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In Transylvania.

Sylvan Valley News: It is as dry as was ever known in Transylvania county, wells are nearly all dry, fire is burning in every direction and yet no effort is making to secure a water supply. Should a fire get started in town now our citizens would be compelled to stand idly by and see their property consumed. There is scarcely water enough water in sight to feed the extinguishers, and these would be useless after a fire got well under way.

On Friday last a car load of western yellow corn, snipped from Kentucky to J. C. Cooper, was hauled from the depot to the Laurel Valley distillery. It seems very strange that the money to buy corn could not be kept at home, especially as little surplus outside of corn is produced by Transylvania farmers.

The ladies of St. Phillips guild will hold a bazaar at the courthouse for the benefit of the rectory fund, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings, December 15, 16, and 17.

L. G. Siniard had the honor of treeing a panther on the Balsam mountain Tuesday. He was riding his mule in one of the trails among the Balsam trees looking for missing stock from his range. Looking forward from a sharp turn in the trail he saw some animal bound into the trail and come toward him. Remaining his mule back out of sight he put in his time watching the approach of the ferocious animal as it bounded towards him. It was a panther. And there was no time to consider what was best to be done. Mr. Vanderbilt does not permit firearms in his game preserve, and Mr. Siniard was unarmed. When the animal had arrived within ten steps, Mr. Siniard, imitating the bark of a dog, whipped his mule into the trail directly in front of the formidable brute and met him "on charge." The brute was surprised, and for want of time to study the situation it sprang to a balsam tree and climbed up it about twenty feet with lightning like velocity. Stopping on the first limb it eyed its adversary, showed its glittering tusks and uttered ominous growls. It was too near the ground to suit Mr. Siniard's idea of a safe retreat, so he dismounted, picked up a piece of a balsam root which had been cut out of the trail, and threw it with all his force, just missing the panther's nose and hitting the limb on which its fore paw was resting. This caused the brute to seek safety by taking a higher perch and hiding among the foliage out of sight. This was Mr. Siniard's cue, and he urged his mule into the open woods by a John Gilpin pace. He says it makes one "nervous" to see a panther bounding towards him and know that he can neither defend himself nor get out of the way.

ASHEVILLE COLLEGE MAGAZINE.

The young ladies of the two literary societies at the Asheville College gave to the public yesterday afternoon the first number of their journal. It is to be a monthly publication, devoted to the literary and social interests of the college. In it there are a number of very substantial articles on various subjects, and in the lighter vein, college converse, which adds a freshness, characteristic of the college girl.

In appearance it is very neat. A handsome design has been gotten out by one of art pupils, which will in the future constitute the front cover.

The young ladies and the editors they have chosen to represent them, are to be congratulated on the progressive spirit they have shown and on the success they have achieved.

AT THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE

Preparations Being Made for the Baptist Convention.

Bell Telephone Company to Expend \$300,000 in Improvements.

Annual Session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

State Delegates Appointed to Attend Cotton Association.

Ben Field, the Negro Convicted of Murder Granted a New Trial—Many Criminal Appeals From the Tenth District.

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—An unusually large number of Raleigh people are preparing to attend the Baptist state convention, which meets in Oxford December 9. There are four white Baptist churches and several missions in this city, with a membership of some 2,000. Raleigh is therefore always well represented in the councils of the denomination. Special rates have been given on all the railroads.

Two new convicts have been brought to the penitentiary. One of them was a white man named Hammond, sent up for two years from Rowan county for murder. The other was a negro boy from Polk county, gets one year for larceny.

Three convicts—two women and a negro boy—have been brought back from the Roanoke state farms where they have been at work gathering the crops. They are brought back to work in the laundry.

The Sanford Water and Light company of Sanford, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. The company will be authorized to commence business when \$1,000 has been subscribed to the stock.

The attorney general says there are thirteen criminal appeals from the tenth district and this is an unprecedentedly large number. He says nearly all the week will be required to argue these.

Returns collected up to date, as given out by the labor bureau, shows that North Carolina has 1,044,385 spindles in cotton and woolen mills.

Ben Field, the negro convicted of poisoning Fred Keel at Tarboro has been granted a new trial.

Mr. W. J. Crews, of the Bell Telephone company, has made diagrams of trunk lines running out from Raleigh to Henderson, Goldsboro and Greensboro. He says that the company has appropriated and will spend for this work \$300,000 during the next eight months.

