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STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Sheriff After Booze Article. An Unusually Heavy Criminal Docket.

Statesville Landmark, Nov. 4th.

Did you ever know the month of October to pass in this locality without a killing frost? Major Geo. W. Clegg, of Statesville, who is 88 years old and has always been a close observer, thinks the October which ended Saturday is a record-breaker in this respect, it being the first, so far as his recollection goes, in which there was no killing frost.

Walter Russell, a young white man whose home is in the northern part of the county, was arrested at Turnersburg Friday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Ward and was lodged in jail here until Saturday afternoon, when he was taken to Morganton by the Sheriff of Burke county, who came for him. Russell is charged with stealing a bicycle at Morganton about two months ago and he was arrested on a warrant issued there.

The other night Sheriff Summers received a 'phone message that a citizen from a neighboring county, who drives a large spotted steer to cart and is well known to the officers, was headed towards Statesville with a load of blockade liquor. The sheriff immediately mounted his horse and went to the home of Deputy Sheriff Ward, who joined him, and the two rode out the Turnersburg macadam road. A few miles out from town they met the citizen under suspicion and ordered him to stop his steer and allow them to examine the contents of his cart. The countryman obeyed the order readily and officers searched his cart. Three gallons of the "real article" were found in the cart, but as there is no law against a man having that amount of booze in his possession, the officers were forced to allow the owner of the team to go his way. Before leaving the countryman, however, they gave him to understand they have had him under suspicion for some time and warned him not to haul liquor to this section in the future.

Iredell Superior Court, Judge Long presiding, will convene this morning. The criminal docket for this term is heavy—183 cases being set for trial. Most of the cases, however, are for minor offenses. The case of H. C. Heitman, the Lexington inventor, charged with passing a bogus bank draft on the firm of J. K. Morrison & Sons, is one of the most interesting cases to be tried.

Noah Sloan, whose head was so badly crushed by the kick of a mule some months ago that he lay at the point of death at his home six miles north of Statesville for three or four weeks, is now rapidly regaining his strength and has been in town a number of times. The wound on his head is still in a dangerous condition but it is thought that it will heal without further trouble and the physicians predict his complete recovery. His escape from death is considered almost miraculous by those who have seen the hole in his head, which exposed his brain. The skilled physicians saved his life.

Profit in Dairying.

A recent report of the A. & M. College dairy shows that for the past nine months the cost of the dairy was \$8,400 and the receipts \$6,414, leaving a net profit of \$8,005. The dairy had 41 Jersey cows, all but six graded. The milk was sold in bulk at 25 cents per gallon and the cream tested at \$1 per gallon. The results are declared to be the most conclusive proof that there is no dairying in the State that can show better results.—Raleigh dispatch.

Rheumatism promptly driven from the blood with Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy. Don't waste time with common remedies. A test will surely tell. In tablet or liquid form. Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

NOT SORE OVER DEFEAT.

Democracy's Recent Candidate for President Comes Up Smiling.

A dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., of the 4th is to the following effect:

"While not caring to discuss at this time the political effect of Democratic victory in his home State or analyze the cause, William J. Bryan this afternoon in an informal talk to a number of friends who called on him expressed his pleasure at the result in Nebraska and the satisfaction it afforded him to learn of the election of so many of his political and personal friends."

"A delegation of nearly a hundred from Lincoln visited Mr. Bryan at Fairview to express to him their confidence and devotion and to assure him that such was the sentiment of a majority of his city and State."

"Mr. Bryan in responding said: 'I am highly gratified over the result in this State. The national defeat has not been such a disappointment when we have had so many things to console us. I hope I have convinced my friends that running for office has only been an incident to my work. My heart has never set on holding office, but I wanted to do certain works and it looked as though the presidency might offer the opportunity to do that work. I am sure that in private life I can have the chance to do something. One is not required to hold office in order to do big things; one is simply required to do things within his reach, and that much is within the reach of each of us.'

"Personally I shall find as much joy being out of office, if the returns show I must be, as I would be in office. I hope still to be of influence to bring about needed reforms. I appreciate very much the confidence and loyalty of the people near us. It has been the greatest comfort that the election has given us. The fact that those among whom we live have shown this confidence we appreciate more than I can tell you. It has been kind in you to come out here and visit us on this day."

"The defeat he sustained yesterday did not weigh heavily on Mr. Bryan. He was one of the most cheerful of those at his home and laughed and joked good naturedly with his visitors. Tonight Mr. Bryan was the guest of honor at the banquet of the State Teachers' Association, where he made a short address. He has no other immediate plans than to rest at his home, following his canvass."

