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BURLINGTON MAN INVENTOR OF NOTE

Raleigh, March 10. — Out at the power house of the Agricultural and Mechanical College there is a marvelous little engine being demonstrated for the first time, the invention of a well known North Carolinian, Lafayette Holt, of Burlington. It is compact and powerful to a degree. It has only five moving parts, and is scarcely one-fifth of the size of the average engine of corresponding power. It is known as the Holt rotary engine. There is one lubricator for the entire machine, and no dead center; it is dust proof and runs with one pound of steam above normal atmosphere. It is capable of compound or direct drive, and is pronounced at the college especially adapted for rural work, including saw mills, road rollers, traction engines, and general barnyard utility. It gives good service setting at any angle, and seems to operate with far less steam consumption than engines generally put to this service. John R. Hoffman, who is making the demonstration in cooperation with the college students is sharing with the inventor congratulations on the success of the demonstration.

TAFT NOW RESTING IN CITY OF AUGUSTA

Augusta, Ga., March 11. — President Taft reached Augusta early today for a brief rest period before returning to Washington on the eve of the reassembling of Congress in extra session April 4, Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen will join the President tomorrow.

Taft will play golf every morning and afternoon. A private telephone line has been set up direct from his room to the White House.

John D. Rockefeller is a fellow guest with the President at the hotel. There is much speculation as to whether a golf match can be arranged between them.

WOMAN WHO STIRRED UP HORNETS NEST, RETURNS

Statesville Landmark.

Miss Holman, the professional nurse who spent several years in Mitchell county and then told, according to newspaper reports, wonderful stories in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Baltimore and other places about ignorance and destitution in Mitchell, to which reports and to criticism of Miss Holman, much space was given in the newspapers some weeks ago, spent last Thursday night in Statesville, stopping at Hotel Iredell.

Friday morning Miss Holman visited the Sanatorium and other places leaving on the westbound train, presumably for old home in Mitchell. Her presence in Statesville was known to but few people until she was leaving. It is understood that Miss Holman made reference to the Mitchell county affair and while she claimed, as was expected, that reports of her statements were exaggerated, she also contended that some of the statements were correct and founded on fact.

Miss Holman will probably tell the Mitchell county folks that she didn't say it.

WRECK OF MAINE TO BE LIFTED IN SIX WEEKS

Havana, March 13. — Work on the cofferdam, by which the United States government will raise the battleship Maine in this harbor, has progressed so favorably that the engineers now say that the hull of the ship will be exposed to view in five or six weeks.

It is expected that it then will be comparatively easy to ascertain the real cause of the explosion, which precipitated the war with Spain.

RECIPROCITY BILL WILL PASS SENATE

Washington, March 11. — Absolutely assured that the Canadian reciprocity agreement will be passed by the house, administration leaders now in Washington have turned their attention to the situation in the Senate. Canvasses made of the members of that body disclose that a majority favors and will vote to ratify the trade agreement negotiated with the dominion by President Taft.

The senate, as at present constituted, comprises fifty Republicans and forty Democrats. Of the Republicans it is estimated that at least 25 will vote for Canadian reciprocity. Thirty-five Democrats approve the agreement. This gives the instrument 60 votes a majority large enough to pass it and to prevent the adoption of amendments that would render the pact ineffective.

RESCUED FROM A CAVE

Harrisonburg, Va., March 8. — From the little village of Quicksburg, Shenandoah county, comes an unusual story. A day or two Mr. and Mrs. James Silvis and Dick Fawley, tenants on the A. C. Neff farm, mysteriously disappeared. Twenty-four hours afterwards, Emmett Tucker, Chas. Emmswiler and Len Williams, taking a cue from a missing lantern, went into a big cave in the neighborhood in search of the party. Far into the cave the three people were found, cold, hungry and in despair.

They said that their lantern had gone out and they had lost their way, and becoming exhausted, had sat down to await their fate. The three boys led them back to daylight and safety.

The cave is just across the valley from the famous Luray Caverns, and is one of the numerous small caves in this section of the state. The only access to this is by means of a rope ladder. It was by accident that the boys decided to make a search in the cave for the missing people.

