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PROBABLY FATALY INJURED BY DYNAMITE

H. A. GOODMAN LOSES ARM AND IS OTHERWISE BADLY HURT.

Accident Occurred Tuesday Night
About 11 O'clock at Cold Water
Creek.—Held Stick of Dynamite
Too Long.—Was Engaged in Dyna-
miting Fish.

As a result of a stick of dynamite exploding in his hand while attempting to dynamite fish in Cold Water creek H. A. Goodman was dangerously injured Tuesday night about 11 o'clock. His left hand and part of forearm was blown off just above the wrist, one eye was blown out and it is feared he will lose the sight of the other one, both cheek bones were fractured, a great gash was cut in his lip and several teeth were knocked out by the explosion. His chances hang in the balance today but his physicians entertain hope. Much depends on the extent of the fractures of the cheek bones. If the fracture extends to the brain he will not recover, otherwise he has a fighting chance. There is also danger of tetanus developing but the extensive precaution taken by the physicians will be more than likely to offset this.

The accident occurred on the bridge over Cold Water creek on the Mount Pleasant road. Mr. Goodman intended throwing the dynamite in the big hole of water beneath the bridge, which was thought to contain an abundance of fish. No one was with him at the time but several of his companions were a short distance down the creek giggering for bullfrogs. Messrs. W. B. Means, Robert Patterson and Charlie Earnhardt were in the frog hunting party. They heard Mr. Goodman remark that he had a stick of dynamite at home and was going to get it and dynamite the fish; that other people had been doing it and that the hole was on his land. A short time after the report Mr. Means heard him groan. He rushed to his assistance and found him sitting on the bridge holding his left arm. "Send for a doctor. I am bleeding to death," he told Mr. Means. The latter saw that he was bleeding profusely and tore off his shirt sleeve and bound it around his arm. The injured man was perfectly conscious and stated to Mr. Means that he held the dynamite too long and that it exploded in his hand. He was able to stand on his feet and with the assistance of Mr. Means he walked to Mr. Earnhardt's, a short distance away. There he was placed in a buggy and taken to his home. Robert Patterson had summoned physicians from Concord in the meantime and they arrived soon after the injured man reached his home. Mr. Goodman was in town last night and while here he and several associates saw a number of bullfrogs a Concord party captured yesterday. While talking of them he and Mr. Means and several others decided to go bullfrog hunting. Just here it might be remarked that this sport, if it may be termed such, has grown greatly in popular favor here recently and almost every night parties go to the swamps, both on Buffalo and Cold Water creeks and catch bushels of them. The party went out and while hunting the frogs along the banks of the creek Mr. Goodman remarked to Mr. Means that he had a stick of dynamite at home and he believed he would go and get it and dynamite the hole under the bridge. Mr. Means said that he told him he might use dynamite if he wanted to but that he was afraid of it. He said Mr. Goodman got the dynamite and that he went on down the creek after frogs and did not see him any more until he went to his rescue after the explosion.

A number of people here heard the report distinctly. A party of young people were returning from a dance at the Elks' Home and several of them spoke of the loud report, one young man remarked that it did not sound like a gun. Others who "went in late" also heard the report but did not pay any particular attention to it.

There is little doubt but that the dynamite had a short fuse. In talking to a man whose firm deals in dynamite this morning he made the statement that the sticks had two kinds of fuse, one long and one short, but that the short was the best kind for dynamiting fish as it exploded the instant it struck the water, while the long fuse would sputter around in the stream before it exploded and the fish would escape while the fuse was burning.

Use the Penny Column—it pays.

TO DRAIN LITTLE COLD WATER CREEK.

But Little Doubt That Enough Signers Will Be Obtained to Secure It.—Petition Now Being Circulated. Engineer Wetmore Will Make the Survey.

Mr. H. H. Blackwelder, of No. 5 township, was here Tuesday. Mr. Blackwelder is circulating a petition to get signers for draining Little Cold Water creek. The petition has been drawn and a number have already signed. There is very little doubt but that the required 51 per cent. of the landowners will sign. The proposed district begins at the north line of Mr. R. W. Krimminger's farm and extends to the point where the creek enters Big Cold Water, a distance of about seven miles.

