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THE MONKEYS TRIED IT IMAGINATION'S POWER CORN LOW, HOGS HIGH ZERO WILL HELP

Charles Garland, an earnest young New Englander inherited a young for tune, refused at first to take the money, saying no man had a right to money not earned. He changed his mind and drifted into a side track. Convinced perhaps, that he was an original thinker, he decided that marriage was an unnecessary institution. Now he is arrested because a young child born on his farm died, having for its mother an unmarried girl.

The young man should realize that his experience was tried by our alleged simian ancestors for thousands of years before man appeared, and abandoned by our human ancestors of 100,000 years ago.

Not to do away with marriage, but to make men WORTHY of it, is the task of the human race. "Away from the monkey" is a better motto than "Back to nature."

Imagination is more powerful than fact. James Dempsey, not the Dempsey you mean owns a restaurant. Two men entered, help him up, he delivered his money.

A policeman dashed in, arrested the man, pointing the gun at Dempsey. The only gun was two fingers that had been pointed.

The second man escaped came back that afternoon, pointed one finger at Dempsey and the latter gave up what money he had.

Corn prices are low, "hogs are high." This puzzles farmers and the packers. Corn and hog prices should go up and down together, since the pig is really corn changed into meat. There is always something to puzzle and disturb the farmer. He has no sufficient national organization and a ter election day he hasn't much influence in government, compared with railroads and other big financial units.

At the midday luncheon club in New York you can see eating at the same time those that control ten thousand millions of dollars. Farmers are scattered all over the land, and if you could get them together there wouldn't be any hall that could hold them.

Uncle Sam is riding along on velvet. Severe competition abroad in the world markets at home is said to be ahead of our producers. But everything, including Providence, seems to be with us now.

Citizens of Minnesota get from their state University interesting information about their state. It contained the beginning of life on this planet, in the form of algae, two hundred million years ago. The first life came as soon as the earth's temperature fell below the point of boiling.

One of the first real animals was an ancestor of our frogs and salamanders, living on land and in water, with a foot four inches in diameter. It is from the five toes of the salamander you know, that we get the five fingers on each hand, according to the evolutionists.

Mathematicians wish that the salamander had six toes. That would have given us the duodecimal system instead of the decimal system, twelve having four divisors, ten having only two.

Mr. Green of the American Federation of Labor, predicts an early end of the coal strike now distressing the East and other parts of the country. The thermometer at zero may help Americans are docile as Northcliffe said. You must pinch their fingers with the cold or pinch their pockets hard to make them take action.

And unlike mine workers and owners the people are not organized.

Diner—"Say waiter this roast beef tastes like mutton."

Waiter—"Sorry, but by mistake I gave you another man's pork."

SWEET CLOVER A GOOD SOIL BUILDER AND DAIRY FEED

Sweet clover is becoming very popular as a soil builder and an excellent dairy feed. Sweet clover is already being grown on a few Watauga county farms and we know it will produce a fine crop and the best of grazing if handled correctly.

I am asking the Watauga Democrat to publish the following article for the benefit of those who are growing sweet clover and for those who are planning on sowing this year.

H. L. WILSON

Hoard's Dairyman:—There are three counties in the United States, according to L. W. Kephart of the forage crops division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which have been especially active in the growing and utilization of sweet clover—counties which are outstanding. These are Grundy County, Illinois; Cass County, North Dakota; and Pottawattamie County, Iowa. It was with this fact in mind that Mr. Kephart came to Pottawattamie County a few weeks ago in company with H. D. Hughes and F. S. Wilkins of the Iowa State College, to meet some of the sweet clover growers. The writer had the privilege of accompanying them on the trip.

It was significant that every man visited was an enthusiastic booster for this league, notwithstanding the fact that there had been some trouble from bloating of cattle on sweet clover pasture. Probably no man visited was more impressed with the value of sweet clover than George Osborne. Annually Mr. Osborne sows from 125 acres to 225 acres of the crop. Mr. Osborne's experience is that of a man who came to the present farm a few years ago, badly in debt. For that reason he farmed the land to the limit, getting all he could from the fields without replenishing the soil fertility. He is now putting needed fertility back into the soil by using sweet clover.

