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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

MR. G. R. SOWELL KILLED.

Victim of Lightning at Pageland Last Sunday Evening—Mr. Walter Robinson Also Struck While Standing by Mr. Sowell.

Mr. G. R. Sowell of Pageland was instantly killed by lightning at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. He and Mr. Walter Robinson of Monroe and Mr. J. Y. Doster of Pageland were standing in the house of the latter when the tragedy occurred. Mr. Sowell was leaning against one of the posts of the dining room door and Mr. Robinson was leaning on the other, while Mr. Doster was standing in the room near by. All were looking out the window at the rain fall. Mr. Sowell remarked that there was more water in the cotton rows than there had been this summer. These were his last words, for just then the bolt came and he never knew what struck him. Mr. Robinson was knocked down and remained unconscious for some time. Mr. Doster was slightly stunned.

The bolt tore a great hole in the roof, tore up a bureau in another part of the house, knocked a lot of weatherboarding off and did other damage.

Mr. Sowell was 66 years old. He was a Confederate soldier, and was well known in this section for many years. The body was buried yesterday. He is survived by his wife and seven children, all grown. He had just completed three brick buildings in Pageland and had several others there, besides large tracts of land in and near town. The railroad was run through his farm and the town was largely built upon it. He thus became a man of considerable wealth.

Mr. Robinson had gone down to carry Mr. Doster home from Monroe. He had decided to start home just as the cloud came up, and went in the house with the other men to wait for it to cease. No one else was in the house. Just before going into the house they were standing on the piazza, and when a flash of lightning came, Mr. Sowell remarked that he had always been afraid of lightning and had better go in. In five minutes thereafter or less he was dead by the force that he had always dreaded.

It might be well to here repeat the warning that has been so often given, namely, that during thunder storms people should never stand under trees, or lean against any object like the sides or post of a house. When lightning strikes it is making an effort to get to the earth and always goes by the easiest route. The human body is a better conductor than wood, hence, when a man is standing against a post or other piece of wood he is inviting the lightning to leave the wood and go through his body.

Fullenwider's Many Successes.

Fullenwider was Friday afternoon defeated after winning 9 straight games, the last three being shut-outs, says the Columbia State. When Columbus scored in the third inning Friday it was the first run scored on Fullenwider in thirty innings. After losing to Charleston, 4 to 3, Fullenwider won nine straight games.

Until Friday's game Fullenwider had won fifteen out of his sixteen games pitched. He was defeated by Albany, 4 to 3, by an awful decision by the umpire, Derriek, costing him the game. He then won six in a row before being defeated by Charleston July being defeated by Charleston on July 3rd.

False Hair and Corsets to Go.

The recent decree from Paris banishing corsets is a long step toward better health for women, according to Miss Anne M. Butler, head of the Department of Physical Culture at the University of Minnesota.

"I am glad to see false hair go—I am gladder still to see fashion outlaw corsets. There can be no doubt as to the injurious effect of corsets. Women who do not wear them are healthier than woman who do. Nature never intended that women should be boxed up and squeezed together at the loins," said Miss Butler.

Death of Miss Laura Rowe.

The Charlotte Observer this morning says:

After a critical illness in which she exemplified always the highest type of fortitude and patience Miss Laura A. Rowe died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. To those who watched by her bedside with loving devotion during the past days and weeks or had daily inquired with unflinching concern and interest as to her condition, the end came not as a surprise. To hundreds of friends elsewhere in the State the news will come as a painful shock. To all who had come within the influence of her gracious personality her death is a source for sincere sorrow.

Since last November Miss Rowe had been in declining health. She contracted a severe cold later and complications followed. For several weeks she had been confined to the home of her brother, Rev. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, on North Tryon street. Steadily her condition grew more serious. Saturday the attending physicians announced that they entertained no further hope for her restoration of her health. Silently the tide of life receded until yesterday morning when she sank into rest.

Miss Rowe was a daughter of Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, presiding elder of the Salisbury district, Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. Coming here two years ago when her brother assumed the pastorate of Tryon Street Methodist church, she has since resided here with him and his family. Her sweetness of spirit not only made her presence in the household a source of joy but won many friends besides. Into the work of the church and the Sunday school she entered with a sincerity of interest and enthusiasm which made her of the utmost usefulness. Since early youth she had been a member of the Methodist church to which she was loyally devoted.

Last summer Miss Rowe took an extensive trip abroad, deriving keen intellectual improvement from this contact with the more ancient civilization with which her wide reading acquainted her. Miss Rowe was born at York College, Rowan county. She is survived by three brothers, Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe of Charlotte, Dr. Henry B. Rowe of Charlotte, Mr. Claudius B. Rowe of New York, and by two sisters, Mrs. A. M. Fry of Bryson City and Miss Eugenia Rowe of Asheville. The latter had been with her sister here for some time. Mrs. Fry and Mr. C. W. Rowe arrived last night. Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, the father, had been here for several days.

