Western Carolina

OUEER STORY FROM STANLEY.

A traveler going from the old Drew county, east by the Honey and Wine pub-" lic road will see a curious pile of stones by the roadside. The stones are of all colors, yet on most of them there are dark clouds which contrast sickeningly with the flinty whiteness of the surface. Close examination will reveal the fact that these cloudy spots are stains and then a horrible sensation takes hold of the stranger as he becomes convinced that the stains were made by blood. The pile of stones has a strange, shocking history.

Two dozen years ago there lived near this place two neighbors, King Brooks and William Hinson. Hinson was the owner of a fine bull whose viciousness was known only to himself. Brooks wanted to buy the animal and Hinson told him to take it along home with him and see how he liked it, knowing that Brooks would likely have some trouble before he got home. It was one of those senseless jokes with lots of cruekty, which some people sometimes play on others.

Brooks started home leading the bull. He reached in safety his plantation fence, but before he could lay down the rails in order to cross the vicious bull made a murderous plunge at Brooks and drove him through the fence with his cruel horns literally through the man's body. Brooks

died in great agony. The people heard of the tragedy and threatened to lynch Hinson. Finally their frenzy reached fanatacism and they believed it to be their duty from a scriptural standpoint to stone the bull to death. The decision was unanimous.

A few men were put to hauling rocks for the execution while others went to Hirson's cow barn for the condemned Hinson remonstrated, but being told if he bothered them they would tie him to the same stake with the bull, he took things easy. The bull seemed to I know his fate and it was impossible to tie him in any ordinary way. One man was sent up in the loft to get a vantage ground from which he might fasten a chain on the bull's horns. As he attempted this, the animal made a last death dealing lick. and with his horn ripped the skin on the mun's head from his forehead to his crown. At last the animal was chained, and wet with perspiration, conscious of his fate, was led to the place of execution. He was tied securely to a tree and then the stoning began.

The news spread over the country, and hundreds of the children of the hills were present-men, women, old and young, in wagons, buggies, walking and on horseback. A large number of people participated in the rocking, and after hours of torture the animal, with a ghost-like groan of misery, fell dead at his stake.

He was left tied to the stake, from which the buzzards tore him in their vulturous hunger and the stones were left, crimsoned and blackened, as witnesses to the terrible

The witchcraft in New England, and the merciless persecutions of Baptists in Viran estate worse than their first. The story of death on the Latin cross pictures the cold cruelty of unfeeling hearts steeped in fanaticism and sin; and the story of the death of this bull at the stake shows how long it requires for the race to grow out of its slavish beastliness.

POLK COUNTY RAILROAD

Polk County News: It is too soon yet to get much information concerning the work of the commissioners appointed at the railorad meeting reported in last week's paper. We hear, however, that a considerable sum has already been subscribed in Tryon township. We hope that the commissioners have had equally good success in the other townships.

The people of Tryon know a good thing when they see it, and as we pointed out last week, the Southern railway has made Tryon township the wealthiest one in the county, and this wealth does not consist alone in her nice homes, but there are large vineyards and orchards as well.

A railroad through the county as proposed would open up the great timber sections and enable the people to obtain the benefit of the natural resources therein contained. Instead of hauling lumber long distances over bad roads, easy transportation would be close by and our fine timber could easily be shipped into the excellent markets of our large northern cities, where it would find a ready sale.

Various factories could be established in our midst for the manufacture of wooden wares, furniture, etc., thus using our smaller timber. This section would become one of the best fruit growing sections of the country and there would be a means of shipping both into our northern and our southern markets. To be sure, Tryon already has advantages, and she is making use of them, but the proposed railroad would double her opportunities and advan- best. tages.

Our farmers are spending too much time in hauling fruit and other produce in small quantities over long distances and then realizing but small amounts. They are on the road so much that they hardly get time to work the farm.

