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WRESTLING FOR LAND TO SETTLE ON

Pioneers Shucked Coats and Went at It

McDOWELL THREW WHITENER

He Chose Beautiful Pleasant Gardens in Burke, and Whitener Fell Back Upon the Fertile South Fork

Written for the Democrat by Col. G. M. Yoder.

It has always been said by traditionary history and by the old people that when Henry Whitener made his second visit to North Carolina to the South Fork Valley, while traveling through the state of Virginia to the sunny south, he came to a place where a McDowell lived, with whom he stayed overnight. The same had a very bright and intelligible young son of about the age of 25 years, who was always looking forward and grasping at new ideas. He was very anxious to become an explorer. While Whitener and his father were talking about the sunny south, he told him where he was going to a country that he had discovered in the year 1750, to lay and locate an entry in the south fork valley, where he intended to make his future home.

While he was relating these facts to the father telling him what a fine country it was and the land very fertile, the son gave a very attentive ear to what was said, and treasured up every word. It made a deep impression on his mind. So when he retired he began to meditate upon all these facts as related by Whitener. Then in morning said to his father that he had concluded to go with Whitener to the sunny south where that fine country was situated, to which his father readily consented.

So every thing was made ready for the journey. They mounted their steeds and started off in great glee and were jolly as they went. Crossing the Catawba river at Sherrill's Ford, just as the sun was hiding his face behind the western hills, they came to Adam Sherrill's house with whom they spent the night. He was the first white man that came over the Catawba river into the Cherokee Indians domain.

After resting over night, they with vigor and refreshment again pursued their journey onward in a due west course, following Henry Whitener's old trail; which now is the Sherrill's ford to Newton road. They were about 25 miles from his favored section.

They arrived about the time the sun was hiding behind the western hills. This journey was, we suppose, in the latter part of the summer of 1750. Here they spent the night. They were soon enshrouded in darkness and wrapped up in a deep sleep. Whenever they awoke they heard the howling of the buffaloes, the howling of the wolves and the howlings of the owls. Next morning they heard the sweet musical lyric of singing birds.

Then Whitener took McDowell on a very high hill overlooking fertile plains before them. When McDowell saw this beautiful country he was delighted with it, and exclaimed that the half had not been told. Looking westward, they thought in their imaginations they could see the very source of the Catawba river flowing through the mountain country. They decided to make further explorations up the Catawba. No roads existed save perhaps a few Cherokee Indian trails.

Striking the Catawba river near the Horseford, they went up to its source examining the country as they moved on and over every high and elevated point they stopped and took a view of the land scape until they were satisfied at that point. Then they would move higher up until they would find another high point.

Lo, to their astonishment there lay before them one large, extensive and beautiful plain and they named it Pleasant Gardens which is known far and wide today. Here they stopped and said we have seen enough of this beautiful country. As they were brother explorers, how to divide these two lots was their great puzzle. The old legend always said by traditional history that there were several propositions made, and at last they agreed to take an old fashioned wrestle for choice, which was accepted. Then they went at it each one relying upon their muscular strength for victory in the game. Whitener was a stout and robust man with powerful muscles but did not know any

tricks in wrestling and had to rely upon main strength to do the work, while it was said that McDowell was only a medium sized man but very active and knew all the tricks in wrestling. The tradition says that he always threw Whitener. Consequently according to agreement he had choice of the lots. It is said by those old Dutch pioneers that he chose the Pleasant Gardens for his part. Then they both laid out for the lots, Henry Whitener laid an entry for the South Fork valley; taking in both sides of Henry Fork, while McDowell did the same thing, the year was 1750. He was one of the first settlers of that section of country, after known as Burke County, which was formed in the year 1777 from Tryon, when the state of North Carolina bordered on the Mississippi River. And about 25 years before Burke county was formed about 22 years before the Revolutionary war opened, about 28 years before the battle of Kings Mountain was fought. McDowell with his brave and gallant soldiers fought for the cause of the American independence and freedom from the tyrannical yoke of great Britain. The Colonel led his brave Mountain company into that terrible conflict, and helped to capture the whole British Royal Army, which was a death blow to Toryism in the South. The McDowells were always considered among the first men in Burke county.

The writer of this sketch is nearly 86 years old and often hears those old Dutch citizens relating the foregoing legend. We suppose they knew what they were talking about. If it contains errors we hope that it will be corrected as it has been so long since its occurrence, it is very hard to get all the facts. He was the father and progenitor of the McDowell in Burke county, which was settled by Virginians and English-speaking people.

