

A CLOSE CALL.

Lexington Citizen Struck by Lightning and will Recover from his Injuries.

While by no means as rare as might be supposed, it is nevertheless unusual for a man to live after being struck by lightning; yet that is the experience of Henry Beck, of Lexington citizen living on Center street Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock in the beginning of what proved to be one of the severest of storms, lightning struck a chimney standing at one end of the two-story dwelling occupied by Mr. Beck, owned by R. L. Leonard, just below the railroad bridge.

Mr. Beck was standing on the front porch at the other end of the house, and there received enough of the current in his body to knock him senseless to the floor and to rob him of full control of his mental faculties until Sunday morning, when he for the first time was able to resume mental operations where the terrible stroke had stopped them.

Drs. Vestal and Hill were hurriedly summoned and came at once. Powerful heart stimulants were used, which is the treatment in such cases, for if circulation and respiration can be continued for a short time, the victim of electricity has a chance for life. Lightening paralyzes heart action, he said. Mr. Beck appeared semi-conscious Friday morning and talked, was nervous and wanted to get out of bed, and finally, after several had forcibly kept him in bed, he was allowed to get up.

Saturday he improved and it was seen that his recovery was extremely probable. By Sunday he was entirely conscious, he says himself, for the first time, and could remember standing on the porch. He did not hear the thunder at all. He is now able to be about and Monday walked to the Elk factory, where he is a valued employe, working as machinist.

His chief trouble is on account of the burns on his breast and limbs. He is very sore and suffers as if he had been burned with fire. The lightning cut up capers in the house. It leaped clear across from the chimney up stairs to an adjoining room, smashed a bed there and knocked to smithereens a little dry battery arrangement the young Becks had been "projecting" with. The current scattered, going in all directions, down the post on the front porch. The house is covered with tin and the roof is out in various places. A panel over the keyboard of the piano down stairs in the parlor was knocked out. In the sitting room, where most of the family were, and where the chimney was which was hit, no one was injured or even slightly shocked. A baby asleep in a cradle near the chimney was not even awakened. A watch in Mr. Beck's left vest pocket looks as if one had shot it with a 44-calibre gun, being smashed. Mr. Beck will recover.

At the time Mr. Beck was so nearly killed, his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Beck, in the next house, was lying a corpse.

The storm was a hard one. The wind blew, the floods came and pretty good size hail descended with sufficient force to crack window glass. Many people were badly frightened.

Bill has won her—pretty maid, A June bride she is to be Her peacy-cream complexion will not fade Because it's Rocky Mountain Tea inland.—Cornelison & Cok.

He Still Lives.

Alex Adkins, who lives up on the river, was at the depot Tuesday to meet his daughter coming in from Jonesville. Mr. Adkins is the man who, years ago, fell off of Stone mountain 540 feet landing in the hollow of an old decayed log, the softness of which saved his life.—North Wilkesboro Hyster.

THE TORREY MEETINGS.

The World's Greatest Evangelist, to Begin a Meeting in the Twin City on June 20th.

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 7.—The people of Winston-Salem are making extensive preparations for the great religious revival meeting to be conducted in this city for three weeks by Dr. R. A. Torrey the world's greatest evangelist. This is the smallest city, in which this wonderful man has held a meeting since his return to America, and it is almost by accident that he has been secured. It is only in the larger cities that buildings can be found that will hold the vast throngs that gather to hear him, his audiences averaging from 5,000 to 20,000 daily. He has thus far desired to work where he could reach the greatest number of people.

Fortunately every church in this city has united in this great movement, which it is hoped will make the beginning of a great religious awakening throughout North Carolina. The Brown's Warehouse, into which can be crowded 5,000 people will be used for the occasion; an immense choir will have charge of the music under the direction of able religious musical directors and every effort will be put forth to provide boarding accommodations for all who wish to come.

The pastors of all churches are urged to announce this greatest of religious events to their congregations to the end, that every portion of the state may be represented and may catch inspiration and religious enthusiasm therefrom.