Repairing Roads.

The Scientific American of October 24 has a sensible and timely article upon the maintenance of roads which is worthy of general attention. "In the present campaign of good roads education" it says, "more attention should be paid to the vital function of road maintenance. Our present system of building a first-class road and then letting it go as fast as wind, weather and traffic can wreck it, is the height of folly and extravagance." The article contrasts this wasteful American system with the careful repairing of European roads. The European system is the keeping up of roads by constant work. Repairs are in progress all the time by skilled workmen. The solitary road repairer, with his wheelbarrow, pick and shovel, and a little pile of broken stone and topdressing, is a familiar sight on the roads in the progressive countries of Europe. Each section of a road is in charge of a repairer, and is inspected by him daily. On detecting a low spot, where water may collect he makes immediate.—Baltimore Sun.

Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c at drug stores.

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Boy Has Bad Fall. Senator Overman Makes Fine Effort at China Grove.

Concord Times Nov. 2nd.

We are glad to note the fact that D. M. Isenhour, who some time ago had a stroke of paralysis, is now able to be out from home.

W. A. Campbell, a well known farmer of No. 6 township, died last Tuesday, aged 65 years. The body was interred Wednesday.

J. H. Bost, who lives on one of Z. A. Morris' places, the old D. W. Moore place, lost two good horses recently. One was valued at \$75 and the other at \$200. The best horse died of colic, caused, it is thought, by eating pea vine hay.

On last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock E. B. Arrowood, formerly of Bessemer, but now in the employ of Gibson mill, was married to Miss Delphia Luetter Mills at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mills, on McGill street, Rev. D. F. Helms officiating.

Little Daisy Dean, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Patterson, one week old, died last Saturday night, and the body was interred Sunday afternoon at the cemetery.

One of the closing speeches of the campaign was made at China Grove Saturday afternoon by Senator Lee S. Overman. More than six hundred people heard the speech which was one of great power.

Dr. D. D. Johnson, who had been visiting in Washington, Annapolis and other places for three weeks, returned home Saturday night. Dr. Johnson while away was prospecting in the neighborhoods of Charlottesville and Culpeper, Va., with the intention of buying a farm on which to live.

The twelve-year-old son of Henry Barnhardt, of No. 5 township, fell from a persimmon tree Sunday and was badly hurt, his back being severely injured and one leg broken. He was in the tree after an o'possum, and stepped on a decayed limb, which gave way under him and precipitated him to the ground, a distance of twelve feet.

Traded Wives.

About fifteen years ago Harrison Blankenship and Ham Waters, of Ashe county, swapped wives. Blankenship was a Baptist preacher and Waters was a deacon. They were both members of South Fork Baptist church. They both were excluded without parley. Blankenship eloped with Waters' wife and Blankenship's wife sued and obtained a divorce. Blankenship some time after the swap was asked how it came about that he and Waters made this swap. He said when they were married they made a mistake and married the wrong girls, and only discovered the mistake after the ceremony was over. They were both married the same night. At the time of the swap Blankenship had six children, and Waters two. Blankenship gave Waters two children to boot in the swap, therefore making an equal division of children. Blankenship was asked if he gave Waters anything further in this trade and he replied: "Yes, I gave him \$5 and a buck sheep."

A little more than a week ago this same Harrison Blankenship had the audacity to come to this county after the lapse of fifteen years and palm himself as a Methodist divine. He is now assisting in a revival meeting at Mabel, this county.—Boone, N. C., special to Charlotte Observer.

A clergyman writes: "Preventives, those little Candy Cold Cure Tablets, are wonders in my parish." Preventives surely will check a cold, or the Grippe, in a very few hours. And Preventives are so safe and harmless. No Quinine, nothing harsh nor sickening. Fine for feverish restless children. Box of 48 at 25c. Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

THE REEL FOOT CASE.

Some Details About the Cause of the Trouble in Tennessee.

Reel Foot lake, in the northwest corner of Tennessee, which is really a submerged swamp, was created by an earthquake in 1811, which caused the low lands near the river to sink; and is about 85 miles long by ten miles wide. The land which sank, the section being then squarely settled, was held mainly under grant, and the idea we may say the ownership was practically abandoned when the act of nature rendered title apparently valueless.

The lake, however, affords fine fishing, shooting and trapping; and its shores are fringed by families who make a livelihood from hunting, in addition to small farming; they shoot wild fowl, trap fur-bearing animals and catch fish for the market. This "colony" may perhaps consist of 500 to 1,000 people.

