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DOUBLE WEDDING.

Romatic Marriages of Two Catawba People on Top of Mountain.

A romantic double wedding in which two Catawba county people participated occurred near Asheville Tuesday, Nov. 23rd. Dr. Frederick R. Long of Catawba and Miss Carrie Belle Davis of Statesville were married and on the same spot Mr. G. H. Lowrance of Memphis, Tenn., and Miss Zeida Cline of Catawba were united by Dr. R. F. Campbell of the First Presbyterian Church.

The ceremonies were performed on the summit of Beaucaer Mountain and were witnessed by Mr. R. R. Cline and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cline, all of Asheville. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the Battery Park hotel to a beautifully appointed marriage feast. Dr. Long is a well known physician of Catawba and Mr. Lowrance is one of the engineers engaged in the construction of the Mississippi river levees. The young ladies were visiting relatives here, and the double wedding was the happy consummation of long-standing engagements between the contracting parties.

Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis and is a popular and attractive young woman. Her parents knew of the arrangement for the marriage and gave their consent, but when Miss Davis left for Asheville Tuesday morning many of her friends were of the impression that she was simply going to attend the marriage of her friend, Miss Cline. Dr. Long, is a son of Mr. J. U. Long, treasurer of Catawba county and is a popular physician at Catawba.

Miss Cline is one of the most popular young ladies in the county and the good wishes of her many friends go with her.

Howard Little to Die.

The jury, after being out all of last Friday night, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, against Howard Little, who was charged with the sextuple murder of Mrs. Betty Justis, Geo. Meadows, his wife and three children at Hurley, Va. The crime was a very atrocious one. After murdering the parties he was not satisfied so he then burned the victims. The motive for the crime, it is thought, was to obtain \$1,300 which Little thought was in the house, but none of the money was ever found.

Little is under sentence to die in the electric chair January 7, at Richmond.

Prominent Woman Suicides.

Mrs. Susan E. Lipscomb a prominent woman of Durham committed suicide Thanksgiving day by cutting her throat with her son-in-law's razor. She was visiting her daughter Mrs. T. G. Sexton, and ate dinner with the rest of the family and went for afternoon nap as usual, but was found a short time after in her room with her head cut half off. Melancholia is thought to be the cause of the rash act.

Value of Cotton Crop.

If present prices prevail through the crop season, it is possible that the cotton crop this year will be worth to the South \$900,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. Last year's cotton crop was valued at \$683,000,000, not including the seed, and if to this be added the value of the seed, it was about \$780,000,000. With cotton selling at about present prices and the fine grades of long staple selling in many cases as high as 18 or 20 cents or over, it is possible that this year's crop, counting the seed, which are selling relatively as high as cotton, may yield \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 in excess of last year's value.

Wonderful, indeed, are these figures. If realized, as it now seems altogether probable they will be, this year's cotton crop will be worth largely more than double the world's production of gold, great as that is, or, stated in another way, it will exceed in value the aggregate capital of all the national banks in the United States.—Manufacturer's Record.

Some Farming

Mr. J. F. Batts of Garner, N. C., has just gathered and shelled from one acre 226 bushels of corn, which so far as we have any record leads the world in corn-raising.

The cost of producing this yield of corn was \$139.02; as follows: Cotton seed meal, \$14; kanit, \$10; acid, \$12; nitrate soda, \$15.75; guano, \$7.05; cow manure, forty-five loads, \$56.25; labor and team, \$23.97; total cost, \$139.02.

Can anybody in Catawba county do this next year? Try and see how near you can come any way.

Football Victims.

Football has claimed a toll of 30 lives and 216 injuries during the present season according to figures compiled by the Chicago Record-Herald up to last Sunday. This is the largest number of deaths recorded in nine years according to the Record-Herald figures, which have been kept since 1901.

The 30 deaths include eight college players, 20 high school boys and two members of athletic clubs. The injuries were divided among 171 college men, 40 high school players and five from athletic clubs. Twenty-five suffered internal injuries; 19 dislocated ankles, 19 concussions of the brain and 19 fractured ribs. Fifteen legs and nine arms were broken, while twelve collar bones were cracked. There were 15 cases of torn ligaments and 13 fractured shoulders.

Mr. Doughton Improved.

The many friends of State Bank Examiner J. Kemp Doughton, will learn with pleasure that he has so improved from the very serious attack of typhoid fever he has been confined with at Lenoir that he was able to go to the home of his parents, Ex-Lieutenant Gov. and Mrs. R. A. Doughton, at Sparta, Alleghany county, last Saturday.

