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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

GREAT SMASHING OF BOOZE.

Hundreds of People, Including Many Ladies, See Intoxicants Consigned to Waters of the French Broad.

(Asheville Gazette-News, 7th.)
In the presence of a large crowd of people, assembled on the new high bridge across the French Broad river, including many members of the Asheville W. C. T. U., police officers and Judge Junius G. Adams, of the City Police Court, and numbering perhaps several hundreds, between 3,500 and 4,000 bottles of intoxicants recently seized under the search and seizure law and ordered destroyed, were smashed against the central pier of the bridge and the liquor sent on its way down the historic French Broad to the Gulf of Mexico.

The destroying of the thousands of bottles of corn whiskey, beer, ale, brandy and gin was an interesting and novel affair. It was at once an occasion of gladness for the good women of Asheville, who have labored many years for the banishment and destruction of liquor, and a cruel moment for the thirsty, who recently have been deprived even of their "mornin' mornin'." Especially for the members of the W. C. T. U. was the destruction of the whiskey an event. It brought to them much happiness to see bottle after bottle of the fiery fluid flung over the concrete railing of the bridge and smashed against the great pier at the waters edge. And they were participants, too. The officers in charge of the affair courteously asked the ladies to assist in the "slaughter" and they gladly accepted the invitation. Incidentally, not one of the bottles thrown by the ladies missed fire. They hit the bull's eye every crack and a smile o'er spread their faces as the sound of broken glass reached their ears and the fire water great trickling to the river.

Bryan to be at Hartsville.

(Pageland Scout and News.)
The Pageland base ball team was reorganized yesterday. The officers are as follows: Walter Ogburn, captain; H. V. Mungo, manager; J. Y. Jackson, treasurer.

Messrs. H. B. and G. R. Sowell will begin their new brick building on Pearl street this week. Mr. G. R. Sowell will complete the building begun by Mr. J. W. Miller. That will give them five store rooms adjoining. They all will be handsome rooms.

Mr. R. S. McCleod has reopened his skating rink this time over Pageland Buggy & Wagon Co.'s store. This will be another place of amusement for the young. The rink opened Friday night with a good crowd present. Those who could skate enjoyed an hour skating, while those less fortunate had only to regret they could not.

William Jennings Bryan will speak in Coker College Auditorium, Hartsville, S. C., Monday afternoon, June 19, at 4 o'clock, under the auspices of the K. of P. This is a rare opportunity to hear the Great Commoner. Sale of seats opens June 1. Apply to J. W. McIntosh, Hartsville. The admission will be \$1.

Mrs. Mary Jenkins, probably the oldest person in Chesterfield county, died at her home here last Friday. She would have been 97 years of age had she lived till the 18th day of next September. Mrs. Jenkins was twice married, first to the late Herman Rollins, who died in the year 1855. To this union eight children were born, four of whom are still living. They are: Mr. E. M. Rollins and Mrs. G. W. Knight of Pageland, Mrs. John Sowell of White Plains and Mr. John Rollins of Monroe. After the death of Mr. Rollins she married Mr. Francis Jenkins, who died many years ago. Mrs. Jenkins was a faithful christian and a member of White Plains Baptist church.

Good showers fell Sunday afternoon both east, west and south-east of town, accompanied in places by hail. Showers and hail also fell yesterday afternoon, and considerable damage was done to crops by hail in east Buford.

A Wind Storm and a Gentle Rain.

A severe wind storm struck this section last Wednesday afternoon, and after it the long brought was broken by a gentle rain, which, though not a full season, did great good. In some sections in the State the wind was severe.

During the storm a part of the roof of the big building of the Piedmont Buggy Company in North Monroe was torn off. The northeast corner of the roof was flopped over neatly and rolled back on the balance of the roof. The building is mill construction, and therefore of the heaviest timbers, and it must have been a heavy wind that could lift them and curl them back. The paint rooms were exposed and considerable damage was done to finished vehicles. One of the workmen, Mr. J. A. Russell, who was in the part of the building that lost its cover, was not far from the spot where a four inch pipe that had been twisted off fell and broke a hole in the floor. The damage to the building was covered by tornado insurance.

