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**THE LIEE OF
JOHN JOHNSON.**

The life record of such a man as John A. Johnson, on account of whose death Minnesota is bowed down in grief, reveals the secret of the growth and the greatness and the glory of this republic. It furnishes cumulative evidence that through the miracle of democracy "America" is only another name for "Opportunity." To the door of every cabin, however humble, it carries inspiration for every American boy, however poor, the humbler the cabin and the poorer the boy, the greater the inspiration, for Johnson's mother was a wash-woman and want was in the home.

That this son of an unlettered foreign peasant, menaced by poverty from his very cradle, orphaned while yet a mere boy, unarmed with those powerful weapons bestowed by education, could become governor of a great American state and reach that eminence peopled only by men of presidential calibre, is the most glorious encomium that it is possible to pronounce on this nation and its free institutions. Is there another place on the globe that preserves such a broad approach to fame? Where else can a boy rise out of such environment as surrounded Johnson and attain the position he won?

And Johnson is only one among many poor American boys who have struggled upward and prevailed, carving out for themselves an enduring place in American history, for in the United States there is a chance for every boy who has the right stuff in him, and the American mother is but the prophetess of democracy when she points her son to the highest office in the mightiest government on earth and tells him that there is a possibility that he may achieve that distinction, which typifies that he can do anything he wills.

But there is a price to pay. Johnson paid it. He was faithful in small things, when he clerked in a store and filled other lowly positions. He adhered to the right and truth and made response to the calls of duty and of honor. In him was the spirit of a Man; the people saw it and loved him, and loved him, and in an overwhelmingly republican commonwealth, he, a democrat, was three times elected governor. The Johnsons can't be beaten back even by political prejudices, a strong influence in public affairs, nor will people imbued with the true American spirit be blinded to the quantities of the Johnsons by political prejudice. In America, in spite of the people who groan because of trusts and millionaires and the pursuits of wealth, who see in all this a lowering of standards and a decay of virtue, personal worth and manhood are still the

great, living, vital forces, and will be. The American mind is too healthy, too independent, too much in love with those things to turn from them to worship the golden calf, and the lives of the Johnsons prove it. Family, society and wealth laughed at the idea of a man being governor of the state whose mother had "taken in washing," and Johnson's majority went higher. America loves manhood and rewards it. Johnson to our mind was one of the most admirable public men we had, and his life teaches a priceless lesson to the American youth.—Lexington Dispatch.

A Runaway.

On Tuesday a colored man was driving Ed Shell's two black horses to a buggy for exercise. As he was driving across the railroad at the passenger depot, he saw a train backing rapidly. He suddenly pulled the horses back and heading from the way the train was backing. The car struck the off horse on the rump. The negro was thrown out and badly hurt on the head. The horses ran away and tore up the buggy and hurt the horses some. It was a narrow escape and should be a warning to people to watch for trains at the crossings.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

Rev. M. Mc. G. Shields, of Greensboro, is preaching excellent sermons this week at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m., and good audiences hear him every day and night. These meetings will continue this week. The Saturday afternoon service will be especially for the children, and Mr. Shields will preach to them.

On Sunday morning the Sunday school will hold special exercises at 9:45 and a collection will be taken for Sunday school missions.

At 10 a. m. communion service will be observed.

On Sunday afternoon at 3:30, household service will be held. All children to be baptized should be brought to this service for baptism.

Mr. Shields will make an address to the children and parents.

The Street Fair.

Everybody seems to be headed this way for the farmers fair here on the 15th of October. A big time is expected.

A neat premium list has been issued. It tells how to enter for premiums and what the premiums will be. Over \$1000 has been donated and will be given, distributed out according to class and values.

The farmers will bring their stock and produce Thursday, 14, and enter them, and arrange them ready for next day. On Thursday night there will be speaking by two agricultural speakers.

Friday will be show day, judging and awarding premiums. Everybody is cordially invited. Let everybody come for a good time and for a day of rare enjoyment. Try to be happy and make every body else happy.

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A Water Haul.

When our fox hunters go and find no foxes, put it down that there are no foxes in three miles round. Some people in Caldwell kept telling the boys how that the foxes were killing their turkeys and things, and to come over and help them, or there would be no thanksgiving dinners in that shank of the woods.

Wanting a little fun, the boys gathered themselves together one night last week, and each shouldering up a "purp," went over to relieve the situation: But they couldn't see, or even smell where a fox had been along since the flood. James Shuford says, "not a dog opened his mouth only when some one accidentally 'tramp' on his tail." They came back feeling that it must be a two-legged fox that was killing their turkeys, and that it will take blood hounds to tree, or bed him.

Nice Table Ware.