A preliminary survey will be made in a short time. Engineer Wetmore, who is now making a final survey of the Big Cold Water district, will begin the survey as soon as he completes the work he is now engaged in.

The drainage work is progressing rapidly in Cabarrus now and the people are realizing what a profitable undertaking it is to reclaim rich and fertile land at a small cost per acre. Work is now being done on the petition for the Buffalo district and it will probably take definite shape in a short time. This is one of the largest and most important streams in the county and should be drained by all means.

The Big Cold Water district is a certainty. Little Cold Water is practically certain and if Buffalo gets in line there will be two blades of grass growing in Cabarrus where only one grew before, just as soon as the work is completed.

DEATH MONDAY OF MR. EPHRIAM FISHER.

One of the County's Best Citizens Passes to His Reward.

Mr. Ephriam Fisher, one of the oldest and best citizens of the county, died last Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock at his home in No. 4 township. Mr. Fisher had been in feeble health for about two years. Saturday night he was taken seriously ill, and his condition grew continually worse until his death.

Mr. Fisher was 79 years of age and was born and reared in this county. He volunteered at the outbreak of the Civil War and served throughout the entire conflict. After the war he returned to his home in this county where he has since resided. He was married when quite a young man to Miss Mattie Ludwig, who died about five years ago. Four children survive the union, Mrs. J. A. Blackwelder, of Newberry, S. C.; Mrs. C. C. Caldwell and Mr. G. L. Fisher, of this city and Mrs. Charlie Walter, who lives at the home place. Mr. Fisher was a man of marked kindness toward everyone. He distributed good humor wherever he went and his cordial and frank manner of greetings his friends have often been remarked upon. He had friends in every section of the county and was liked by everyone. Mr. Fisher was a large farmer and in addition to his farm he devoted much of his time to produce for the local market, and he often remarked to his friends that he always brought more than enough produce to market to pay for the supplies he purchased.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at Trinity church of which the deceased was a member. A large number of friends and relatives both from Concord and the county attended the services.

Mr. Stone to Move to Hickory.

Mr. W. A. Stone is soon to resign his position as manager of the insurance department of the Concord Insurance and Real Estate Company, and will go to Hickory where he will be associated with his brother, Mr. J. Lee Stone in the moving picture business. They are opening up a series of theatres in different towns. Mr. Stone has an offer to engage in the same business as he has here but has not decided whether or not he will accept. Mr. Stone is a good citizen and it is to be regretted that he is to leave Concord.

New Wheels for Street Cars Arrive.

Two new wheels for the street car arrived yesterday and as soon as they can be put on the car will be operated. A wheel was broken a few days ago and it was necessary to order another from the factory. The new wheels arrived this morning. The superintendent of this system was in Concord today and stated that there was nothing in the report that the storage battery car would be abandoned here.

Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the North Carolina Advocate, will preach at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at Cold Springs at 3 p. m. and at Friendship at 7 p. m.

GOOD WORK WITH SPLIT LOG DRAG

WORK ON ROAD SUPERVISOR OF NO. 1 TOWNSHIP.

Rough Places Made Smooth at Small Cost on One of Most Important Roads in County.—Harrisburg Road Now in Fairly Good Condition.— New Road Has Been Located, and It Is Time to Get Busy.

Road Supervisor Query, of No. 1 township, has done some effective road work with the split log drag. For several miles on the Harrisburg road the drag has been used and many of the rough places were made smooth. The road is now in fairly good condition, that is, it is about as good as it is possible to put it in unless it is graded and either macadamized or built of sand clay.

As has been frequently said in this paper on previous occasions, this is one of the most important roads in the county. It is the feeder to the prosperous farming sections to be local market for one of the most fertile. Much of the territory is near the border of our neighboring county, Mecklenburg. The road from Charlotte leading to this section is one of the finest macadam highways in the State. The section is so situated that there is little difference as to which market to patronize, Charlotte or Concord. When they strike the big road en route to market it is then the choosing of the ways, the longer route over an excellent road to one and the shorter route over a hilly road to another. If any think the longer distance will off set the bad road they are sadly mistaken.

By every right Concord is entitled to this trade. It comes from the same county and from the same people. They prefer coming here to any other market and are willing to make an effort to get a good road. This road has been discussed and then discussed again, two years being wasted in locating a route. Now that the route has been located and good weather has arrived it is time to get busy.