Don't Drive 'em too Hard

At a meeting of the board of city aldermen Thursday night an ordinance was passed forbidding the running of automobiles more than eight miles an hour within the city limits. Penalty for first offense \$10; second or more \$20 each.

Mayor was authorized to sell the large horse belonging to the fire department to Mr. C. D. Meachum for \$250.

Salaries of policemen were raised to \$60 per month, and of chief to \$70, effective June 1st.

City rates were extended to users of electric lights outside of town limits.

A minimum rate of 50 cents per month for electric lights was established.

The mayor was instructed to employ the chain gang to do work on the streets.

To the Boys of the Corn Club.

I have just received from Mr. Parker, Director Co-operative Experiments and Farmers' Institute a letter in which he says that the boys from Union county have not all yet sent in their applications for membership in the boys corn club of the State. To fill out the application sent you by Mr. Parker not only makes you a member of the corn club of the State, but it also makes you an eligible contestant for the State prizes. Five hundred dollars in prizes have been offered by the Board of Agriculture and Mr. Parker has gotten in addition, from fertilizer and implement manufacturers, \$600.00 more. Mr. Parker says he is very anxious for our boys to contest for these prizes. Therefore, boys, I shall be glad for you to send in your applications at once.

Yours truly,
R. N. Nisbet, County Supt.

Mt. Airy Couple Married Here.

Mr. Edward Banner and Miss Blanche Hale, both of Mt. Airy, were married Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock at the residence of Mr. T. J. Payne on Morris street. Mrs. Banner had been visiting Miss Anna Payne for two months and had made many acquaintances and as many friends here. She is a bright and an attractive lady. Only a few of the near friends and neighbors attended the wedding. Dr. J. H. Weaver performed the marriage service. Mr. and Mrs. Banner left at 10 o'clock for Mt. Airy.

Items from Lower Stanly County.

(Correspondence of The Journal)
Crops of all kinds, especially the wheat crop, is exceptionally good as compared with this county.

The Coble Bros. are putting in roller mills at their old stand on Rocky river. Mr. Bunyan Green is also putting one at Garmon's old mill.

Great interest is being taken in the question as to where the new steel bridge, to be constructed by both Union and Stanly counties, will be located. The people as high up as the Plank ford at Love's old mill and as low down as Coble Bros.' mill are bidding for it.

LADY'S SHOCKING DEATH.

Prominent Woman of Lexington Found Dead in Her Mother's House—Murder or Suicide?

(Greensboro, N. C., June 8.)—A shocking burglary and murder at Jamestown last night developed at 7 o'clock this morning, when Mrs. D. R. Hill, of Lexington, whose husband recently died, was found dead in an upstairs room of the residence of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Ragsdale. Mrs. Ragsdale, who is sixty-five, arose and going into the dining room found on the dining table three bundles of silverware tied up in a napkin. Alarmed, she phoned her son, M. G. Ragsdale, president Jamestown Cotton mills, who lived nearby. He went up stairs, finding his sister in her night clothes lying on the floor dead. A stocking was tightly bound around her throat, another was crammed down her mouth, her hands tied behind her with leather strap. The body was still warm. Every drawer in the room had been ransacked, silverware and other valuables that were kept there had been taken, being the loot found tied up in the dining room below. Windows to upstairs room of Mrs. Hill had been entered by climbing on trellis from ground below. Sheriff and several officers are scouring the country for the murderer, the crime arousing the whole neighborhood. The criminals are supposed to be tramp burglars.

Mrs. Ragsdale has two farm boys rooming in her house whom she calls to get up at 4 o'clock. It is supposed that the burglars heard this call and the tramping of the boys while he was in the dining room and beat a hasty retreat, leaving plunder as it was found. Mrs. Hill was evidently gagged, following her outcry on discovery of the burglars since his presence was not suspected until Mrs. Ragsdale found silverware in the dining room.

