

"HAPPY VALLEY."

Bob Taylor Will be in Newton Dec. 4, Many Will Go Form Hickory.

Robert L. Taylor is one of the most entertaining speakers in this country. He has a keen sense of humor and in his speeches moves one from tears to smiles in a few words. The people of Newton have engaged him to deliver a lecture there Saturday night, December 4th, and many will go over from Hickory to hear to hear him. The subject will be "Happy Valley."

Below is a portion of his fare well address on his retirement as governor of Tennessee in 1899.

"I am about to shuffle off this mortal coil of politics and fly away to the haven of my native mountains, where I may think and dream in peace, safe from the sickening sting of unjust criticism; safe from the talons of some old political vulture; safe from the shimy kiss and keen dagger of ingratitude. I do not mean to say that all politicians are vultures, or that they are all hypocrites or assassins; for the majority of our public men are upright and honest, and worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the people; yet, there are black wings in the political firmament, and reptiles crawl and hiss in every capitol. But, thank God, the live thunders of eternal truth always clear the atmosphere, and the heel of justice will surely bruise the serpent's head. I do not retire from this office with the rankling of disappointment and chagrin in my bosom, but rather as one who retires from labor to rest, from war to peace, from trouble to happiness. I do not retire, the 'sommambulist of a shattered dream,' but with all the buds of hope bursting into bloom, and all the bowers of the future ringing with melody. I am contented with my lot in life. Three times I have won the laurel wreath of honor, twined by the people of my native state, and that is glory enough for me.

"While I believe that the good in politics outweighs the bad, yet how thorny is the path, and how unhappy the pilgrimage to him who dares to do his duty. There are no flowers, except a few bouquets snatched from the graves of fallen foes; there is no happiness except the transient thrill of cruel triumph, which passes like a shadow across the heart. 'Every honest man who runs for office is a candidate for trouble, for the fruits of political victory turn to ashes on the lips. To me there is nothing in this world so pathetic as a candidate. He is like a mariner without a compass, drifting on the tempest-tossed waves of uncertainty, between the smiling cliffs of hope and the frowning crags of fear. He is a walking petition and a living prayer; he is the pack horse of public sentiment; he is the dromedary of politics.

"And even if he reaches the goal of his ambition, he will soon feel the beak of the vulture in his heart and the fang of the serpent in his soul.

"I am no longer a candidate. Never again will I be inaugurated into public office. The ark of my humble public career now rests on the Ararat of private life, and I stand on its peaceful summit and look down on the receding flood of politics. The dove of my destiny has brought me an olive branch from happier fields, and I go hence to labor and to love. I take with me a heart full of gratitude and a soul full of precious memories—gratitude to the people for their unwavering confidence in me—precious memories of my friends, who have been kind and true. The record I have made is an open book to all. I am willing to live by that record. I am willing to die by it. For whatsoever mistakes I may have committed, I have kept steadily in view the honor of the State and the happiness of the people."

STANDARD OIL.

Judge hands down Decision to Dissolve Gigantic Trust.

In an opinion written by Judge Walter N. Sanborn, of St. Paul and concurred in by Judges Van deventer, Hook and Adams with a special concurring opinion by Judge Hook, the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Missouri Saturday hand-

ed down an opinion declaring the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, an illegal combination operating in restraint of trade and orders its dissolution. The opinion of the court was filed simultaneously in St. Louis and in St. Paul.

The decree of the court dissolving the Standard Oil trust becomes effective in 30 days, when no doubt a stay will be granted for the purpose of an appeal. When the decree takes effect unless a stay is granted, an injunction will issue restraining the Oil Company from a further continuance of its business under its present formation.

The case has been pending three years and the company is perhaps the richest and most powerful in the world. When the decision was rendered Mr. Rockefeller declined to discuss the matter.

Morehead Wins.

President Taft Wednesday issued an order revoking the appointment, made by him just before leaving Beverly for his long trip, of Prof. J. K. Glasson, of Trinity College, as census supervisor for the fifth district. Mr. D. H. Blair, who was the choice of Congressman Morehead, of this district, was appointed in his place. It is stated that President Taft appointed Prof. Glasson enumerator of manufacturing statistics in the census department.

It seems that the Republican State leaders brought charges against Blair, because he was not a strict organization man, and succeeded in getting the President to appoint Glasson. Several days ago Mr. Morehead took the matter up with the President as a result of which Postmaster General Hitchcock, who had a hand in the appointment of Glasson, Director Durand, of the Census Bureau, and Congressman Morehead were called in conference by the President Wednesday with the result as above stated. It was reported earlier in the week that Congressman Morehead had told President Taft that he would resign his seat in Congress if Blair was not appointed to this position but Mr. Morehead denies the truth of this statement.

Newton Man Interested.

The new knitting mill for Canton has been only one of the possibilities until this week, Mr. J. D. Carpenter, of Newton, met with the board of trade some eight weeks ago and said that if the Canton people would subscribe \$25,000 he would take an equal amount of stock. But Canton's money was more profitably invested in buildings for rent and the \$25,000 for Canton was slow in coming to the front. At Friday night's session of the board of trade Mr. W. T. Sharp and Dr. H. A. Smathers were placed on a special committee to land the required subscription. They now report enough stock pledged to make good the mill.

