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W. J. BRYAN PLANNING TO SPEAK IN HENDERSONVILLE.

Expresses Desire to Deliver Free Address in Hendersonville; Spent Tuesday in City.

Former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and Mrs. Bryan spent a portion of Tuesday in Hendersonville, being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seely of Asheville on their automobile journey.

The party took dinner at the Kentucky home and while in the city Mr. Bryan made arrangements to place his grandson in the Laurel Park summer school. It is likely that he will attend either Fleet or the Blue Ridge school next winter.

It will be recalled that it was in Hendersonville that Mr. Bryan made the statement that attracted the attention of the world two years ago with reference to delivering public addresses in order to supplement his salary as Secretary of State. This is Mr. Bryan's first visit since that time and he expressed the hope Tuesday that he would be able to return to Hendersonville at an early date and deliver a free address.

WHAT LIBRARY DOES FOR CITY.

1. Completes its educational equipment, carrying on and giving permanent value to the work of the schools. 2. Gives the children of all classes a chance to know and love the best literature. Without the public library such a chance is limited to the very few.

3. Minimizes the sale and reading of vicious literature in the community, thus promoting mental and moral health.

4. Effects a saving in money to every reader in the community. The library is the application of common sense to the problem of supply and demand. Through it every reader in the town can secure at a given cost from 100 to 1,000 times the material for readings or study that he could secure by acting individually.

5. Adds to the material value of property. Real estate agents in the suburbs of large cities never fail to advertise the presence of a library, if there be one, as giving added value to the lots or houses they have for sale.

6. Appealing to all classes, sects and degrees of intelligence, it is a strong unifying factor in the life of a town.

7. The library is the one thing in which every town, however poor or isolated, can have something as good and inspiring as the greatest city can offer. Neither Boston nor New York can provide better books to its readers than the humblest town library can easily own and supply.

8. Slowly but inevitably raises the intellectual tone of a place.

"WHY THE EDITOR LEFT TOWN."

Friends of Mike Coughlin, joint agent for C. N. O. & T. P. and Southern railway at Danville, Ky., are having some good natured fun as a result of an error in a recent advertisement which he inserted in the Danville Messenger. The error consisted of two additional lines which had nothing to do with the advertisement in question. The advertisement appearing in the Messenger as follows:

Tickets on sale March 31 and April 1, 1915. Limited return to reach original starting point before midnight April 6, 1915. For full particulars apply to nearest ticket agent. M. J. Coughlin, agent, Danville, Ky.

a gimlet-headed clerk who earns about two dollars a week and his washing. "It was recently reprinted in the Cincinnati Enquirer under the caption "Why the editor left town."

ENTER ELECTRIC BUSINESS.

J. W. McIntyre and C. A. Stacy have entered the electrical business and are located in the plumbing establishment of Mr. McIntyre. The new firm will handle a varied assortment of electrical goods, Mr. Stacy being an electrical of long experience.

SIZE OF SOLDIERS.

Authorities Maintain That Small Men do Best Military Service. (Indianapolis News.)

The present war has brought again to the front the old contention among military men as to whether the tall or the short fellow makes the more efficient soldier. This question was considered as fairly settled at the close of the Russo-Japanese war, when the smooth-faced little brown men were victors over the big bearded Muscovites. In the great war now in progress the average height of the English, as well as that of the French soldier, is considerably less than that of the Teuton. The men sent to the British army by Wales, many of whom are miners, are much below the standard heretofore required by the British army, but it is declared that they will make first-class fighting men. Dr. Sir S. Pembrye of Guy's hospital, London, gives his opinion in favor of the "bantams." He maintains that the essential organs are in the head and trunk, and that these are often better developed in the short than in the tall man. "Moreover," says the doctor, "tall men of full proportions are heavy and often slow, and there are strong physiological reasons for the greater activity of the small man, who does not suffer from the mechanical disadvantages of height and weight; and the small man has greater capacity for work and endurance and a stronger resistance to disease."

MAY SEE AND THINK BY WIRE

Inventor of Telephone Predicts Wonderful Things—Gets Carnegie Medal (From The New York Sun.)

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, in receiving the Edison medal for "meritorious achievement in electrical science," from the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, said that the day may yet come when we may see by electricity.