Catawba College Notes

The honor roll for the month just past is a large one, including sixteen names; to be on the honor roll it is necessary that the average grade and the mark for department should be above 90. From the college the following students are on the honor roll: Gracella Shank, 96, S. J. McNairy and A. R. Toth, 98; J. R. Carpenter and Martha Throneberg, 92; J. W. McNairy, 91; H. A. Peepman and John C. Peoler, 90. From the preparatory department there are the following students: H. A. Buchheit, 98; J. G. Fearheller and Gracie Gatter, 94; Mabel L. Bacon, 93; Holmes M. Wagner, 92; C. Banks Finger and T. Ewell Wright, 91. Rev. J. F. Blair, of Greensburg, Pa., has presented to the college a copy of his "Complete Poems".

The following students have been enrolled during the past week: Arthur F. Zug and Miss Gail Zug, Philadelphia; Ernest A. Ballard, of Iron Station, N. C.; Lewis S. Ballard, of Alexis, N. C.; and Walter L. Bankin, of Salisbury, N. C.

Mrs. Fannie Zug came to the college Saturday night from Philadelphia; she and her daughter, Miss Gail, take the place of Mrs. Francis and Miss Hannah Francis, who have returned to their home in Chester, Pa.

Last Saturday night President J. F. Buchheit together with his wife and son Robert returned from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Buchheit has been visiting friends in Pennsylvania. Professor Buchheit has been presenting the cause of the college to the Pittsburgh Synod at Greensburg, Pa., to the Eastern Synod at Lebanon, Pa., and to the Synod of the Potomac at Mercersburg, Pa. Everywhere he found the synods favorable to the cause of Catawba and the work was endorsed. At Mercersburg the Synod of the Potomac acknowledged its obligation to raise \$9,200 of the \$17,000 formerly pledged for the endowment of the college.

Oct. 27 Professor J. F. Blair visited the Salem Reformed Church at Harrisburg, Pa., and canvassed the church for funds for the college, raising about five hundred dollars. Rev. A. S. Peeler, of Lenoir and Mr. Phifer Corriher, of China Grove were visitors at the college last Monday.

Nov. 4, the first recital for a year was rendered in the college auditorium by the departments of music and expression; the instrumental and the vocal music were both good and Misses Fleming and Deaderick both having reason to be satisfied with the work of their pupils, especially in view of the fact that many of them were quite young. The work of the choral class was especially good; this class has de-

servedly grown in popularity each year.

Two weeks ago Dr. J. A. Foi was so much improved that he was able to take an automobile trip to Conover; but last week he suffered a relapse and is now seriously ill. Miss Ethel Foi has returned from Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Helen Foi, of Charlotte is spending part of her time at the home now.

Last week the Idahians sent out the following invitation:

To our Halloween party You are cordially asked: By the I. L. S. girls To please come masked On Saturday evening Be here at eight; Now don't you forget And come too late.

The college auditorium was beautifully decorated with pyramids of leafy boughs, russet and scarlet; all over the floor were spread autumn leaves, and the electric lights were draped with red crepe.

Besides the regular play of wit and fun there were several especially entertaining features: Misses Annie Witherspoon and Mary and Edna Haren acted the story of "Bluebeard's Wives"; Miss Mattie Reinhardt told the story of "The Golden Bough"—an account of a gruesome murder—and passed around the audience the grisly remains of the dead man, much to the horror of some of the young ladies; Miss Annie Van Dyke Deaderick was attired as a gypsy fortune teller and after making her visitors "cross her hand with silver"; very skillfully told their fortunes; Miss Cracella Shank hypnotized various students and had them performing most interesting stunts.

For refreshments the young ladies served peanuts and apples of course; then peanut butter sandwiches, pumpkin pie, homemade candy, gingersnaps, and lemonade—the latter being served out of a big cauldron such as Macbeth's witches used. Best of all the young ladies lent their own gracious and winsome presences to the evening's entertainment; and everybody voted that they had a splendid time.

GENERAL NEWS

Messrs. S. J. Flickinger and Walter W. Weaver, have purchased the Durham Daily Sun, and have taken active charge of that paper. Mr. Weaver was formerly with the Observer Publications of Charlotte.

Montgomery, Alabama, won the next congress of the Southern Association of Agricultural Workers and Dr. C. A. Cary, of Auburn, Ala. was made the president for the coming year.

The Southern Appalachian Good Roads Convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga., on Nov. 20 and 21.

