

THREAT POSTED SAND-CLAY ROAD IS TESTED OUT; BY ALLEN GANG BEST HIGHWAY IN THIS COUNTY

Mounted Band Rides to Point Within Three Miles of Hillsville and Makes Defiance.

NOTICE IS PLACED BY REWARD POSTER

Possemen Still Without Definite Idea of the Outlaws' Refuge—Every Clue Found False.

Hillsville, Va., March 21.—Sidna Allen and his gang today apparently are no nearer capture than a week ago when they rode into the mountains after the tragedy that blotted out the Carroll county court.

To those who have made it their concern—we have plenty of arms and bullets and we know how to use them.

It is said a dozen or more men were in the party that posted the notice.

Another Man Near Death. Andrew P. Howlett, who was shot in the back, is likely not to live.

Persons otherwise unemployed busied themselves counting bullet holes in the court room which a week ago was the scene of the massacre.

Gov. Mann has sent letters to Court Clerk Dexter Goad and his daughter Jazebel, commending them for their bravery in the court room last Thursday.

There is absolutely no truth in any such statement as that," said Dr. Wilkinson. "If I had any information to help the posse locate the Allens I would give it to them at once."

BIG POTASH FIND IN MOJAVE DESERT

Million Tons Deposit of Fertilizing Material Discovered by Federal Agents.

Washington, March 21.—A valuable discovery of soluble potash salts has been made in the Mojave desert of southern California by field representatives of the bureau of soils and geological survey.

MINE DEATH TOTAL WILL EXCEED 100

Exploration of Wrecked Oklahoma Workings Is Resumed This Morning.

20 BODIES REMOVED FROM SHAFT IN NIGHT

Cause of Disaster Not Determined—Three of Rescued Will Die From Injuries.

McCurain, Okla., March 21.—Fourteen more workmen were today rescued from the San Bois mine.

McCurain, Okla., March 21.—Little hope exists that any of the three men entombed in the San Bois mine are alive.

Eight of the 13 men who escaped alive were at work in the mine surface through the passage used for the cars.

The first party of volunteers to enter the mine at noon found five others badly injured in a wrecked mine.

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GREAT WINDSTORM SWEEPING S. WEST

Loss of Life Reported in Oklahoma and Texas—Property Wrecked.

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ASK CLARK TO WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF WILSON

Nebraska Progressive League Members Don't Want Him Before Primary.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 21.—Senator Thorp P. Gore, of Oklahoma, yesterday authorized the statement that Speaker Champ Clark is to be asked to withdraw in favor of Woodrow Wilson from participation in the Nebraska presidential preferential primary.

The resolution follows: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this conference that the continued candidacy of Speaker Clark for the preferential vote to be given the Nebraska delegation to the Baltimore convention in view of the rival candidacies of Wilson and Harmon may result in the success of Harmon and thus endanger the cause of true democracy and that if Mr. Clark will withdraw his candidacy in Nebraska we recommend that the National delegation to the national convention in the event Wilson cannot be nominated vote for Clark as its second choice."

Beaverdam Road, the First of Sand-Clay Made in This Section Proves Complete Success in Every Way.

IT BEATS MACADAM IN DROUGHT OR FREEZE

Has Been a Good Road Every Minute Since First Packed—Comment by Road Authorities.

THE road problem for most sections of Buncombe seems to have been solved.

The Beaverdam valley sand-clay road, the first built in this part of the state, has passed through the winter—severest season of test for a highway in the memory of most of the people—practically as good as it was when winter began.

The first section was made in December, 1910. A second section of about two miles was made the January and February following.

In general the formula of the Beaverdam road is as follows: Six inches of sand, and upon that a layer of clay, three inches deep; on that four inches of sand; the whole finished with one inch of clay or gravel.

There was originally a theory, which has been stated in The Gazette-News, that a sand-clay should be a very bad road the first winter after it is made.

