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Liquor—Another Tragedy

The terrible tragedy that occurred at Fossees Christmas day has cast a deep gloom over the people of the town and county and it is still one of the chief topics of conversation. The families of the two slain men are almost prostrate while the parents and little family of the slayer are overwhelmed with grief.

It is said the liquor was responsible for the crime. Hub Wagner and his God are all who know just what caused this, the most fearful crime ever committed in law-abiding Watauga county. Wagner came home from his work in West Virginia to spend Christmas with his parents, the story goes, he was cool sober and had been since he left some months ago. He told his mother of his success since he left. His visit was to be short and he told her that he intended to stay with her Christmas Day, and he was making his promise good; but early in the day a "friend" called. He was anxious to see Hub. They went out together. On his return to the home the smell of liquor was detected. He went again, fired with the intoxicant, and within a short while sent eight missiles from a .38 calibre gun through the bodies of two of his neighbors and young manhood friends.

What could be more terrible? If the liquor was the cause of the double killing, was Wagner or the man who gave him the stuff responsible? Wagner, of course, will be given a fair trial and his sentence meted out, but will there be any punishment for the man who might have been responsible? We will know later.

The Twin-City Sentinel accuses Tom Heflin of being a demagogue. It must be so, because that paper is not given very much to criticism of anybody or anything—especially when the subject for its wrath is as near the Nicotine Village as is Alabama.

Five years in the penitentiary for carrying a concealed weapon would not, of course, stop that cowardly habit, but it would give a tendency to make a man think before he sticks one in his pocket.

A Dying Man's Statement

Memoirs Commercial Appeal. "We did it ourselves. We had whiskey and got to drinking, and you see what happened." Sunday a Mississippi man paid a visit to his brother. Both were bachelors and more than 50 years of age. Monday morning the visitor was found dead in the porch. Nearby was the fatally wounded brother, who died after being removed to a hospital.

Before dying the wounded man made the statement quoted above. He was unable to make any further explanation. That was enough. What they quarreled about will never be known. Probably that is immaterial. Drunken men quarrel, fight and kill each other—about nothing. Both men had revolvers. When the dying man said "We had whiskey," it was unnecessary for him to add that they had revolvers. The pistols were in evidence when the victims of the tragedy were found—two brothers, lying side by side, each shot to death by the other.

Our correspondent says: "Both men were law-abiding citizens, though men of dangerous type when once aroused." If men who are of the dangerous type when aroused want to be law-abiding citizens, they ought to let whiskey alone and leave their revolvers at home, or not own revolvers.

Lots of good men become bad men when they drink whiskey and go about armed. Liquor and pistols form a dangerous combination. "We had whiskey and got to drinking, and you see what happened." Yes, we see. It's an old story, but one often told.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Attorney Robert Pulliam has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will spend a few days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coffey, of Roanoke, Va., are visitors at the home of Mrs. Coffey's parents, District Attorney F. A. Linney and Mrs. Linney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hendrix, of Roanoke, Va., are visiting home folks and friends in Boone this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Council, of Crabtree, Haywood county, spent the week-end and until Tuesday at the home of Mr. Council's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council.

Mr. Hubert Coffey and sister, Miss Ruth, left Christmas day for Manning, S. C., where they will spend a few days at the home of Mrs. T. Fin Coffey.

Mr. Frank McGhee, who is doing some contract brick work at Roanoke, Va., returned to his work Tuesday, after a visit of three days to his little family in Boone.

The Worth While Club will meet at the home of Mrs. R. L. Clay January 7, instead of the 8th, as announced last week. Mrs. Littrell will be assistant hostess.

Among the college students at Boone in Boone for the holiday season are: Rankin, Jack Vaughn and Mrs. Gearty, all from Duke University.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Williams spent a part of the holidays with Mr. Williams' parents at Bluff City, Tenn. Mr. Williams reports that his aged mother, who was so badly hit by a fall some three weeks ago, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cottrell and other members of the family are off to Florida to visit their son, Mr. Dallas Cottrell, who resides in Grange county, not far out from Orlando. Here's hoping for them a most pleasant trip, as they richly deserve. They being very busy people when at home.

The following students at the colleges named, are home for their holiday vacations: Misses Virginia Hann, Greensboro College; Lucy Moretz, Noleth Coffey and Enlah Hodges, Meredith; and Mr. Baxter Linney, Duke University.

F. S. Watson, merchant, of Brownwood, tells The Democrat that he shipped 775 turkeys for the Christmas dinner. The turkeys weighed 9,321 pounds and netted the farmers of the Brownwood section something like \$3,114.

Thomas C. Hodges has been appointed postmaster at Hodges Gap, this county, according to information coming from Washington. This office was re-established a few months ago after having been discontinued.

Mr. I. W. Day, a former Watauga boy, now of Reading, Pa., left for his home yesterday after a few days' visit to home folks and friends in his native county. Mr. Day is an employee of the Reynolds Tobacco Company in the capacity of district manager.

Elder R. M. Baldwin, pastor of the Advent Christian church in Boone, who has for about a month been confined to his bed with inflammatory rheumatism, is still a very sick man, but is thought to be slightly improved. The minister has the deepest sympathy of all in his affliction.

Mrs. J. C. Rivers and little daughter, of Winston-Salem, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Butler, in Boone. She was accompanied here by Mr. Rivers, who returned to his work on the Journal Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Greer delightfully entertained the following guests at luncheon on Monday: Misses Pearl Bomar, of Marion; Sue Stiles, of Mooresville; Catherine Ridenhour, Cordelia Ritchie and Mr. Brown, of Concord, and Misses Elsie Farthing and Ruth Benfield, of Boone.

