

KIWANIANS TO WORK FOR NEW HOTEL HERE

Local Club Will Conduct a Campaign for New Hotel. New Officers Assume Duties.

A movement for the erection this year of a modern hotel in the city of Concord... The installation of new officers...

The president, Spencer, was ushered to the president's chair and presented with the President's button by the immediate past president, Albert Palmer...

"Kiwanians is responsible for the slaughter of twenty odd tubercular cows in Cabarrus county," said Tracy...

"You possibly are not aware of the fact that these Kiwanis are responsible for the condemnation and destruction of over four tons of inedible meat that otherwise would have been served on our tables."

The school bonds were, in my opinion, defeated until Kiwanis and Rotary put a shoulder to the wheel—and right here I want to express appreciation for what the Rotary Club has accomplished...

Concluding his remarks, President Spencer said there were several matters which had been started by the Kiwanis Club in 1922 which should be completed this year...

The matter of a new and modern hotel for Concord was brought before the attention of the Club by Albert Palmer in a resolution which was unanimously adopted...

The entertainment feature of the meeting was the singing by a quartet from the Music Lovers Club of this city, composed of Misses Elizabeth Woodhouse, Mary and Adeline Morrison, and Mrs. Gales Pickard...

Such amusement was created during the reading of a number of questions which had been given to various members of the Club by Lee Crowell...

The attendance prize for the last meeting was drawn by Caleb W. Swink, of team No. 11, Julius Shauers, captain.

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JANUARY MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Board Was in Session for Several Hours, and Much Discussion Featured the Meeting.

The aldermen of Concord were in session until 11 o'clock at the city hall Thursday night, and at that hour all business that was presented had not been acted upon...

Argument over the widening of Means Street—created so much discussion that several other important matters had to be postponed.

The matter will be taken up again next Thursday night. Reeve Ira Long, city engineer, submitted a map showing an increase to the corporate limits of the city near the old furniture factory...

The following streets were ordered paved by the board: Cedar, from Beech street to Franklin Avenue.

WORK HAS STARTED ON SPENCER YARDS Extension of Yards Will Provide Increased Facilities for Handling Trains.

Spencer, Jan. 4.—Work has started this week on a big extension of the Spencer yards of the Southern Railway by which a considerable increase in the facilities for handling trains will be provided.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has been busy for several months moving a line of poles back from the old main line tracks to give room for the new tracks which are to parallel the old lines.

Train Blocks Him; He Gets Nervous.—He Has a Reason. Danville, Va., Jan. 4.—How a railway train caused the seizure of 100 gallons of liquor was learned in a story which came last night from Henry county.

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DRUG STORE MAN OF NANCY, FRANCE, ARRIVES HERE

Author of "Day by Day," Etc., Declares He Doesn't Want Any Sensationalism.

New York, Jan. 4.—Emile Coue, a smiling, active little man with white hair and beard and sparkling blue eyes, once an obscure provincial pharmacist who toyed with the mysteries of hypnotism in his tiny shop in Nancy, today arrived in America on the Majestic, an internationally famous figure, the apostle of the doctrine of self-mastery through conscious suggestion.

The little pharmacist whose formula, "day by day, in every way, I am getting better and better," has been repeated by disciples all over the world, hastened to announce to America that he did not want any sensationalism to attach to his methods and that he did not want it believed that he claimed to be able to effect cures of diseases.

"I have never cured anybody of any ailment in my life," he said, "and I have never made such a claim. If I can succeed here, as I have many times in the past, in helping others so to understand themselves and exercise their minds that they can improve their physical condition and achieve better health and happiness, then I shall have succeeded."

Successful combatting of defects of characters and of vicious habits such as drunkenness, Mr. Coue said, was one of the primary utilities of his method.

WACHOVIA PURCHASES BATTERY PARK SHARES Old Asheville Bank Combines With Twin City Concern.—Pay \$3.50 for Each \$1.

Asheville, Jan. 4.—Merger of the Battery Park bank and the Asheville branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company was announced today after several weeks of negotiations on the part of officials of both institutions.

