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Asheville Letter

Items of Interest from the Mountain Metropolis

A Weekly Report for Readers of the News.

By our regular correspondent.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Johnson of Avery's Creek township, this county, was burned to death at her home one day this week by her clothing getting on fire while playing near the fire-place. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of John Lange of this city proprietor of the Glenn Rock Hotel.

The attachment of the Gallagher property on College street by J. J. McCloskey, a real estate dealer of this city, has been compromised outside of court. Mr. McCloskey claimed a commission of \$1,400 for his services in bringing about a sale of the property. The commission was withheld by the former owners and this was the basis of the attachment.

J. J. Britt, former cashier in Collector Harkins' office here and now serving Uncle Sam in the capacity of special assistant district attorney, has returned to the city from Greensboro where he aided in the prosecution of Samuels, the revenue officer charged with defrauding the government. Mr. Britt was instrumental in bringing about the conviction of Samuels, so it is stated, by his strong argumentative and oratorical ability displayed in his address to the jury.

Engineer Blair Gibson who was injured in a wreck near Craggy station a few miles west of here by the collision of two freight trains, both head on and running at a high rate of speed, is reported resting easy at the Mission Hospital. At the time Mr. Gibson sustained his injuries a negro brakeman by the name of Rutherford was killed. When the trains came together Gibson was caught between the cab and tender of his engine and for nearly two hours was pinned in that perilous position. He was being held suspended by one arm which was badly crushed and it was found necessary to hold him up to relieve the weight from the mangled arm until help could arrive. The arm had to be amputated later.

County Attorney Chas. A. Webb has returned to the city from New York where he successfully disposed of \$60,000 in Buncombe county bonds to New York capitalists at 4 1/2 per cent. This new bond issue was deemed advisable owing to the present heavy floating indebtedness of the county which was outstanding at 6 per cent. The money derived from the new bonds will go to pay off the old accounts and in this way a saving of 1 1/2 per cent. will be made.

Asheville has been chosen as the next meeting place of the Commercial Law League of America, and the next session will be held at the Battery Park Hotel July 30th. Delegates and representatives from nearly every state in the Union are expected to be here. Among the Asheville attorneys who are members of the League are G. Spears Reynolds, J. G. Merrimon, and Louis M. Bourne.

Valentine day was not overlooked by the busy-bodies of this city and many a hot shot in the form of a

real funny (?) comic valentine was received by more than one of our self important citizens. According to the statement of one of the mail carriers the mail on that day was 20 per cent more this year than last. That goes to show that there is still money in the country to be thrown away.

The noted educator and lecturer Preston W. Search will give a course of lectures at the Y. M. C. A. hall beginning next Saturday.

The sale of tickets for the Saral Bernhardt attraction at the Auditorium the 9th of next month is a present progress nicely and the cash receipts have nearly reached the three thousand dollar mark. A number of tickets have been sold to people from the towns of Brevard, Hendersonville, Waynesville and many other towns in Western North Carolina.

At three o'clock Saturday the First Baptist church was the scene of a large gathering of friends and relatives of Thomas J. Revell who met an untimely death by the collapse of a building on Central avenue Friday afternoon. Rev. William Lundsford officiated at the funeral.

Harvey McDonald a farmer living near Fairview, this county, was seriously if not fatally injured in a run-away Monday about noon in which he was thrown from his wagon on the brick paving and stone curbing alighting on his head.

The noted Featherstone case was disposed of at this term of Superior court. The case in question was a charge against Mr. Featherstone for assaulting Mrs. Wiggins, a Salvation Army worker and kickin' her from a saloon owned by the defendant. Mr. Featherstone pleaded guilty to assault and was fined \$10 by Judge Allen.

The jury for the Stevens murder trial has been drawn and the case will likely be concluded this week.

There is some talk of Gotch, the noted wrestler, coming to Asheville to challenge the winner of the Olsen-Link match here March 7. Olsen is in New Orleans at present where he met and defeated Oscar Wasseem in a catch-as-catch-can match last Saturday night.

The death of the proposed "Jim Crow" ordinance accured at the last meeting of the City Fathers and most of the white people of Asheville are in mourning over its failure to pass second reading.

