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TWO KILLED IN BOILER EXPLOSION.

George P. Blackwelder, His Son and Two Daughters Badly Scalded—Youngest Girl is Dead—Part of Boiler Blown 200 Yards.

A telephone message to The Times yesterday afternoon told of the explosion of the boiler at the sawmill owned by Geo. P. Blackwelder, in No. 7 township, by which four persons were injured.

Those scalded and injured by flying machinery were: Mr. Blackwelder, his son, Martin, aged 18, and his daughters, Misses Lizora and Tina, aged 16 and 12 respectively.

The girls had been assisting Mr. Blackwelder and his son in removing lumber from the saw. Without warning the boiler burst, and all four were scalded and also injured by the pieces of timber and machinery.

The youngest girl, Miss Tina, was badly hurt that it is not expected that she will live.

The boiler was an old one. One piece of it, as large as the top of a barrel, was blown 200 yards away, and the engine was all broken up, and the boiler generally wrecked.

The accident occurred at 1:15 o'clock, Dr. Matthews, of Mt. Pleasant, and Dr. Lentz, of Gold Hill, were secured as soon as possible and rendered medical aid. Miss Tina is believed never to have recovered.

The right side of her face is badly scalded. At the time the accident occurred the two young ladies were sitting down about 20 feet from the boiler.

One Daughter Dies.

A telephone message from Mt. Pleasant Friday morning at 10 o'clock says that Miss Tina, the young daughter, died a few minutes before that hour.

Additional Particulars.

Our Mt. Pleasant correspondent sends us the following additional particulars in regard to the sad accident: Mr. Blackwelder was struck by some flying fragments of either wood or iron and is burned pretty severely, but is not considered dangerous unless unforeseen complications develop. The girls, almost grown young ladies, were seriously scalded. The older, Lizora, had perhaps two thirds of her body burned, and her younger sister, Tina, was burned and scalded over her entire body.

His son, Martin, received the principal injuries about the lower limbs and while painful, yet his condition is not thought to be serious.

Just what was the cause for the accident no one knows except upon the grounds that the boiler was an old and unsafe one. It was carrying at the time of the explosion about fifty or sixty pounds pressure, but judging from the force of the explosion which was felt like an earthquake shock for considerable distance, the pressure may have been more than that indicated by the gauge. The noise and jar of the explosion brought in the neighbors as did the cries of the young girls for help. Drs. Moore and Matthews, of Mt. Pleasant, and Dr. Lentz, of Gold Hill, were on the scene at the earliest possible moment, Dr. Moore making a record breaking trip of 20 miles in his auto to reach the injured.

Yesterday was an unlucky day for steam boilers. Just as the reports reached here of the explosion noted above, there was a noise and a jar followed by steam, smoke and dust in the boiler room at Foil Bros. roller mills. Immediately the report came that it had also exploded, and more or less excitement prevailed. This was found, however, to be a mistake. The supporting timbers gave way and allowed the boiler to sink into the casing, causing steam and water pipes to break, which made a pretty fair imitation of small explosion. No one was hurt in the least and the mill will be running again by tomorrow.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C., July 29.—Of the four victims in the boiler explosion at Mr. Geo. P. Blackwelder's saw and planing mill Thursday afternoon, one is dead, Tina, whose injuries were the most severe, died yesterday morning, and her sister, Lizora is not expected to survive the day. The interment will take place at Bear Creek church this afternoon. Mr. Blackwelder and his son are more seriously injured than was at first believed, and their condition this morning is regarded with apprehension.

Mrs. Blackwelder, who has been an invalid for sometime, is prostrated over the terrible affair, and fears are entertained for her welfare. The injured ones, however, have taken their misfortune as a matter of fact and do not complain at their fate.

More complete information in regard to the explosion, confirms the belief that the boiler was under high pressure at the time of the explosion. The steam gauge and the pop off valve were both out of order and did not give a true reading of the pressure or let it escape at the proper time. A piece of boiler plate was blown a distance of one hundred yards or more. It struck three high places of earth

that were in its path and ploughed them out like a gigantic steam shovel had passed along. Hedge rows and grass were clipped off close to the ground.

The boiler was under steam for the purpose of sawing slabs into stove wood, and the machinery was being put in readiness for the work. The young girls had come to assist in handling the stove wood. The work not being ready to begin they sat down on a pile of slabs near the boiler where they were when the explosion took place only a few minutes later. In their excitement all the victims ran to their home only a short distance away. Mr. Blackwelder's oldest son was perhaps nearer the boiler than either of the others, but was not hurt.

