

# Western Carolina News.

## THE REIGN OF CRIME IN MADISON

### A Man Shot Dead and His Murderer Escapes.

Special to the Gazette.

Marshall, N. C., Dec. 13.—News has just been received here of a fatal stabbing which took place on Shelton Laurel in this county yesterday. William Franklin stabbed to the heart Ruben Gunter. Both were using old corn freely when the tragedy took place. Willard was captured by the constable and taken to a magistrate's office. After his arraignment the sheriff proceeded to bring him to Marshall. When about ten miles from Marshall the prisoner escaped and has not been captured.

J. E. H.

### ANOTHER SHOOTING.

The mail man between Asheville and Burnsville called at the Gazette office last night and reported another serious affair which took place on Bull creek, East Fork township, in Madison county, Sunday night. Webb Edwards shot a young man with a pistol, the ball entering the breast. Our informant did not learn whether or not the wound was fatal. Edwards was arrested and a preliminary hearing was had yesterday before a justice of the peace.

### STILL AT IT ON JACK'S CREEK.

Jack's Creek, Yancey county, comes to the front again with another shooting scrape. A man by the name of Mack Webb shot Wesley Howell, inflicting a very dangerous wound. The trouble grew out of a drunken row. No arrests have yet been made.

### REV. F. W. WEY ROBBED.

A despatch from New Haven, Conn., Dec. 9, says that Rev. Frederick W. Wey, a North Carolina missionary, who was on his way from Hartford to New York, has complained to the police that he has been robbed of his pocketbook, containing between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Mr. Wey arrived in this city shortly before 7 o'clock last night and strolled up and down the platform at the Union depot, waiting for his train to start for New York.

Two strangers, he says, brushed up against him and removed the wallet from his pocket. He missed the money as soon as the men passed and raised an alarm, but was unable to give any description of the thieves, whose time had nearly expired. Various amounts which had been collected in Hartford yesterday for the mission. Mr. Wey went to New York, but the money has not yet been recovered.

Mr. Wey was rector at Grace Episcopal church, Waynesville.

### WAYNESVILLE.

Wayne Felmet, who formerly worked in the Courier office, has gone to Baltimore to accept a position on the Vanderbilt estate.

Miss Annie D. Howell, daughter of Capt. Alden Howell, president of the Bank of Waynesville, has gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where she will spend the winter at her uncle's, R. H. Howell, of that city.

About two weeks ago several prisoners in the jail here, whose time had nearly expired, were allowed the freedom of the corridors. They abused this privilege and proceeded to gain their freedom by loosening and removing some bricks in the outer wall. One of them came back and the others were again caught and returned to the jail.

Mr. J. M. Rogers of this place, left here Tuesday for New York city where he will look after the cutting of a big lot of veneers from the car load of fancy woods recently shipped to his factory there.

### WESTERN CAROLINA APPLES.

The Rural New Yorker.

"There was a rare chance at the late American Institute Fair at New York, to see the apples from various states, side by side on the tables. \* \* \* Strange as it may seem, the apples from Western North Carolina were the most attractive and best developed of any on exhibition. They were from George E. Boggs, of Waynesville, and were grown from 2,500 to 4,000 feet above sea level. Such specimens of Newton Pippins as were shown by him, and a few others from the hill regions of Virginia, put to shame the very best that came from the Hudson River Valley. This apple seems to have found a far more congenial home in those mountainous regions than its birthplace at Newton, L. I. From \$4 to \$8 per barrel are being asked and realized for selected stock, and even \$10 is being thought of by some exporters. No other apple brings such a high price in England as the Newton."

### Drove His Turkeys 150 Miles.

A man from Union county way up on the line of North Carolina, arrived in Rome yesterday with a drove 170 big, fine turkeys.

He had driven the fowls the entire distance—about 150 miles—on foot. They were very tame and minded every word of the owner. When he baited they did likewise, and always kept in a compact body. There were no wild and no unruly ones.

At night he selected a good camping ground, and rested with his flock about him until morning. He will probably find a ready sale for them all here.—Rome Tribune.

### SALUDA.

Evidence of thrift and prosperity are seen on every hand in this beautiful resort on the hill, says the Polk County News. Just as soon as the great crowd of summer visitors are gone, preparations are begun for still another larger year, and as year after year passes the improvements are made more and more substantial.

Some of its progressive citizens are hoping to make a winter as well as summer resort, and there is no reason why it should not be done. For northern people in the winter and southern in the summer, this place has more natural advantages than Asheville.

