

THE DANIEL MCKINNON CLAN

First Scottish Clan to be Organized in This Country—Descendants of Daniel McKinnon, a Scotchman, who settled in Kentucky, organized a clan in 1791. Details of the meeting.

Special to the Observer. Laurinburg, Aug. 21.—The descendants of Daniel McKinnon, a native of Kentucky, Scotland, who migrated to this country about the year 1785, met at Caledonia, this county, yesterday and organized what is the first of the Scottish clans to be organized in this country, and designated it "The Daniel McKinnon Clan," after their common ancestor.

The meeting was called to order by A. M. McKinnon, Esq., who asked Mr. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, to take the chair. Prayer was offered by Jas. M. Graham, Esq., and the following were read as follows: "Sketch of the Descendants of Daniel McKinnon," by Mr. A. J. McKinnon, "A Historical Sketch of the Scottish Clan," by Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon.

After the readings of these papers and a general discussion of the ways and means of perfecting an organization of the clan, Mr. A. M. McKinnon was unanimously elected the first chief, and Mr. A. J. McKinnon was made its secretary.

It was determined to have an annual meeting of the clan on the second Wednesday in August at Caledonia church. It is the purpose of this organization to learn as much as possible about this great family and then to preserve this information in permanent form, and to that end several members have been requested to make diligent research for any information of interest and profit and report their work to the next meeting.

The paper, read by Mr. A. J. McKinnon was very interesting, and contained a historical sketch of the voyage and then the permanent settlement of Mr. Daniel McKinnon near what is now Laurinburg. The sketch also gave a detailed account of his descendants up to the present day, which proved to be very interesting and full of valuable information.

The article read by Miss McKinnon dealt with the rise of the clans and was in part as follows: "Historical mention of the McKinnon clan is made in 1409, the name then being MacFingon, or MacKinnon. The original habitat of the clan was Mull, they also had possessions in Skye, (Strathdale) in the 18th century they were closely connected with Iona, the place now noted for the ruins of its religious edifices, and John MacKinnon was the last abbot. There are from this time on many historical references to the chief of the MacKinnon Clan, but in 1745 the old chief was taken as prisoner while following his prince in England. He died a prisoner in the Tower in 1756, and then was succeeded by his son Charles, who found the estates as heavily burdened with debt that he had to part with them in 1791. Thus the last remnant of the magnificent country held by the chiefs of MacKinnon for four hundred and fifty years had passed into other hands. After this there were two or three chiefs who succeeded to the chieftainship only. In 1891 the Clan MacKinnon Society was organized and now has branches in London and Glasgow. The chief now is Maj. F. A. MacKinnon, M. A."

Caledonia church is a beautiful country church about two miles south of Laurinburg, and was originally established by a Scotchman, and has a Scotch name. This church is situated in the very heart of a large number of the descendants of Daniel McKinnon, and its membership is largely made up of these people. This is an ideal place for the annual gathering of these people. A large number were in attendance on its first meeting today, full of enthusiasm, and the success of this movement is assured from the start. Resolutions were passed providing for badges for the members and invited guests by the next meeting.

INCREASING ELECTRIC POWER. Another Big Wheel Added to Buck Shoal Plant—Southern Railway Putting in Additional Machinery at Mount Airy—Personal and News Notes.

Special to the Observer. Mount Airy, Aug. 21.—The city authorities are increasing the electric power at Buck Shoal power plant by putting in another big wheel. This increase of power will be of great benefit to the city as the lights are not what the business men and residents are paying for. These difficulties will be out of the way soon and the city will then be the best lighted place in the western part of the State.

LONG-WINDED SUIT ENDS.

Union Superior Court Awards \$150 Damages in Helms Manufacturing Company Case—Bonds to the Amount of \$45,000 Sold to New York Firm.

Special to the Observer. Monroe, Aug. 21.—A damage suit that has been hanging fire for years went off yesterday morning in the Superior Court, when the jury awarded W. Harry Helms \$150 damages against the Monroe Manufacturing Company for the loss of two fingers. Mr. Helms was operating a rip saw at the company's plant in 1903 and while reaching for a piece of timber across the saw-table his foot slipped, as he testified and his hand fell against the saw which deprived him of the thumb and first finger of his right hand. Mr. Helms claimed that the table was rickety and that that was the real cause of the accident.

Messrs. McCall and Nixon, of Charlotte, were associated with Messrs. Redwine and Sikes, of Monroe, for the plaintiff. The suit was for \$1,500 damages, and Mr. Nixon in his address to the jury expatiated on the great value of fingers as a component part of the human hand, and then declared it was up to this jury to place the correct valuation on fingers in Union county. It is said that the jury placed the value of thumbs, here at \$100 and of fingers at \$50. This must be a purely bone snew and flesh valuation, as Mr. Helms testified that he was making \$1.25 a day at the time of his accident, and is now making \$2.25 a day.

