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PRELIMINARY TRIAL

After the release of the Keystone circus men, charged with the murder of B. S. McTindal, whose body was found in the Davidson river, Deputy Sheriff Harris and Chief Singleton to follow up clues which had developed in connection with the trial, and on Thursday of last week arrested D. E. Whitt, H. Harper and H. Hedrick, all of Pisgah Forest. The prisoners were lodged in jail here and given a preliminary trial before Recorder Forsythe the following day.

H. Hedrick owns the store in front of which the body was found. H. Harper has a restaurant in the same building, and D. E. Whitt is a boarder occupying rooms over the store.

The circus was located on a lot just north of Hedrick's store. Two of the show men testified to hearing the sounds of an angry dispute in the direction of the store about ten o'clock on the night when McTindal was last seen alive. They said the dispute seemed to be over a question of lodging, and one of the witnesses said that he thought he recognized one of the voices as that of McTindal. The dispute ended with what sounded to them like a blow and the falling of a body.

Other witnesses were examined in regard to the finding of the dead man, the track which indicated the dragging of some object from the rear of the store to the river, and the condition of the dead man's body.

The recorder found probable cause for holding the three defendants, and they were taken back to jail. Bail was granted later by the solicitor in the sum of \$1000 for each defendant.

MET THE PRESIDENT

Mr. J. E. Duckworth, who was in Washington for several days last week, made quite an impression there, judging from the number of newspaper reports and comments on the subject of his fatherhood. The following is taken from a report sent to the Raleigh News and Observer by its Washington correspondent:

When Senator Overman presented J. E. Duckworth of Transylvania county to President Wilson today the senator told the president that Mr. Duckworth was the father of twenty-five children, nineteen of whom were democratic voters. Mr. Duckworth modestly corrected this statement, saying that he was the father of twenty-one children by two marriages, that eighteen of them are living and that only eleven are voters. The president humorously observed that he supposed they made up their deficiency in numbers by voting solidly democratic.

Mr. Duckworth, who is eighty-seven years old and not in the least feeble, received a cordial hand shake and commented on the likeness of the president to his pictures. "Mr. President," he said, "I'd a knowed ye if I had seen ye in the woods of North Carolina."

Mr. Duckworth returned to Brevard last Saturday night, and when seen on the street Monday morning expressed himself in no stinted terms over the pleasures of his trip. It was the first time, he said, that he has ever been to Washington, but he hadn't failed to enjoy the trip because he had waited till his old age.

Yes, he had seen the president, and it was Senator Overman who had piloted him through and got him an introduction.

"How did you like the president, Mr. Duckworth?" some one asked. "Woodrow Wilson? He's the finest man that ever sat in the White House. He's the finest looking man I ever saw—just smiling all the time. Take Woodrow Wilson, William Jennings Bryan and Preacher Wamboldt, and they could run the world."

Mr. Duckworth was confident that Wilson would be re-elected when the time came.

A WORD FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

The following letter has been received at this office from a North Carolinian now living in South Carolina:

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

As a North Carolina boy and a reader of the Sylvan Valley News I wish to ask space for a few remarks. I love the sweet memory of boyhood days in the skyland around Brevard, of which my father, two brothers and a sister are still residents. I wish to outline to the readers of the News how Governor Blease and the poor people were rogued out of their rights in the primary of August 25th. I wish to say in the outset that Mr. Blease is the cleanest man that has ever entered the mansion at Columbia. You people who are not in close touch with later conditions can only hear one side of the question. The papers of the state will not publish anything Mr. Blease says or does except it can rake up something to his hurt then they are ready to add some falsehood to the report the Democrats of S C for years have howled for white supremacy and white office-holders I wish to tell them now that we will not have the pleasure of seeing these conditions exist in its purity for the next two years Mr. Blease promised to extinguish all negro office holders in the state if elected senator. The people said (no) (let us keep em.) and by so doing they turned their backs on the only man in years who have made a bold and wide spread effort to effect absolute white rule they harped on Mr. Bleases stand on negro lynching but those who fought with that club was only those who could not eat without their bread was seasoned with the touch of the hand of the black cook and who could not digest their victuals without the timely smell of the black man well we don't want to treat the negro unjust all we want, and all our governor wants is every negro to stay in his place if he will do that he will not be wronged by the white people of S. C.

but when he intrudes on the virginity of our white wives and daughters there must be and will be something done) they also hummer at Mr. Blease for his many pardons) he has never pardoned a single man but that he can show a lawful petition are a lawful and binding reason for so doing) they they have got many things charged to him that is a lye as black as could have originated in the bottomless pit of hell) Well there are many things I could make mention of but I will not ask for too much space this time) I notice that Brother J. C. Owen in the last News made slighty remarks of our Governor I'm real sorrow that Mr. Owen has been so misled as to have made this remark about Mr. Blease for they are both good men.