Sheriff Jones and posse returned at 12:50 from Jamestown with no clues. There is nothing missing save a pocketbook with but a few dollars. Nine other people were sleeping in the house at the same time and heard no racket. There are no signs of footprints and the tragedy is an absolute mystery.

Mrs. Joel Hill was the daughter of Mrs. J. S. Ragsdale, at whose home the death occurred. She came Friday on her way home to Lexington from Philadelphia, where she has been for treatment.

A Fine Yield of Oats in Lanes Creek

(Correspondence.)

Lanes Creek will claim the banner oat patch till someone else is heard from. Mr. W. H. Small made two hundred and one dozen shocks of oats on less than two acres, and it is expected that each shock will make one or more bushels. The grain crop is much better through this section than the people expected.

Mrs. J. P. Horn has been very sick for some days.

Mrs. Laura Rorie, a very aged lady of this community has been very sick for some time.

Mr. Hoyte Smith, son of Mr. Calvin Smith, and Miss Annie Tice, daughter of Mr. James Tice, were married in Chesterfield last Sunday.

Those who see a man lying under an automobile with his toes turned up, need not be alarmed. He is not dead, but is trying to bring the dead to life.

Mr. J. T. Allen died at his home in Lanes Creek township Sunday, May 28, aged 78 years. Mr. Allen was a member of Philadelphia Baptist church and was a christian gentleman. He is survived by three sons, Mr. C. C. Allen of Lanes Creek township, Mr. J. W. Allen of Meeklenburg county, and Mr. E. D. Allen of Beebe, S. C. Rev. J. G. Gullede conducted burial services on Monday and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Philadelphia church.

Ed Jones, an old colored man, fell dead Saturday. Having no relatives to take charge of the body, it was turned over to the medical college at Charlotte for purposes of the school.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.

More Than a Hundred Killed and Wounded—Property Damage \$50,000.00.

(Mexico City, Mex., Dispatch, 7.)
Sixty-three persons were killed, seventy-five wounded and property worth \$50,000 was wrecked to-day by an earthquake which shocked the Mexican capital and injected a note of tragedy into what was to have been a day of pure rejoicing over the arrival of Francisco I. Madero, Jr.

When the work of searching the ruins is completed, it is possible that the list of dead will be increased somewhat, as hiding here and there throughout the city there doubtless are many wounded, who, with traditional fear of the authorities and government hospitals, are anxious to evade discovery.

It was 4:36 o'clock when the first shock was felt. According to the meteorological observatory, the greatest intensity was reached at the end of the first minute, but the instruments continued to record the shock fourteen minutes more.

The disturbance was vaulting and almost free from trepidatory motion.

More than half of the dead accounted for were soldiers. They were caught between the falling walls of the artillery barracks at San Cosma, near the Mexican Central station.

Wingate News.

(Correspondence of The Journal.)
Mr. Eugene Krimminger of Charlotte spent yesterday with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Parker.

Mrs. J. B. Griffin and children of Rockingham are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. J. B. Gaddy and her three youngest children went to Portsmouth, Va., Saturday to visit her brother, Mr. James Perry. She will visit her sisters, Mesdames Charles and Flora Beddingfield and M. B. Dry, before she returns home.

Mrs. Y. M. Bogan and daughter, Miss Bessie, went to Mt. Gilead Saturday to visit relatives.

Misses Sallie Matheson, Annie Wooley, Annie Bogan and Beulah Parker and Mrs. Broadus Jones spent last Friday in Charlotte.

Miss Glennie Phifer of Marshville was the guest of Mrs. Lee Chaney Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Madge Gurley visited relatives at Stout last week.

Messrs. Y. M. Bogan and J. C. McIntyre attended the W. O. W. meeting at Monroe Tuesday.

Mrs. A. M. Stack of Monroe spent Wednesday with Mrs. Wiley Heffner.

