

GOT A DUCKING IN THE SWANNANOA

Experience of Two Asheville School Students With Canoe and Swollen River.
Two boys of the Asheville school, Joseph Beggs and Henry Chapman, had a chilly experience in the Swannanoa river yesterday afternoon.
They were shooting the river with a canoe, at a point above the Vanderbilt truck farm. The stream was at flood height and very swift. Their canoe was overturned once and they got a ducking, but recovered the little boat and went on down stream. The canoe was finally thrown violently against a log boom that extended into the river, dragged under the boom and lost, and the boys were thrown into the stream. They reached shore, and as soon as they had recovered themselves sufficiently to make the exertion started down the south bank of the stream for Blumore.
They were fortunate enough to meet a carriage containing some hotel visitors in Asheville. These gentlemen took the boys in and drove with them as rapidly as possible to the city, where they secured some dry clothing and a heavy carriage to convey them to the school.
They were a sorry spectacle and much chilled and exhausted when rescued on the banks of the raging river.
The boys were all right last evening. They simply got a ducking—that was all.

THE SCOUNDREL CONTINUES TO EXPOSE TWO

Valentine Jones Comes on with His Confession of Crime
New York, April 3.—Charles F. Jones, the valet-secretary of William M. Rice, the rich Texan, resumed the giving of testimony today in the proceedings against Albert T. Patrick, who is charged with causing Rice's death in order to obtain his property by means of a will, deeds and checks, which it is alleged were forged.
Patrick told Jones he had discovered the will witnessed in his (Patrick's) office, and a number of bogus letters were written on the will matter. On this occasion Jones testified Patrick asked when Rice had last been given mercury.
"I told him on Thursday," said Jones.
"Patrick then told me that there would not be any traces of that left in the system of the autopsy, and that the embalming fluid would kill all traces of oxalic acid, which was a vegetable poison."
Witness then told of Dr. Curry having come to the apartments on Tuesday, where he met Patrick. The two had a long talk which Jones did not hear. The so-called Patrick will was then brought up. Jones said he had told Patrick that the provisions for Rice's relatives' interest, which was discovered on the day following Rice's death, were too small—and that it would be impossible to get it probated. Patrick, Jones said, then had the so-called "Patrick will" drawn up. The witness related at length the incidents of the day when the body of Rice was cremated.
Jones said that at the time he attempted to commit suicide at the home Patrick had agreed to kill himself also.
Jones says he was taken to police headquarters at ten o'clock in the evening, and said he made a statement which was entirely fictitious and of which he could not recall the salient features.

BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS

Phoenix, Ariz., April 3.—News has been received here of the accident at Senator Clark's United Verde at Jerome. There was a premature explosion. James Rooney and Joseph Ziefel were blown to fragments and several others were injured.

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HEARTH FIRES WHICH ARE NEVER ALLOWED TO DIE OUT.

The Manner in Which the Living Fire is Generated—A Peculiar Ceremony Which Illustrated the Uses of the Sacred Fire.
The domestic hearth fire is sacred among all Slavic peoples, without distinction of stage of culture. It may never be started by blowing with the mouth. A bride, on entering her new home, is led thrice around the hearth by the groomsmen. She must stir the fire with the poker and utter the following words: "As many as the sparks that fly, so many may the cattle be and so many the male offspring that shall bless our new home."
The form of the andiron in the peasants' houses has from time immemorial been either where one side is shaped to represent a snake and the other the head of a cock or where some domestic animal is represented. The fire on the hearth is never permitted to go out. It is the eternal sacred fire of the peasant's home. Its extinction betokens misfortune or is a sign that some member of the family will die.
The servants employed on the farm gather about the fire and pass away the long autumn and winter evenings in lively conversation. On Christmas eve the sacred billet, badnjak, is lighted, and is sprinkled by the father of the house with wine, olive oil and honey. On St. Ivan's day the Ivan's fire is lighted and maintained the whole night. The young people of the village gather together and dance the kolo, accompanying their dance with songs. But the "living fire" is prized most highly of all, because, as the Slavic tradition goes in the Balkan peninsula and the Carpathians, it possesses special curative powers.
The living fire is generated as follows: In some places (as in the mountains of old Servia) it is customary to select two children, a boy and a girl, between 11 and 14 years of age, who are intrusted with kindling the fire. They are conducted into a perfectly dark chamber, where they are obliged to remove all their clothing and to utter a single word. Two dry cylindrical pieces of linden wood are given to them, which they alternately rub briskly together until the pieces are ignited. A piece of tinder is fired by the sparks thus produced and dedicated to sacred uses. This manner of obtaining the sacred fire is the oldest, but has now passed almost altogether out of use.
Another method prevails among the Servians of western Macedonia. Two slabs of oak wood are driven solidly into the earth, and in their upper extremities two round holes are bored, in which a cylindrical piece of linden wood is so inserted that it can be rapidly rotated. A stout cord is drawn tight around two upright slabs to prevent their springing asunder. A primitive violin bow is then constructed, the string of which is wound once around the piece of linden wood. By moving the bow to and fro the cylindrical piece of wood is brought into rapid rotation, and through the heat of friction thus generated a piece of tinder inserted in the holes of the uprights is ignited.
In the autumn of 1899, while in the Kosmaj highlands, I saw the sacred fire produced in a different manner. Two peasants drove two semicylindrical pieces of wood into the ground and drew a rope taut about them. The piece of light linden wood was so inserted that it could be readily rotated by means of a simple rope wrapped once around it, a device which was even more efficacious than that of the primitive violin bow and led quickly to the desired end.
The purpose for which the sacred flame, or living fire, is used in the peasants' homes remains to be explained.
While on a scientific journey in the interior of the great forest districts of Servia several years ago I accidentally had an opportunity of witnessing a ceremony which illustrated the uses of the sacred fire.
It was in the autumn. In the village of Setenje, at the foot of the Homolje mountains, there raged a general epidemic among the children, which the prejudiced peasantry concealed from the authorities for fear that the physician of the province would visit the place. Two old women who were obliged by tradition to have the names Stana (from stani, to stand, not to spread) repaired to a spot outside the village. One of them carried a copper kettle filled with water, the other an old house lock and key. The first one then said, "Whither goest thou?" Whereupon the one with the lock in her hand answered, "I have come to lock out misfortune from the village." With these words, she turned the lock and cast it, together with the key, into the kettle of water. She then walked thrice around the village, repeating each time the same ceremony as she passed the "woman of the kettle."
In the meantime all the inhabitants of the village gathered together, arrayed in festive attire, having extinguished before leaving home the fires burning on their hearths. Two sturdy peasants then constructed on a hillock to the right of an oak tree a tunnel sufficiently high to enable a person to crawl through comfortably on all fours. Lengthwise in the tunnel a wide board was laid, and at its exit a second board was placed crosswise, the two together forming a T. In the meantime an old woman and an old man had kindled on both sides of the tunnel the "living fire." When everything was ready, the woman with the kettle took her place to the right of the fire at the entrance to the tunnel, and the woman with the lock was stationed at the other end. To the left of the exit a peasant woman with a large pot of milk stood. To every one who crept through the tunnel she gave a sup of milk from a wooden spoon. At the other end of the tunnel stood a pot containing melted hog's fat, into the surface of which each person gazed as he crept through. Then on the back of each person that crept through a third peasant woman drew a cross with a piece of charcoal. After all had crept through each person present placed several of the glowing coals in a jar and hurried home to kindle the fires of their hearths. They then cast some of the charred wood into a vessel containing water and drank of it in order to render themselves proof against the epidemic. Translated For Open Court.

