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THE RACE WARMS UP

Miss Willie Mae Heavner Retains The Lead With Miss Bryte Wood A Close Second—Others Well Up In The Race.

In the future we will only publish the names of the contestants that have over 2,000 votes. This does not mean that these names will be eliminated from the contest for such is not the case. The secretary has a record and just as soon as they secure additional votes to make their total over 2,000 the names will again appear in the regular list in the paper.

This is by far the most popular contest ever inaugurated in the town according to the interest taken. Messrs. Suttle and Abernethy are well pleased with the results. The vote up to Wednesday noon shows that Miss Willie Mae Heavner has the lead. Miss Bryte Wood, who has been in the lead for several weeks is a close second and by the next issue no one can tell what will happen for all the contestants are in dead earnest and are working hard for the piano. This is the vote up to Wednesday noon:

Willie Mae Heavner	149,585
Bryte Wood	137,718
Lula Fox	103,503
Nellie Harrill	102,545
Fleta Crowell	82,025
Ila Lynch	59,085
Ethel Long	53,765
Ruth McCoy	36,485
Naomi Sherrill	35,705
Mrs. Julia McCutchen	32,245
Velma Hauss	31,385
Mamie Lineberger	23,147
Jeanie Saine	25,880
Minnie Beam	20,150
Linda Ward	20,105
Hattie Beam	20,100
Macie Sigmon	14,300
Essie Leonard	14,060
Brientie Scronce	12,890
Vera Seagle	12,210
Flossie Armstrong	11,505
Barbara Hauss	11,470
Rosa Nixon	8,000
Janie King	7,515
Josephine Mullen	7,315
Rose Seagle	6,795
Ethel Mauney	6,330
Vertie Niles	5,975
Margaret Motz	5,620
Lillie Buff	5,390
Edith Pence	5,345
Maude Hoyle	5,220
Sallie May Bollinger	5,210
Julia Wingate	5,165
Flossie Ramsey	5,025
Lillie Lineberger	5,010
Luey Howard	5,000
Minnie Baxter	5,000
Gertrude Heedick	4,315
Mrs. J. O. Allen	3,975
Maggie Beattie	3,970
Lucy Camp	3,585
Ida Smith	3,510
Margarite Rogers	3,455
May Biggerstaff	3,230
Cora Dellinger	3,220
Pearl Michem	2,985
Annie Reep	2,850
Carrie Yount	2,775
Carrie Ballard	2,720
Dora Lawing	2,390
Katie Hoover	2,280
Dora Shrum	2,175
Lula Lynch	2,150
Coney Heavner	2,135
Blanch Stroup	2,125
Mary Quickel	2,050
Jessie Ramsaur	2,050
Pearl Smith	2,026

Possibly A Change In Clinchfield Railroad.

It is rumored that the Seaboard Air Line and Chesapeake and Ohio railroads are to lease or acquire control of the Clinchfield railroad. Officials representing all three roads met in Spartanburg, S. C., a few days ago.

The acquisition of the C. C. and O. by the C. and O. and the S. A. L. will result in the extension of the Clinchfield road from its northern terminus at Dante, Va. to a connection with the O. and O. at Elkhorn City, Ky. From Elkhorn City the C. and O. has a straight line to Kenova, on the Ohio river. The contract for the extension of the Clinchfield, a distance of about 35 miles, was let two years ago, but held in abeyance until it could be learned what would become of the C. C. & O. The leasing of the Clinchfield by the C. & O. and the S. A. L. makes the shortest route between Chicago and Florida.

Mrs. M. L. Bynum, who has been absent from the city for several weeks, returned home a few days ago.

SENATORIAL TALK

Such A Fine Array of Candidates That It Is Hard To Make A Selection—Uncle Joe Cannon And The Fire-Water Proposition.