Jack Johnson, the negro champion prize fighter, has been indicted by a Chicago Federal grand jury, for violating the Mann White Slave Act, and was required to give a \$30,000 bond for his appearance at court. He was indicated on four counts.

James Bryce, the British Ambassador to the United States, has tendered his resignation and will return to England at an early date. Advancing years are assigned as his reason. Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, now Minister at Stockholm, will succeed Mr. Bryce.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland, has authorized the announcement of her engagement to Thos. Joseph Preston, professor at Wells College. The date of the wedding is not yet determined but will be announced later.

The Synod of the Lutheran Church of the South will hold its 13th biennial convention in Atlanta, Ga., this week.

October shipbuilding statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor show a total of 140 vessels constructed in the United States during the month. They total 30,000 tons of gross. On the Atlantic and Gulf 71 vessels of 23,779 tons were built and on the Great Lakes 26 vessels of 8,260 tons.

The city of Asheville plans to juggle in the near future a crematorium for the destruction of the garbage and trash collected on the streets of that city.

"It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Hugh Campbell, of Lawton, Ga. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers.

In Social Circles

Mrs. Roy Abernethy entertained the Thursday Study Club Nov. 7th. Quotations on knowledge were a fitting introduction to the topic "Woman and her Pen" given by Mrs. C. C. Bost. Mrs. W. B. Council read a sketch of Queen of Bulung and Mrs. F. B. Ingold closed the program with the reading from the Women of Homer. After discussion of current events Mrs. Ingold, by request of the hostess, told some interesting and amusing experiences of her recent trip abroad. At the close of the meeting the members were ushered into the dining-room where the large round table was beautifully laid with covers for fourteen. A delicious supper was served.

Greatest Corn Crop in the World.

A corn crop of 3,169,137,000 bushels, or 281,921,000 bushels more than the greatest crop of corn ever grown in any country of the world is the feature of the country's most remarkable agricultural year in history, according to the November crop report of the United States department of agriculture, issued today. The report completed the government's preliminary estimates of the principal farm crops. This great crop of corn was worth, on November 1 to farmers \$1,850,776,000.

The enormous sum of \$4,171,134,000 represented the farm value on November 1, of the United States' crops, of corn, hay, wheat, oats, potatoes, flax-seed, rye and buckwheat. With the value of the growing cotton crop and the crops of tobacco, rice, and apples, the aggregate value of these principal farm products will amount well beyond five billion dollars.

Watauga Beats Japan

Charlotte Observer.

Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow, of Blowing Rock made, last winter, a tour of Asia. They took into their itinerary Japan, a country renowned for blossoms and flowers. They are reported as now saying that they have seen more and finer flowers in Watauga County than they saw in all Japan.

They saw the celebrated cherry blossom festival in Japan and are reported as having said that this festival display of blossoms does not compare with the splendor of Mrs. Cone's apple blossom show made by her orchard of 40,000 trees when in full bloom on their mountainside amphitheater in the Spring. Then Mrs. Cone has another splendid display of ripe, red fruit in the Fall. Mrs. Cone's display of orchard blossoms and flowers is but one item in our mountain display of apple and other fruit blossoms in the Springs, and of ripe fruit and colored foliage in the Fall. The Stringfellowes are authorities on flowers. Their home at Blowing Rock is embowered in a splendid show of flowers of their own raising.

Flagged Train With Shirt

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man."

A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50 cents at C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes.

Eulton Runyans, the eight-year-old adopted son of Mr. Fletcher McMurry, who lives three miles west of Shelby was killed Monday afternoon when the mule which he was riding in from the field became frightened and threw him off. The boy's foot caught in a trace chain and he was dragged 300 yards or more. A doctor hurried to the scene in an automobile; but the lad's skull was fractured and nothing could be done for him. He lived but a short while.

Mr. Wade Run Down

Down at Hasty, N. C., lives a well known planter, Mr. J. D. Wade. Says he: "I was run down almost to the point of giving up. I took two bottles of King's Iron Tonic Bitters and now am as good as ever. I took other tonics but found nothing to compare with King's." Sold and guaranteed by all medicine dealers.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

The pastor, Rev. J. G. Garth, will preach to the children next Sunday morning. Regular service at 4 p. m. next Sunday.

Mr. Garth will preach at West Hickory at 4 p. m. next Sunday. Next Wednesday night, the Concord Presbyterian Conference on Evangelism and Finance will meet at Statesville and continue through Thursday night. The pastor hopes to attend and hopes others may go of the delegates appointed.

Below will be found the questions for the mission study classes.

