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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

With nearly 9,000 automobiles licensed by the Secretary of State, it is estimated that not less than \$8,000,000. is invested in these machines by the people of North Carolina, and that the total will reach \$8,000,000 by the last of this year.

Balls Creek camp meetings in Catawba County continues to grow each year in attendance and there is not much probability of this annual meeting being abolished, at present at least, to judge from the attendance at the last one in August when the crowd on Sunday was estimated at 10,000.

A Chicago dispatch says that dollar wheat, dollar corn and dollar potatoes is the forecast sent out to farmers by the Orange Judd Farmer, an organ of the farmers. Other food products are likely to carry prices in proportion. According to the Orange Judd Farmer America will have the largest and best wheat crop ever grown, this year.

Twenty-six persons were killed and near fifty wounded in a rear-end collision on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway, near New Haven, Conn., last Tuesday. One train was standing on the track and the one behind ran pass the signal in a dense fog and ploughed through to pullman cars causing death a destruction among the occupants.

Elizabeth Trondle, a Brooklyn girl, appealed to President Wilson to issue her a permit to dress as a man. "If I can appear as a man and do a man's work I shall be more respected and better paid," reads the letter to the President. "It's no crime for a female to wear male attire, yet I am locked up in jail because I did so. I want a permit from you or some one else to wear the costume I have adopted."

The second annual picnic of the Yadkin county Farmers Union was held last Saturday at Center and was a success from start to finish. The principal speaker was State Supt. of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner who spoke on the subject of "Co-operation in Education." Between 5,000 and 6,000 were present during the day. Much interest is being manifested throughout the State in this great organization and as it is safe to predict that its results will be most beneficial.

Two persons were instantly killed and four slightly injured on the Interurban Railway near Mt. Holly last Tuesday. There was a party of picnickers in a wagon who tried to cross the railway in front of the cars and were struck by the cars, killing two of the party, both mules to the wagon and slightly injuring four others. The driver of the wagon was in animated conversation with the people in the wagon and it is said had his back turned towards the team when the accident occurred.

A resident of the south-western part of town complains that a "blind tiger" occasionally visits the woods between the Lenoir Cotton Mills and Davenport College. He has not seen any tiger tracks but other evidences of its visits are noticed frequently.

MACADAM AND SAND-CLAY. (Catawba County News.)

The great difference in a sand-clay road over a macadam is readily demonstrated in North Iredell. On a recent trip through this section we noticed a piece of road leading out from Statesville toward Olin, that a number of years ago had been macadamized, and later on had worn in holes and was patched with sand or top-soil on top of the macadam. The top-soil is now wearing off and the road is in worse condition than before so treated. The expense of macadamizing this road was so heavy that the county decided to finish up with sand-clay or top-soil. This top-soil road is still in splendid condition and the remainder of our journey was made in perfect ease and comfort where before it was jolt after jolt over rocks holes etc. The return from Olin to Statesville was made after a hard rain and it was with the greatest of ease that our team trotted along over the beautiful smooth sand-clay. When the macadam was struck puddles of water were visible at many places along the route and traveling was made uncomfortable for team and passengers. Iredell county has enough of building macadam roads especially the way this one was built. Splendid sand-clay roads are being built in a number of sections of the county and the work is being done for less than half the cost of macadam. Iredell, for a number of years, has been leading the Piedmont section of the State in road building and a trip over their beautiful sand-clay roads will impress the stranger with the progressiveness of the county.

We were glad to tell our Iredell brothers that Catawba is coming right along at rapid strides on the road building question. Our Newton-to-Hickory road is attracting the attention of all who pass through the county. Before many years Catawba county will lead the sand-clay road building in this section of the state. The South's sand-clay roads have won national reputation.

A. W. C.

Wanted The Money "Only." (Wilkesboro Hustler.)

Mr. M. H. Shatley, of Fairplains, who recently returned from a trip on the excursion to Norfolk, Va., had a new experience with pickpockets. In the surge of the crowd on the wharf to board the small boat to Portsmouth he felt just on entering the surge that he had his pocket book but after having taken his seat on deck of the boat it was gone. Twenty or thirty dollars was in it with some small notes and papers. The other day Mr. Shatley received his pocket book in the mail containing everything, so far as he knew, except the money, which was sent in the mail at merchandise rates.

Tonight, 5th, the Caldwell County Poultry Association will meet in the court house at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the holding of a poultry show in Lenoir some time this fall. The first experiment in this line was made last fall and its success was such that a failure to have it again this fall would prove in our opinion a most serious mistake and hence we urge that this matter be given the support of parties interested, that it may prove to be even better than the first one. All interested should attend this meeting.