Bonds to the amount of \$45,000 have been sold by the town to a firm in New York. They are of the denomination of \$1,000 each, to run 23 years and draw interest at 6 per cent. The town has the privilege of redeeming the bonds on the first day of January each year thereafter. The price received was par plus \$100 for the lot.

The attitude of the Southern people, through their Legislatures, towards capital, which many are now saying has already had a bad effect on the placing of city bonds, has evidently not affected Monroe yet. While 3 or 4 per cent. is the best return capitalists in New York can get on all sorts of investments, it is not likely that they will neglect the opportunity which they offer in the public utility bonds as long as there is any reasonable security at all. If they do look upon these investments as hazardous they are certainly getting instances on the risk in the much greater return.

NEW SITE FOR MILLS.

Directors of Merrimac Mills at Gaffney Let Contract for New Building—Talk of a Modern Hotel—South Carolina Farmer Deplores Travels of State's Senators.

Special to the Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Aug. 21.—At a meeting of the directors of the Merrimac Mills yesterday the directors decided to change the location of the mills from the site formerly selected to a point near the Limestone Mills on the opposite of the Southern Railway. For a number of reasons the new site is preferred to the one formerly selected. The contract for the erection of the building was this morning let to contractor J. M. Curry, who will immediately commence work as it is the purpose of the directors to have the mill in operation by the first of 1908.

The talk of building a modern hotel at Gaffney has been renewed by some of our progressive business men. For a town of Gaffney's size and business it does look as if a good hotel would be a paying proposition and it is hard to explain why the project has not been carried out especially as it has been talked of at regular intervals for the last four years.

Ed says they are discussing the same brand of moonshine that they did twenty years ago. Your correspondent heard a well known and prosperous farmer ask the question yesterday "where are the United States Senators from South Carolina?" When informed that one of them was traveling in Europe and that the other was lecturing for money. He said, "it is enough to make Calhoun, McDuffie, Pickens and myself turn in their graves to see such a thing as the office of United States Senator prostituted to a mere scheme for making money." Your correspondent does not cuss, but the above are emphatically his sentiments.

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Miss Gertrude Hallenger of the company Store has gone North to purchase a stock of millinery for the fall trade.

HIGH POINT HAPPENINGS.

Epworth Conference to be Held in September—Agent Schaub, of the Southern, Frequent Visits to High Point in Good Shape for the Opening—Personal and News Notes.

High Point, Aug. 21.—The Epworth League conference for the Greensboro district will be held in Washington street M. E. Church, September 17th, 18th, and 19th. There will be in attendance a large number of young people and representative laymen from all parts of the district, and it is expected that all the pastors in the district will be in attendance.

The condition of Mr. Levi Johnson, who suffered a stroke of paralysis some days ago, shows improvement and his friends hope for his ultimate recovery. Last night Mr. Hall, of the Jamestown Exposition, entertained a large crowd on North Main street with his stereoscopic views of the Jamestown Exposition. He will remain over today showing another set of pictures to-night.

The new apartment building of Mr. J. P. Redding is receiving its finishing touches preparatory to occupancy. It is one of High Point's most substantial buildings. Agent Schaub of the Southern Railway at this place has resigned his position to become traveling auditor for the same company. His successor is expected to arrive in a few days when Mr. Schaub will take up his new work. Mr. Schaub has made a good agent and the manufacturing and other business interests here regret to part with him. The business here demands that the Southern put their best men here.

The business of the High Point Hardwood Manufacturing Company sold by trustee here this week will probably be resold as the price bid for same is said to be unsatisfactory. The condition of Mrs. J. R. Reitzel who is at the hospital in Richmond, shows some improvement, her friends will be glad to learn. Trinity High School, the old home of Trinity College, is getting everything in shape for the coming session. The building already gives promise of being the best ever in its history. The buildings have been remodeled and room and conveniences made for the large crowd. The best faculty that could be gotten together will be in charge this term and altogether Trinity High School has made decided improvements with the increase of allowance and support of Trinity College and from other sources.

ROCK HILL MATTERS.

People Agitating the Public Cotton Weight Question—Mr. Geo. Becht Visits His Old Home in the Fatherland—Personal Mention.

Special to the Observer. Rock Hill, S. C., Aug. 21.—W. C. Irwin, of the Chester Reporter, was in the city today, attending to business—Mrs. G. S. Petty, of Tampa, Fla., who has been on a visit to Miss Carrie Simril, at Old Point, has gone to Black Mountain, N. C. to spend awhile. Miss Simril accompanied Mrs. Petty to the mountains—Mr. R. M. London left this afternoon for his home in Washington, D. C., and other Northern cities. He will be absent about two weeks.

