

WOMEN SMOKE CIGARETTES.

Common at Washington—Residents Cease to Make Comment.

Washington Dispatch, 9th. In this city, where society is tinged with the foreign habits of the diplomatic set, and where cigarette smoking is so common among society women that it is no longer a matter of much comment, there is a strong feeling that the anti-cigarette crusaders have been unfair in directing their criticism at one or two individual women smokers.

Among the clergy no one could be found today to defend or condone the practice, but there was a general opinion that recent criticism has been unjust in a personal way.

The practice, it was pointed out, was not confined to any special few, but was quite general among fashionable women. As a regular feature of dinner party here, cigarettes are usually provided for the women. The old-fashioned idea of the women leaving the men at the table to smoke their cigars has almost entirely disappeared, as now the men have their cigarettes and liquor in one room and the women have theirs in another. When the occasion is informal and the company is intimate, it is not extraordinary for the women to smoke at the table with the men.

A cigarette case as a feature of the fashionable woman's chateleine is not a sufficient rarity here to attract attention. At a recent amateur theatrical performance a purse was stolen from a prominent feminine member of the "younger set." The loss was advertised in the papers, and among the contents of the purse was mentioned a jeweled cigarette case. The name of the owner was given without any apparent thought of embarrassment. All the fashionable jewelers here carry a large stock of women's cigarette cases. As presents from men, they are quite common.

It is not a rare sight to see the wife of a foreign diplomat smoking contentedly as she sits on the lawn of her home on a pleasant evening. Some foreign women prominent here have been known to smoke cigars.

Though these facts put the Washington situation in a light different to that in other cities, the local clergy fails to find any defense for the habit.

Courtship in Church.

A certain Edgefield young gentleman happening to sit in church in a pew adjoining one in which sat a young lady for whom he conceived a sudden and violent passion, was desirous of entering into courtship on the spot; but the place not suiting a formal declaration, the exigency of the case suggested the following plan: He politely handed his fair neighbor a Bible (pen) with a pin stuck in the following text: Second Epistle of John, verse fifth—"and now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another." She returned it, pointing to the second chapter of Ruth, verse tenth—"Then she felt on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, 'Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing that I am a stranger?'" He returned the book, pointing to the thirteenth verse of the Third Epistle of John—"Having many things to write upon to you, I would not write with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full." From the above interview a marriage took place the ensuing week.

Assassin Accused Gaynor of Taking Bread and Butter.

John J. Gallagher, the man who shot Mayor Gaynor in New York Tuesday, made the following signed confession of his act to Robert W. Bell, acting chief of police, of Hoboken:

"I came over to Hoboken at 9:20 this morning. I went to the steamship pier and I went on board the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. I met a clergyman on board the steamer, and I asked him to point out Mayor Gaynor to me. He did so, and shortly after I fired a shot at the mayor. I do not know if I fired more than one shot or not.

"Knowing that Mayor Gaynor was going to Europe this morning to enjoy himself after depriving me of my break and butter, 'not porterhouse steak,' I was irritated to the point of committing the act.

"The revolver you show me is the revolver that I done the shooting at the mayor with. I don't know how many shots were in the revolver when I used it. I have had this revolver a long time in my possession. I carried it when I was in the employ of the city."

Baggage man to his friend who is starting on a journey: Baggage Man—Say, Pat, where is your trunk?

Pat—And what do Oi want with a trunk?

Baggage Man—To put your clothes in.

Pat—And do you want me to go naked?

"How is your boy Fritz getting along in der college?" Aהל He is halfback in der football team and all der way back in his studies."

Hon. W. R. Odell spent Tuesday afternoon in Charlotte.

ROW OVER A DOG.

Two Boys Waylay Mecklenburg Man Who Killed Their Canine.