Well Mr. Editor we elected Mr. Blease for senator by an honest vote but the east wind blew and on the 25th of august from some direction come swooping over us the greatest ballot box thievery that ever visited polling day in any state in the union (so here we go) three shouts and a hurra for Cole L. Blease and his pure hearted supporters

Faternally yours
O. H. JOHNSON.

There will be a supper and a Hallowe'en party at the Davidson River school house Friday evening of this week. The money raised at the supper will be devoted to supplemental library purposes. The public is invited to attend and help in this good cause.

The public road along the French Broad, near Mr. T. T. Loftis, is showing signs of caving in on the river side. A crack has made its appearance along the edge of the road, which runs on top of the river bluff. This should be remedied before a cave-in takes place.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The undersigned has reason to believe, and does believe, that there is a plan now lain by certain designing persons to use whiskey in connection with the coming election adulterated with "knock out drops" or other ingredients, and this warning is given so that all people may be warned, and abstain from the drinking of any whiskey on the day of election, or the day prior thereto.

T. T. LOFTIS.

KNOCK OUT DROPS

Reports are being circulated on the streets that adulterated whiskey containing knock-out drops, etc., is to be used in the coming election. It is hard to believe that we have such people in our county who would attempt such a thing. However it is always best to be on the safe side. We object to whiskey in any form being used in elections; therefore judging the future by the past there will be very little whiskey used, if any, and no knock-out drops at all.

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS.

T. B. REID

One of the most interesting phases of the present campaign has been the development of T. B. Reid as a campaign speaker.

Some, friends and otherwise, have been attempting to place "well directed digs" under Mr. Reid's "fifth rib," with the result that, according to accounts from both democrats and republicans, he has more than held his own and has been making the best talks heard in the campaign.

CITIZEN.

FALSE REPORTS ANTICIPATED

To whom it may concern:

I have received information that certain articles or pieces are to be printed in this week's issue of the Sylvan Valley News, or by letters sent to different parts of the county the day before the election, attempting to affect my candidacy for a seat in the general assembly of this state. Mr. Wilson and I are having a very agreeable joint discussion in this contest, and he is privileged to discuss my record in full, because I then have an opportunity to answer him. But I want to submit to the unbiased and fair-minded citizens of this county if it is fair or just to wait until the time is too short, or the opportunity or means of answering is closed, to print or circulate false, garbled or half facts when the door of answering or defending myself is closed to me. The people of this county know how to take these eleventh hour stories that cannot stand the light of public discussion. I have the fullest confidence in the justice and patriotism of the people of this county, so much so that I believe that they or any of them will consign to the waste basket any of these eleventh hour letters referred to which they may receive. I want to say that I shall hold liable under the Corrupt Practices Act of 1913 the author or authors of any injurious articles, letters or reports affecting my candidacy as before mentioned. Yours very truly,
adv. lt CHAS. B. DEEVER.

What Would You Do?

There are many times when one man questions another's actions and motives. Men act differently under different circumstances. The question is, what would you do right now if you had a severe cold? Could you do better than to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended by people who have used it for years and know its value. Mrs. O. E. Sargent, Fern, Ind., says, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is worth its weight in gold and I take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by all dealers. adv

SERVICES AT OAK GROVE

A protracted meeting was started at Oak Grove church last Sunday evening, to be carried on for several days. The services are held at night. The meeting is intended to be conducted in the interests of all denominations.

Last Sunday night the opening meeting was well attended. Rev. W. M. Robbins preached and at the close of the service there were ten professions of conversion.

Rev. E. H. Norwood also took an active part in this service.

For the past few months a union Sunday school has been meeting at this church and has had an encouraging attendance. The children come from the immediate neighborhood, from North Brevard, and from localities as far removed as Lamb's creek. Several of the parents of these children make a habit of attending, and the result is a wide awake Sunday school. It has, no doubt, laid the foundation for the union revival meeting.

