

A BAD AFFAIR

In the Blue Ridge Mountains
Near Mount Airy Last
Week.

OFFICERS BEATEN

Mountain Blockaders Almost Kill
Sheriff Davis and Deputy
Marshall Harkrader —
Other Mt. Airy News.

The following account of a fight between officers and blockaders in Surry county last week is taken from the Mt. Airy Leader of Jan. 9th:

In the Blue Ridge mountains, twenty miles west of here, last night, there was a reenactment of the crime that caused the Hillsville tragedy that finally landed the Allens in prison and demonstrated that Surry county possess men who can also defy the law and who care nothing for those principles that constitute good citizenship. As the result of last night's lawlessness, Deputy United States Marshall S. K. Harkrader and county sheriff T. W. Davis are badly wounded, the former seriously, at the hands of a gang of blockaders in a successful attempt to rescue from them a federal prisoner.

Yesterday evening, Deputy Marshall Harkrader, sheriff Davis, Deputy sheriff Warren Hayes and R. B. Schuler entered that wild section of country between Saddle mountain and the Blue Ridge at the head of Mitchell's river, for the purpose of capturing Turner Todd, wanted by the government for blockading and beating up informers. He had evaded the officers for two years but the officers, in the early part of the night located him and a half dozen friends in a cave where they showed fight. It was a lively hand to hand conflict, in which guns were used, that ensued before Todd was made a prisoner by Deputy Schuler, the plucky mountain officer.

Todd was handcuffed and officers Harkrader, Davis and Hayes started to Dobson with him, officer Schuler having stopped at his own home, and had proceeded several miles when, perhaps, a dozen men pounced down upon them in the darkness completely taking them by surprise.

In the struggle which followed officer Hayes managed to escape but the outlaws, which they truly are, held the officers, disarmed them and released Todd. They then handcuffed the officers together, beat them over the head and face and otherwise mistreated them. While

engaged in this pastime, the mob drank whiskey and swore that they would kill Hayes and Schuler before day. They finally gave the officers the key to the handcuffs and left them alone badly beaten and Harkrader in a serious condition. They finally reached the home of Mr. Emmett Isaac where they received medical attention. It was first thought that officer Harkrader would die but a phone message, at noon, says his condition is more favorable.

There is great indignation felt in and around Dobson, the home of the two officers, and a posse led by Mr. Harkrader's sons, Lacy and Kenneth, left for the mountains early this morning and unless the outlaws leave this section they will either be captured or killed for the officers know the men and they will be brought to justice if it takes every available man in Surry county. Deputy Sheriffs U. G. Belton and Monroe Gwyn, left this city for the scene this morning and several Deputy Marshalls from Greensboro, came in on the noon train to join another posse at Dobson this afternoon and there will be a determined effort to land them in jail and bring them to speedy justice.

The wounded officers are both brave men and law abiding citizens of this county are very indignant at what they deem a disgraceful crime and will aid in an effort to see that they are captured.

The guilty parties are all known for it was the same crowd who were at the cave with Todd reinforced by other blockaders who proceeded through mountain paths cutting off the officers and taking them by surprise.

Sheriff Davis was able to go home this morning and his

wounds consist of cuts and bruises about the head and loss of several teeth. Officer Harkrader fared worse for after knocking him down they trampled him with their feet and there is danger of internal injuries.

Stokes Marshall left yesterday for Raleigh where he took his son for the Pasteur treatment on account of having been bitten by a mad dog.

The county roads, except the newly constructed ones in this township, are in a terrible condition and almost impassable. This should prove an object lesson to those townships which have not given attention to road improvement.

A mad dog, the second one killed in the past two weeks, appeared on Rockford street this city, on last Saturday and bit a small son of Mr. Stokes Marshall besides several dogs. He was killed by the city police and the authorities at Raleigh who examined his head pronounced it a real mad dog. It is understood that the boy, who was bitten, will be sent away for treatment.

No Date Set For Extra Session

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 2.—Governor Wilson, asked concerning the truth of the report that March 15 would be the date for calling the extra session of Congress, said no date had been selected. It is probable the exact date will depend on the status of the various House hearings when the present session expires.

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Six Health Suggestions For January

1. Try to avoid pneumonia and colds. Don't wear too heavy clothing in the house. Put on more when you go out. Keep your feet dry. If they get wet, change your shoes and stockings promptly.

2. Don't shut the bedroom windows because the weather gets colder. Put on more covers and wear more clothes to bed.

3. Don't drink whiskey to ward off the cold. It wastes the body heat and makes you more liable to colds and pneumonia.

4. Don't try to live on soda biscuits and fried bacon. Oatmeal is cheap and nourishing, fit for strong men. Eat stewed dried fruits and all the fresh meat and fruit you can get.

5. Stop the cracks in the privy. Make it as comfortable as possible. Nothing is more important to health than regular habits, and you will not be regular if the privy is uncomfortable.

6. See that the children have comfortable clothing and watertight foot-gear to wear to school. Teach them to take off their heavy outer coats and overshoes when they get to school. A. W. FREEMAN, M. D., in The Progressive Farmer.

Union Meeting.

Local Union No. 676 of Ore Hill is called to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, Jan. 18, for the purpose of making a special order for cabbage plants.

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