Speaking of his experience with the crop Mr. Osborne said: "I figure that for every dollar invested in sweet clover seed there is \$5.00 returned. One cannot lose. It is a wonderful investment."

Last year Mr. Osborne sowed sweet clover seed on his winter wheat land scattering the seed on the field during the winter months in the snow. He took off a fair crop of wheat and in the fall cut the sweet clover for hay. It yielded two tons per acre and was sold for \$10 a ton, making a return of \$20 per acre. He has never yet failed to get a stand of sweet clover on winter wheat land. Mr. Osborne has had some experience with clover but has never observed clover where the cattle were pasturing on a combination of oats and sweet clover. When the two crops are harvested and threshed together, it makes a very appetizing feed for both dairy and beef cattle, and it is consumed readily. Mr. Osborne runs a threshing machine during the fall months and has had occasion to note that on the farms where he has been threshing for many years and which are now growing sweet clover that the yields of grain are much better than before this crop was grown.

Richard Orr is another sweet clover grower who knows the value of this legume. Mr. Orr has observed the great growth of sweet clover along the railroad track. He dug up some of the plants one day and noted that there were nodules on the roots similar to those growing on red clover. No one knew much about sweet clover at that time except that it was a weed in the opinion of most farmers. If red clover builds up soil fertility, why should not sweet clover do the same, was the way that Mr. Orr reasoned. He therefore gathered some of the seeds from the stray sweet clover plants and sowed the seed in a field which was afterward put into corn. The corn was much better in yield on this land than on similar land where the sweet clover had not been grown.

That experience made Mr. Orr a perennial sweet clover grower. He told us that sweet clover in his locality would carry three head of cattle per acre. He pastured 83 head one year on 50 acres and it was impossible for the animals to prevent it from getting too rank. Sweet clover, according to Mr. Orr, has a place on his farm that no other crop can fill.

At the Pottawattamie County farm devoted to the care of the county's poor, Ed. Hewitt, farm manager, proved to be a real booster for sweet clover. When he came to the farm, it was badly run down and at the earliest opportunity he began the growing of sweet clover and alfalfa, until now the farm is in a high state of fertility. Sweet clover pasture has been used for the dairy herd on this farm to good advantage. There has been no trouble with the milk being tainted. Mr. Hewitt has had no trouble with sweet clover bloat. He has never had any trouble with volunteer sweet clover although most of what

BOONE RANKS HIGH IN NUMBER OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

Dr. J. D. Rankin of the State Normal has been investigating the proportion of college graduates as compared with the average in the United States. He finds the average for the United States to be one college graduate for every 89 inhabitants in 1925, the average in the town of Boone to be one for every 70 inhabitants, not including any one connected with the Normal, the High School or the Demonstration School. To include the students and faculty in the population of the town the proportion would be one college graduate for every 39 inhabitants. Of course the county would not average the same as the town, as it would not anywhere but at the same time there is considerable number of college graduates in the various sections of the county, possibly averaging fairly well with any of the counties. And these graduates are from four year standard colleges.

The proportion of college graduates for Boone, not including the Normal and other schools, may be a surprise to many who have a wrong idea of the mountain section in general, and this may especially be a surprise to those writers and their friends who have been writing and reading exaggerated reports of the mountain people. Now these reports are doubtless true in certain rare and isolated cases, but these writers take these isolated cases as typical cases of the condition of the mountain people in general, which is fair neither to the mountain people nor to those for whom they write, for it gives wrong impressions. The writer was not reared in the mountains but has spent more than fifteen years in them and so can speak freely without being accused of acting selfishly.

