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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Interesting Items of News Briefly Set Forth For Busy Readers.

Davidson county will build a new and modern county home.

H. E. Shaw of Lenoir, was nominated for solicitor of the Fifth district on the 511 ballot.

Mr. C. A. Gibbons, of Unity township, Rowan county, threshed last week 100 bushels of wheat from 2½ acres.

"White Horse," a Cherokee Indian half-breed, known as a wrestler, is in jail in Asheville to answer the charge of attempted criminal assault, his victim being Martha George, an Indian girl. The crime was attempted in Asheville.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt states that he has received donations amounting to \$2,500 toward a fund for the survey and other preliminary work for the Blue Ridge Highway which is to connect Asheville, Altapass and Linville.

Mr. Robert L. Durham, who last year filled the chair of mathematics at Davenport College, Lenoir, has been elected to a position on the faculty of Centenary College, Cleveland, Tenn., and has accepted. The college is a Methodist school and belongs to Holston Conference.

The corporation commission has begun the work of appraising the tax valuation of the corporations of the State, of which there are 5,000. The railroads come first, but there will be little change in the assessed valuation of these, as they are assessed every four years, when real estate is assessed, and next year is the time for this work.

Farmers' Institutes.

Five parties of specialists are to start out into different sections of North Carolina about the middle of July to hold series of farmers' institutes for farmers and their wives and daughters, the dates for the five series being just announced by Director T. B. Parker. A series on the Seaboard Air Line railway starts July 12 at Pittsboro; a Southern railway series starts July 14 at Cedar Grove; a central Carolina series begins July 19 at Carthage; a Western Carolina party starts July 19 at Fletcher, and a party to go into a number of the northern counties starts at Oxford July 13. The dates take up entirely the latter half of July. There will be ladies in the parties to hold the institutes for the women. At these there will be prizes of \$1 each for the best loaf of bread cooked at home by a farmer's wife or daughter living on the farm.

Wilson the Nominee.

Gastonia, July 8.—Hurried to a decision by sheer exhaustion, the twelfth judicial convention this afternoon nominated George W. Wilson of Gaston county for the solitorship over the three other candidates, Smith and Shannonhouse of Mecklenburg, and Childs of Lincoln. The following was the last count: Wilson, 182.36, Smith, 66.03; Shannonhouse, 49.68; Childs, 1.93. The selection was made on the 840th ballot and the third taken after the convention assembled following a noon adjournment.

Three Congressmen Re-Nominated.

Democratic Congressional Convention has nominated for re-election Congressman John H. Small of the first district, at Edenton; Congressman R. N. Page of the seventh district at Rockingham and Congressman Claude Kitchin of the second district at Rocky Mount.

There's nothing so good for a sore throat as Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Cures it in a few hours. Relieves any pain in any part.

CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Responsibility for Public Health Our Greatest Civic Responsibility.

The essential difference between the citizen and the savage is the expression in his daily routine by the former of the principle, "No man liveth unto himself." This biblical axiom is the basis of civilization, because it expresses a relation that law defines and controls. It naturally follows that the clearer our mental perception, the more distinctly will we recognize the many and subtle bonds that unite our fortunes or our fates into a web of weal or woe. Knowledge gives acuteness of mental vision, and, therefore, it is knowledge that opens the gates of a higher civilization and gives to him who desires the opportunity to become a better citizen.

The relation of one man's property to another's is easily recognized, and is firmly established upon universally accepted principles of civil law. The relation of one man's life to another's has only within the last half century been established upon principles of natural law. But, as yet, the knowledge of these natural laws has not been widely enough disseminated to produce sufficient public sentiment to weld them into our statutes.

Man's greatest civic obligation is to the public health. This sounds like the exaggeration of an enthusiast. Nevertheless, it rests upon those primary and fundamental principles of law that for over four thousand years have been the basis of civilization. Write in tables of stone by the Supreme Judge Himself, these legal principles are so comprehensive as to embrace man's every possible relation: His relation to the Court of Heaven; his relation to the court of the home, and his relation to the court of man. But note, and note carefully, that the first of the five rules governing man's relation to man is the law protecting life. First, not by haphazard, but first by Omnipotent design, because it is just as fundamental to the last four of these five laws as life is fundamental to chastity, property, reputation, and neighborly comfort.

Note further, that "Thou shalt not kill" carries no provisions limiting its application to the 5,000 deaths occurring annually in the United States through willful acts of commission, and excluding the 500,000 deaths annually occurring in our country by an act of passive omission. Every citizen who does not take a serious interest in the public health of his or her community is a partisan to this criminal destruction of life. Like Lady Macbeth dipping her bloody hands in water, we say, "Out! damned spot," but it will not out, for all the real and feigned ignorance and indifference into which we submerge our individual and public consciences.