General News.

The girls' dormitory of the South Carolina State Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, located at Orangeburg, S. C., was burned last Thursday. The loss is about \$50,000, exclusive of student's effects, and the insurance about \$20,000. The building furnished rooms for 180, but temporary arrangements have been made and the work will proceed.

Charles R. May was sentenced to three years in the county jail last week for breach of trust with fraudulent intent. May was former treasurer of the City of Rock Hill, and was indicted by the York county grand jury and tried before Judge Moore at Yorkville. He pleaded guilty to the charge. He was short in his accounts and though friends raised the money and made good the shortage, the solicitor declined to nol pros the charge.

"Stonewall" mills, one of the most historic landmarks of the Valley of Virginia, and one of the few mills to escape the destruction which Sheridan handed out to everything else in the valley from the Potomac southward, was burned Saturday, loss \$6,000. This mill did business all during the war and made flour for the men who wore the gray.

The plant of the Guilford Plaster and Cement Company was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night at Greensboro. The loss is \$40,000 with \$20,000 insurance. A high wind fanned the flames from one building to another, while firemen were helpless to check the fire on account of insufficient water supply.

Wake Forest won in the debate with Randolph-Macon at Ashland, Va., Thanksgiving day and Davidson College triumphed over the V. M. I. cadets at Lynchburg. The North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College played the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Norfolk and lost by the score of 18 to 6. Two of the three contests between North Carolina and Virginia colleges were won by the Tar Heels.

Morgan Chambers, a negro, was taken from Town Marshall Broadway and Deputy Joe Camp 12 miles from Meridian, Miss., last Thursday and lynched by a mob of 200 masked men, and his body riddled with bullets. The negro had beaten and robbed Martin Dressler, an aged citizen of Point.

Bishop Wilson, senior bishop of the M. E. Church South, declared in his Thanksgiving sermon in Raleigh, that too many daily newspapers are featuring evil; that the world is searched from day to day for all that is bad for perusal at the breakfast table. He insisted that in spite of the appalling volume of wrong heralded in the newspapers, the world is growing better.

The little 10-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gardner in Charlotte, was burned to death Saturday by its clothing catching on fire from the kitchen stove while its mother was in the yard at the well.

In defense of his mother and other members of the family, John Fuller, aged 18, shot and killed his father, Jessie V. Fuller, near Laurens, S. C., Friday. The husband was brutally assaulting his wife when the son emptied a load of bird-shot into his abdomen, killing him instantly.

The Tennessee & North Carolina Railroad, at present running from Newport, Tenn., to Waterville, Haywood county, a distance of 21 miles, will, according to an announcement made by A. J. McMahan, general superintendent, be extended within a short time to Canton. This announcement was made after rights-of-way had been secured and paid for in cash from Waterville up the Pigeon river to Canton.

Not since the downfall of the administration of President Palma has the political situation in Cuba been more laden with suggestions of trouble. The re-established republic is scarcely nine months old and already rumors are afloat that some way is being sought to secure the retirement of President Gomez, either by persuasion or by compulsion and place Vice-President Sayas at the head of the nation.

The new mill which is being built at Lincolnton by Messrs. Edgar Love and J. L. Love, is now receiving the machinery and when completed will have 6,000 spindles and will produce fine yarns, 60s to 80s.

The national government is ready to collect the income tax recently levied by congress, and it is estimated that a net revenue of approximately \$25,000,000 annually will be brought into the treasury. 122,000 corporations are likely to have to pay corporation taxes.

Lee Fisher, a professional baseball player was arrested in Nashville, Tenn., Sunday, and confessed to having burglarized the home of F. T. Lewis, a prominent business man. He ransacked the room in which two young ladies were in bed feigning to be asleep.

Why More Men Do Not Enter the Ministry.

A discussion took place on Saturday in the Southern Methodist Episcopal Conference of Virginia in session at Newport News, of the reasons why the number of young men who enter the ministry is so small. One minister attributed it to the fact that as soon as a minister's hair begins to whiten with years it is hard for him to get employment. Another said that it was because of the lack of inducement in the way of liberal salaries.