The real fact about the matter is that the mountain people are about like those of other rural sections of our own state and other states, except that they are a purer Anglo-Saxon type, and striving against odds in a more difficult situation, but at the same time amid the grandest of the wonderful scenery around them, they are more strongly developed in body and mind, and many of them in soul, so that a large number of them when they come in competition with those from other sections, easily stand first. This is not simply talk, for this writer knows what he is talking about. The noted men in various walks of life who have gone from the mountains will fully establish this fact. So it seems that it is time for those who propose to write about the mountain people, to first get the facts as they are, not what they have heard some tell nor the facts of isolated cases used simply to please some and amuse others, but the real average cases as they exist today, not years ago.

Those who wish to test the facts above stated can, if they come to this section, be shown as splendid country homes and well developed communities as can be found on an average in almost any section.

J. M. D.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Mrs. Roy Johnson was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Club Jan. 22, in honor of her mother-in-law Mrs. B. G. Johnson of Aberdeen, Wash. A most pleasant afternoon was spent in lively conversation, and applying the needle to different kinds of pretty fancy work.

Delicious refreshments consisting of cream chicken in patties, lettuce salad, hot rolls, coffee and doughnuts were served. Other guests were Mrs. McDonald of South Dakota and Mrs. W. J. Miller.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. David Greene February 5.

PROGRAM—FIFTH SUNDAY

- Boone Baptist Church January 31st
1. Sunday School 10 a. m., usual time. Special music.
 2. A standard Sunday School by I. G. Greer 20 minutes.
 3. Six-point-record System by Mrs. J. A. Williams (10 minutes).
 4. How Can We Increase Our Attendance by Chas. Younce (5 minutes).
 5. How Can we Increase the Interest in Our Sunday School by Clyde Greene (5 minutes.)

he plows under is plowed under in the fall.

These three examples give an index of what Pottawattamie County folks think of sweet clover. Scores of the farmers make it a practice to sow sweet clover and feed it with all their small grain. They find that it pays.

Nebraska. H. H. Bigger.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Mr. R. Y. Corbett, a student in the Normal has a bee yard, about 200 stands, near his home on the coast. During his spare hours from school he is taking orders for honey. He has supplied the stores and many families. Mr. Corbett is interested in establishing a bee yard here during the coming summer. Through him the Normal has a barrel of honey stored away in the cold storage for the summer folks. Mrs. Corbett is also a student in the Normal. There are a number of couples taking work. The school authorities are planning to build a number of small cottages to accommodate married people who desire to attend the Normal.

There are twenty five registrations for the summer term. These are coming in early. The authorities predict a record breaking attendance during the summer term. There will be ample room for all who desire to attend. The new dormitory will add accommodations for 150 women.

Eight years ago, with very little cost, a two story wooden building was erected for shop work. The first floor was used for a ball court. This served very well until a year ago the modern gymnasium at a cost of fifty thousand dollars was ready for use. A few hundred dollars is now being expended on this old building to make a skating rink. It is wonderful what a little work and paint will do for an old building. It has never been the policy of the Normal to destroy any building. Watauga Academy, the first building that was ever erected will be used. The old Lovell Home is being used for a hospital. The old Administration building is being used as an apartment house.

The many friends of Hon. F. A. Linney and family in Boone and all over the state deeply sympathize with them in the death of Mr. Linney's brother Dr. E. Z. Linney of Charlotte. Dr. Linney was buried in Taylorsville and several friends of the family from Boone attended the funeral.

Several basket ball games have been played recently by the Normal teams. On Friday night Crossnore played the team in the gymnasium here, the score being 29 to 35 for the Crossnore boys. On Saturday night hot h the young ladies and the young mens teams went to North Wilkesboro to play the teams there. The result of the scores were, for the ladies 6 to 18 in favor of the Normal team and for the young men 29 to 36 in favor of the Normal.

AGED CONFEDERATE, H. K. THOMAS, SUCCUMBS

Mr. H. K. Thomas of Mountain City, Tenn., passed away on January 5th, at the advanced age of 80 years.

Mr. Thomas was a Confederate soldier, having served in the 58th North Carolina Regiment and was associated with Captain Beaman, a native of this county.

