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NO MORE OBEY NO, TO ATHEISM RUSSIA THINKING BEAR TOOTH NECKLACE

The Protestant Episcopal Church House of Bishops definitely removed "obey" from the marriage ceremony. Many married folks have already removed it from the routine of daily life, common sense telling them that if marriage is not an equal partnership, it isn't much.

The old idea about women is dying out not too soon. British husbands are no longer allowed by the law to beat their wives with a stick "no thicker than the thumb." The French unwritten law gave fathers authority over their children, according to Westermarck, on the theory that the child was the property of the mother, and the mother was the property of the father.

The Moors, according to the same Westermarck, (see "Origin and Development of Moral Ideas") believed that old men became saints and old women witches.

Blotch of promise cases prove that old men become foolish and old women have to be very patient.

In New York City a group of foolish young men seek to charter a corporation to encourage atheism, and "destroy the power of church and clergy."

Quite a programme, but the joke wouldn't let it go through.

In Russia, on the other hand, a delegation of orthodox priests and bishops begged the Government "For an equal civil status with citizens of the Soviet State."

The priests asked the right to publish religious literature and have for their children (priests of the Greek Church marry) the same education as is given to the children of the peasants. The Russian Government said NO.

Russian women also show intelligence fighting an attempt to reduce the marriage age for girls below sixteen, declaring that a girl of sixteen is "nearly a baby." She is more than that but it is foolish to let her marry younger than sixteen. The right law would be no marriage under twenty.

The mother gives to the child health strength and moral character and many other good qualities. She should wait until strength and health are fully developed.

A man contributes to the child's character and intelligence, if he has any. He should wait until both are fully developed, say until thirty among the mentally poorer sort; fifty—as Plato suggested—among the real intelligent.

An Egyptian, in France, has been found, made of teeth from the cave bear, a necklace 25,000 years old. Passion for adornment is as strong as it ever was. Twenty-five thousand years ago cave women pulled teeth from a dead bear to hang something shiny around their necks. Now pearl divers go "all naked to the hungry sharks" to bring up more expensive necklaces.

An estimable lady just dead in New York State leaves a collection of jewelry worth literally millions of dollars. It couldn't make her look a day younger or any more beautiful. But as with the lady who owned the cave bear teeth necklace, the "urge" was there.

Scientists investigating the alleged transmutation of mercury into gold by a German chemist say the thing has not yet been done.

Gold basis of currency will not be threatened until some genius finds a way to extract gold from the waters of the ocean as they roll through the English Channel, or out of the bay of Fundy.

Every ton of sea water contains fifty milligrams of gold. Not much for a ton, but a good deal if you could

NEWS FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

General News Items Gathered from The School and the Town at Large by Our Regular Correspondent.

In a recent basket ball game between the young team of the Normal and the Mountain City team the former won by a score of 27 to 7.

Rev. James P. Burke, principal of the Valle Crucis School and Rev. J. H. Griffith of Asheville, Archdeacon of the Episcopal Church of Western North Carolina, came to visit the Normal on Monday, then on Thursday Dr. Griffith was at the chapel exercises, conducted devotional service and made an impressive talk to the students. The Normal is glad to have these good men and they will be welcome at any time.

Mr. James Moore sang several solos at chapel on Tuesday to the very great pleasure of those present.

A snow came to this section on the 30th and though rather a light one it indicated that winter is near. The weather has been cool and cloudy for all the days since with considerable rain.

On Tuesday Prof. J. M. Downing of the State Normal, was called to Banner Elk to assist in the burial services for Mrs. Pattie Wetmore who died in the hospital at Banner Elk on the night before. She had been an invalid for about five years. Mrs. Wetmore, known among her friends as "Aunt Pattie" was the widow of Rev. George Wetmore, an Episcopal minister who died a number of years ago. Many of the older people of this county knew as he had preached in Boone for some time. Mrs. Wetmore was a Banner, the daughter of one of the first settlers of Banner Elk. And though the wife of an Episcopal minister she was a life long Methodist, devoted to her church and loved her ministers even down to her last invalid years of nearly 83. All say that she was among the best of women.

The past Sunday was Parents' at the Methodist Church, the week before being Children's week and so on Sunday the Primary Department gave some interesting exercises, and then President Dougherty made a splendid informing and helpful address, just such as he is accustomed to doing. He gave a brief sketch history of the Methodist church for forty years up to the present time, and noted the development, and then spoke in a most encouraging way for the work of the present and the future.