The presentation was made by John J. Carby, chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who constructed the Panama-Pacific telephone line from New York to San Francisco, and Thomas A. Watson, who was Professor Bell's mechanical expert and associated with him in the work that resulted in speech by wire, told of the series of dreams and experiments that led up to it.

In presenting the medal Mr. McCarty said: "You gave to man the means of talking electrically. Yours was the first voice sent over a wire. Your name will be immortal as long as mankind benefits by your genius."

In accepting it Professor Bell, praised the modern engineers who have increased the efficiency of his invention.

"There is more to come," he said. "You have electric light, heat, the telegraph, the telephone—are you going to stop? Are you going to see by electricity? I can imagine men with great coils of wire over their head, transmitting thoughts by induction."

HORSE SHOE CURVES.

(Intended for last week.)

Rev. McIntosh, a local preacher of the Willow section, preached at the Methodist church Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. F. Honeycutt, who attended children's day at Avery's creek.

Miss Sue Cannon leaves this week for a visit to friends and relatives in Spartanburg.

Miss Mary Sitton is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. O. Johnson has seven summer visitors.

Mr. M. P. Hawkins of Brevard spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. M. Brannon.

Messrs. Harvey Moffitt and Floyd Nicholson of Route No. 2, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson of Hendersonville spent Sunday here.

FRANK'S SENTENCE IS COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—Leo M. Frank today began serving a life sentence at the Georgia prison farm for the murder of Mary Phagan, the 14-year old employe of the pencil factory of which he was superintendent. His hurried secret trip by train and automobile from the Atlanta jail to Milledgeville, preceded by a few hours the issuance of a long statement by Governor Slaton giving his reason for commuting the death sentence, which was to have been executed tomorrow, to life imprisonment.

In his statement exhaustively explaining his reasons for commuting Frank's sentence, Governor Slaton reviewed the circumstances surrounding the murder of Mary Phagan in the National Pencil factory here on April 26, 1913; the conviction of Frank and his appeal for clemency.

Newnan, Ga., June 21.—Governor Slaton and Leo M. Frank were hanged in effigy here tonight. Later the images were cut down and set on fire and attached by ropes to automobiles, which were dragged blazing through the streets.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—News of the commutation of Frank's sentence by Governor Slaton spread rapidly over the city this morning, and crowds gathered as if by magic on every street corner. For a time it was feared that a serious demonstration might be made, and the police reserves were pressed into service, but the night arrived without any effort at anything more serious than talk. At Marietta, the former home of Mary Phagan, the little girl who was murdered, Governor Slaton was hung in effigy.

J. T. METEER DEAD.

Died Suddenly Tuesday Morning; Resident of City About a year.

J. T. Meteer, aged 74 years, died suddenly at his home on First avenue, west, Tuesday morning shortly after falling in his home in an unconscious condition.

Mr. Meteer had complained of being tired early in the morning. While walking around in the house he fell to the floor and was speechless when a member of the family reached him, death being the result of heart failure. Until about a year ago Mr. Meteer's health had been good. For the past few weeks although he was able to walk about over the city it was known by his family that his condition was gradually growing worse.

Mr. Meteer and family came to Hendersonville about a year ago from Columbia, Missouri, where he lived on the farm. He won for himself the reputation of being a railroad man of marked ability, having held for thirty years the position of yard master for the Missouri Pacific railway at St. Louis. He was a member of the union army in the war between the states and for a time after the war served as a United States marshal.

Since coming to Hendersonville Mr. Meteer improved his property adjoining that of Mrs. Waldrop on First avenue. He united himself with the Presbyterian church. He was a Knight Templar of the Masonic order and the local lodge will be in charge of the funeral services, funeral being at the home and interment in Oakdale cemetery.

The deceased is survived by the widow and four sons, Leonard and Guy of this city; John C. of East St. Louis, Ill., and Charles of California; and one daughter, Mrs. C. V. Wade of St. Louis. Surviving are a brother and sister, James Meteer of Carlinville, Ill., and Mrs. Mary Morse of Pana, Ill.

At this writing it had not been decided when the funeral services would be held. They will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Simpson with Rev. R. V. Miller assisting.

During his residence here of about a year Mr. Meteer made a number of friends who were saddened by the news of his death.

HOW TO PREVENT MALARIA.

