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Continuation of Pioneer Hunting Stories.

[By L. D. LOWE.]

Although Harrison Aldridge was disappointed in his effort to kill the deer, but he added one chapter to his experience when he saw the bear pounce upon the hog, then he found that the sudden flight of the bear was caused by being stricken with the rattlesnake, he had not failed to observe that rewards are due to the diligent, and as the deer had no occasion to be frightened by his own former experience, he might yet be able to bring down the largest buck in the forest.

In passing through the forest Harry would occasionally go by the rock where he had observed that the deer had been lying, and he found that the deer had been frequently browsing about the point of the ridge and lying on the same rock. But he had begun to feel that he would be disappointed in killing the deer that season, as the cool weather was fast approaching; the chestnuts had fallen and he knew that the deer had hardened his horns by this time, and that he would soon take a winter range in the mountains. So late in the fall, there came a very warm day for that season of the year; there was a gentle breeze coming from the north-west, so Harry decided to try his hand at second time. He saddled his horse, took his trusty flint-lock and started to seek the object he had been so zealously watching all the fall. He rode through the mountains until he approached within a few hundred yards of the point of the ridge; he hitched his horse and then proceeded to the up-turned tree root he occupied on the former occasion and thrust his rifle through the opening of the tree-roots, carefully observing that there was powder in the pan, and after remaining quiet for quite a long time, wondering whether he would be successful or disappointed as before, he heard the noise of a number of animals in the distance; then his heart began to beat and thump as though it was trying to get up in his throat, and he could discern that the sound indicated that the animals were coming nearer and nearer, so instead of seeing the large buck alone, he observed that he had in company with him three others. Harry remained almost as still as death itself until the large buck approached the rock, then he dropped down and began to pant while the three others browsed on the tender shoots and picked up chestnuts. Harry pulled the trigger of the flint lock gun, after he had taken a deadly aim, and the large buck turned over and died while the others scampered away in the forest.

After the deer turned over Harry was soon at his side with dirk in hand and severed his jugular veins, and being an expert in the business, he soon removed the hide and separated the venison into four pieces, then by removing a portion of the skull he managed to keep the large antlers together. After rolling the hide up and tying his venison together with hickory withes, Harry went for his horse he had brought along for the purpose of packing his load home in the event he should be successful. So after placing the venison across his pack-saddle and tying the hide behind, he took the large antlers in his hand and led his horse

that he did not get a shot at the deer had just produced a noble

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

There are now, according to the Jewish year Book, more than 13,000,000 Jews in the world.

Vessels may pass through the Panama Canal within the next 70 days, according to Washington dispatches.

There seems to be little or no change in the attitude of the United States Government toward Mexico.

Dr. S. Wier Mitchell, a noted physician and author, died at his home in Philadelphia on the 4th.

The total Foreign Missionary contributions of American Protestant churches for last year was \$16,398,000, according to a statement made by Campbell White, of New York City, who is general secretary of the laymen's Missionary Movement.

The snow storm of last week did damage that can not be estimated in many parts of the United States. Along the coasts of Long Island and New Jersey the storm was most severe for the past 30 years, leaving death and devastation in its wake.

Near Pembroke in this State, last week a man was blasting out stumps with dynamite and his son was carrying the dynamite. A heavy blast caused the dynamite in the boy's hand to explode and he was blown into atoms. They could not find enough of his remains to bury.—Lenoir News.

We are advised that the Grandin Lumber Company is making arrangements to operate an experimental tobacco farm on its fine property at Grandin. This Company is also considering taking some steps toward demonstrating the adaptability of the lands around Grandin for growing apples and other fruits.—The Wilkes Patriot.

Mr. Farthing, the genial proprietor of the Hotel Martin, is feeding his guests on some extra fine alfalfa honey, that was sent him from Lake Arthur, New Mexico, by Mr. Jacob Jones who went to that place some months ago. The honey is said to be of a very fine flavor and is quite rare in this part of the country.—The Lenoir News.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has instructed the officials throughout Oklahoma that hereafter every Indian who can not write his name will be required to sign checks, warrants, etc., with an impression of the ball of the right thumb, the imprint to be witnessed by an employe of the Indian Agency, or by one of the leading men of the tribe, who can write, instead of by a cross mark.