The Hotel Huffry will soon be furnished and ready for use. The proprietors are sparing no pains and means in making it one of the nicest, most comfortable and convenient hotels in the South. It will be modern in every respect. The beds, chairs, furniture, and in fact, everything will show good taste and a determination to please. And they have nearly all the rooms ready.

Their table ware is certainly a nice and full selection. It has arrived, and is silver and cut glass of the best and latest style. Mayor Geo. E. Bisanar, one of our Jewelers, ordered it for them.

It was our pleasure to look through this selection, and to find it full and bountiful. It consists, in part, as follows: Sugar bowls, bread trays, syrup pitchers, cut glass salt and pepper shakers, regular size knives and forks, dessert knives and forks, table-spoons, dessert spoons, soup spoons, teaspoons, coffee spoons, and orange spoons, sugar shells, gravy ladles, oyster forks, etc.

We can't describe it. No one but a first-class Jeweler could have made such a rare selection.

Ditching Clark's Creek.

For years, the bottom lands on Clark's creek—some of the best in the county—have been drowned out. This was caused by the creek channel filling up with sand and soil from the hill sides, which were not properly cared for by hillside ditches; etc.

The farmers finally got together and decided to ditch out the creek. They got a suitable law passed to bind them into some kind of corporation, so that all would fair alike in the expense and profits so far as such a thing is possible.

They bought the machinery to ditch it, and for some weeks they have been placing the machinery and getting ready to work. They said they would be ready to begin work last Tuesday. We went down to see, but they will not be ready to do work before Friday or Saturday. It was interesting to see it, however.

The machinery is operated on a boat. They dig out a place for this boat. It fills with water, which is to float the boat. They have the boat launched. The boat is 16 by 60 feet, and it and the machinery all told weighs 85 tons. The boat and machinery cost only about \$5,000.

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

An advertisement is to a merchant very much what sowing seed is to a farmer. It may take a little time for the results to become apparent, but they are sure to come. The wise farmer is not niggardly with his seed, nor the wise merchant with his advertisement.

**Lenoir College Football Team
(BY COACH SCHAEFF.)**

When I arrived at Hickory to take charge of the football team at Lenoir College, the outlook for a successful team was far from promising. Of last seasons men, not a back-field man was back, except the quarter-back, Rudisell.

The line was more encouraging for I found the large number of three, who had played on last seasons team.

The fellows have responded fairly well to my appeal for a large squad, and I have succeeded in getting 22 men out.

Most of these men had never seen a football, but they were all willing to learn, and some remarkable good material is showing up.

Our first game is with Catawba College on Saturday Oct. 2nd. Our line-up on that day will probably be:

- Center—Eller or Coonse.
- R. Guard—Spiegle or Rex.
- R. Tackle—Turbyfill or Coon.
- R. End—Carr or Horney.
- L. Guard—Fulmer or Rex.
- L. Tackle—Coon or Coonse.
- L. End—Mauney or Eisenhouer.
- Quarter-back—Rudisill, Mauney or Schaeff.
- Full-back—Rhodes or Rex.
- Half-backs—Horney, Schaeff, Coon or Rhodes.

We have had over two weeks practice, so the team is in excellent condition, and we hope to put up a good article of ball.

How many are coming out to the "Catawba" game on Saturday to "root" for "Lenoir"?

Boone.

The court adjourned Saturday. Jane Bennet was given 15 years in the pen, for the killing of Alonzo Hardin. Mrs. Bennett was mad at Hardin. Hardin came to her home for a banjo. She followed him and struck him with a hoe. He died in a few days.

W. L. Bryan got judgment against the heirs of C. J. Cowles for \$5000. Bryan was Cowles' agent to sell 6000 acres of timber land. Bryan introduced men who bought the land direct from Cowles failed to settle with Bryan, hence the suit.

Judge Council was raised here and has a host of friends who were glad to get a word with him.

Guilford Critcher died at his home on the Blue Ridge on the 22nd. He was in his 82nd year. He was an upright citizen, a good member of the Baptist church, and a good father of a large family. He belonged to the masons.

Alfred Watson of Stony Fork, is building a cottage near the

Mr. Grandon, of Pennsylvania, was here during court and held a meeting of the directors of the Watauga railroad. Nothing could be learned of the prospects of building the railroad.

The Appalachian Training School is growing. There is room for more.

FATHERHOOD AS A BUSINESS

Curious Industry Arising Through Queer French Law.

A curious industry has sprung up in France owing to the law which permits any man to declare himself the legal father of a child. A number of men of good family and small means have adopted paternity as a profession and are willing for a small sum to declare themselves fathers of boys or girls who have no names of their own. As long as these honest men alone profited by the law there was no particular reason to interfere, but the authorities are taking steps to abrogate it now, owing to curious circumstances which have come under their notice.