Iron Station, June 12.—We notice that Uncle Joe Cannon tells a prominent Baptist that he is in sympathy with those who would stop the shipment of booze into prohibition territory, but that he fears that it would be unconstitutional for the reason that it would be transferring the control of internal commerce from the national government to the State government. It looks to a man up a tree, that after our United States Supreme Court has already decided that this whole business is a nuisance, that there could not be any great wrong in the United States government handing the control of this nuisance over to the states, especially after the national government has refused, or failed, to get rid of the nuisance. The truth in a nutshell is, there are only two things that would possibly cause our people to submit to this nuisance one day longer, viz: Appetite and the greed of mammon.

No matter what the people or the courts may think or do about it, the whole thing is wrong, and as sure as there is a God in heaven, it will be righted. If heathen China can suppress the opium traffic which has had her people enslaved for ages, surely Christian United States, by the help of God, can suppress a traffic which has had her people enslaved for a little more than a century.—Your correspondent recently heard a group of Democrats talking over the Senatorial contest. All except one were undecided as to their choice of candidates. This one was a Kitchie man straight. It seems to us that this is one time that we have a superabundance of great men. It is going to be hard for well-meaning Democrats to decide. With Chief Justice Clark, the peerless. The game cock, chip off the old block, popular Governor Kitchin, the never-to-be-forgotten oyster of fusionism in the State, Senator Simmons, and the great apostle of white supremacy, the noblest Roman of them all, who did more to bring about a rattling among the dry bones of our educational forces than perhaps any man who ever lived in the State, ex-Governor Aycock. This indeed makes a strong team and the people will be satisfied with the election of either of them.

All they desire is that the campaign shall be clean and free from all bitterness. The declaration of Mr. Aycock that he is not able, or willing, to finance a campaign if he was able, will find a happy response in the hearts and minds of all right-thinking people. If this abuse of money in our elections is not checked, it will not be long until all the offices will virtually be put up to the highest bidder, and a poor man, no matter how worthy, will stand no show. The best people of all parties are getting tired of these corrupting influences in our elections and it is to be hoped that all the candidates for senator will take the stand that Mr. Aycock has.—This is harvest week with most of our farmers, and wheat is not as good as was expected a few weeks ago. We are still a little dry here, but corn and cotton are doing very well.

—Rev. W. B. McClure preached at Mountain View church last Sunday to a large congregation. The sermon, which was based on the last verse of the 14th division of the Psalms, was a very instructive one. ALPHA.

Your home paper is really a tiresome letter writer, if nothing more. Week after week we prepare this printed letter for those living here and for those who have moved to some other locality, telling of marriages, births, deaths, the coming and going of people, of business efforts and progress, accidents, crops, improvements, meetings and so on. In fact every thing of importance and interest. If you should undertake to write a letter to an absent friend every week telling him all the news, you would get a faint idea of the task in preparing a newspaper. Many of our townspeople recognize this and take pleasure in giving items of news. It helps us and is appreciated.

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CHERRYVILLE ROUTE 3 NEWS.

An Interesting Communication—One of the County's oldest Citizens Sick—Other News Notes.

Cherryville, N. C., Route 3, June 12, 1911.—Mr. Editor: Please allow me space for a few items from this county once again.—Misses Minnie and Lola Beam have returned to their home after having spent a few days in Cherryville as guests of their sister Mrs. D. E. DeLane.—Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Queen spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Dorus Craft.—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harrelson of Cherryville were guests of Mr. C. E. Carpenter Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. P. Carpenter and Misses Bryte and Blanche Beam of Cherryville rode up in Mr. Carpenter's fine touring car Sunday and were guests at Glenwood, the home of Mr. C. W. Beam.—Miss Maymie Craft of Gaston county is spending this week with her sister.—We are very sorry to note the serious illness of Mr. N. H. Mauney, one of Lincoln county's oldest citizens.—Mr. A. F. Craft made a business trip to Charlotte Friday.—Mrs. Nettie Connor who has been confined to her room for several weeks with a severe attack of appendicitis is now recovering under the skillfulness of Dr. L. L. Self of Cherryville.—Let us say a few words about dreams and the realization of them. Most dreamers are counted idlers and worthless by their fellow-men until they realize their dream by bringing to this world a great invention, or something similar, which gives them honor and fame for life, and stands as a monument afterwards. Then they are called the honor of their country. Their fame was won by dreaming and then doing.

