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ENGINE TURNS OVER

Engine No. 147 on the extra freight train left the track just in front of the residence of Dr. E. S. English Monday morning about ten o'clock, turning completely over on its side and wrecking two box cars. Conductor "Bob" Whitmire was injured in the smash-up, suffering a broken limb and a mashed foot. He was carried to the hospital in Asheville where it was thought for a time that his limb would have to be amputated. Although a number of miraculous escapes are reported, no one else was injured in the least, although the entire train crew were considerably shaken up.

The cause of the wreck is unknown, but is supposed to have been the spreading of the rails. The engine was backing in the direction of Rosman with a string of cars behind. The tender left the track first, running down the steep bank into the edge of Dr. English's yard. This threw the main part of the engine off the track, it turning over on its right side directly in the middle of the track. Engineer Egerton had a very narrow escape, being caught under the engine. The engineer's cab was smashed in until only about one-third of the usual space remained between the window and boiler. Mr. Egerton had barely enough room to crawl out.

A wrecking crew was brought from Charlotte, reaching the wreck about eleven o'clock Monday night. They had the wreckage cleared up early Tuesday morning. Passengers for points up the road were transferred to the regular freight train on Monday.

RECORDER'S COURT

The following cases were disposed of at Monday's session of the recorder's court:

State vs. Donald Campbell, passing worthless check, continued one week.

State vs. Lester Campbell, Jack Jenkins and W. M. Mason, conspiracy to defraud, not guilty.

State vs. Wm. Coddell, slander, charged with costs.

State vs. J. B. McCall, slander, not guilty.

State vs. Mozelle Mills was taxed with the costs in three cases where he had sworn out warrants and failed to prove the charges several weeks ago.

In the case of State vs. John Frazier, charged with assault on Bill Jackson, which was tried a week ago, the appeal was withdrawn, Frazier having decided to go to the roads.

LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT

The literary societies of the Brevard graded school will give a free recitation contest on Friday evening, November 28, at eight o'clock at the Auditorium. The public is very cordially invited.

Those representing the Athenian society are: Irene Erwin, "Kit Carson's Ride," Ruth Duckworth, "Betsy and I Are Out," Alberta Perkins, "That Old Sweetheart of Mine," Mildred Bryant, "Whistling in Heaven."

The Nonpareil society is represented by: Bertie Ballard, "As the Moon Rose," Reuben Nicholson, "The Daughter of Herodias," May Cray, "Little Blossom," Irene Duckworth, "The Last Hymn."

METHODIST BAZAAR

The ladies of the missionary society of the Methodist church will have a bazaar Wednesday, December 3. They will serve supper, consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, coffee, tea and cake—also sell fancy articles and candies. Opening hour three o'clock. adv 25

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THE CLUB BANQUET

The first social gathering of the members of the Brevard Club at the Aethelwold Hotel last Saturday night was a great success. A large number of the members of the club gathered around the banquet table, ate the splendid repast provided by Mr. C. M. Cooke, Jr., the manager of the hotel, and one and all declared that the affair was one of the most enjoyable ever given in Brevard.

The banquet was given in honor of Capt. H. E. Raines and Capt. John W. Moore, two of the gentlemen interested in the Citadel summer camp school which has just located one mile from town, and Col. S. H. Cohen. Just prior to the banquet Capt. Raines announced that the site near Wilson's bridge had been finally decided upon as the location for their camp. This tract includes the Siniard property, the S. F. Allison property and the land owned by Branch Paxton, a total of sixty acres.

The first matter disposed of by the club members after assembling in the Aethelwold dining room was the well prepared course dinner, which included roast turkey, cranberry sauce, salads, fruits, pickles, the best celery ever raised (the Transylvania kind), and many other good things too numerous to mention. Close attention was paid to this part of the program by everyone present.

Mr. J. S. Silverstein, the president of the club, acted as toastmaster and displayed much wit in calling on various members of the club for speeches. He first called on Col. Sanford H. Coen, manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, paying a very high compliment to the Colonel for his untiring work for this section. Colonel Cohen in turn paid a very high compliment to the progressive spirit shown by the citizens of Transylvania county in organizing the Brevard Club. He stated that the wisdom of this organization will be shown in hundreds of ways in the future, and expressed the opinion that had the club not been organized the Citadel camp would possibly have been attracted to some other section. He also told of some of the plans of the association he represents and pledged his co-operation in anything the club may undertake.