Hundreds of visitors are being attracted to the scene every day.

Miss Blackwelder Dead.

Miss Lizora Blackwelder, who was fatally injured in a boiler explosion at her father's saw mill in No. 7 township Thursday evening died Saturday. A change for the worse has taken place with Mr. Blackwelder and son, who were also in the explosion, and their recovery is considered doubtful.

MR. NORMAN GIVES UP ST. CLOUD-NORMANDY.

Will Remain in Concord—Hotel Will Be Operated at Present by P. M. Morris Realty Co., Owners.

A change in hotel circles here that will be of interest to the people of Concord and the traveling public has been announced whereby Mr. V. L. Norman, who has been conducting the St. Cloud-Normandy hotel for several years, will retire from the management of the hostelry Monday, when his lease expires. Mr. Norman states that he takes this step on account of being unable to make a satisfactory lease with the owners of the hotel for another term of years. Mr. Norman has not given out just what business he will engage in but states that he does not contemplate leaving Concord.

This announcement will be a surprise to our readers. Mr. Norman has been in the hotel business here for six and a half years, and has built up a good reputation with the traveling public. His pleasant countenance will be missed behind the desk and many will regret to see him leave it.

Mr. T. T. Smith, manager of the Morris Realty Co., was seen by a representative of this paper this morning and states that the St. Cloud will be conducted by the P. M. Morris Realty Co., until arrangements for a lease with other parties is made.

Messrs. John Ervin and Charley Cook will be clerks at the hotel. Mr. Cook, who is at Black Mountain, returned to Concord yesterday ready to resume his duties at the hotel. He has been the popular clerk there for several years.

Programme of No. 9 Township Sunday School Convention.

The following is the programme of the No. 9 township Sunday School Convention at Cold Springs church: Opening songs by schools, led by Cold Springs choir.

10 a. m. Devotional exercises.

Enrollment of Sunday schools and choirs present.

A talk by pastor, Rev. N. R. Richardson.

Song.

Statistical reports from schools.

Song.

Recitation, Encouraging Signs, representatives from St. Paul's.

Reading, Saturday Nights, representatives from Center Grove.

Song.

Address, Rev. W. L. Hutchins.

Song.

Appointment of committees.

Adjournment.

Report of committee and election of officers, 1:30.

Song.

Recitations and readings from schools.

Friendship School—Some Day, Some Great Service.

St. Paul's—What is Love?

Cold Springs—Subjects Not Known.

Round table discussion.

Address by the County President, Rev. T. W. Smith.

Excursion to Asheville.

Friday, August 11th, is the day for the excursion to Asheville. This train will leave Concord at 7:45 a. m. and arrive in Asheville at 2 o'clock, and returning will leave Asheville at 2:30 o'clock on the 12th and arrive in Concord at 8:30. This gives 24 hours in the city of Asheville. This gives ample time to visit the Biltmore estate, the different parks and to take the drives in and around Asheville, where some of the prettiest scenery in the world can be seen. The fare for the round trip is easily in reach of all being only \$2.75.

C. H. PECK, Local Manager.

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THE GOOD ROADS TRAIN.

In Concord Friday—Large Audience Hears Lecture at Pastime Theatre.

The Southern Railway's good road train, in charge of Mr. Y. J. Hurlburt, of the land and industrial department, with Messrs. L. E. Boykin and H. S. Fairbanks, engineers of the United States Department of Good Roads, was in Concord Friday. The purpose of the railroad in having this train to visit the towns and cities along its lines is to create stronger interest in building and maintaining the public roads and thereby adding to the wealth and prosperity of the section it traverses.

The members of the good roads party lectured at the Pastime Theatre that morning at 11 o'clock, where they met by an audience that crowded the seating capacity of the room, the most of whom were farmers.

Mr. Hurlburt was the first speaker. He took as his subject two counties, one in Alabama and one in Tennessee, and showed the results obtained by them in building a system of roads after issuing \$200,000 bonds. One county hired an expert engineer at a cost of \$2,500 a year immediately after the bonds were issued, and gave him instructions to make a survey of where the roads ought to go, irrespective of what the property owners might claim for damage. When he had completed the survey the road commissioners asked for bids on the work. The contractors worked under the supervision of the county's road expert and a fine system of public roads was the result. Mr. Hurlburt stated that county paid \$10,000 interest annually on the bonds and in order to meet this the tax rate was raised. Soon after the roads were built land values began to increase by leaps and bounds and new factories and enterprises were started up, making the county so prosperous that the revenue was increased to such an extent that the tax rate was decreased even lower than it was before the bonds were issued.