FOLLOW MISS ARNOLD TO NORTH CAROLINA

Norfolk, Va., March 13. — Believing they are on the trail of Miss Dorothy Arnold, the missing New York heiress, several Northern detectives left Norfolk tonight for North Carolina.

Several days ago a young woman answering the description of the missing heiress occupied an entire section of a Pullman on the Norfolk and Southern Railway. She was accompanied by a maid, who transacted all business for herself and mistress. Instead of buying a straight ticket for one destination, the maid was instructed to pay cash fares at each station on the road. In this way the mysterious passenger prevented any one from learning her exact destination before she reached it.

She left the train at Wilson, N. C., but is believed to have made connection there with the Coast Line and gone farther South. Employees of the railroad say that the young woman wore a blue dress, appeared to be in nervous and excitable condition, refused to talk, and left every thing for her maid to arrange.

Base Ball Season Opens.

The base-ball season opened the past week with the Burlington team on Friday the boys played the Hawfield team score tie. On Saturday the Greensboro High School team gave them a round the score being four to six in favor of the home team.

The boys have a number of games planned for the future. They are spending the beautiful spring afternoons on the diamond and are getting in fine shape for the season.

Passenger train No. 22 was late four hours and ten minutes Sunday evening due to a wreck on the Asheville division.

RESUME OF THE NEW ANTI-LIQUOR LAWS

Raleigh, March 9. — The general assembly just adjourned confined its liquor legislation to the passage of a stringent anti-beer act to be effective July 1 and an act to prohibit clubs and associations from purchasing, handling or dispensing liquors to members. The near-beer act prohibits the sale of near-beer, beerine and malt or any intoxicant except that sold by drug stores on prescriptions and liquors kept by hospitals and asylums for the use of the patients. North Carolina's near-beer joints are to continue business, however, until July 1, their present six months' license terms expiring at that time. The anti-club liquor act is designed to meet the defect in the State prohibition law exposed by the ruling of the supreme court some months ago when the court held that there was no State law to prevent clubs from ordering liquors for club members keeping it in common storage and serving it to members and their friends on the presentation of coupons, this applying especially to beer. The new law is claimed to cut the personal liberties of citizens as closely as it is possible to do in such a statute. It leases the members of reputable commercial and social clubs free to have their liquors in personal lockers. This settlement of the contest seems to give complete satisfaction to prohibition and anti-prohibition leaders and to the people generally.

Caught After Sixteen Years.

After being at liberty for 16 years, T. B. Whitson, who on February 27, 1895, escaped from the state prison at Raleigh, N. C., where he was serving a sentence of 30 years for murder, was arrested at Lexington, Ky., Thursday and was brought back to North Carolina to serve out his term.

Residing in Letcher county, Kentucky, as "Samuel Jones," he has amassed a comfortable fortune. He was sentenced to death March 19, 1893, for the murder of C. C. Byrd, at Bakersville, N. C., but on a second trial he was given 30 years' imprisonment.

When arrested Whitson admitted his identity and declared he was willing to return to North Carolina. Whitson said that for ten years after he shot Byrd he escaped prosecution, his trouble having occurred 28 years ago. He charges his arrest to an enemy he made by assisting in the release from an asylum of a man with whom this enemy had had trouble.

Whitson said that he would make a plea for clemency on the upright life he had lived since his escape.

Warden T. P. Sale, of the state prison, Raleigh, received Thursday, notice of T. B. Whitson's arrest in Kentucky, and was requested to have issued the proper papers for his extradition. One of the prison authorities left for Kentucky Friday. Whitson was sentenced to be hanged in the early part of 1893, but on March 17 of that year his sentence was commuted by Governor Russell to 30 years' imprisonment. He was then 33 years old and went by the name of "Thomas" Whitson. He escaped February 27, 1895, but the records do not show what means he employed.

On February 27 of this year, just 16 years to the day after his escape, Warden Sale received a letter from the chief of the Lexington detective force to the effect that Whitson was under suspicion. Mr. Sale wired back that from the prison records they had the right man spotted.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. Geo. A. Clendenin and Children

Mrs. Lewis Strauss of Greensboro is spending this week the guest of Miss Mary Cates.

