

Tuesday, October 19, 1909.

Tr. Fulton Griffin Pardoned. Mr. Fulton Griffin arrived in Monroe Saturday from Raleigh, where he had spent six months in the State penitentiary.

With strenuous efforts made in his behalf by the best people of Richmond county, big delegations having visited Governor Kitchin in his behalf, H. F. Griffin, the policeman of Hamlet, was yesterday granted a pardon.

Griffin was sentenced to one year in the State's prison and had served six months of his term. He was convicted in Richmond county in March, 1909, of manslaughter, and Governor Kitchin says that later evidence has caused the trial judge to say that with this there would have been a verdict of acquittal, the plea of self-defense being sustained.

The reasons assigned by Governor Kitchin for the pardon are those: "Under the testimony offered at the trial, prisoner was properly convicted and sentenced. There has come to light evidence which in the opinion of the judge would have produced a verdict of acquittal, had it been submitted to the jury. The solicitor and every member of the jury recommended pardon, as do hundreds of citizens. There is no protest against it. Prisoner, who was a policeman in arresting a negro, shot him. His prison record is good. Owing to his good character, the recommendations filed, the letters of the judge and solicitor, deeming that his punishment has been sufficient under all the circumstances, especially in view of the fact that his plea of self-defense would probably have been sustained with the evidence now shown by affidavits, I pardon H. F. Griffin."

Chopped Off His Father-in-Law's Head Then Burned Himself.

About 3 o'clock this morning near Bethpage church, six miles west of Lincoln, Mr. W. S. Wise killed his father-in-law, Joe Hallman, with an axe, then ran in his own home, barred the door, undressed himself, fired his home and was incinerated. Mr. Hallman's head was entirely severed by the axe.

Mr. Wise appeared rational up to a few moments before he enacted the shocking tragedy. He awakened at an early hour and his strange remarks caused his wife to become alarmed, so she sent one of her children to her father's home, a half mile away, and asked for some of her people to come to her aid. Her father, who was a man of 70 years, was returning with the child when Wise met him and with the axe proceeded to kill him instantly.

Mrs. Wise and the other children in the meantime ran over to a neighbor's for help. When they returned they found Hallman's headless body in the yard and the door to the house barred. As the demented man was armed they were afraid to enter. They heard him breaking up the furniture and soon the house was a mass of flames.

It is supposed Mr. Wise undressed himself and used the furniture and kerosene to start the fire, as his nude, charred body was found in the ruins of his home.

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TERRIFIC STORM OF HAIL.

Atlanta Looked Like It Had Been Bombed—Fierce Storm Over the South.

A terrific storm swept over west Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and portions of Arkansas late Thursday evening and night. So far reports indicate fifty or more dead and millions of property destroyed. The hail storm in Atlanta is thus described by the Journal:

Hailstones weighing from six ounces to a pound, many of them larger than goose eggs, crashed into Atlanta at an angle of 45 degrees during a terrific thunderstorm which burst over the city Thursday afternoon at five minutes past 5 o'clock, and continued ten minutes, ruining property estimated at \$100,000, smashing the heaviest plate glass windows, knocking down chimneys, breaking skylights, twisting roofs away, tangling electric wires, wrecking and damage upon trees and shrubbery.

When heaven's artillery ceased, the scenes of havoc and terror in central Atlanta produced the vivid illusion that the city had been besieged by earthly batteries loaded with grape and cannister.

Windows of tall office buildings on Peachtree street were riddled as if with minnie balls, ponderous weights of plate glass crashed to the pavement and were splintered into fragments. Hysterical women, screaming and praying, sought refuge beneath the first roof where they could find shelter, and then rushed out into the storm again for fear the buildings would topple upon their heads. Negro teamsters left their drays, while maddened mules and horses careened around sharp corners lightened the danger. It seemed almost a miracle that accidents were rare.

A veritable reign of terror existed in the quarters of the city inhabited by negroes, many believed the end of the world had come and rushed out into the streets, praying and even singing, others fearing the heavy hailstones would break their thin shingle roofs hid themselves in cellars and beneath bed mattresses.

Sandy Ridge Woman Insane from Pellagra.

Mrs. Ed Rogers, who lived in the Bond's Grove neighborhood and who has been afflicted with pellagra for several weeks, was taken to the hospital for the insane at Columbia last week.

Mr. W. B. Wilkins of Carthage is now with the Waxhaw Drug Company and will move his family to this place in the near future. Mr. Wilkins is a registered druggist with experience.

Mr. Fred Stevens, who lived in the Camp Creek section of Lancaster county, came to a very untimely death about 10 o'clock Saturday morning. He was feeling as well as usual the night before when he ate some canned goods, and was taken seriously sick some time after midnight. When his wife awoke he seemed to be struggling for breath and before she could get a doctor he was in an unconscious condition. It is thought that he was poisoned by eating the canned goods.

Mrs. Mary Matthews of Weddington, who is now visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. J. T. Williams, in the community of Waxhaw Baptist church, says she remembers very distinctly how Halley's comet looked seventy-five years ago. She was then a girl thirteen years old. Mrs. Matthews says she is some older than Dr. Redwine, who is looking with much interest to see the comet again.

Mrs. Martha Tarleton died Sunday night at her home at Rock Hill after an illness of several days. Paralysis was the cause of her death. Mrs. Tarleton is survived by her husband and five children. They lived in this community until about a year ago when they moved to Rock Hill. The remains were brought to Waxhaw Baptist church Monday and buried there at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

School of the Mecklenburg Presbytery.

From a small school established in Albemarle twelve years ago, the total capital invested at that time being but \$500 (and this invested in a small frame structure), to a model institute of learning, occupying five acres of ground and commodious buildings, the whole now valued at \$25,000; from 12 pupils in 1897 to 75 now; from the average curriculum of a country school then, to a complete college course now.

Such, in brief, is the history of the Albemarle Normal and Industrial College, situated on Hearne Heights, its tower overlooking the entire city of Albemarle, and from which can be seen a large portion of Stanly county with its stately hills.

The story of the gradual development of this institution is not only interesting—it is remarkable; and doubly remarkable in that it was founded and developed to its present magnitude by two women, who have reared a monument which will serve as a memorial for years to come. And the two women who have done so much for the girls of this State are Miss Frances E. Ufford and Miss Helen J. Northrup. Let their names be written in capitals.

The work of the college is under the supervision of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, composed of 51 churches in Union, Anson, Mecklenburg and Stanly counties, and the institution is controlled by a board of trustees of which J. M. Morrow is chairman. Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, pastor of the Albemarle Presbyterian church, is president of the college. It has a faculty of six instructors, with a lady in charge of the domestic department and an assistant, for the girls are also taught dress making, cooking, millinery work and in other ways equipped to take up the responsibilities of womanhood. A music department is also maintained, being in charge of a competent teacher.

Your body will soon be where your aspiration is, provided you hold there unwaveringly.

GREAT CROWDS AT CIRCUS.

Many People Here Plan to See Barnum & Bailey at Charlotte.

Monroe will be well represented at Charlotte on October 26th when Barnum & Bailey greatest show on earth exhibits there on that date, for a great many of our citizens have already expressed themselves as having made up their minds to attend. A glance at the list of wonders to be seen with this big show would lead one to believe that the limit in tremendous size as well as number of novelties to be seen has finally been reached. Barnum & Bailey present this year under their city of 14 acres of tents more things new than have been offered by all other shows in years.

"Jupiter, the balloon horse," Karoly's troupe of 16 Hungarian oval black stallions, the musical elephants, celebrated Konoyt troupe of equestrians, seven troupes of foreign acrobats, four troupes of aerialists and hundreds of other aquatic novelties all go to complete a circus performance that has never been equalled. The big menagerie has been augmented by the addition of many new strange beasts and is larger than all the zoological gardens in this country combined. The street parade so gorgeous and so tremendous in size beggars description and in all is a fair index to the wonderful performances that follow.

THE UNGAINLY GIRAFFE.

In Flight This Harmless Animal Is Anything But Graceful.

I never care to shoot a giraffe. As a specimen he is unnatural unless mounted as he stands, and standing he would look unwell unless one found him some such place to stand in as the rotunda of the capitol at Washington.

The giraffe is too old to shoot; no one can tell how old he is—much older probably than the elephant. And no one would dream of shooting an elephant were he not prodigiously destructive to the farmer and were his tusks not worth a great deal of money. But the giraffe is perfectly harmless. He was never known to hurt any one, and he gets his living off the upper boughs of thorn trees, which no one can reach but himself and nobody else would cut if he could reach them.

To see the giraffe's beautifully mottled skin towering up among and over the flat green thorn trees is surely one of the strangest and most beautiful sights the animal world offers man. As he stands and dips and bends and twists his nine foot long neck in and out among the armed branches of the tree he is grace personified. I was watching seven of these creatures, the king, his harem and his children, all gathered around one green topped tree. From seven points of vantage they dipped into it at once, stooping under an unusually thin armed bough bending on another. Their necks seemed to twist two or three ways at once. I had the good fortune to be able to come very near without alarming them—less than a hundred yards—and with my glasses I could see them as though they were not more than ten yards away.

But when at last the trouperous bunches betrayed us and they plunged into flight—well, no one could call their movements graceful. The immensely long fore legs are thrown forward, as you see a very high stepping horse sometimes throw his fore legs forward till the hoof for the fraction of a second is pointed straight out in front. The giraffe makes this motion with a sort of jerk at the end of it, as though he intended in the first instance to fling his hoof as far forward as he could, and then with a sort of after-thought brings it to the ground. As it reaches earth he flounders forward with his high shoulders and lifts both ungainly hind legs together, lifting and planting them together or almost together. There is a great antediluvian legend known to us that had two brains, one to move his body and another to move his abnormally long tail. It looks as though the giraffe, like the long lizard, needed two brains also, one to move his hind legs and another to move his fore legs.—W. S. Rainford in Outlook.

The Gospel Oak.

In the village of Folstead, Suffolk, England, stands a famous oak which the rector has proved to be 2,000 years old. The tree has a girth of thirty-six feet and has been known always as the gospel oak, since under it the first Christian missionaries preached to the heathen Saxons thirteen centuries ago. This event is commemorated each year by a special service held under the tree.

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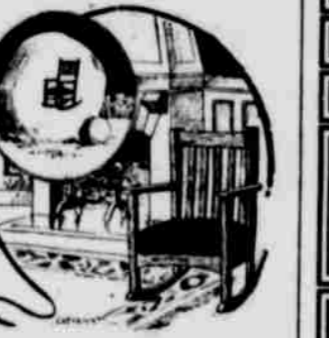
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