### BUNCOMBE SCHOOL REFORM.

In the current issue of the North Carolina Journal of Education, Prof. David E. Ellis, supervisor of Buncombe county schools, has the following article:

On being called to fill the office of Supervisor of Public Schools for Buncombe county, I outlined the following policy:

1. To place a qualified teacher in every school in the county.
2. To secure a continuous annual session of six months.
3. To combine schools so as to secure to every school building an enrollment of at least two hundred pupils.
4. To build suitable houses and secure equipment for all schools.
5. To establish three training schools for teachers, taught two months annually.
6. To secure uniform free text-books for all public schools.
7. To make the minimum salary of teachers \$50 per month.
8. To establish a central high school for the children in every township.

It is gratifying to state that several of these possibilities are now in process of realization. All teachers in the county are given a rigid examination test, not upon the bare facts of text-book alone, but upon the broad, higher ground of teaching knowledge, as shown by an acquaintance with methods and the history of education. A close and critical supervision of the schools during the present year will reveal vicious methods now in operation, and teachers known to be incompetent will not be licensed for further work. The test of merit and adaptability for school work is shown by teaching which will be applied to all alike.

The board of education is in full accord with the spirit of progress, and public sentiment is for longer terms and for better schools. Indeed, it is the dream of our officials and the public to make Buncombe county the banner county in public school education, and to this end there is a common effort to promote all enterprises for the uplifting of the schools. Nearly all district committees are moving nobly to second every plan to unify and consolidate the schools, so that a few good schools may take the place of many inferior ones now in existence. One township committee, after my inspection, perfected a plan to establish a central high school to which all advanced pupils of the other schools will go when the four months' sessions of their schools are closed, and to diminish the number of schools from eleven to five, even if it is necessary to convey the children from the remote parts of the district to the school houses at public expense. By reaching the limit of taxation, it is hoped that at least a five months term may be secured next year for every public school in the county.

A pressing need in the county is for suitable houses for the schools, and the people are anxious to this end, and are preparing to build the necessary houses by private subscription, after plans and specifications furnished by the board of education.

That our teachers may be better qualified for their work, it is necessary to establish schools for their professional training. It is proposed to locate three of these schools in the county, to be in session during the month of June and July, under the direction of six fully competent and skilled instructors, who are paid by the county for this work. A graded course of study, embracing the most essential elements of professional knowledge, will be followed in each school. At the close of the session of these training schools a general examination of all teachers not holding life certificates will be given. The examinations will be upon methods, the history and theory of education, and upon the branches taught in our public schools.

The need of free text-books is so painfully felt in our public schools that there is no hesitancy on my part in advocating its adoption by our county board of education. The poor results shown in many of the schools is due to the lack of books in the hands of the pupils, and the only remedy is to have the books furnished by the county, free of cost to all children alike. We hope to do this for the next year.

To show that the salaries of teachers is not sufficient, it need only be mentioned that the minimum is \$10 and the maximum \$50 per month. Now, it is my hope and purpose to make the latter figures apply to the minimum, and any rate above that to the highest salary paid in the county. But this means of course, that the teachers shall relatively deserve this increase. As they now are, perhaps they are paid enough for the class of service rendered. The best teachers cannot and will not work for small salaries, and the system inaugurated will speedily limit the number holding license to those who may be styled professional teachers, whose tenure of office may be secured and whose work continuous in the same school.

I am aware that in thus closely drawing the line I shall expose myself to the violent criticism of many so-called teachers and kindred others that desire to hold the office of teacher in the service of the children of the county and not in the pay of any party or corporation, I shall not hesitate to attempt to carry out these reforms.

As to the "rust" referred to by the State Superintendent in the recent number of the Journal as existing in certain counties, it is but justice to this county to say that not one old certificate has been countersigned by me, and that none will ever be so countersigned while I hold the office of supervisor. Even new certificates issued by the supervisors of adjacent counties are being voided.

It is a most auspicious omen that a large percentage of our teachers in the one hundred and thirty schools are women. Our school committees have had the good sense to secure the services of many most excellent teachers of this class, and they are fulfilling an example to the officials in giving to the communities in which they teach well conducted, successful schools.

### FROM SEVERAL TOWNS.

There is a copper mine in operation in Ashe county that is 400 feet deep.

The initial number of the Elk Park (Mass.) new paper just started at Elk Park, N. C., has made its appearance.

The stock law election in Polk county carried by good majority and so declared by the county commissioners, and the time for it to go into effect was set for February 1.

At Mt. Airy Saturday morning fire broke out in Graves' livery stable, burning Mrs. Cook's residence, Poindexter & Co.'s store, the postoffice, McRae's store and Graves' warehouse. The loss is \$6,000; insurance \$2,500.

On the first day of January, 1898, there was a celebration of the 35th anniversary of the emancipation proclamation. All the colored citizens from each township are invited to turn out and take part in the parade that will begin at 10:30 o'clock and pass through the principal streets of Spartanburg and then to the hall where an oration will be delivered appropriate to the occasion.—Spartanburg Herald.