GENEROUS BENEFACTORS

Within a few weeks, the owners of Brevard Institute will have completed paying approximately \$41,000 on the new Administration building and on the improvements on Taylor Hall, the girls' dormitory. It is perhaps interesting to note just now other amounts which they have invested here within the past seven years, which is as far back as the Institute records go. Their purchases of property have amounted to \$15,875, a large per cent of which has been a double benefit to Transylvania county: first, by developing a school second to none of its grade in this section; and, second, because so much of it has remained in the community and is still being taxed in the form of improvements in real estate.

The changes in the main dormitory and cottages during these years have cost the women's council nearly \$4,000. In addition to this \$60,000 for permanent improvements, they have contributed \$34,000 over and above all tuition and other fees which have been remitted to them. This makes a total of considerably over \$90,000 in the seven years, mostly collected from the ten-cent dues and the special self-denials of every day missionary women. Nearly all of it has been spent directly to furnish academic and vocational education to the children of Brevard and Western North Carolina at about half its actual cost. An appreciable part, however, has been used in various attractive forms of educational advertising, which is the most valuable of all publicity to any town.

C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

WAR

What means this awful wail of woe,
That sweeps the east from shore to shore?
What mean these pools of gory red,
These trenches filled with untold dead?
Why turn this land—this home of men—
Into a human slaughter-pen?

Why do I see bedimmed with tears
And bowed with care beyond her years,
The maiden who so lately wore
A happy smile and healthy glow—
Why does her visage show neglect,
Where are the ones who should protect?

What means the little infant's cry,
As drag the weary hours by?
Why is the mother's cheek so pale?
Why shakes her form as in a gale?
Why does she start with smothered sigh
At each quick step that passes by?

Ah! is this bravery? is this fame?
Is this where heroes win their name?
Nay, there is nothing great or good
In name that's bought with human blood.
No honor—if they needs must buy—
With widow's moan and orphan's cry.

L. E. P.

CAN NOT SERVE

I wish to thank the democratic executive committee for endorsing me for road overseer, but am very sorry I cannot make the race. I wish to endorse Mr. Fred Johnson for this important place and ask my friends to support him.

C. K. OSBORNE.

WORK AT CEMETERY

The commendable idea of caring for the graves of the dead led to a community effort to do some much needed work at Oak Grove cemetery on Thursday of last week. Mrs. J. L. Aiken and Miss Mollie Neeley acted in the capacity of a committee to work up interest in the undertaking and appoint the day for work.

The response was gratifying to those who were most deeply interested. About fifty people were present on the day appointed, and like the ones under Nehemiah they "had a mind to work." They labored faithfully through a good part of the day and at its close saw a transformation in the grounds. The weeds were cleared away, the rubbish was burned, the graves were cleaned off and decorated with flowers.

At the noon hour the willing workers became willing partakers of the plentiful picnic feast which had been provided.

The people who took part in this work of love deserve the thanks of the whole community.

Why Not Publish It?

When you want a fact to become generally known, the right way is to publish it. Mrs. Joseph Kallans, Peru, Ind., was troubled with belching, sour stomach and frequent headaches. She writes, "I feel it my duty to tell others what Chamberlain's Tablets have done for me. They have helped my digestion and regulated my bowels. Since using them I have been entirely well." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

To Shippers and Receivers of Freight in North Carolina:

Attention is called to revised tariffs containing rates for the transportation of freight between points in North Carolina, effective October 13, 1914. These tariffs are issued in accordance with the decision of the special rate commission, dated August 13, 1914.

All freight tariffs of the Southern Railway Company in conflict with the provisions of this order have been canceled or revised to conform to the rates, rules and regulations prescribed by the special rate commission.

Special attention is called to the fact that in the application of this new law, many important changes and new conditions are brought about, the knowledge of which is essential to every shipper and receiver of freight in North Carolina. Ordinarily there is but one rate between any two points within the state. Under the new law there will be as many rates between two given points as there are available routes between such points. A new basis for making joint rates with other lines is provided and the shipper has the right to select the shortest available route. Some of these routes, while physically shorter than others, are longer from the standpoint of efficient service, and the movement of freight via these unusual routes will necessarily require more time than if sent via more efficient routes.

Shippers should in all cases insert in the bill of lading the route over which it is desired that the shipment move. If shipments are tendered to agents of this company and destined to a point on its own line, but without specific routing instructions, it will be assumed that it is the desire of the shipper that the shipment move over the Southern railway at its lawfully established rate, even though a lower rate may be in force via another route. For further information apply to the agent of this company or to the following officers:

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