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EXPORTING POWER BOOTLEG. WHY DID I EAT TOO MUCH SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

The Scandinavians run a cable under the water, ship and sell power to Denmark.

There's a hint for New England, especially for Maine, which intelligently plans to harness the great tides in the Bay of Fundy. The Maine export about which we know most is potatoes, excellent seed potatoes. This writer has bought many a barrel.

The "power crop" of Maine should bring to the state millions of dollars every month, without the inconvenience of fighting potato bugs.

Nothing comes suddenly. It took a long time and several revolutions for the humble bourgeoisie to take power from kings, nobles and clerics, thus increasing a thousand fold the number of those with a share in life's good things. And the merchants, the money men, did not gain power except as they learned how to lose it.

The next step along the path of democracy will be another increase in the number of earth's children that share its property. That step will be taken when the great crowd learns how to rule itself, and finds competent leaders that won't betray it.

Our men of power have any influence the change will come a long time hence, and as peacefully as an election in a golf club.

The trouble is that our big men take themselves too seriously, attach to their bank balances more importance than to historical precedents and the rights of others.

Frank Cassie, aged forty five, is arrested for chaining his children to the floor and flogging them with a heavy rope. He beat his wife when she released one of the children, chained down four days. Bootleg we say.

Mrs. Ferguson, Governor of Texas takes prohibition seriously. She wonders why they arrest bootleggers who carry two or three pints for sale, and don't arrest bootleggers worth more than \$5,000.

The lady-Governor has something to learn about American methods. In this country five thousand dollars means protection, five million dollars means immunity.

African savages capture a hippopotamus, eat all their distended stomachs can hold, lie down beside the carcass, sleep, wake, eat more, sleep again and so on.

Some die of praline poisoning as the meat gets bad. The survivors think they have had a good time and give thanks to the pink-nosed idol that they happen to worship.

We improve on the hippopotamus eaters, and the Romans with large marble receptacles to which they returned food previously swallowed, that they might swallow more.

But our eating, like our thinking, and our ideas of justice, is of an age 1,000 years behind our scientific age. We are nearer to cannibalism than to civilization. One-half of the adults do not even know enough to protect their children from the effects of gorging.

New Hampshire revives solitary imprisonment for criminals. For a strong brain solitude is a good thing if not overdone.

Every man worth while seeks mental solitude, difficult to find in this age.

But for the weak criminal brain solitude is dangerous, breeds bitter hatred, leads to insanity.

As well prescribe solitary confinement for a cancer patient as for a criminal.

VALLE CRUCIS COMMUNITY CLUB IN PROGRESSIVE MEETING

The Community Club of Valle Crucis was called together on Monday night by the President C. D. Taylor. Invitations were extended to Messrs. Watt Gragg, Supt. Smith Hagaman and Prof. B. B. Dougherty. The object of the meeting was stated after the house was called to order, and the old song "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was sung and a prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Burke. Then some good music by the Thomas string band was much enjoyed. Speeches were then called for and a number responded. Mr. Gragg spoke of the Building and Loan Association and other interests with which he is connected. Mr. Hagaman spoke of the public schools and education in general. Prof. Dougherty told how he always appreciated an invitation to come to Valle Crucis. He told of the beauties of the Watauga Valley and the river and quoted the gifted Landor C. Haynes. He spoke in a touching manner of the life and death of President Andrew Johnson. He then spoke of the many achievements of the coming of the good roads, and the railroad to Boone, and the many possibilities that await us in the future. He spoke of the proposed E. R. from Shulls Mills to the Beech, which is offered without tax or bonds. All that we are asked for is a right of way, and if we grant the right of way, it will enable us to sell our fine timber, tan bark, paper wood, and furnish work for hundreds of men and a pay roll that will be a great asset to our county. Prof. said he had rather live among the hills of North Carolina as a peasant than to be King of a foreign country, and I want to say that I believe that Prof. Dougherty and his brother D. D. have done more for Boone and Watauga County than any twenty five men who have ever lived within her borders. The State School will ever stand as a monument to their memory and generations yet unborn will sing their praises.

Th eladies were on hand with coffee and cakes and a good time was enjoyed by all. A vote was taken as to who was in favor of the R. R. and it was a unanimous vote for it and not one against it.

