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POISON LIQUOR KILLS MANY

Four-Day Toll Reaches Total of 39; Score of the Deaths Occur in Buffalo, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 25.—While the police and prohibition enforcement agents in this district were trying to locate the source of the supply of wood alcohol that had caused nearly a score of deaths in this city and nearby Canadian cities over the week-end, the death list today was increased by seven—four in Buffalo and three in Luperon. Dispatches from Toronto list 13 fatalities, making the total for the three cities 39.

Thirteen of the poison victims lived in this city, their deaths covering a period of four days.

As the result of the police investigation, Carl Maeschoss, from whom two of the victims are alleged to have bought the poison liquor, was arrested, and is being held on an open charge. He made a sworn statement in which he avowed that the liquor retailed at his place was bought from James Koelker, seized by the police to be a wholesale distributor of alcohol.

It has been suggested that all soft drink places in Buffalo be closed.

SERIES OF ACCIDENTS ON BOONE TRAIL HIGHWAY

The Boone Trail through Watauga has been the scene of three near tragedies within the past few days. On Saturday a Ford "skeeter" overturned with Mr. Chas. Henson on One Creek. Result, one broken arm, the other dislocated, to say nothing of minor bruises and scratches. A lady and gentleman from Bristol were driving up Brushy Fork Sunday afternoon when their car left the road and "made for the woods." Both occupants of the car were badly bruised but no bones broken. The same evening a touring car loaded with tourists from Johnson City overturned near Deep Gap. Three of the occupants of the car were badly bruised, two seriously hurt. Six in all were given surgical aid at the Watauga hospital. Mr. Henson, the most severely hurt of those involved in the series of accidents, is, we are told, getting on very nicely, his injuries considered.

PREMIUMS FOR WATAUGA FARMERS AT FORSYTH FAIR

Farmers of Watauga county are offered many premiums for products by the Winston-Salem and Forsyth county fair, which will be held in the Town City October 5 to 8. Following is a list of the prizes offered exclusively to Watauga farmers:

Best general farm display—1st premium, \$75; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$35.

Best display of apples—1st, \$100; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$25.

Special premiums—Best corn, \$54; best wheat, \$54; best oats, \$20; best rye, \$20; best Irish potatoes, \$20.

Forsyth county will not be permitted to compete with Watauga county on the above premium list.

It is further announced that all school children from Watauga county will be admitted to the fair grounds free of charge on October 8th.

UNION VESPER SERVICES

The union vesper services which have been conducted in the open air just to the rear of the Methodist church on the past two Sunday evenings have been a greater success than had been anticipated. On the evening of the 18th the crowd numbered 350 adults by actual count. Last Sunday there were more than 500 adults present.

Rev. W. C. Goode, a Methodist minister of Blowing Rock, who has recently returned from an extended study and travel in Europe, and who just prior to going to Europe, spent some time at Harvard University, spoke last Sunday night on the subject, "Carried Away in the Spirit." It was a great sermon, full of truth and tenderness. He spoke in the interest of a more united protestant movement for Christ and righteousness, and his effort was well received by the large audience which heard him.

Next Sunday evening, Eld. R. N. Baldwin, pastor of the Advent Christian church, has been selected by the Pastors' Association to preach. He has chosen for his subject for this occasion, "What Think Ye of Christ?" It is hoped by the pastors that a large congregation hear this sermon, as it is calculated to increase the spiritual life of all Christians.

New Bern, N. C., July 27.—Six young Ouslow county white men are held in jail at Jacksonville without bail as material witnesses in connection with the death of Ellis Hollis, 17, whose mutilated body was found in New River a few miles from Jacksonville Monday morning. The boy's throat was cut and the skull fractured and the chest badly lacerated.

Elk's New Chief



Charles H. Brakelow of Philadelphia has just been chosen without opposition, to be the new Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks. This is his seventh term as head of his local order and he has served 3 terms as Grand Exalted Esquire.

SON OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN DIES AT AGE OF EIGHTY-THREE

Robert Todd Lincoln Was Last Member of Civil War President's Family

Manchester, Vt., July 26.—Robert T. Lincoln, only surviving son of President Abraham Lincoln, was found dead in bed at his summer home here today. His death was discovered by servants who went to call him.

According to custom servants went to call him at 9 a. m., and it was then that his death was discovered. A physician said he probably had died some hours before. He came to Hillside, the summer place that he had made his home for a quarter of a century, during the middle of May. Since then he had gone out only once daily for an automobile ride. He took his customary ride yesterday.

One of his two daughters, Mrs. Charles Isham, of New York, was at her summer home here. Two of his three grandchildren, Mary Beckwith and James Beckwith, the children of his other daughter, Mrs. F. E. Johnson, of Washington, came to Hillside a few days ago.