TROLLEY CAR WRECK AT PETERSBURG VA

Petersburg, Va., March 9. — At 7:25 tonight a trolley car on the Crater Line got beyond control of Conductor Malbon Talley, who was operating it, and crashing down the steep incline on Main street, Blandford, left the tracks at the Wythe street curve and turning over instantly killed Isaiah Harrison of Grove avenue, who was waiting at the curve to board the car for his home. Three women, who stood near Harrison, were thrown up against the corner building and seriously crushed. Harrison's skull was mashed to a pulp between the trolley car and the stone curb.

Dr. Lee attended the injured, but said that he could only officiate in his capacity as coroner with regard to Harrison. He ordered the car crew arrested.

The injured woman and the only passengers in the car, Miss Griffith and Mr. Miller, were taken to the Petersburg hospital, where it is said their injuries are not serious.

At the time of the accident, the motorman, George Sermods, was in the car eating his supper. He was cut about the head but not seriously hurt.

BALLINGERS SUCCESSOR

Washington, March 9. — Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, the newly appointed secretary of the Interior, had an extended conference with President Taft at the White House today. Secretary Ballinger, who will turn the affairs of his office over to Mr. Fisher next Monday, was invited into the conference.

The excitement in the Department of the Interior incident to the sudden resignation of Mr. Ballinger has subsided, and the department again has resumed its normal aspect. Secretary Ballinger himself spent the day in going over routine office matters and in discussing public land questions with Senators and Representatives.

First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Frank Pierce announced today that as a matter of courtesy to Walter L. Fisher, successor to Secretary Ballinger, he would tender his resignation soon after the new appointee takes charge of the affairs of the Interior Department.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SUN- DAY SCHOOL FIFTY YEARS

In the little town of Leaksville lives a local preacher, Rev. D. E. Field—familiarly known as "Uncle Dan Field"—who has a fine record of faithfulness. If he lives till next July he will be eighty years old. He is superintendent of the Sunday School in the Methodist church in that town now and has been continuously without an interval for fifty years, and during that time has been absent eleven times. Two of the eleven Sundays he was absent, were the days on which his last wife was taken sick and buried. She had a stroke of paralysis on one Sunday and died the next. The other nine Sundays absent were spent in church work.

Do Your Eyes Trouble You.

If so, see Dr. N. Rosenstein, the eye specialist, of Durham, Tuesday March the 21st at Burlington stopping at the Burlington Drug Company, and Wednesday March the 22nd at Mebane, at the White house. He will fit your eyes with lenses that will give the best satisfaction. Remember your eyes are the best asset you have. Be sure to give them the best treatment to be secured. Dr. Rosenstein will help your eyes, don't fail to see him.

The annual meeting of the joint consistory of the Burlington Charge of the Reformed Church will be held in the Reformed Church in Burlington at 1 p. m. next Saturday, March 18.

NO MORE ONE DOL- LAR GREENBACKS

Washington, March 8. — The issue of one-dollar greenbacks, which was planned by the Treasury Department several weeks ago to meet the pressing demand for small bills, has been tentatively abandoned.

It was found that the conversion of the large outstanding silver certificates into one-dollar denominations promises to meet the demands for the present at least. There are about \$35,000,000 in large denomination silver certificates which will be retired and one-dollar notes will be issued in their places.

There has been no one-dollar greenbacks since 1885. The announcement of the intention to reissue the old note caused wide comment in banking circles.

NIGHT RIDERS MAY TELL THEIR SECRET

Hopkinsville, Ky., March 9. — The prosecution in the trial of Dr. D. A. Amos, alleged leader of the night riders, charged with participation in the raid on Hopkinsville December 6, 1907, today announced that confessions of a number of night riders witnesses are expected to be made during the progress of the trial.

The testimony of Milton Oliver, confessed night rider yesterday believed to have influenced many of the witnesses to break away from the clan to which under oath they are said to be bound to secrecy.

REVENUE OFFICERS KEPT BUSY WITH BLOCKADERS

Asheville, March 13. — Revenue Agent R. B. Sams has been notified of a successful raid made by Deputy Collector Aarkins and Nitzer near Tryon, when an unusually large still and its contents were destroyed, there being about 2,000 gallons of beer figuring in the ruins. This is the second successful raid made in the neighborhood in the last few days.

