

TO BUILD SCHOOLS FOR COTTON MILLS

Directors Of Rockingham Enterprises Set Aside \$55,000 For This Purpose

POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS CORRECTED BY AN EXPERT

Head Of Pharmaceutical School At Harvard University Shows Difficulties Of Detecting Poison Drinks And Explains Facts Concerning It Unknown To General Public

Rockingham, Jan. 4.—The children of the mill villages of Robersel, Entwistle, Hannah-Pickett and Steele's will have school facilities unsurpassed by none in the state of 920. On the last day of the old year the directors of Steele's mills met and set aside \$55,000 to be used in providing a modern school and recreational building for the children of its village. On December 30 the directors of Robersel, Entwistle and Hannah-Pickett met and each mill donated \$10,000 for the purpose of providing a splendid school building, modern in every respect, for the children of the three mill villages. This fund of \$30,000 was at once placed in the hands of a board of trustees consisting of Geo. P. Entwistle, J. Lefrand Everett and W. B. Cole, and they will without delay consult architects and begin with the new building.

Monday, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. Henry Bates, of Bond 5, was burned to death on last Monday. Her mother was doing the family washing in the yard, when the child got too near the pot, the flames catching her dress and burning her so badly that death resulted two days later.

H. D. Baldwin, ex-sheriff of Richmond county, but now in the wholesale grocery business, on Thursday sold the Baldwin building, opposite the Manufacturers' building, on Main street, to J. W. Jenkins.

January term of court for trial of criminal cases convenes Monday, with Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, presiding.

Coroner A. M. Smith on Friday of last week held an inquest as to the death of Irving Briggman, the white man killed by Federal Prohibition Agent Carl W. Shores, on December 24. The jury reported that the killing was in self-defense and justified. Officers Shores and John Morrison, and Sheriff McDonald on December 24 made a raid on the home of Ellis Quinn, about five miles from Hamlet, in Marks Creek township, and after reading a search warrant to Quinn proceeded to search his premises for blockade whiskey. While the search was in progress Briggman, said to be in the employ of Quinn, "stepped up and with an oath began firing at Shores. Three shots were fired before Shores could draw his Colt automatic; Shores first shot missed, but his next two entered Briggman's neck within an inch of each other. Briggman died half an hour later.

BELIEVE YOUNG WOMAN HAS MET WITH FOUL PLAY

Elizabeth City, Jan. 4.—Mystery envelops the death of Miss Bessie Price, 23 years old, daughter of W. N. Price, of Weaverville, this county, who was found dead in her bed last Sunday. Whether the girl was the victim of foul play is a question dependent upon a chemical analysis of her stomach which will be made by County Coroner, Dr. Isaiah Fearing.

MISS PRICE RETIRED ABOUT 10 O'CLOCK. SHE HAD BEEN WITH THE FAMILY ALL THE EVENING AND GAVE NO INDICATION OF BEING ILL. FAILING TO PUT IN AN APPEARANCE AT BREAKFAST, SOME ONE WENT TO HER ROOM. SHE WAS FOUND DEAD. THERE WAS NO DISTURBANCE OF THE BED CLOTHING. ONE ARM VENTED ACROSS HER BODY, THE OTHER FOLDED ACROSS HER BREST, JUST AS IN A PEACEFUL SLEEP. THERE WAS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CONVULSION OR A STRUGGLE OF ANY KIND. THE EVIDENCE WAS THAT SHE DIED IN HER SLEEP. THE FAMILY THOUGHT SHE HAD DIED OF HEART FAILURE AND COMMUNICATED WITH CORONER FEARING WHO GAVE THEM PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH THE FUNERAL WITHOUT AN AUTOPSY. LATER DR. FEARING CHANGED HIS MIND AND ORDERED THE BODY HELD FOR AN INQUEST. HIS ORDERS COME AFTER THE FUNERAL SERVICE HAD BEEN HELD AND THE BODY WAS BEING MOVED TO THE GRAVE.

BIG DAMAGE TO CROPS

Miami, Fla., Jan. 4.—Damage amounting to more than \$100,000 to early winter vegetable crops occurred here this morning as the result of a heavy frost. Lower temperatures were predicted for tonight by weather bureau.

DEPSEY ACCEPTS OFFER TO FIGHT IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, announced here tonight he had accepted an offer of a \$450,000 purse from James W. Coffroth for a 45-round fight between Dempsey and Georges Carpentier, at Tijuana, Lower California.

SLAYER OF JOHN GABRIEL DISAPPEARS COMPLETELY

Hickory, Jan. 4.—Although rewards aggregating \$800 have been offered for the capture of Kohler Holsclaw, no trace has been found of the young former soldier who shot and killed John Gabriel at a store at Terrell, this county, last Monday. The family of the murdered man has offered \$400 and the State and county \$200 each.

VETERANS HAVE BANQUET AT MONROE'S NEW HOTEL

Monroe, Jan. 4.—Two hundred Union county men who saw service in the world war, members of Melvin Deese Post No. 27, of the American Legion, banqueted at the Hotel Joffre here, and spirits of several kinds ran high.

LUMBERTON MAN DIES IN FLORIDA

Lumberton, Jan. 4.—News reached Lumberton today of the death at Panama City, Fla., of W. H. Rezier, a former Robesonian. Death resulted from ptomaine poisoning. The deceased is survived by a number of brothers and sisters, most of whom live in Lumberton. He was about 45 years old and was engaged in the mercantile business at Panama City.

SCORES OF PEOPLE KILLED IN MEXICO IN AN EARTHQUAKE

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Jan. 4.—The shocks were felt heavily among the towns along the Ridge Valley of Mexico, while the capital, which is in the center of the valley, was not affected severely.

WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY RECORDS THE EARTHQUAKE

Washington, Jan. 4.—A very pronounced earthquake lasting almost an hour and believed to have been centered somewhere in South America was recorded by the Georgetown University seismological observatory during the night. The disturbance began at 11:28 o'clock and continued until 12:21 o'clock this morning. It was centered about 1,000 miles from Washington.

VESSEL SAILS SOON FOR SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS

Matthew Hale In Wilmington Arranging For Sailing Of The Chattanooga

Wilmington, Jan. 4.—Matthew Hale, president of the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation, was in the city yesterday arranging for the inauguration of sailings of vessels under the direction of the corporation from this port to Latin American countries. He had conferences with local officers and directors of the S. A. M. C., and laid plans for the sailing of the first ship, the Chattanooga, which will come here for a cargo early in March. The corporation is already doing a big business through Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville, and equally as much will be done through Wilmington and Brunswick, Ga., as the charter provides that each of the five ports shall have an equal share of the business.

EXPLAINS THEORY OF DISAGREEMENT

Local Methodists are looking forward to the visit here on January 11 of Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., who will preach in the city twice on that date. He comes to stimulate interest in the proposed new building for Trinity church, and is understood to have passed over 35 other requests for his presence in order to come here.

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