CABARRUS BOY WINS HONORS AT NEWBERRY.

Mr. H. S. Petrea Carries Off Honors in Contest at Rock Hill.

Mr. H. S. Petrea, a Cabarrus county boy, who is attending Newberry College, won first honors in the annual contest of the South Carolina Interscholastic Oratorical Association held at Winthrop College at Rock Hill last week. The institutions represented include the University of South Carolina, Charleston College, Erskine College, Clemson College, Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Wofford College, Furman University and Newberry College.

The Columbia State has the following sketch of Mr. Petrea:

Henry Smith Petrea was born at Lynchburg, Va., November 1, 1888. His parents soon afterwards moved to Concord, N. C., where he received his early training in the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, at which institution he won the declaimer's medal. In the fall of 1909 he entered the sophomore class at Newberry college, at the end of which scholastic year he contested for the declaimer's medal. In March, 1911, he was the Phrenokosmian orator at the annual celebration of the literary societies. In June of the same year he was awarded the junior orator's medal, and the Magazine scholarship. During his present senior year he was one of the literary editors of The Stylus, president of the Phrenokosmian Literary society, debater in the annual March celebration and successful contestant for representation in the S. C. I. O. A. Upon the completion of his college course he will enter the Theological seminary.

Preparatory to Memorial Day.

The Daughters of the Dodson-Ramsaur Chapter of U. D. C. are making unusual effort to have Memorial Day this year one of the best in its history. Hon. E. Randolph Preston, of Charlotte, will make the address. This, together with the splendid music, promises to be an excellent programme, commemorative of the day. The exercises will be held in the opera house. Everybody is cordially invited, particularly the veterans, who are asked to attend in a body. The children, as well as the grown-ups, may come and bring flowers to decorate the monument to our Confederate heroes. Let us all unite in making May 10th a memorable one.

The big Administrator's Sale at the Cannon & Fetzer Co.'s store will begin tomorrow.

CLOSING OF THE HARRISBURG SCHOOL.

Exercises Were Concluded Last Night. Large Crowds Present.—A Successful Term.

A tremendous crowd gathered at Harrisburg last night to attend the closing exercises of the Harrisburg school. The seating capacity of the schoolroom was inadequate to accommodate the audience and a large tent was provided. The annual commencement began Monday evening with exercises by the primary department and closed last night. The programme last evening was a most interesting and enjoyable one and was rendered in a manner that marked a fitting close to a most successful school year.

The exercises were opened by a chorus singing "Quilting Party," music being furnished by the Harrisburg orchestra. Other numbers on the programme consisted of recitations by James Alexander, Miss Mary Harris, William Harry, Miss Eumenes Alexander, Jno. Nesbit, Fred Lefler, Miss Willie Quay, Miss Mary Alexander; a dialogue by Ben Teeter and James Alexander; a piano duet by Misses Fannie Harris and Mary Alexander; piano solos by Miss Annie Lee Morrison and Miss Mary Harris; several selections by the male quartet, composed of Messrs. Gourley, Alexander, Lefler and Lefler, and a play by the "Old Maids' Club."

From little Billie Morrison, the youngest on the programme, who took part in the clever "Sunflower Drill," down to the meeting of the "Old Maids' Club," when such questions as ways and means and methods to induce Sam Black from persisting in pursuing the life of a bachelor, and to enter into the blissful joys of wedded life were discussed, the programme was rendered in a most excellent manner. The male quartet was an exceedingly popular feature. Their rendition of "The Old Oaken Bucket," while leaning on an old time well with the windlass and old bucket was decidedly clever and catchy and brought several encores.

In the afternoon there was a ball game between Harrisburg and a team from Concord. There is some doubt as to what to call the latter team. Some said it was the Cincos but this was promptly denied. They certainly did not play like Cincos, but performed more like a bunch of cheroots or better still a collection of tobies. But, no matter about the name or from whence they came, Harrisburg gave them a walloping all right, the final score being 6 to 1. The hitting of Will Johnson, the pitching of Russell and the clever catching of Lapsley featured for Harrisburg, while the way the boys from Concord "bit at Russell's high ball and their overabundance of errors stood out prominently.