The legislature of North Carolina will convene on Wednesday of next week. The Democrat will carry all the legislative news that will be of interest to the people of this part of the state. If you are not getting it now, you had best have your name put on our list.

Little Smith, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McConnell, has been very ill with pneumonia since Sunday and as we go to press his condition is reported as unimproved. The sturdy boy is a great favorite with many about town, who are sorry to hear of his illness.

Miss Elsie Farthing and Mrs. John Greer gave a party on Monday night in honor of their guests, Misses Pearl Bomar, Ethel Aycock and Avis and Maggie Sue Stiles. A number of out-of-town guests were present, including Misses Catherine Ridenhour, Cordelia Ritchie and Mr. Robert Brown, of Concord.

Mark Squires Improving The Lenoir News says that Mark Squires underwent another operation in a Charlotte sanatorium recently, and reports from there state that the well-known Lenoir attorney is getting along nicely.

JOHN WHITE & CO. LOUISVILLE, KY. Raw Furs Liberal assortment and Full Value paid for.

FOR SALE—Six horsepower steam engine, in good condition, new Meadows mill; shingle saw, wood saw, heling, etc. See J. C. BROWN, Valle Crucis, N. C. 12-16-47p

FOR SALE—One saw mill outfit, 20 horsepower boiler, No. 3 Farquhar mill, edger and trimmer. All in good condition. W. J. Hammon, Blowing Rock, N. C. R. F. D. 12-16-47

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as administrator of D. S. Byrd, deceased, all parties owing said estate are hereby notified to make settlement at once. All parties having claims against said estate are notified to present same within 12 months of this date or this notice will be filed in bar of same. This the 27th day of December, 1926. W. H. BYRD, Administrator of D. S. Byrd, Deceased. 12-31-67

NOTICE Having qualified as administrator of Colonel C. Moody, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present the same for payment within twelve months from this date or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment. This December 7, 1926. T. E. BINGHAM, Admr. 12-9-67

NOTICE OF SUMMONS North Carolina, Watauga County—In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk. Ruth Watson vs. Bynum Watson. The above named defendant will take notice that summons in the above entitled action, was issued against said defendant on the 13th day of December, 1926, by A. E. South, clerk of the superior court of Watauga county, N. C., the plaintiff asking for divorce absolute which summons is returnable before said clerk at his office at Boone in said county on the 23rd day of January, 1927. The defendant will also take notice that he is required to appear and answer to the complaint of the plaintiff on said date or the relief demanded will be granted. This 13th day of December, 1926. A. E. SOUTH, C. S. C. By J. W. McGhee, D. C. 12-31-47

SALE OF LAND FOR TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK TAXES The following real estate is levied upon for town taxes for the year 1925, and will be sold at the courthouse door in Boone, N. C., on Monday, January 3, 1927, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. to satisfy taxes past due. Property to be sold is listed below:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Tax, Cost, Total. Lists property owners like A. S. Abernethy, J. F. Abernethy, W. L. Alexander, etc.

A. M. CRITCHER, Tax Collector.

Notice To the Public of Boone

I am now prepared to furnish you first class fire wood and stove wood, largely oak and chestnut, ready for the fire or stove. I can and will deliver wood to your homes on short notice, at reasonable prices. Better get ready for a cold winter, for it's coming and if I furnish you the wood it will have to chill for you. See me for lowest possible prices.

HERMAN WILCOX 12-9-47p

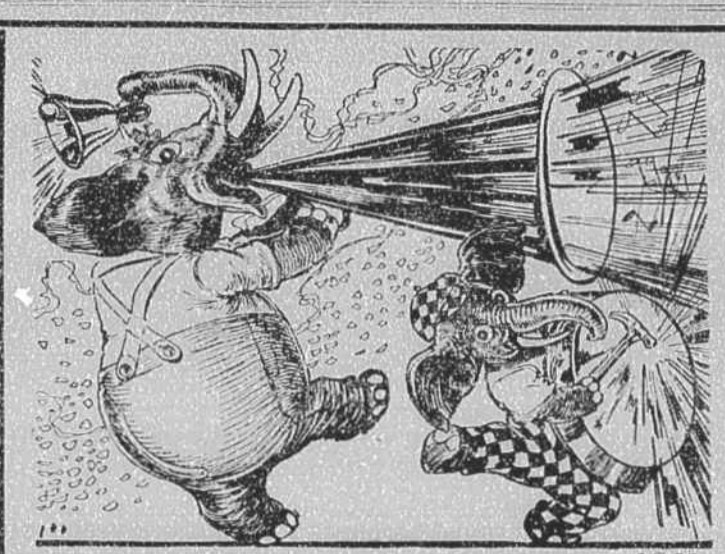
Poultry and Chicks For Sale

Large Type Barron Strain White Leghorn baby chicks, \$8.75 per hundred. These are imported direct from Tom Barron, Anconas, Rocks, Reds, Buff Oringtons and White Wyandottes of leading strains, \$10 per hundred. Young pullets of any of these breeds now laying, \$1.25 each. We pay postage on chicks anywhere and guarantee 100 per cent live delivery. We pay express on pullets on lots of ten or more. Include money order for prompt shipment.

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New Year Greetings We are thankful for our success in 1926. It is the best year we have ever had. We feel it is but a reflection of your good will and patronage, and it gives us great pleasure to extend to you our hearty wishes for a Happy New Year. BOONE DRUG CO. The Rexall Store Boone, N. C.