

Western Carolina News

IN DARKEST EGYPT.

A Child Dies After Being Drugged With Whiskey.

Another sad story comes from Egypt township in Yancey county. Thomas Duncan, a justice of the peace of that township, and C. C. Higgins, constable, are in the city and give an account of the death of the four-year old child of Maggie Bradford, which was caused by the administration of a heavy draught of liquor.

Justice Duncan took down the evidence adduced before the coroner, which was in substance as follows:

Two young men named Tab: Robertson and Riley Augle, went to the home of Jesse Hardin and treated the family to liquor. The Bradford child was present and the mother gave it two drinks of whiskey.

Afterwards the child discovered a bottle in the side pocket of Augle, took it out and began to drink its contents. The mother, discovering the act of the child, took the bottle away from it after a considerable portion of the liquor had been drunk. After this Augle gave the child another drink, and the mother, realizing that the child was drunk, put it to bed where it remained in an unconscious condition, until next day, when it died.

Doctors Fairchild and Morgan were sent for, but arrived too late to give any medical assistance.

A coroner's inquest was held. The verdict of the jury was that the child came to its death from heart failure, caused by over stimulation.

Robertson and Augle, fearing arrest, fled and have not yet been apprehended. Esquire Duncan says that the people in the community are very indignant over the occurrence, which furnishes another addition to the several disgraceful events recently enacted in that locality.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

The rumor that the Southern railway was contemplating moving its general offices from Salisbury to Cincinnati has been authoritatively denied by General Superintendent W. H. Green, says the Washington Post. Ever since the removal of the offices to Salisbury from Atlanta, about ten years ago, there have been rumors of changing every year or two. When the Southern absorbed the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railway and its lease lines the story was put in circulation that the offices would be moved to Memphis, as that city was the most central to direct the movement of the line.

The Charlotte News, which is generally abreast of the times on railroad matters, gives a railroad rumor in yesterday's issue which will be of moment to Salisbury if true, says the World. The News gives various reasons for the move effected between the Southern and Seaboard Air Line and says:

"One is that the Southern agreed to discontinue the running of their through passenger trains from Pinner's Point to Chatsanooga, and that after a certain time, this line was to be used solely for the transportation of freight. As it is now, the Southern can not do any local passenger business so long as their trains are on the Atlantic Coast Line tracks. There has, since the Southern began running passenger trains from the Seaboard to the mountains been a tacit agreement between the Coast Line and the Southern, else the Coast Line would never allowed the use of their track, for their local business would have been materially interfered with by any agreement that did not protect them in this special particular.

GREAT CHRISTMAS REUNION.

All the arrangements have been perfected whereby the people who have left the three old states of Virginia and the Carolines will meet in a great Christmas reunion. The meeting place was given to North Carolina because it was the central state, and Southern Pines, N. C., was selected on account of its large hotel capacity. Many of the Virginians and Carolinians have written and urged friends in distant states to come to the reunion and visit the old homestead and the land they love so well. Men who have gone to other states and made themselves prominent in the various professions will be present, and make addresses.

During the two days there will be many things to amuse and interest the crowds, including old time games as well as modern games of amusement.

Southern Pines is an interesting place to visit, and it is worth the cost of the trip to see the place and its surroundings. The elegant hotels—the beautiful cottages—the magnificent orchards of peaches, the state experiment farm, the largest peach orchard in the country, the magic city of Pinehurst that inside of one year and a half has been built in the most artistic and beautiful style of any similar undertaking in the country. Vanderbilt's work at Asheville, N. C., or Pullman's town in Illinois, can not compare with Pinehurst, with its electric railroads, electric lights, beautiful parks, drives and lakes, all this and much more is to be seen by those who attend the reunion at Southern Pines on the 22nd and 23rd.

FOUND DEAD BY THE ROADSIDE.

News was received at Lenoir by telephone from Patterson about 10 o'clock on Tuesday that a one horse wagon was found by the side of the turnpike and the dead body of a woman close by. The wagon, horse and driver, it is supposed, had tumbled off the road in the darkness the night before and the woman had been killed in the fall. The horse was not badly hurt and was still hitched by one trace when found.

The unfortunate woman was Mrs. Ferguson of Petra Mills, widow of the late Smith Ferguson. The wagon had turned over and had caught the unfortunate victim across the neck and in this position she was found. Mrs. Ferguson was a pensioner, her husband having been a soldier in the war of 1812. The coroner held an inquest and the verdict was "Death by accident." In the fall her head had struck on a log and then been struck by the wagon wheel. On her person \$18.41 were found. The body was taken up the mountain.

BILTMORE POULTRY.