Mr. Hurlburt stated that in his department they received a number of inquiries concerning farms in the South and that they were often visited by the prospective purchaser, who would return to the department and report that he liked the farm, the climate, the people and conditions and would gladly locate there except the roads were so bad he could not get his produce to market after he had produced it.

The other county he referred to was in Alabama, where the road commissioners decided they would not go to the expense of employing a road expert but would let their own road supervisors do the work. They issued the \$200,000 bonds and divided the county in eight districts, with eight supervisors in charge. In two years time the roads were in equally as bad condition as they were before the money was spent for the simple reason that they did not employ scientific methods and knowledge in constructing them, but adopted the old and antiquated supervisor system.

Moving pictures were then exhibited showing various kinds of roads in every section, which were explained by Engineer Boykin. Mr. Boykin emphasized the fact that the extra blacksmith expense incurred by going over bad roads would exceed the increase in taxes caused by issuing bonds. The pictures also showed the improved schools, churches, and communities where good roads have been built and nothing more clearly emphasized that larger loads and more convenient modes of travel than the good roads shown by the pictures. There are three cars to the good roads train, one used to exhibit specimens of road work, one for a lecture car and the third is the private car of Mr. Hurlburt, in which the party travels. They left Friday afternoon attached to No. 7 for Charlotte.

Funeral of Mrs. E. F. Correll.

The funeral service over the remains of Mrs. E. F. Correll was held at the home on South Union street Saturday at 10 o'clock, conducted by Mrs. Correll's pastor, Rev. P. T. Durham, assisted by Rev. T. W. Smith. Many beautiful floral designs were placed on the casket and in the room, tokens of love and friendship from many who knew Mrs. Correll, and who, knowing her, could but love her. Several selections were sung by the choir composed of Messrs. P. T. Durham, Miss Ruth Coltrane, Mr. Ed. Sherrill and Mr. V. L. Norman. Mr. Durham made a most beautiful talk, referring to the sublime faith and patience through suffering of Mrs. Correll and the unselfish and beautiful devotion to her loved ones.

The pall bearers were as follows: Messrs. L. T. Hartsell, J. H. Rutledge, F. L. Smith, C. F. Ritchie, E. C. Barnhardt and D. L. Bost. The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

Among the out-of-town people here for the funeral were: Messrs. A. B. and D. C. Correll, of Spartanburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hunter, of Charlotte, and Miss Susie Chandler, of Mebane.

DR. REID'S VISIT.

Makes Three Great Addresses in Concord Yesterday—Talks on China and Korea, and Addresses Laymen.

Rev. Dr. C. F. Reid, Secretary of the Laymen's Movement of the M. E. Church, South, occupied the pulpit of Central church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The subject of Dr. Reid's address was: "China, The Biggest Thing in the World." In the afternoon at 4 o'clock Dr. Reid addressed the laymen of Concord at Epworth church and in the evening at 8 o'clock at Forest Hill church he delivered an address on Korea.

In the morning at Central church Dr. Reid took for his text the 12th verse of the 49th chapter of Isaiah, "Behold, these shall come from far; and lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim."

The land of Sinim was China, said Dr. Reid. The speaker told of the work and conditions in this great oriental country. There we have the customs of 4,000 years of a great civilization to overcome. China was old when Babylon and Nineveh were young. China has seen nation after nation go down in obscurity, and she sits there still. She has had great achievements, and she has a right to be proud. Foreign nations have not treated China right.

Dr. Reid said the real cause of the war with England in 1841 was the attempt on the part of England to force on China a drug, which no one dares to sell in London even, unless it is labeled "poison." The Chinese government appealed to England not to send opium to China, as otherwise their people could not get it. The appeal fell on deaf ears, as England was getting a tremendous revenue through this illicit traffic. Finally the Chinese compelled the British merchants at Canton to give up all the opium in their possession, some 21,000 chests or 3,000,000 pounds. They poured quick lime on it and poured it into the river, much as the Americans treated English tea in Boston harbor. England retaliated by broadsides from her men of war. China was forced to pay England \$21,000,000 dollars and give England forever the island of Hong Kong.