Simple, Safe, Sure, and Cheap Means of Preventing Malaria.

No one need have malaria or chills or fever, no matter where he lives, nor how many other people around him fall sick from this disease. All that is necessary is to take a five grain capsule of quinine every day during the mosquito season. This will not cause even the slightest discomfort or ringing in the ears. It has been used by the people in Italy and the Panama for years without the slightest ill effect in any particular.

For places having an undue amount of malaria, that is, where there is a lot of mosquitoes and many people sick of malaria, it is best to increase this daily dose to 7-8 grains, or 5 grains for one day and ten grains the next.

By means of quinine surprising results have been obtained every place it has been used. In Italy the number of cases of malaria were reduced from 1,048 per year to 5,435 per year and then to 3,853 per year, only those falling sick who neglected to take the quinine.

The cost of such preventive measures is surprisingly small. At 50 cents an ounce for quinine, the present retail price, one may stay free from malaria for about a half a cent a day.

BREVARD NEWS GIVING PLAIN FACTS ABOUT BUYING AT HOME.

(Brevard News.)

In going about from place to place through Transylvania county one cannot help but notice an unusually large number of bright, shiny new buggies on the road and in the sheds along the way. This fact, taken alone, would indicate that our people are quite up-to-date and unusually prosperous, but when one learns the true history of these buggies a different impression is given.

During the winter and early spring months, oily tongued agents canvassed the county selling these buggies to all who would buy, taking a mortgage on the man's farm to secure the payment in the fall. The buggy in question sold for \$110, when a better buggy can be bought from the Brevard Hardware Co., right here at home, for \$75 on easy time payments when desired.

Now is this all. In almost every home you go into a new sewing machine or kitchen range may be seen. In most cases these sewing machines are made by companies that reputable dealers know nothing about possibly, and we wonder what will happen when a piece gets broken, or when new parts are needed. These machines, for the most part very inferior, sold for more than the very best makes, and already some of their owners are getting weary of cut threads, imperfect stitches, and such troubles.

At the Farmers' Hardware Co. store this week we saw the exact counterpart of a kitchen range we saw in a certain home in this county last week. The only difference was that the one in the store will cost \$30.00, while the other one will cost \$59.00 cash.

One man who has made a careful study of such conditions as set out above states that at least \$10,000 worth of buggies, stoves and sewing machines have been sold by agents in this county during the past twelve months. In ninety-nine and nine-tenths cases it can be secured at home than can be had by dealing with these fly-by-night agents who go about preying upon the public. It is the duty of every citizen to trade with his home people—people who are doing something for our own county. Our home merchants deserve the trade of our own people, and let's see that they get it.

LUTHERAN PREACHING.

In the Methodist Church, Sunday, 4 p. m. A cordial invitation to our services is extended to all.

M. M. KIPPS, Mission Supply Pastor.

ABOUT 250 INSURANCE MEN ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE CITY.

Annual Session of the North Carolina Insurance Men to Convene in Hendersonville, June 24.

The North Carolina Underwriters association will convene in annual session in Hendersonville on June 24 for a two days' session.

Efforts are being made to give the visitors an enjoyable entertainment so as to make their stay in Hendersonville most pleasant. Between 200 and 300 delegates to this meeting are expected from all parts of the State.

The program for the convention has been arranged. E. W. Ewbank has been selected to deliver the address of welcome. The convention will be opened with prayer by Rev. E. N. Wilcox.

The insurance men are coming to Hendersonville on the invitation of the Greater Hendersonville club, which sent a delegate with a pressing invitation to the meeting a year ago.

Auto Service Wanted.

F. A. Ewbank states that the local underwriters are seeking the support of the people in giving the visitors a pleasant automobile drive over the city on June 24 from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mr. Ewbank requests the Democrat to announce that the co-operation of automobile owners in helping to entertain the visitors will be highly appreciated and that if a number of them will donate the services of their cars for two hours such co-operation will result in providing entertainment that will be greatly enjoyed by the insurance men.

This is regarded as a splendid opportunity for a number of automobile owners to contribute their share in providing entertainment which will serve as a splendid advertisement for the city. Mr. Ewbank would be pleased to list those who will co-operate in the matter of entertainment, which is necessary in taking care of the convention.