Caldwell County Briefs.

Work will probably begin this week on the Lenoir and Blowing Rock Turnpike. A camp is being established and the hands are being collected to begin the work at the foot of the mountain. Mr. Bryson, an experienced road building man is in charge.

Mrs. W. L. Winkler died at her home, ten miles from Lenoir, Monday, Nov. 15th. She leaves a husband surviving her. She was a daughter of Mr. John Gragg, and her body was buried at her old home near Boone.

Caldwell county has launched a movement to erect a memorial to the Confederate dead of that county. The Lenoir News has suggested that it be a two-story building with a bronze statue on top. It suggests that the floor space be used for a kind of museum of Caldwell's resources.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Livingston died Tuesday and was buried at Union the following day.

On Wednesday the 24th, Miss Alice Henkel and Mr. Henry A. Rhyne were married in the First Presbyterian Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Herkel and both of the young people have many friends.

Football continues to claim its victims.

TRAGEDY IN LINCOLN.

Wood Rogers Killed by Earl Caldwell While Hunting.

News of another tragedy comes from Lincoln county in which Wood Rogers, son of Mr. William Rogers, a respectable carpenter, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon by Earl Caldwell, just outside of Lincoln. Caldwell, Rogers and his brother had been hunting and were returning. Alphonse Rogers, brother of the one killed, was walking a few steps in front of the others and he states that he heard his brother tell Caldwell to shut his mouth, Caldwell answering that he would not do so. He then heard the click of a gun being cocked and turned around. Caldwell was holding the end of his gun barrel against the left side of his brother. Caldwell fired and Rogers fell dead with hardly a gasp. The gun used was a 16-gauge.

Caldwell is not well known there, but Rogers is a young man of peaceable disposition. Earl is in the custody of officers while his mother is almost completely prostrated with grief.

Iredell County News.

Two Iredell county citizens were in the cave-in near Winston-Salem last week, in which several people were killed. Isosio Friesland, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Friesland, of the Harmony community, was killed, and Oscar Mize was badly injured.

The barn of Mr. G. W. Dry, on the farm of his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Poston, in Chambersburg township, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock. All of his feed, farming machinery and harness were burned. The loss on the building was \$550, partly covered by insurance. The other property is valued at \$340, and \$42 in bills in his coat were burned.

Mr. Edward Clontz, of Statesville, died Monday at the home of his father in Morganton. He was 40 years old and leaves a widow and three sons.

News from Burke.

Burke is debating whether or not to vote \$200,000 in bonds for building good roads in the county. The News-Herald is championing the proposition and some of the best citizens are behind it.

Morganton wants a new hotel and a meeting of the Merchant's Association was held last Friday night to take up the matter. They want to attract the summer visitors that come to the Western part of the State.

It has been suggested that Young Men's Club be organized at Morganton to boost the town and push it forward with the other towns of this section of the state.

Two marriages occurred in Morganton last week—Mr. Lory Cox to Miss Bonnie Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark, and Mr. Robert Lee Abernethy to Miss Maude E. Berry.

Waynesville to Asheville.

W. B. Ferguson, Waynesville, N. C., writes that Mr. McCormick of St. Paul, Minn., in company with Hugh A. Love and himself, made a trip through the country between Waynesville and Asheville, and found it feasible to connect the two places and intermediate points by an electric railway.

Continuing, he says: "We have secured an option on the water-power from Pigeon River that will develop about 600 horse-power, according to the engineer's report, an average, according to the usual flow of said river, of nearly 1000 horse-power. We have not formed any organization for development, but we are looking over the situation seriously with a view to ascertaining what can be done in the matter."

Blockaders Caught.

Messrs. C. F. Blacock and H. W. Jones made two successful raids on the blockading section of Burke county last week.

They captured a 40 gallon still and destroyed several tubs and some corn meal near the home of Max Lail last Friday.

Saturday they drove to a place near the home of Walter Helton where they captured another 40 gallon still, together with the

two men who were operating it. The men were Walter Helton and Wesley Stamey. They were brought to Hickory where they were given a hearing before our recently appointed commissioner Mr. L. R. Whitener. Failing to give bond they were sent to the county jail, to await trial in Statesville at the next term of Federal Court.

This section has long been notorious for its blockading and the officers are determined to break up the work at any cost.

State News.

The finishing building of the Skyland Hosiery Co. at Hendersonville, N. C., East Flat Rock, near Hendersonville, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning at 5 o'clock. Loss on building \$60,000, on contents \$15,000, probably covered by insurance. 300 people will be out of employment for two months.

A deed has been made to the Daniel Boone Memorial Association for three acres of land in Davidson county, the traditional site of one of Boone's cabins. A cabin will be built like the original one and relics to the Boone family will be preserved.

