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Another fool by the name of Succu an Italian has recently fasted 40 days.

Senator Beck, of Kentucky, died on the 3rd. His death was sudden. The country loses one of its greatest men.

Reports say that great quantities of fish are dying in the streams of eastern North Carolina. Something unheard of before. Cause not known.

Eight wagons and about sixteen persons arrived at Coffey's hotel last night. They go to Elk Park after harrows which they propose to sell to the farmers of the county.

They have a Mulberry tree in Newton N. C. that puffs out smoke from its trunk, like a boy smoking cigarets. This tree is causing much investigation, no one has yet solved the mystery.

The republicans are having their own way in Congress and Senate. No doubt the election bill will be passed, which will cost the country about \$3,000,000, every election for congress.

As we go to press Mr. Bryan reports a heavy snow storm at Elk Park and surrounding country on yesterday evening that continued for more than an hour. The mountains are white this morning in sight of Boone.

The new pension bill that has passed increases the total pension to \$750,000,000. What is our country coming to? Twenty-five years ago the war closed, and to-day the pension has increased nearly double to what it was under the Grant administration. Can our country endure such a strain? Think of where we are drifting.

Sam P. Jones closed his meeting at Charlotte on the 2nd. He raised about \$10,000 in money. About \$8,000 was for the purpose of paying off the Y. M. C. A. in the city. The balance Rev. Sam kept for incidental expenses. Money moves everything. Preaching, in many respects, as well as politics are run by money. The preacher ought to be paid enough, if he is the right sort. Sam P. is not our kind, for we don't like his style. His rough and uncouth language in the pulpit does not accord with our views. Our idea is that a preacher of the gospel ought to refrain from coarse foolish jokes in the pulpit. But many others differ with us, and we will not fall out with them about it. Jones is a great success in getting a large crowd to gether and raising lots of money. It is not for us to say how much spiritual good he does, for we don't know.

There is always some excuse that justify every failure that we poor mortals make. Man justifies himself in every thing he does. If we fail to make a good crop, we can tell the reason why; if we go to

law and fail, we can assign a reason, and if we build a house we can see where we missed it and can excuse ourselves in a very plausible manner. If we are a church member, and fail to do our duty, as we are sure to do, we have excuses to offer and will justify ourselves. If we have trouble with our neighbor, we can always clear ourselves and make it plain that we are not in fault. Every thing we do, we claim that we did right, or aimed to be right, but was prevented by others. The fact is we are all human in our make up, and have to contend with human frailties. Human perfection does not enter into our natures enough. All of us are a mass of imperfections. The very best of the race is imperfect, and in many cases failures.

Let us learn to forbear with the frailties of our fellowman, for we can see his imperfections much better than we can see our own, and at the same time we are full of that for which we denounce our neighbors. There are none, perhaps, but what could improve their disposition by proper consideration, and the proper study of human nature.

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TUMBLING FUN.

For the Democrat:

On a slope of the Elk Knob, in this county, is an unusually large spring. It is truly one of the most beautiful it has ever been my lot see. It is bordered by mosses and ferns, and the timid wild animals come here to quench their thirst from this basin of crystalline purity. From this spring flows quite a stream, bearing the suggestive name of "Tumbling Fun." To realize how suitable the name, the reader will have to follow it in its course, down this rugged mountain, till it empties into the sparkling waters of Meet Camp. It laughs, and sings, and dances on its way, making music quite merrily. Here it makes a beautiful fall as it plunges over a ledge of rock, and then murmurs along between the mossy banks, almost hidden by ferns and leaves.

The writer, in company with several others, once enjoyed a day very much in tracing this madly wild brooklet in its crazy course. Imagination instinctively went back to the time when the red man of the forest wandered on its mossy banks, and of the dusky Indian maidens who roamed as free as the birds on this rugged mountain side, and drank of this sparkling beverage, but they roam no more. The white man came, and with him greed of gain. He felled her lovely forests, and dug into her rugged bosom, in search of hidden treasures, to increase his wealth. All is changed. If some of the old warriors who sleep could revisit this huge sentinel, they would find but one thing by which to remember the happy past, and that would be "Tumbling Fun." She rolls on, Art changes her not. X. Boone, N. C.

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PROGRAMME Of the Bakersville Dist. Sunday School Convention of the M. E. Church, to be held at Banner Elk, May 22-24. First session 10 o'clock—Devotional exercises and organization.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. 1. Relation of pastors to Sunday schools; D. M. Clayton, L. G. Nelson. 2. The importance of the early study of God's Word. W. C. Matney. 3. The teacher—his duties. W. C. Franklin.

AFTER-NOON SESSION. 2 o'clock—Prayer for pastors and superintendents. 4. The Superintendent—his duties. John Rominger. 5. Should unconverted teachers be employed? A. Graybeal. 6. Wanted! more spirituality in the Sunday school—how is it to be attained? R. A. F. Smith.

AT NIGHT. Lecture—Education. J. D. Roberson, J. R. Cannon. FRIDAY, May 23. Morning session. Prayer for teachers and scholars.

7. Sunday school literature—its use and abuse. J. T. Matney. 8. How can we increase the interest in Sunday school? W. J. Harris. 9. Country Sunday schools—their peculiar difficulties and demands. H. Vernon.

AFTERNOON session, (2 o'clock) Prayer for neglected children.

10. Sunday school trials and tribulations. Cicero Greybeal. 11. Sunday school entertainments. Mrs. Nellie Greybeal.

12. Question box. AT NIGHT. Lecture—Temperance. J. M. Welborn, W. F. Parker.

SATURDAY, May 24, morning session, 12 o'clock. Prayer for the general Sunday school work.

13. Object and aim of the Sunday school. L. A. Rominger.

14. The duty of contributing to the support of the Sunday school. T. W. Matney. 15. The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Sunday school. J. D. Roberson.

AFTERNOON session—2 o'clock. 16. Responsibility of parents to the Sunday school work. W. S. Hyams.

AT NIGHT—Sermon. The speaker opening the discussion will be limited to 15 minutes.

This Convention is not for Sunday school workers only, but all friends to morality and religion are cordially invited to attend. Respectfully,

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