Some years ago two men living near one extremity of the lake conceived the idea of ditching from it to the Mississippi river and draining the land for agriculture. To this end they set about acquiring, by quit-claim or otherwise, the ancient, shadowy titles to the lake's bottom. They were forced, by threats of the people whose living was endangered, to desist. Later other men living near the other extremity of the swamp formed a corporation to market the cypress and other timber, and set about securing titles to as much of the lake's bed in that vicinity as they could. They joined forces with the men who had first proposed to drain, as drainage would of course greatly assist the lumber company in its work.

The lake dwellers were again threatened, in their direct and primitive way, to shed blood if that lake were drained, and the project was again stopped.

The corporation has influence, as its stockholders included such men as the two prominent lawyers who were assaulted, and one of whom was murdered, the other night; and the passage of a bill by the Tennessee Legislature was secured, placing restrictions on hunting and fishing in the lake. Persons might take game or fish for personal use only. If they wished to hunt or fish for the markets they must pay a privilege tax. This privilege tax was regarded by the lake-dwellers as prohibitive, and they were stirred into that wrath which found its outlet in the murder of one of their opponents and the attempted murder of another.

Such is a bare outline of the facts antecedent to the present disturbance in Tennessee. For many of the data we are indebted to a prominent Asheville gentleman who has hunted and fished on Reel Foot Lake at intervals since childhood; we may err in some of the details, but the situation is set forth in its essentials.—Asheville Gazette-News.

Volunteers on the Chain Gang.

Seven men who have never been convicted of crime are serving time on the chain gang in this county. These men have been arrested for various offenses and have been bound over to Superior Court, and not being able to give bond have voluntarily gone to the chain gang and are wearing stripes and are working like convicts until their trial time in Superior Court comes. It is presumed that these volunteer road builders will plead guilty of the crimes whereof they are charged and when they are sentenced credit will be given them for the time served on the roads. Soon after the last term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, a negro was put in jail to the November term, and being alone in jail he begged to be allowed to go out to the roads and break rock and that fellow has been making a splendid hand since last August.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Republican Money and Liquor. A Little Child is Burned to Death.

Stanly Enterprise, Nov. 5th.

D. M. Ross is extremely feeble, and his death may occur at any time. He and his aged wife have both been very ill for a number of months.

After suffering several weeks, Mrs. J. A. Ritchie passed from this life on Monday morning. Her death was not unexpected, as the doctors had said several days before that they had no hopes of her recovery. She leaves a devoted husband, two sons and four daughters, one of the sons and two daughters married.

Banner May Garris, the 4-year-old grand daughter of Mrs. Morrison, of the Lillian mill, of this city, was fatally burned Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock, dying about 6 o'clock without pain, save intense thirst. It seemed that the child was wanting to assist its grandmother in starting a fire, and that she climbed by means of a chair to the place where the matches were kept. She was discovered first by F. W. Anderson, who gave the alarm. The child had lighted some paper at the wood pile, and when seen by Mr. Anderson her clothing had caught and she she entirely enveloped in flames.

North Albemarle precinct needs to be cut in two. It takes all day to do the voting as it is now, and voters have to stand in line for hours at a time awaiting their turn. It is to be hoped that this difficulty will be remedied before another election.

A week ago, there was every indication that the county would go Democratic by at least 800 majority. But at the closing days of the campaign were days of Republican bribery and corruption. Money was freely spent by them, and their campaign fund is thought to have been as much as \$8,000. It is a known fact that two men were paid \$15 a piece for their votes, and that others were offered \$10. And Republican liquor was another factor. These are not idle charges, made for effect; but we are assured that there is no doubt as their truthfulness.

Keep Your Cotton Dry.

The cotton weaver at Marshville requests everybody to keep cotton dry. It seems strange that men of average sense will never learn that the South is losing more than \$12,000,000 every year because farmers do not shelter their cotton, and that it is worse than folly to expose to weather the product that represents the sweat and toil of their women and children. Ignorance has cost the South more money than all other causes combined. Keep your cotton under shelter.—Our Home.

Of Course It Caused Trouble.

As a result of the federal war at Campion Junction, about 20 miles west of Jackson, Islow Allen aged 20 years, was shot and killed last night and Alvin Carver, aged 22 was badly injured. Clarence Sherman who did the shooting, was shot in the head but managed to escape to the mountains. Eight barrels of whiskey shipped into the town for election brought on the trouble although family troubles of long standing played a prominent part.—Lexington, Ky., dispatch.