He is survived also by his widow and a third grandchild, Lincoln Isham, of New York city.

Mr. Lincoln, who had served as secretary of war, minister of Great Britain and for years as president of the Pullman Company, of late had been in feeble health. He would have been 83 years old on August 1.

MCKINLEY SPENT BIG SUM IN ILLINOIS PRIMARY

Chicago, July 27.—Senator William B. McKinley's unsuccessful campaign for renomination in the recent Illinois senatorial primary cost him personally \$350,000, it was disclosed before the senate campaign funds committee today.

This compares with the \$253,000 which Allen E. Moore has testified was the total expended on behalf of Frank L. Smith, who defeated McKinley. Each sum is considerably in excess of the \$195,000 outlay for Thurman H. Newberry in Michigan, which the senate formally condemned in the resolution by which Newberry was confirmed in his right to a seat. Counting the \$20,000 which Geo. E. Brannan, Democratic national committeeman, has told the senate investigators he spent to win the Democratic senate nomination, the total expenditure in the contest for the senate developed during the two days of the inquiry here is \$623,000.

MANY DEATHS CAUSED BY LAST WEEK'S HEAT

According to a survey of the United Press last Thursday, more than 100 people perished from the intense heat which was broken Saturday. Fifty are reported to have died in the mid-west; 12 in New York City, New Jersey and New York State; six in New England; 17 in Ohio and five in Washington, D. C. Three deaths were reported in North Carolina and two in Virginia.

Palm Beach, Fla., July 27.—Property damage aggregating more than a million dollars was reported at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach today caused by a hurricane which came in from the Caribbean Sea. Forty yachts and houseboats sank in Lake Worth, a body of water between Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. The wooden bridge over Lake Worth also was washed away. Ocean front properties in both towns were damaged considerably. The wind velocity was seventy miles.

Eleven club members of Henderson county sold \$59.57 worth of produce from their club gardens at the Hendersonville club market in recent weeks.

Annual Masonic Picnic Here Tuesday, Aug. 3

The annual Masonic picnic of the various lodges of Watauga county will be held here next Tuesday, August 3rd, at which time the Oxford Orphanage singing class will be present and render a program. The address will be delivered by Dr. J. E. Abernethy, of Statesville. The proceeds from the dinner and concert given by the Oxford class will go to the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford.

The following is the program arranged by the committee:

1. Masons meet at hall at 9:30 o'clock for instructions and to receive regalia.
2. Go to the picnic grounds.
3. Song—Orphanage singing class.
4. Invocation and introductory remarks by Dr. J. D. Rankin.
5. Address—Dr. J. E. Abernethy.
6. Song—Oxford class.
7. Dinner.
8. Ball game, 3:30 p. m.
9. Concert by the Oxford Orphanage singing class, 8 p. m.

AUSTIN SOUTH GETS PATENT FOR INKWELL

Under the heading "Recent Patents to North Carolinians," compiled by Paul B. Eaton, patent attorney of Charlotte and Washington, has the following to say regarding an inkwell which has been patented by Mr. Austin E. South, of Boone:

"Austin E. South, Boone, inkwell, design patent No. 70,584.

"This is a design patent for an inkwell which is drawn along the lines of an old-fashioned copper still. There is a cross-section of a log of wood as a pedestal on which the other devices are mounted, and on this pedestal is mounted a smaller block of wood in which a furnace is cut, and on top of this smaller block of wood there is a representation of a copper still. To one side of the still is a lower block of wood on which is mounted a miniature barrel which holds the 'worm' is supposed to be placed, and a spigot is placed in the bottom of this miniature barrel which empties into a smaller keg, and to the right of the 'worm' is another smaller keg standing on one of its heads a cap is placed on the 'still' and leads to the 'cooling tub' which holds the 'worm.' The whole get-up is very effective, and will make a nice and unique adornment for any desk unless the occupant of the desk does not wish to be reminded of the old days."

VALLE CRUCIS NEWS

Valle Crucis, July 28.—Mrs. Walter L. Babel spent a few days last week in Lenoir with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Duff.

Mr. J. K. Mast made a business trip to Charlotte and Mount Holly, having been gone most of the week.

On Wednesday of last week a miscellaneous shower was given at the Park House for Mrs. Don Shall by her friends.

The valley is teeming with summer visitors, and we are glad to welcome back many familiar faces.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hernan which has been sick for some time, is improving.

News was received in the valley last Friday of the death of Mrs. Floyd McBride, sister of Mrs. T. C. Baird, in Sabo, Mexico, on July 23. Although she had been in very bad health for the past six months, the news of her death came as a shock to relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Don Shall left Tuesday to join her husband in Cleveland, Ohio.