Among those comrades who survive in this county are Elijah Norris and Harvey Davis.

Deceased was confined to his room for a number of months and his suffering was intense. Remains were interred in Mountain View cemetery, Mountain City, the services being in charge of Revs. Worley, Cox and Shale.

Surviving are a widow and a number of children.

SAUNDERS OF VIRGINIA TO VISIT CHEESE FACTORIES

Mr. Saunders who has charge of the cheese work in Virginia will spend a few days in Watauga County visiting cheese factories. He is interested in knowing what we are doing and how we are doing it. Mr. Saunders has been in the cheese work for several years and may have something to say that will be interesting to patrons of Watauga factories.

He will arrive in Boone Jan. 29 and will attend the annual meeting of the Cove Creek Cheese factory on January 30.

H. L. WILSON,
Cheese Specialist.

"OUT OF COURT"

A play in four acts "Out of Court" will be given in the auditorium of the Cove Creek High School on Saturday night January 30, at 7 o'clock. This play is presented by members of the Junior class. The admission fee of 35 cents adults and 10 cents children, will be used towards paying for the piano which was purchased last fall.

THE NEWS OF VALLE CRUCIS

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mast returned from their Florida trip full on enthusiasm and advising their friends to go and do likewise.

J. L. Tester has been given supervision of the construction work on highway 69 between Valle Crucis and Vilas. Weather permitting the work will be resumed this week.

Misses Ellie Hefner and Susie Taylor went to Charlotte for the week end. They made their trip via Morganton where Miss Hefner is having a bungalow built.

Mr. Alfred Yates is very in at the home of his son Thomas Yates. Owing to his age of 89 years and the nature of his illness his recovery is doubtful.

T. W. Taylor returned from a business trip last week.

The Thomas Orchestra, composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, their two sons and little daughters and James Tester, gave a concert at the school house Saturday night. Using eight different instruments they played many of the old tunes familiar in the mountains. Mr. John H. Bingham made an address in which he warned the boys and girls of the small beginnings which lead into the downward path.

The Rev. J. P. Burke returned last week from a nine days trip to his old home in Bessemer City and several other cities of the state.

Miss Nannie Taylor has returned to her work at Charlotte.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN NOTES

Miss Pearl Hodges, teacher of the Light Bearers Class will be back from her trip to Florida where she spent a delightful vacation. She will have charge of her class on Sunday and a full attendance is hoped for.

Rev. R. N. Baldwin will preach at both services on Sunday. His morning sermon subject will be "Judaic Christianity." His evening subject will be "The Council at Jerusalem."

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Elder Baldwin will preach at Cove Christian church. He will use for his subject for this afternoon sermon, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" He has been asked to preach a series of sermons on evolution at this church and he will start this series on Sunday afternoon with the above named subject.

METHODIST NOTES

The writer attended the Laymen's Conference at Raleigh last week, therefore the notes failed to appear in last issue of the Democrat.

Quite a long article appeared in the monthly paper of Lees-McLean Institute, Banner Elk, about Mr. R. C. Rivers, who always has a warm feeling in his heart for the Grandfather orphanage, and who remembered the Children at that place on Christmas. The Grandfather Orphanage is not a Methodist institution but all feel a personal interest in its welfare, because of the noble work it is doing in this section of the county. Mr. Rivers receives our compliments for his thoughtful spirit.

136 were present at Sunday school last Sunday. It was reported that there were 214 at the Baptist church. The writer has not heard from the other schools of the town, but one may imagine that about the usual number of persons went to Sunday School last Sunday. "I don't mind the weather if the wind don't blow" is an old saying conveying a pretty good truth, but the wind was blowing and the Sunday Schools went on. Let's sing a song for the people who try to keep the moral standards high in spite of rain or sunshine, clouds or storms.

Sunday School Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching by the Presiding Elder Rev. Seymour Taylor at 11 a. m.

The second quarterly meeting Sunday evening.

Epworth League 6:45 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7 p. m.

