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THE NEW DEPOT

The new building, to take the place of the old depot destroyed by fire last fall, is just about completed, after two months work by the construction employees of the Southern railway. By the time another issue of the News comes from the press it is probable that the offices on wheels will be abandoned and that business will be carried on in a permanent habitation. This week the carpenters under Mr. Moose, the foreman, said goodbye and went to other parts.

No building work in or about town has attracted so much attention and caused so much comment for many years. When the heart of commerce and transportation gets out of fix the whole system will suffer. Travelers are subjected to discomfort, freight consignees are worried, depot employees are exasperated, and the citizens generally made anxious over the effects on the public welfare. After eight months of such conditions, traffic may now settle down to its stride.

The new building is of about the same size and shape as the old one, but with a more attractive exterior and with greater conveniences within and without. With the passenger shed on one side and the freight and baggage platform on the other, it occupies the space from the Whitmire street crossing to the crossing near the tank. Externally the building is neat and attractive, painted the standard railroad colors, with yellow walls, a broad green border, and trimmings and pillars white. The shed covers a cement platform with a flight of cement steps leading down to the street. Here the steps will be protected by a device from the wheels of vehicles backed up to the platform. An iron railing on the street side will also add to the safety of the people on the platform, which is there quite high.

The doors opening into the two waiting rooms are on opposite sides of the building, the one for whites being next to the railroad track. The unnecessary mingling of colors is thus provided against. Both waiting rooms have their walls and ceilings stained a dark oak color. The rooms are provided with lavatories and toilet rooms, and sanitary drinking fountains turned on by pressure.

The offices occupy a room in the central part of the building. In the large freight room there will be a table for the baggage clerk and another for the freight clerk.

Rising from the platform on the freight end is a platform about ten feet wide by seventy-five feet in length, extending to the upper crossing. The freight platform on the delivery side is high above the street and is protected from impact of drays by large beams running along the flooring.

The roof is clad in brick red in color. Sixty-four thousand pounds of tiling crown the house.

In spite of the disappointment felt by many in regard to general structure and capacity, the new depot is a place to be proud of, and its completion a thing to give satisfaction.

WHAT WAS IT?

Mr. Hady Jolley, who does night work on the railroad yards coaling up for next day's travel, tells a strange story of a phenomenon seen by him a few nights ago. While at his work, he was suddenly attracted by a bright light in the east. He first supposed it to be caused by one of the electric lights, but in an instant he saw that something was happening in the heavens. A ball of light, as large as a full moon, was rising above the mountain tops in the northeast. It crossed the sky at great speed and in about five minutes sank behind the range in the north west, leaving behind it a track of fire. Too slow for a meteor, too swift for any human machine, what it was, whence it came, whither it went, he could only wonder about in great amazement.

INVITATION TO EDITORS

The writer, in behalf of the town of Brevard, last week extended an invitation to the State Press Association, through its executive committee, to hold its June meeting next year in Brevard. While a number of other towns asked for the meeting we believe we are safe in saying that next year's session will be held in Brevard. Two members of the executive committee (composed of six members) declared unequivocally that they would vote for Brevard and two others, while not committing themselves, say they are favorably impressed with Brevard and will doubtless vote to come here. Of the other two members of the committee one was absent and did not express himself and the other one favors Alta Pass for the meeting.

The benefit to the town in bringing this organization here can not be computed. We are amply able to entertain the editors in the style they have been used to, and since many of them have never seen this particular section it would do them good to see the gem of Western North Carolina.

Every citizen of Brevard is enthusiastic over the prospect of bringing the newspaper men here and the small amount of money needed for their entertainment can be subscribed many times over in a very short time. The executive committee will meet in Raleigh in December or January to decide on where next year's meeting will be held, when a committee from Brevard will be present to extend formally her invitation.

"ENOCH ARDEN" RECITAL

To Be Given at Auditorium Friday Night, July 10.

On Friday night of next week, July 10th, Mrs. May Patman Clayton, reader, and Miss Mary Stewart Blair, pianist, will give a combined expression and musical recital at the Auditorium. The reading will be a dramatic rendering of "Enoch Arden," and the music will accompany the reading.

Enoch Arden is perhaps Tennyson's most popular poem. It is a story of undying interest to old and young, and is one of those rare productions that gain, rather than lose, by repetition.

The music, composed by Richard Strauss, is adapted throughout to the narrative, the beautiful descriptions and the shades of emotion in the poem. The piano part is not a mere accompaniment, but a musical interpretation of a great piece of literature.

Mrs. Clayton is an expression graduate of Greenville Female College, Greenville, S. C., and of the Boston, Mass., School of Expression, where she was a pupil of the celebrated Dr. S. S. Curry; also a pupil of Benny Gunnison of Chicago. She has had much experience as a teacher of dramatic art and has appeared often before the public as a reader. In the melodrama, "Enoch Arden," she has appeared a number of times with flattering success, as evidenced by the many newspaper notices of her work.

