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## ASHEVILLE NEWS

That Western North Carolina is being considered for the establishment of a colony of Bulgarian farmers, who are contemplating the purchase of 50,000 acres of farming and timber lands, was announced at the office of the Asheville Board of Trade following the receipt of a letter from an eastern realty firm, which asked for literature dealing with the advantages of this section of the state. The firm's name is being withheld for the present, although a representative will come to Asheville at an early date to investigate conditions in the western counties of this state. The colony, if located in the mountains of North Carolina, will result in the establishment of a new town whose residents will be Bulgarians. The agriculturists will be accompanied by a sufficient number of physicians, dentists and merchants to care for the needs of the members of the colony, and thousands of dollars will be spent in the purchase of lands and the development of the colony.

After being forced to remain in Paris several weeks on account of the war situation, the millions of dollars at her disposal availing nothing in her efforts to book passage to the United States, Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, owner of the Biltmore estate near Asheville, and one of the world's wealthiest women, has finally succeeded in leaving the French capital with her daughter, and will take up her winter residence at Biltmore House during the early part of next week.

With indications pointing to the greatest fair in the history of Western North Carolina, as a result of which the Western North Carolina Fair Association expects that thousands of people will come to Asheville during the time of the fair—October 13, 14, 15 and 16—the management of the fair has made arrangements whereby special trains will be operated to this city from all directions on the 15th of next month, which will be observed as Western North Carolina day. Entries are being received from all of the counties of Western North Carolina, and so great has been the interest shown in Henderson county that a branch office has been opened at Hendersonville, with Noah M. Hollowell, assistant secretary, in charge. Of special interest is the announcement that the state horticultural department is to make an exhibit at the fair while the permanent exhibit of the state test farm at Swannanoa will be brought here for exhibition during the time of the annual exhibition. The management has arranged for nightly pyrotechnical displays which are said to be the most elaborate ever shown in this state.

After serving as a mechanic at a local garage for several years, during which time he was impressed with the need for a device for locking the hoods of automobiles, Albert E. Marshall, of this city, has perfected such an apparatus and has received a patent for it. Already the young man has turned down several attractive offers for manufacturing rights, one firm offering him an amount in excess of \$50,000 for the privilege of manufacturing the device.

The Suez Temple, D. O. K. K., "the playground of Pythianism," will hold its annual ceremonial here October 7. On October 13, 14 and 15, the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry will meet here to confer the higher degrees. Pythians and Masons from all parts of Western North Carolina will gather here for the events.

Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan has qualified as the most expert mountain climber in the cabinet. Spending his vacation here this week, he is giving his time to following mountain trails and is gaining much strength by reason of the time spent in the open air, and the energies exerted in scaling surrounding peaks.

Following a dispute over fees, Sheriff C. F. Williams and Magistrate J. A. McIntyre exchanged blows last week with the result that the sheriff paid a fine and the magistrate went to jail for ten days to be released after serving four hours of his sentence.

## PRELIMINARY TRIAL

A preliminary hearing in the case of the State vs. Wave Allison and Vellie Parker for the murder of J. W. Clayton was held before the recorder last Tuesday. Allison and Parker had been brought back from Asheville, where they were taken by the sheriff last week.

The coroner's report was read before the court to the effect that J. W. Clayton came to his death from a scalp wound and fracture of the skull at the hands of parties unknown.

Susie Williams, colored, was called to the witness stand by D. L. English, who acted for the state. The witness gave in substance the following evidence: That she is twenty years old Christmas and lives at Arden, in Buncombe county. That her sister, Hattie Smith, wife of Henry Smith, lives at Penrose, just across the river from the station. She was at her sister's house on September 13th. That she started to the station on the night of the 13th at 8:00 p. m., with Helen and Willie Smith. Not very far from her sister's house she met Wave Allison and Vellie Parker. The defendants asked her where Henry Smith was.

"I told them that he had gone to Mr. Everett's. They said they had started to his house. I said to the two girls if they wasn't afraid to go to the station I would go back to the house and stay with their mother. They told me they wasn't afraid, but for me to wait for them, and I stopped there with these two men and waited until they came back. I asked Helen did she get my coat. She told me yes, and went on to the house, and in ten or fifteen minutes after they got to the house I see a tall man coming from up to the house, and I said, 'I see some one coming who is a w-f-tall!' These men said, 'He's a long tall one; I wonder who he is.' In that time he had got a few steps past us. Vellie Parker said to Wave Allison, 'Let's rock him; see him run, to have some fun out of him.' Vellie Parker went right on behind him and I heard them talking, but they were talking low, and I said that I must go to the house; and I got up and started to the house. Wave Allison walked up a step or two behind me and he said, 'I must go back down here where these boys is,' and said good night. I was pretty close to the bars, where I stopped. When I got to the bars I heard a loud talking, went like some one fussing. I got up on the bars and set there a few minutes. The fuss got louder. I got down and walked in the yard, pretty close to the door; and the fuss hushed. I looked back and saw some one striking matches, just like they was looking on the ground for something. I see several matches struck. Then I walked in the house.