The meeting closed sine die with good feelings for everybody except those who oppose the railroad, and we hope that they will repent of their sin and come over on the side of progress and prosperity.

(Signed) J. M. SHULL.

METHODIST NOTES

229 were present at Sunday School last Sunday, 27 were present at the Epworth League and 14 were present at prayer service last Wednesday evening, which was rainy and cold. Large congregations were present at both worship services of the past Sunday. From reports from other Sunday Schools and worship services were well attended. Finally, the people of this community attend church probably more regularly than people do in the average community, but there is always room for improvement.

The women of the Missionary Society report a good meeting on last Monday. New officers were elected and plans for a greater year were made. These women are loyal and are doing a great work.

It is a very evident fact that the choir is doing more work for better music during the worship services. Good music is an essential part of worship, and many churches have sung the gospel even more effectively than it has been preached.

The meeting of the Board of Stewards was not so well attended Monday night, but the meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held.

We have no boom on in our town. This growth is just natural, which growth after all, is the healthy one.

A certain preacher recently preaching a Thanksgiving sermon referred to the coming convention at Memphis Tenn. for young people of the Methodist church as beginning the 39th of December. I am sure his word was doubted at that particular time. The date of the convention is the 31st of December.

Sunday School at Boone Sunday at 9:15.

The Supt. begins on time. Epworth League 6:15.

Watch the League grow.

Preaching at Blowing Rock Sunday morning and evening by the pastor.

EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY PERISHES IN FLAMES OF BURNING BUILDING

One of the worst tragedies to occur in Watauga for many years, was the burning of a barn owned by Mr. Lloyd Green in the Blowing Rock section Monday afternoon. A son of Carrie Hodges, aged eight, lost his life in the conflagration.

Mrs. Green was in the house nearby, when her little daughter and the Hedge boy went out to play, going to the barn. They decided to start a fire therein, and of course the structure with its contents was soon a seething mass of flames. Mrs. Green and the mother of the unfortunate boy arrived on the scene in time to rescue the little girl, but the boy, li-

ely craved by his awful surroundings, rushed into a stall, and of course, was soon dead. After the fire had abated a search was instituted for the remains, and the discovery was a gruesome one. The clothing was all burned from the body, which was beyond recognition. The charred remains were interred in the Hine grave yard one mile west of Boone yesterday.

Mr. Green, who was away from home when the tragedy occurred, is a heavy loser. Aside from the loss of the building, which was a good one, all his feed, one horse, a cow, truck and all his farming implements were destroyed.

ITEMS FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Happenings During the Past Week at the School as Reported to the Democrat Weekly.

School attractions of the most pleasing kind have been in evidence during the past week.

Wednesday morning the Appalachian Literary Society gave a debate at chapel on the subject: "Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished." The argument showed careful study on both sides. One of the three judges was called away before the conclusion, and to the satisfaction of most of the audience the vote stood: Affirmative one, negative one.

On Friday night the high school basketball team played Cove Creek on the home court. A delightful spirit of wholesome rivalry prevailed. The score was in favor of the Appalachian High School.

On Saturday night the young men of the Rankin-Wilson Literary Society entertained the young ladies of the Bian-Dolph Literary Society together with the members of the faculty. A more pleasant evening would be hard to imagine. The artistic decorations, the speeches, humorous and otherwise, the delightful games, and the appropriate refreshments all contributed to an evening outstanding in the college life.

NATIONAL PARK NOTES

Asheville November 30.—With one of its counties already over the top on its quota before the campaign has begun, western North Carolina today faces the task of raising the major portion of the half million dollars that will make a National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains a reality. Asheville and Buncombe county have agreed to raise \$250,000 and the organization which has been set up by J. G. Stikeleather, state highway commissioner and chairman of the organization committee is ready to begin work tomorrow. In the other communities of western North Carolina the local chairmen have been appointed, and it is planned to raise without delay the \$150,000 assigned to this section of the state, outside of Buncombe county.

Already Swain county has raised \$600 more than its allotted amount of \$25,000 and the workers declare that they haven't yet started to work. The most of the subscriptions in that county to date have been large ones and were made at an open meeting at Bryson City last Saturday night.

With State Senator Plato D. Ebbs of Asheville as district chairman, Western North Carolina is fully organized, and dozens of mass meetings have been held to stimulate interest. The women's clubs are taking up the task of raising their share of the fund under the direction of Mrs. Charles M. Platt of Asheville.