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POLLARD IS HELD ON—A CHARGE OF MURDER

Richmond Man Allowed Freedom on \$20,000 Bond in Spite of State's Plea.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—Following his indictment by a Hastings court grand jury late today on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of his former stenographer, Mrs. Thelma-Ham Richardson, on the night of December 11, Thomas Pollard was permitted to renew his bond of \$20,000 and was released from custody today pending trial of the case on February 12.

The indictment, charging first degree murder, was reported by the grand jury after a lengthy deliberation of the case. Witnesses called before the inquisitorial body included Herbert E. Richardson, divorced husband of the slain woman, and Mrs. Bertha Louise Beck, alleged "other woman" in the case.

Pollard is charged with "deliberate, premeditated and malicious murder." The indictment recites the manner in which Mrs. Richardson was shot, setting forth that the bullet struck her in the left chest, penetrated the heart, one lung and other vital organs, causing instant death.

SHERIFF OF BURKE CAPTURES TWO MEN Long Chase Results in Victory for High Sheriff Over Grayson and John Moses.

Morganton, Jan. 4.—A long human hunt ended here this afternoon when Sheriff R. V. Michaux, Jr., of Burke county, returned from the South mountains with Grayson Moses, an escaped convict, and John Moses, charged with forging his mother's name to a note at one of the local banks. He also had under custody a woman whom he was holding on suspicion, but investigations failed to substantiate a charge against her.

ZEB LONG BECOMES COURT SOLICITOR. Statesville Man Succeeds Hayden Clement—Retiring Officer Made a Fine Record.

Salisbury Post. Zeb V. Long, of Statesville, was sworn in Monday by Clerk of the Court J. A. Hartness of Iredell county at Statesville, as solicitor of this judicial district, succeeding Hayden Clement, of Salisbury, who had held the office eight years and who was not a candidate for re-election last November, not having entered the primary in June.

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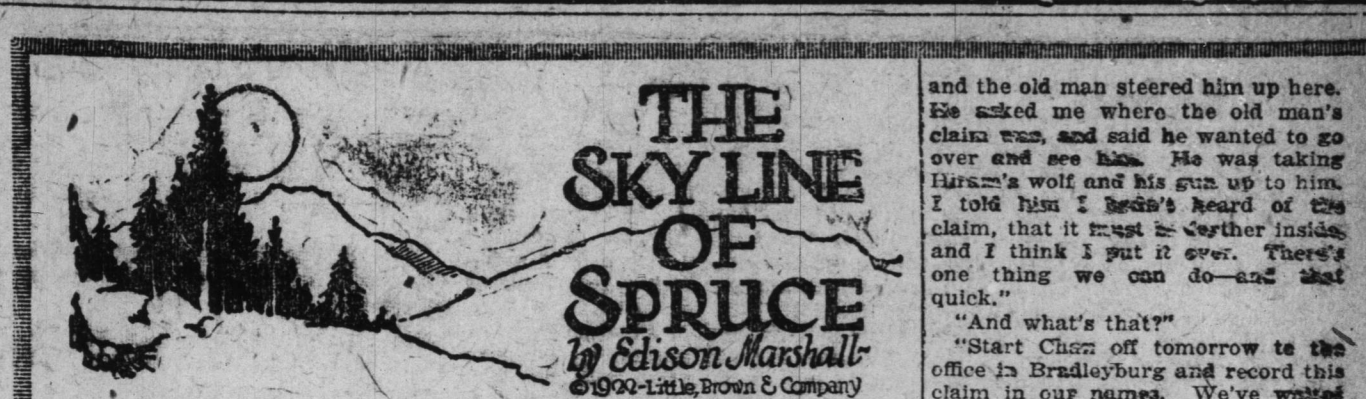
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BEGIN HERE TODAY

Freed from prison because he suffered with amnesia, BEN DARBY leaves for the Yuga River with EZRA MELVILLE, an old friend, to whom he is parcelled. The two go to take possession of a rich claim left by the dead prospector.

JEFFERY NELSON and his two followers, Ray Brent and CHAS. HEMINGWAY, plan to steal the Melville claim before Ezra can arrive.

