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BREVARD'S MOONLIGHT SCHOOL

The moonlight school for Brevard district will be opened at the chapel near the cotton mill next Monday night, arrangements having been made to carry on the work at this place by reason of the fact that it is more accessible to a majority of the pupils so far enrolled.

At a meeting of the teachers of the graded school held Wednesday afternoon it was decided that Miss Irene Montgomery should be in charge of the beginners' work and Prof. J. C. Jones will have charge of the more advanced grades. All the teachers have signified a willingness to take classes in the school, as well as a number of other people who are not teachers by profession, and just as many classes will be organized as there is any need for when the school is organized Monday night.

For the present the moonlight school will only be in session on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9 o'clock, and until the lessons prepared by the state department are sent out the teachers will arrange the lessons themselves. About thirty-five people have already signified their intention of joining the school, and doubtless many more will be added from time to time. Not all of the pupils are classified as beginners, however, for a number of them have studied in the numerous schools of education, and it is the intention of the teachers to furnish instruction for them in higher branches.

The teachers are anxious that all who will agree to take classes in the night school should take the same, for it is their intention to divide the classes into small groups so that the instruction may be more thorough, and it is to be hoped that a number of people will volunteer.

MOONLIGHT SCHOOL

The Rosman moonlight school was organized at the Rosman High School building on Thursday evening, August 27, following the opening of the public school on Monday. All the teachers were present, and each one signified a willingness to do everything possible to help disengage themselves from the community.

The attendance so far has been unusually good. Men and women alike have enrolled, and the main thing which seems to characterize the work is the interest and earnestness with which they are pursuing it. Progress so far has been very rapid, but it is hoped that still greater things will be accomplished when the real campaign for wiping out illiteracy comes on, and the additional literature in the form of the weekly newspaper shall be received.

HOTEL ON MT. MITCHELL

Announcement has been made that Pearly & Crockett will extend their railroad across Mt. Mitchell Ridge to the very highest point on Mt. Mitchell and that capital has been subscribed to build a five room hotel on the top of the mountain.

Work will begin in a few weeks in order to have the building ready for the reception of guests next summer. Boulders from Mt. Mitchell will be used in the construction of the foundation, and the walls will be constructed of immense logs from the mountain top. The rustic style of architecture will be used and modern conveniences will be provided.

THE COMMON PRACTICE

"Johnny," said the teacher, "if coal is selling at \$14 a ton and you pay your dealer \$24, how many tons will he bring you?"

"A little over three tons, ma'am," returned Johnny, promptly.

"Why Johnny, that isn't right," corrected the teacher.

"No, ma'am, I know it ain't," said Johnny, "but they all do it."

THE WAR SITUATION

The long expected offensive movement on the part of the allies on the western battle line is now in progress, and in two days fighting, last Saturday and Sunday, they have gained greater results than in the twelve preceding months since the battle of the Marne. In this district the allies have succeeded in pushing the Germans out of their well fortified trenches for a distance of about fifteen miles and captured over 20,000 German prisoners and thirty large guns as well as smaller guns. On the eastern line the Russians claim to have made small gains.

During this fighting the British navy rendered assistance by a heavy bombardment of the German positions near the Belgian coast, and it is claimed by Germans that one British warship was sunk and to others were damaged in this fight.

On the western battle line the British and French troops have, during the past week, united in a far reaching offensive movement against the entrenched Germans, and the most terrible bombardment of the whole war has taken place, preceding the advance of the infantry, and in many places bloody hand to hand combats have taken place in front of and in the trenches. In the Champagne district the French have, during the past week, thrown thousands of shells into the German trenches, shelters, blockhouses and batteries, following this up with a fierce assault between the Somme and the Aisne. In this region the allies have captured the first line of German fortifications, and according to official report from Paris, are still making progress.

Then came the hard fighting north of Arras, and here the allies also claim to have captured the German positions at several points. The allies claim this is their long anticipated offensive movement, and that it is only the beginning of what is to follow.

The Germans claim to have repulsed the British in the vicinity of Ypres in a bayonet battle, but the British are still attacking northeast and southeast of Arras, and north of the La Bassée canal.

During the week the British navy has maintained a heavy bombardment of the German positions in Belgium all along the coast, and expert military men believe this is only a beginning of a general offensive movement by the allies which will bring the western war zone into prominence.

On the eastern line the Russians have been making a better showing except in the northwest the Germans are subjecting them to a heavy attack, the Germans are doing some headway at this point. The Russians are also making a very good showing in the south.