Miss Blair is a music graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.; has been a pupil of Olaf Jansen of Copenhagen, Denmark, and of Prof. Albert Lockwood, head of piano department of University School of Music, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is at present director of music at Brevard Institute. She is eminently qualified for the difficult role of piano part in the melodrama.

HEATH-MERRILL

Last Monday evening at the home of Mr. Joe Hamlin, near the depot, Mr. Ira Merrill and Miss May Heath were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. H. Norwood.

The married couple left on the evening train for Hendersonville for a wedding trip. They expect to make their home in Greenville, S. C.

TOM THUMB WEDDING

The "wedding of Tom Thumb and Miss Lily Putian Midget" was presented last Tuesday night at the Auditorium under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church in conjunction with Miss Miglaro and Miss Ulrich, traveling managers. The actors were Brevard children, ranging in age from about ten down to two or three years.

The audience was large and the enjoyment of the occasion was general. The advertising notice of "one hundred laughs in one hundred minutes" came as near the truth as posters ever get.

The scene began with the ushering in of invited guests by James Waters and Tommie Whitmire, who were dressed in evening costume, and who led up couple after couple, seating them on the stage with most profound bowing. The first couple was Percy Verdery and Miriam Silverstein, followed by a great many others, all garbed to suit a marriage occasion. The immediate families of the bride and groom were: Carey Reese and Dorothy Silverstein as grandpa and grandma Midget; Archibald Caldwell and Naomi Cloud as grandpa and grandma Thumb; Leon English and Ruth Waters as father and mother Midget; Frank Duckworth and Eliza Henry as father and mother Thumb.

But these were not all the guests. Three old maids, Mary Harris, Agatha Deaver and Mary Bacon, were led on the stage and seated together on a separate sort of mourner's bench. Sisters and cousins, Edna King, Annie Bryant and Clara King; bachelor friends, Francis Jenkins and John Nicholson, the preacher's wife, Amelia Galloway, and others too numerous to mention came singly and in pairs to see the wonderful wedding. Announcements of persons and parties were made at the door by Miss Miglaro. When the announcement was called out, "The rejected suitor of the bride," it was a long time before those sitting on the sides could see the gentleman—thought perhaps he wasn't coming. But he did, and in the diminutive, wedding clothed form of little John Plummer.

All this time Miss Maud Allison was playing a pretty march on the piano. It ceased, and Miss Allie Belle Cloud sang "Oh! Promise Me." About fifteen flower girls bearing daisies filed down the aisle to the Lohengrin march, and then came the bride and groom, little Alice Rebecca Jones and still littler Tommie Hampton.

The parties took their places on the stage, and the preacher, Clarence Deaver, in a long-tailed clerical coat, pronounced a ceremony decidedly unique and comprehensive. The little Pink girls, Mildred Clayton and Elizabeth Shipman, the little Blue girls, Nancy Macfie and Ruth Cantrell, and the little Ring girls, Ethel McMinn and Mary Verdery, the maid of honor, Isabella Caldwell, and the best man, Branche Paxton, Jr., formed an important part of the circle. At the conclusion of the ceremony the ring was passed to the groom who placed it on the bride's finger, and then to the intense joy of the audience, kissed her.

After the ceremony Miss Anna May Robbins assisted off the stage with a solo. Then came the feast—which was real ice cream served to the large crowd of little ones. Several songs were sung by the children, and they did them as if they had three weeks instead of three days' practice. It was amazing to see how much could be gotten out of such little tots in so short a time.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the affair. In fact, the crowd seemed happy, as if they had all become children again.

At the Fraternity Hall next Wednesday night, under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, Mrs. Cora Ransier of Hendersonville will give a lecture, free to the public.

SINGING CONVENTION

Following is the program for the tenth session of the Transylvania County Interdenominational Singing convention which meets with Cathays Creek church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 24, 25 and 26.

The convention will be called to order at 10 a. m. by President J. M. Galloway and song service led by W. C. McCall, all classes participating. Prayer by C. C. Duckworth. Address of welcome by C. C. Duckworth. Response by Rev. Queen. Reading of minutes by the secretary of last meeting. Song service by J. W. Burns. Roll call of classes and enrollment of new classes.

11:00 to 11:30—Conventional singing.

11:30—Address by Rev. J. C. Owen on "The History of Music."

12:00 m.—Adjournment.

At 1:00 p. m. the convention will reconvene. Prayer by Rev. Reed. Song service by C. M. Cassell.

2:00 p. m.—Address by Rev. Queen; subject, "What is Music?" The balance of the day will be spent in alternate singing. Appointment of committee on time and place for the next convention.

3:30 p. m.—Adjournment.

SATURDAY, JULY 25.

Saturday morning at ten o'clock the convention will come to order by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." all classes joining. Devotional exercises by Rev. Sam Reed. Song service until 11:30 by the different leaders.