Perhaps the shortage of ministers to do the work of the church is really not so great as is generally supposed. If there were not enough ministers to do the work of the church, then those with gray hairs could not be disposed with. The average pay of the minister of the Gospel is very small. Whether it is any less than the average earnings of men in other professions is not certain. At a meeting of a committee having charge of the matter of salaries in one of the religious denominations of this State recently \$1,000 a year and a house to live in was fixed as the minimum salary for clergymen of that church. This being the minimum, the average would be much higher. It is a question whether the average earnings of either the lawyers or the physicians in Maryland are as high as the pay of the ministers in that church. More than this, the minister is relieved from many expenses which the laymen has to bear. He has to spend no money to maintain his social position. That is fixed. Some ministers get liberal salaries, just as some lawyers make a great deal of money. But the great number of them know that when they enlist in the service of the Master they have to take up their crosses to follow Him. They know that when they become ministers they resign all opportunities of wealth. The woman who marries the penniless young minister just from the theological school knows that she resigns all promise of wealth and fashion. But while the average minister and his wife, who is usually his assistant in the work of the congregation, have to live a life of self-denial, the ministry has its attractions, its pleasures and its joys. And chief among them is the opportunity it offers of doing good. Still this does not relieve the laymen of the various churches from the reproach of giving their ministers less than they ought to give and of subjecting them to hardships to which they should not be subjected.—Baltimore Sun.

Alexander County.

Mr. Robert Partee Matheson died at his home in Taylorsville on the 22d, after several months of feeble health. He was a resident of that place all his life, except a year or two spent in Lenoir, and at one time represented the county in the state legislature. No man ever had more friends or befriended more of his countrymen than did he, and he was every inch a gentleman. Alexander has lost one of its best citizens.

Mr. J. P. Thompson celebrated his 80th birthday one day last week and between 45 and 50 guests were present at his home. He is one of the oldest and most useful men in the county and has a wide connection.

Zelaya once wore side-whiskers. This explains much.

The Man Who Wrote "Dixie"

Memphis has inaugurated a movement to erect a monument to Daniel Decatur Emmett, and that city will be conferring as great honor upon itself by the act as on the minstrel who wrote "Dixie." Everybody knows and loves "Dixie." Its inspiring music shares with other patriotic tunes the soul-stirring sentiment that carries all before it. Be we from the South or from the North, we like the lively tune, and are ready to "yell" when the others cheer the tune.

Allegheny, Pa., has raised a statue to Stephen Collins Foster, whose "Old Folks at Home" has not the swing and fire that "Dixie" imparts. It is only fitting that a Southern city should be the first to commemorate the writing of a plantation melody that later was accepted by the Confederates as their national song.

"Uncle Dan" Emmett, while of Southern parentage, was born in Ohio. He became a minstrel and drifted to New York, where in 1859, he joined Bryant's Minstrels. One of his tasks was to compose comic negro melodies and plantation songs. One Saturday night Mr. Bryant asked him to prepare a new plantation "walk-around," one with a lively, catchy chorus, that the boys could learn quickly and sing through the streets, so as to make it popular. As it rained all next day, Sunday, "Uncle Dan" was forced to stay indoors, and it was then that he composed "Dixie" as it is at present sung.

It was first produced in Mechanics' Hall by the Bryant's Minstrels, September 19, 1859, fully eighteen months before it was sung in the South. On the other hand, it first appeared in print in New Orleans, and spread like wildfire through the Southern States.

All honor to the man who can touch the hearts of millions. He is richly deserving of recognition. The world exalts its heroes, and great poets and artists are not without enduring monuments and substantial recognition in most cases. But the benefits conferred on the race by a warrior or great artist does not compare with the softening influences that come with the melodies that touch the heart. Great poems appeal to a select few, to a smaller class, while the popular and national airs, such as "Wacht am Rhein," "Marseillaise," "Star Spangled Banner," "Home, Sweet Home," "America," "Hall, Britannia," and "Yankee Doodle," enter into the lives of every citizen, no matter how lowly. The writers of such tunes deserve glory in keeping with the good they have done.—Washington Herald.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Jumps Into Well and Asks Not to be Saved.

Mt. Airy, Nov. 28.—Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock there was an attempt at suicide near this place, when Miss Irene Bunker, a young lady about 19 years old, attempted to take her own life by jumping into a well. She became incensed at her brother, because he refused to allow her to drive into town, and jumped into a well 40 feet deep. Owing to the extreme dry weather there was only about five feet of water in the well and she owes her life to this fact. Neighbors soon rushed to the scene when she was found standing in water up to her neck and it was only the work of a few moments to rescue her from her perilous position.

So intent was she upon self-destruction that she begged her rescuers to leave her in the well. She is said to be in a serious condition, having one arm broken, and it is feared that she is internally injured as she is reported to be bleeding freely from the nose and mouth.