The road has never been dusty to speak of, even in the dry autumn weather when Macadam was blowing away.

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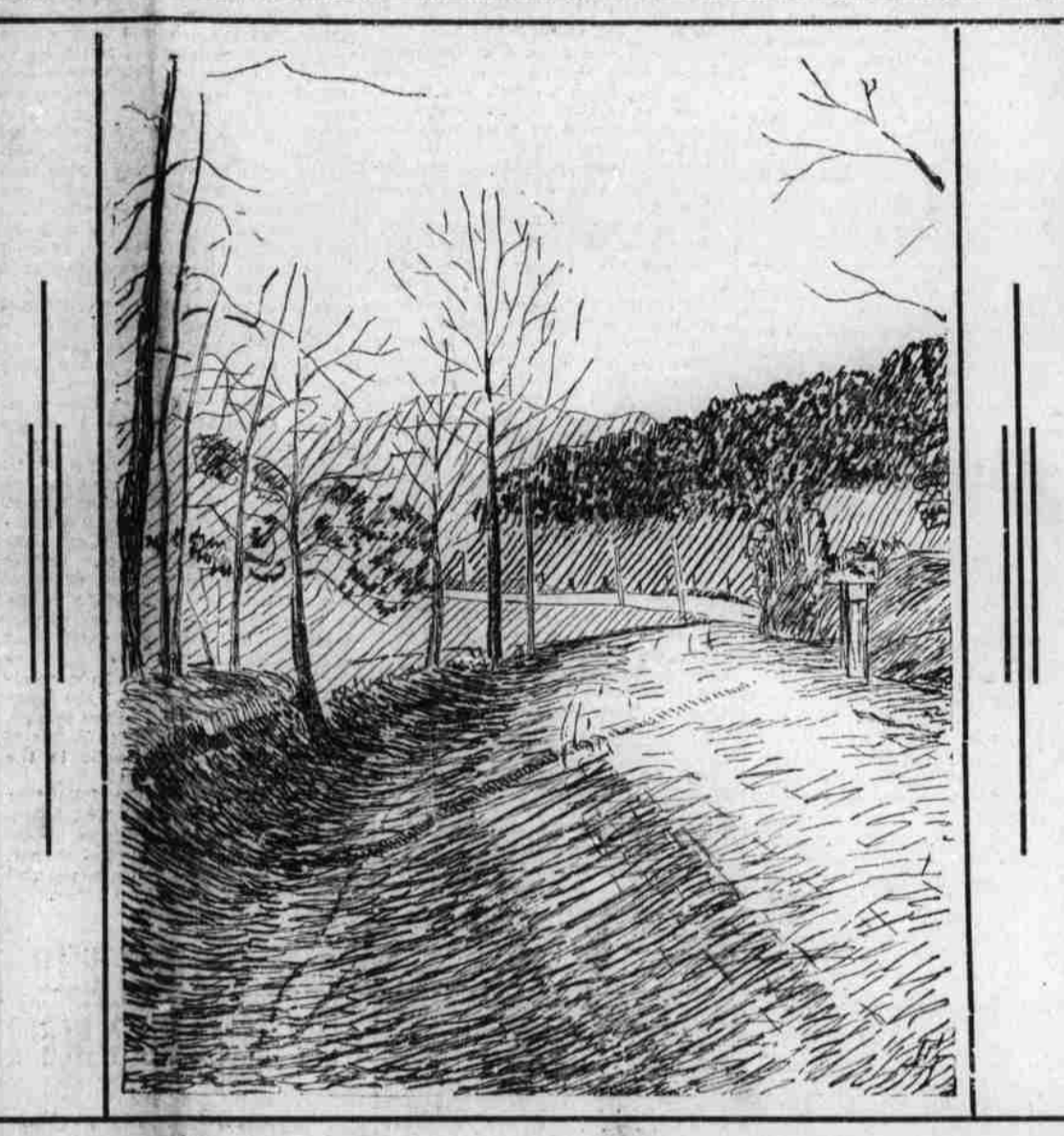
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When the democratic road is completed the attention of the authorities will be directed toward the Cane creek road, known as the "Dr. Fletcher road" for the improvement of which Dr. M. H. Fletcher in paying half.