Moreover, a railroad always creates markets for produce. First, buyers will locate where there are railroads for shipping, and secondly, the population of a place is increased by the advent of a railroad and thus the home consumption is increased. With our beautiful climate in Polk county we must have a greatly increased population of consumers. We may also add that many of our farmers who have been carrying their produce to such Loss covered by insurance.

places as Asheville and Spartanburg have been compelled to barter instead of selling for cash, and thus instead of spending their Morgan mill on Rock River in Stanly money for the betterment of their own county they are helping to build up out-

> What bright prospects would be for Tryon and Columbus, both as health resorts and fruit growing sections. Tryon, now steadily growing, would recive a wonderful impetus es a ratiroad center. Columbus would begin to take its proper place alongside Tryon. Mill Springs would become the great market for that large farming section surrounding it, and all that section along Green River and White Oak Creek would take on a new appearance in response to the new markets all along the line. Near by markets for our cotton and corn would make them more profitable and there would be a larger acreage and larger

> The Choral Society is an organization deserving the cordial support of the best people in Asheville and, judging from the evidence furnished by its first concert in the hall of the college, this fact is fully appre-

PICKENS & EASLEY R. R.

The following taken from the Greenville Mountaineer is something more than was expected, should it be consummated. It says that the Pickens and Easley railroad will be extended to the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains and probably farther. A railroad crossing the Eastatoe Gap and connecting with the H. and B. most certainly would be one of the best things which could happen to our county. Such a section of valuable timber as it would pass directly through is hardly found anywhere. Can we hear the whistle of the locomotive, can we see the smoke curling from the engine? Through that wild and beautiful mountain country it would certainly be a spectacle and a good investment for any railroad company. The Pickens and Easley railroad seems to be moving along at an encouraging pace. Ex-Governor John Gary Evans was in the city yesterday on his return from Easley, where he went with Contractor Oliver to meet the chief engineer of the Southern in regard to crossing the latter's track and the right of way. The interview was satisfactory. The road will be extended to the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains, reaching most probably to Sassafras Gap. The purpose of this extension is to tap-the rich chickens. timber country in that section. This will prove a great feeder to the Southern. It is believed that satisfactory arrangements can be mode by which a daily train will be operated between Greenville and Pickens. This has not been definitely decided but some of the backers of the road are confident it will be done. The Pickens and Easley road will be put into operation by February 15. The occasion of the running of the first train will be quite an event and doubtless will be duly celebrated. Mr. Evans and his bride will probably be

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: 'After two doctors gave up my boy to die, saved him from croup by using One ginia show how people can go back into | Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles .- C. A.

will be the guests of honor.

A WILD BEAST LOOSE.

Undeniable evidence has been found of the presence of some wild beast in the woods around Rural Hall near Winston. Whatever the animal is it attacks only dogs, harming nothing else around the yard. The dog is attacked, his throat cut and his body eaten from his head to his hind quarter and his bones cleaned of all

The animal has been seen only once, but he could not be distinguished from the dog which was being attacked and disappeared in the darkness. The depopulation of the dogs has been going on for six months, but at first attracted but little attention, the report being circulated by the boys. But an eye witness tells of the attacks the animal has made, and the dead bodies of two dogs seen Monday morning. The only theory advanced is that there being about 6,000 acres of thickly studded woodland around Rural Hall and running thence almost unbroken to Sauratown Mountains, it must have its habitat there. -Concord Standard.

RAILROAD TO BREVARD.

During the past week several railroad men of prominence have been in Brevard feeling the pulse of our business men, says the Sylvan Valley News. The represent competing companies, and seem by their queries to have an eye upon the H. and B. as a connecting link between-what? It may be possible that the link from Rutherfordton to Hendersonville is shortly to be built and that our road will bestaken into the Seaboard System. Evidently something is in the wind which may vastly benefit our people by adding to the railroad facilities we now enjoy. All we can do is to await developments and hope for the

SEVERBL TOWNS.

The Benbow mill two miles from Greensboro was burned Tuesday night. Fire supposed to be accidental. Loss \$3,500 and no

The next annual conference of the Epworth Leagues and Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held in Salisbury.

The tobacco prize house of Anderson and Anderson at Wilson was burned with about \$15,000 worth of tobacco Tuesday night.

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Could Not Hide the Sores.

My niece, who was familiar with a case similar to mine, which had been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, urged me to try it. Finally I was persuaded to do so, and in a short time I saw it was helping me. The sores began to heal and the neuralgia in my head was better. In a few months the sores on my arms and limbs all healed; those on my neck gradually disappeared and now they are all gone. I have never had any symptom of scrofula since. One large sear on my r'aht arm is all the sign that remains of my terrible affliction. The neuralgia is also cured." Mrs. J. M. HATOZ. Tina, New Hampshire.