The sheriff of Wayne left tonight for Texas with a retainer for Gilbert Ward, who, four years ago, near Fremont, murdered Mag Dinkins, a lewd woman. His whereabouts was discovered Sunday. He is in jail in Texas. It is said that a sister of the Dinkins woman was murdered last year by a man named Moore in Wayne.

The annual session of the North Carolina conference convened in Edenton street Methodist church this morning at ten o'clock. Bishop Hargrove presiding.

At the request of Governor Ellerbe, of South Carolina, Governor Russell has appointed the following delegates from the state at large to the Cotton Growers' convention which meets in Atlanta December 14: J. P. Sossamon of Mecklenburg, W. P. Batchelor and Ham. T. Jones of Wake.

The purpose of this convention is to consider the marketing, sale and price of cotton and to devise some plan if possible by which the producers may receive a price above the cost of production.

All the cotton growing states of the union are requested to appoint delegates to this convention.

Judging from the way President Wilborn of the state alliance, is hearing from the various states in regard to the coming convention of the cotton growers of the south, says the Columbia State, it seems that the convention will be a noteworthy one. The attendance will be very large.

The attendance will be very large. The governor has complied with the request made through Governor Ellerbe to appoint delegates. The governor of Mississippi had previously done so. Aside from these responses to the call, Mr. Wilborn has received numerous letters from individual cotton growers in many of the states, all indicating a very lively interest in the gathering and the purpose for which it is to be held.

The year 1897 will probably pass into history as one of the healthiest the city of Raleigh has ever witnessed. The reports for 1897 show a decrease in the death rate of 40 per cent. over 1896. This is indeed a very remarkable showing and would indicate that our health department is up to date in matters pertaining to health.

N. W. CUNRI DYING.

San Antonio, Dec. 1.—N. W. Cunri, the most prominent negro politician in the republican party in this country, is dying at Boren. He was collector of the port of Galveston under Harrison.

\$17,000 FOR A LEAK.

New York, Dec. 1.—A seat in the stock exchange was sold at auction today by A. H. Muller & Son for \$17,000. The names of the seller and buyer are kept secret.

GOOD, established, paying business for sale. For particulars address Box 705, City.

PROF. BOWMAN'S LECTURE

A Good Sized Audience at the Court House Last Night.

Prof. Bowman's lecture drew a good sized audience last evening at the court house. The attendance of ladies at these lectures is increasing, an additional number being present last night.

"Man as a savage has made wonderful strides," said the speaker, "though man as an idealist is retrograding. Surely this great struggle and state of conflict which we are undergoing is not the best."

"What prospect is there that life will become more rational? What prospect yet is there of the kingdom of God to be established? I think that the prospects are as bright as the stars and I love to dwell on this ideal state, for I believe in the possibilities of a human society infinitely higher than the present."

"Will the nations of the earth ever rise so far above the savage as to go out of the butchers' business and give up the barbarous practice of wars. The standard army, millions of idlers trained for blood, is a blot upon the civilization of the earth."

"The time will come when the government will cease to exist as the boasts of monarchs, bosses and despots (applause). A corrupt republic is just as corrupt as a corrupt monarch. This barbarousness will come to an end when kings, bosses, millionaires, trusts, combines and enslavers of men shall cease. I sometime think with Lincoln that God must love the common man, for he has made so many of them."

Prof. Bowman, in closing his remarks, said that he fully believed that the time was not far distant when the socialistic theory would be the glorious consummation of the nations of the earth.

COUNTY TEACHERS

To Meet in Regular Monthly Session Saturday

The county association of teachers will meet at the court house next Saturday at 11 o'clock. By reference to the program it will appear that every topic is to be discussed by a distinguished educator. The themes are vital ones and these discussions will be of great value to our teachers, who are striving for the best of everything in education.

PROGRAM.

1. Scripture reading and prayer, by Rev. Dr. Felix.

2. Singing, Blest be the Tie that Binds.

3. Roll call and reading of the minutes of the association.

4. Public school libraries, Rev. Thomas Lawrence, D.D., leader.

5. A course of study in primary reading, Supt. J. D. Eggleston, leader.

6. Professional reading for teachers, President A. A. Jones, leader.

7. Reports of business matters.

8. Singing, America.

9. Adjournment.

All persons interested in educational progress are cordially invited to be present. Visiting teachers and strangers in the city will be cordially welcomed to this meeting.