JOE PRESNELL KILLED. Accident Caused by Dynamite Blast on Hickory Road Wednesday.

A most unfortunate and deplorable accident occurred Wednesday forenoon on the Hickory road while road builders were blasting out a stump in the way and which resulted in the death of Joe Presnell.

Presnell was hired by Rufus Jones for hauling on the road and had only been at work a short time. The road builders came across a stump in their way that was necessary to use dynamite to remove, and when the blast was made ready all hands moved themselves to what any one would consider a safe distance; Presnell being among those farthest from the blast. Just after the explosion Joe Presnell was felled to the ground by a rock striking him on top of the head and crushing in his skull. The rock which was no larger than a man's fist, had gone up by the explosion to such a distance that its impact with the unfortunate man was sufficient to cause his death wound.

All hands ran to the stricken man's aid and physicians were immediately summoned and after a careful examination he was removed to the hospital where every effort that medical genius could devise was used to save his life, but without avail. Death resulting at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; about four hours after the accident which occurred at about 11 in the morning on the road in front of the home of Mr. Edmund Jones, Jr.

Mr. Presnell recently moved here from Brushy Fork, Watauga county, and stood well with all who knew him. His death is particularly sad owing to the fact that he leaves a wife and four small children.

Golden Wedding.

Rev. John Ingle and wife celebrated their Golden Wedding on last Wednesday at their home at Blowing Rock. Many friends called to pay their respects to these good people and the members of the family were on hand to join in the festivities which made it a re-union as well as a wedding anniversary. Quite a number of persons went from Lenoir to attend the occasion which was one of rare pleasure.

Farmers' And Women's Institutes.

We are informed by Mr. G. M. Goforth, County Demonstration Agent, that Farmers' and Women's Institutes will be held in Caldwell County at the places and on the dates following:

Granite Falls, Tuesday, Sep. 16th; Oak Hill, Wednesday, Sep. 17th; Patterson School, Thursday, Sep. 18th; beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m.

To the woman over 18 years of age exhibiting the best school lunch will be given a years subscription to American Motherhood, and to the girl under 18 years of age exhibiting the best loaf of bread a years subscription to The Woman's Magazine will be given as a prize.

There has been much interest manifested in this line of work that is now being carried on quite extensively over all sections of the south and the farmers and their families as well as all others who can do so should make it a point to attend these gatherings.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Note the change in the advertisement of the Bank of Lenoir in this paper.

Mrs. C. O. Latham of Buchanan, W. Va., is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Craddock in this city.

We call our readers attention to the advertisement of Harrison & Co., in this issue of The News.

The merchants are beginning to receive their fall stocks of merchandise and are looking forward to a good trade.

Dr. A. B. Goodman and Dr. C. B. McNairy have rented offices in the Blackwelder building over the United Shoe Store.

Mrs. W. A. Shell left Wednesday morning for Wilkesboro to join her husband who is in that place building a chair factory.

George Bernhardt has gone to Davidson, to re-enter school and David Bower has gone to Raleigh to enter the A. & M. College.

Mrs. J. L. Cottrell and son, Ay, are the guests of Elder and Mrs. W. R. Cottrell at their home at Kendall in Wilkes county.

Mayor Mark Squires and Miss Gertrude Hall, court stenographer, left Wednesday afternoon for Boone to attend court at that place. They made the trip in Mr. Ed. Wakefield's car.

Tuesday Sep. 2nd, was the opening day of the fall term of the Patterson School in the Happy Valley, and the reports are that the opening was a most encouraging one in every respect.

The mail carriers were the only men in the city who seemed to be enjoying the Labor Day on Monday. They did not go out on their routes that day and enjoyed the change.

Mrs. Blackwell and daughter, Miss Nannie Blackwell, who have been visiting among their relatives in this city and in the Yadkin Valley section, have returned to their home in New York City.

Dr. C. B. McNairy left Wednesday morning for Newton where he goes to attend the opening exercises of Catawba College. Dr. McNairy is chairman of the board of trustees of that institution.

Mrs. J. H. Day who has been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newland, left last Tuesday for Norfolk where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Etheredge for a few weeks before returning to her home in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Mr. S. A. Richardson, who has been so ably managing the editorial department of The News during the past few months is fitting up his law office in the new Blackwelder building over the United Shoe Store where he expects to be located in a few days.

There are without a doubt more tourists and autoists passing through Lenoir at this season of the year than any town of its size in the state. Cars loaded with people are continually going through and often stop over to look at the town. In this way we get much good advertising.

FOREST NOTES.

It has been discovered that the waste from dogwood shuttle blocks can profitably be made into handles for steel knives and forks.