Is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Rev. Mr. Peeler, a superannuated minister of the Western North Carolina Conference, M. E. church, died at his home at Kernersville Monday night, aged 72 years.

Tom Hunt, a colored convict on the Wake county chain gang, dropped dead Monday, it is supposed from heart disease. He was serving four months for stealing

A suit for \$50,000 damages is to be brought against the Southern railway on account of the death of Clingman Benton. a postal clerk, who was killed in the wreck near Harrisburg last spring.

The chicken show, as all who saw it know was a success in the way of exhibits. The casting up by the treasurer shows that it was a success also financially. There is a surplus to go over to the next show .-Charlotte Observer. among the first passengers, and if so, they

> King's Mountain has been visited by another fire. This time the store of the oldest merchant in the town, Lawson Summett, who is between 95 and 100 years of age was destroyed. The furniture store of Campbell Bros. also went up in the flames. The fire occurred last Saturday night and originated in a barber shop. It is said a lamp exploded in the shop.

> While sawing a very large log at Mr. Spiers Crisp's mill near Crisp, Edgecombe county last week, Mr. W. J. Brown, the sawyer, noticed something shining in the log and it proved to be a minie ball which had been cut open by the saw. The log was a very large one (pine), and squared eighteen inches. Lord Cornwallis marched through that section in the spring of 1781. going to Yorktown, where he met his defeat, and the ball is supposed to have been fired in a skirmish or some little racket during that march.-King's Weekly.

> Statesville Landmark: Since the convict force has been at work in Statesville there has been a noticeable falling off in the business of the mayor's court. Soon aften the force was located here several recruits were added to it from the mayor's court and since then habitual law-breakers have mended their ways. They have no fancy for the chain gang since they have had an insight into its operations, and the fact that it is so near at hand has deterred them from evil. Several colored men have been heard to remark on occasion that they would have done so and so under certain circumstances but that they had no money to pay a fine and they didn't want to go "over on dat hill." The chain gang is a great institution in many ways.

> The Murphy Scout calls attention to an important incident which has just transpired in that section. The bridge across the Hiawassee river at that town by which connection is made between the Western North Carolina railroad and the Knoxville Southern railroad is completed and trains are now running over it. This gives conmection now from Asheville by way of Murphy to Atlanta and Knoxville, and will no doubt prove a very important one in the handling of passengers, especially from the Southwest. The route all the way from Chattanooga and Atlanta via Murphy to Asheville is through the grandest mountain scenery east of the Rockies, and this connection brings it at once into use. The canyon of the Nantahala alone is worth a trip over this road. We congratulate our Western Carolina friends on the completion of this connection.-Raleigh Post

Col. B. B. Bouldin of the revenue office here has found among some old papers a valuable document. It is the general order issued to the Army of Northern Virginia on the day after the surrender at Appomatox. It is written on one side of a sheet of blue paper which is very much worn in places. The order bears the auto-

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graph signature of General Lee and is unquestionably genuine. Col. Bouldin thinks it probable that it is the original order. If not the original it is a copy duly signed. The indications are however that it is the original in which case it is very valuable. The order was found among some old papers belonging originally to the family of Mrs. Bouldin. Col. Bouldin naturally prizes the paper very highly and an attempt will probably be made to determine whether or not it is the original order.-Greens-

NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD.

boro Telegram.

A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from distressing kidney and bladder troubles as the men. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidney, back bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to remale weakness or womb trouble of some sort.

The error is easily made and may be, as easily avoided by setting urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling s evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scanty supply, with smarting or burning-these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr. Kilmer's swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and the extraordinary effect will surprise you. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If you take a medicine you should take the best. At druggists, nfty cents and one dollar. You may have sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent ree by mail. Mention the Gazette and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Bing. hamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this of-

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Wake Forest, Jan. 20 .- Wake Forest College reports one of the best baseball teams it has ever had, and it has a good financial backing. The following games have been scheduled for the coming season: March 25-University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

March 26-Trinity College at Durham. April 2-University of North Carolina at

April 8 and 9-University of Georgia at April 11-Mercer University at Macon.

April 12-Technological Institute at Atlanta.

April 14-Johns Hopkins University a April 15-A. and M. College at Raleigh. April 9-University of North Carolina at

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