BUMGARNER'S SLAYER

A Man Alleged to be Aus Lambert in Jail at Spartanburg.

Railway officials yesterday brought the information from Spartanburg that Aus Lambert, the slayer of Engineer Bumgarner, had been arrested and was in jail at that place, together with his two companions, who were keeping him company.

The railway officials were positive in their statements that the prisoner was the right man. It was stated that the capture was effected without firing a shot, the men being taken unawares. The rewards in the case will amount to at least \$600.

The capture was made by officers of the law.

Mr. Frank Fanning, who has been engaged in the search for Lambert, returned from Arden last night. He says there is no truth in the statement that Lambert has been apprehended at Spartanburg, but rather thinks he is hiding in the neighborhood, and will give himself up when the excitement subsides.

RANKIN-CARTMELL

Wedding to Take Place Today at High Noon.

The marriage of Miss Nancy Brady Cartmell and Mr. Arthur Eugene Rankin will take place today at high noon in the First Presbyterian church. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast will be served the bridal party at Keenworth Inn, and Mr. and Mrs. Rankin will leave on the east bound train.

A trio consisting of Mr. M. F. Connell, violin (Cobb's orchestra), Mr. Hemlinway, cello (Cobb's orchestra), and Mrs. Van Horn, organ, will render the following selections before the ceremony:

"Simple Aven".....Thome.
"Serenade".....Schubert.
"Andante".....Tchaisowsky.
"Intermezzo" from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

THE NEW COMPTROLLER.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Charles G. Dawes, the incoming comptroller of the currency, was at the white house today. He will remain in Washington permanently, as Comptroller Eckles leaves before the holidays. His appointment will be sent to the senate soon after congress meets.

DECEASED MERCHANTS.

Washington, Dec. 1.—H. Reinhardt, a well known criminal, was arrested today, charged with using the mails in defrauding a number of merchants of large amounts of merchandise.

THE OPENING.

WE HOPE THAT ALL WILL COME TO IT. WE WOULD CALL ATTENTION TO OUR STOCK OF STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES. ALL IS NEW AND THE PRICES ARE RIGHT, QUALITY PURE, AND IN CHINA AND CUT GLASS A FINE DISPLAY HAS NEVER BEEN MADE HERE.

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THE STATE COMMITTEE

Mr. Luther Speaks of the Result of the Meeting.

Mr. D. M. Luther, a member of the state executive committee for this congressional district, returned yesterday from Raleigh, where he attended a meeting of the democratic state executive committee. The Gazette had a pleasant interview with Mr. Luther at his office last night, in which he said: "There were twenty-eight of the thirty-six committees present in person and the remaining eight were represented by proxies, except two, making a representation of thirty-four. The meeting was held in the Yarrowbrough House, with Chairman Manly presiding. Short talks were made by some member of each congressional district, after which Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, late democratic candidate for governor, was called upon, and who delivered a most interesting address on the policy of the party. F. D. Winston of Bertie county, read and introduced a set of resolutions before the committee. On motion of A. E. Walters a committee of five was appointed, consisting of Chairman Manly, F. F. Klutz, J. R. Webster, F. D. Winston and E. J. Hale, to draft a suitable address to the people of North Carolina, in which address the Chicago platform was reaffirmed and the state platform adopted by the state convention approved. The policy of the republican party in both state and nation was condemned. The address, which will soon be published, sets forth the principles of white supremacy, and invites every man who is in favor of the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon race to join the democratic party in its effort to redeem the state from radical misrule. Many other matters of a business nature were discussed and acted upon. The address submitted was unanimously adopted by the committee. The report in the Citizens that a majority was opposed to the issuing at this time of an address is a mistake, as a large majority was from the beginning in favor of such a move."

Mr. Luther further stated that the meeting of the committee was both pleasant and harmonious.

ILLUMINATED LECTURE

Given Last Evening by Prof. Rossell in North Asheville.

Prof. H. B. Rossell gave an excellent exhibition of art pictures last night in the Sara Garrison kindergarten school house at Doubleday. In place of his regular lecture Professor Rossell merely exhibited a number of his most attractive art pictures and scenes, with a few words explanatory of each picture. There was a good attendance, both of grown people and children, and the pictures were very much enjoyed, the little ones showing their delight by frequent laughter and exclamations of delight. The professor's selection for the evening consisted of a few scenes from the World's Fair and a collection of the most attractive art pictures, including "The Polar Star," "A Swiss Lake by Moonlight," "Water Lilies," "The Bad Boy" and others. By special request Poe's famous "Bavard" was recited and was highly appreciated. Professor Rossell also showed several religious pictures including the spectacular effects "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Rock of Ages." Appropriate music was played during the showing of these pictures.

