

The Human Monkey vs. The Real Article.

Correspondence of The Democrat.

We have noticed, on occasion, that there are some few young ladies who absolutely refuse to be entertained by any class of individuals other than the human monkey. This peculiar taste, we suppose, is brought on by what is known as monkey-maniaism. This maniaism deprives those so afflicted with gumption enough to retire to some secluded spot when possessed with an insane desire to pull off some idiotic stunts. Instead, churches or some other public place seems to appeal, irresistibly to the human monkey as a place to display his talents to the best advantage. There would be no such thing as the human monkey if some of the gentler sex didn't demand something along the monkey line for entertainment. This being so, we have often wondered why young ladies, afflicted with the aforesaid mania, didn't invest in the real article. We understand a very decent kind of monkey can still be had for something like \$5.00—the war so far having no effect on the monkey market. We think this would be advisable, mainly, because of the fact there isn't any law against feeding the real article on sleeping powders, or even using an axe on him in case his companionship should become tiresome. On the other hand the court might not uphold so strenuous treatment as regards the human monkey. However, there is almost always some way out of a difficulty, and should some monkey-mania afflicted young lady become tired of the companionship of some human monkey, and having some misgivings as to the consequences as regards the administering of sleeping powders or the introduction of an axe, she might go to some Keeley Institute and borrow a little bichloride of gold.

The writer of the above few lines used to be a durned fool himself—wasn't burdened with any very great amount of surplus wisdom yet, but has reformed to the extent of trying to act as sensible as what light he has at hand will permit. The greatest gift the Great Giver ever bestowed on mortal man is sense, and what we consider as very sensible advice to those who happen to be so favored, is to show their appreciation by making it a point to try and use at least a part of it.

T. B. M.

Training School Items.

Rev. J. C. Owen, hissing, Mr. M. R. Osborne, and Rev. M. A. Adams attended chapel exercise each day last week and Mr. Owen made splendid short talks each day which were greatly appreciated by the faculty and students.

Rev. L. R. Wilson attended chapel service on Saturday, also Prof. D. D. Dougherty was present, the Superintendent being absent. The good professor has been taking a much needed vacation from school room work, and this was his first appearance at chapel during this term of work.

The Senior Class went to Lenoir on Saturday to see "The Birth of a Nation." They were chaperoned by Professor Brown and Miss Stanbury, and accompanied by Professors Hartzog and Downum, the Graded School teachers and several other students.

Prof. B. B. Dougherty accompanied Mr. O. L. Brown and his family to Lenoir on Saturday, who were on their way to Wake county to engage in school work.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

List of Persons Called into the Service of the United States Not Exempted or Discharged.

As a result of the last call by the local exemption board, the examinations being made on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, the following were selected for services in the United States army, not exempted or discharged:

- walter coffey, shulls mills creek todd, rodd n a andrews, boone j s thomas, mabel henry nagaman, watauga falls joseph l hogshead, matuey clay beard, valle crucis r n williams, sands smithey o watson, triplett c m wilson, zionville joseph e burkett, sands asa l reese, reese chusher hollars, shulls mills n e sherley, stony fork m s bumgarner; sands gwyn brown, shulls mills l e wilson, zionville munroe harman, valle crucis robert penley, zionville o g stephens, sands o s thomas, mabel milton green, blowing rock thomas ragan, zionville cloy winkler, boone c j story, penley j f wilson, zionville vester moody, shulls mills ben isaacs, vilas hardy mcclain, banners elk frank hollar, shulls mills l w stanbery, vilas carl horton winkler, boone w h benson, triplett w c oxentine, shulls mills iven cook, vilas, i c greer, zionville

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES

Rev. Edgar Tufts filled his regular appointments at the "Rock Church" last Sunday and Sunday night. He preached an able sermon at night from the text: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"

Master Carl Francum is convalescing, we are glad to state.

Glenn Francum of Philadelphia is at home at Blowing Rock for a short visit.

Bynum Francum, who is in camp now at Anniston, Ala., was married a few weeks ago to Miss May Racine, of Wilmington, Del. He expects to sail for France next January.

When the people of Blowing Rock learned that Gen. Pershing's troops had gone into the trenches in "No Man's Land" the young men and some of the older men and boys went up on a hill overlooking the village fired a salute with dynamite, built a huge bonfire and celebrated the event in a boisterous but patriotic manner. There were a few of the "fair sex" who showed their patriotism by attending the celebration.

The meeting at Cool Springs Church closed last Friday. There were two candidates received for baptism. The church members were revived and much good, we trust was accomplished.

Rev. G. L. Hodge informs us that he will begin a series of meetings at Laurel Fork Church this week. He is expecting Rev. Mr. Watts from Alexander Co. to assist him.