BOY SCOUTS OF THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

Troop one met Tuesday evening, January 19th. Mr. Winkler had charge of the meeting.

For devotional exercises the boys repeated the Scout Oath and Laws.

The boys were divided into two groups to prepare for the second class test that will be given next month.

Each group will prepare a plan for the Scout Cabin which we hope to build this summer.

After this the boys played many interesting games. The Wolf Patrol took some of the first aid work that is required of the Scouts.

All of the boys who have passed their twelfth birthday are invited to come around to our meetings.

CHARLIE ISAACS RECOVERING FROM GUN SHOT WOUNDS

Latest information is to the effect that the condition of Charlie Isaacs, who was seriously shot by Clinton Campbell Saturday night near Mabel more favorable, and that it is now believed he may recover.

The story as we have it is like this. Isaacs, his brother and sister, Campbell and others had come from their homes to the school house at Mabel where they spent the evening enjoyably together. Songs, games and other innocent pleasures were enjoyed and the young people parted. Campbell and the Isaacs girl walked up the road some distance, he insisting on accompanying her on foot, leading his horse to her home. The Isaacs boys and possibly others, overtook the couple in a car. One of the boys got out, took his sister by the arm and assisted her into the rear seat of the auto, not wanting her to take the long walk back home. Campbell followed on horseback fired a shot through the rear of the car, passing through Charlie Isaacs' right leg, and supposedly lodging in his liver.

The injured man was taken to the home of Dr. F. M. Greer where he has been receiving medical attention.

Campbell fled, and a vet has not been apprehended.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. A program has been prepared for the 11 o'clock hour. Helpful speeches will be made on Sunday School work. We hope to have all our people out for this service.

Invitation is extended to people throughout the county to come and enjoy the program with us.

The committee thought it not best to attempt a regular Fifth Sunday meeting program, but extend invitation to all who can come.

The Snow

"How beautiful was the snow falling all day long, all night long on the roofs of the living, on the graves of the dead." Snow is not only beautiful, but it is the scriptural emblem of purity. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." One recalls the lines of that old song, "Whiter than snow, the beautiful snow." Nothing in our material world is cleaner than the snow falling on the face of Grandfather uplifted to the sky. Yet it is not absolutely pure. But the soul cleansed by "the precious blood of Jesus Christ" is whiter than the whiter snow. It is a moral and spiritual cleansing which reaches every avenue of the life. In this mid winter season when the elements are filled with its conning flakes, and the valleys and mountain sides are covered with its blankets of white, should it not inspire us with a desire for inward cleansing? A moral cleansing of the life, a cleansing of the town, and surrounding sections from sin in all of its ugly and hideous forms. Bootleg liquor which destroys the body, mind and soul should find no quarter in our section. The sentiment of the citizens of Boone and Watauga County should be so strong against the making and selling of liquor that the officers of the law would find it easier to enforce the law and that we may get rid of its effects. Other forms of evil use of rebaking and will be when the moral and spiritual cleansing comes upon all, making us "whiter than snow."

F. M. HUGGINS.

A SOUTHERN NATIONAL PARK

Tacoma (Wash.) Daily Ledger. The eastern part of the United States has only one real national park the Lafayette Park in Maine. There are a number of military parks such as the battlefields of Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Chattanooga, Shiloh and a few others.

Now there is a movement started to establish a national park in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee in the region of the Great Smoky Mountains. It is claimed that this is one of the greatest sites for a southern national park because of the height of the mountains, the depth of the valleys and the beauty and variety of the flowers, trees and shrubs all through the section.

One plan proposes the purchase of the site for presentation to the national government. Citizens of the region are eagerly advocating that. They are proud of the scenic attraction of the place, and they know that the establishment of a national park there will bring a lucrative tide of tourists.

Citizens elsewhere too, ought to do anything possible to encourage the proposal. We can use more national parks and there is still plenty of splendid scenery available for such use. Every section of the country should be represented with its share of national parks and the people of every section ought to plan at some time in their lives to visit all the others. These fine public play grounds are ideal recreation places.