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News of Pinnacle Route Two.

Rev. S. F. Morton filed his regular appointment at Brim's Grove Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd was out. Mrs. J. P. Dunman was baptized. Three joined by letter, and Daisy Joyce joined, to be baptised next second Sunday. Rev. James Bennett will preach there the first Sunday in June.

Mrs. R. H. Mitchell and children, of Guilford College, are visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. J. A. Covington and children and C. B. Boyles will leave for Fowler, Colo., in a few days.

Mr. J. P. Covington is attending court at Danbury this week.

Mr. J. M. Boaz called on Miss Ida Tilley Sunday evening.

Lawn Party.

On the evening of May 27th, beginning at 6 o'clock P. M., the good Ladies of the new St. Marks M. E. church, will give a public lawn party for the support of the church. Everybody invited. Church on Box Mountain road 3 miles south of Walnut Cove.

Is the World Growing Better?

Mr. Editor: Will you allow space in your valuable paper for a few lines from this part of the country. I have been studying and watching the people in their social whirl and everyday life to see if I can tell whether the times of the world at large are getting rid of any evils or in other words is she growing morally better. I am under the impression that she is growing worse daily. We look over the past decade of time and we can learn from the evils and crimes that are committed of today, and the most horrid ones, and we have more preaching of late years than in former years. I cannot see why we should be going to the bad or in other words drifting into heathenism. I believe it is caused by two evils. One evil is pride and the other is money. It is said in some book that money and the love for it is the root of all evil, and pride is upheld by money. Pride is one of the greatest curses and yet our preachers of today will in their preaching advocate pride in the highest and yet money holds it up, for instance our preachers of today will not preach unless prompted to do so by the promise of that almighty dollar.

We can learn from some of our Sunday School lessons the evil that befell the king of Judah. He was a good king for a while yet in prosperity he grew in pride and was forced by a higher power to see the error of his way, and it is going to be with us. Pride has got such a hold on us all that we will be like that angel who was turned out of heaven. We are all or at least the greater percent of us will miss heaven entirely and make our dwelling place in hell. Professing christians are betraying their faith, as a consequence the world is losing confidence in the church and refuse to be influenced by its members. The standard of morals in the church are too near on the level outside of it.

The utterances of the pulpit so fits the brethren that sinners forget they are preached to; with the exception of pride and intemperance the destroying vices are seldom referred to by the church. For many years the church has labored for the cause of established orthodoxies and in-

tellectual standards of christian belief, but she has signally failed to cry aloud against the vices and evils of the world. She is prone to forget that young men are the hope of the church and the pulpit stands speechless while evil habits are sweeping us into perdition like dead flies, and yet men say that the world is growing morally better. Men wake up from your silent or superstitious slumber, and cry as Jonah did to that wicked city and yet a little while and your doom will be sealed. Remember hell is what you make it. Churches are divided, kingdoms are divided and a house divided against itself cannot stand. One of the evils and the love of it. There is not but few evils abroad in the land today that the love of money is not directly or indirectly responsible for. The love of money causes the distiller to make and the saloon keeper to sell liquor. It causes the church member to vote for license and the preacher to preach to suit the church member,—the one who comes up with the dough. There is not a man living with intelligence enough to discern the signs of the times, who does not know the christian ministry is more corrupt than it has been in four hundred years and he also knows that the love of money is responsible for it. If you know of one single evil abroad in the land today that is not being formed and kept alive by the love of money, and greed for gain and wealth write me a letter and tell me what it is.

In the face of such an array of facts what do you think of a preacher who comes before his flock claiming to have a message from God and attempt to argue to an intelligent audience that Paul only meant to tell Timothy that the love of money was a tendency towards evil.

With best wishes to the dear old Reporter and its readers. I will stop.

X. W. Y.

Mr. T. J. Thore, of Westfield Route 1, is attending court as a juror. Mr. Thore is one of the leading merchants of Quaker Gap township. He handles a full line of farm machinery, threshing outfits, engines, etc., as well as a stock of general merchandise.

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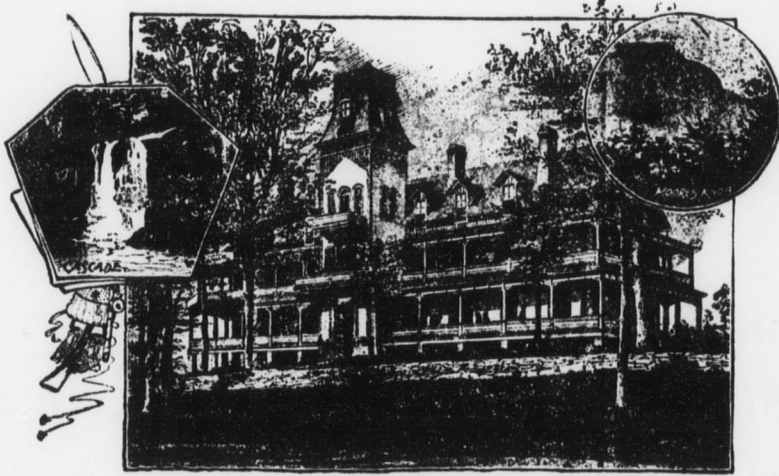
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