

**DEATH OF MISS BELLE STIREWALT.**

Another Golden Wedding. Farmers Still Holding Cotton. Wheat Looking Bad.

South Rowan, Feb. 8.—Miss Belle Stirewalt died early Monday morning, January 27th, at Mt. Pleasant, where she has been going to school. One week before her death she became ill with pneumonia and it was soon found that she could not live long. Her death was a surprise and a shock to her many friends as the news spread throughout the community. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Stirewalt who live at China Grove. She was 18 years old, and never was one loved more than she. All who ever knew her learned to love and admire her. She is survived by a father and mother, five brothers, two sisters and a host of friends who mourn her loss. The funeral services took place last Tuesday at Ebenezer Church, Rev. H. A. Trexler officiating.

Many farmers in this community have not sold their cotton yet. They are holding for higher prices which they hope to get in the near future.

Wheat in our neighborhood is looking rather bad, owing to the severe cold weather.

George Shuping and Miss Mary Goodman were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Saturday in the neighborhood of St. John's church by a magistrate. Both were from Mt. Hope church neighborhood and well liked by all. Mr. Shuping purchased his license last Wednesday and had not planned to get married before one week after the purchase, but it came out in last week's papers that the license had been purchased by the contracting parties, so he at once began to plan the escape. So well were his plans made that there was no suspicion till it was all over with. Mr. Shuping is about 22 years of age while Miss Goodman is only about 16. Ricker and a host of friends wish them a long and happy life.

Last Monday January, 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Penninger celebrated the fiftieth year of their wedlock with a golden wedding. Their many friends gathered in from all sides and made the occasion a most pleasant one. The happy couple received many gifts which amounted upwards greatly in value. May many be the years they have yet to live and happy may they be.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor have moved from China Grove to George Barger's place, in this community, where he will farm this summer. We wish him great success.

Bold indeed must the humanity of a soul be to steal chickens in daylight, and especially on Sunday. Sunday, January, 28th, there were two chickens stolen from John Basinger, who lives near Rocks Grove Church, and from Robert Josey who lives near by. The thieves also stole a pot to cook them in. Both Mr. Basinger and Mr. Josey were away from home, and upon returning found that evening Mr. Basinger missed his chickens and Mr. Josey his pot. That night Mr. Josey's pot was returned and he says he does not know when it was returned home. They searched the woods nearby and found where the chickens were cooked. It is thought the guilty parties are known, and there will probably be some action taken.

Last Friday night near the place where the chickens were stolen some mischievous, half-savage person who likes to crawl better than the majority of people, crawled up a telephone post on the Shuping-Klutz Co., telephone line and out the wire.

Trexler-Deal-McCanless Co., is putting up a saw mill in the Mt. Hope church neighborhood and will later in the spring put up a cotton gin which will make it handy for the surrounding country. We wish them great success with their machinery.

George Barger, of China Grove, has been visiting relatives in our community quite recently.

Well, if it would happen to all as it did to two of our citizens, there would be no use of prohibition. They purchased half a gallon of whiskey and upon drinking a little of it found that among its contents were a dead mouse and a dead bug.

We learn that Mrs. Paul Miller has been very sick for the past week. We wish to her a speedy recovery.

Calvin Petnel has moved back from Kannapolis into town again. Ricker.

**WOODCHOPPERS UNION ORGANIZED.**

They Believe in Working to Keep Themselves and Families Warm.

Upon special invitation quite a number of friends called upon John Shuping Friday afternoon (the cold day) to organize, in an effort to keep warm, and by working hard to do this, they cut enough wood to warm the entire crowd several winters, provided they all stay around one fireplace. Not considering the weather one would judge the crowd to be a very industrious one from the work they did as compared with the number in the crowd.

At sundown all hands collected around the house and a spirit of good feeling ran through the entire assembly, where and when the "Union" was organized with the following officers and members:

A. W. Shuping, Pres; N. M. Barger, Sec; P. A. Jackson, Jas. M. Castor, Julius Castor, Berlin Castor, Geo. W. Fesperman, M. A. Holschouer, Jas. Nance, Jno. A. Bost, Daniel Jackson, Geo. O. Fisher, Chas. L. Miller, Chas. R. Bost, Martin Shoe, Luther Shive, Derby Barger, Paul Deal, Geo. Troutman, Sampson Shuping, Jno. Stirewalt, Edward Ritchie, Jno. Bama, Gib Holschouer, David Barger and J. Lawson Klutz, active members and Jacob Holschouer, (92 years old), honorary.

