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THE HENDERSON OFFICERS AND THE HAWKINS CASE.

"There is an impression," says the Charlotte Observer, "that justice is moving with a leaden heel in Hendersonville." It finds one amusing note in the sad tragedy, "the shadowy and yet exaggerated importance which some of the reporters seem to attach to the presence in the town of detectives and their activity in the case. The word is spoken with awe and air of implied conclusiveness, as if an unclouded sun would now shine where Stygian darkness had reigned so far. These impressionable writers would signify to the curious-minded readers that these men of cut-like tread and secret methods, undoubtedly skilled in ferreting out the perpetrators of crime, can take a fragment of fact and therefrom construct an ichthyosaurus for the court and public to gaze upon; that they can take the print of a rundown shoeheel and therefrom deduce and follow a train of circumstances that will expose turpitude in its lair; that they can furnish witnesses to scenes that were not viewed by spectators, supply missing evidence, and all but make suspects confess their guilt and throw themselves upon the mercy of the court.

"Such is far from the fact, for they possess no supernatural force or influence, and can turn up few facts in this instance that are not already apparent to those who have read the stories in connection with the incident. When intelligent people have agreed upon what kind of story they are going to tell, it is not a matter for a detective, but for a shrewd cross-examiner who will soon have them contradicting each other and themselves to boot. There is no particular demand in that case for detectives. The evidence is sufficient for the grand jury to return true bills, then the criminal court may take charge and do its inexorable work. Of course, the coroner's investigation should be as wide and thorough as circumstances seem to warrant, for many questions are competent now that could not be propounded in a court room."

"There has been a good deal of criticism of the course of the inquiry, mostly attributable to its failure to bear fruit, as anything that fails of success is criticised. But it does not seem to us that anything like conclusive judgment as to whether there has been negligence or lack of zeal shown can be reached at this stage of the inquiry."

The officials if Hendersonville will be judged by the final facts. Crime done by the unprofessional criminal is not usually shrouded in much obscurity, although occasionally such a case may baffle the best trained intelligence. It is just possible that had the coroner, in the first instance, pursued the inquiry according to the present method, summoning everybody who might possibly have any scrap of information bearing on the case to offer, the result would not have been markedly different. The facts may prove that this dragging progress of the inquiry was the best course, in breaking down the nerve of the guilty, to follow in serving the ends of justice.

But—if they never do find out who killed Myrtle Hawkins—then we greatly fear that the officials will have to submit themselves to the burden of popular criticism, and without remedy. For that is the lot of those in public trust who fail in important undertakings, no matter what ability, honesty and zeal they may display.

THE GOVERNORS AND STATES RIGHTS.

Now that a great calm once more envelopes Spring Lake, a passing glance at the doings of the governors there may be profitable. This year's gathering of executives attracted more attention than previous ones and in fact more than is usually accorded the unofficial deliberations of state-men. But that was entirely fitting. Since Col. Roosevelt has swapped the big stick for a golf club favored by the elite, some states with spoken

word or printers' ink rather than by an iron hand, and some tendencies of real importance might have been discerned in that clearing-house of ideas.

The most interesting feature, perhaps, was the hasty defense of State rights, which must have been as intense to the shade of the departed Calhoun. The ability of the several States to regulate many matters in which it has become the fashion to pay for national guidance was emphasized, and the tendencies to look to the Federal courts for adjudication of many matters which earlier constructions of the constitution had considered entirely beyond the scope of the general government was deprecated in no uncertain terms. Governors from the west, whose constituents seem to favor a strongly paternal government, in some instances bordering on state socialism, were just as pronounced in expression as those from the south, long considered the hotbed of State rights. In this connection the public was treated to a genuine surprise when the conference voted to frame some sort of a protest to the Supreme court against the ruling of an inferior Federal court, in a case upon which the higher tribunal is expected to pass on appeal. Just what view the eminent dignitaries will take of this method of apprising them of gubernatorial sentiment on a judicial question, and just how they may be expected to take cognizance of it, are interesting subjects for conjecture.

That this conference is destined to exercise a real and marked influence seems manifest. No matter what their political beliefs or their geographical environment, State executives are notoriously tenacious of their rights as against Federal encroachment, and always have been, probably because at all-wise Providence has planted in each human being the latent conviction that he is or ought to be the biggest frog in the particular puddle where he is supposed to be the biggest frog. The collective opinion of this body will carry more weight than the individual expressions of various executives and will likely keep alive a sentiment which will powerfully combat the centralizing trend. Not only this, but the various governors will be enabled to gain a better idea of country-wide sentiment, geographical lines will in a measure be broken, and greater uniformity in legislation on matters needing concerted action will be attained.