Miss Bunker is a very beautiful and popular young lady, a granddaughter of one of the famous Siamese twins, and it is believed that she was suffering with nervousness as her health has been bad for several months.

What is "art" between colenels?

Senator Aldrich failed to Aldrichize the Central West.

The conspirators who are going to overthrow Taft will have to get a derrick.

Wedding at Lenoir.

The prettiest wedding years that has been witnessed for many years in Lenoir took place in the First Presbyterian Church there last Wednesday night at 7 o'clock when Miss Alice Henkel and Mr. Henry A. Rhyne of Mt. Holly were married, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, performing the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated and just before the bridal party entered, Mrs. J. T. Jones sang, "True Till Death." Mrs. J. L. Bernhardt presided at the organ and was accompanied by the Church Orchestra.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, Mr. L. P. Henkel and was met at the altar by Mr. Rhyne, accompanied by Mr. John Craig of Charlotte as best man. Her gown was of white satin trimmed in real lace and pearl trimmings. A reception was tendered the bridal party at the home of the bride's parents and 9 o'clock the couple left on a special train for Hickory. Here they took the Southern in a special car and will tour the south-west for several weeks, visiting Southern California, after which they will return to Mt. Holly to make their home.

Miss Henkel is one of the most attractive young ladies in this part of the state and has scores of friends. Mr. Rhyne is the son of Mr. A. P. Rhyne, and a prominent business man. Many out-of-town visitors were present to witness the ceremony and extend their good wishes to the happy couple.

Catawba Won 7 to 0.

Catawba College defeated the Lenoir eleven in a brisk and snappy game of football Thanksgiving day on the Catawba field by a score of 7 to 0. The halves were 30 and 25 minutes each.

Both teams were evenly matched and in the first half neither side scored. Corpening played star ball for Catawba and also the names of Parks and Howard should be mentioned favorably. Mauney and Rudisill played the best for Lenoir. When the referee's whistle sounded Lenoir had the ball within 18 inches of another touchdown.

The line up was as follows:

Catawba.	Positions.	Lenoir.
Triplett.	C.	Eller.
Warlick.	R. G.	Rex.
Boyd.	L. G.	Criven.
Finger.	R. T.	Turbill.
Herman.	L. T.	Coon.
Howard.	R. E.	Mauney.
Wagner.	L. E.	Wren.
Ingram.	Q.	Rudisill.
Corpening.	R. H.	Harvey.
Rankin, Bost.	L. H.	Rhodes.
Parks.	F.	Curry.

Eight feet of snow in Dakota, and here we're still pickin' turpents!

Is Mrs. Stetson an error of "mortal mind?"

This is December and scarcely a single frost has touched us.

SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Tweeds Sentenced for Homicide in Madison County.

Asheville, Nov. 28.—The jury in the cases of State vs. Robert and Major Tweed, the homicide cases from Madison county, this morning at 11 o'clock returned a verdict finding both the defendants guilty of murder in the second degree with a recommendation for mercy.

With the rendering of the verdict the solicitor was not in court and there was a question as to the legality of the solicitor praying the judgment of the court on Sunday. It was agreed, however, that under the emergency of the situation, Judge Adams, having to leave this afternoon for Brevard to convene court tomorrow, such action would be legal. The solicitor was sent for and Judge Adams, in passing sentence, made some remarks.

He said that he did not wish to send the mountain boys to the State prison, that he felt their health would be better in this section. He asked about the maximum road sentence, was informed that so far as it applied to Buncombe it was ten years or a day less and the court then imposed a sentence of 9 years and 11 months road sentence on Robert Tweed and 7 years on Major Tweed.

Counsel for the defendants gave notice of appeal and appearance bond was fixed at 5,000 each.

Robert and Major Tweed were accused of killing Andy and Arthur Franklin at White Rock, Madison county, May 24. It was admitted that Robert Tweed fired the shots that killed both the Franklins, but the State insisted that the Tweed boys went there for a row and that both were guilty. The defendants plead self-defense.

Watauga County Items.

Dr. Oscar L. Moore of Globe, N. C., has located in Boone for the practice of dentistry.

John Hodges & Co., are operating an extra large stock of goods in the Cook Bros. store.

Rev. Rudisill after serving the Methodist churches in this circuit has decided to enter Vanderbilt University. He and his wife are excellent people and will be missed here. Rev. Weaver of the Watauga circuit was appointed on this work.

Thanksgiving day was observed at several places in this county. Rev. Rudisill preached in the Auditorium of the Appalachian Training School.

The Sugar Trust doesn't believe that sweet are the uses of adversity.

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