The insurance men are planning to have a Pullman to run from Goldsboro to Hendersonville, leaving Goldsboro at 2 o'clock on June 23.—It is hoped to fill the car with insurance men and tack a large banner on the side of the car.

The Program.

Thursday, June 24th, 1915.

11:00 A. M.

Invocation—Rev. R. N. Wilcox, Hendersonville, N. C.

Address of Welcome—E. W. Ewbank, Hendersonville, N. C.

Response—Robt. E. Follin, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Roll Call.

President's Address—W. B. Merrimon, Greensboro, N. C.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer—W. E. Sharpe, Burlington, N. C.

Afternoon Session.

3:00 O'clock.

Address, The Company and the Agents—H. R. Bush, President Dixie Fire Insurance Co.

Five minute talks, "On value of Agents Qualification Law"—by W. J. Griswold, Durham; W. L. Mann, Albemarle; P. R. Moale, Asheville. Open discussion.

4:30—Auto ride over City of Hendersonville.

Evening Session.

9:00 O'clock.

Address: Recent Legislation Affecting Insurance Agents—Hon. Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.

Address—Jas. H. Southgate, Durham

Friday, June 25th, 1915.

10:00 a. m.

Report of Committees.

Address: The Rating Bureau and its Relation to the Agents—Paul B. Hulfish, Raleigh, N. C.

Address: Merit Rating System Casualty Insurance—Walter Lambeth, Charlotte.

Five minute talks, Uniform Time for Payment of Premium to Apply to Entire State—Paul W. Schenek.

COTTAGES AND SUMMERITES ARE ENCAMPING FOR SEASON.

Majority of Homes Taken and While Boarders Are Few in Number Season Expected to Improve.

Travel Record Broken.

Col. J. H. Wood, division passenger agent of the Southern Railway company, when in the city Wednesday stated to a representative of the Democrat that the number of visitors in Hendersonville is greater than last year for the corresponding period and that comparatively this city has more visitors than Waynesville or Asheville.

There are many strange faces in Hendersonville. While the number of boarders in the city is not very large, the majority of cottages have been leased and indications point to a good season.

Excursions were run recently from Virginia cities and Hendersonville is entertaining a goodly number of guests but so far they are mostly cottagers or summer residents.

The season is said to be as good as the average and the business men are in high spirits over the prospects for a good summer business.

Colonel Wood feels encouraged over prospects for summer travel and says the schedules, which are published elsewhere, will be equal to the requirements, a new feature of which will be day coaches from Atlanta to Asheville without change of cars.

WHAT IS A COLLEGE BOY WORTH?

That's a question nobody can answer—but we are able to tell something about how much he costs. According to figures given out by Wisconsin University it costs \$211.65 to give each student instruction for the year. Of this amount, 149.05 falls on the tax payer, the rest being made up of gifts, federal grants, and special fees and funds of different kinds.

In addition to this amount of course, the student must pay his share of the expenses—board, clothes, and incidentals, which might easily average more than \$300 per year. If another \$300 be added for loss of time, when the boy who is in school might be earning money, we would have over \$800 per year—or \$8,200 for a four year term.

Well, that's a lot of money, but it ought to be a good investment. At six per cent it would be less than \$300 a year, and even from a purely commercial standpoint it would probably be found that college graduates average more than \$200 a year in earning power above the young man who have never been to college.

We have to pay taxes to support the state universities, any way, and whenever we find it possible we should send our children to the University. There are many rewards—fuller and richer lives, and increased service to the world—which cannot be reckoned in dollars.

A Chicago University professor says it costs \$4,000 to raise a child. Having invested that much money in our children, we might as well make the gift to the world complete by adding a college education, where possible even if the administrator of our estate does find a little less to divide among the heirs.—Farm Life.

Greensboro; W. C. Maupin, Salisbury.

Afternoon Session.

2:45 O'clock.

Miscellaneous Business.

Invitation for next meeting.

Election of Officers.

Adjournment.

The Anti-Typhoid Campaign is in Progress in Henderson County



Dr. J. S. Brown, county physician, and the State health authorities who are engaged in the anti-typhoid campaign in Henderson county, are highly gratified with the interest that is being taken and the number of patients treated. The physicians were surprised to find that 278 persons applied for the treatment on Monday. This number exceeded their expectations. On Tuesday treatment was given to 33 persons.