The sand-clay road is far superior to the Macadam in normal weather so far as durability is concerned.



The Beaverdam road runs in a general east and west direction, with hills to the south; shaded, therefore, most of the time.

DEMOCRATS WILL CHAMPION WOOL BILL PRESIDENT VETOED

Majority Members of House Ways and Means Committee Unanimously Decide for a 20 Per Cent. Duty on the Raw Material—Underwood Advises Abandoning Fight for Free Wool Because of Revenue Loss.

Washington, March 21.—The democratic members of the ways and means committee today determined to reintroduce in the house the same wool tariff revision bill that was vetoed by Taft.

The decision of the democratic committee members followed a few hours' discussion and examination of the tariff board's statistics, which were analyzed by Underwood and compared with data in the committee's possession.

Three Million Now Idle; Government May Resign

Fate of Asquith's Minimum Wage Bill in the Balance and if It is Lost Unionists Will Take The Reins in England.

London, March 21.—The crisis arising over Premier Asquith's minimum wage bill continues and the idea prevails that the passing of the measure will be considerably delayed if not thrown out entirely.

Callahan, Diamond Thief, Is Arrested in St. Louis

St. Louis, March 21.—Daniel Callahan was arrested today for alleged complicity in three diamond robberies aggregating \$120,000 and for robbing the St. Louis postoffice.

Between a photograph of Callahan and the man opposite him. Callahan denied his identity. Rewards for his arrest aggregate \$10,000.

WAR ON WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC IN THE SOUTH

Asheville Among Cities to Be Visited By Agent of World's Purity Federation.

ROOSEVELT WILL OPEN CAMPAIGN IN MAINE

New York, March 21.—Col. Roosevelt today decided to make an appeal direct to the Maine voters and will speak in Portland on Saturday.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

If I could select the man I would name

PEOPLES' RIGHT TO SELF-RULE

Roosevelt Says That Is the Fundamental Issue Before His Party and the Nation.

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD HEARS HIS ADDRESS

Overflow Meeting Held—Speaker Reiterates and Amplifies Statements at Columbus.

New York, March 21.—Theodore Roosevelt last night made the first speech he has delivered since the public announcement of his willingness to accept the republican nomination for president.

Colonel Roosevelt's speech was delivered before a crowd which filled Carnegie hall. So many persons wished to hear him that an overflow meeting was held in a smaller hall within the same building.

The great fundamental issue now before the republican party and now our people can be stated briefly. It is, are the American people fit to govern themselves, to rule themselves, to control themselves? I believe they are.

I have scant patience with this talk of the tyranny of the majority. Whenever there is tyranny of the majority, I shall protest against it with all my heart and soul.

My opponents charge that two things in my program are wrong because they intrude into the sanctuary of the judiciary.

So that no man may understand me, let me recapitulate: (1) I am not proposing anything in connection with the Supreme court of the United States, or with the federal constitution.

(2) I am not proposing anything having any connection with ordinary suits, civil or criminal, as between individuals.

(3) I am not speaking of the recall of judges.

(4) I am proposing merely that in certain class of cases involving the police power, when a state court has set aside an unconstitutional law passed by the legislature for the general welfare, the question of the validity of the law—which should depend, as Justice Holmes so well phrases it, on the operation of the state's police power.

Restates His Position. So that no man may understand me, let me recapitulate:

Washington, March 21.—Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee is seriously ill, suffering from gallstones. The trouble has taken an acute form and an operation probably will be necessary.

Senator Taylor Seriously Ill.

Cut this ticket out and mail it to The Gazette-News, or hand it in at this office. If you do not care to write your name on the ballot, you can write it in a registry book provided at the office.