

A Tragic Death.

A St. John (Wash.) dispatch of April the 3rd, gives the following account of the sad death of Tom Hagaman, Jr., son of Mr. Thomas Hagaman, formerly of Watauga, and well remembered by scores of Wataugans. The press dispatch says:

"Tom Hagaman, Jr., the 16-year old son of T. Hagaman, is dead from an accidental pistol shot which he received yesterday at noon. Mr. Hagaman lives at Willada, but the son was helping on the Babeok ranch, twelve miles south of St. John, when the accident occurred.

"Young Hagaman was at the ranch house when the shot was fired. He had been placing blank cartridges in the pistol, snapping the pistol to scare the girl who was cooking for them. Then he would place a regular cartridge in the pistol and fire to frighten the girl.

"By mistake the boy, intending to load the gun with blank caps or cartridges, placed in the pistol a loaded shell. He pointed the gun at the girl, it is said, two or three times and snapped it to scare her. Then to show her there was no danger he carelessly pointed the pistol at his head and pulled the trigger. The gun was discharged and the bullet entered the right temple and passed through the head.

"Dr. Douglas McEntire was called but the shot was fatal. Hagaman dying at 3:30 o'clock this morning."

Battle of Pears Knob.

Mr. Editor:—Notwithstanding the many quiet and peaceable citizens that reside at Virgil, N. C., antagonism, war and bloodshed occasionally disturbs the peace and happiness of the neighborhood.

About three years ago Joe Sanders wilfully killed his wife and then committed suicide. Since which time T. S. Watson received a heavy blow on the head from a dirt shovel in the hands of his nephew from which he narrowly escaped death. But the climax of contention, noise and brawl was reached when an altercation took place between two neighbor women, they being brother's wives, on Sunday April 11, 1909. The least one got the better of her assailant. The husbands of the women seemed to entertain some dissatisfaction over the results of the fight, and on the following Wednesday like two rooster guineas the women ran up against each other the second time, both with a renewed determination to gain the victory. "The very hairs of their head," which Luke says "are all numbered," came hurling to the ground like winters withered leaves.

Narrow toed shoes were almost instantly brought into fashion; bonnet strings and hat pins like meteors began to shoot through the air—a great commotion prevailed. The farmers stopped the plows to listen; the owls took themselves to more distant places; the squirrels sought refuge in the tallest oak; the lizards made for a hollow rail, and the turtles buried themselves in the mud. The intensity of the situation became more alarming when the husbands of the women, became so impassioned and angry that double barrel shot guns and rocks were resorted to, but fortunately the weapons were not used. To the historic battle grounds of Chicamunga, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain may be added "Pears Knob."

McGuire, N. C.

Some women seem to think that if every woman would just

At Des Moines, Iowa, a few days ago, a big elephant in Robinson's circus picked up his attendant, hurled him to the ground and then beat his body into pulp against a small barn in their quarters. He then ran through a park, uprooting small trees, turning over circus wagons, demolishing a bridge, etc. It took one hour for a crowd of men to capture him and it was not done until five bullets were put into his body.

Some days ago forest fires did incalculable damage to timber on Vanderbilts estate near Asheville. Thousands of young popular trees which had been set out were destroyed and many of them were ten years old. It is believed that viciously disposed persons who had been stopped from hunting on the estate, set the fire and Dr. Schenck, the head forester has offered \$100 reward for evidence to convict.

The Episcopal church at Waynesville N. C. was recently broken open and robbed. Rare linens and embroidered covers for the altar and communion service were the principal loss. The large candles for the altar were broken into small pieces and scattered on the floor. The perpetrators of this crime could hardly be too severely punished.

Mrs. Hackett, wife of ex Congressman Hackett of Wilkesboro was operated on for appendicitis last week at the Statesville Sanatorium. When the appendix was removed a piece of broken tooth was found in it. At last accounts Mrs. Hackett was doing well, and the chances for a speedy recovery good.—Lenoir News.