At the preaching hour the Pastor, Rev. Wootley, gave a report of the work of the church for the past year as it was given at the recent conference. The report showed that a few over forty had been added to the church membership during the past year and that the church, as it is accustomed to doing, paid all claims in full. The church is planning well its work for another year. The Sunday School during the past year enrolled more than 480 pupils and paid something over \$1200. The Women's Missionary Society paid over \$500, and progress was shown along about all lines.

The good Baptist people are laying well their plans for another year's work in their church. They have made their usual every member canvass, and of course will do the same splendid work that they are accustomed to do. All the churches in town are in the finest spirit of harmony and when they see the work requires it they will unite their forces and take up the work needed.

A suit has been brought in Washington, D. C. to clear title to a strip of land one and one-half inches wide and one hundred and twenty feet long. It is a portion of the farm of Davy Burns. The White House stands on another section of the same farm.

get it all. There are on earth about one quintillion three hundred and eighty quadrillion tons of sea water, containing about sixty-nine trillion tons of gold. Or one hundred and one thousand two hundred pounds of solid gold for each of the one billion five hundred million men, women, and children on earth.

If each of us owned nothing save his share of the gold that is in the oceans, he would be worth \$48,000,000. However if any man asks you to invest in a plan to get gold from the ocean, arrest him.

JOIN HANDS IN PARK MOVEMENT

States of North Carolina and Tennessee Get Together in Interest of Smoky Mountain National Park

Asheville, November 3.—With the creation by Congress of a National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains of Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina as their objective the two states primarily interested in the project, North Carolina and Tennessee, have joined hands to make the park a reality. During the past week, the organizations which have been working separately toward the same end have organized a joint committee, which will coordinate their efforts. Col. D. C. Chapman of Knoxville, a prime mover in the endeavor to save the Great Smokies from the ravages of the loggers, has been named Chairman of the Interstate Committee, and State Senator Plato D. Ebbs of Asheville, Secretary. The immediate goal of the two organizations, the Great Smoky Mountain Conservation Association of Tennessee, and the North Carolina Park Commission, is to obtain funds to purchase at least a part of the area to be set aside as a park. The goal set by the Interstate Executive Campaign Committee is one million dollars to be raised in the two states. An intensive campaign for North Carolina's share is scheduled to begin late in November. Tennessee's work will begin intensively on December 7th. Campaign offices have been opened in each state. Asheville is the base of operations in North Carolina and headquarters have been established at the rooms of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. At Knoxville where the Tennessee campaign will be centered, offices have been opened in the headquarters of the Knoxville Automobile Club.

The sponsors of the movement to acquire the Park are speeding up their efforts to have a National Park created before the mountains in the proposed park area are further denuded of their forests. The timber interests, which hold the bulk of the park lands, are rapidly encroaching on the primeval forests of the Great Smokies, regarded by botanists as the most remarkable examples of forestation in the western hemisphere. Unless these sections are soon set aside for a Park, it is regarded as inevitable that the beauty of the mountains with their unexampled variety of shrubs and trees will be spoiled by the invading loggers.

The area of the proposed park is roughly a minimum of 135,000 acres. The State of Tennessee through its State Legislature has authorized the purchase of 80,000 acres. It is hoped that funds will be raised in the coming interstate campaign to purchase several hundred thousand acres more and that the interest of the nation can be aroused to provide funds for the balance, or that Congress may make appropriation for that purpose.

The park area, as tentatively planned is located within the confines of Sevier, Monroe, Cooke and Blount Counties of Tennessee, and Swain, Graham and Haywood Counties of North Carolina.

The establishment of the Great Smokies as National Park has the approval of Secretary of Interior, under whose direction the National Parks are administered. A Federal Park Commission, appointed by Secretary Work to select sites for a National Park in the Southern Appalachians, reported that of the sections visited, the Great Smokies "easily stand first because of the height of mountains, depth of valleys, ruggedness of area, and unexampled variety of trees, shrubs and plants." Under an act of Congress, approved by President Coolidge Feb. 21, 1925, appointment of a commission was authorized whose duties were to set the boundaries of such portions of the Great Smoky Mountains as were desirable for park purposes, to receive definite offers of land and money, and obtain options on park lands. An appropriation of \$20,000 for the work of the commission has been authorized, and approved by the President and the Budget Bureau. The Commission which is at work in mapping the boundaries of the proposed Great Smoky Mountains Park is headed by Representative H. W. Temple of Pennsylvania, and is made up of four nationally known park experts, Major W. A. Welch, Manager of Palisades Interstate park of New

DUTCH ANDERSON MEETS HIS DOOM

Notorious Gunman is Shot With Own Weapon in Tilt With Michigan Officer, Dying Officer Avenged.

Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 2.—The inexorable hand of the law has cut the last notch in the gun of the notorious George "Dutch" Anderson; and the notch stuns for Anderson himself. Anderson, gunman-pal of the "super criminal" Gerald Chapman, and the man whose face stares from thousands of "wanted" placards in post-offices and jails across the continent, was dropped by a bullet from his own revolver, wrested from him by Detective Charles Hammond.

Death overtook Anderson Saturday, but it was not until today that he was identified. It was not a clear victory for the law, because Anderson, with his last shot, mortally wounded Detective Hammond, and died with the blood of his last victim oozing into the dirt of an alley a few feet from the heart of downtown Muskegon.

Even as he lay in the morgue Saturday night with his identity unknown he was shrouded in a ghastly glamour not wasted on a thug of lesser record of crime. Police for several hours believed that the dead was Martin Durkin, Chicago's "steel vest" slayer.

Identification of Anderson was made positive today however when it was found that the finger prints and bertillon measurements of the dead man tallied with those of Anderson. A federal operative from Toledo who knew Anderson personally, was expected here tonight to complete the identification.

A box of candy, a \$20 bank note, that was "queer," an astute storekeeper and a straight shooting detective placed roigs in the tragic climax of Anderson's life. It was a strange jest of fate that Anderson, who with Chapman, made a nation gasp four years ago with a dining mail truck hold up in New York and who has been sought everywhere by the crack sleuths of the secret service, should die in a small Michigan City at the hands of a small city detective.

Anderson sealed his doom late on Saturday afternoon when he entered a confectionery store and purchased a box of candy. He tendered a \$20 bill in payment, received his change and sauntered out. It was the same procedure he had followed out in Flint, Lansing, Saginaw and other Michigan cities and towns during the last months, always escaping detection.

He tried the trick once too often. The shopkeeper, skeptical of the bills' genuineness, crossed the street to a bank where the shopkeeper confirmed his suspicions. He called the police and with Detective Hammond walked into the afternoon crowds on Western avenue.

"There's the man," he said, pointing to Anderson.

Hammond collared Anderson and started toward the police station with him. When they had gone a short distance, Anderson jerked away, pulled a revolver and began to fire. The first two shots went wild as Anderson went into an alley. Hammond's own weapon was in his holster, buttoned beneath his coat but he followed his man into the alley in the face of the gun fire. As he grabbed Anderson the latter fired, the bullet penetrating the detective's lungs and liver.

Mortally wounded, Hammond wrestled with Anderson and jerked the weapon from Anderson's hand. He fired one shot. The men fell, almost together.

Patrolman George Thompson, attracted by the shots, ran up to them. "Get him, he got me," Hammond gasped, whereupon Thompson fired a shot into Anderson's body. It was the shot fired by Hammond however that killed the gunman, the bullet striking near the heart.

Hammond, assisted by two officers walked to police headquarters where he turned in Anderson's revolver. He was then taken to a hospital where he died two hours later. He was 42 years old and the father of four children.

York and New Jersey; Harlan P. Kelsey, President of the Appalachian Mountain Club; W. C. Gregg, of the National Parks Service, and Col. G. S. Smith of the United States Geolo-

CONTRACT LET FOR COUNTY PRISON

W. H. Gragg Successful Bidder on New Modern, Fireproof Jail To be Erected Early in the Year.

On Friday last sealed bids for the erection and equipping of the new jail for Watauga County were opened by the Board of County Commissioners. There were four bidders on construction, which means all wood work, brick, cement, plastering, in fact the completed building without equipment. The bidders were: W. H. Gragg and McGhee Brothers of Boone, Foster & Allen of Wilkesboro and Edgar Allen Poe of Lenoir. There was no very great difference in the bidding, all ranging rather close together, but Mr. W. H. Gragg was the winner, his bid being \$18,800. The County Jail Co. of St. Louis will furnish and put in place the series of cells. F. W. Moretz will do the plumbing, the heating plant goes to F. B. Ingalls of Hickory, while our local electricians, Ayers Brothers are awarded the wiring contract, their bid only being fifteen cents below that of electrician Don Farthing of Boone.

The building is to be as nearly fireproof as possible, modern in every detail and the contract calls for the completion thereof in every particular by the fifteenth day of August 1926. Work will not begin until spring according to the Chairman of the board. The funds for the purpose are deposited in the Watauga County Bank until needed, the interest therefrom offsetting the interest accruing on the bonds during the delay. The building, as has been stated before, will be located to the rear of the court house, and will be connected with the "temple of justice" by a gang way leading from the second story to the court room.

Mr. Gragg thinks he may do the excavating as early in the spring as possible, get his material all rounded up ready for quick operation when the opportune time arrives. Gragg is a real builder. Since coming to Boone, he has, with his crew of men, erected as many or more houses as any other man and has never yet failed to finish and deliver the keys on or before the date he obligated himself to do. We can expect, without fear of disappointment, a first class job, and its completion on the date provided for by his bond. The building, ready for occupancy will cost more than \$34,000.

General Survey. The interstate committee of co-ordination consists of six members, three from each state. The Tennessee delegation consists of Col. D. C. Chapman, Chairman of the committee, Major B. A. Morton and Dr. Herbert A. Giff, all of Knoxville. The North Carolina members are State Senator Mark Squires of Lenoir, the Chairman of the North Carolina Park Commission, State Senator P. D. Ebbs of Asheville, Secretary of the Committee, and Charles A. Welch, also of Asheville.

Asheville, Nov. 3.—From an altitude of 12,500 feet above the earth Lieutenant Charles L. Williams, the United States Army Aviator and Sergeant Sam Houston, his aide, have during the past five weeks been engaged in the gigantic task of photographing every square foot of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. First the airplane winged its way around and above the boundaries of the park area, while Sergeant Houston, an expert airplane photographer, took photograph after photograph of the edges of the park domain. Then the task of reproducing the topography of the interior of the park north and south, while each square mile was recorded on the camera lens. The photographs, hundreds of them, are being developed at Langley Field, Va., and when the park is finally covered by the airplane developed pictures will be so cut and fitted together that a great topographic picture of several hundred square feet will be produced.

The job of making this unique map picture that is in part unknown to the eye of man is not yet completed. At least nine more days of clear weather will be needed. Lieutenant Williams, has estimated, to complete the interior. Favorable weather for airplane photography in the Great Smokies is infrequent at this time of the year. Clear, cold days are the best for this work, for dur-

BOY DIES AS AUTO TURNS

Roosevelt Sturgille, Highway Employee, of Hodges Gap Killed Near Winston-Salem.

Roosevelt Sturgille, aged about 21, employe of the state highway commission and a resident of Boone was instantly killed yesterday afternoon about six o'clock when a car in which he was riding with H. M. Pharrington, turned over, pinning him underneath and crushing his skull. The car had turned out of the road to allow a carload of negroes to pass and the rear part of the car driven by Pharrington struck the rear of the car driven by the negroes. Neither car was being driven at a rapid rate it was said.

Sturgille and Pharrington both reside in this city and were working on the road between Yadkinville and Winston-Salem which is now under construction. They were returning from their work and when they reached Patdown the car was moving at a rate of speed not in excess of 25 miles per hour, according to Pharrington. An automobile in which several negroes were riding, was approaching the highway from a side road and was nearly on the road when Pharrington arrived on the scene. Pharrington cut to one side to allow the negroes to pass but apparently did not cut quite enough for the rear of their car struck the rear of his, causing the car to swerve before he could get the roadster into the road it turned over, causing Sturgille's death and spraining Pharrington's left wrist and bruising his body.

The body was brought to Winston by Voglers after they had rushed an ambulance to the scene only to find that the young man had died while it was en route.

Shriffin McCrary left for the scene of the accident shortly after the news reached the city to investigate and place the blame where it should be placed. He found that it was an unavoidable accident and exonerated Pharrington of all blame.

Local undertakers, Foley & Evans arrived in Boone last night with the remains of young Sturgille. Interment will be from the home near Hodges Gap this morning at ten o'clock. Deceased was well and favorably known throughout this section where he has worked until recently, when he was transferred down state. His death comes as a shock to his many friends here, who knew him as a good and honest worker, clear in his habits, and an all round good fellow.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and every one for the kindness shown to us during the sickness, death and burial of our two dear children. May God's richest blessings be with you all is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Greene.

more temperate weather clouds form in the pockets of the mountains and the absence of clouds and of smoke is necessary for the best results. It is possible by means of intricate photographic devices to penetrate the haze that is so common to the mountain area. Lieut. Williams has found that the most favorable time of day to obtain pictures is between 9:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. central standard time.

Both Lieut. Williams, who pilots the plane, and Sergeant Houston the photographer, wear parachutes strapped to their backs while in the air. It has not yet been necessary for them to resort to these extreme devices, but once when flying high over one of the sharp and heavily timbered mountains, the fuel supply was suddenly cut off, and the engine stalled. Just when the pilot was about to give the command to leap, the engine started.

The low temperatures found in the high altitudes from which the photographs are taken requires the airmen to wear fur lined coats. One day this fall it became so bitterly cold that the oil spattering from the engine spattering from the engine froze on Sergeant Houston's camera.

Lieut. Williams was assigned to the task of mapping the boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.