About 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon one of the worst wrecks in the history of the Asheville and Salisbury division of the Southern Railway occurred a mile and a half east of Swannanoa station, this county. As a result two well known trainmen are dead and a number injured. The collision was between the second section of passenger train No. 11 and a light engine running as first section of train No. 12. The direct cause of the wreck was that orders were disobeyed, and instead of side tracking at Swannanoa to allow No. 12 to pass the light engine tried to make the run to Black Mountain and meet the passenger train there. While going at a speed of nearly fifty miles an hour the two engines came together with a crash. The list of dead and injured are as follows: The dead are Conductor Hough and brakeman Simpson. The injured are Baggage Master Gardner, P. O. Clerk W. C. Moore, Fireman Dan Graham, colored fireman Jno. Smith, Engineer Dan Keever of No. 11 and Peter Rouch engineer of No. 12. L. R. D.

"Why Don't You Say So?"

(See News, Feb. 9th.)

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Kindly allow me space for some words in answer to that appeal in your last number to all those who, like the appellant, do their own thinking and are able to express thought by writing, thus benefiting others less gifted or less experienced. The object of said appeal is our present school question, often alluded to in urgent words by our progressive editor. This question is of the utmost importance, as it touches entire generations.

It is only general ideas the present writer can present, not having lived long enough in this community to be well posted on details. If the school is the foundation rock of a nation it is also the corner stone of a community, and determines the solidity and character of the structure socially, morally and even financially.

While elaborate schooling may be above the means of a small township, yet the alphabet and multiplication table are very far from securing to our young generation a sound, sufficient all round education. The curriculum, as I see it with the eyes of my mind, should be this:

1. Reading, writing, ciphering.
2. Grammar, combined with history of language and illustrations from the best authors.
3. Condensed history of our own country and the world as large in combination with geography.
4. Composition and principles of elocution.
5. General principles of ethics and morals. (Religion should be left entirely to the churches.)
6. Primary courses in manual training, household chemistry and the laws of health. Natural history, drawing, singing, gymnastics, might be added by and by.

Such a curriculum, carried through by competent, conscientious teachers, would insure to any community a young generation of high standard—physically, mentally and morally.

Let us hope for many more suggestions, good, better and best; and last but not least, let us count on a community that not only reads them but feels the inspiration to a vigorous concerted action. Sincerely, H. S.

With the people of North Carolina the question of "curriculum" is not nearly so important as "how to support the schools." In this county we have a public school fund of about \$1 for each scholar, and a district which has 100 scholars will only be able to have a school for 4 months if it employs only one teacher—without an assistant the term must be cut short or the patrons must pay from their own pockets.

There are in this county many families who live five miles from a school house, and whose children have never been in school a day in their lives—how to reach such children is another important question. Nearly all the school houses in

the county have been built by private enterprise and given to the public in order to get the benefit of the public money. The time has come when better houses are needed—but where is the money coming from to build with? If the school money is used the terms of school are discontinued until the house is paid for.

The educational qualification of the constitutional amendment will be in operation in a few years, and the exercise of citizenship, so far as voting and holding office is concerned, will be jeopardized—our children must be educated, but how?

The educational questions which are before the people for solution are many and serious, and we need help to solve them. Suggestions as to how to build, and equip with modern school furniture, comfortable and healthy school buildings, and at the same time not abridge our school sessions will be thankfully received. Ed. News.

Lame Back.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm two or three times a day and rubbing the parts vigorously at each application. If this does not afford relief, bind on a piece of flannel slightly dampened with Pain Balm and quick relief is almost sure to follow.

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Jack London's bridal tour will be a trip around the world in a sailing vessel. If the new Mrs. London planned this trip she must have understood her husband who has the reputation of being hard to keep on hand.

There are 18,000 unpaid grocers accounts against Government clerks in Washington, and the Washington Government clerk is clamorous for an old age pension. Some one has suggested that the groceries and Department stores at the National Capital are the ones to be pensioned.

In spite of the mandates of the supreme court of the state of Minnesota, the Western Union refuses to pay back taxes, involving a sum of thousands of dollars. Maybe after a while the dearly beloved people of Minnesota will understand that the laws are made for the poor—not for the rich.

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 tea spoonful. 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.

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