The Biltmore estate had a very fine poultry exhibit at the Piedmont Poultry show yesterday at Spartanburg. The Herald says: "Not all the readers of the Herald were ready to believe the report published yesterday that a large exhibit of poultry would be on exhibit from the Biltmore farm before the show." The fowls arrived however, in due time, and the sight of them alone is worth many times the price of admission. They occupy ten or twelve coops in the northwest corner of the room and are the most beautiful specimens of poultry ever seen in this city. These prodigious flocks occupy one coop, and their respective weights must equal that of an ordinary turkey. A Brahma rooster in this exhibit is an especially im-

posing monarch of chickendom. All the birds shown by Mr. Sharp, who has charge of the exhibit, will run the prize-winners close in each contest.

COLONY OF NORTHERNERS.

J. J. Newman returned this morning from Gold Hill, where he has been for several days on business, says the Salisbury World.

Mr. Newman represents D. L. Risley of Philadelphia, and his business at Gold Hill was to secure land for a colony which Mr. Risley proposes to establish there.

He tells us 5,000 acres are to be secured for the colony. Of this he has secured 3,000 acres and he will, no doubt, have no trouble in securing the other soon.

The land already secured lies immediately surrounding the station of the Yadkin railroad. The people to be settled here will be from the north, industrious people, and will no doubt make good citizens of the county.

The land, as in all Mr. Risley's colonies, will be divided in small tracts.

SEABOARD TO ENTER WINSTON.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 15.—Some important and interesting developments in railroad circles were made public, to some extent, here today by the receipt of a letter from a Norfolk and Western railroad official, stating that if the Seaboard Air Line succeeds in buying or leasing the Cape Fear and Yadkin valleys, it will be confirmed by an official dispatch to the Morning Post by Receiver Gil, of the 1st named road, a few days ago of the terms proposed, then the C. F. and Y. V., then the Norfolk and Western will not build its proposed line south to Marion.

It was also learned today that the Seaboard people have decided to enter Winston, if they have to build a branch road, which would be only a short one, to enable them to get there.—Morning Post.

FROM SEVERAL TOWNS.

Two distilleries near Salisbury which have been closed for some time have resumed operations.

Mr. S. M. Arnell, of Asheville, United States pension inspector was in town last week, says the Andrews Sun. While here he paid a visit to Aquone and Briartown. He left yesterday morning for Robbinsville.

The agent of the English syndicate writes J. Shirley Smith that the company is ready to sign a contract and go to work on the railroad, through upper Cleveland, says the Shelby Aurora, as soon as our commissioners take action on the bond question.

Gold mining is now extensively practiced throughout Cabarrus county, since the crops are all gathered and wheat and corn are in the ground, says the Salisbury Sentinel. On almost every farm the pick and pan are brought into service. No startling finds have been reported, however.

The county commissioners met on Monday and settled with Sheriff Williams, as to the state tax, says the Greensboro Times. The amount was \$5,521.30. Mr. Williams will be among the first, if not the first sheriff to pay in the state tax, which shows his efficiency as a collector, and also the improved condition of finances among Henderson county people.

Application for a receiver having been made in due form by a creditor of the Morganton Land and Improvement company, Judge Adams at Greensboro on Tuesday appointed Mr. Frank B. Davis, of Morganton, receiver. Mr. Davis has filed his bond and will at once take charge of the business, says the Herald.

The news comes from Statesville that General Cowles has concluded, in view of the legal complications that have arisen over the receivership of the "busted" Morganton bank, to drop out of the contest altogether. He thinks that even should he win in the courts, there is not enough in the business to pay him for the work and worry. He has, therefore, decided to wait for something better.

Editor J. T. Jenkins, of the W. N. C. Baptist, and also pastor of the Baptist church of Waynesville, was in the city last night in company with his mother, Mrs. Henry Jenkins, of China Grove, says the Salisbury World. The latter has become physically prostrated and Mr. Jenkins takes her to his mountain home in hopes that she may be restored to health.

The board of county commissioners of Watauga county have postponed the election concerning the issuing of bonds to the proposed new railroad until some time in the spring. The people there desire to have the line of the road located before the tax is voted. There is no doubt as to the tax being voted, provided the road will be run through the central part of the county.

Rev. H. R. Overcash, one of Statesville's dispersed and scattered abroad, has accepted the pastorate of Swanmanoa Presbyterian church, at Swanmanoa, on the western road, says the Salisbury World. After finishing his course in the theological seminary Mr. Overcash was for a time pastor of a church in Virginia, but for the past few months has been living at China Grove, Rowan county.