- Two thousand miles for a book. 1. What Christian customs impressed the Oregon Indians? 2. How did they learn a little more about Christianity? 3. What was the Indian name for the Bible? 4. What tribe was most keen for the Bible? 5. Why were they so anxious to get the White Man's Book? 6. What white man told them a great deal about God? 7. What did the Indians decide to do? 8. How many crossed the Rockies in search of the Book of Heaven? 9. How long was the journey? 10. What town did they reach? 11. What man received them and where had he once been? 12. When did the Indians reveal their object in coming? 13. Could General Clark give them a Bible? 14. What Indians died in St. Louis? 15. Who wrote a letter to a New York friend about these Indians? 16. Give the substance of the Indians' speech as they left St. Louis. 17. Give the name (Indian or English) of the man who made the speech. 18. How many actually returned to Oregon? 19. Who has painted the portraits of these Indians? Where are these pictures? 20. Describe the youths-to-honors return.

A Play Worth Seeing.

"The little girl who lost her voice," such is the sobriquet of Adelina, the heroine in Joseph M. Webster's brilliant New York success "The Climax," a stirring story of Bohemian life by Edward Locke, with incidental music by Joseph Carl Breil, which will appear in this city during the coming theatrical season. The author is said to have given us something really new in theatrical conceptions. He has worked out his theme with humor and imagination, with a delicacy of poetic fancy, with truth to the demands of reasonableness in character and situations, and with dramatic picturesqueness and structural effectiveness. There will be no attraction seen here this season better worth seeing in its combination of qualities that make up for pure enjoyment, in "The Climax" the entire action takes place at the Bohemian apartments of Luigi Gorfanti in New York. Adelina Von Hogen comes to Luigi, a voice culturist, and lives with his son Pietro, a young musician of great promises.

Adelina is beloved by John Raymond, a young doctor, who endeavors to persuade her to relinquish her love for art for his devotion, but she steadfastly refuses. A slight operation upped on her vocal cords is found necessary, and to further his own ends and to obtain his hearts desire, the doctor, by mental suggestion, wills that she shall be unable to sing upon her recovery from the ordeal. Pietro, also loves Adelina, and he has written and composed "The Song of the Soul," inspired by Adelina, but when she tries to sing this song her voice fails her completely. This tragic note of the play is one that makes the heart swell up and seek relief in tears. Believing that she can no longer become a great singer, she agrees to wed the doctor, and in the pleasant excitement preceding her marriage, she discovers she has recovered her voice, and "all is well that ends well."

"There could be no better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My children were all sick with whooping cough. One of them was in bed had a high fever and was coughing up blood. Our doctor gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the first dose eased them, and three bottles cured them," says Mrs. R. A. Donaldson, of Lexington, Miss. For sale by all dealers.

IN NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Statesville

Statesville Sentinel, Nov. 7

Mrs. Henrietta Swaney Clegg died Friday morning about five o'clock at her home on Front street. The funeral services were conducted at Broad street Methodist church Saturday afternoon by Rev. Harold Turner and the interment was at Oakwood. Charged with tampering with rural mail boxes Amos Gregory, colored, was last week taken to Salisbury to be tried in the Federal court there. Another Alexander county farmer made a record sale of tobacco at the Planters' warehouse last week. Mr. J. H. Looper realized the sum of \$234.08 for 878 pounds of the weed which was grown on less than an acre of land.

Late Saturday afternoon Mr. W. P. Holland of the Oak Forest community, better known as "Pete," was struck on the head with a stool by Mr. S. A. Foster and as a result was dangerously hurt. While the skull was not fractured an ugly scap wound was inflicted and Mr. Holland was unconscious for a number of hours. Mr. Foster is under bond pending trial. After a critical illness of a couple of weeks Mrs. Julia Jackson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Blythe at Huntersville, last Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at Huntersville Thursday morning by Rev. J. W. Grier, pastor of the Presbyterian church and the remains were brought to Statesville on the morning train. The funeral party proceeded directly to the First Baptist church where services were conducted by Rev. Charles Anderson assisted by Rev. Harold Turner and Mr. Grier. The interment followed at Oakwood. Quite a party of Statesville people attended the marriage of Miss Octa Horn and Mr. W. Ross Mills of Statesville, which took place Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Horn, in Mocksville. The marriage was a very simple, though beautiful one. The body of Oscar Carlson, who was burned to death in Charlotte early Monday morning, was brought to Statesville Monday night and the funeral services were conducted at the late residence by Rev. W. A. Lutz Tuesday morning and interment was at Oakwood.