And who is this man Torrey? Suffice it to say he is the successor to the great Moody, and has surpassed that wonderful man in the extent of his work and the number of converts to the cause of Christ,—that is considering his number of years of service. Beginning his world's revival campaign in Japan, he was heard by the educated element 180 students of a Japanese University boldly declaring for Christ at one service. In Australia over 20,000 professed faith in Christ within a short time.

In China and India great inroads were made upon the native heathen. The Doctor, in speaking of his meetings in Hindoostan, wrote, "To see the Mohamedans and Paraseses, the Hindus and the Buddhists sitting in our meetings, each with his red hymn-book, joining in the gospel songs was a beautiful sight." From India Dr. Torrey went to Great Britain where he shook that empire from center to circumference, nearly 75,000 souls being converted.

The Doctor does not depend upon excitement or sensationalism but, "believing that the word will not return unto him void" preaches with great simplicity and power and is greatly blessed by the presence of the Spirit.

Vanderbilt Don't Like It.

Asheville, June 2.—Declaring that the head of his forestry department, Dr. C. A. Schenck, had no rightful authority to execute the ten year lease on 80,000 acres of his Pisgah forest, which he gave in April at a rental of \$5,000 a year to H. F. Addicks, Jr., of this city, who in turn assigned it to James A. Pough and J. M. Chiles, of Chicago, George W. Vanderbilt has notified Mr. Pough and Mr. Chiles to confer with his attorneys in New York.

Dr. Schenck made the lease in April and the Chicago men paid two years rental in advance. Then they formed a hunting and fishing club with several hundred prospective members and leased the game rights on 5,000 acres adjoining.

Upon hearing that the Chicago men were to charge an initiation fee of \$20 and annual dues of \$100 to each member of the club and thus make a net profit of \$50,000 a year, Mr. Vanderbilt consulted with his attorneys here, and then went to New York to consult with counsel there. The Chicago men will fight to the last if necessary, for their rights.

APPEAL DENIED.

Patrick Turned Down Again by the Courts, Wanted "Liberty or Death."

New York, June 4.—Albert T. Patrick's appeal for liberty or death was denied by the appellate division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn to-day. Patrick had appealed to that court for a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus, which he had obtained from an individual justice of the Supreme Court, ordering the prosecuting officers to show cause why he should not be released from prison or put to death for the murder of William Marsh Rice.

In support of the writ, Patrick several weeks ago made a sensational personal appeal to the appellate division in which he declared that the communication of death sentence to that of life imprisonment made by Governor Higgins constituted the imposition of a sentence worse than death. Patrick also attacked the legality of his conviction on the ground of conspiracy. All the justices of the appellate division to-day concurred in dismissing the writ of habeas corpus. The court sustained the judgment of conviction and the communication of his sentence to that of life imprisonment, and ordered Patrick to be remanded to Sing Sing prison.

In the opinion of the court the most striking paragraph was one holding that the "degree of punishment is not determined by the preference of the convict." This was in answer to Patrick's declaration that life imprisonment was a greater hardship than death.

Severe Fire at Winston.

Winston-Salem, June 3.—An office, a pack house and a pile of logs is all that is left of the factory of the Winston Handle Company after the fire that visited it this morning. The loss is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15,000 or \$20,000 partly covered by insurance.

The alarm was turned in at 1:20 by the night watchman at the Oakland furniture plant. The men of Steamer Company No. 2 and the Liberty Hose Company hurried to the scene, but the fire had gained a good headway and the firemen were fruitless.

The most plausible theory as to the origin of the fire is that some shavings caught from a hot box and the fire had been burning for over two hours when the watchman discovered it. It burnt slowly at first, but gradually gained headway until nothing could stop it.

It was announced this morning that the plant would probably be rebuilt. The boiler and engine may be of more service, but the other machinery, some of it very costly, is a costly loss. Much finished stock was destroyed, as well as most of the raw material.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

MOTHERS WHO HAVE DAUGHTERS
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Centralization of Power.

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