Some time ago a woman proceeded against a man for theft and blackmail. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The woman had a son who had been registered as "of parentage unknown." When the blackmail case came out of prison he in due form declared himself the young man's father, and he is his father still. Recently in a lawsuit in which an inheritance was at stake the evidence proved that the legal father of one of the parties was two years younger than his daughter, and this state of affairs is too Gilbertian to remain possible much longer.

TAFT IN CHICAGO.

President Spoke at Orchestra Hall Upon Important Questions.

Chicago.—Speaking with great earnestness to a mass meeting in Orchestra hall, President Taft declared that no question before the American people today is more important than the improvement of the administration of justice, and announced his intention of recommending to congress the appointment of a commission to take up the question of the laws delaying the federal courts. The president said he hoped that the report of this commission, when rendered, would serve also as a guide to the states of the union in effecting remedial legislation.

The president, at the end of a day of sight-seeing, of baseball, of receptions and dining, received an uproarious greeting when he reached Orchestra hall to make the only set speech of his stay in Chicago.

Mr. Taft devoted the entire first part of his speech to the subject of labor, and said he intended to recommend to congress in his first message legislation to carry out the platform promise as to injunctions—that no injunction or restraining order should be issued without notice except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing should be granted.

The president declared anew his belief in organized labor, and congratulated the leaders of the movement that "they have set their faces like flint against the doctrines of socialism."

BANKERS' MEETING CLOSES.

Los Angeles Named as Next Convention City.

Chicago.—With the election of officers the convention of the American Bankers' association came to a close at the Auditorium and the 5,000 delegates who have been in Chicago for the past four days returned to their home cities. The list of officers prepared by the nominating committee was as follows:

- President—Louis E. Pierson, New York.
- Vice-President—F. O. Watts, of Nashville, Tenn.
- Secretary—Fred E. Farnsworth (re-elected).
- Chairman of the Executive Committee—William Livingston.

There is to be a vice-president from every state, to be selected by the executive committee.

Los Angeles is the next meeting place of the bankers.

BISHOP McCLOSKEY DIES.

Had Been Head of Kentucky Diocese For Forty-One Years.

Louisville, Ky.—The Right Rev. William George McCloskey, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Kentucky, and the oldest Catholic bishop in the United States, both in age and in point of continuous service, died of the ailments incident to old age.

The bishop was in his eighty-fifth year. He has been the head of the Kentucky diocese for forty-one years and was honored and loved by Catholics and Protestants alike. For some time the bishop has been in feeble health and performed his duties with some difficulty.

BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Four Men Killed and Many Injured in Accident at Chicago.

Chicago.—Four men are known to be dead and more than a dozen were more or less seriously injured, following the collapse of a three-story stone building in the course of construction, on which 30 workmen were working, most of whom were buried beneath the ruins of the fallen walls and floors.

Some of the men shouted a warning to their fellow laborers as the building started to crumble, but it was too late. Men were swept from the flooring and hurled to the basement in a shower of stones.

Girl Hotel Guest a Heroine.

Chicago.—Fire which broke out in the basement of the building occupied by the Grant hotel, 128 Dearborn street, routed 50 guests and caused considerable excitement. The flames were confined for the most part to the basement. Miss Genevieve DeForrest, a guest of the hotel, was the heroine of the fire. She hurried through the hallways, notifying the guests that the fire was in the basement and that they had plenty of time to dress and leave.

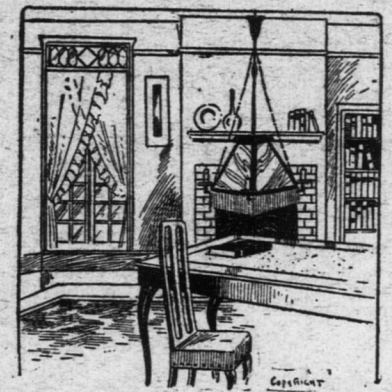
Will Oust 1,000 Squatters.

Kansas City.—Attorney General Jackson, of Kansas, has brought suit in the district court of Wyandotte county, Kansas, to oust 1,000 squatters now living on a five-acre tract of land near the Missouri-Kansas line, known as the "Patch." The squatters are mostly foreigners. The attorney general declared the colonization of such a large number of foreigners or so small a strip of land is a menace to health and morals.

Pellagra in Tennessee County.

Nashville, Tenn.—Notice of a death from pellagra in Montgomery county has been received here by the state board of health. The notice came from the Montgomery county health officer, Dr. C. G. Wilson, who said it was the only case coming under his observation.

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