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attire of antlers which were just beginning to harden; the venison would have been of a very poor quality, the horns would have been the most valuable asset of his adventure. As there was a heavy crop of chestnuts that fall, the deer was very fat, juicy and tender and fully seventy five lbs. while the horns had become perfect in shape and of the most excellent quality, while the

(To be continued.)

BLOWING ROCK ITEMS.

A Big Batch of Timely Paragraphs from "The Rock," Unavoidably Deferred from Last Week.

The holidays passed quietly, and a sigh of relief went up from many a mother's heart that "her boy" was not led off, as in Christmases gone by, indeed public sentiment has changed and our community will no longer tolerate any other than a sane and safe and suitably quiet celebration of the birth of Christ, for, though all of our citizens do not hold to a belief in Him, yet the majority of our good and honored citizens do believe in and honor His memory by a pretty close following, and yet now and then one hears of a lapsing follower or two, due wholly to drink, for which some non-law-abiding citizen is responsible, bringing in the fiery stuff, which as a temperance lecturer once said, tastes of death and smells of hell—but, here again, our good citizens, "and their name is legion," are awake to the belief that, though, as a medicine, "liquor has its mission," perhaps, aside from that it is a curse rather than a blessing.

At the Watauga Inn Mrs. Bessie Patterson, assisted by Mrs. W. P. Pendley, gave a beautiful tree on Christmas Eve night, when every one in the hotel received a seasonable token.

Among the home-comers for the holidays were Miss Elizabeth Green, of Chatham Episcopal Institute, Miss Eunice Holshouser, from Hickory Reformed Church College, Miss Louise Norvell from the A. T. S. of Boone, Miss Emma Foster from Valle Crucis and Miss Mildred Patterson from Charlotte Presbyterian School; also Mr. Clyde C. Miller from Chapel Hill, Master Howard Holshouser from his grandfathers' and Mr. Rodney Edmisten from the West, Mr. Edmisten absent from the Rock for many years, his numerous friends glad to see him back again.

Mr. Norman Cordon spent Christmas with Mrs. Cordon, lately from the Charlotte Hospital, master Norman, Jr., Mrs. Houghton and Miss Julia, mother and sister of Mrs. Cordon, who are spending the winter in this village and coming from East Carolina are much interested, to say the least, in their first winter in the mountains.

Mrs. Sallie Reeves and Miss Lena are visiting Miss Ruth in Richmond, Va., the first time in years that Mrs. Reeves has closed her house here, the Reeves to be gone a month.

Rev. Mr. Atkins and bride were guests at the Watauga Inn one night last week en route to their lovely home at Foscoe, the happy couple having the good wishes of all the Parson's friends in Avery, Watauga and Ashe, in all of which counties Mr. Atkins has work for the Master.

Mr. Carroll Green, son of the late lamented Abner Green son of Benjamin Green, Esq., exchanged visits with his friend Mr. Casper Hodges of this place, spending the remainder of the Holidays with relatives.

Miss Clara, the popular teacher at Sandy Flat School, after a well-earned holiday at her home down country, returned Saturday and was snow bound thirty-six hours at Green Park.

Mr. Anse Critcher, our faithful mail carrier, got as far as Mulberry Springs last Saturday, his horses exhausted from pulling the heavy mail buggy through deep snow, and came into town at 1 o'clock on Sunday. Surely our faithful carrier should have the sympathy of the public and should be better paid by

Boy Genius Confounds Scientists.

Utilizes Electricity Taken from the Air.

Elk Grove, Cal. Dec. 27.—Three years ago the mother of Roy J. Thompson testily commanded her son to "take those contraptions off the house" because "they mused up the place so."