Following the killing of an egg-sucking canine, the property of Mr. Tom McWhirter, by Mr. Luther Medlin, who claims that the dog committed wholesale depredations on his poultry yard, Mr. McWhirter and three of his sons waylaid Medlin on the public highway, 12 miles from Charlotte Tuesday and gave him a severe beating. Medlin alleges that they used deadly weapons, says the Charlotte correspondent of the Greensboro News.

All parties live in Clear Creek township and have heretofore been known as quiet, law abiding citizens. Medlin passed the home of the McWhirter Monday afternoon and stated that two of his guineas had been killed and the man that killed them was no better than that egg-sucking dog. The McWhirter were waiting for him in the road Tuesday morning and when he arrived at the spot where they were waiting his horse was stopped and the attack began. First they attempted to force him to admit that he said old man McWhirter was no better than a suck-egg dog, but this he stoutly denied. Then one of the boys jerked his shirt off, another one struck him with some sort of a weapon, stunning him and knocking him to the bottom of the buggy, and the other joined in the attack. Medlin was battered and bruised considerably, but he finally managed to make his escape, leaving his turnout behind.

His wounds, which consisted of a badly swollen optic, a large bruised knot on the back of the head and several ugly bruises on his back, were dressed at a neighbor's house, and his buggy and horse brought to him by one of the boys, who had begun to realize his crime.

Medlin went home for his wife and came to Charlotte, secured a lawyer and indicted the waylayers. The trial will be heard on Saturday.

Editor Poe to Circle the Globe.

Announcement is made that Editor Clarence Poe, of the Raleigh Progressive Farmer and Gazette, will sail August 23rd for a five months' trip around the world, and will write for his paper every week a series of articles dealing with all the notable and interesting things seen in Japan, China, the Philippines, India, the Holy Land and Egypt, having his eyes open especially for everything affecting the South, our agriculture, manufacture, race problem and political problems, conservation of resources, etc.

What may be expected of Mr. Poe's "Round the World" travel letters may be guessed from the enthusiastic reception of his travel letters from Europe two years ago. So popular as published in The Progressive Farmer and Gazette, the letters were later reprinted in book form and were awarded a golden trophy cup for distinguished literary merit, the presentation being made by Ambassador Bryce, of Great Britain, who joined a great number of American critics in high praise of the book. The Atlanta Constitution remarked editorially the other day that Mr. Poe "by his splendid qualities of intellectual and moral leadership" has become one of the leaders in our new upbuilding as well as "one of the foremost and soundest thinkers in the South." Progressive Farmer and Gazette subscribers will doubtless follow his letters with interest, and one or two sample copies for examination are offered free to our readers who do not know the paper.

Patterson's Defeat.

In commenting on the recent defeat of the Patterson judicial ticket in Tennessee, the Asheville Citizen says: "Again does good government triumph. Never in the history of the United States have the courts of justice been so debased as when Patterson used them for political purposes and trampled their decrees under foot. His unholy haste in signing a pardon for 'Dunc' Cooper was one of the most flagrant abuses of the pardoning power ever known in this country, and it was but natural that the press of the nation without regard to political allegiance, cried out in violent condemnation of Patterson's outrageous action. But the fellow wrote his own epitaph when he turned the manslaughter loose. The first gust of the political storm which will sweep Patterson into oblivion has already been felt in Tennessee, and it is only a question of time until the name of the misfit governor will be a memory, one associated with sentiments of scorn and loathing."

Crowd at Hiddenite.

Salisbury Post.

Davis Brothers, owners and proprietors of the Davis White Sulphur Springs, at Hiddenite, in a business communication to The Post, state that they are having a fine crowd, 150 to 175 guests, with prospects of a continued fine patronage during the remainder of August. Hiddenite is a favorite with Salisbury, more of the citizens going there than to any other summer resort in or out of the State.

The remains of Robt. M. Cronenberg, who was drowned at Tybee Island, Ga., Sunday while attempting to save his wife from death under the waves, were brought to Salisbury Tuesday for interment. He saw his wife struggling with the breakers and went to her rescue, saving her life, but losing his own in the attempt.