No admission fee was charged, but a voluntary collection was taken to buy materials for the kindergarten work, and a nice little sum was collected. The teachers of the Sara Garrison kindergarten wish to extend their thanks to Professor Rossell for the interest he took in the lecture.

Professor Rossell requests us to state that this and all other lectures are given by the "Washington Lecture Association," a society whose object is education through the medium of illuminated lectures. The next and last lecture will be given Sunday night at the Y. M. C. A.

200 SAILORS MASSACRED

Tragic Report from Kaijochou Bay in China.

They Belong to the Warships of the German Squadron.

Failure of a Large Mercantile Firm in Wilson, N. C.

Solicitor-General Richards May Succeed McKenna.

Kentucky Militia Under Orders to Protect Toll Gates—The Prince of Wales Engages American Jockey.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—It is reported that two hundred German sailors, belonging to the German squadron in Kaijochou Bay, have been massacred. Six hundred troops will be dispatched to the bay at once. The report has caused much excitement here. The sailors were from the war ships sent to protect the missionary stations that have suffered from recent outrages. The squadron arrived in the bay only a few days ago, and had begun disembarking troops for the protection of the missionaries.

McKENNA'S SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The name of Solicitor General J. K. Richards of Ohio, is mentioned today as the successor of Attorney General McKenna. He is a close friend of the president, but he said the place had not been offered him.

TO RIDE FOR PRINCE OF WALES.

London, Dec. 21.—The St. James Gazette today announced that Sloan, the American jockey, had been engaged by the Prince of Wales to ride for him next season.

TOLL GATES TO BE ATTACKED.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1.—Another raid on the toll gates is expected soon and seven companies of militia are under orders here to move on telegraphic notice.

FAILURE OF JOHN A. CORBETT.

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—John A. Corbett & Co., of Wilson, N. C., assigned today. The liabilities are a quarter of a million; assets, \$15,000.

Kindergarten Meeting.

At the meeting of the Kindergarten teachers yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. the first two chapters of Susan E. Blow's Symbolic Education were partially discussed.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to children, conditions observed by teachers in their daily work.

MISS TENNY TO RACE.

New York, Dec. 1.—A match race was arranged today between Miss Tenny and Mont Dor, six and a half furlongs. The race will be run Saturday Pimlico.

YALE AND HARVARD TO BOW.

New Haven, Dec. 1.—It was officially announced this afternoon that Yale will row Harvard at New London next summer.

AN OLD HOTEL SOLD.

New York, Dec. 1.—Trainer's Hotel, Thirty-third street and Sixth avenue, was sold today to Harry Johnson for \$20,000.

The Low Prices of Silver and the Higher Tariff.

The fierce competition between the manufacturers of Sterling Silver articles during the last few months has, notwithstanding the higher tariff, caused a great decline in the prices of many articles. For instance, a hair brush with solid Sterling Silver back that formerly cost \$4.00 or \$3.00 can now be bought for \$2.25, and the large size that formerly cost \$12.00 can now be bought for \$4.75 to \$5.00. Small Sterling Silver articles that now sell from 25 to 50 cents a few years ago would cost from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Dishes and novelties that can be bought now for \$2.00 or \$4.00, and those that cost \$25.00 and \$30.00, formerly cost respectively from \$10.00 to \$40.00, and so on all through the jeweler's line.

In gold goods there have been many great reductions, but as the value of gold in an article is much greater than the value of silver in proportion to the making, the reductions are not as great as on silver goods. These great reductions have also caused many firms to make inferior goods, and people should be very careful in making their selections, to buy of firms in whom they have confidence.

RIOTOUS SCENES

RUFFIANISM IN PARTS OF MADISON COUNTY

A Probably Fatal Shooting—Disturbance at a Corn Shucking on Bull Creek.

W. R. Sams, of Madison county, who is in this city, gives the information of a serious, if not fatal, shooting affair which occurred on Shelton Laurel last Saturday. James Hare and James Shelton became involved in a difficulty at the home of Arch Shelton, near the head of Laurel, in which Hare shot Shelton. The ball from the pistol first struck the right arm and passed through the body and came out on the left side. Doctor Banner was sent for, and after probing the wound pronounced it a fatal one. The patient however was still alive when Mr. Sams left.

