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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

JESSE UPTON GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Jessie Upton was tried this week in Superior Court for killing his brother-in-law, Manley Brendle, on Christmas day, 1911. The case was given to the Jury Wednesday afternoon and after two or three hours deliberation the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter. Judge Cline will pass sentence sometime before court adjourns. We are told the penalty for manslaughter may be anything from four months on the roads to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

Christmas day, 1911, George Brendle and his son, Manley, were passing thru the Upton farm. Upton and Brendle were not on friendly terms, although Mrs. Upton was the daughter of George Brendle. Upton had warned Brendle to keep off his premises. On the day of the tragedy the Brendles were approaching Upton's dwelling. Upton was standing in his door and he ordered them to keep away. Just what words passed at this time is a disputed question, the evidence conflicting. At any rate Upton picked up a Winchester rifle and killed both his father-in-law and brother-in-law.

He has heretofore been tried for killing his father-in-law and was acquitted.

JAPAN-CHINA

M. Hioki, Japanese minister, has delivered to Chinese foreign minister a communication which China interprets as implying that unless Japan's recent demands are accepted by March 12, force would be employed.

The notice is not considered an ultimatum by the Chinese government, but Lu Cheng-Heiang, the foreign minister, after a series of conferences with President Yuan Shi-Kai, has decided to expedite discussion of the demands with the Japanese legation and to agree quickly with those which China considers it impossible to accept.

Answering the Japanese insistence for expedition, the Chinese representatives argued the impossibility of negotiating consequential issues hastily.

DEATH OF MRS. A. J. WOOD.

Mrs. A. J. Wood died Friday, February 26, at the home of her son, Mr. J. C. Wood, where she has resided for the past 13 years.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Queen at the family cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wood died at the age of ninety-six years, seven months and eighteen days. In death as in life she honored her God. Her life has indeed been a blessing to all who knew her.

She leaves behind five of her children to mourn their loss: Mr. J. H. Parker of Tuckasegee, Mr. J. C. Wood, Mr. H. B. Wood and Mrs. A. C. Queen of Wolf Mountain, and Mrs. Mrs. M. F. Wood of Balsam Grove. One sister, Mrs. Barbara Wood, of Kyle, Ga., survives her.

Dear Grandmother Wood! After the tempest of this life she has found peace; God has called her home.

Henderson Jones was in the city yesterday from Gay.

SIX KLEPTOMANIACS. CULLOWHEE APPROPRIATION

The farce comedy, Six Kleptomaniacs presented Friday evening, by a company of ladies from the Woman's Auxilliary of the Baptist Church was a very creditable and successful performance and was witnessed by quite a large crowd.

Some twenty dollars were realized for the building fund of the Methodist Church.

MEXICO AGAIN.

The chaotic condition in Mexico has become well nigh intolerable; so much so that secretary Bryan has advised all Americans to leave Mexico city and president Wilson has seen fit to order American battleships to Vera Cruz.

General Carranza has been informed in a note from the United States government that unless there is an improvement in conditions with respect to foreigners and their interests in Mexican territory under his control, such steps as may be necessary will be taken by the American government to obtain the desired protection.

The note is the strongest and most emphatic document that has been sent by the Washington government to Mexico since correspondence with Huerta a year ago. Carranza is warned that the United States has viewed with deep concern the growing complaints made by foreigners generally against his administration of affairs and now, in effect demands an early change.

Secretary Bryan announced to the United States as many as desired to leave.

The armored cruiser Washington was ordered by Secretary Daniels, after conferences with President Wilson, to proceed immediately to Vera Cruz.

EVACUATION BEGUN.

Consular messages from Vera Cruz stated that it was reported there that the evacuation of Mexico City began last night.

Enrique C. Llorente, General Villa's Washington representative received a message, saying Zapata forces occupied Mexico City today immediately on the evacuation of Obregon's troops.