ASTRIDE A POLE IN WELL FOR TWELVE DAYS.

Fled from Tormentors—Is Alive When Found, but May Yet Die from Exposure.

After straddling a pole thirty feet below the surface of the earth and within three feet of eight feet of water for twelve days in an old unused well near Bagley, in Johnston County, a young German was Monday evening found still alive and in the act of eating a frog.

On July 27, Mrs. Hattie Watson, whose farm is near Selma, and in whose employ the recent importation from Germany was, sent him to Bagley. On the way he met two men, Charley Creech and Doc Jones, who were apparently intoxicated. They threatened the German. Thoroughly frightened, he took to his heels to escape violence.

For ten days a search had been made for the missing man, and Creech and Jones were about to be arrested for his supposed murder. A searching party carelessly looked down the well as they were passing by and discovered the man, who had been there twelve days. He had fallen into the well and lodged on the cross pole.

After telling his story he lapsed into unconsciousness, and may yet die of the exposure and starvation. Creech and Jones were arrested.

Automobile Progress.

New York World.

The Boston News Bureau has obtained estimates that 350,000 automobiles are now in use in the United States, as against 7,000,000 horse-drawn vehicles.

In automobile plants are invested \$400,000,000, and in these works and accessory trades are employed 200,000 persons.

Automobile makers, it is estimated, pay \$60,000,000 annually for rubber, steel, iron and aluminum, and to the railroads \$25,000,000 in freight charges.

These are tremendous figures as applying to an industry not yet fifteen years old. They bear on the question that is repeatedly raised after a day heavy in motor car fatalities, whether or not the automobile has as yet justified itself economically in the face of its long mortality record. Presumably we shall meet this question less frequently when the balance of interest between pleasure and business in the development of automobile is modified when the motor car is less conspicuously the travel luxury of the rich and the ruthless instrument of the speed-mad. Toward this change and toward ultimate high standards of safety and utility there is daily progress based on sound laws, business demands and returning sanity among drivers.

Rather Unusual.

The appearance of a young man in one of the Lexington churches recently in his shirt sleeves, coat slung across his shoulder in approved fashion, caused a titter among the congregation. He aggravated the breach of decorum by sitting on the front seat, too. Next day a lady was recounting the incident in rapid-fire style to a minister, and in the course of her vivid narrative she remarked that she had read of a minister who appeared in his pulpit without his shirt, meaning of course, without his coat. It was an unconscious slip of the tongue.

"Don't you think that was unusual for a minister?" she asked.

"Yes, rather unusual," dryly commented the minister.

Later when informed as to what she had really said—well, she experienced that gone feeling which follows the accidental liberation of a bird.

Dr. Crippen's Chance of Escape.

Philadelphia Record.

A horrible story was published some years ago of a murderer who was well instructed in science and who succeeded in completely destroying the body of his victim with chemicals, and while the Judge and jury had no doubt of what happened, the man had to be acquitted for lack of evidence that a murder had been committed. The victim and the murderer were proved to have been in the house at the same time, and thereafter the victim was not seen. But it could not be proved that the victim had been murdered, for no body could be found. Dr. Crippen seems to have banked on a somewhat similar process, and though he was not wholly successful, he so far destroyed the body that it cannot be identified. It may be possible that he will escape for want of a "corpus delicti" though it seems improbable.

Doctor Sure He Will Reduce Tuberculosis by 50 Per Cent.

Dr. I. J. Mays, of Philadelphia, the physician who has been successful in the use of rattlesnake venom in the treatment of tuberculosis, informed the members of the Schuylkill County Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis that his new treatments, together with open-air and modern sanitary methods employed at home, were destined to reduce phthisis fully 50 per cent. within the next decade.

Pinchot and Garfield See Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, August 10.—James R. Garfield, of Ohio, insurgent leader, and Clifford Pinchot, were guests of Col. Roosevelt today, and it is understood that politics in general were discussed.

THE SOLDIERS' REUNION.