This affair, it is alleged, grew out of a long standing feud, and that a woman was at the bottom of the trouble. Both of the participants are young men. Shelton lives in Tennessee and was on a visit to friends and relatives in Madison, his old home. Hare had not been arrested at last accounts.

Mr. Sams also says that there was a bloody riot on Bull creek a few days ago, in which stones, knives, sticks and pistols were used. The disturbance occurred at a corn shucking given by W. A. Austin, Mr. Sams says that not less than twenty men were engaged in it, and while no one was killed, several were badly wounded. No less than twenty shots were fired. Chairs were broken and burned, the clock thrown in the fire and the disturbers undertook to roast the old dog alive by covering him up with hot coals.

Warrants were issued for the offenders, a number of whom attended trial with guns in hand. The trial was moved from Justice J. F. Tilton to L. W. Peek, and the hearing will take place Friday.

The affair has caused much excitement, owing to the number of persons engaged in it, and it is greatly feared that more serious trouble will occur. Mr. Sams says that the same rowdy crowd threatened to release every man on the chain gang, but did not do so.

SANDY MUSH OUTRAGE

Arrest in Dillsboro of One of the Accused Men.

J. M. King, esq., of Sandy Mush township, who issued the warrant against the alleged white cappers, mention of which was made in a recent issue of the Gazette, was in the city yesterday, and says that the published account of the outrage is correct and that public indignation is extreme.

The investigation of the crime was begun before J. W. Bowling on Sunday and up to yesterday had not been concluded. Over forty witnesses have been examined, and the evidence being altogether circumstantial is voluminous.

Ex-Commissioner Wells, who is in the city, says that it is reported that one of the accused persons has made his escape. This report seems to be corroborated by the following telegram received by Chief of Police James last night:

Dillsboro, N. C., December 1, 1897. Chief of Police, Asheville, N. C. R. J. Surratt of Sandy Mush, is here under arrest. Do you want him? C. W. McDADE, D. M.

Chief James telegraphed the officer at Dillsboro yesterday to hold Surratt until persons in the country could be heard from.

A NOTICE TO JUSTICES

Their Attention Called to the Law Regarding Filing of Reports.

In view of the approaching courts it is well that the attention of justices of the peace be called to the following sections of the law:

"It shall be the duty of each justice of the peace on or before Monday of every term of the superior, criminal or inferior court of his county, to furnish the clerk of the said court with a list of the names and offenses of all parties tried and finally disposed of by such justice of the peace together with the papers in each case, in all criminal actions since the last term of the superior, criminal or inferior court. The clerk of the court shall hand a copy of such list to the solicitor and to the grand jury at each court and no indictment shall be found against any party whose case has been so finally disposed of by any justice of the peace. Provided that this action shall not be deemed to extend or enlarge or otherwise effect the jurisdiction of justices of the peace except as provided by the law—code, section 906."

For failure to make the above report or to pay over fines to the county treasurer, the delinquents are amenable to the provisions of the code, sections 764, 765, 3678. Reports must be made, even though the cases have been disposed of. Report blanks may be obtained at the clerk's office.

SHOT TWO DEER

Successful Hunting Trip in Yancey County.

The hunting party, consisting of E. P. McKissick, S. E. Cunningham, E. B. Atkinson, R. P. Walker, Alex. Porter and Dr. Heintz, returned yesterday from a two days' hunt on the Murchison boundary in Yancey county, which is in charge of the noted Big Tom Wilson. The hunt was a successful one, the party bringing home with them two fine deer, one of which was killed by Mr. McKissick and the other by S. E. Cunningham. Major McKissick was seen at the Battery Park last night, and talked freely of the hunt. He stated that the trip was a most pleasant and agreeable one and greatly enjoyed by every member of the party. The Gazette man was curious to know at what range the major brought down his prey, and was informed that the distance was about as far as from where he was standing in the office to the fire place.

CHRISTMAS OPENING

THIS THURSDAY, AFTERNOON AND NIGHT. ALL ARE ASKED TO COME AND SEE WHAT THERE IS FOR CHRISTMAS AND OTHER TIMES. NOT TO BUY. WE HAVE NEVER HAD SO CHOICE A STOCK BEFORE, AND PRICES WILL BE POPULAR.

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