Captain Raines was the next speaker called upon. He told about the many places that had been inspected by the promoters of the camp school and gave his reasons for locating here. He stated that at no place he had visited and he and his partners been treated in such a friendly manner as in Brevard, and since his first visit here he had felt that he wanted to become a citizen of Brevard.

Capt. Moore stated that other places that had been visited had offered just as good locations as the one selected in Brevard, and that at least one was better, but that the reason they had not been selected was because they were not in Brevard. He stated that the spirit of co-operation shown by the people of this county was too sincere to be ignored, that in an institution such as they contemplated the community must have an interest to make it a success. Capt. Moore spoke very optimistically of the future of the camp.

About twenty members of the club were called on and one and all expressed gratification over the fact that Brevard had secured the summer camp and all pledged their support to the project.

At a very late hour the banqueters were provided with a glass of fruit punch, drinking to the following toast:

"Come to the land of the tall spruce pine, The mountain land where the sun doth shine, Where the weak grow strong, and the strong grow great, Come up to Brevard, in the Old North State."

Good Roads Meeting

There will be a meeting at the court house on Monday, December 1, at 12:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Transylvania Good Roads Association.

All interested in good roads are invited to attend.

T. T. LOFTIS, President.

E. H. NORWOOD, Secretary.

After drinking this toast the toastmaster suggested that all join hands around the table and join in singing "Auld Lang Syne," after which the company broke up and started for their homes.

GAMES OF CHANCE

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

Please allow me space in your esteemed paper to condemn one of the worst evils that exists in Brevard today—namely, gambling.

In the beginning let me say that I have followed it for eight years; I have won and lost money by the hundreds; I have seen all kinds of gambling going on and have taken part in many games that lasted all night long; I have seen men lose the last dollar they had on earth when their wives and children needed clothes and food, not counting the debts they owed; I have seen men gamble away money that belonged to others when they knew they had no way to repay it; I have seen men—full grown men—stay away from their wives and children for nights at a time when they were needed at home.

I have now come to the important part of this letter, which is to show the people of Brevard that gamblers are not born, but that they are made gamblers after they have grown to be good sized boys. And now the question arises in your mind, how are the boys made to become gamblers? The answer is simple: they are persuaded to take a chance for a gun, watch, cigars, candy or some other junk that somebody has got, but does not want, hence they raffle it off, and to do it, they persuade men and boys to take chances, or trying to get something for nothing. What is the result? They have formed the habit of taking chances, and when poker or dice is suggested they take a chance, and soon they are regulars.

Now, friends, I know the foregoing to be facts, therefore I ask the good men and women who have boys growing up, do you want your boys to become gamblers? You say no—a thousand times no. Then, my friends, take the advice of one who knows and use your influence and power to stop the raffling business in Brevard.

I see both men and women taking chances who do not realize that they are gambling, but they are just the same, and are doing it where it is the most harmful—before the children. A game of poker or craps behind closed doors is not half as bad as the raffling business, because no one gets the gambling fever from looking on, yet when we get caught behind closed doors we are arrested and have to pay a fine. Who is to blame for making gamblers? Is it not the men who first persuaded them to take a chance, and not only them, but every one who approves the raffling (gambling) game.

If there is anybody—men or women—that wants the gamblers' training school stopped I will be glad to co-operate with you, and ask every one to cut out said schools forever in Brevard.

I am not prompted by any hope of gain or anything of value in writing this, but I am doing it because I know it is ruining the coming men. I have lost many hard-earned dollars by taking chances, and, Mr. Citizen, your boy is doing the same.

Come on and lets get together and stop gambling here in Brevard. An old chance taker, W. H. GROGAN, JR.

PRESIDENT FINLEY DEAD

William W. Finley, president of the Southern railway, died at his home in Washington Tuesday afternoon as a result of a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered a few hours before. His death, coming so suddenly, was entirely unexpected, not even his most intimate friends knowing prior to the end that Mr. Finley was indisposed.

President Finley was a leading figure in every movement looking to the improvement of industrial conditions in the South, and in his death the entire South, and especially North Carolina, has lost a true and untiring friend. He was a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, having worked his way up through the service from the position of stenographer to the head of one of the greatest railway systems in the land. He is survived by a widow, four daughters and one son. The funeral services will be held Friday.