Some Notes of One of the Most Pleasant Ones Ever Held.

Messrs. Caleb Bernhardt and Alex Barker, of Salisbury, were among the visiting veterans present at the reunion.

Messrs. C. W. Swink and M. L. Widenhouse contributed a wagon load of watermelons for the veterans.

There were 175 veterans in line and a conservative estimate places the number not in line at 50, making a total of veterans present Tuesday at 225.

Mr. C. S. Harris, of Mebane, a brother of Mr. J. S. Harris, a Confederate veteran and former resident of this section attended the reunion.

Messrs. J. F. Dayvault, G. T. Crowell and A. M. Gibson certainly made stalwart looking chefs, and well they performed their part.

Mr. C. A. Isenhour, manager of The Theatrum, presented to every veteran a ticket to his theatre.

Commander H. B. Parks was a happy man. For several weeks he has worked day in and day out organizing committees and perfecting plans for the reunion and when he saw the occasion exceeded even his fondest hopes, he was unable to suppress his joy.

Mr. D. Henry White, of Mecklenburg county, a former victim of this county and member of Cabarrus Camp of Veterans, was here for the reunion and spent a busy day shaking hands with his old friends.

Great credit is due to the Daughters of the Confederacy for the success of the reunion. They had charge of the dinner and everyone who was fortunate to partake of their offering knows how well they performed their part.

Mr. J. H. Moose, of Rockwell, was here. Although his train was several hours late, Mr. Moose arrived in time for dinner and to hear Miss Porter recite, either of which was well worth the trip.

There was an overabundance of good things to eat and after the multitude had been fed there yet remained a large quality of food which was gathered up and given to the poor at the county home.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT CHARLOTTE.

A Most Profitable Session Held—Salaries and Fees Discussed.

Special to The Tribune.

Charlotte, N. C., August 11.—The delegates to the second annual convention of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in session here since yesterday morning this morning enjoyed an automobile ride over the famous highways of Mecklenburg county. The objective point of the trip was the handsome county home, which was inspected by the visitors. The ride gave the delegates a fine opportunity for inspecting the roads of the county too. The afternoon session today will be taken up with a discussion by the vice presidents and members of the executive committee, each speaking five minutes of the best method of conducting county affairs, and with the election of officers, after which adjournment will be taken.

The session yesterday was a most profitable one. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, and one of the leading good roads exponents and experts in the country, addressed the commissioners on the subject of good roads, discussing the matter from the economical and constructive standpoints. His address was followed by the scheduled discussion on county road work led by Chairman W. M. Long, of Mecklenburg county. This discussion, following Dr. Pratt's speech and Mr. Long's introductory remarks, was exceedingly practical and no commissioner present there but received information and knowledge that will increase his worth to his county.

One of the most timely and interesting discussions was on "Salaries for County Officials as Against Fees." This discussion was led by Mr. J. A. Davidson, of Guilford county, and resulted in the enlightenment of those present on the fee system, which seems to be gaining rapidly in favor in many counties.

Excursion to Atlantic City.

The Southern railway announces that it will again operate its annual excursion to Atlantic City, leaving Greensboro at 10:10 p. m., August 23. Low rate of \$11 for the round trip has been authorized and tickets are good for 15 days, permitting stopovers at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington on the return trip. The Southern railway operated the first excursion to this great seashore resort during August of last year, and it was so well patronized and all reported such a delightful trip that it has been decided to operate the train in two sections this year in order that the very best accommodation can be afforded to the very large crowds that will take advantage of this very low rate.

Date of Meeting Changed.

The date of the Jubilee Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Society to be held in St. Johns Lutheran church, at Salisbury, has been changed from the 25th to the 26th of August. All delegates will please note the change, and send in their names at once to the undersigned.

MRS. CHAS. M. BROWN, Secretary, Salisbury, N. C., Box 139.

MR. ATKINS HERE.

In Interest of the Proposed Methodist Assembly Grounds at Waynesville.