CATAWBA AND SOME OTHERS.

"We have a pressing inquiry," says the Hickory Democrat, "from our good friend, Postmaster Charles F. McKesson, of Morganton as to the meaning of the beautiful word 'Catawba.' He says of course you know. You are from there? But we don't. We know that Swannanoa means 'Nymph of Beauty' and Tahkeestee 'Racing waters' but we confess that Catawba is the first Indian word we ever took acquaintance with which has no meaning. We are of opinion that it used to have one until the Dutch came and that they, not having any particular use for either etymology or poetry, sold or traded it."

The late Col. Allen T. Davidson said that "Swannanoa" means "Swamp" if one tries to say it, and, more poetically, "the sweep of a great bird's wing," to describe it. "Racing waters" is correct, and we ought, as has been remarked several hundred times, to say "Tahkeestee" instead of "French Broad."

Some time since this paper suggested an ideal for Buncombe county—good roads and good schools for every locality; good, comfortable, well-painted farm houses, running water in the house; good barns and outhouses; mudless walks about dwellings and outhouses; a silo on every farm large enough to need it; adequate farm machinery; modern kitchen conveniences; blooded stock and poultry; plenty of good, practical agricultural books and periodicals. The Progressive Farmer wishes this week that "every paper in the south might take them up as ideals for its county, too." That paper adds: "And not only our newspapers, but each individual may do something to hasten such a general program of progress."

Editorial pens are much handicapped, in the task of telling why it happened in Maine, by lack of definite knowledge as to what happened.

"If the federal government can't fix interstate rates and the States can't, who can?" asks a statesman. The railroads, stupid.

Says Express Profits Are Small.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Refuting the charge that the express companies make exorbitant charges and have high-handed methods, C. E. Taylor, general superintendent of the United States Express company, states that many of the express companies are doing well if they can make three to five cents net out of a gross one dollar charge. Taylor says the companies now make their profits out of long, rather than short hauls.

General Firmis Is Dead.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Sept. 19.—General Anthony Firmis, who deservedly got his post as Haitian minister at London to help overthrow President Simon, is dead.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND PRINCIPALS

School Officials of Western District Will Meet Here September 27.

The superintendents of public instruction and the high school principals of the western educational district of North Carolina will hold a three days' meeting here at the court house, beginning September 27. It is expected that there will be about 50 teachers and superintendents in attendance. The western educational district is composed of 17 counties west of the Blue Ridge. The program has not yet been arranged but the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the methods of teaching and the problems of teachers and superintendents.

The superintendents are required to attend these district meetings and it is provided that their expenses be paid. The program which will be discussed at the session of the meeting has been sent to Superintendent Reynolds by State Superintendent Joynt. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the organization of the meeting will take place and at 8:30 there will be a conference on supervision, which will be led by L. C. Brogden, and the following subjects will be treated:

- 1. What plans have you put into operation this session for increasing the enrollment and daily attendance in your schools? Mention most important results.
2. What steps are you taking this year to eliminate tardies in your schools? Mention most important results observed.
3. What is your method of finding out during your visitation whether your course of study is being properly carried out?
4. What do you consider the essential things to look for in visiting your schools?
5. Mention some of the most important things you do in your visitation to improve the work of the teacher.
6. What practical problems bearing on the administration of your schools do you think a part of each teachers' meeting should be given to?
7. What definite plans have you made this year for the graduation of your pupils from the elementary school?
8. What plans have you under consideration for the further consolidation of your small one-teacher schools?
9. How can you best interest school committees and patrons and secure their co-operation?
10. Have you organized any Rural School Improvement clubs? What results have you obtained?
Thursday morning at 9 o'clock the members will visit the city schools. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a conference on "Observation of School Work," led by L. C. Brogden. At 3:30 o'clock there will be a conference on "Rural Libraries," led by J. A. Bivens, at which the following subjects will be discussed:

- 1. In what condition are the rural libraries and library cases in your county?
2. What per cent of the books are lost or misplaced?
3. What care is taken of the books during the vacation?
4. What books in the library are the children reading? Is it feasible for the teachers to make reports on the number and titles of books read?
5. What stimulus is being put forth to encourage the children to read?
6. Does the teacher read the books of the library?
7. Does the teacher use the library to supplement and arouse interest in the regular work of the school?
8. Have you had a large number of the library books? In your visitation of schools do you ever seek to interest the pupils in some good book in the library?
9. Do you make suggestions to the teacher as to how she may use the library to better advantage?
10. What do you think of a Pupils' Reading circle? Of a Friday Afternoon Round-table for the discussion of books by the pupils?
11. Are you trying to extend the number of original and supplemental libraries in your county? By what methods are you seeking to do this?
12. What use can be made of Miss Leatherman's bulletin on "The School Library and How to Use It"?
13. Should the library have any place on the program of the County Teachers' association?
Thursday evening at 8 o'clock there will be the joint conference of superintendents and principals with the state superintendent and the inspector of the high schools.

J. A. Bivens will lead a conference on teacher training at 9 o'clock Friday morning, and the following will be considered:

- 1. The Teachers' Institute: How may it be made to meet the needs of the rural teacher, the graded school teacher, and the high school principal more fully?
2. The Reading circle: How may it be used to the best advantage this year?
The conference on supervision, led by L. C. Brogden, will be continued at 10:30 o'clock.

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THE MARKETS

New York, Sept. 19.—A heavy tone prevailed at the opening of the stock market today, following the London market's lead, where international issues sold off sharply.

Foreign influences are largely responsible for the unsettlement of the market. An increase in the German bank rate discount to five per cent emphasized the disturbed conditions abroad, and presented the possibility of an increase in Bank of England's rate this week.

Prices recovered somewhat before midday. Cotton Sentiment Unsettled. New York, Sept. 19.—The cotton market opened at an advance of one and five points. There was rather heavy selling at the initial advance, partly from spot houses.

The market eased off to a net loss of three or four points right after the call. A good demand developed around 11:23 for January, and prices later rallied to a shade over the closing figures yesterday on covering.

General business quiet, and sentiment seemed more or less unsettled with selling restricted by fears of unfavorable weather.

Trading became more active later in the forenoon and the market weakened sharply under southern selling, offering from leading spot houses, scattering liquidation and renewal of bear pressure, doubtless inspired by the failure of unfavorable weather possibilities to strengthen the southern markets or promote more general demand.

Stop-loss orders uncovered on the scale down. The market toward midday was 15 to 17 points net lower, December selling at 11.14, the lowest level reached since the publication of September condition figures.

Spot cotton was quiet, middling upland, 11.65, nominal.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Open, Close. Includes Atchison, Amer. Locomotive, Amer. Smelting, Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Fall River, etc.

Table with columns: NEW YORK COTTON, Open, Close. Includes September, October, December, January, March, May, Spot 11.45.

LOCAL SECURITIES.

Table with columns: Reported and corrected daily by Henry F. Claudius. Bid, Asked. Includes Asheville Water, Beaumont Fur, Citizens Bank, etc.

"No Cussin" Rule Works Well.

New Orleans, Sept. 19.—During the first month of the "no cussing" rule in the Panama canal zone, Colonel Jallard and his men broke all rainy month records for excavation in California cut, according to mail dispatches from Colon. The weather was in their favor, however, the shovels not having a handle mud. The total amount excavated was 1,442,403 cubic yards, an average of 52,400 cubic yards per day.

The strongest word used since the new rule took effect was "mercy," a substitute foreman addressing his gang thus: "Mercy, men you must work more rapidly."

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Dr. Wiley on the Value of Cottonseed Oil.

In these days when so much is being said about the purity of food products, and the healthfulness of different foods, it is refreshing to hear what the great authority, Dr. Wiley, has to say about cottonseed oil and its products. The quotation given is from an address Dr. Wiley made before the Interstate Crushers' Association in New York last June. "You have a meritorious article, you have learned how to purify it and make it palatable and attractive, and you have everything now but the confidence of the public and the knowledge on the part of the consumer how to use your product. Put a little effort in that line, and you will see what wonderful returns you will have. I do not believe there is a man, woman or child in this country, if the consumption of cottonseed oil was common today throughout the broad land, but what would have better health and be a better judge of what is good to eat, and be happier, by reason of his better health, than he is today, so I am pleading for the benefit of the public, I am pleading for a wider publicity of your product, for cottonseed oil as a human food."

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