

Mount Airy News

Mt. Airy, N. C., May 25th, 1922

J. E. JOHNSON & SON, Publishers.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One year \$3.50 Six months \$2.00

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Mount Airy, N. C., under the act of Congress of March 3, 1872.

THE FIGHT ON EVOLUTION

The fight that has recently developed on those who believe and teach the theory of evolution in this country has assumed proportions that are out of the ordinary.

Just how much prominence Hon. William J. Bryan has given to the subject we do not know, but he has lately been making in all his public addresses a vigorous attack on all those who subscribe to the evolution theory.

It is no discredit to the ministers that they are very zealous of the truth they believe, and it would be a sad day if the ministers should ever come to hold lightly what they think to be the truth.

For long ages the world believed this earth to be a flat surface and to be small in area. So long as this belief remained in the minds of the people they ventured only short distances out to sea, and kept well within the bounds of the known country.

While the world was cramped with this idea some astronomer invented a telescope that would enlarge the heavenly bodies, and out of this discovery developed the modern theories of astronomy that destroyed the idea that the world was flat and gradually grew into the present accepted theory of the spherical shape of all the heavenly bodies.

THAT NEW TARIFF BILL

The millionaires of this nation are thankful, or should be, for the many tariff bills they have been able to get written into our laws. These tariff bills enable the few wealthy manipulators of great combines of capital to enrich themselves at the expense of the general public.

Part of the bill is to decrease the tariff on wool that the sheep men of a few western states may be able to get a higher price for their wool.

The same kind of resentment has developed over numerous theories that men of an investigative turn of mind have advanced. Always the charge is made that the new theory will destroy the faith of the people in the bible.

These theories are only theories, and no man advances them only as theories, for it is impossible to prove to any man that it is ninety five million miles to the sun and that the sun is a ball of fire,—it is only a theory.

ment of medical science is only a theory, and no man can go out and point with his cane to a germ and say "Look, here is one."

The theory of evolution, that is now the latest bone of contention, has been before the world for now more than half a century. It is admitted by all those who know of the facts that the theory is largely responsible for all the advancement that has been made in modern years in agriculture and the improvement of stock.

When Charles Darwin published his books that made the theory prominent the world of thinking men waked up to the opportunities that lay before them for the great improvement of all kinds of vegetation and animal life.

It is a pity that there is confusion because of this theory and that conscientious, useful men are not able to see that all this is not an attack on the bible any more than was the discovery about astronomy.

If the theory of evolution is the truth it will come to be accepted just as did the theory about astronomy. It is unthinkable that the truth of the Christian religion can be destroyed and the fear that is in the minds of many ministers that great harm is being done the church is all a creature of imagination.

There are some facts that might just as well be made known. They charge that colleges are retaining teachers who teach evolution. The truth is that practically all the teachers in the colleges believe the theory and teach it.

It may sound harsh to say it, but it is a fact that those who are making themselves prominent by opposing evolution are simply making themselves laughing-stocks for the intellectual part of the country.

Those who are charitably inclined are contributing of their wealth and old clothes to help the millions of poverty stricken people, and while they are doing this the Russian leaders are buying airplanes by the hundred from Italy and hiring Italian officers to come to their country and teach them how to use them.

E. M. Linville, vice president of the Bank of Mount Airy, informs this office that he is not a candidate for any office at the hands of the Republican party. It has been reported for some time that he would enter the race for State Senator but he says that under no conditions will he be a candidate.

The most interesting turn that the contest has taken is that the so-called Farmer Bloc has broken down. For months now a few western Republican senators have lined up with the Democrats in the effort to protect the agricultural interests of the west, and in this way the Republican solid party was no longer in position to dictate its policies.

For some reason, or for no reason, these western senators have again lined up with their party and the Farmer Bloc is no longer able to muster a showing that counts.

In the meantime, Senator Simmons is making a fight against the new tariff bill that is attracting the attention of the nation and may lead to changes that will mean much to the people.

OPPOSED TO MOB RULE

The Baptist people in convention at Jacksonville, Fla., have gone on record as opposed to mob rule, just like resolving against such would help some. As we read history the rule of the mob is as old as the race and dates back as far as written history carries us.

We are just as much against mob rule as any other man, but we have little patience with that class of sentimentalists who would make the impression that mob rule is a crime that is peculiar to the South and to Southern people, especially when the race problem is injected into the issue.

It is a gross misrepresentation to try to leave the impression that Southern people are more inclined to mob action than others. The conditions in the South are such that mobs form more frequently, possibly, than in other sections, and so long as the women and children of the counties are brutally treated by brutes you will see flaming headlines telling of the consequences.

A mob is an effect and the remedy for the effect is to deal with the cause, which all men should know who have given the subject the least bit of thought. Education and a general uplift that will put an end to violence will put an end to mob rule and nothing else can.

Old Clothes and Airplanes

The greatest problem the world faces today is to get Russia in line with the idea of peace rather than war. With business in that country almost destroyed and famine raging to that degree that seed corn and seed wheat are no longer to be had in the country the leaders of the people seem unable to get their minds off of war. How to change all this is the world problem.

Those who are charitably inclined are contributing of their wealth and old clothes to help the millions of poverty stricken people, and while they are doing this the Russian leaders are buying airplanes by the hundred from Italy and hiring Italian officers to come to their country and teach them how to use them.