MRS. FERGUSON DEFEATED FOR TEXAS GOVERNORSHIP

Austin, Tex., July 26.—The political fortunes which raised Mrs. Miriam Amanda Ferguson from a quiet home in Temple, Texas, to the governorship soon are to turn her footsteps back to domestic life.

Governor Ferguson announced late today she would resign as a result of Saturday's primary in which Attorney General Dan Moody led her by more than 100,000 votes. She had promised to resign if Moody beat her one vote, and he had promised to resign if she led him by 25,000.

Moody will be the next governor of Texas, nomination on the Democratic ticket being equivalent to election.

Simultaneously with her resignation announcement, which also carried with it withdrawal from any possible primary run-off with Moody, Governor Ferguson called a special session of the legislature to meet September 13, to validate Texas district road bonds and to investigate any department of the state government that the legislature may see fit to investigate.

Moody's majority over Governor Ferguson is approximately 100,000.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED WHEN CAR PLUNGES DOWN BANK

Cleveland, O., July 25.—Five persons were killed and another seriously injured when their automobile went over a 20-foot embankment here early today. The victims were all residents of Cleveland.

Murphy, July 25.—Shot down by John Crisp, federal prohibition officer, as he stood in the doorway of his home, Cecil McClure, 17-year-old Tomfoley youth, fell with his mother's arms about him as she clung to the gun he held in his hands, in an effort to prevent bloodshed, according to related reports reaching here today.

Young McClure died a few hours after the shooting. The shooting, which occurred late Wednesday in a very remote section of Cherokee county, has caused a flood of resentment against the action of the officers to sweep over this section and has increased the indignation felt as a result of the recent shooting affair near Bryson City in which officers fired upon the chauffeur of a prominent Georgian. Crisp was arrested and is being held under \$5,000 bond.

Murder Stir Ohio



The murder of D. R. Mellet, youthful Canton, (O) News publisher, is thought to have been the result of the strenuous vice crusade he carried on in his city. Rewards of \$30,000 are offered and search for the murderer is nation wide.

DR. CHAPPELL GIVEN OVATION AT ASHEVILLE

Minister Cleared Last Week of Grave Charges Preaches to Large Congregation

Asheville, July 25.—Hallelujahs echoed through Central Methodist church here today when the Rev. Ashley Chappell returned to his pulpit after a suspension of 17 months and a clerical trial which acquitted him of serious charges.

The last swelling note of the hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah had not died away before the popular pastor launched into his sermon on the subject, "The Old Rugged Cross" before a congregation which packed the auditorium and overflowed into the vestibule and yards.

Dr. Chappell, a slight-built man, member of a family long distinguished in Southern Methodism, avoided any reference to the affair which began with his arrest in Memphis, Tenn., on a disorderly conduct charge and came to a climax with the declaration of 13 ministers at Statesville Tuesday that he was innocent of immorality, falsehood and attempted bribery.

Obviously tired and strained under the burden of recent experiences, Dr. Chappell yet spoke with great vigor and vocal clarity, pacing with dynamic nervous energy to and fro in his pulpit as he delivered his 20-minute message.

FOUR PEOPLE HURT IN AUTO WRECK ON BOONE TRAIL

Two badly hurt and two painfully bruised were the result of an automobile accident Sunday afternoon when a party from Johnson City, Tenn., went over a 75-foot embankment on the Boone Trail highway near Deep Gap Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nadine Diddle is in a hospital at Johnson City; Jerome Davis, also of Johnson City, suffered a broken arm and bruised face and body, and Miss Tot Burleson and Mrs. Mabel Young, also of the Tennessee city, received painful bruises. The injured were brought to the Boone hospital where they were given aid by Dr. Perry.

It is said that the party in a Dodge touring car, ran into a blinding rainstorm and the car skidded over the embankment, turning over three times and being completely demolished. Passing motorists rescued the party and relatives arrived in Boone Monday to carry them home.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Friday Afternoon Club was entertained on July 23 in the beautiful new home of Mrs. Oscar Hardin on Water street. Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Little being hostesses.

The artistic display of a profusion of many huge sweet peas upon a background of immaculate walls and furniture gave a color effect most charming. Add to this the evident thoughtfulness of preparation and arrangement, we have the setting for a most pleasant occasion.

The humor of the afternoon was called forth by impromptu speeches upon subjects distributed by lot, and a pleasant touch of rivalry provoked by "A Garden Romance," a botanical contest designed to tell the love story of a youth and maiden in terms of garden flowers. Mrs. E. J. Council bore away the honors.

Invited guests were Miss Fannie Star Mitchell, dean of the Greensboro high school; Mrs. Usher, of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Henry Hardin, of Boone.

For a closing pleasure, the guests were directed into the dining room where the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Turner Hendricks, served a delicious salad course followed by watermelon.