Is it any wonder it is hard for foreigners to get hold of China? It don't do any good to tell them about Christ, you have to show it to them in your life. Dr. Reid said that other nations were responsible for the fact that the work in China was so hard, and, he said to their shame, they are professing Christian nations. In spite of all this God is behind his missionaries. We now have 500,000 converts to Christianity in China, and the church is doubling itself every four years. Today infanticide is a crime in China, and foot-binding has been prohibited by imperial edict. Christ first touched the children and then freed womanhood there. The tabulated reports of work in China are small to the unseen sweep of the work of the Kingdom of God there.

China is in a state of commotion and transition, in a plastic state waiting for the hand of Christ to mould it. The day of her redemption is at hand, and I want a part in it. God is waiting for you and for me.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon Dr. Reid delivered an address at Epworth church. There was a large congregation present, most of whom were laymen, it being a special laymen meeting for the Methodist laymen of the city. Dr. Reid took for his subject "The Laymen's Movement," and throughout his magnificent address he held the undivided attention of his hearers. Dr. Reid impresses his audience as one who has not only been to the foreign fields and seen the needs of and condition there but one who has seen them with a masterful eye and he pictures them to his hearers with a no less masterful tongue. His address yesterday afternoon made a profound impression with his hearers, and will go far toward stimulating greater interest in the great work the laymen's movement has underway.

At Forest Hill at night Dr. Reid talked on the work in Korea. He spoke highly of the Korean people, saying they are superior to the Chinese and Japanese in several particulars. They are natural—just simply folks. The Chinese and Japanese never laugh—they simply grin. The Koreans laugh heartily. He said the Japanese got their civilization from Korea. He made a most interesting statement—that he Koreans and the American Indians came from the same place and were the same people. He spoke of the progress of the missionary work in Korea, of the great devotion of the native Korean Christians, and of their implicit belief in prayer. He said the great danger in Korea now is from the spread of Buddhism, the Buddhists doing everything possible to that end.

Dr. Reid is a powerful and engaging speaker, and displays a thorough knowledge of the subjects he discusses. He has been a missionary to both China and Korea, and thoroughly knows conditions in these two countries.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES

HERE THIS WEEK.

To Be Held in Concord, Mt. Pleasant and Harrisburg August 1, 2 and 3rd.

Farmers' Institutes will be held at Concord, Tuesday, August 1, Mount Pleasant, Wednesday, August 2, Harrisburg, Thursday, August 3, beginning at 10 o'clock.

At the same places and dates will also be held institutes for women by Mrs. F. L. Stevens and others. The objects of these Institutes are to bring together the women from the farm homes, that they may become better acquainted and talk over among themselves subjects tending to the betterment of conditions in rural homes, such as better and more economical foods and better methods of preparing them, home sanitation, home fruit and vegetable gardening, farm dairying, poultry-raising, the beautifying of the home and home surroundings, etc.

The Farmers' Institutes are held for the benefit of farmers, and none but strictly farming questions will be discussed. It is, therefore, especially desired that a large attendance of farmers and their families be secured, and to this end all farmers are urged to be present and to induce their neighbors to do the same.

The institutes for women will be as interesting as the institute for men and should be as largely attended. They will be held on the same day as the men's institutes, beginning at the same time.

Mr. Parker has addressed to the women of Cabarrus county the following letter:

It is the purpose of the department to make these institutes of value to you in your daily duties and home life. Come out and help us to accomplish this purpose by letting us know what you want, that we may send lecturers to the next institutes who will give you the kind of talks you want. These institutes are yours and you can make out of them what you will. We will help you to make a success of them if you will let us. Mr. Parker asks that very farmer and every farmer's wife attend these meetings and bring all of the children. The bright boys and girls of the farm will get many new ideas from the speakers that will do them good in years to come.

At Concord the men's meetings will be held in the court house, and those for the women at the Elks' Home. At Mt. Pleasant the men's institute will be held in the auditorium and the women's in the College. At Harrisburg the meetings will be held in the school building.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a girl or woman living on the farm.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best pure-bred pig between 8 and 12 weeks old exhibited by a man or boy living on the farm.

The Institute will be conducted by Prof. F. L. Stevens, of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, with competent assistants, who will discuss questions of interest to the farmers.

A question box will be opened in the afternoon, and a full discussion of the subjects presented will be given.

Morning sessions will open at 10 o'clock and afternoon sessions at 1:30.

Masonic Picnic at Albemarle.