BEATRICE, beautiful daughter of Nelson, is loved by Ray Brent, but she detests him. When Ben and Ezra arrive in the north woods, Darby's memory suddenly is restored.

GO ON WITH THE STORY "He's my buddy, old boy, and I want you to find him for me," Ben went on, more patiently.

FRISBURY followed the motion with his eyes; and presently his long body stiffened. Ben watched him, fascinated. Then the wolf sniffed at the paper again and trotted away into the night.

Together, the man and the wolf, they crept on into the thicket. They halted at last before a curious shadow in the silvered canopy. Ben knew at once he had found his ancient comrade.

PART TWO The Wolf Man CHAPTER VIII The Claim Jumpers

AS a wolf might plan a hunt in the forest, Ben planned his war against Nelson and his subordinates. He knew perfectly that he must not attempt open warfare.

His mind began to work clear again; he began to understand. Ezra had been shot, murdered by the men who had jumped his claim.

He spread it on his knee, and unfolded it with care. He felt in his pocket for a match.

The match cracked, inordinately loud in the silence, and his eyes followed the script. Ezra had been faithful to the last.

In case of my death I leave all I die possessed of including my brother Hiram's claim near Yuga River to my pard and buddy, Ben Darby.

The document was as formal as Ezra could make it, with a carefully drawn seal, and for all its quaint wording, it was a will to stand in any court.

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and the old man steered him up here. He asked me where the old man's claim was, and said he wanted to go over and see him. He was taking Hiram's wolf and his gun up to him. I told him I didn't hear of the claim, that it must be further inside, and I think I put it over. There's one thing we can do—do it that quick."

"And what's that?" "Start Chaz off tomorrow to the office in Bradburyburg and record this claim in our name. We've waited too long already."

"Ray, you're talking like a man now," Nelson agreed. "You and I stay here and work away, innocent as can be, on the claim. Chaz, put that bottle away and get to bed. Take the trail down first thing tomorrow. Then we can laugh at all the prospectors that want to come."

Soon after the break of dawn Ben put his pick and shovel on his shoulder, and leisurely walked up the creek past Ray's cabin.

The vivid morning light only revealed the crime in more dreadful detail.

Slowly, laboriously, with little outward sign of the emotion that rent his heart, he dug a shallow grave.

He suddenly drew up short at the sight of a light, stanch canoe on the open water. It was a curious fact that he noticed the craft itself before ever he glanced at its occupant.

Then he noticed, with a strange, inexplicable leap of his heart, that its lone occupant was Beatrice Nelson. His eye kindled at the recognition, and the beginnings of a smile flashed to his lips.

"Only one," she smiled, significantly, into her eyes. Because she was a forest girl, unused to flattery, the warm color grew in her brown cheeks.

"It's not as still as it looks, but it is easy going for a half-mile each way. If you aren't an expert boatman, however—I hardly think—I'd try it."

"Why not? I'm far enough with a canoe, of course—but it looks safe as a lake."

"But it isn't." She paused. "Listen with those keen ears of yours, Mr. Darby. Don't you hear anything?"

"Ben did not need particularly keen ears to hear; the far-off sound of surging waters reached him with entire clearness. He nodded.

"That's the reason," the girl went on. "If something should happen—and you'd get carried around the bend—a little farther than you meant to go—you'd understand. And we wouldn't see any more of Mr. Darby around these parts."

His eyes glowed, and he fought off with difficulty a great preoccupation that seemed to be settling over him. (Continued in Our Next Issue)

TO OWNERS OF MATURING WAR SAVINGS STAMPS. All War Savings Stamps due January 1, 1923, both registered stamps and those not registered, will be accepted for deposit by this bank as cash. A New Interest Period Beginning in our Savings Department. All deposits made on Savings Accounts on or before January 10th bear interest from January 1st at four per cent, compounded quarterly. To those having funds for deposit this offers an excellent opportunity to secure the maximum interest return. CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY. CHAS. B. WAGONER, President. A. F. GOODMAN, Cashier.