Batteries: Russell and Lapsley; Weddington and Goodman. Umpire: Mr. Harry Bost.

SPECIAL TRAINS TAKE THE BODIES AWAY.

No Hope of Recovering Body of Mrs. Strauss.—Capt. Larder Says On Account of Pressure Bodies in Titanic Will Never Come to Surface.—Embalmer Finds He is Working on Body of His Uncle.

Halifax, N. S., May 1.—A funeral procession to extend across continent started today. Astor's body, attended by young Vincent Astor, who verges on collapse, left with Isadore Strauss' body, and others. No hope of recovering Mrs. Strauss' body. Special trains will take more away tonight. Captain Lardner, of the Mackay-Bennett, thinks that the water pressure is so great that the bodies with the Titanic on the bottom of the ocean will never come to the surface.

George Newell, an embalmer, discovered that he was working on the body of his uncle, A. L. Newell.

Reuben Combs Captured.

Statesville Landmark.
Reuben Combs, the Iredell convict who escaped from the State prison several weeks ago, was arrested a few days ago at Franklinton, Franklin county, in the eastern part of the State, and has been returned to the State prison.

Combs was serving a sentence of 30 years for the murder of his wife, Bessie Combs. The murder occurred nearly a year ago, in the Stony Point community, and Combs was sent to the State prison last August.

No particulars of the capture have been received.

Mrs. G. A. Baker died Wednesday at her home on Young street at 4:30 o'clock a. m. Mrs. Baker was 22 years old and is survived by her husband. The funeral will be held at the home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. G. G. Harley, pastor of the deceased.

TERRIBLE RESULTS OF MISSISSIPPI FLOOD

THOUSANDS HOMELESS IN MISSISSIPPI AND ELSEWHERE.

Big River at Highest Today in Louisiana.—Levees Broke Yesterday at Torras.—Governor Saunders caring for Refugees—Food Supply Running Short.—Over 5,000 Reported to Be Living on Rafts With Their Stock.

New Orleans, May 2.—Having worked down the valley, leaving death and desolation in its wake, the crest of the Mississippi was at flood today in Louisiana, flooding the rich cane country and rendering thousands of people homeless. Thousands of men are engaged in strengthening the levees at the danger point. Governor Saunders today reached Torras where the levees went out yesterday and is personally directing work of caring for the refugees. The government food supplies are running short. Over 5,000 are reported as living on rafts with their live stock.

FIGHT IS NOW ON FOR DEATH PENALTY FOR FLOYD ALLEN.

Jury Soon Completed, and Trial Com- menced.—Judge Staples Confines Statement to Concise Recital of Law And Possible Verdicts.—Special Prosecutor Then Follows.

Wytheville, Va., May 2.—With the jury complete, the Commonwealth today began the fight for the death penalty of Floyd Allen for his part in the Hillsville murders. Judge Staples confined his statement to the jury to a concise recital of the law and the possible verdicts. Special prosecutor then followed with his statement.

Wytheville, Va., May 1.—A jury was sworn tonight to try Floyd Allen, indicted for five murders in the Carroll court house on March 14 last. For four hours counsel interrogated a string of veniremen and it was long after dusk when a sixteenth talsman was found satisfactory as to cause. The defense then exercised its four peremptory challenges allotted and court adjourned.

Nine farmers and three merchants compose the jury. The defense moved to require the commonwealth to consolidate the five indictments against Floyd Allen to obviate the possibility of five separate trials, but Judge Staples over ruled the motion.

Wytheville, Va., May 2.—Special Prosecutor Wysor demanded that Floyd Allen pay with his life for the Hillsville murders. The prisoner is still on a stretcher and writhed under the lawyer's statement. Wysor asserted that one outlaw was overheard to say after the murder: "Let's kill every damn one of them."

Ismay Sails for England.

New York, May 2.—After concealing his movements and inspiring the announcement that he was ill in a hotel, J. Bruce Ismay, president of the International Mercantile Marine Company, sailed at noon today for England on the White Star Line Adriatic with four officers of the lost Titanic. Up to an hour before the company denied that they would sail.

Roosevelt Still Has the 18 Massachusetts Delegates.

