour for two days now thousands of people have patiently waited and watched for it to perform, but it bucks and refuses to go. And of all the disappointed people you ever saw we are here. The editor of this paper put in a full half-day Wednesday watching the mechanics as they turned taps and oiled and worked faithfully trying to get the machine to develop enough power to fly. The men did their duty beyond question, and if the thing could be made to perform it would, for it has had a plenty of help. Every citizen who was allowed inside the fence has been willing to offer advice and assist in any old way to get it to develop power enough to fly. They give mighty good reasons why it will not fly. They tell that the machinist is in the hospital—came here sick and that he is the only one who knows the tricks of the engine. The man who is to do the air stunts is doing all he can, and he has called in local mechanics who are working night and day to get all the cylinders to fire at the same time. They tell how it must develop a certain amount of power which is indicated by a draw scale which which holds it to its anchorage. They say that as soon as it runs a few minutes some of the cylinders fail to fire, and thus sufficient power is not developed to make a flight. And they say that the gasoline that we have here is of a low grade, and that that has something to do with the action of the engine. All of which is or may be good reason for the thing to balk, but it does not satisfy the waiting throngs who are here to see an air ship.

To say that this ship is an attraction is putting it too mild. Judging from the interest everywhere William Jennings nor Teddy nor any of the other well knowns ever got the attention that old bunch of junk has had. If we cared to venture an opinion about the machine, it has had its day, and while it has no doubt entertained other audiences, it is in mighty poor may to longer remain a source of attraction.

To undertake to describe our Fair is a job that we are not willing to undertake and the crowd surging about us today. To say that it is a good Fair is not doing it justice. The exhibits are far ahead of anything we had last year and the displays of all kinds are such as to make a citizen proud of his county. Of course one does not see here as much as is shown at the State Fairs, but there is enough and the quality of the goods shown is of the very best.

The stock, cattle, poultry and hogs could not be surpassed anywhere for quality.

A display of farm machinery shown by Mr. D. E. Neison, of Ararat, N. C., attracted much attention. He had several gasoline engines connected up with wood saws, feed grinders, pumps, etc., in a way to make a most interesting demonstration. He had in operation an overshot water wheel that is so simple in its arrangements that it should interest every farmer who has a branch on his place. The wheel is not expensive, and is so constructed that it can be installed almost anywhere and made to pump water to points needed. A very small branch will operate it, and once it is in operation there is almost no reason for it giving trouble for years.

Many of the business men of the city had displays of their merchandise or manufactured goods.

Among the stock shown a pair of six year old males belonging to Mr. Jack Key of the Haystack section took first premium. The mules were black and perfect matches and worth \$600.

A two-year old Percheron colt the property of Mr. Ed Miller attracted much attention and won first prize.

W. D. Haynes and J. W. Johnson of the Mount Airy section had fine hogs on display.

Dr. Moir S. Martin had a fine milk cow of the short horn stock on exhibi-

tion that was a beauty. She is said to give six gallons of milk a day. Mr. W. E. Jackson had three short horn cows that cost him \$150.00 each and from which he expects to start a herd of this breed of cattle. They all took premiums.

The exhibits of farm products such as grains, fruits, and all kinds of farm produce were much more numerous than last year and as fine as one could expect.

The local merchants and business men who had displays in the Commercial Building were F. L. Smith Hardware Co., The North Carolina Granite Corporation, W. H. Marion Music House, J. D. Thompson, Inman Furniture Co., Mt. Airy Marble Works, Wilson & Simmons Marble Works and a Sourwood honey display by J. E. Johnson & Son.

The display of fruits and canned goods, art and needle work, and pantry supplies could be written about at great length and yet leave much to be said. The canned goods were as fine as could be desired by any one. The fruit from orchards about over the county would do credit to any Fair.

And much more would be written, but the Fair is yet on and the spirit to go and be with the folk and possibly see that air ship fly even at this late hour, is on us, and we will tell more about it next week when the rush is over.

Neighbors Fight in Carroll.

Joe Cain and his neighbor, George Easter, of Carroll County disagreed about a trade and fought with pistols last Friday afternoon in the country about eight miles north of this city. Report says that several shots were fired and one ball went through the body of Cain. He was brought here to the hospital and an operation disclosed the fact that he is shot through the kidney and has but very little chance for recovery.

German Admits Hopelessness of Crushing Allies.

Amsterdam, Oct. 8.—George Gothien progressive member of the reichstag, is quoted in a Berlin dispatch as having said at a meeting of the central committee of his party, that altho the military situation was satisfactory there was no hope of crushing Germany's enemies on land.

As for the submarine campaign, 7,000,000 tons of shipping had been sunk he asserted, but no disposition toward peace on the part of England was discernable. A rationing system for food-stuffs had not even been introduced and no one was able to say when the U-boat would make England more inclined for peace.

"America cannot be forced to make peace," Herr Gothien continued. "We cannot force her to pay a war indemnity. There remains only England. But should we, in order to obtain an indemnity of ten billion marks, sacrifice another 50 billion dollars and another half million men?"

He asserted that the long working hour and insufficient feeding at home increased the desire for peace among the workers and that strikes might be expected if the war should be continued for ambitions of conquest.

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