E. M. Linville Not a Candidate

E. M. Linville, vice president of the Bank of Mount Airy, informs this office that he is not a candidate for any office at the hands of the Republican party. It has been reported for some time that he would enter the race for State Senator but he says that under no conditions will he be a candidate.

Many Liquor Cases in Hillsville Court

Carroll county closed a week's term of criminal court last Saturday and like the ones in Surry was noted for its liquor violators. The grand jury returned indictments against 105 persons and 72 of these were for violating the prohibition laws of that state.

City Begins Side Walk Work

A force of hands and mules this week began the work of grading Lebanon street preparatory to building side walks. I. W. Barber has completed a survey of this street, the town is now doing the grading and in a few days A. M. Short and John Jones will commence laying the walks.

State Engineers Surveying Our Roads

The engineers of the State highway commission are here working on the survey of the road from Rockford bridge to the quarry and will soon have the work completed. The survey as made by them follows the street from Rockford bridge to the hospital, but from there on to the quarry several different lines have been run.

After the engineers get all this survey work on paper it will be submitted to the state highway commission who will pass upon which route to adopt.

Off For Shriners Ceremonial

Several Shriners of this city left here Wednesday for High Point to attend the annual ceremonial being held there this week. While there they will have the pleasure of seeing three from this section travel through the hot sands.

To Build Large Store Building

D. E. Nelson, of Ararat, was in the city this week making preparation for the erection of a large store room on Franklin street. Some weeks ago Mr. Nelson bought the Samuels property on which he will erect a building for his hardware and machinery business.

Man Dies in Dobson Jail

Roby Barnes died almost suddenly in Dobson jail last Friday morning about seven o'clock. Barnes was waiting to be carried to Durham county roads this week, being sent there at the last term of Dobson court for driving an automobile through Dobson in a reckless manner and under the influence of liquor.

Mrs. Patterson vs. Mr. Stedman

O. B. Webb attended a meeting of the Republican Congressional Committee at Greensboro last week. This committee has in hand the matter of the election of a congressman from this district. In their case they will try to elect a congresswoman this year instead of a congressman, as they have nominated a lady, Mrs. J. L. Patterson, of Winston-Salem, as their standard bearer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Democrats of the Eleventh Judicial District: The criminal dockets in the larger counties have been greatly congested, many of the cases vitally affecting public morals and demanding my undivided attention, and thus I have been almost continuously in the court room for the past six weeks.

In this public way I wish to express my appreciation of the confidence the people of the Eleventh Judicial District have reposed in me as a public officer and to assure the Democrats of the District that if renominated for the position of Solicitor and elected to the office, I will endeavor to perform the duties required, fairly, honestly and to the best of my ability.

Mount Airy Lodge K. of P. No. 342 Meets every Monday Night 8 p. m. VISITORS WELCOME

Gifts for Graduation Waterman's Fountain Pens Whitman's Fine Candy Toilet Articles Van Lindley's Flowers W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. Agent Van Lindley Florist

Prisoners Carried to Roads

Officers from Durham county came to this city Monday and carried back with them five prisoners who were convicted and sentenced to the roads at the last term of court at Dobson.

The five prisoners were: Sid Vaughn, 16 months; Nat Smith, col, 6 months; Ingle Good, 6 months; Johnny Snow, 6 months; Bob Wood, 12 months.

O. B. Webb Receives Big Shipment of Material

O. B. Webb, plumber and heating contractor of this city, has just received the largest shipment of heating material ever brought to Mount Airy at one time consisting of two car loads of boilers and radiators and one car load of pipe.

This strip of road will connect with the Roanoke turnpike, and will make Mount Airy the natural trading center for Mayberry, Meadows of Dan, and Laurel Fork, Va.

Squirrel Spur Road

Monday, J. B. Sparger and son Randall, W. E. Barnard, F. L. Smith and William Barnard motored to the Pinnacles of Dan Sunday. They report splendid progress being made on the new road that is being built, mostly by private subscription, and known as the Squirrel Spur road.

Aside from opening up this lovely view, for those who admire the beauties of nature, it opens up a section of rich farming land with practically no outlet for its perishable products, the farmers often being compelled to let fruit and produce lay on the ground and perish for want of a market.

Mr. Smith expects to be able to entertain about twenty five guests in this room, and has not yet decided whether he will invite his friends to enjoy the concerts free of charge, or whether he will charge admission or take a silver offering to help to defray operating expenses, at any rate he hopes to have the station in operation in the near future.

Wireless Outfit to be Installed

Our townsman, Mr. J. D. Smith, who is deeply interested in the new radio system of transmitting sound waves, has secured a new and up-to-date radio-telegraph outfit which has already arrived and will be installed with receivers and seats in a room over the J. D. Smith clothing store.

Two Acres in Strawberries

A few days ago Mr. J. L. Banner brought the editor and office force some of the most delicious strawberries we have seen this season. A few questions revealed the fact that Mr. Banner now has two acres set in strawberries, which will yield him this season five or six hundred crates of berries.

Mrs. Robert Lawrence, of White Plains, who has been a patient at Martin hospital for some time, is now well on the way to health after submitting to a serious operation.

Special Graduation Boquets for the girl graduate can be obtained through our store. You cannot get prettier flowers from anywhere, and the price is very reasonable this season. We Have Exclusive Agency for Sutton of Greensboro. Mount Airy Drug Co.