After installing officers and initiating members the meeting was considered open and "business of the Union" taken up. Vital topics of the day were ably discussed by the officers and members, and after the possibilities and probabilities for a "presidential candidate" were fully explained by the Secretary and his opinion that "Secretary Taft will ure get the nomination" carried by a majority. At this point an interruption occurred when the good ladies of the union had the turkey, guinea and good things ready they called: "ten come and eat" and what they did can be imagined by thinking of woodchoppers eating supper after working hard to keep warm. All agreed that the first meeting was a very successful one as the entire crowd "worked well together" in perfect harmony and nothing but the best feelings was shown in the band of workers.

After a few comments upon the panic and other things by the president, it was moved and carried that a meeting be had at each member's home at least once or until enough wood was cut for the winter and other pressing business attended to.

By order of president and secretary. A MEMBER. Jan. 25, 1908.

**Notice to Patrons of Rural Routes.**

On cold mornings it is no easy matter to rake a penny out of the corner of a mail box, and if the carrier has on gloves, which he generally does, he must take these off and lose some time in attending to the matter. The following from a postmaster is therefore timely and should be heeded everywhere:

Richfield, N. C., Jan. 28.—Postmaster John D. Earnhardt of Richfield, N. C., desires to call attention to the practice of some patrons of rural delivery of placing loose coins in their boxes each time they desire to dispatch letters instead of supplying themselves with postage in advance of their needs.

This practice imposes undue hardship on rural carriers in removing loose coins from boxes and delays them on service of their routes.

The postmaster, therefore urgently requests that patrons of rural delivery provide themselves and keep on hand a supply of stamps consistent with and in advance of their needs. It is also very desirable that rural patrons place in their mail boxes small detachable cup of wood or tin in which to place coins, when necessary, in purchasing supplies of stamps.

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**HARRY THAW ACQUITTED.**

Degenerate is Still Held. Judge Dowling Will Require Lunacy Commission.

The second trial of Harry Thaw, for the murder of Stanford White in June of 1906, came to an end yesterday with a verdict of not guilty based upon the defense of insanity.

This verdict was reached after the jury had deliberated nearly twenty-four hours. It came after three weeks of testimony and two days of speeches. District Attorney Jerome prosecuted Thaw and Martin W. Littleton defended him. He made no appeal upon the unwritten law humbug, but argued straight out insanity and won.

The Thaw case has been the most read, because it was the most salacious thing of recent times. The first trial lasted three months, the second scarcely more than that number of weeks. It was a record breaker.

As soon as the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Mr. Littleton moved a discharge. Judge Dowling refused upon the grounds that there had been no testimony that Thaw has been or can be cured of his insanity, and that an outbreak is liable to occur at any time. Mr. Littleton will make another fight for the release of his client and the prisoner himself has been known to say that he would prefer death to commitment to the insane asylum.

The Thaw trial has cost the family and the State of New York combined, half a million. Delphin M. Delmas, who first defended him, is said to have received a fee of \$100,000 and the mental experts were paid handsomely for their services. The young murderer is wealthy and the man he killed was the greatest architect in the United States. It was those circumstances that made the trial one of such surpassing interest to everybody.

The young degenerate and idiot has spent eighteen months in jail awaiting trial. He finds a great deal of sympathy throughout the country and the end of the case stops the greatest space killer on record.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE PROHIBITION BILL.**

The Provision of the Bill on Which the People Will Vote in May.

The question of prohibition has been practically settled. It will be submitted to a vote of the people of the State on the first Thursday of next August. Bills to this effect were introduced in both branches of the Legislature today, in accordance with the caucuses held Tuesday night. The Senate bill was introduced by Long, of Iredell, and the House bill was introduced by Dowd, of Mecklenburg.

The bill for State prohibition provides in the first section that liquors shall be obtainable only on prescriptions from a physician from medical depository or drug store, the physician specifying the amount required, but that wines and liquors may be made from grapes, berries or fruits raised on the lands of the makers or other persons and sold at the place of manufacture only in quantities of not less than five gallons, the package not to be opened on the premises or any of it drunk there.