And now, lastly, how can the conscious citizen—this does not include everybody—discharge this obligation? He can easily inform himself, with a total amount of reading of not over ten hours, of the principal facts which will enable one to take an active and intelligent part in this work. He can be supplied, without cost with this literature by writing the Secretary of the State Board of Health at Raleigh to place his or her name on the mailing list for the monthly Bulletin. He can read articles on this subject appearing in this paper monthly. He can vote for aldermen, county commissioners, and legislators who are informed in regard to this important problem.

W. P. Brownlow Dead.

Johnson City, Tenn., July 8.—Congressman Walter Preston Brownlow died here tonight at 7:20 o'clock of Bright's disease. Mr. Brownlow was 60 years old. He represented the first Tennessee district seven terms in succession and had been nominated for another term. Mr. Brownlow leaves a widow and five children.

EDUCATION AND PROGRESS

The School the Hope of the South—Give the Child a Chance.

By Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh.

Traveling this week across a considerable section of our Progressive Farmer and Gazette territory, we could but dream of the time when all our Southern country shall become as fair as the rural districts of France and England as we saw them two years ago—when our muddy roads shall give way to beautiful highways; when our fields shall be redeemed to life and usefulness; when our half-cultivated patches shall be converted into broad and fertile fields; when herds of cattle and flocks of sheep shall dot our hillsides; when a gully shall be reckoned a disgrace and a fire-ridden wood a crime; when cabins and ugly cottages shall be replaced by homes made beautiful by loving care, however humble they may be; and when a thickly settled and well trained population shall not only relieve country life of that isolation which has most retarded its development, but shall give needed support for all the conveniences of twentieth-century rural life—rural telephones, water-works, the township high school with its public library and lyceum course; the school a center of intellectual and the church of spiritual activity, each giving symmetry and beauty to a community life which finds its material basis in a high degree of efficiency on the part of the average man.

Even as the painter when he goes to his canvas, sees with his mind's eye some beautiful vision which he is to work out, even so all of us should have before us as we go about our daily tasks this vision of the South that is to be, and the part, however insignificant, that we may have in helping its fulfillment. We should all of us like to see it with our own eyes, as Moses yearned to see the promised Canaan to which he led his people. But whether we shall see it with the physical eye or only in our dream, it is enough that we may have a hand in bringing it about, enough that we may work intelligently and unselfishly to hasten the coming of this better day.

And the one way is by giving the child a chance. That boy of yours, that boy of your neighbor's, who already has the basis of all character in that he is learning to work, that boy who "warms his feet cold mornings in the place where the cows lay the night before"—he is the hope of the South. That girl of yours, that girl of your neighbor's, whose mind and spirit will some day give shape and color to everything in a home—she is the hope of the South. And only through the school they can be developed.

The boy and girl in the towns are getting good schooling; the farm boy and girl in the North and West are getting good schooling. Shall it be, then, that among all our twentieth-century American youth the Southern farm boy and girl alone shall enter life's race handicapped by shackles of ignorance?

It must not be so. The best investment the South could make in 1910 would be to double its school taxes and double the patronage of our high schools and colleges. Only by providing the best of facilities can we attract to the South that tide of immigration which we need to increase our percentage of white population and to relieve rural life of isolation; and only by educating all our people can we ever work out our dream of a South the beauty of whose rural and urban life, the intelligence and efficiency of whose people, shall make it indeed the foremost and the fairest section of America.

Davidson county boasts of raising more wheat to the acre than any other county in the State, which is 43 bushels per acre.

ORDERS RATE REDUCTION

In North Carolina Freight Cases—State Wins But it is Only a Near Victory.

Washington, July 7.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered a reduction in through rates to Winston-Salem and Durham from Roanoke and Lynchburg, Va. It amounts to about 9 cents a hundred pounds on class freight and from 4 to 8 cents a hundred pounds on hay, grain and packing house products.

Some time ago a complaint was filed with the commission by the Corporation Commission of North Carolina against the Norfolk & Western Railway Company and other carriers alleging discrimination against Winston-Salem and Durham by the railroads and alleging also discriminatory and unreasonable rates to those points from Chicago, East St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville, through Lynchburg and Roanoke.

The commission held that the complainants charge of discrimination was not sustained, but that the present class rates of the Norfolk & Western from Roanoke and Lynchburg to Winston-Salem and Durham were unreasonable; and that the existing class rates via the same route from Cincinnati to Winston-Salem and Durham were unjust and unreasonable.

Renting Versus Owning.

Charlotte Observer

Last week witnessed the organization of a development company in Wadesboro the object of which is somewhat different from that ordinarily proposed for such companies. With an authorized capital of \$100,000, of which \$12,000 will be paid in before business is begun, the Dixie Development Company will purchase farming lands for the purpose of renting them to farmers on such terms as will make the renters eventual owners of the soil. "There is a large class," says the Ansonian, "who rent farm land from year to year and pay therefor a portion of the crop. The company proposes to purchase tracts of land for renting purposes but will make a contract with each renter for a definite period, with the provision that at the expiration of that period the land will be deeded to the renter or his heirs and assigns."