Mr. A. M. Stack, a prominent lawyer of Monroe will be a candidate for solicitor in the eighth district in the event of the resignation of Mr. L. D. Robinson, whose resignation is reported to be imminent. Mr. Stack is one of the best lawyers in the state.

Charlotte is making a hard fight to get the Lutheran Seminary located at that place. The matter will be considered by the board of rectors and auxiliary committee of the United Lutheran Synod which meets there December 1st.

The contract has been let for the erection of the Pythian Orphanage to be established at Clayton, N. C., at a cost of \$17,500. The building will be of brick, two stories high and will accommodate 39 children with quarters for the teachers.

Hiram Elliott has practically admitted to the killing of Simpson Coble in Guilford county several days ago. Daniel Coble, father of the deceased is completely exonerated, although the blame rested on him for some time.

At Bryson City last week when the teams of Big Cove and the Indian School were playing baseball a row followed in which one Indian was shot through the head and probably fatally injured. Lloyd Owl, the well known athlete was severely cut.

The schools over the state will observe North Carolina Day, December 17th, the day appointed by Supt. J. Y. Joyner. A splendid program has been gotten up and is to be distributed to the schools, dealing with the history and resources of sixteen western counties.

The political situation in the Tenth district is becoming interesting, although the next election of Representative in Congress is a year off. J. M. Guder, Jr., has announced his candidacy for Congress, and it is rumored that William J. Cocke will also get in the race. Democrats are hopeful of carrying the district over Representative Grant.

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is in session in Raleigh this week, Bishop Alpheus Waters Wilson presiding. The Methodist church in this state is divided into two conferences, one of which has just met in Hickory.

The University of North Carolina won in a debate with the University of Pennsylvania Friday.

Iredel Convict Escapes.

Marshall Fletcher, a white prisoner who was sent to the Iredell chaingang from Wilkes county in August to serve a 4 year term for house-breaking, escaped from the camp on the Turnersburg road one night last week and is still at large. It is understood that he was aided in making his escape by a friend who crawled up to the portable sleeping quarters of the convicts, slipped in a key which unlocked the chains, and removed a plank in the floor through which opening Fletcher escaped.

KILLED NEAR SEATTLE.

Mr. Loy Hunt of this Place Killed by a Log in Far-away State.

The sad news was received here Saturday of the sudden death of Mr. Loy Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hunt who live near Hickory. He was killed near Seattle, Washington, by a log rolling over him while at work at a lumber plant.

The details of the tragedy could not be learned but he left here about a year ago with his brother, Dorces, and began work in that far-away state. He has many friends here who will regret to learn of his death. He was about 24 years old and a very energetic young man.

The remains will probably reach here Wednesday or Thursday accompanied by his brother and the burial will take place at St. Stephen's church, the funeral services being conducted by Prof. W. L. Spellman.

Lincoln County Items.

The personal property of the late Capt. Alex Brevard will be sold by Mr. F. B. McDowell, executor, on Wednesday December 8th. Capt. Brevard was one of the wealthiest men in the county and has valuable farming implements to be disposed of at his old home in Ironton township.

Mr. Arthur Grigg and Miss Bertie Cloninger, daughter of Mr. Sam Cloninger were married at High Shoals last Thursday.

Charles Reep, the 13-year-old son of Mr. J. Jacob Reep, a prominent farmer, was accidentally shot and killed last Tuesday by his brother, Aubrey Reep, whose age is 19. The boys were hunting rabbits when the tragedy occurred.

The citizens are taking an interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign and a mass meeting was held in the Graded School at Lincolnton. An anti-spitting ordinance will be passed by the board of aldermen and a specialist will address the association at an early date.

Wednesday afternoon fire broke out in the gin house at Reidsville. A match in the cotton started the flames. Very little cotton was burned as the people worked hard and fast.

We urge the readers of this paper to trade with those who advertise in its columns. They have something to offer you so read the advertisements for bargains.

In order to make this the best paper in this section of the state, we want correspondents to send in the news from every community in the county. Write or call in the office for the offer we have to make.

Cost of Roads.

In length the public roads of the United States exceed the railroads as nine to one; but to keep the railroads in repair about \$1,400 a mile is spent yearly; and on the public roads, at last account, \$37 dollars a mile. For each inhabitant \$1 a year is spent to repair roads and \$4 a year to repair railroads—each inhabitant having nine times as much public road as railroad. This ratio of one to thirty-six is not right.

What we commonly mean by good roads comprises pretty much the whole modern science of road building. What Harriman, for example, did was to go in for a good roads movement—to build up a roadway that would carry the heaviest load with the least friction. As a result we find that on the Union Pacific last year the average trainload was 548 tons against 279 tons ten years ago. Every time the wagon was hauled to town it carried only one before. And even in 1898 Harriman had no such opportunity for increasing the trainload as now lies before the farmers of the country.

In road building, hardly any amount of money is too much to spend if it will bring a materially better road. But a dollar a head or \$37 a mile, was all we were spending on public roads at last account. Slowly, without doubt, we are doing better; but the subject, considering its importance, still gets too little attention.—Saturday Evening Post.

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