The annual Masonic picnic for the benefit of the Oxford orphanage was held at Albemarle Thursday at which from 5,000 to 8,000 people were in attendance. The Southbound Railway company ran excursion trains from Winston-Salem and Wadesboro, bringing more than 1,000 excursionists. The capacity of the passenger coaches on the train from Wadesboro was inadequate to accommodate the crowds gathered along the line, and at Norwood, ten miles below there, two box cars were thrown open and when the train pulled into Albemarle both were loaded with people to the fullest capacity. A train loaded with ten coaches came from Winston-Salem.

Governor Kitchin was the orator of the day and delivered a most excellent address upon the subject of Masonry, he being a member of that ancient and noble order.

The receipts from the various sources amounted to more than \$500, which was turned over to the superintendent of the orphanage.

Cotton Mills Closed Down on Account of Lack of Water.

Continued drought is proving a serious problem to the mill owners and operatives here. The mills that get their water supply from the creek at the depot are closed down on account of the supply being exhausted, these mills being the Cabarrus, Young-Hartsell, Brown and Franklin. They will resume operation as soon as the water supply is replenished.

LUTHERANS IN REUNION.

Nearly 15,000 Attend The Gathering at Pen-Mar, Md.

Hagerstown, Md., July 27.—The twenty-fifth annual reunion of the Lutheran churches of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia was held at Pen-Mar Park today, and the crowd was variously estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000. It was one of the largest church reunions ever held at the Pen-Mar mountain resort.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Remensnyder, of New York, president of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church of the United States, presided.

Rev. Dr. H. H. Weber, of New York, made a historical address reviewing the history of the Lutheran reunions at Pen-Mar. For 25 years in the month of July the Lutherans of Maryland and adjoining states have been gathering annually here.

The leading oration was delivered by former United States Senator George L. Wellington, of Cumberland, who spoke on Martin Luther's influence in the sixteenth and twentieth centuries.

A feature of the reunion was the singing by the congregation of Martin Luther's famous battle hymn, "Ein Veste Berg," which was rendered by 5,000 voices, led by the choir and orchestra.

It was decided to hold the next reunion at Pen-Mar in July, 1912. It was announced that the money above expenses derived from the reunion would be given in equal proportions to the Lutheran pastors' fund and the Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska. Direct lineal descendants of Martin Luther in the eighth generation were present.

Drainage Matters.

Newton, July 28.—Mr. F. F. Wetmore, a drainage engineer connected with the project of draining the Lowery swamp in Kobeson county and also with drainage operations in Cabarrus, was being visiting Catawba and Caldwell Counties, seeking information as to how the drainage work is being carried on. In this county the commission has finished dredging Clark's creek and the Lincoln county commission on the same stream there is finishing up. Here the tributaries are now being dredged. In Caldwell Lower creek is being dredged.

Mr. Wetmore looked over portions of the stream near town and asked particularly about the plans for keeping the streams from filling up again. He was told that there are no plans, but that roads leading down hills to streams would have to be abolished since they with earth in deliver into the streams vast quantities of sand and that the sort of farming which makes possible severe washing of the soil would have to be done away with also.

The visiting engineer advanced a novel idea in connection with the drainage, bearing on roads. He asked one of the local commission if it had occurred to him that if the dirt from the stream bed had been deposited by one side of the creek, that a most excellent sand-clay road could have been built end-to-end to Lincoln on a one per cent grade.

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

Is Sufficient for Immediate Needs—Drought Causing Great Concern Among Farmers.

While the city of Concord is being blessed with water sufficient to supply its immediate needs the continued drought is causing great concern among the farmers who have pastures and water their stock from Rocky river, Buffalo and Cold water creeks. Buffalo and Cold Water are practically dry and their bottoms resemble a long stretch of sand with an occasional pool of water, and in some places a little stream about the size of a ribbon is flowing. Rocky river still contains a small quantity of water but for stretches along its course there are only small holes. Several of the oldest inhabitants say that such a condition has not existed along this stream within thirty years.

The Excursion to Niagara Falls.

Have your reservations made for Spartanburg, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Toronto trip by applying to C. F. Ray, Asheville, or to the undersigned. If for any reason you cannot go, after making reservation; your deposit will be refunded. Remember \$46.75 pays all expenses on this trip from Spartanburg. This includes railroad fare, hotel bills and state room on steamboat. A deposit of \$5.00 will be required when application for reservation is made.

C. H. PECK, Agent.

Mrs. E. W. Freeze has returned to her home in High Point, after visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. H. B. Parks, for some time.

Miss Ruby Foushee, of Greenwood, S. C., is visiting Miss Virginia Foushee.

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