The rabbit hunt at Friendship yesterday was the biggest success on record. A number carried their guns and rabbits were shot until everybody was tired of the sport. At the round-up the total number was 107. Of this number 97 were brought home. But besides this, 18 birds and six squirrels were killed, merely as a pastime. Agent Coffin of the Southern, was along, but he carried no hare—it was all his aim to do to carry himself. The number slain is thought to be the largest ever made in one day's hunt.—Greensboro Record.

Edinburgh drunkards find a mixture of methylated spirits and naphtha or paraffin a cheap and effective intoxicant. They call it dynamite.

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### WHERE WOMEN ARE NEEDED.

Editor of The Gazette:

No more vital and pressing need for the appointment of women in some of our state departments has ever presented itself more forcibly to the public, than it now does, from the result of recent scandalous events, that have occurred in the Raleigh lunatic asylum and penitentiary.

What woman or man with one vestige of morality, or compassion, can read the shocking "revelations" from the women's wards of these institutions, without quivering with horror and indignation. Who that listens to them is not impressed with the thought, that such atrocities could never have happened if the state had provided women physicians for the asylum, and matrons for the penitentiary.

What must be the anguish of those who have had daughters and sisters in this asylum. Poor, helpless, demented beings, sent to the state's institution for care and protection, to be more insulted and outraged than if they had been cast out upon the fields and highways.

It is the duty of our state to protect her children, and who among them need greater care, pity and solicitude than those unfortunate creatures, who in being deprived of reason, are left more helpless and dependent on our mercy than the tender infant. Dr. Kirby Smith, who should have been branded with infamy and dismissed in disgrace and contumely from his office, was mildly requested to tender his resignation in vice, and he has been heard against the criminal, he was quietly permitted to retire. The voices of his accusers have died to whispers, and fellow voters would shield him from an ignominious fate.

Even in states where universal suffrage does not prevail, the wisdom and propriety of having women physicians for the female wards in state asylums, is so apparent that a great many states, among them South Carolina, have appointed women for this service.

Not alone should the penitentiary be a place of punishment, its main object should be the reformation of state offenders. The chastened children of the state, many of whom have fallen more through ignorance than premeditated evil, should be trained to realize the error of their ways, so that when released they may start a better career.

Chief Justice Chase once said: "The wicked men are not in the penitentiary, they are in the churches." Convicted criminals are often not wicked, they are simply weak—weak in character, weak in intellect. And how does the state proceed to treat these defective natures? They are sent to jails and penitentiaries that are schools of crime, where they breed respect in vice, and are hardened in sin.

Poor women convicts are degraded to shameful depths of iniquity. No wretched matron shelters them from danger. Had we a government that derived its just powers from the consent of the women as well as the men, it governed we may have heard the woman's voice, that would have been regarded in our legislature, some woman that would have pleaded for the proper protection of her helpless or erring sisters; and our state may have saved these disgraceful scenes.

We need the intelligence of women as well as men, interested in our governmental affairs. I can not conclude this article better than by quoting from the late Henry George's "Progress and Poverty":

"The progress of civilization necessitates the giving of greater and greater attention and intelligence to public affairs. And for this reason I am convinced that we make a great mistake in depriving one sex of voice in public matters, and that we could in no way so increase the attention, the intelligence and the devotion which may be brought to the solution of social problems as by enfranchising our women. Even if in a ruler state of society the intelligence of our sex suffices for the management of common interests, the vastly more intricate, more delicate and more important questions which the progress of civilization makes of public moment require the intelligence of women as men, and that we never obtain until we interest them in public affairs. (And I have come to believe that very much of the inattention, the flippancy, the want of conscience, which we see manifested in regard to public matters of the greatest moment, arises from the fact that we deprave our women from taking their proper part in these matters. Nothing will fully interest men unless it also interests women. There are those who say that women are less intelligent than men; but who will say that they are less influential?"

HELEN MORRIS LEWIS.

### An Exciting Career.

This is the inscription on a marble slab over a grave at Green Bay, Wis.: "Died our son. Here lies the Body of Lewis Galdy Esq, who departed this life at Port Royal the 23d December 1789 aged 80. He was born at Montpelier in France but left that country for his Religion and came here to settle in this Island where he was swallowed up in the Great Earthquake in the year 1699 and by the Providence of God was by another shock thrown into the Sea and miraculously saved by swimming until a Boat took him up. He lived many years after in great Reputation Beloved by all who knew him and much Lamented at his death."