Mr. George Beach, of the firm of Beach-Irrie, Jewelers, and a prominent citizen, has returned from a two-months visit to his old home in Hamburg, Germany. He has been 27 years since Mr. Beach left his native land, and having come to America in his boyhood, and this is the first trip he has made home in all these years. Mr. Beach visited many places of interest while in the old country, and it is interesting to hear him tell of the changes and improvements of the country of his birth has undergone since he was last there.

Rock Hill citizens and local papers are taking a rest on the sewerage and hotel questions, and, devoting a "spell" to the "public cotton weigher" question. Many theories have been advanced, but the only one in our mind that would give more satisfaction at a small cost, is the plan suggested by Mr. W. H. Stewart of this city. It is for the farmer to carry their cotton to a certain market to purchase a pair of automatic weighing scales, (the drop a penny in the slot kind) that eliminates the "bobbin" up of the beam, and makes no mistakes. The pennies or nickels would soon pay for the machine. It looks as if this would be a satisfactory arrangement to buyer and seller.

Reduced Rates to Jamestown Exposition. The Norfolk and Southern Railway announces that coach tickets which heretofore have only been given to Norfolk and return account of Jamestown Exposition on Tuesdays, will hereafter, until further advised, also be on sale on each Friday.

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Do Rich Men Need Life Insurance? No. 5. (Continued) WEALTHY MEN NEED INSURANCE BECAUSE MOST WEALTHY MEN DIE POOR. It is difficult to believe that men once wealthy who have died poor are not the exception, but the rule. The papers recently report that the daughter of President Tyler died in a home for aged women. The families of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and McKinley were each provided for by subscription or by Congressional action. The daughter of the president, one of our largest railway systems in a few months from her father's death was unable to pay her dressmaker's bill. Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, and Governor Nash, of Ohio, left practically nothing, and a subscription was taken up for the country at large for the former's family. Men who have experienced the difficulties of making and keeping money see the necessity for safeguarding it in every possible way. Moral—Insure in The Equitable Life. No company in the world offers greater certainty of payment than The Equitable. This is the first consideration in Life Insurance. No company can furnish safe Life Insurance at a permanently lower cost than The Equitable. For information concerning the NEW YORK STATE STANDARD POLICY, call on or address:

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LARY NEGRO PUNISHED.

Statesville Having Trouble With Veil—Hore and a Negro Church Fails in a Shooting. Special to the Observer. Statesville, Aug. 21.—In almost every town of any size there can always be found a number of sly-bodied men and women who would rather go about begging than to work. There was one of this kind in Mooresville a few days ago who came to grief and is now going time on the Iredell chain gang. This was a young negro named Will Cureton, who claimed he was from Charlotte, although he could not tell the name of a single person living in that city. He had been in Mooresville several days begging his food from the residents, when he went to a kind lady who generously gave him a square meal. This did not seem to satisfy him and he started to help himself to the contents of the milk house on the place. The lady called Deputy Sheriff Deaton and when the negro was taken before Squire Yoils he was sentenced to the chain gang for 30 days for vagrancy. The negro is a suspicious looking character and refuses to tell why he happened to be in Mooresville. The deputy sheriff is of the opinion that he was there dodging officers.

As a result of a negro row at South Iredell negro church in Barringer township Sunday night, Robert Gray, Claude Allison and Bean Gray were fined before Justice of Peace G. L. Houston for disturbing religious services. Bean Gray gave a \$50 bond for his appearance at Superior Court, but his companions have been lodged in jail in default of bond. During the row a number of shots were fired and one of the negroes who was doing some of the shooting but who has not as yet been arrested, had a narrow escape from being shot and killed. A ball from a pistol in the hands of one of the crowd entered his clothes grazed his back and came out on the other side.

STATESVILLE OFFICE OPENS. Western Union Secures Two Operators and Begins Business—Mr. C. L. Matheson's Condition Unimproved. Special to the Observer. Statesville, Aug. 21.—After being closed about a week the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. is again open for business. Mr. H. R. Morgan, an operator from Danville, Va., and a Miss Wilson, of Richmond, are in charge of the office. Mr. J. L. Wells, the former manager and operator, has returned to Statesville from Mooresville, where he and Mrs. Wells visited at the home of Mrs. Wells' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Troutman. Mr. Carl L. Matheson, who has been in the Long Sanatorium suffering with a diseased leg, does not improve. The leg was amputated yesterday and although he stood the operation well, the chances for Mr. Matheson's recovery are slim. Mrs. Matheson is at the bedside of her husband. Their little boy who was visiting in Hickory, is at the home of relatives there. Much sympathy is felt for the family.

Messrs. J. C. Henly and Lester Alexander have gone to Wilkes county to hunt foxes. They took with them a fine pack of dogs and expect to have much fun, although it is a hard early and warm fox hunt of sport.

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