11:30 a. m.—Address by Rev. J. C. Owen; subject, "The Good of the American Singer."

12:00 m.—Adjournment for dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Convention will reconvene. Prayer by Judson Corn. Alternate singing until 2:30 p. m.

2:30 p. m.—Address by L. B. Haynes of Spartanburg, S. C.; subject, "David and the Harp." Song service by all classes till 3:30 p. m. Adjournment.

SUNDAY, JULY 26.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock devotional exercises by Rev. Sam Reed. Song service by all classes. Report of committee on time and place for the next convention.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Owen.

12:30 p. m.—Adjournment. No dinner on the grounds Sunday.

The ministers of the gospel of the various denominations of the county as well as all lovers of music are earnestly invited to attend. Homes will be found for all who come and there will be plenty to eat on the grounds Friday and Saturday.

J. L. WRIGHT,
W. C. MCCALL,
J. A. BRYSON,
Committee.

ETOWAH

Rev. W. H. Pless filled his regular appointment Sunday.

S. N. Merrill has been quite sick but is better now.

The members of the Farmers Union held an interesting debate at Holly Springs last Saturday night. The anti-suffragets were able to convince the judges of the truthfulness of their claims and it was decided that woman should not be allowed to vote.

W. H. McKinna is busily engaged in the building of a new barn on his father's farm.

Crops are doing fine and every one is busy. The writer had the pleasure of spending one day of last week in the cornfield.

Walter Cairnes has returned from the eastern part of the state where he holds a position with the Roanoke Bridge Company of Va.

Rev. Flanders of Hendersonville preached an interesting sermon at Pleasant Grove Sunday morning, after which the pastor, Rev. J. R. Limer, conducted the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

Misses Annie and Julia Glazener of Brevard visited Mrs. Fletcher Sunday. BILL WRAY.

KILLED AT SAW MILL

Harley Orr, a young man employed at W. Kilpatrick's saw mill, near Calvert, was accidentally killed while at work there last Friday. It was about the noon knock-off hour, and some of the young men were doing some sawing on their own account, young Orr among them. The plank he was sawing broke and fell, and in stooping to pick it up he was caught by the saw. An arm and both legs were almost severed, and internal injuries were also received.

Surgical aid was at once sent for and Drs. Cheatham and Wallis from Brevard and Dr. Emmett Lyday from Rosman hastened to the place. Amputation of a leg was considered necessary, but the operation did not succeed in saving the young man's life. He died not many hours after the accident.

Harley was a son of Mr. Columbus Orr of Blantyre. The remains were taken to Blantyre for interment.

The funeral services took place on Saturday, June 27, at Pleasant Grove church on Little Willow, the sermon being preached by Rev. T. C. Holtsclew.

The young man was only twenty years of age. He was of a kind-hearted, genial disposition, and had many friends, whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

ROSMAN HAPPENINGS

One evening last week just after the 3.29 train passed Rosman a scared couple was seen going down the street, they were pursued by a number of the town folks, and when they were overtaken at R. F. Glazener's they found it was Louie Gillespie, and Miss Mae Holden; shortly after the crowd assembled they raised a yell for Esq. E. M. Whitmire, who was cutting rye in the field near by, and then something took place that had never happened before, the young couple were pronounced man and wife.

Rosman, is soon to have a new Post Office, the building is being put up as rapidly as possible under the directions of the Rosman Improvement Co.

Misses Victory and Grace Gillespie, and Clessie Whitmire, are attending the summer school at Brevard.

Miss Deila Gillespie attended the teachers institute at Hendersonville, last week.

Rosman expects to have a swell time for the 4th, the Rosman baseball team is expecting to play Pisgah Forest for their first game.

Chestnut Oak Camp No. 235 W. O. W. is going to serve ice cream and refreshments of various kinds, the proceeds to buy uniforms and axes for the Uniform rank, or such other supplies as the camp needs. Everybody is cordily invited, and especially the ladies. Come one and all and let's have a glorious fourth. SWEET BOY.

BOYLESTON NEWS

The government surveyors are now in this section surveying and mapping the lands recently purchased by the government from the Vanderbilt estate.

Mr. Ed Hollingsworth of Davidson River and Miss Annie Patton of Boyleston were married Sunday, June 28, Rev. W. H. Pless officiating.

Mr. Weldon English had the misfortune to have his horse bitten by a big rattlesnake last Saturday.

Misses Emma Reese and Dovie Shipman and Mr. Girlie Shipman attended the funeral of Mr. Harley Orr at Pleasant Grove Saturday, returning home Sunday evening.

BIDS WANTED

Bids wanted for the building of a new one-room school house at Montvale, in School District No. 3, Hogback Township. Contract to be let on Monday, July 6. See or write T. C. Henderson, Brevard, for specifications. 6-12-3t