RAPID PROGRESS IN THIS SECTION

Land of the Once Powerful Cherokee Rapidly Becoming Garden Spot of North Carolina

Not more than one hundred and fifty years ago Watauga County and other Northwestern Carolina was in the possession of the Red Man; the dense forests were unmarred by the steel head of industry, not one single cleared field gave evidence of the white man; the deer, the bear and the turkey lurked in the uncharted wilderness and matched their prowess against that of the untamed Cherokee, who, with bow and arrow, provided the wants of his wigwam.

But changes were in store for this frontier section. The moccasined feet of adventurous pioneers were plodding along the water courses, blazing trails for the equally adventurous white settlers. The sound of the ax and the flintlock foretold the doom which awaited these forest denizens. Log cabins were built, small tracts of land were cleared, and civilization began its slow growth.

Today the curtain is raised on a new scene. Where once a conflict raged between the forces of the wild and the vanguards of progress, buildings of stone and mortar have raised themselves from the earth. The sparkling streams have been harnessed to supply power and light for the modern towns and villages which dot the entire section. Department stores which rend Parisian styles in midday's wearing apparel have replaced the ancient trading posts where the skins and furs, yarn stockings and home-made boots were prepared for the pioneer's wardrobe. Roads as smooth as marble have been built through the emerald valleys and across the towering hills. Banks, garages, modern hotels, churches, stores and factories are to be found broadcast in this once isolated land.

Right near the spot where Daniel Boone built his cabin of logs and spent several years of his adventurous life, is a State school for teachers, equipped in every detail, which each year sends countless instructors to all parts of the land.

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No artist can paint a canvas that will do justice to this land; no scribe can reveal its glories; it is without doubt the supreme masterpiece of a Master Hand.

MAN KILLED WHEN LIGHTNING HITS CHURCH, GRANITE FALLS

Granite Falls, July 25.—During a heavy electric storm here this afternoon St. Matthews Lutheran church was struck by lightning, killing David Hallman, prominent farmer, and slightly injuring Rev. Paul Sigman and several others. The lightning struck the top of the church, running in on the bell cord to which a wire was attached.

THE NEWS OF SILVERSTONE

Mast, July 28.—Mr. Harrison Greene, who has been in the hospital at Banner Elk, has returned to his home here very much improved, but still going about on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hobby, of Concord, have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Mast.

Mr. Hiram Wilson, who has been ill for almost three months, shows very little change for the better.

Mrs. Iva B. Wilson has returned to her home here after a visit to her sister in Lynchburg, Va.

A mid-week prayer service has been started at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, in which it is hoped that the people of the community will take a hearty interest.

The K. M. Clement farm, one of the finest in this section, was sold at auction Saturday, the purchaser being J. C. Miller.

Rev. R. C. Eggers filled his regular appointments at Pleasant Grove last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. E. H. Perry visited relatives and friends at Silverstone last Sunday.

Dr. Frank Crane Says
The Track Runs On

Out in the country the other day I stood on the hilltop and saw the railway track, like a silver ribbon, running away into the distance. The sun was shining brightly. I could perceive a train many miles away. At night I stood upon the same hill and could see the track only for a little distance; beyond that it was swallowed up in the shadows. But I know that the track runs on.

There are high moments in life when we can see the far reach of righteousness. And there is many a dark hour when doubt and unfaith settle down all around us.

Indeed our moments of vision are comparatively few. Day after day all we can do is to keep the revelations of those moments in our memory and plod on through the fog and obscurity, trusting more to faith than to sight.

We cannot abide on the peaks. Most of our journey is through the valley.

The merchant at his desk must keep in mind his larger plans even when details would deny them.

The sailor must go on dead reckoning when there are no stars by which he can get his course. But he knows the stars are still there.

Even in love we come all too rarely to the mountains of transfiguration and most of the time we must trudge

grimly forward with hope, believing what we have once seen and hoping for what we shall see again.

Underneath the crowding evidences of the power of evil every man must believe in these eternal and far more potent cosmic laws of good.

Did you once glimpse a great and beautiful love burning like a shekinah?

However gross may be the present darkness you must believe that the fire still burns. The track runs on. The soul that will not go forward until he can see every step of the way to the end will advance but little. Most of the time we must be stepping out into the dark.

The man who is honest simply because he knows that honesty is the best policy, and is honest only so long as it seems the best policy, has a poor quality of honesty; for only that honesty is the best policy which is honest in the dark as well as in the light; only that man deserves to be called honest who is willing to follow the path of honesty even when it seems to lead into the abyss.

None of us can see more than a little way most of the time. Fortunately we are if, now and then, we reach some height where the great view unfolds. And if, afterwards, the darkness seems to close in, we can say to ourselves:

"The track runs on."