How Is Your Digestion.

Mrs. Mary Dowling, of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts the testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and alterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness 50c at all drug stores.

THE WAY IT STANDS.

Votes Each of the Candidates for President Will Receive in the Electoral College.

FOR BRYAN.

Alabama	11
Arkansas	9
Colorado	5
Florida	5
Georgia	18
Kentucky	18
Louisiana	9
Maryland	6
Mississippi	10
Missouri	18
Nebraska	8
Nevada	8
North Carolina	12
Oklahoma	7
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
Texas	18
Virginia	12
Total	180

FOR TAFT.

California	10
Connecticut	7
Delaware	3
Idaho	8
Illinois	27
Indiana	15
Iowa	18
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	16
Michigan	14
Minnesota	11
Montana	8
North Dakota	4
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	12
New York	89
Ohio	28
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	84
Rhode Island	4
South Dakota	4
Utah	8
Vermont	4
Washington	5
West Virginia	7
Wisconsin	18
Wyoming	8
Total	808

Mr. Bryan's pluralities in the states he carried aggregate 590,500, while those of Mr. Taft are 1,488,822.

It is estimated that the complexion of the next congress will be, Democrats 171, Republicans 206. Majority necessary to control, 196. This estimate is merely an approximate one and it may be slightly changed one way or the other, as the result in some of the Congressional districts has not been officially determined.

Taken altogether the Republican party simply had a walk-over. That money, coercion and various brands of intimidation were freely resorted to in many localities, especially in the large cities, cannot well be doubted. Indeed, these have been the tactics of the party in other presidential elections and if they are charged with resorting to similar methods in the last one, they have their own record to blame for it.

It is done, all is over and we can only grin and accept the result as cheerfully as we can.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

A Hustling Lot of Young Men. Captain Robbins is Still Improving.

Lexington Dispatch, Nov. 4th.

The property of the O. E. Stoner Clothing Company, at Asheville, has been turned over to a trustee in bankruptcy by the receiver. O. E. Stoner is a Davidson county man and is well known here. His friends hope that his business difficulties in this period of hard times will be arranged satisfactorily with him and his company.

Somebody has been laying up trouble for himself at the graded school building by disarranging things especially on Sundays; and the police are going to look out for folks who loaf around there. It may be that a special Sunday policeman will be put on the grounds to keep off folks who enter the building and make themselves at home. Those who have been trespassing had better "cut it out."

The Dispatch doubts if there is any other lodge of any secret order in the state that has done as well as the Enterprise council of Juniors since the council was established. The young men of the community organized the 25th of January and now have 87 new members, with every reason to believe that they will have 100 by Christmas. The lodge was sorely hurt by a fire which destroyed its building, but has built a new house, and is about ready to move in that. The insurance carried on the oldhouse was \$400, and they have spent \$700 on the new one, and may spend more to complete the lower floor for a store room.

Captain F. C. Robbins is able to go and come when he chooses now, and on Monday was greeted by many of his friends who had not seen him since he was seized with fever back in the summer. Asked how he was getting along, the old soldier replied that he was eating all he could afford at the present prices of rations. The Captain has a splendid constitution for so old a man and is coming along all right.

Monday was almost as interesting a day in Lexington as yesterday was. A great number of country people were in town and all the town nearly, circulated on the streets all day long, talking politics and wondering which way the cat would jump. The county commissioners met, it being first Monday, and the board of education had a call meeting. There was little news, however, apart from that which touched politics. This week has been a very dull one for news that didn't have anything to do with the election.

A Railway Curiosity.

There is a loop on the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railroad once known as the South & Western in this state that is best described by this incident. A big official of the road lost his hat from a train, and the conductor over the officer's protest stopped the train and sent a flagman back after it. No sooner had the man left the train than the conductor pulled the cord and the train was off. Surprise being expressed at his leaving the flagman, the conductor said he would catch up. Sure enough the train stopped presently and the flagman got aboard with the hat. He had walked 600 feet from one part of the loop to another, while the train made the nine-mile trip around. A stone can be tossed from one track to the other. It is a feat of engineering.

A Righteous Sentence.

A negro caught peeping into private apartments at the Fayetteville graded school was sentenced to 60 lashes, to be put on by the chief of police, and was given 80 little mints to get out of town. He only consumed 5 of the mints and spent the other 25 in getting out of the county. This was a good sentence and the mayor was right in putting it on.