Word came from American Consul Silliman that at a personal interview with General Carranza he had delivered the formal note from the United States government demanding an improvement in conditions for foreigners in the territory under his control.

PRIMARY BILL PASSES

Both of the houses of the Legislature passed a primary bill, with 32 counties exempted from the provisions of the bills.

The primary is now in this state: it is held the first Saturday in June, covers national, state, congressional, judicial, senatorial, tickets, but not legislative or county. It makes provision for entrance into primary two weeks before such election is held and fixes fees for such entrance. It provides that all exempted counties may petition for election to come in on one-fifth of the voters and it saves all local primaries.

Ralph Hunter was here yesterday on business.

O. B. Coward of Webster was a business visitor in Sylva yesterday.

The General Assembly, while it cut appropriations to the minimum, provided handsomely for the Cullowhee Normal, the appropriation being: \$10,000 annual maintenance, \$15,000 improvements, \$12,684 for debt.

ANTI-JUG LAW PASSES

A substitute bill for the Greer anti-jug bill was agreed upon by joint committees and has passed both houses by the General Assembly. The act provides that no person shall receive more than one quart of whiskey or five gallons of within fifteen days. The bill is to be effective April 1.

J. J. GRAY POSTMASTER

Senator Lee S. Overman has recommended Rev. James J. Gray as postmaster at Sylva to succeed Mrs. Sadie J. Long, the present incumbent.

WEBSTER

Weaver Mashburn and Miss Jessie Dills were happily married at the residence of A. W. Davis Saturday evening.

There will be a debate between the boys of the Webster High School and the boys of the Clyde High School on the 26th of this month.

Turn to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Long, a girl.

B. C. Jones has returned from Asheville and will resume his duties as teacher at this place.

We are glad to report that Don Davis, who has been very sick, is convalescent.

George Self was attracted in the direction of Scott's Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Coward visited Mrs. Clara Smith, of Cullowhee, has been very sick, Sunday.

Misses Isabella Allison, Edith Sherrill and Master Dan Moore have been on the sick list this week.

Tom Smith, our worthy mail carrier, says that the European war has not seriously affected horse swapping yet as it has other things—two swaps only this week.

J. W. Davis made a business trip to Franklin last week.

A. B. Allison and Henry Wild, drummers from Asheville, were calling on the merchants of Webster the first of the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allison, a boy.

Hon. Walter E. Moore made a business trip to Washington City last week, returning Monday.

Misses Maud Buchanan and Lillie Jones returned Tuesday after a visit to Beta.

Jerry Moody, wife and little son visited Mrs. Moody's parents Sunday.

David Hall of Sylva was seen on our streets Sunday.

Mrs. H. G. Mashburn of Winston-Salem is visiting relatives here.

Cleveland Williamson of Buffalo, S. C., is visiting his sister here, who is very ill.

The Wild Lumber Co. are having to run their saw mill day and night to fill the demands for lumber.

W. T. Ashe left Wednesday for Andrews.

Will McConnell made a business trip to Sylva Monday.

AMERICUS.

PASTOR RESIGNS DELAY OF WAYNESVILLE BUILDING

Pastor R. P. Ellington, of the Baptist church, tendered his resignation to his church Sunday morning, to be effective April 15.

The church has taken no action in the matter.

General regret as to the action of the popular young pastor has been expressed by the people and it is hoped that he will reconsider the matter.

Mr. Ellington has been pastor of the local Baptist church for more than a year and during that time has made a place for himself in the hearts of the Sylva people.