Boston, Mass., May 2.—Roosevelt still has eighteen of the Massachusetts' thirty-six delegates to the Republican National Convention, despite his request that the eight delegates-at-large vote for Taft. All declared that they would vote for Roosevelt.

Salisbury Dog Law.

Salisbury, May 1.—Mayor F. M. Thompson today calls the attention of the citizens to the dog law passed by the last legislature and which requires that all dogs shall be confined during the months of May, June, July and August. Those running at large are subject to be killed. This law is a precaution against hydrophobia.

Homage to Maj. Butt.

Augusta, May 2.—President Taft today joined Augusta in homage to the memory of Major Archibald Butt, a Titanic victim. The President was the principal speaker. The city is in deep mourning.

Mr. R. W. Blackwelder, the new carrier at the postoffice, began work on the additional route that was recently added yesterday morning.

ASPHALT BINDER ON NORTH UNION STREET.

Work to Begin on It Next Monday Morning.

Work will begin Monday morning putting down the asphalt binder on North Union street from the St. Cloud Hotel to Marsh avenue. Last year the residents put oil on the street. The oil proved very satisfactory while it lasted but was only a temporary remedy for dust. This year a movement was started by the residents to raise funds to put down an asphalt binder similar to that in use on the Kannapolis road. The necessary money was raised by each property owner contributing \$10.

It is estimated that the binder will last from three to five years. In this way the residents enjoy a dustless street for a much longer time than by putting down oil and at a very little increase in cost, as it is estimated that the oil costs about \$5 a resident.

The asphalt not only proves an effective remedy for keeping down the dust but is of great benefit as a preservative for the streets. It is expected that when the good results are seen from North Union street the residents on other streets will go and do likewise.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE JACKSON STATUE.

More Than Sixteen Dollars Contributed by Graded School Children Here.

In response to the request of that "first, last and all the time" patriot, Gen. Julian S. Carr, the superintendent of our graded school notified the pupils that he would be glad to receive today their contributions to an equestrian statue of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson, soon to be erected in Richmond, Va. At 9 o'clock this morning the school assembled. On the platform was a picture of the last meeting of Jackson and Lee. The hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" was sung and the Lord's Prayer offered up.

The superintendent then most fittingly repeated the last words of our great General: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees," adding "I will now read to you about those trees of which he spoke," and read the first nine verses of the last chapter of the Book of Revelations. The offering of the school was received by grades. The amount was something over \$16.00. By some mistake the first grades did not respond today, but their contribution will be received tomorrow. The few visitors present were much gratified, not only by the result but also by the beautiful conduct of the school and the fact that in this way high ideals are being instilled into their hearts and minds.

HAL FAND HALF FOR ROOSEVELT AND TAFT.

The Contest Will Be Carried to the National Convention.—Champ Clark Made a Clean Sweep Against Wilson.—Warmest Primaries Ever Held in the State.

Boston, May 1.—Official returns, still incomplete, in yesterday's presidential preference primaries, showed Massachusetts' 36 votes to be evenly divided between Roosevelt and Taft. The indications are that Taft carried nine districts and Roosevelt five. Eight Roosevelt delegates at large had a majority of seven thousand. Taft had five thousand majority in preference primaries and on this his leaders based claim to eight delegates at large. The contest will be carried to the national convention at Chicago.

Champ Clark made a clean sweep in the Democratic primaries, but Wilson managers claimed that many of the delegates elected will vote for Wilson.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

The Cannon & Fetzer Co. Announce Special Reduced Prices Beginning Tomorrow.

The people of Concord and vicinity will learn with pleasure, the decision of the administrator of the estate of the late Mr. P. B. Fetzer to inaugurate a cut price sale of the entire stock of clothing, hats, furnishings and shoes of the Cannon & Fetzer Co. Those in charge announce a genuine, clean cut reduction of twenty-five per cent. on all new spring goods, nothing excepted, while in many instances the reduction amounts to as much as a third off regular prices. Such a reduction sale at the beginning of a season is unusual, inasmuch as the reduced prices come at a time when the saving is of most value to the buyer. The sale begins Friday morning and sufficient extra clerks have been employed to wait on all promptly. See the big page ad. in the Times and Tribunes today.