News was also received of a raid made in Burke county by Deputy Marshal Roland and Deputy Collector Harlins, when a distillery was captured, information has been received stating that Deputy Collector Shepherd destroyed three plants in Wilkes county during the past week, which follows a successful raid made in that county only a few days ago, when other plants were destroyed.

No arrests were made by the officers, but in some cases it is probable that prosecutions will follow.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Miss Minnie Montgomery who has been teaching at Gibsonville in the High School is at home sick. Hope she will soon recover. Miss Maude Isley who has been teaching at Leachey's in the eastern part of the state returned home last week her school being out.

A. E. Reitzel of Greensboro spent Sunday the 5th at home with his mother, also Dr. L. G. Coble of Greensboro spent Sunday the 5th with his parents on R. 1.

C. L. Graves left some days ago for S. C. where he will work for several months taking orders for trees and etc.

Mrs. George Hanner and Mrs. W. M. Hanner and children visited Mrs. Reitzel of Hartshorn last Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Homewood who is teaching at Liberty spent Saturday and Sunday at home also during her stay at home she had the following as her guest Prof. Yowder and Miss Ruth Folger of Liberty, D. W. Loy, Arehabal Cook and Curry Bryan of Burlington, and Miss Lois Reitzel of Hartshorn. This was a jolly crowd and no doubt had a grand time.

WANTS COUPLES TO DO COURTING IN CHURCH

Chicago, March 11. — The Rev. John Thompson, pastor of the Methodist Church in Wheaton, has started a plan to induce sweethearts to give up "lobster palaces," bring lunches and do their courting in the church pews.

He will allow young people to stay late, with a big room and piano in part of the church and one hundred pews in which they can sit at their ease.

"There is no better place in the world for young persons to do their courting in than a church," said the pastor. "I believe in matchmaking—that is, the right kind of matchmaking. I think that every church should make provision for upright young men and good young women to meet, and should arrange matters so that they could fall in love with each other.

"This talk about dinners at 'lobster palaces,' expensive seats at theatres and taxicab bills is a mistake. A good girl, who really loves a man, does not want to see him make a fool of himself when he is courting her any more than she wants to see him do so after they are married.

MRS. ROSA HAYES WAS ACQUITTED

Wilmington, N. C., March 11. — After a sensational trial in the Superior Court at Whiteville, N. C., the jury late today after only brief deliberation returned a verdict of not guilty as to Mrs. Rosa Hayes, charged with the killing of Robert M. Floyd, a medical student of Charleston, S. C., on the night of February 4th, and as to her husband, Neill M. Hayes, charged with being an accessory before the fact. Lloyd Hayes, younger brother of Neill Hayes, also charged with being an accessory, was discharged earlier in the week on a nolle prosee. Mrs. Hayes admitted the killing of Floyd, but pleaded that she shot in defense of her honor.

MOTHER LOSES MIND WHEN HER CHILD DIES

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 13. — After seeing her five-year-old daughter Esther hit by an automobile yesterday, Mrs. May Hoffman picked up the mangled body and ran with it four blocks to the city hospital. Then when informed that the child was dead she went violently insane.

A riot was averted by the arrival of the police following the accident. The little girl was playing in the street, when the machine owned by Mr. W. A. Leach, of Norwood, Ohio, ran over her. The car was occupied by Mrs. Leach, a daughter and her maid. A number of men attacked the car after the child's body had been pulled from under it.

KING'S MOUNTAIN WOMAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Gastonia, March 13. — During a severe electrical storm at King's Mountain about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, a Mrs. Gordon living at the Cora mill was struck by lightning and instantly killed. She had just opened a door to look out when the stroke came. Her daughter, Mrs. Wallace, who was standing near by was very severely shocked and is in a serious condition. The house was badly damaged.

The storm here was pretty heavy but no serious damage was done, several small trees were blown down, but no one was injured.

Miss Myrtle Crabtree Misses Phillips and Hornbuckle, Mr. Belton and friends were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Meacham Sunday.