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## N. & W. RAILWAY SUED FOR \$20,000

R. F. Overby, of Stokes County, Asks Damages For Injury Received In Year 1905--Complaint Filed In Forsyth County Saturday, But Later Removed to Greensboro.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 17.—R. F. Overby, of Stokes county, through his counsel, Benbow & Hall, has instituted a \$20,000 damage suit against the Norfolk and Western railroad. The complaint was filed in the Superior Court Saturday, and upon motion of Watson, Buxton & Watson, counsel for the defendant company, the case was removed to the Circuit Court at Greensboro.

The plaintiff alleges that on or some time prior to the 5th day of February, 1905, he was employed by the Pinnacle Coke and Coal Company, and had been working for said company at good wages in their mines near McComas, W. Va.; that on the 5th day of February, 1905, while returning to his boarding-house by the usual road or way of travel, to and from Norfolk and Western depot at Mora, a freight car struck by another was pushed off the track; that the car hit a crosstie lying on the ground with terrible force, throwing the tie a distance of about twenty feet in a whirling manner, striking the plaintiff with great force and violence on the left side of his head, rendering him unconscious and knocking him down an embankment and upon the edge of the said extension railroad bed, when he was caught under a grease box of a can and dragged several feet, fracturing his left foot and injuring his spine, destroying the nerve and paralyzing the left hip, and breaking and bruising the bones of the said hip, bursting his kneecap, injuring the leaders, shortening and rendering almost useless the said left leg besides injuring his right shoulder and arm and otherwise injuring him, causing intense pain and suffering and permanently injuring him.

That by reason of the aforesaid injuries the plaintiff was confined in a hospital at Welch, W. Va., for several months, and suffered intense pain and agony; that as a result of said injuries he has been disabled for his work as a miner and unfitted for any kind of manual labor.

Plaintiff asks for a judgment of \$20,000.

### Miss Mary Joyce Entertains.

Miss Mary Joyce delightfully entertained the young ladies of Danbury at a six o'clock dinner St. Valentine's evening. The menu cards, in keeping with the evening, were heart-shaped, outlined with red, with a tiny red heart sketched in the upper left hand corner and bore the appropriate inscription, "Good cheer and welcome make a merry feast."

After dinner several of the young men came in and the evening was pleasantly spent in music, conversation and story-telling. Delicious fruits—oranges, bananas and apples—were served.

### Pine Log School To Close With Entertainment.

The public school at Pine Log, taught by Mr. O. L. Pulliam, is making preparation to give an entertainment at the close of the school. The entertainment will be given on Saturday, March 7th. If the weather on that day should be very bad the entertainment will be postponed until the Saturday following. Everybody invited to come out.

## NEWS FROM SANDY RIDGE.

**Pneumonia Almost Epidemic On the Ridge And Also At Prestonville --A Tacky Party At Mr. M. L. Hutcherson's.**

Sandy Ridge, Feb. 17.—Mr J. J. Joyce, a well known Primitive Baptist preacher, died on Sunday morning the 16th of pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks. He had been preaching at Buffalo several years. He was a kind father and a good neighbor, and will be greatly missed in the neighborhood. He leaves a widow, four sons, and five daughters, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. Mr. Joyce's little daughter Grace who has also been very sick with pneumonia is improving.

Lillie May, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, of Madison, who died of pneumonia was buried at the Alley graveyard on Saturday.

Mrs. Joseph Robertson died on the 8th, after a lingering illness. She left a husband and six sons to mourn their loss.

Mrs. George Hutchens and family of Bluefield came in on Saturday to visit relatives.

The school at the Sandy Ridge Academy is doing finely. We have two most excellent up-to-date teachers who give general satisfaction, and the pupils both large and small, are improving rapidly.

A black bear was seen by Pink Plaster on Saturday night near here. Several men were out on Sunday tracking it. It seemed to be going towards the woods on the land of Mrs. Ferguson.

A "tacky" party was given on the night of the 8th at Mr. M. L. Hutcherson's. Among those present were Misses Berta and Linnie Hodgins, Mabel and Florence Amos, Nellie and Nealy Ziglar, Laura Ellington, Minnie and Lelia Joyce, Pencie Vernon, Lily Hutcherson, Mabel and Ethel Pringle, and Clyde Hutcherson, Messrs. Jim Hawkins, Claude and Curtis Hutcherson, Sam and Matt Brown, Tom Spencer, Roy Martin, Wallace, and others. The prizes were awarded to Mr. Matt Brown, and Miss Linnie Hodgins.

Pneumonia is almost epidemic in the Sandy Ridge neighborhood and there are several cases of measles in the Prestonville community.

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### Oak Grove School To Close.

King Route 2, Feb. 17.—A heavy rain and wind storm passed through this section last Friday night, causing the creeks to be swollen the highest they have been in a long time.

The Oak Grove school, taught by Mr. C. K. Boyles, will close February 20th. The school has been very quiet this time. We think Mr. Boyles is an excellent teacher.

Mr. Frank Hamm, who has been spending the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamm, is going to start back North again February 25th.

Miss Ella Smith spent Sunday night at Mr. G. W. Smith's.

Mrs. John Boyles is right sick with lagrippe.

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EUNICE DELDEE MOREFIELD.

The exceedingly pretty and winsome child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield of Sandy Ridge Route 1. Eunice Deldee is only 4 months old.

### FOR SNOW CREEK BRIDGE.

J. G. H. Mitchell Calls For Donations, And Also Wants New Road From Red Shoals To Furnace, Up Dan River.

Editor Reporter:

I have been requested to say a word in behalf of the project of having our county commissioners to order a bridge built across Snow Creek at its mouth or at Davis's mill—site to be selected by a disinterested commissioner appointed by them and have the county pay for the steel span or spans about \$500 and the citizens of Danbury and Beaver Island township to pay by private subscription for the approaches say four hundred dollars. I would give from \$10 to \$25 while I have no doubt that 40 or 50 other citizens would contribute a like amount and the owners of the land would give right of way and furnish stone for pillars and also contribute some as well as right of way for new road direct from the old river mill above Red Shoal to the furnace, a distance of about 2 miles—what do you say Messrs. Taylor Brothers, Mr. Hart, Drs. McCanness Bros. and all other good citizens of Danbury including ye editors and the merchants and lawyers and county officia's—send out your petitions and subscription blanks. Mr. Editor, to each store and postoffice and let us see what can be done by 1st Monday in March. I guess our petition presented in 1906 is on file with the Clerk.

Very Respectfully,  
J. G. H. MITCHELL

### Mrs. John Morefield Given Surprise Birthday Dinner.

Campbell, Feb. 17.—Times are kindly dull in this section, as the weather is so rough.

There was a surprise birthday dinner given Mrs. John Morefield Saturday the 8th. Quite a number of friends were there, and all of their children except three. All seemed to enjoy themselves fine, especially the R. F. D. carrier of Campbell Route 1, as he liked to take Mr. Jesse's girl away from him.

Messrs. Noel Oakley and Sandy Moore called on Misses Murphy and Hester Morefield Sunday evening.

Wishing the Reporter and its many readers a happy 1908.

THAT'S WHO.

Mr. Jas. R. Morefield, of Campbell Route 1, spent a short while in Danbury Tuesday afternoon.

### MR. JOHN RUMBLY NO BETTER

Quarterly Meeting At Trinity, Preaching By Rev. Mr. Bagby--Dalton Items.

Dalton, Feb. 17.—The Quarterly Meeting was held at Trinity the second Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Mr. Bagby, Presiding Elder, preached a noble sermon on Sunday, to a right large audience.

Several from this section shipped tobacco from here last week, the roads being too bad to haul to the market.

Miss Lela Boyles has been right sick for the past two weeks with typhoid fever, but is improving, we are glad to know.

Mr. John Rumbly don't seem to get any better, but is gradually getting worse.

Miss Maud Coe went to King and back last Thursday, to see her sick aunt, Mrs. Sally Campbell.

Miss Ruby Hamm's school closes next Thursday, at Chestnut Grove.

Next Sunday the 4th Sunday, is the regular appointments for Chestnut Grove at 11 a. m., and Dalton Chapel at 3 p. m.

Mr. Ed Shultz spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. C. J. Shultz, returning Sunday a. m.

Mr. Lonnie R. Coe and sister Miss Maude spent Sunday at Mr. M. D. Hamm's on Dalton Route 1.

Mr. Frank Hamm expects to leave the 24th for New York. Mr. Frank has paid his parents almost a four months visit and says he likes New York the best. We all wish him much success in his northern notions.

Mr. Marshal Hedgecock used to make Dalton his stopping point on Sundays, but it seems that something calls him farther on. We wonder what Miss Lucy thinks of that.

Valentine must have passed by some other way, we think, as it didn't seem like it passed through Dalton. Everything was dull, wet and muddy and still raining.

Mr. Albert Phillips spent Saturday night at Pinnacle, accompanied home Sunday a. m. by Mr. Arthur Bernard.

I think the woman's department is a great help to all the readers of the Reporter and is a help to the Reporter.

I want to congratulate Miss Hattie Carroll on her piece on prohibition.

I think if the ladies in old North Carolina were allowed to vote that this great whiskey traffic would sure be blotted out. Which would be the best thing that ever happened in North Carolina.

"ME."

## JIM SMITH CAPTURED AT MADISON

Released On \$5,000 Bond For Illicit Distilling and Rearrested Immediately For Complicity In Murder of Officer Hendrix --Preliminary Hearing Saturday.

Jim Smith, of Smithtown, this county, for whom there was \$1,000 reward, was arrested a little after dark Friday evening on the streets of Madison. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff H. T. Pratt. Smith was carried to Greensboro Saturday morning, where his bond for \$6,000 was arranged and given, his bondsmen being J. H. Moore and E. Jones, both of Madison. As will be remembered the charge against Smith is illicit distilling and complicity in the murder of officer Hendrix. As soon as the bond, which was for illicit distilling, was given and the prisoner was freed he was immediately rearrested on the other charge, and the authorities would not allow him to give bond in this case.

It was not considered advisable to place Smith in the Greensboro jail with Oscar Sisk, who is held on similar charges, and he was brought to Winston and placed in jail there, where he will await a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Wolfe in Greensboro Saturday.

A representative of the Winston Journal called on Smith at the jail soon after his arrival and interviewed him. The following is taken from that paper:

The Journal representative found Smith in a communicative mood and he talked freely about the affair. In response to a question as to why he was brought here instead of being left in Greensboro, the prisoner said that the authorities were afraid for him to be in the same jail as Sisk.

Smith is a shrewd looking man, of medium stature and rather stout. He does not look in the least like a criminal. He is apparently about 40 years old. He has grown a full beard since he has been dodging the revenues and he thought that this natural disguise was sufficient to prevent recognition by his friends.

Smith said that he had not been away from home more than a day or two at the time since the shooting of Mr. Hendricks, and that he never had any idea of leaving his family, although he thought that he could have left America all right without being apprehended by the government. He laughed at the revenue officers for their stupidity, as he called it, in thinking that he would go to Dakota where his brothers lived with a reward of \$1,000 hanging over him.

After learning that the government had authorized District Attorney Holton to institute libel proceedings against the owners of lands upon which illicit distilleries were found, Smith sent for a surveyor and had his land, about 275 acres, surveyed to see if there were any distilleries on his place. He said that he did not intend that the government should confiscate his land.

He admitted that he visited Madison several times while dodging the revenue officers. Asked if he came to Winston-Salem after the killing of Mr. Hendricks, he said that he did not. After being told that an officer here claimed to have been within three minutes of him one evening, Smith said that it was absurd for any one to think that he would come to this city under such circumstances unless it was for the purpose of surrendering.

Smith would evade answering questions as to his whereabouts on the day Mr. Hendrix was killed, though he ridiculed the statement that he was standing in fifteen yards of Hendricks with a shot gun in his hand and instead of using the gun shot Mr. Hendricks with a pistol. He said that any jury would laugh if any such testimony as this was brought up against him.

"Did you intend for Deputy Sheriff Pratt to arrest you?" Smith was asked.

"Not if I could prevent it. You see, I have grown a full beard and I didn't think that Pratt would know me since I have passed him several times recently and he did not recognize me. I spent Thursday night near Madison. I was on my way to Greensboro, where I expected to give myself up to Marshal Millikan. I thought I would walk into his office and ask if any one by the name of Jim Smith was wanted; then I would tell him that I was the man.

"My wife received a letter from the authorities in which it was stated that I could be released on a \$2,500 bond. I got the bond signed up before I started to Greensboro. But when they went to go my bond in Greensboro today they made it \$5,000, claiming that the increase was made because I did not surrender. I told the district attorney that I was not sure whether I could give the \$5,000 bond or not. But it was easy. After he found that I could give the bond he set about to hold me anyhow, bringing this other charge against me.

"We wanted to have the case tried immediately, but they would not hear to this, so I will have to remain here until next Saturday. This is the first time I have ever been behind the bars, but I guess I can stand it for a few days."

Smith stated emphatically that he did not have anything to do with the killing of Hendricks. He said further that he had not handled whiskey in any shape for the past five years.

He was severe in his condemnation of a man who would give news to the revenue officers about the location of illicit stills. He said that such a person was not at all respected in the Smithtown section. "I had rather be here in jail," said Smith, "than to be a reporter for the revenue officers."

Smith said that there had not been much blocking in the Smithtown section during the past two or three years, because, he explained, there are not many people left there to make the fire water. Most of the old blockers are either in Atlanta or gone to other States to live.

From Smith's conversation it was evident that he has kept up with the movements of the revenue officers. He has been reading the papers, too, for he said a great many hot air articles had been printed about Smithtown, which, he declared, was as good and law-abiding community as there is in the country with the exception of a few illicit distilling plants.

It is understood that the government will not pay the \$1,000 reward unless it is ordered by the attorney general because it is believed by the authorities that there was an agreement between Pratt and Smith.