Mr. H. B. Atkins, son of Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville, spent Tuesday night in the city in the interest of the company that has purchased the land for the Southern Assembly, near Waynesville. Although this land has been purchased by a company, incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, the Methodist church, through its Laymen's Movement, will take in hand and operate the Assembly in accord with its own view of what is best, the company paying the cost of operation, but being regulated in its charges by the influence of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's movement.

The company has spent about \$90,000 for land and has on hand plans for the improvement and development of the property, which, when completed, will make one of the most desirable locations of its kind to be found. Although the Southern Assembly will be established as a commercial enterprise, all its action and government will be wholly under the influence of the Methodist church, through its Laymen's Movement.

PERSONAL.

Miss Cooper Miller is visiting friends in Charlotte.

Miss Lena Leslie has gone to Davis Springs, Hiddenite.

Mr. T. M. Ramseur, of China Grove, spent Tuesday night in the city.

Mrs. Louis Brown and son have returned from a visit to Charlotte.

Rev. W. B. Shinn, of Kannapolis, is visiting home folks in Georgeville.

Mrs. W. L. Bell and daughter, Miss Margaret, are at Davis Springs, Hiddenite.

Miss Jenn Coltrane will leave Friday for Rockingham, where she will visit friends.

Mr. J. Lee Crowell and Dr. W. D. Pemberton have returned from a week's stay at Southport.

Mrs. John R. Elkins, of Walkertown came in Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. F. Harris.

Mr. Frank King, who has been visiting Mr. William Bingham, has returned to his home in Albemarle.

Miss Lola Alexander, who has been visiting friends in New Market, Tenn., will return home Friday.

Mrs. M. M. Shepard and Mrs. B. G. Craig have gone to Hendersonville, where they will spend several weeks.

Dr. J. E. Smoot left Tuesday morning for a ten days' sojourn in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Mrs. J. F. Goodson and two children, Isabelle and Neeley and Master Lawrence Hutchinson left Tuesday night for Norfolk.

Messrs. W. L. Bell and J. E. Davis attended the meeting of the North Carolina Retail Furniture Dealers Association in High Point Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Hall and Miss Mildred Hall, of Sumter, S. C., and Mrs. G. A. J. A. Kimmon's.

Mr. W. Reece Johnson, Mrs. M. A. Bost and Miss Alice Litaker will leave tomorrow for Wilkes county to visit Mr. Johnson's relatives.

Mr. J. A. Means, of Louisville, Ky., a prominent hardware man and large stockholder in the Ritchie Hardware Co., of this city, is a Concord visitor.

Today's Charlotte Observer: Miss Sarah McCorkle, of Newton, will leave today for Concord to be the guest of Miss Lucy Brown. Miss McCorkle has been the attractive guest of Miss Jean Dowd here for the past two weeks.

Miss Lula Craven left Tuesday for Charlotte, where she will join the party organized by Rev. William Black for a trip through Canada.

Among the places of interest they will visit will be New York, Montreal, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has been granted a months vacation. Dr. and Mrs. Grier left Tuesday night for Cape Henry, where they will spend two weeks. Mr. Robert Grier will go to Caldwell.

Mrs. Margaret Vance and Miss Mary Johnson left Tuesday afternoon for Charlotte, where they joined Rev. Mr. Black's party for a northern tour, in Canada, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. The party left Charlotte Wednesday.

For the first time in the history of the army, troops in Montana, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California have been placed at the disposal of the forest service in fighting forest fires, which are the greatest in the history of the service. President Taft communicated with the War Department in response to appeals from the Pacific coast states.

Married Last Week.

Mr. W. A. Castor, a prominent citizen of No. 5 township, was married on Wednesday of last week to Miss Lula Hileman, daughter of the late Mr. A. F. Hileman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Causey at his residence here. The matter was kept a secret for several days, but leaked out Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Castor left Tuesday afternoon for Norfolk on the excursion.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

The First Baptist church was repaired.