Contrary to popular belief, forest fires seldom travel more than 2 or 3 miles an hour. Even in extreme cases it is questionable whether they burn at a rate of more than 5 to 10 miles an hour.

Uncle Sam's forest rangers require that permanent camp sites within the forests shall be kept in sanitary condition. The ubiquitous tin can must be buried, and waste paper burned when a camp is left.

More than 3,000 small logging operators now buy national forest timber; at least 25,000 persons, settlers, miners, stockmen, and others, obtain timber from Uncle Sam's big woodlot for their own use free of charge.

The forests of Corsica, the little island upon which Napoleon was born, are managed by the French government. They produce lumber, firewood, and turpentine, and all parts of the trees are far more closely utilized than in America.

Caldwell County History.

The series of articles on Caldwell County and Its People, which Rev. I. W. Thomas is preparing for The News will begin to appear in this paper in a short time. These articles will not only be intensely interesting but of rare historical value. They will appear in weekly installments and will probably run over a period of twelve months or longer, depending upon the co-operation our people give Mr. Thomas and the value they place upon the articles. It is desired that the articles be as accurate and full as possible and any information given Mr. Thomas from persons interested will gratefully be received.

Buying Garage Supplies.

Messrs. O. P. Lutz and E. F. Allen left early Tuesday morning for Charlotte in the former's car, where they purchased their stock of Auto supplies and accessories for the large garage that is now being erected on Mulberry street.

This building is planned large enough to meet the demands of autoists of this section as well as the traveling public for years to come and will house many cars as well as being able to take care of anything in the repair line or supplies. The men who are putting up this building and business are among the best and most progressive in the city and they are to be commended for placing our town among the first in this section of the State in the way of a first class garage and auto supply house.

Mrs. Vance Dead.

(Daily News.)

Asheville, Sept. 1.—Friends in Asheville have just been advised of the death of Mrs. Lizzie Vance, widow of General Robert B. Vance, at Buncombe Hall Alexander, which occurred at Copper Hill, Tenn., last Wednesday. Interment was at Copper Hill. Mrs. Vance had been ill for several months and her death was not unexpected.

The only man we ever knew who did not wish to live his life over again was the fellow who had a twenty-year endowment policy about to come due.

GOV. WILLIAM SULZER.

The New York Executive Who is Paying The Penalty of Political Elevation.

(Charity and Children.)

It is a hard thing for an office holder to stand against the political pressure that is brought to bear upon a man in public life today. It was always hard to do but it is harder now than ever. There is running in the Saturday Evening Post a story of remarkable interest entitled "The Price of Place." It shows how a man with honest purposes, after having been elected to a place of honor and power, gradually yields to the influences of evil and before he himself is aware of it is "playing the game" with the rest. He prostitutes his position and sells his influence for gold. William Sulzer evidently started out well. His purpose no doubt, was to maintain his integrity and administer his office in the interest of the people who elected him. We say this because of what his friends say about him. Of course this may not be true. He may have been a rascal all the time, but however that may be, he evidently "played the game" and it has brought him to grief. The most pathetic feature of the whole unfortunate episode is the suffering of his wife who was his partner in the careless handling of the public funds. Be sure your sin will find you out. The only safe road is the straight and narrow way. The temptation to step aside into the broad way where the flowers bloom and the birds sing, is tremendous, and it takes a moral giant to withstand it; but the man who does keep his hands and his heart clean in such an environment, will do to trust anywhere and all the time. The glitter and glare were too much for William Sulzer and his wife and now, however bitter it may be, they must take their medicine.

Interesting Exercises At Hickory.

Hickory, Sept. 1.—With appropriate exercises the Catawba Creamery Association opened their handsome new building to the public for their inspection, and it was filled to overflowing, the opening taking place Saturday. A large number of farmers from this and adjoining counties were present and were much interested in the work.

Speeches were made by Rev. J. C. Peeler, J. W. Robinson, president, J. A. Conover, Clarence Poe of the Progressive Farmer, H. P. Lutz, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, J. D. Elliott and W. A. Self.

Dinner was spread on the grounds and the day and the talks and visit to the creamery were enjoyed by all.

Killed Wrong Person First.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sep. 5.—Enraged when she refused to kiss him goodbye before he ended his life, Thomas Keene tonight shot and seriously wounded his wife, Mrs. Rita Keene. He then held a squad of policemen at bay while he swallowed poison. He was taken to a hospital, where a stomach pump was used but he died.

The young couple had been separated for seven months and today the husband was served with papers in a divorce suit. He sought his wife and begged her to give him one last goodbye kiss.