Shelby

Cleveland Star, Nov. 8th.

Mr. W. T. Davis, and Miss Stella M. Harrill, of Lattimore, were married by Squire Gilead Green, on Oct. 19th. Mr. Chesley McCraw, of No. 1 township died Saturday morning at the age of 75 and was buried at Camp's Creek Sunday, Rev. J. S. Matheny officiating. Wallace Shuford, a negro about 50 or 60 years old died suddenly in jail Wednesday afternoon during a fit of insanity. Shuford was brought to jail from Kings Mountain about ten days ago. Court began yesterday morning with Judge Justice of Rutherfordton presiding.

Lenoir

Lenoir News, Nov. 8th.

Miss Gertrude Hall went to Hickory yesterday on a few days visit. Mr. Stewart Coffey, is moving to Hickory today. Rev. E. N. Joyner has been confined to his home for several days suffering from a severe cold. Miss Fannie Caison, died Tuesday night at Foothill Sanatorium in Philadelphia, Pa. She had been in poor health for some months. The body was interred in the town cemetery Thursday, the services being conducted by Rev. C. T. Squires.

Lincolnton

Lincolnton Times, Nov. 7th.

Mr. Kenneth Ramsour was elected night policeman by the town council, at their meeting last Friday night. Rev. John H. Ballard, of near Kidsville, will celebrate his 91st birthday Nov. 18th. All are cordially invited to attend and bring well filled baskets. Mrs. B. O. Thompson and baby left last Saturday for Taylorsville where she joined her husband who is superintendent of the graded schools at that place.

The boy's appetite is often the source of amazement. If you would have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only create a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Marion

Marion Progress, Nov. 7.

Mrs. John M. Tate and children are visiting relatives in Catawba county. Mrs. P. A. Reid spent the latter part of last week with relatives in Newton.

Morganton

The News-Herald, Nov. 7.

Miss Effie Curtis spent Sunday with friends in Hickory. It is learned that the Henkle Live Stock Co., of Statesville, Hickory and Lenoir, are contemplating the establishment of a branch of their business in Morganton at an early date. Invitations were issued yesterday by Mrs. James Edgar Rountree, announcing the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Frances Adeline, to Mr. Sterling Ruffin Collett, which event will be solemnized in the First Methodist Church, Morganton, on the evening of Wednesday, November 20, at 8:30 o'clock. Miss Elizabeth McDowell returned Friday from Hickory, where she has been spending several days.

Our Orphan Homes.

The Thanksgiving Proclamation of the President, which has just been published to the people of this great country, calling upon us to stop our usual vocations long enough to consider from whence comes the unprecedented prosperity which we as a nation have been enjoying, comes with a voice of authority. Truly every heart can find genuine gratitude to the Great Giver of all good.

While your minds are directed to the consideration of the Source from whence these blessings come, and a feeling of thanksgiving is thereby engendered for the goodness of our Heavenly Father, we feel that this is the best time to bring to the attention of our readers the needs of the various orphan homes in our state, where the little ones who have lost their earthly protectors are being cared for and trained. These children receive the great blessing of these homes through your generosity. They are dependent upon you. Their numbers are increasing, as are the advantages they receive, which necessitate larger contributions from the people. God has blessed our people and he expects us in turn to help bless our homeless little ones.

Nobly have the people of North Carolina measured up to their duty in this regard in the past, and we believe they will not be any less mindful of the needs of our orphan children this thanksgiving season than they have been in the past.

Porto Rico's New Wonder

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barcelona, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 26 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes.

Charles Page Bryan, United States ambassador to Japan, on Monday tendered his resignation to President Taft, who reluctantly accepted it. Mr. Bryan gave ill health, brought on by a carriage accident in Japan, as the reason for his resignation. He is now at his home in Elmhurst, Ill., receiving medical treatment.

14 lives were snuffed out and 90 passengers injured when a through freight train crashed into the rear end of northbound excursion train on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad near Montz, La., at 12:20 Monday. The appalling disaster is charged by the railroad officials to negligence of a flagman named Cunningham who disappeared when the two trains crashed together.

Mrs. Alice Super, of Baltimore is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Ingold, at Mrs. C. C. Bost's.

Mr. Charles H. Getman, was a business visitor to Charlotte on Monday.

Only a Fire Hero

but the crowd cheered, as, with burned hands, he held up a small round box. "Follows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burns." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises. Surest pile cure. It subdues inflammation, kills pain. Only 25 cents at C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes.