

On the Road to the Chain Gang.

A week or two ago The Journal copied a description of an alleged blind tiger located in the open on the road between Blowing Rock and Linville. It was quite a picturesque affair and we expressed some doubt as to the genuineness of the article, but it seems to have been correctly described. That, however, is not the end of the matter. The hold mountaineers are now jollying along towards the chain gang, just as might have been expected when an officer of the law who had a backbone should happen to come along. The Greensboro correspondent of The News and Observer says that the outfit met its fate last Tuesday. The story is as follows:

"Although a full account of the public operation of this mountain saw and mill was published in the News and Observer two weeks ago, no effort whatever, it seems, was made by the local authorities to suppress it. The Democrat of last week published the News and Observer article in full, and seemed to think that the United States revenue officers were the ones at fault for not making any arrest, apparently oblivious of the fact that under the Watts law, it became the duty of the State and the county authorities to enforce the law. Unfortunately for the blind tiger, it seems that the publication was made just prior to the holding of Watango Superior court by that scourge of law breakers, Judge Shaw. As soon as he reached Boone he inquired if the facts related in the papers could possibly be true. He found them to be not only true, but that the names of the men running the tiger were well known."

"He immediately issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Joe Crump and Miles Townsend. Three deputy sheriffs and a United States deputy marshal proceeded by the place described, dropped a quartet in the tavern, pulled out a pint bottle of liquor and then proceeded to pull the proprietors. "These were Joe Crump, of Caldwell, and Miles Townsend, of Shull's Mills. A government license in the name of Rube Livingston was taken to one of the walls inside the tavern. Soon after the arrest of these men a team entered Boone, halbed at the jail. Livingston alighted and asked to see the premises. The report was granted and more than a hundred dollars in cash was paid into his hands by them, which was of course taken in at the "tiger." Livingston left town under whip, but a warrant was soon issued, and he was arrested near Dr. Little's on New River. Here he sprung from his wagon and ran for all that was in him. He was soon overtaken however, and is now in jail awaiting his trial."

"And so we salute His Honor, Judge Thomas Jefferson Shaw."

The proposition to raise \$50,000 in bonds for further road improvement in Mecklenburg was lost at the polls last Tuesday. The Observer says that the county is now spending some \$25,000 upon its roads each year, and laying about twelve miles of macadam, which pace the people thought fast enough and returned down the bond proposition.

We extend the congratulations of the season to our neighbor, Walsboro, for voting out the bar room last Wednesday. The vote was 222 against saloons and 122 for, and the proposition to allow distilleries to operate in the town was also voted down at the same time and with the same scores. It looks like the lines are pretty well drawn down there, and we don't mind telling the folks who voted the liquor out that if they intend to enforce the law they may as well buckle down to business in earnest for a long campaign against blind tigers.

The negro, Roseberry, who, three weeks ago assaulted and murdered Mrs. Beaver, near Statesville, and threw her body in a well, was tried at Statesville last week, convicted in short order, without appeal, and sentenced to be hanged within 30 days. This is a credit to the county of Irwell.

The Seaboard Air Line has been the subject of a big rail road deal by which it becomes a part of the Rock Island and St. Louis and San Francisco. The total mileage of these three systems will be 13,249, and the system will operate from the Pacific to the Atlantic. This is but one of the steps that are leading to a final consolidation of all the railroads of the country, and need occasion no surprise whatever.

How to Build Up the Country.

The country school is, single-handed, powerless to save our country boys and girls from making our country and city problem worse and worse. We need industrial training more than anything else. We should teach a variety of the ordinary industrial trades. But particularly we should foster the hand arts and crafts that are peculiarly adapted for the practice in an atmosphere of quiet, close to nature, and where there are vast treasures of time running to waste from lack of employment. We have a list of more than thirty arts, crafts and small industries well adapted to country conditions and which are already successful in different places. We should make a good deal of reading in history, literature and the sciences and the study of science directly from nature. And so we shall train up a capable and hopeful generation for the self-existence of a normal country life; and those we send to the city will have each his or her craft in hand, will have ideals and some ability to do all they dare dream of.