Today this 16-year-old lad, heralded as the youthful wizard of the electrical world, is being offered fabulous sums for the right to commercialize his "contraption."

The apparatus that "mused up the place" is taking electricity out of the air and converting it directly into dynamic energy.

It is lighting the Thompson farm house with incandescent bulbs attached to a wire aerial, and operating a motor from the same source.

This uncouth country lad has confounded scientists and upset old theories of electrical phenomena, if his discovery stands up to the apparent achievements.

A grammar-grade education, had gleanings from borrowed technical books, together with a short experience as assistant to a stage electrician, are his mental equipment.

EXPLAINS IT.

"The electricity is gathered up there on the aerial," he explained. "It is drawn down through wires by powerful magnets into a loose couple tuner and shot into Leyden jars. From there it passes through several transformers, lowering the load by steps from 2500 to 110 volts, and then into the motor."

"See!" The one-horse motor began to purr as he threw a switch.

"For the lights it is stepped up, to increase the amperes, and goes through a condenser. I have trouble in keeping the load down so as not to burn out the lights. I have had six lit at one time."

"Yes," interjected the mother, now a little awe of her son, "we eat supper by the lights Roy gets out of the air."

"He's been monkeying with wires and coils and such things ever since he was a little shaver," she continued. "we came out here from Oklahoma specially to give the boy a chance. I don't mind the cluttering now, and pa has let him put his rigger on the barn."

WORKS ALL TIME.

"He's not much for playing. Just works all the time. And clothes—why he don't care for them at all."

"His pa gave him money for a suit the other day, but 'stead of that he bought more fixin's for his machine. Got \$700 in it right now. Said overalls was good enough for him, when we asked about the new suit."

"We encourage him too—don't take none of his money to help out on the grub bill."

The father, a weather-beaten shrewd farmer, came in from his chores.

"We've been offered thousands

the government.

Mr. W. C. Vannoy, our popular citizen, spent the holidays with his father and brother on New River, Wiley having purchased a handsome outfit and is ready to take pictures of the people and mountains of Watauga.

Messrs. Clarence and "Dee" Weedon were at home Christmas week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Weedon of "Fairview."

Mr. Mack Johnson, one of the Rock's popular citizens and a skilled mechanic, after an absence of some time during the winter months, returned to his green Park.

Beautiful Winter at Banner Elk.

Communicated.

During the past few days the scenery at Banner Elk surpassed any in the mountains. As a rule, as stated in one of my former letters, this place is comparatively free from fogs except that which clings around the tall mountain peaks, and when the weather is cold these fogs freeze and are converted into rain. But during this spell of weather the order was reversed. About the time the snow ceased to fall there was a fog which hovered over the valley and smaller mountains; a gentle breeze coming from the east caused the dampness to freeze into little spears on every object with which it came in contact, all pointing to the west, some of which were from four to six inches in length. Poultry wire resembled broad, white lace, while the telephone and electric wires had the appearance of white ropes of from two to three inches in diameter, but the tallest mountain peaks were free from this mantle of white particles of ice.

On the morning of the 6th inst. when the sun came forth it shown only upon the peaks reaching an altitude of about 5,000 feet. So when one was so fortunate as to be on a high elevation he could see the sunshine along the tops of the highest mountains, but a single object could be seen below a certain elevation except what appeared to be a sea of dense fog, with the sun shining upon it. Since the snow has passed over the frost line around the mountain tops can be clearly defined.

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of dollars for the rights on the boy's machine," he volunteered "But we don't aim to let it get out of our hands, now that our son has found something big. We've gone along many years without a big wad of money. Guess we can get along a few more years, if necessary."

"If the machine is worth big money, I want the boy to get his due. If it ain't, I don't want nobody else to be the sucker."

Young Thompson is much like the other farmer lads of the neighborhood. He plays with his pet calf, pitches horseshoes occasionally, is frankly pleased at the admiration of his many visitors, and delights in making sharp trades for the old junk which his grandpa transformed into miracle apparatus.

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