The people of Blowing Rock are expecting a series of meetings at the Baptist Church to begin tonight. The pastor, Rev. M. A. Adams, will be assisted by Rev. J. C. Owen, of Asheville.

Mr. Thos. Robbins, of Lenoir was in town yesterday. In fact Mr. Robbins visits our town quite frequently. There must be some attraction for him in this village, however, we are always glad to see him, as he is a jolly good fellow and scatters sunshine wherever he goes.

W. M. F.

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REV. JAMES I. L. SHERWOOD.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood, which occurred on Cove Creek last Sunday afternoon. For a number of years Rev. Mr. Sherwood has been one of the leading figures in the movement for the moral and spiritual uplift of the people of Watauga and adjoining counties. He was a man of more than ordinary ability as a preacher of the gospel. His pastoral services have been in demand in this and adjoining counties for many years, and all who knew him loved and respected him. Within the bounds of the Three Forks Baptist Association, where the greater part of his labors have been performed, no minister of the gospel stood higher in the estimation of his brethren than did Mr. Sherwood. From a human standpoint we feel inexpressibly sad that he has gone from us; but in the light of his splendid life and his earnest endeavors to lead others to the higher life, we know that he has only been called from his labors to his eternal reward—the reward of the redeemed. He is dead, yet his influence still survives and we fully believe that his labors and his Godly influence speaking through those who have been led by him to Christ, shall be instrumental in leading to nobler thought and deeper spiritual lives, many yet unborn; and in the great judgment when the final accounting shall be rendered and the force of our influences shall be weighed and measured, we verily believe that many souls shall be laid at the Master's feet as sheaves harvested by the labors of this noble man.

A Horrible Tragedy in Alexander County.

A Statesville dispatch of the 27th says: One of the worst tragedies in the history of this section occurred this afternoon when Carl White, who lives some eight miles north of Taylorsville, became violently demented and killed his wife and two small children. Mr. white was at the home of his father, Mr. W. E. White, who was a former representative in the State senate from Alexander county, when the killing occurred. * * * His brother, L. O. White, of Statesville, and another brother, Mr. Arthur White, cashier of the Bank at Stony Point, were at the spring a short distance away when heard a shot. Going immediately to the house, they beheld the situation.

After shooting his wife and then shooting two of the smaller children, White went down the road where he met a neighbor, told him what he had done, and asked that he be killed. At the same time White made an attempt to strike him. A struggle ensued, but finally the demented man was overcome. He was placed in an automobile and taken to Taylorsville where he was placed in jail for safe keeping.

The dispatch adds that White comes from one of the best families in Alexander county.

[Mrs. White is a daughter of Mr. Thomas S. Watson, of Virgil, this county, and when the appalling news reached him, he left at once for the scene of the fearful tragedy, and late Monday night he returned home bringing with him the ghastly remains of his three loved ones, victims of an insane (?) husband and father. A pitiable case it is if White is really insane, but it he is not, this should be a case for Judge Lynch, if ever such a thing is justifiable. The plea of "insanity" to cover up crime, has become entirely too prevalent and it seems that something must be done to check it.]—Democrat.

At last the news has been heralded throughout the world that our contingent of soldiers in France are now facing the enemy in the trenches, and that 'no man's land,' before the firing line of the Germans, is being invaded by American soldiers.

Personal Property Sale.

We will on the 6th day of November 1917 at our residence 1 mile west of Boone, offer for sale at public auction the following personal property: One good 18 months old colt; two milk cows that will give milk all winter; some farm tools; a lot of feed stuff, such as fodder, hay and straw; our entire corn crop; a few bushels of wheat and buckwheat; about 50 bushels of Irish potatoes; a few gallons of good cane molasses; also our entire household and kitchen furniture and other things too tedious to mention. We will also offer at private sale at any time one Williams grist mill; one 6 horse power gasoline engine and full equipments, all in first class condition. Sale to begin at 10 a. m. Terms made known on day of sale. This October 15th, 1917.

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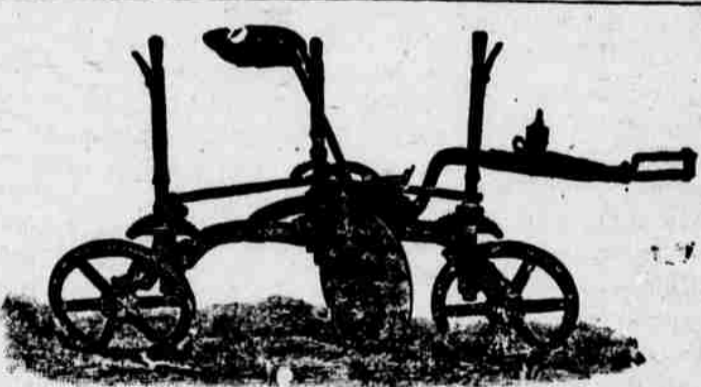
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