Sir Isaac Newton was a dreamer. The great theory of gravitation was solved while day-dreaming. Columbus was a dreamer. He pictured in his mind's-eye if not a new continent at least a new way to get to an old one; and found America by acting out what his imagination told him must be reality.

Cyrus W. Field, of Atlantic cable fame was a dreamer; so are all inventors up to the time of realization. Benjamin Franklin was one of the world's greatest thinkers and dreamers or else he would never have been led to those investigations which resulted in the identification of lightning and electricity; and the invention of the lightning conductor.

Washington had a dream of freedom and by working on the impulse of the dream he was gratified to see it realized. He was the kind of dreamer of which the scripture speak: "Not alone dreamers but doers of the word."

We must have strength of mind to realize our dreams.

The girls of the piano contest will never win the piano by sitting idly at home dreaming of the time the piano will grace their parlor, and of playing soft, sweet and low, in the twilight while their lover bends over gently turning their music for them. What they should do is to work for the Lincoln County News. Dreaming is no good if realization comes not.

No man, it is safe to assert, has ever achieved success, financially or otherwise, who was or is not a dreamer, a thinker, a planner. Nothing of real worth comes without serious thought and planning. It is not sufficient to picture in your mind being a student with honor, but study to attain such honors, but Longfellow says: "Rights by great men reached and kept. Were not attained by sudden flight. But they while their companions slept. Were toiling upward in the night."

The successful farmer is one who knows his work in advance, then carries out the plan; he is a dreamer and most of his dreams are realized. Reality is what we are dreaming for. The mechanic must have an idea before he can excel; so it is with any other class of workers.

To dream of greatness and then not act, to strive for it, would be the same as to die of thirst with a beautiful spring of clear water at your feet; when by stooping upon its bank and placing the parched lips to the cooling waters you could draw in the life saving element. So:

Let us then be up and doing. With a heart for any fate. Still achieving, still pursuing. Learn to labor and to wait. A SUBSCRIBER.

CROUSE NEWS.

The Coming And Going Of The Folks Of This Enterprising Little City—Crops In Good Condition.

Your correspondent enjoyed a pleasant visit to Mrs. Ida Heafner Saine's this week, in upper Lincoln. We were very much impressed with the beautiful cotton crops. We didn't see a single farm on our fourteen mile drive but what was clean of grass and weeds and a good stand of healthy growing cotton; speaking well for the thrift and industry of our farmers.—Mr. Sidney Carpenter spent the week end here with his family.—Mr. Karl Carpenter, who is at the Asheville Business College spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.—Rev. Dr. Turrentine Presiding Elder of this district, held quarterly conference at Antioch Saturday and Sunday.—Mrs. Jno. T. Carpenter is visiting her daughter Mrs. Lafayette Carpenter this week.—Mr. Bub Heafner is spending a few days at home this week.

Mrs. Alpha Reynolds remains in a critical condition from cancer on her face.—Mrs. Jennie Cornwell and daughter of Gastonia are visiting at Dr. W. W. Nolen's this week.—Misses Vena and Emma Lee Carpenter were in town this week.—Miss Marie Beam is visiting Miss Nanette Rudisill this week.—There will be an ice cream supper at the academy Saturday night. B.

To Run A Special to Florida.

Mr. C. C. Hughes, the genial manager of the Dixie Grocery Co., and a Florida land crank, returned yesterday from a week's visit to the land of flowers and reports a delightful time. Instead of finding it as hot as he expected it was cool and pleasant, especially at night. Crops are looking fine and everybody seemed in good spirits and pulling for Florida. Mr. Hughes expects to return to Florida the last of the month to make arrangements to take a car or more of people down to look at the country and have a good time like he always has when he goes.

He says that Florida crops are so much better than any he has seen in the Carolinas that he is afraid to take very many people down for fear they will not come back and he has no tents, and but few houses at present.

But Mr. Hughes assures us there is help at hand. He has bought a saw mill and hopes to have it running in time to saw some boards to cover the cow house before it snows. Watermelons and cantaloupes are ripe but he does not want everybody to know it, as the patches are not very large, usually one to three acres. Mr. Hughes says if you want to have a good time go to Florida. [adv.]

Cows Killed By Lightning.

Mooresville Enterprise.

During an electrical storm last Sunday afternoon, lightning struck a tree near a barbed wire fence on the Dr. Ramsey place just over the Catawba river near the new steel bridge, killing instantly two cows and injuring another one belonging to Mr. Locke Beatty who lives on the place. The cows were in the pasture browsing in close proximity to the fence when the lightning ran along the wires, charging the animals with sufficient current to kill instantly.

The third cow was badly injured and at last account was expected to die. The cow barn of Mr. Watt Sherrill, at the Joe Cornelius place, was also struck and a portion of the roof was torn away, but the cattle escaped injury.

Rev. T. T. Salyer Dead.

Rev. T. T. Salyer an honored superannuated minister of the Methodist church passed away at his home near Norwood on June 5th. Mr. Salyer was pastor of the Lincolnton Methodist church from 1901 to 1903 and served several other charges near here.

ICE CREAM SUPPER AT CROUSE.

There will be an ice cream supper at Crouse Academy June 17. Everybody cordially invited. Proceeds for church purposes. O. B.

"WILD JOHN" IS NO MORE.

Mysterious Hermit of Cherokee County, S. C. Found in the Woods Suffering From Pneumonia and Taken to County Home Where He Died—Took to the Woods Forty Years Ago.

Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., June 13.—One of Cherokee county's greatest curiosities is no more. "Wild John" Starnes, otherwise and better known as the "Wild Man of Cherokee" is dead.

It became known several days ago that Starnes was sick and a party went in search of him, going down into the most secluded portion of the county where he lived and found him. He was brought to the county home near here, suffering from pneumonia and was kept there until Saturday night when he died.

"Wild John" has long been a curiosity. Many have gone into the forests in search of him, only to be disappointed, while there are some few who have seen and talked with him. He had been living the life of a hermit for something like forty years. It is stated that when a young man of some twenty years, Starnes, for some reason, became mentally unbalanced and took to the woods. He constructed a hovel of goods boxes, a very inadequate shelter, and there he has dwelt for the last forty years. Many conjectures have been indulged in as to what caused this strange action, although it has been rumored that Starnes was the man who accidentally shot General Stonewall Jackson and that this unbalanced his mind. He was as shy as a deer; hard to get sight of and harder yet to talk to.

One time, when sick, he was taken to the home of a relative, but as soon as he regained his strength he hid back to his hovel where he barricaded himself and defied those who wished to take him, even as a hunted animal brought to bay.

Good homes have been offered him time and again but all to no avail; he has utterly shunned society.

When taken to the county farm it was much against his will and he caused no little trouble while there. He would not stay in bed and as soon as the attendants back was turned he would leap out of bed and huddle in a corner with his hands clasped and head bowed. He pleaded with the superintendent of the home with tears in his eyes to let him out on the ground to die in peace. The house and its covering seemed to have affected him most deeply. Saturday night the end came and "Wild John" is no more.

First of Fleecy Staple Brings \$2.05 Per Pound.

Houston, Texas, June 12.—Establishing a new record by 11 days for the first appearance of the new cotton crop a bale of Cameron county staple was received on the Houston cotton exchange today. It grew on the farm of Ernest Motz and will be sold to the highest bidder. Part of the bale's journey from Cameron county to Houston was made on a special train because it was reported other "first bales" were en route for the exchange.

The cotton was sold at \$2.05.84 per pound, the total weight being 493 pounds, and the price, \$1,015. This was the highest price ever paid on the Houston exchange for a bale of cotton. It was classed as strict middling.

Death of David Carpenter.

Gastonia Gazette.

A peculiarly sad death was that of young David Carpenter, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Carpenter of High Shoals. Young Carpenter was brought down on the C. & N. W. Thursday afternoon, suffering intense pain from an acute attack of appendicitis. He was taken to the City Hospital where an operation followed. He was not benefited, however, and all that tender skill and loving hands could do ministered unto him in the hope of saving his life but all in vain. Sunday afternoon in the midst of a terrible wind and rain storm he breathed his last.