A Dangerous Runaway.

Mr. Pleasant, Aug. 14.—Kind Providence is favoring this section with beautiful showers of rain and crops are looking very promising. This morning a seven-year-old boy of Mr. R. L. Goodwin came very near losing his life in a runaway. Mr. Goodwin had just put his horse to the buggy and put two of his small boys in the buggy. He himself stepped back to the house for something, leaving the children in care of the horse. The horse became frightened and ran across the field, throwing both children from the buggy. The older boy received an ugly wound on the head and some external bruises. The smaller boy escaped without injury.

A little daughter of Mr. Malcom Threalt is very sick. A successful meeting at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, conducted by Rev. D. A. Snider and Ernest M. Harris, closed this morning. There was a temperance league organized at Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday afternoon. R. L. Goodwin was elected president, Henry Ponceat vice-president and M. A. Osborne secretary. The first meeting of the league will be the twenty-ninth of August at three o'clock. The public is invited to attend. A program of exercise will be arranged later. M. R.

A Material and an Intellectual Feast at Waxhaw.

Waxhaw, Aug. 17.—Friday was the day for the opening exercises of another school year of the Waxhaw Institute.

Some of the speakers who were expected to be with us failed to get here but we were fortunate in having some visiting friends to do the speaking and do it well. Rev. Messrs. Henry Byrum and Carl Wolfe, the former a son of Waxhaw and the latter also of the county of Union, now both in the ministry of the gospel, were present and entertained the audience with words of soberness and wisdom.

Rev. Henry Stokes of the South Carolina conference, whom Waxhaw proudly claims as an adopted son, in that he secured one of her fair daughters as a life companion, was the orator of the day. His speech was a gem from start to finish. His audience was delighted.

Then was introduced Miss Deary of Elm City, N. C., a graduate of the Baptist Female University at Raleigh. Miss Deary is a graduate in education and rendered two recitations, one, she said, for the young people and one for the children. All were pleased, and the speaker impressed herself as a lady of real culture and one proficient in the art of expression. Prof. Walker, who is always on the alert, and untiring in his thoughts and labors for the best and highest good of his community, and especially of Waxhaw Institute, secured the service of Miss Cleary as the fifth teacher in the Waxhaw school, through the educational bureau at Raleigh. She comes to us highly endorsed as a lady of education and christian character.

Now after providing so amply for the intellectual and spiritual man, a feast of good things was spread for the material man. The good women provided a rich repast for those present and all enjoyed it with social good cheer and appreciation. So closed another educational day at Waxhaw Institute.

Shot His Wife's Head Off.

George B. Evans, manager of the American Transfer Company, murdered his wife, Mrs. Lillie Maude Evans, at their home in the southern portion of the city, early to day. Later he was found dead in St. Mary's cemetery, two miles distant, having shot himself. Mrs. Evans was attacked as she lay asleep. According to a servant girl, the only witness to the tragedy, Evans entered his wife's apartment at about daylight and fired two shots at her. Neither shot took effect and then dragging Mrs. Evans toward him by the hair, he deliberately placed his revolver against the back of her neck and fired. The shot literally blew the woman's head off. In the dim light the servant was unable to recognize the murderer positively as Evans, but informed the police when the alarm was given that she believed she recognized the voice as his. Evans escaped and was found only after several hour's search. Mrs. Evans had feared that her husband was going to harm her. She locked the door of her room when she retired, but by a strange fatality unfastened it during the night to gain some fresh air. Evans entered the house through the pantry window, near which his umbrella was found to-day, and apparently went directly to his wife's room.

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Mrs. Evans, who was 29 years old, was a society woman. She married Evans in 1898. Last Wednesday she filed suit for divorce, alleging drunkenness and cruelty, and at the same time demanding that her husband pay \$500 for rent of the barn occupied by the company of which he is manager. The property, Mrs. Evans asserted, belonged to her and, in addition, she asked an order restraining Evans from disposing of two valuable race horses and other property which she said also belonged to her.

Mrs. Evans attracted much attention last March during the teamsters' strike by driving one of her husband's transfer wagons, which the regular driver refused to take out of the barn for fear of violence at the hands of the strikers. Mrs. Evans made several trips, perched on the seat of a big truck, between her husband's barns and the freight houses, driving fearlessly through crowds of protesting strikers. Once when some of the strikers tried to cut the horses loose she lashed the man with her whip and presence without being further molested.

Why Communities Are Stagnant.

In every community where there is not stagnation and a dry rut has not set in, there are social problems constantly arising. The body either progresses or retrogrades. There can be no social organization without men and women, which fact is often obscured. Frequently men become the condition of their town or section and point to their material resources, the climate, the soil, the forests, the minerals, the rivers, and even their railroads and wonder why with the passage of such natural blessings, they stagnate and remain poor. They magnify some trivial advantage of a rival section under less propitious conditions and satisfy their morbid imaginations with all sorts of vain excuses, but never admit the underlying cause. They fail to realize that it is simply a difference between men and women who occupy the different localities.

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Wingate, Aug. 15.—The annual protracted meeting of Meadow Branch church closed today. The pastor has been assisted by Evangelist Little of this place and Dr. J. Q. Adams of Charlotte. Dr. Adams has been doing some of the strongest preaching we have ever heard. He handles his subjects well and leaves no parts undiscussed. He holds up the love of God in such a manner that it seems that none could resist him. Fourteen have already joined and perhaps others will follow. Baptisms was announced today by Pastor Wilhoit.

Mr. Ernest Funderburk of Dudley, S. C., and Misses Ruth and Allie Winfield of Wadesboro are among those who entered school here Monday.

This new school the number of students enrolled to 148, of which 56 are boarding students. When the public school opens and those who are soon to enter arrive the number will far exceed 200.

Mr. Winston Adams of Charlotte is visiting his class mate, Prof. J. A. Williams, this week.

When we are off from here we hear that there are several cases of fever in the village and community but there is none here nor has there been but one case and that was not confirmed here. The young lady left home sick.

A number of our boys and girls are soon to go back to college and we are both to give them up and we are glad for them to go.

There will be a croquet party here Thursday given by the young men complimentary to the young ladies who are soon to enter college.

Capt. Boone has bought the house occupied by Capt. Jim Griffin and will move here at an early date. Capt. Griffin will build on his lot soon and expects to have it ready by Christmas.

Miss Kate Perry who has been spending a part of the summer with her mother, Dr. Perry of Lenoir, S. C., returned home last week accompanied by Mrs. Perry, who will spend sometime here.

Miss Oble Lee Robinson is visiting at Mr. O. M. Sanders.

Mr. R. M. Sanders is now at home on a vacation.

QUIT WHINING.

A Plea for the Cheerful Soul Who Lives to be Happy.

There isn't anything in the world more disagreeable than a whining person. He whines if it is hot. He whines if it is cold. He whines at this, he whines at everything. Whine, whine, whine. It is just a habit he has fallen into. There is nothing the matter with him. It is just a bad habit.

The whiner is generally an idle person or a lazy one. What he needs is to be set to work. At real hard work, mental or physical. Some work that will engage his whole attention and he will not have time to whine. We know two women. One of them does her own housekeeping and takes care of her things besides. She is happy and singing all the day long. The keyboard of her life sounds no whining note. It is a pleasure to be with her, a good, wholesome tonic to watch her.

The other woman is so situated that she does not have to work. Nothing to do but to amuse herself. She has no zest in life, no interest in anything. She is a bunch of selfishness and whines at everything. Whining has become such a habit with her that her most casual remark is tinged with a whine. She is miserable herself and makes everybody else in her presence miserable. She is a weakling, a parasite. A drag, a heavy weight on somebody all the time.

Get the whine out of your voice, or it will stop the development and growth of your body. It will narrow and shrink your mind. It will drive away your friends. It will make you unpopular.

Quit your whining. Brace up. Go to work. Be something. Fill your place in the universe. Instead of whining around exciting only pity and contempt, face about and make something of yourself. Reach up to the stature of a strong, conquering manhood, to the beauty and strength of a superb womanhood.

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