In Asheville and Buncombe county the campaign organization is headed by Don Elias, local chairman, and the women's division is led by Mrs. C. C. Hamilton, president of the Asheville Federation of Womens Clubs. A childrens division has been organized to allow the young folks to contribute, and Jack and Billy Faulkner the ten year old twin sons of Abner W. Faulkner, president of the Brown Motor Company, were the first to come forward, each with a contribution of ten dollars to the fund.

MINISTERS HAVE GOOD MEETING

Ministerial Association Plans Christmas Program. Will Receive Offerings for Empty Stocking Fund.

The Ministerial Association convened Monday morning at the usual time in a very enthusiastic and cooperative meeting, the attendance being made up by ministers of the community. Plans for cooperation involving the local community were discussed and made as follows: On the Thursday night before Christmas day we want to have a program for the entire community. The program will be composed of songs by a community choir and speeches from one representative of each denomination, hearing upon the significance of Christmas, followed by the plan of the White Christmas, which is that all bring their offerings forward to go to the community chest or Empty Stocking fund. This fund will be in the hands of a committee for disbursements to those in need or to any worthy community cause in the county. Remember the date, Thursday night before Christmas day. The program of the service will be published in next week's paper.

F. M. HUGGINS, President
M. B. WOOSLEY, Secy.

NEWS OF BLOWING ROCK

Postmaster Robbins has gone to New York for a few days on business.

Ex-Sheriff Deaton of Statesville was a business visitor in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Panella left Saturday for Virginia where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Panella's parents.

Mrs. Ernestine Alexander and children left Wednesday for Charlotte where they will spend the winter.

Miss Rosella Coffey left last Sunday for a few days visit in Hickory. She will also visit relatives near Morganton.

Miss Dorothy Hayes has returned home after spending about two weeks with friends in Newberry S. C. and Charlotte.

Mr. Cliff Tuttle of Hickory was a visitor in town Thursday.

Miss Lucy Williams who has been in Warrington, Va. going to school came home last week on account of some nose and throat trouble. She will leave this week for a hospital in Greensboro where she will undergo an operation.

The Katty Klub met with Miss Dorothy Hayes last Friday evening at her home on Main Street. The living room was very attractive with bowls of narcissus and yellow and white chrysanthemums. Cards were played and several piano solos were given by Miss Lillian Johnson, Annie Lee Crisp and Dorothy Hayes.

Miss Helen Coffey was cordially received as a new member of the club. Delightful refreshments were served consisting of Jello with whipped cream, fruit cake and cocoa. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The club will meet next Friday evening with Miss Mary Holsouser.

There will be a box supper next Saturday night December 12th in the building adjoining the Carolina Store the proceeds of which will go to a young man in the community to help pay his expenses for a few weeks treatment in Johns Hopkins Hospital.

COVE CREEK PARENT TEACHERS MEETING

The Parent-Teacher Association met Friday afternoon in the home of the president Mrs. L. S. McBrine, the vice-president, Prof. S. F. Horton, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary Miss Gertrude Barry. Brief speeches were made by practically everyone present. The following program for Friday January 8, 1926 should be of interest to us all, both parents and teachers:

Topic: How May We Attain the Higher Ideals of Citizenship?

1. State why the following qualities are indispensable to good citizenship: Health, honesty, self control, intelligence, unselfishness, appreciation of simple pleasures.

Health, Dr. W. O. Singham
Honesty, Mr. D. C. Mast
Self control, Mr. J. B. Horton
Intelligence, Mr. W. F. Sherwood
Unselfishness, Mr. J. S. McBride
Appreciation of simple pleasures, Mr. Don J. Horton.

2. What Principles of the School Curriculum May be Made Most Helpful in Teaching Higher Ideals? by Professor S. F. Horton.

3. What Bearing upon Good Citizenship has the Present Day Attitude Toward Work? Professor J. F. Spain born, Jr.

4. What Bearing upon good citizenship has the Present Day Tendency Toward Excessive Living? Professor Dean Swift.

LOCAL STORES IN GALA ATTIRE AS HOLIDAYS DRAW NEAR

There has never been, in the history of Boone such a display of Christmas goods as now adorn the stores of our progressive merchants. They have largely monopolized the space in this edition, and have paid their good money to tell you what they have for you. Mr. Preventie of Blowing Rock and the Valle Crucis Company, are also offering some great inducements for shoppers. The publishers regret their inability this week to enlarge the edition so as to include a more liberal amount of news matter.