On the 14th inst. Kenilworth Inn, the \$140,000 property of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gazzam of Philadelphia, was burned to the ground. At the time there were 200 or 300 guests in the building all of whom are accounted for, but some were seriously injured, among them being Mr. Gazzam himself.

Rowe School Closed.

The commencement exercises of the Rowe Graded School were held Saturday, April 3rd. The morning exercises were devoted to the primary grades. The children showed the result of thorough teaching.

At the noon hour the crowd present gathered about a long table which was laden in true Catawba county style with good things to eat.

In the afternoon there were recitations and orations by some of the advanced pupils. The subjects were well selected and the speeches were delivered in such a way as to win the heartiest applause.

The literary address was delivered by Rev. E. W. Fox, pastor of the Methodist Church in Newton, who chose for his subject "The Value of a Man." The evening was given to songs, plays, a beautiful pantomime and presentation of the roll of honor.

Prof. J. E. Hodges, of Sands, N. C. was the able principal during the past year. He is a man of marked ability in his chosen work, and the patrons of the school want him to teach another year in their school. He was ably assisted by Mr. J. S. McKeel.

One of the suggestive and helpful features of the exercises was a brief but able address by Prof. E. O. Smithdeal, of the Newton Graded School.

Gen. Matthew Calbraith Butler of Edgefield S. C. one of the last of the Confederate Calvary generals, died recently after a lingering illness.

The time consumed in selecting a jury to try Patrick Calhoun of San Francisco, charged with bribery began three months ago and was just completed last week.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County. In the Superior Court, J. R. Reese, J. W. Horton, B. R. Brown and D. M. Wagner, vs. J. H. Latham. Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of Watauga county made in the above entitled cause at Fall Term, 1908, directing the sale of the lands hereinafter described, and appointing J. R. Reese a commissioner to make said sale, and the said J. R. Reese having failed, neglected and refused to make said sale as therein directed, and at spring term 1909, of the said Superior Court of Watauga county, another was made in the cause, appointing L. D. Lowe a commissioner in lieu of said Reese and again directing the sale of said lands under said order. Therefore on Monday the 3rd day of May, 1909, at the court house door in Boone, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land, situate in the county of Watauga State of N. C. in Meat Camp township on the waters of Meat Camp creek.

First tract, being the lands purchased by J. H. Latham from Jonathan Miller, lying on Harmon's Knob containing 40 acres, adjoining the lands of L. D. Miller, W. F. Erffitt, L. A. Green and others, beginning on a cucumber on the north bank of Norris' Fork of Meat Camp creek, Laban Winebarger's corner, thence with Winebarger's line, etc., and for a more minute description reference is hereby made to a deed executed by Jonathan Miller to J. H. Latham and recorded in the office of the Register of deeds for Watauga county, in Book Y, page 579.

Second tract being the lands purchased by J. H. Latham from J. E. Miller and wife, containing 255 acres, adjoining the lands of Manley Green, the Harmon Knob tract, L. D. Miller and W. F. Lookabill; the same being the lands purchased by J. E. Miller from L. A. Green, and for a more complete description of the same reference is hereby made to the deed from J. E. Miller and wife to J. H. Latham, which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga county, in Book No. 4, page 599. Beginning on a spruce pine, Adams' corner, etc. The said lands being the lands levied upon on the 7th day of June 1907, by John W. Hodges, Sheriff of Watauga county under a warrant of attachment [which issued from the Superior Court of Watauga Co. June 7, 1907, against the property of the said J. H. Latham, and in favor of the above named plaintiffs. The above-described lands will be sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendant J. H. Latham, rendered in the Superior court of Watauga county, at fall term, 1908, for the sum of \$2,911.00, interest and costs of the action, and the costs, charges and expenses of sale. This March 29, '09. L. D. Lowe, Commissioner.

Everyone who ever read after Editor Caldwell, of the Charlotte Observer, will learn with a sense of real pleasure that he is able to be out after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Brawley nee Miss Maggie Lovill, of Greensboro, went to Washington, D. C. to attend the Continental Congress of the D. A. R. which meet in that city last Monday.

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March 17th 1909.

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