The four tobacco warehouses at Mt. Airy are selling at the rate of a million pounds a week. Sales, to date amount to about 5,000,000 pounds, or 750,000 more than at the same period last season. And this notwithstanding short crops. Those in a position to know say 9,000,000 pounds will be sold during the season. The quality of the breaks is improving and a great many fine wrappers, showing up with good prices for all grades.

The Wilkes people are justly indignant over the importation of storekeepers and gaugers from a distance to do the work their home men ought to do, writes a correspondent. There are only twenty-three of these foreign gentry on duty in Wilkes county at present. They are from the country adjacent to Asheville. But they ought not to complain. This is what they voted for last fall and is another one of the beautiful workings of "reform."

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners of Cleveland county last week the subject of a transfer of bonds to aid in the construction of the Morganton and Shelby railroad came up, and after some consideration it was decided to postpone the matter for final settlement on the 20th inst. Judge Avery and Mr. Frank P. Tate of Morganton, attended the meeting to encourage favorable action for the railroad.

Last summer Mr. L. Vyne of North Wilkesboro, spent some time in Lenoir selling county rights, etc., to certain parties, says the Topic. Now some of the parties who bought rights allege fraud and last week Sheriff Boyd went to Wilkesboro with papers against Vyne. He promptly gave bond, but came to Lenoir to see the parties. So far there has been no

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adjustment of the matter. The trial is set for next Monday.

Mr. R. W. Johnson, of Seville, Ga., railroad tie inspector for the Southern railway, was a guest of the Bryson House for several days last week, says the Andrews Sun. While here he inspected 3,000 ties for Mr. W. P. Walker. He informs us that the Southern railway are overstocked with ties, having on hand more ties than they can use in the next twelve months. Many farmers in several counties of the state have abandoned their farm work and engaged in the work of cutting ties, thereby flooding the market, which will naturally result in a reduction of prices. He left yesterday morning for Asheville.

The Burke County bank will open for business on Monday next, says the Morganton Herald, temporarily occupying the front of the store building immediately west of the Morganton Hardware company. A large fire and burglar proof safe is being placed in position for the business. The men connected with the establishment of this new enterprise are well known in Morganton and their names are a guarantee of the responsibility and stability of the institution. It is understood that Mr. A. A. Shuford will be president. The other officers and directors will be announced later. The business will be started under the personal direction of Mr. K. C. Menzies, cashier of the First National Bank of Hickory.

STATE TELEPHONE LAWS.

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—The Post has information from Mr. George H. Glass, of the Bell Telephone Exchange, that material is now being received here for the long distance telephone lines which are soon to be constructed, linking together North Carolina towns. All the material for the construction of the lines will be received in ten days, and it is expected that work will begin by the New Year.

The company will continue the Raleigh and Durham line to Greensboro and Danville first, in order to tap the long distance line from New York and other northern points at that place.

The Bell company will expend \$20,000 in establishing telephonic connection between the leading North Carolina towns.

UTAH'S WOMEN VOTERS.

There was a development in the recent election in Salt Lake City that surprised the politicians. It was that women refused to vote for women for public office. The managers of the opposing parties took it for granted that the women of Utah having demanded the right to vote, would in elections a disposition to vote for female candidates. Therefore both parties, in order to strengthen their tickets, put the names of women on them.

It is not disputed that the women nominees were conspicuously fit for the places for which they were named. Miss Joanna Sprague, nominated for recorder, had for a long time been a particularly efficient clerk in the office of the district court. A local paper says that she had the support of every lawyer at the bar, that she had no adverse criticism whatever to encounter, and that an informal canvass of the business district of the city before the election justified the general belief that she would run far ahead of her ticket. But the result was that she was badly beaten, because the women, as a rule voted against her. So, too, in the case of

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Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Bradley, candidates for auditor on the rival party tickets. It seemed that one or the other was sure of election, yet, in spite of the advantage they possessed in having party nominations, both were beaten by a masculine independent candidate. And the cause was the same—the women preferred to vote for the man.

The first result of this showing of a want of classiness on the part of the women is likely to be that the parties will be chary of putting the names of women on their tickets hereafter, but probably the women voters could not have adopted a better method of making themselves a power for good in the politics of Utah. It is not believed that they defeated the women candidates because they were women. What they did do, was to resent the appeal made by the politicians to their lower feelings—to their desire to show their power, to their vanity, their clan-

nishness, their desire to triumph over those who had opposed the bestowal upon them of equal political rights. They rebuked the men who made this appeal—not the women who ran for office. The showing for the women of Utah made at this election seems to us a very favorable one. A body of voters that refuses to be cajoled by the methods adopted in this instance is apt to compel the parties to put forward their best men as candidates.—Florida Times-Union.

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