The action of Bulgaria in calling all her soldiers to the colors has given the news columns much material, but this country claims she has no intention of entering the war, and is only taking this action for self defense.

Greece, also, has mobilized her army, and like Bulgaria, claims she only intends to maintain an armed neutrality.

The thirty-two members of the British steamer Chancellor, which was sunk Friday, were safely landed at Queenstown on Saturday.

The British freight steamer Urbino was sunk on Friday. The crew was saved.

The Houston liner Hesperine, Liverpool to Buenos Aires, was sunk Friday. Part of the crew was picked up and landed at Queenstown, while the others escaped in an open boat to the Scilly Islands.

Bulgarians now living in America have been called back home to join the colors.

If your lights go off and don't come on again look up your receipts and see if you've paid your last month's bill. Brevard Light & Power Co.

HIGH PRICED WATER

Ever since the discovery and subsequent abandonment of the now famous court house blind tiger a very extended and complete drought has prevailed in this section of the country, and since this oasis was abolished the thirsty ones have been looking longingly for a few drops to slake their thirst, and the other day they almost succeeded in finding a panacea for all the ills that flesh is heir to, if the following story can be believed.

As the story runs, a seedy looking individual, whose appearance indicated that he had not visited the barber or pressing club for some time, approached a citizen of our town and presented him with a half pint of real 100 proof distillate of chills and fever, a sure cure for snake bite, etc., with the statement that if he or any of his friends should care to lay in a supply like the sample it could be furnished in any quantity desired a few hours after the sun went down.

The individual so approached, it seems, did want some of this same juice, and he also knew of certain friends who would also take some. And so it was agreed that a twenty gallon barrel was to be delivered that night at a place designated, but if it was specified in the contract what the barrel was to be filled with it does not appear of record, and it seems there was some misunderstanding about this very important matter.

Anyway the barrel was delivered at the time and place specified, and accordingly the money was paid over, nearly one hundred dollars in good hard coin, and the new owners of the barrel felt well satisfied with their trade, for had they not held up a good supply of the extract of the corn, for the rainy and cold winter days just ahead? Why should they worry about Texas' lemon's no-shipment law?

But imagine their feelings when a sample was drawn from the barrel the next morning and it was discovered that they had paid nearly one hundred dollars for twenty gallons of water, and it pure too pure at that! And to add to their misery they found that they had failed to take the name and address of their friend, the salesman, and are not now aware of his whereabouts. There are times in the lives of some men when they are willing to pay a good stiff price for a barrel of water, but when there is good pure water on hand every turn, it does not set well to have to do it, and therefore the thirsty ones are still thirsty, more so than ever, for in addition to having their appetites whetted up by the small sample of good liquid furnished, they are now thirsting for blood, and if the recalcitrant seedy-looking individual should show himself in these parts just now there is no telling what might happen to him.

APPEARING PROSPEROUS PAYS

Progressive Farmer.

A certain aristocratic bean, who was known to be habitually "broke" was asked at one time, "How do you manage to wear those noble clothes?" to which he replied, "By stopping at the best hotel." When asked how he managed to stand off the hotel, he replied, "Why, that's simple! By wearing pretty clothes and appearing prosperous!"

This, of course, is not a good rule to follow yet there is a lot in looking and appearing prosperous and up-to-date.

If you are writing letters to prospective customers on plain, cheap paper and with a pencil, you don't look prosperous and up-to-date. I know of nothing that pays more on the investment than attractive stationery, ink, fountain pen and a typewriter.

The increased orders will soon pay the price of such things. Try and see.

GENERAL NEWS

Dr. Theodor Constantin Dumba, Austrian ambassador to this country, who has become unwelcome in this country by reason of his activity in promoting strikes in American factories, on preparing to leave the other day made the statement that he was only going home on a leave of absence, whereupon the United States government refused to grant him safe passage home, and notified his government that nothing short of a permanent recall would satisfy.

Melvin Horne of Wilmington has been sentenced to die in the electric chair on December 5 for the murder of D. L. T. Capps. An appeal has been taken.

William Nix and his son, Harrison, of Marble, Cherokee county, are both dead as a result of entering a mine in which there was bad air.

The tin manufacturing plant of the North Carolina Mining Co., at Hewitts, N. C., was burned last Tuesday, destroying all the machinery in the building.

Thomas A. Edison has perfected a storage battery for submarines that will entirely overcome the danger from chlorine gas. This will probably revolutionize submarine construction, for the reason that more than half the accidents are due to this cause.