The new organization should play a big part in the development which is now so noticeable in Anson county, and should make that development both more rapid and more substantial. A farmer, renting his soil from year to year has little or no incentive to make improvements, and without these his agricultural methods are likely to fall into the rut of stagnation and retrograde if only from the reason that they do not progress. On the other hand, if that farmer knows that his land will eventually become his property, there will be the best reason in the world why he should make every exertion to improve his surroundings and bring his land to as close an approximation as possible of its ultimate possibilities of production. The new company means the proverbial growing of two blades of grass where but one has been grown, and its operation will be of interest over a far wider stretch of territory than is included within the county which gave it birth.

Crooked Creek News.

Crooked Creek, July 9.—We are having some right nice weather now for laying by corn. We are glad to welcome Mrs. Fannie Hogan and children of Clifton, S. C., back to the mountains for the summer. Miss Jennie Hunter of Nebo, who will teach the Bethlehem school, has arrived. Crops are looking fine on the creek now and most people are about done laying by.

Miss Effie Gibson has gone to Garden City where she will act as assistant teacher of that school. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Bradshaw, the 3rd, a daughter. Now, cupid, don't say "O, you babe!" for Uncle Babe is a very old man if he is a bachelor. UNCLE BUBE.

PEOPLE'S FORUM.

(This department is reserved for letters from the people on various topics. THE PROGRESS is not responsible for the views of its correspondents. All communications must be originally signed for our protection through the same may be withheld in publication.)

Mountain Scenery.

Special to MARION PROGRESS.

Ashford, July 4.—Recently a member of the F. and I. Order of Tramps passed this way, (report says it was the original Chuckey Joe, but that way-worn wanderer must have died long ago), and we made the ascent of Hooeycutt mountain (3700 to 3800 ft.) together; I as pilot for the path, and he for the peaks. From Linville Falls station to fields on westerly slopes, at summit, called three and a half miles; but safer to say over four up, and under three down by the same route. The Denny trail, save in a few places where it is growing blind, is fairly well defined and rarely very steep. It passes above the Cat Face cliff, and higher up, immediately at base of a long line of precipitous crags. Here, right by trail, is an excellent rain roost (a dozen or more could find shelter) called Cat Cabin.

Hooeycutt mountain culminates in two well defined knobs, the South Knob, and highest, as well as the lower North Knob, slope gently on the west, but on eastern side overhang the more northerly end of the Vale of Chestoah (North Cove) with hanging woods and many bold and picturesque crags under the ledges of which one can often find shelter from sudden thunder showers. This is the case at Brown's crags, from which there is a fine view of the upper end of North Cove, and below is seen distinctly J. H. English's, Mrs. Pink McCall's, Wilson's, Joe Conley's, and as far down as T. H. Brown's; and looking across the long uplift of the Linville range, rises the tilted table-top of Namonda (Table Rock) and to left of it sharper crags of Nokassa (Hawksbill). South of Table Rock show tops only of the grand precipices of Connatars (Chimney mountain). These cliffs form the most wonder-

ful Walpurgis Wall, wild and witchlike, in all the Over Hills of Ottaray (Highlands of Western North Carolina). Far under those, between the five mural cliffs (sandstone) of the Linville mountain, and the even more rugged range extending from Jonas Ridge (on this now there is Lovin's Hotel) to Short-off (Cutty-sark), through the deepest and grandest canyon or mountain gorge east of the Rocky Mountains. The well-known Hickory-nut Gap (Easedaw Gorge) in Rutherford county, is not as long, nor as deep, and less boldly picturesque; indeed the Linville Gorge is so wildly rugged not even a trail as yet penetrates its recesses, where bear is still killed nearly every season. One recently hunted near Altapass, but escaped into the Lost Lands on Linville.

Looking westwards from Hannicut there is a full view of the whole range of the Black Mountains (Seenoysah), including Mt. Mitchell, 6,711 ft. (Attakulla); and in the northeast Grandfather mountain (Tanawha) nearly 6,000 ft. To left of last, Hanging Rock, Sugar Mountain, Big Beech (Klonaska), the Humpback of Blue Ridge (Konnasoga); and to left of the Blacks, Shaky Bald of Hickory-nut Gap, Sugar Loaf (Salola) in Henderson county; southwards Mackays mountain and Devil's Hole Knob; part of the South Mountains (Okanosha), and many others. A grand view, and within not over four or five miles of Altapass; and even nearer to Ashford.

There are two good country stores in the near neighborhood, and three good boarding houses; widow McCall's, and Jas. H. Brown's, and Sam Brown's, all within about a quarter mile of Linville Falls flag station, which is about fifteen miles north of Marion. Altitude at Ashford about 1750 ft. Yours truly, HUCKLEBERRY FINN.

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