"On Sunday morning Wave Allison and Vellie Parker hollered up to my sister's house and said for some of us to come down there to the river, there was a cow in the river. My sister started to go down there. I told her me and her daughter would go. We started down there; seed his brother Warrior leaving. We went on down there and got pretty close to them. They said, 'It's not a cow—it's Jim Clayton.' We walked up to the bank and looked over on him. He was lying on his face. We turned around and started back to the house. They called Helen and said to her, 'Helen, whatever you do, don't you tell that Jim Clayton was at your house last night, and don't you tell that us boys was over here last night; tell your mother for her not to tell that Jim Clayton was at her house last night.'

"In the jail next morning Wave Allison said to me—he called me and told me they arrested him last night, 'but they fooled me to get to arrest me.' They talked him off from the house and told him they wanted him to go with them to get some one to stay with Henry Smith's wife, and after he got in the auto and got away from the house they hand-cuffed him, but if they had not done that he said

they would have never got hands on him. He said, 'Susie, me and Vellie wouldn't have been turped up if them two girls in there with you hadn't turned us up. What are you going to swear?' I told him as I was going to swear what I seen and heard. He says: 'You had better be careful what you swear, because I ain't a-going to swear nothing.' I said, 'You need not to deny what I swear, because it will be the truth.' Then Vellie Parker called me to a little hole that was in the wall and asked me what I was going to swear, and I told him I was going to swear what I seed and heard, and he walked away."

On cross-examination by Mr. R. S. McCall, an attorney from Asheville, no material change developed in the testimony, except that the existence of two pairs of bars was established.

On re-direct examination by Mr. English witness said that the tall man that passed down the trail was Jim Clayton. "I knew him by my sister saying that there had been no one at the house except Clayton."

On re-cross examination witness said that Clayton did not go in the house at all. Her sister said he was at the door and in the yard.

The attorneys representing the defense were Galloway & Allison, McCall and Breese.

Considerable argument sprang up between the lawyers over the demand on the part of the defense to introduce the testimony of Henry Smith and others. The court ruled against the admission on the ground that those persons were defendants, charged with the same crime.

Not many cases before the recorder have excited anything like the interest shown in this preliminary trial. The court house was crowded almost to the limit of its seating capacity, and the aisles also were blocked by throngs of the curious. It is rare even for a case in Superior court to attract so much attention.

The defendants, Wave Allison and Vellie Parker, were held over to Superior court, and were taken by officers to Asheville for safe keeping.

On Wednesday the recorder heard evidence in the State vs. Henry Smith, Helen Smith and Willie Smith, all colored, for the murder of J. W. Clayton. D. L. English represented the state and J. S. Styles of Asheville the defendants. Several witnesses were examined, but the court discharged the defendants.

## MRS. MARY BOYDEN

Mrs. Mary Boyden, who had been very ill for several weeks, died at her home on East Main street on Thursday night of last week. The body was taken to Salisbury, where the interment took place on Sunday.

Mrs. Boyden's maiden name was Miss Mary Davis. She was born at Statesville forty years ago. She was married to John L. Boyden, who died four years ago. There are two surviving children of this union. Hayne and Richmond Boyden, both boys under age. She was related by blood to persons of distinction in this state and elsewhere, being a niece of Richmond Pearson and a cousin of Richmond Pearson Hobson. In religion at first an Episcopalian, she later became a member of the Christian Science church.

Mrs. Boyden moved to Brevard about three years ago. Her two sons, Hayne and Richmond, will leave this week to enter the Webb preparatory school at Bellbuckle, Tenn.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to all those friends who gave so much sympathy and help during our daughter's and sister's illness. We cannot express how deeply we feel all this kindness. May God reward you all and help you in time of need.

MRS. J. W. MORRIS AND FAMILY.

## DEATH OF LINUS NORTH

Mr. Linus North died at his home in West Brevard Tuesday night about twelve o'clock. He had been seriously ill for several weeks, having a disease of the heart. His death was not a surprise, as he had been in failing health for many months.

Mr. North was seventy-eight years of age. He was a veteran Union soldier, serving in the army of the Cumberland. He was married in the state of Georgia, whither he had gone after the civil war, and he removed to this state, first living a while in Asheville, and then coming to Brevard, where he has resided ever since.