As a mark of respect to the deceased all the Southern's general offices throughout the country will be draped in crape for thirty days. At the hour for the funeral every Southern train will stop for five minutes, no matter where they are.

ROSMAN NOTES

While working on the store house of W. A. Mull Friday of last week a scaffold plank broke and three men came to the ground, a distance of about eight feet. T. H. Melton had two ribs broken; W. C. Glazener had his nose split open, and C. H. Glazener suffered some slight injuries. They are all getting along nicely.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. P. C. Moore, who died at her home Sunday, November 23. She had been very ill for some time and the end was not unexpected. She leaves a baby four weeks old, three small boys, a husband, some step-children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Mrs. J. N. Allen and little son Flem of Brevard visited relatives at Rosman last week.

A small portion of the Rosman choir attended the singing convention at Glady Branch Sunday, and report a jolly good time.

Rev. C. M. Carpenter is attending the annual conference this week at Charlotte. Hope they will see fit to send him back to this circuit again.

There will be a Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church next Sunday night at 7 o'clock, at which time we expect to take a collection for the orphanage at Thomasville. Everybody is cordially invited. Bring something for the orphans.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Garren of Brevard and little son Forest visited Mrs. Garren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Glazener, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Garren will spend the winter in Florida. LITTLE BOY.

They have a progressive spirit at Brevard, all right. The people of that town wanted a better depot, so they went about it in a business-like manner and took the necessary steps to secure it. Fire is a great cleanser, they do say. This should not be taken as a suggestion.—Canton Observer.

AUTOMOBILE SMASH-UP

While driving Mr. J. S. Silverstein's small car early Wednesday morning, Mr. Grady Swicegood lost control of the steering gear and ran into the bank, smashing the car considerably and severely injuring himself and Mr. Walter McJunkin. In going down the hill just beyond Mr. Roscoe Nicholson's residence the steering apparatus refused to work and consequently the car ran into the bank while going at a high speed.

Neither of the two occupants are considered dangerously injured, although they were severely shaken up and suffered from shock. Mr. Swicegood fell on his back and shoulders and was considerably bruised up. Mr. McJunkin had a very ugly gash cut on the top of his head and was otherwise bruised.

The injured men were brought to Dr. Cheatham's office where they received medical attention, afterwards being taken to their homes. The car they were driving was badly wrecked but it is thought it can be repaired.

A SERIOUS OFFENSE

The Carlin bill, recently passed by Congress making the robbery of freight cars, baggage cars, and express cars engaged in interstate commerce and the robbery of interstate shipment from platforms and stations a federal offense, is a law with teeth in it and sharp ones at that as was evidenced in the Federal court when John L. Parker was given a sentence of six years in the United States prison for robbing a shipment of shoes consigned to Glazen, Miss., from a car in the Birmingham yards on May 4th. Parker was also implicated in robbing a shipment of notions consigned to Avondale, Ala., from a car in the Birmingham yards on the night of July 30th and Otis Williams and Arthur Goodeye who assisted him were given sentences of four years and six months and three years and six months respectively in the United States prison.

Under the Carlin law, the prosecution of car and depot thieves is greatly simplified and the certainty of conviction is much greater as the federal statutes do not provide the loopholes found in various state laws through which many criminals whose guilt was clearly proved have been enabled to escape on technicalities. As the result of the operation of this law, it is believed that criminals will recognize the danger of tampering with freight cars and depots and that there will be a great decrease in thefts of this character which frequently cause serious inconvenience and loss to shippers as well as to the railroads.

J. C. LOFTIS

The body of our dear friend now lies beneath the silent clods of the valley, but we shall cherish the memory of his life forever. Mr. Loftis was a kind husband, affectionate father and good neighbor. His simple but beautiful life was largely spent in the forest primeval of the beautiful sapphire country of Western North Carolina. He was very fond of outdoor life, and spent many happy hours with his fishing rod and gun.

The health of Mr. Loftis had always been excellent until just before his death disease, characterized by the most excruciating pain, came and ended his life.

He was the type of man who could truthfully say, "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend of man."

Tonight.

Tonight, if you feel dull and stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will feel all right tomorrow. For sale by S. M. Macfie adv