Rev. J. W. Rowell and family visited relatives in Waxhaw Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Little of Lanes Creek township spent last Friday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Outen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greene spent Sunday in Marshville.

Mrs. J. E. Liles of Monroe is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry of Monroe spent Sunday here.

Master Sam Prosson of Monroe is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Outen.

Miss Annie Bogan entertained a number of her friends from 8:30 to 11:00 Tuesday evening in honor of her guests, Misses Matheson and Wooley. A pleasant evening was spent by those who shared her hospitality.

Miss Beulah Parker of Lanes Creek spent last week with her sister, Mrs. T. K. Helms.

A Combination Cotton Chopper.

Mr. R. L. Hartsell, of Smith's Ford, Cabarrus county, has invented and patented a chopper that he thinks is the most superior thing yet. He has had a model made and it works perfectly, and he is now negotiating for its manufacture on a large scale. Mr. Hartsell says:

This machine is the grandest and most perfect combination in cotton culture, because it is built with a double edge oscillating hoe cutting at each stroke, the hoes being properly shaped at each edge for cutting at each stroke, driven by a change speed gear, and cutting any desired stroke, from 6 to 15 inches in order to suit the thickness of the plant and to leave the desired amount of plants standing in the row. The bearings of the hoe staff are provided with spring, so as to give up when in contact with stone or other obstacle, with a hand lever to raise or lower same to suit irregularities of surface. The hoe can be adjusted by a lever to make desired strokes and for cutting cotton at a desired stand. Following the hoe is a pair of angled scrapers, adjusted and cushioned with springs to suit hard land or loam, scraping the young grass towards middle of row. It is provided with cultivator plows following the scrapers, turning loose clean soil back upon the row, thus doing the work of about eight or ten men the old way, and doing it so as to suit the most fastidious person. This machine is so arranged by mechanical skill that every part is adjustable one independent of the other. To suit the irregular surface and by means of an arm and sleeve, the entire machine can be raised at end of guide row by use of one lever. The machine as an entirety, is perfectly adjustable at the operator's pleasure, chopping the cotton, scraping young grass away and cultivating the cotton all at one time, with one team and one operator.

Death of Mr. Fletcher's Little Boy.

Written for The Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Fletcher's hearts have been made to bleed by that silent yet certain messenger, death. June the 10th at 8 o'clock, a. m., the last enemy accomplished its last work and the soul of little B. T. Fletcher, Jr., winged its way to the City of Light. His little life has been short; he was only 17 months old when he died. Though his life was short, it had been long enough to brighten his home. It had been long enough to send its loveliness into the very being of father and mother and all the family circle, and when his life went out it left not only a vacant seat at the family fireside, the table, and hushed the little tongue, whose sweet childish prattle was ever heard throughout the home.

The remains were interred at Grace Chapel Sunday morning.

Must Have 'Em Even in South Carolina.

(Marshville Home.)

Lest somebody forget, we call attention to the fact that after July the first marriage license will be required from the matrimonially inclined who choose South Carolina as a place to get the knot tied. Therefore, children who are bothering their brains over this question are advised to get some person to tie them in buggies and assist them in finding their way to South Carolina before that date. Parents might do well to keep an eye on the juveniles until after that law goes into effect.

Mr. W. H. Davis, son of Mr. W. P. Davis of Gilboa community, returned last week from the A. & M. College at Raleigh. Mr. Davis graduated at that institution this year with the bachelor of engineering degree. He is a young man of good character, has a natural talent along his chosen line of work and will no doubt make a success of engineering.

What Are You Waiting For?

Well, a number of people are adding phones to their residences these hot days. The people seem to appreciate our efforts to make a first class service that our city will be proud of, and we are doing that very thing. All we need is the co-operation of the people of the town. If all those who need telephone service will come in and get connected up, we'll do the rest. A good many are coming in and we want you. When will you order a phone in?

Respectfully,
W. H. Norwood, Manager
Monroe Telephone Company.

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