Entertained Last Evening

- A very large number of guests braved the unpleasant weather last evening to attend a musicale given at the Normal and Collegiate institute.
The program rendered was a well rounded one, and each number reflected credit upon the performers, and the school as well. The Normal's student body includes a number of fine voices which were well displayed in the vocal numbers, while the instrumental pieces were well selected and well executed. Of the recitations, that of Miss Frances Moore was especially delightful. The program follows:
1. "When Early Morn Beams O'er Us".....Kucken. Chorus.
 2. Piano solo, "Twittering of the Birds".....Bliehma.
 3. Quartette, "Old Kentucky Home" Misses Moore, Baskerville, Kerpatrick Fennel and Reese.
 4. Recitation, "How the La Rue Stakes Were Lost." Margaret Childs.
 5. Quartette, "Moonlight on the Lake." Misses Moore, Baskerville, Kerpatrick and Reese.
 6. Piano duet, "Impromptu Gallop." Misses Matthews and Morgan.
 7. Four part song, "A Wedding March".....Soderman. Chorus.
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1. Piano solo, "Valse Arabesque.".....Lack. Blanche Beacham.
 2. Vocal solo, "The Sing Away Bird." Edith Lawrence.
 3. Recitation, "The Tenor." Frances Moore.
 4. Glee, "Sailing the Sea." Seven Young Ladies.
 5. Piano duet, "Scherzo".....Jensen. Misses Drake and Power.
 6. Serenade, "Fair Shines the Moon Tonight".....Verdi. Chorus.

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TOM JOHNSON AS BRYAN'S SUCCESSOR

Cleveland, April 3.—The election of Johnson mayor of Cleveland is accepted by his political friends and admirers here to mean that he has won his first great step toward the presidential chair. Johnson is his own candidate for the democratic nomination for the presidency and he and his immediate friends are certain he will be the nominee three years hence. They point out that he is the only leader in the party on whom both factions can unite.
Johnson, it is said, by reason of the fact that he always has been a sound money democrat expects to be able to swing the sound money democrats into line. In addition to this it is stated that his relations with Bryan are of more than ordinary friendship.

FIERCE SNOW STORM

Pittsburg, April 3.—One of the worst snow storms ever experienced in this region began early this morning and telegraph, telephone and trolley cars service soon became practically suspended. Miles of poles are down, making the streets literally a network of wires. The strong winds, throughout the outlying portions of the city made it extremely dangerous for pedestrians, teamsters and street car men, but up to noon no fatalities have been reported. The money damage in the city will be very heavy.
The clinging snow has broken down all the wires along the Pennsylvania system between East Liberty and Huntington. Trains are stalled at various points, the dispatchers are unable to straighten out the tangle and the whole division is more or less paralyzed. The Buffalo and Allegheny Valley system is in almost the same condition. On the Western New York and Pennsylvania division the snow is from ten to fifteen inches deep, the wires are down and the train schedule has been abandoned.

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