The mayor and four councilmen of Wilmington are under indictment for election frauds.

The foreign language editors doing business in this country now claim they never invited W. J. Bryan to go to Europe as a peace envoy, and that the chances are about even.

Senator Overman has declared that he is in favor of preparation for war as a measure of peace, and wants to see the government build more aeroplanes, submarines and fast cruisers.

Senator Overman is now working on a proposition to secure a citizens' training camp, similar to the one at Plattsburg, N. Y., for North Carolina, to be located at Asheville or Morehead City.

President Wilson is now considering the advisability of calling an extra session of congress.

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, called on the president last week and had a chat with him for about an hour. No announcement of what was talked about was made.

Governor Craig has named November 25th as Arbor Day, and has issued a proclamation calling upon all of the people of the state to properly observe the day.

Three persons were injured by a cave-in on Broadway, New York City, last Saturday. This was the second cave-in within a week, seven people being killed, and a mile from this place a few days earlier.

Lewis Terrazas, Jr., who has been held by Mexican bandits for ransom for the past eighteen months, has made his escape and is now on his way to this country. The ransom has been paid a number of times but he was never released. More than \$1,000,000 has been paid for his release, and yet the bandits wanted more.

General Rivad Viedero, a brother of the one-time president of Mexico, has been captured by American soldiers while making a thieving raid on American soil.

The German government has succeeded in making a three-billion dollar loan, the entire amount being taken up by citizens of that country.

For the first time in American history the annual exports from this country have amounted to more than three billion dollars.

The Gist Of It.

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes G. J. Metcalf, Wetherby, Mo. "If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. Obtainable everywhere."

WALKER-PATTON

A very beautiful but quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. M. A. E. Woodbridge on Main street on Tuesday of last week when Miss Sarah Amanda Walker, of Savannah, Ga., became the bride of Mr. Joseph J. Patton, of Davidson River.

Only a few friends of the interested parties were present at the wedding; the impressive ceremony of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. Chalmers D. Chapman, rector of St. Philips church.

Mrs. Patton is a daughter of the late Joseph A. Walker, of Savannah, and has a large circle of friends and relatives in that city. She has been in this country for the past several months, coming here early in the season to get away from the heat in her home city, and finding this climate so refreshing, has now decided to make this her permanent home.

Mr. Patton, as the proprietor of Valley Home Farm, is so well known in this county it would be idle for the News to say who he is. Everybody knows him, and everybody will rejoice with him in his splendid good fortune in winning Miss Walker for his bride.

WARD IN TROUBLE

The star performer at Monday's session of the Recorder's court was Edward Ward, and when he extricates from the meshes of the law now woven about him, he may be a wiser but older man. No less than four serious charges were brought against him, and after hearing a small part of the evidence in two of them the recorder decided he did not have jurisdiction and therefore sent the cases up to the Superior court, which convenes in November, fixing bail for this defendant at \$1000 justified bond; the charges being that he cannot raise it.

Ward was charged with beating a board bill, passing worthless checks (two cases) and with bigamy. It will be recalled that he was married to Miss Annie Cope, a young lady who bears an excellent reputation as a Christian girl, a week ago last Sunday, an account of this wedding appearing in last week's issue of the News.

Shortly after the wedding as he and his bride were preparing to go to Greenville, S. C., presumably for a visit to his relatives at that place, Ward was arrested on one of the above charges and cleared in jail for the lack of sufficient bond. After he was put in jail, the case was discussed about town and it so happened that a report of the wedding came to the ears of a man who had known him before, and this man stated that he had a wife and two children now living, and upon this advice the man was requested for bigamy, and the preliminary hearing on this charge will take place on October 18.

Miss Cope, or Mrs. Ward, is now with friends, of whom she has a great number, in the city, and Ward is waiting for a hearing before the recorder on the charge of bigamy and a trial in Superior court for passing worthless checks.

MRS. MARY ORR

Mrs. Mary Matilda Orr, who lived with her son-in-law, Mr. R. J. Carland of the Dunn's creek section, died September 19th and was buried the following day at Dunn's creek cemetery. Mrs. Orr was seventy-four years old at the time of her death and with the exception of four years' residence in South Carolina spent her entire life near the place where she was born. She was a member of the Baptist church for fifty-six years and as she was very feeble during her advanced years seldom went away from home. Being of a very quiet disposition, she lived in perfect harmony with her neighbors and had a very large circle of friends—many of them attending her funeral. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. J. Carland, and several grand children.