### The Liverpool Coach.

It is not generally known that a mail-coach leaves Manchester every night for Liverpool at 10 o'clock, and one from Liverpool at the same hour for Manchester, for the conveyance of parcels. The drivers and conductors are armed with revolvers and bayonets and carry a long horn, quite in the olden style.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed to me by J. Adams, W. H. Penland and J. E. Dickerson dated the 12th day of April, 1884, and registered in the office of the register of deeds of Buncombe County, North Carolina, in book 37, at page 89, et seq., of records of mortgages and deeds of trust, and by reason of the failure of the said grantors to comply with their promises and agreement in said deed of trust contained, particularly with regard to the prompt payment when due, of the principal and interest of certain notes due and payable to Geo. W. Pack, made and executed on said date by said grantors in said deed of trust and for the securing of which said notes the said deed of trust was executed, and being thereto requested by the said Geo. W. Pack, the holder of said deed of trust, to wit, of three of the said notes mentioned and described in said deed of trust, I will sell at public auction at the court house door in Asheville, to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, the 15th day of January, 1898, three of the lots of land mentioned and described in said deed of trust, to-wit, lots Nos. ten (10) eleven (11) and twelve (12) of block No. eight (8), of a map or plat of land to be found in book 89, on pages 60 and 61 of deed records of the office of the said register of deeds, said lots being more particularly described as follows: Lying and being in the city of Asheville, county of Buncombe and state of North Carolina, on the east side of Cumberland avenue, and bounded as follows:

Lot No. 10: Beginning at a stake in the east margin of Cumberland avenue, the northwest corner of lot No. 9 of said block 8, and running thence with the northern boundary line of said lot No. 9, north 84 degrees and 30 minutes, east 171 feet to a stake, thence north 39 degrees and 33 minutes west with the line of lot No. 7 of said block No. 8, sixty-eight (68) feet to a stake the corner lot No. 7, in the southern boundary line of lot No. 11; thence with the said lot No. 11, south 87 degrees and 49 minutes west two hundred and nine and seven tenths (209.7) feet to a stake in said east margin of Cumberland avenue; thence with the same south 27 degrees and 21 minutes east twenty-one (21) feet to a stake in the same; thence with the same south 58 degrees and 25 minutes east, one hundred and five (105) feet to the beginning.

Lot number 11, beginning at a stake in the east margin of Cumberland avenue, the northwest corner of lot No. 10, and running thence with the northern boundary line of lot No. 10, north 67 degrees and 49 minutes east, two hundred and thirty-one (231) feet to a stake, a corner of lots Nos. 7 and 6 of said block; thence with the western boundary lines of lots Nos. 6 and 5, north 30 degrees and 28 minutes west eighty-seven (87) feet to a stake in the line of lot No. 5, the southeast corner of lot No. 12; thence with the southern boundary line of lot No. 12, south 71 degrees and 12 minutes west, two hundred and two-tenths (202.2) feet to a stake in the east margin of Cumberland avenue, the southwest corner of lot No. 12; thence with said margin of Cumberland avenue, south 27 degrees and 21 minutes east, one hundred (100) feet to the beginning.

Lot No. 13, beginning at a stake in the eastern margin of Cumberland avenue, the northwest corner of lot No. 11 of said block and running thence with the northern boundary line of lot No. 11, north 71 degrees and 12 minutes east, two hundred and thirty-six and two-tenths (236.2) feet to its northeast corner in the western boundary line of lot No. 5; thence with the said boundary line of lot No. 5, north 30 degrees and 28 minutes west, fifty-six (56) feet to a stake in the same, the southeast corner of lot No. 13; thence with the southern boundary line of lot No. 13, south 41 degrees and 47 minutes west, two hundred and thirty-six and two-tenths (236.2) feet to a stake, the southwest corner of lot No. 13 in the east margin of Cumberland avenue; thence with the same south 8 degrees and 13 minutes east, twenty-four and four-tenths (24.4) feet to a stake in the same; thence with the same, south 27 degrees and 21 minutes east, seventy-five (75) feet to the beginning.

Said lots will be sold separately.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of December, 1897.

W. B. GWYN, Trustee.

NOTICE.

By virtue of authority conferred on me as commissioner in a proceeding entitled *W. T. Clinton, administrator of Joseph Brant deceased, vs. Thomas Wagoner, guardian of Alexander Brant, all minors*, by an order of sale made in said cause on the 26th day of November, 1897, by J. L. Cathey, clerk superior court of Buncombe county, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, at the court house door in the city of Asheville, N. C., on the 27th day of December, 1897, the following described tract of land lying and being in the township of Reems creek, county of Buncombe, state of North Carolina, four miles east of Weaverville, adjoining the lands of Elizabeth Hemphill, John Hemphill and others, and known as the old Fox home place, containing one hundred acres, more or less; being the property and tract bought by Joseph Brant deceased, from Robert Craig, deed to which is recorded in office of register of deeds for Buncombe county in book No. 150, at page 452. This November 26th, 1897.

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Commissioner.

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