Capt. C. E. Childs was a Charlotte visitor Wednesday.

33 CONFEDERATE GENERALS.

Colonel Jones Gives List of Those Who Survive.

From the Augusta Chronicle. Col. Charles Edgeworth Jones perhaps one of the best posted men in the South on Confederate history and whose historical works on Georgia have been widely read and quoted, contributes to The Augusta Chronicle a list of the 474 Confederate officers and their grades. Of these but 33 are still living. Mr. Jones says that so far as his knowledge goes the lists are absolutely correct.

The survivors are divided up as follows: One lieutenant-general, 5 major generals; 27 brigadier-generals.

Lieut.-Gen. Simon B. Buckner, Rio, Hart county Ky.
Maj.-Gen. Robert F. Hoke, Raleigh, N. C.
Maj.-Gen. L. L. Lomax, Gettysburg, Pa.
Maj.-Gen. G. W. C. Lee, Burke Station, Va.
Maj.-Gen. E. M. Law, Bartow Fla.

Maj.-Gen. De Camille J. Polignac, Orleans, France.
Brig.-Gen. Arthur P. Bagley, Hallettsville, Texas.
Brig.-Gen. William R. Boggs, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Brig.-Gen. F. M. Cockrell, Washington.

Brig.-Gen. William E. Cox, Penelo, N. C.
Brig.-Gen. Basil W. Duke, Louisville.
Brig.-Gen. Clement A. Evans, Atlanta, Ga.

Brig.-Gen. Samuel W. Ferguson, Guayaquil, Ecuador.
Brig.-Gen. Richard M. Gano, San Antonio, Tex.
Brig.-Gen. George W. Gordon, M. C., Washington.

Brig.-Gen. Daniel C. Govan, Marianna, Ark.
Brig.-Gen. George P. Harrison, Jr., Opelika, Ala.
Brig.-Gen. Adam R. Johnson, Marble Falls, Texas.

Brig.-Gen. Robert D. Johnson, Birmingham, Ala.
Brig.-Gen. William R. Kirkland, New York City.
Brig.-Gen. Thomas M. Logan, Richmond, Va.

Brig.-Gen. John McCausland, Macon Courthouse, Virginia.
Brig.-Gen. William McComb, Gordonsville, Va.
Brig.-Gen. Thomas H. McCrary, Arkansas.

Brig.-Gen. William R. Miles, Miss.
Brig.-Gen. John C. Moore, Mexia, Texas.
Brig.-Gen. Thomas T. Mumford, Lynchburg, Va.
Brig.-Gen. Francis T. Nicholls, New Orleans.

Brig.-Gen. Roger A. Pryor, New York City.
Brig.-Gen. Felix H. Robertson, Crawford, Texas.
Brig.-Gen. Thomas B. Smith, Nashville, Tenn.
Brig.-Gen. Henry H. Walker, New York City.
Brig.-Gen. Marcus J. Wright, Washington.

[Two of the above named Generals are Lincoln county men, viz: Robert F. Hoke and Robert D. Johnson.]

EAST LINCOLN NEWS.

Triangle, June 12.—The longest drought in the history of the present generation was broken last week when a beautiful rain fell. The growing crops in East Lincoln are in a remarkably fine condition, when the fact that no rain has fallen since the seed were planted is taken into consideration. Possibly the greatest damage was done to cotton that was planted late where there is a poor stand.—The following girls and boys who have been away to college at various places have returned home for the summer vacation, Misses Bessie Dellinger, Blanche Nixon and Beulah Cherry and Mr. Haywood King.—Two rural mail routes with Denver as central office were established June 1st. This is of great benefit to the people from Denver Triangle a distance of five miles where heretofore there has been no mail service at all.—The ladies of Salem M. E. Church will give an ice cream supper at the home of Mr. W. E. Long Saturday night 17th for the benefit of the church. Romeo.

Mr. Jesse Caldwell, of Dallas, spent Tuesday here with friends.