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THURSDAY AUG. 15, 1907.

We publish a report of the Alexander homicide in this issue. We had no idea such conditions existed in that country or anywhere in this section. That liquor was sold in open bar rooms in violation of the law just in a few miles of Taylorsville is amazing to all.

The Water Power and Electric Co

Mr. C. S. Wenger, the engineer of the Water Power Electric Company, has been in Hickory again since last Friday. The hydro-electric plant is now an assured fact. Only 3,000 H. P. will be developed at present, as that will be about the limit of consumption of power and lighting at this present time. Several gentlemen came at the same time and others came later. Col. Thornton took a party of them out to Catawba river in his large farm wagon last Friday afternoon. Among them was a banker, who may invest in Hickory, an expert of his and a hydro-electric contractor from Penna. Saturday Mr. Wenger and Col. Thornton received bids for the construction of the dam, the electric apparatus for 3 units of 600 K. W. each, or 1,000 H. P. each, and the turbine water wheels. The transmission line is to come later. It was decided to consider the electric side on Monday and the dam and turbines on Thursday—to-day. There were three bidders on the electrical equipment and the General electric bid and proposals were accepted, with delivery at Hickory in 4 1-2 months. It is to be up-to-date and complete in each and every particular. The voltage is 11,000 direct, A. C., and will come to the sub-station in town, which is the power house now used by the Thornton L. & P. Co.

The awards for the turbines and for the construction of the dam are to be made to-day.

Homeicide in Alexander

Last Friday at a bar room three miles south of Taylorsville in Alexander county there occurred an affray which resulted in the killing of Bill Stafford and the wounding of his slayer, Jake Gant, barkeeper for the owner of the place, Parlee Little. From the most authentic sources of information it appears that Bill and Jule Stafford, hit brother, came to the bar room and asked to buy liquor from Gant for whom they had an old grudge and were served only on condition that they drink no liquor on the premises. They got the liquor and then proceeded to take charge of the place. In the affray Bill Stafford attacked Gant from front of bar and Jule attempted to come around where upon Gant drew a pistol and fired three shots into Bill Stafford, one shot taking effect in pit of stomach, another two inches under left nipple in breast and the third in forehead killing him instantly. After the killing of his brother, Jule Stafford attacked Gant striking him with a rock whereupon Gant fled but he was later arrested near the scene of the tragedy by deputy sheriff E. C. Moose and Per-Bowman.

Gant was given a preliminary hearing at the courthouse in Taylorsville Saturday about 4

o'clock before Justices J. M. Matheson and J. W. Pharr. They decided that he was guilty of manslaughter and put the bond at \$500. He was unable to give bond and went to jail. Gant is a young man about 18 years old and recently served a term on the chaingang for assaulting a little girl. Stafford was a married man and leaves a wife and six or eight children. He has a bad record and was known as "Fighting Bill."

This deplorable killing is but a natural result of conditions existing in a whiskey section of Alexander which condition fortunately do not now remain in many sections of this county and it is to be hoped this may result in awakening the people to their sense of duty on the whiskey curse.—W. P. H. cor Mascot.

Meat and Crime.

It may be presumed that men eat meat to-day because their fathers ate it and thought it was good. Yet, if we believe the modern savant, there is danger in the choicest piece of flesh, for it has been decreed that men are largely affected by the kinds of food consumed by them. We have it on the authority of the Columbia State that a man is good or bad, according to the state of his digestive organs. Says The State:

"We have long known that a man's digestion has a good deal to do with his temper; that if his digestion is bad, he has a bad temper, and if his digestion is good, he is of a good temper. This as a general rule is commonly accepted. But Eugene Christian, writing in the New York World, comes in now and tells us that it is what one eats that causes him to be a criminal or a good citizen. The scope of the influence of food upon our brains, he says, is far wider than it has been usually considered. The food we eat, according to him, governs our actions, being responsible for crimes and mental disorders. And this relates not merely to acts of violence, but to the economic conditions so much preached about in this country to-day, by which one man preys upon his fellow men or one set of men upon other sets.

"Naturally, in view of the present apparent wave of disorder and crime throughout the country, we look, if we believe what Mr. Christian says, to see what it is we have been eating. And while our good friend and connoisseur in all things good, the Charlotte Observer, is conducting a very interesting symposium upon the ten best things to eat from a purely epicurean standpoint, it behooves us to consider rather what is good to eat in order to improve our morals. "In the flesh of animals, says Mr. Christian, there are three poisons—carbon dioxide, toxin and uric acid—that are constantly being produced in the system and given off. When the animal is killed the process of passing off the poisons instantly ceases and the amount on hand remains in the flesh. "If we eat these poisons they will naturally have an effect not only upon our digestion, but upon our whole character. It is a case not only of effecting the moral nature through the perfectness of digestion, but of purifying the moral nature by keeping poisons out of the body."

When you think it over, the theories of Eugene Christian are worthy of consideration, in this weather at least. The vegetarian has the advantage of most of us, in that his food commodities have no tendency to heat the blood or produce those "criminal vibrations" of which we have heard so much.

Mrs. Jas. B. Beard left Wednesday to spend a few days at Blowing Rock.

Miss Margaret Bost gave a reception in honor of the "Bantams" at home Tuesday evening.

Bantams Roost High

Monday afternoon Rock Hill was defeated by the Hickory Bantams by the time of 3 to 1. The visiting team would have been given a goose egg, if it had not been for an error of judgment by the Bantams that crows around first base. The Hickory boys were not able to connect with Laval's curves until the seventh inning when two three-baggers and three singles netted three earned runs. Colee, as usual, was unhit; the Rock Hill boys finding him for only four singles in as many innings. Laval, the best pitcher in the South Carolina League this season was pounded by the Bantams for nine singles and three three-baggers. The features of the game were the pitching of Colee and hitting of Mayberry for the home team and the fielding and routing of McFadden or "Doc" for the visitors.

Tuesday, the Rock Hill boys were unable to see the swift curves of Mayberry. "Pat" our fast catcher says Mayberry's balls looked like peas to the South Carolina slab artists. They only connected for three singles, one of these being a measly one. The fielding of the visiting team was as clumsy and slow as that of a gang of Plymouth Rock roosters. The Bantams would flap their wings, crow and hit Barrow for a single or a two bagger with ease. It was merely a merry-go-round for Hickory and the game resulted in a score of 11 to 0 in favor of the Bantams. The features of the game were the pitching of Mayberry and the perfect fielding of the Hickory team and the listless playing of the visitors.

The Farmer's Creed

The Kinston Free Press quotes the "farmer's creed" of Henry Ward Beecher, and remarks, "To see how well it fits in with modern ideas of farming, suppose some farmer discuss it in the institute to be held here on the 14th of this month."

Below we reproduce the creed, and reiterate the suggestion of the Free Press. Such discussion would be interesting, and we, believe would prove the soundness of this creek, which was written sixty years ago. It runs as follows:

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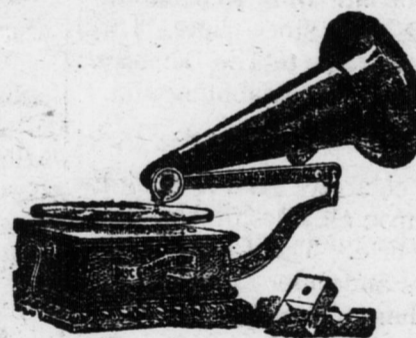
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