SAND CLAY AND THE WINTER OF 1914-'15

From a published letter written by N. B. Mills, of Statesville, to a citizen of Alexander county—Little Alex being now in the throes of a road bond election campaign—it is learned that Iredell has an annual road maintenance balance of more than \$11,000. This is 2.75 per cent of the cost of the county's roads, \$400,000. This should dispel any notion current that Iredell's new roads, constituting a magnificent system, are being allowed to go to ruin. This paper has insisted that the past winter must furnish the final test of the sand-clay road. It has been our opinion that the right mixture, the right drainage and the right admission of sunlight constitute a combination that, with proper care, will stand the rigors of the most severe winter, and did in fact stand this past winter. An official, Mr. Spoon, we believe, has pointed out, as did the Daily News, that this season has furnished the lessons in sand-clay construction that must be studied. On this point Mr. Mills writes:

"If there is any doubt in the minds of any of your people about our keeping our sand-clay roads in good shape, then I especially invite them down to make a trip over the whole system. Of course, this has been an extremely hard season on the roads, and it is true that some parts of our sand-clay system was in bad shape during the extreme bad weather, however, wherever this was the case it was due not to any defect in the sand-clay road but always where the road was improperly located without proper sunshine, or where the foundation was rotten or where we could not obtain a good surface soil. We believe that this winter has taught us a lesson for we know what is needed to make the whole system of our roads as good as roads can be built, and for that matter right now with the little work we have done in rounning up the roads with a scraper our roads are in as good shape if not better than when they they were built."

The sand-clay road is very probably still the thing, for North Carolina rural ways, if the conditions as to materials, drainage, etc., can be met. We are beginning to question somewhat as to whether they can generally be met.—Greensboro Daily News.

J. L. ROGERS DEAD.

Carolina Mountaineer March 4. Mr. Jackson J. Rogers, who had been ill about a week with an attack of grip, died at his home yesterday at 1 o'clock. He was about 80 years old and one of the best citizens of the county. He was the father of Mrs. T. L. Green of this place, Mrs. Dr. S. B. Medford of Clyde, Mrs. Alice Norton of Norton N. C., Sherman, James, Will and Jacob Rogers in the neighborhood, George of Clyde and Dr. McLean Rogers of Clinton, Okla.

Waynesville Courier. While an appropriation of \$21,000 has been secured by Senator Lee S. Overman for beginning work on the building in Waynesville, an amount that is immediately available for the planning of the work, there is every indication that there will yet be considerable delay in getting the work started. The matter is now entirely in the hands of the officials of the Supervising Architect's office, and there the plans for building in the various places provided for are taken up in rotation. Senator Overman writes that there are a number of cities having prior claims over Waynesville and this may necessitate the elapse of sometime before the plans for the building here are made.

IF YOU HAD THE NERVE.

Last week we received an invitation to buy a bale of cotton. Say, Willibald, the way things are going we'll be lucky if we can buy a spool of cotton. Gosh! If we only had the nerve! What we couldn't do! Had we been born with the kind of some people we know, here's what you would find in these pages from week to week!

"On account of the European war the subscription price of this paper has been raised to \$5 per year cash in advance.

"On account of the loss from import duties, advertising-rates will be increased to \$1.00 an inch. Effective at once.

"We are pleased to announce that the complete suspension of the importation of chemicals, obituary poems will cost you ten cents a line hereafter.

"It being impossible to export oranges to Germany, notices of church suppers will be charged for at the rate of \$2 each, and two tickets to the supper.

"Resulting from the suspension of regular shipping facilities between this town and Gulf of Obigosh, all pumpkins, apples, potatoes, corn, grapes, etc., brought to this office under the pretext of exhibition to the editor will be seized as contraband of war.

"All persons found owing this paper more than a year's subscription will be shot as spies.—Axtel (Kan.) Standard.

THE HOME PAPER

Ex-Governor David R. Francis of Missouri, once said the following of newspapers:

"Each year the local paper gives from \$500 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. No other can or will do this. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than ten men, and in fairness he ought to be supported—not because you like him or admire his writing, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliantly edited or crowded with thought, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the preacher or teacher. Understand me I do not mean money, and yet on moral questions you will find most of the papers on the right side. Today the editor of the local papers do the most or the least money of any people on earth."