THE NEWS OF SILVERSTONE

The Sunday School at Pleasant Grove is progressing fine. The attendance is regular with Mr. Eva Wilson as Superintendent. We are getting ready for a singing school through the holidays.

On roads are getting very muddy in this community. Almost impossible to travel.

Mr. John A. Beach is doing a very good business in the mercantile line since he purchased the J. B. Miller firm.

Mr. Thurn Isaacs has an auction sale December 8th. He is moving to Morganton, N. C. We are very sorry to see him leave the community.

Miss Vera Byers is ill this week with influenza.

The school at Silverstone will close December 18th with a very successful term with Miss McMillan, Miss Jennie Mast and Miss Retha Harman as teachers.

Beautiful and Rich



Most of us would be satisfied with either, but little Patricia Mountbatten, shown here with her mother, Lady Mountbatten, has both. Reputed to be the richest baby in the world, the future heiress of the \$100,000,000 estate of her great grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassell.

BOONE MEMORIAL ROAD PROPOSED

Movement Started to the End that Boone Trail Highway May Continue to San Francisco.

The following clipping from a Detroit, Mich. paper has been sent by a subscriber:

A movement to build a trans-continental highway in honor of Daniel Boone along the trail blazed by him in 1780 from the west, is being sponsored by the Boone Trail Highway Association, which has its headquarters in Winston-Salem, N. C. The trail, as proposed by the association will follow North Carolina near the graves of Boone's parents, where he suffered in his western journey, and will end at San Francisco. "The End of the Trail," never reached by the pioneer, exists in his dreams.

The prime object of the association in building the highway is to put a new emphasis on the work of the American pioneer in his trail-blazing achievements, and to give a new interest to school histories and the general public by making the proposed highway reflect the stories of the early history of the country.

One step in the plan is to erect a memorial tablet at places along the proposed highway which were closely identified with Boone's blazing of the trail to the west. A similar tablet will be placed at the end of the trail in San Francisco, probably at the foot of the statue of James Earl Frazer. The tablet will show Boone sitting on a boulder, gun in hand and his dog at his side. His face turned to the west. At the foot of the tablet will be Boone's signature, taken from the old court records at Salisbury, N. C.

The proposed highway will pass through Winston-Salem, Wilkesboro, Boone, N. C., reaching by way of Spence, Pine, through Tennessee and Cumberland Gap, Mount Vernon, Richmond, Lexington, Harrodsburg, Frankfort, Louisville, Ky., Vincennes Ind., Salem, Ill., St. Louis, Columbia, Kansas City, and on toward the Pacific ocean, ending in San Francisco.

ATTENDED BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. N. Hahn and family left Monday for Hickory to attend the birthday dinner and family reunion of his mother, Mrs. J. Lee Hahn, who was 80 years old Tuesday. There were some thirty or forty relatives that came with loaded baskets of everything that was good to eat and (2 o'clock Tuesday all gathered around the bountiful table, and after grace led by P. C. Hahn, an uncle who is 74 years old, everyone partook of the elegant supply of good eats spread before them, to the fullest extent. It was a great day for Mrs. Hahn to have all her children and near relatives pay her this homage, and after several hours of joy and conversation covering old times, the children and invited guests returned to their homes, feeling that the day was happily spent by the aged mother, and wishing that she might have many more happy birthdays.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

There will be a community prayer service at the Baptist church next Wednesday night December 16th after which there will be a choir practice preparatory to the Christmas community program to be held at the court house Thursday night before Christmas Day. All are invited.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

to Near East Relief Fund which will be published in the Democrat each week:

W. H. Gragg \$2.00
Rev. Downum 2.00
Mrs. J. S. Stanbury 1.00
Mail your donation to Edw. N. Hahn, County Chairman Near East Relief, Boone, N. C.

MUSIC RECITAL

There will be a recital by the music students and the A. S. N. S. chorus in the A. S. N. S. auditorium on Monday night December the fourteenth at seven-thirty. The public is cordially invited.