Section 2 defines spirituous, vinous and malt liquors.

Section 3 prescribes fine or imprisonment for violation of provisions of the act.

Section 4 makes place of delivery place of sale.

Section 5 makes it possible to procure wine for "religious or sacramental services."

Section 6 allows commissioners or town alderman to prohibit druggist from selling liquors.

Section 7 repeals all laws in conflict, and that none of the local and special acts for prohibition now in force shall be repealed whatever the result of the election.

Section 8 makes violation of any feature of the act a misdemeanor.

Section 9 makes the law effective January, 1909, provided the majority of votes cast are "against manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors."

Section 10, that the election shall be held on Tuesday, May 26th next and details the machinery for the election.—Raleigh correspondence Greensboro News.

**TWO SECONDS FOR LUNCH.**

One Meal Can Be Made of Tablets of Concentrated Food.

A plausible notion cherished by a great many people is that the day is fast approaching when the human race will subsist entirely on highly concentrated food; the time occupied in eating the daily meals will be saved, it is promised, by swallowing essence, and all questions of fastidiousness for food will be banished, while the dyspepsia arising from an overbulky and hastily-swallowed meal will finally disappear.

The idea of subsisting entirely on nothing but tablets of concentrated food is of course utterly fallacious as The London Lancet points out, and plainly opposed to sound physiological teaching. For breakfast and for the evening meal we must content ourselves with food served in the good old-fashioned way, but for lunch—the "quick lunch" of the busy man—the tabloid meal to consist of one or two tablets, washed down by a hasty gulp of milk or something stronger, is receiving serious consideration.

Such a lunch would not require more than one or two seconds for consumption, whereas the quickest of "quick lunches" of today cannot be eaten under five minutes, or so.

There is no danger that mankind will ever take entirely to tabloid foods. Such a dietetic consummation, The Lancet says, would probably end in the extinction of the human race by disease as a sequence of inanition. The fact the volume of food serves a definite purpose in the body. Highly concentrated foods are prone to be very irritating to the digestive organs, and they also tend to exhaust the secretory powers of the stomach.

Concentrated meat essence containing merely the extractives of meat are, for example, the most powerful exciters of gastric secretion that we possess, but when partaken of exclusively they avail nothing in the direction of real nutrition and lead most likely to serious waste of tissue; in a word, to starvation.

When kept within reasonable limits the bulkiness of food excites a healthy stimulus to the muscular action of the stomach and digestive organs. Food must have, so to speak, a physiological ballast before it is acceptable to the digestive processes.

The simplest way of reducing the bulk of most foods is by depriving them of their natural moisture. Eight pounds of mutton or beef would thus be reduced to two pounds of dry substance, but the water must be replaced to a large extent before the meat can be cooked or eaten. There are, of course, particular cases, as, for example, in illness, in which it is necessary that the diet should be sparing in quantity and yet highly nutritious in quality, but in health the use of concentrated foods is physiologically absurd, if not mischievous.—Washington Herald.

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**ROWAN ACADEMY.**

Rowan Academy, Feb. 8.—Geo. B. Kesler has been quite sick for a few days, also Mrs. C. A. Johnson. We hope to see them out soon again.

J. W. Miller has bought another horse. Guess he means to ride some.

We are informed that some unknown person tried to get into Wm. J. Cauble's house the other night. He did not see any one but heard them at the door. When he went out he could see and hear nothing.

Miss Mamie Oddie and mother, visited at C. A. Johnson's Sunday, January, 26th. RUTH.

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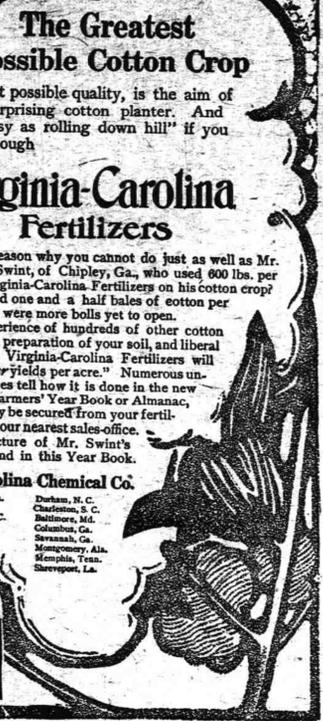
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