There will be a meeting of the board of aldermen tonight at 7 o'clock. Mr. Frank W. Garrett, of the city, is administrator of the estate of his late father, W. W. Garrett.

Mr. Claude Ransom, of Salisbury, is repairing his furniture, and residence on corner of 1st and 2nd streets.

Twelve Confederate soldiers were "passed over the top" at the shade of the tree in the cemetery since the reunion.

Rev. Charles P. Myers, of Myersville, Pa., has been called to St. James E. L. Garrett, of Salisbury, to begin his pastorate here.

The third annual meeting of the Barringer Masonic Lodge, No. 1, Rockwell, will be held at the Reformed church on Friday, August 17, at 1 o'clock.

The infant of Mrs. F. H. Harris, of Grace and Margie Rivers, of Mebane, Harris and two daughters, Mrs. J. F. Harris, were here to attend the funeral service of Mrs. J. F. Harris.

The regular annual meeting of the Rowan County Sunday School Association will be held at the Reformed church on Friday, August 17, at 1 o'clock.

Dr. H. C. Herring returned Tuesday morning from Philadelphia, where he reports the condition of his daughter, Miss Sarah, as unchanged. Miss Sarah is still in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. R. Barnhardt, of Salisbury, returned Monday morning from a visit to his sons, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, of Waynesville, and Rev. E. Barnhardt, of Asheville.

Mr. George H. Rutledge has returned from Asheville, where he was a witness in the Black Mountain homicide case. The case was continued, and will not be tried at the next of Buncombe court.

The W. R. Harris home on North Union street will be occupied by the family of Mr. J. H. Patterson, who will move either the latter part of the week or the first of next from their home on East Corbin street.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. D. Carter died Tuesday morning at their home in No. 1 township. The funeral was held Wednesday at the home of Mr. Carter, where the interment was made at Rocky Ridge cemetery.

Mr. Zeb V. Linker and Miss Mame Reed, of Rocky River, were married Wednesday, August 10, at 8:30 o'clock p. m. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's father, Mr. M. D. Reed, by her uncle, Rev. W. D. Reed, of Fallston.

A sacred cantata setting forth attributes of God was beautifully rendered Sunday night in St. Mark's Lutheran church, China Grove, by the choir of the church. The exercises began at 7:30 o'clock, and the cantata was heard by a packed house.

Rev. Edward L. Ritchie arrived Monday night from Atlanta, where he has been for six weeks, and will be at W. C. Schaeffer, of that city, having exchanged pulpits for that length of time. He will visit the family of his father, Mr. Geo. E. Ritchie, for a week or more, and will then return to his work at Burke's Garden, Va.

We are requested to state that there will be a business meeting of the members of Rock Hill Baptist church, at the Bala Mill, Saturday afternoon, August 13th, at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as the church has been without a pastor for some time and some steps will be taken to secure the services of a minister.

Mr. J. C. Shepard, formerly of Rowan county, and Miss Lula Brown, daughter of Mr. W. L. Brown, of near China Grove, were married Sunday. Mr. Shepard now lives in Washington. He is the young man who was knocked down and robbed several weeks ago by highwaymen near Spencer, and is a man of splendid parts.

The funeral of Mrs. J. F. Harris was held Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. at the home on West Depot street. The services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Grier, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier. The following were the pallbearers: J. M. Thompson, J. E. Latta, W. H. Beaver, N. E. Baker, J. A. Ritchie and James Long.

Bad Harrell, a Southland railroad negro, fatally shot his companion, Clarence Craven, at Fairmont Monday afternoon, and was captured by Linwood and placed in jail at Lexington. Shortly afterwards a warrant came in with his victim, who died at the wa yo town. He was shot in the abdomen with a 32 calibre gun. The row was over a woman, and both were drinking. Craven drew a razor on Harrell.

Former President Theodore Roosevelt has written to the board of trustees and to Judge J. C. Pritchard to the effect that it will be impossible for him to accept the invitation of the people of Asheville to visit that city this fall.