During his residence here, which has covered a period of about thirty years, Mr. North has lived the life of an upright citizen and a most useful member of the Presbyterian church. He was quiet and unobtrusive in his manner, devoting himself chiefly to the affairs of home and church and the service of those in need. Never rich himself in this world's goods, he was always ready to help the unfortunate.

It was a touching tribute to the character of this good man that after his death the Daughters of the Confederacy sent a United States flag, in which his body was shrouded. He had no better friends in this place than men, and the sons of men who had fought on another side in the great struggle of fifty years ago.

His death is a distinct loss to his church and community. He went about doing good, and the memory of his life and character will remain to uplift and to encourage those who knew him.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Thursday morning and interment was at Oak Grove.

Mr. Linus North was born at Honesdale, a mining town in Pennsylvania, May 15th, 1836. At the age of three he was taken by his parents to Jonesville, Mich., where he lived till the war broke out. As a boy Linus received a common school education. His father died when he was but six years old.

Mr. North entered the Federal army when a young man, and served two and a half years. He was in the engagements at Shiloh, Stone River and Chickamauga, and was wounded at the battle of Missionary Ridge, being one of the men who climbed the cliff at Lookout Mountain. While he was in the army his mother died. After the war Mr. North, who had been a tinner by trade, took a commercial course which fitted him for the postmastership at Brunswick, Ga., which position he held for fourteen years. He came to Brevard in 1884 and has lived here ever since. He was one of the charter members of the Presbyterian church; elected deacon in 1891, and elder in 1898. Mr. North leaves to mourn his loss his only daughter, Miss Sadie, and a brother at Elkhart, Ind.

There has gone from us one who was a faithful member of the church here for over twenty years, whose daily life endorsed his profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

"So let our lips and lives express  
The holy Gospel we profess;  
So let our works and virtues shine  
To prove the doctrine all divine."

ERNEST H. NORWOOD,  
Pastor.

## Acute Indigestion.

"I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion, followed by constipation," writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva, N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them from our druggist. I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for they helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects." Sold by all dealers. adv

## PLANS ALMOST COMPLETED

With arrangements rapidly nearing completion for the fourth annual Western North Carolina fair which will be held at Asheville October 13, 14, 15 and 16, the indications are that the approaching exhibition will be largely attended.

Of special interest to the people of western counties of North Carolina is the announcement of the management of the fair association that Western North Carolina Day will be observed on October 15, and plans are going forward to make this a gala day at Asheville. For the accommodation of the immense throngs which are expected to go to Asheville from all of the surrounding counties, the management of the fair association has perfected arrangements for the operation of special trains on the Southern railroad, and the trains doubtless will be largely patronized.

The people of all sections of the western counties will make merry on this day, and special entertainment features have been arranged to make their stay at the fair grounds enjoyable. In addition to the regular fair attractions, special events will be arranged for the celebration of this day, and it is expected that they will be witnessed by immense throngs.

The management of the fair association is at a loss to designate the name of the closing day of the fair, and announcement is made that a season ticket will be presented to the person suggesting the most appropriate title for the day. It is announced that the last day of the fair will be given over to foolishness and general good times. The fair association promises that the air will be charged with laughing gas. Magistrates will marry all young people who desire to plight their troth on that day free of charge, and it is expected that there will be a rush for marriage licenses.

The North Carolina department of horticulture, the Southern railway domestic science, fruit culture and dairy exhibits and the state test farm special exhibits have secured space at the fair believing that they will be able to reach thousands of people in this manner. These exhibits are of great educational value to the housekeepers, agriculturists, horticulturists and stock raisers of this section of the state, and the management is fortunate in securing them for exhibition at the approaching fair. Dr. Flowe, state veterinarian, will also give demonstrations and lectures on the prevention and cure of hog cholera.

Of more than ordinary interest is the announcement that Martin's Fireworks Company will make a pyrotechnical display each evening. This concern is one of the best known in the country, and was secured at great expense. However, the recommendations received regarding Martin's fireworks indicate that the investment was a good one, and it is expected that thousands of people will be entertained by the brilliant fireworks over the Riverside Park lake each night. Fireworks always add to the interest of any gathering, and the nightly pyrotechnical display together with the greatest midway ever arranged in Western North Carolina will furnish amusement for the visitors to the fair after they have witnessed the exhibits.

Entries are being received from several of the counties of Western North Carolina, and so great is the volume of entries that it has been necessary to increase the floor space of several of the departments, and appoint additional judges and directors to assist those were named several weeks ago. Mr. N. M. Hollowell, who served in a very efficient manner as assistant secretary last year, has consented to serve in like capacity this year, and will perform the duties in the office of the Western Carolina Democrat at Hendersonville.