The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Tryon Street Methodist church. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. R. Seroggs, presiding elder of Charlotte district, Rev. W. L. Sherrill. The active pallbearers will be: Messrs. A. E. Riteh, Joseph McLaughlin, E. A. Cole, B. S. Houston, F. L. McGinn and A. H. Wearn. The other stewards of Tryon Street church will be honorary pallbearers. Interment will be at Elmwood.

Not Impressed With Charlotte.

A negro excursion came into Charlotte Monday with all of its attendant glory. The excursionists had wandered there and here, everywhere looking at the sights to be seen when one comes from the little town off yonder to view the sights of a large city. But one there was in that crowd of brunettes from the capital of Iredell who saw not through the magnifying glass.

After roaming about until he had seen it all, one, to paraphrase a familiar saying, among a grove of blacks, blacker than they all drew up in front of the skyscraper and looking for the noose of its towering frame, said with a air of one who had given the matter deep thought:

"Shucks, ef it wan't fur dat air skyscraper Statesville's evuh bit as big as Charlotte."

For summer diarrhoea in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, and a speedy cure is certain. For sale by all dealers.

Cotton in Critical Condition.

(Commercial Appeal, Aug. 21.)

Lack of rains all in the Carolinas, part of Georgia and in Texas and western Oklahoma gives rise to complaints of shedding of a rather severe kind, while in all other States excessive rainfall is producing a very rank growth of stalk, is retarding the proper setting of new bolls and is rotting a few already made.

The natural maturity of the plant is also being delayed and the crop will be exposed to unusual danger from frost if the rains continue.

Proceeding the inauguration of this drought in the extreme East and the Southwest and heavy rains in the central States, the plant was well fruited and comparatively early in growth, so that although the loss has been rather heavy during the past two weeks, the promise is still good to fair. On the bright side, it is also worthy of note that in many localities showers have been neither excessive nor scant and the crop is extremely good.

Except in Texas and South Carolina, but little cotton picking has been done and the bolls are opening slowly because of the continued growth of the plant due to the rains. The boll weevil in southern Mississippi and Louisiana now appear active enough to stop all further setting of squares. The worm damage has not been extensive.

Texas reports say that a good soaking rain within a week will restore much of the loss and will help the plant to make a late crop.

Blacks Killed by Whites.

Donaldsonville, Ga., Aug. 18.—Three negroes, members of a party of blacks who barricaded themselves in a house and fired upon a party of whites, were killed at Jakin, Earle county, this afternoon and further clashes are feared.

The race riot of serious proportions has followed the killing of Marshall Newberry Tuesday night at Jakin. Thoroughly aroused over the murder of the officer, people have burned a number of negro lodge buildings, school houses and churches.

Business at Jakin is suspended and white families are remaining in their homes fearing more trouble. It is understood that the sheriff of the county is having difficulty in controlling the situation.

The whites are angry because the negroes refuse to thell the whereabouts of West, the negro alleged to have killed Marshal Newberry. It is claimed that the negroes are arming themselves. Rumors are current that the Governor will be asked to order out the State militia to preserve order.

Superior Court in Session.

Judge Garland S. Jones of Waynesville yesterday began a term of court over the trial of civil cases on the Union county docket. Only one case has so far occupied the time of the court. It is one involving the ownership of five acres of land in New Salem township considered valuable because of the gold that has been found on it. Mr. R. E. Lindsay of Alabama is suing to gain possession from Mr. J. M. Austin of this county. Mr. Lindsay's father once lived in this county and it is through his claim to the land that the present suit is brought.

Going Down the Catawba in a Boat.

Taylorsville Special, 16th.

Ernest A. Seeman of Durham and E. S. Mentosh of Chapel Hill, left here today by canoe on the Catawba river from Oxford's Ford for Charleston, S. C. They expect to make the trip in about three weeks. Mr. Seeman and Mr. McIntosh had intended starting at Old Fort but had to change their plans at the last minute on account of low water. Their route will be by Catawba river to the Wateree, to the Cooper river, which leads into Charleston. Their first stop, except for nearby postoffices, will be Camden, S. C., from where they will go directly to their final destination.

NO WHITE SLAVERY.

Man Who Attempted to Conduct it in North Carolina Sent to the Penitentiary.

Lexington, Aug. 19.—Charles Noel was found guilty today of abducting Laura Gibbs, daughter of E. H. Gibbs of this place, and Judge Daniels sentenced him to 15 years in the State prison at hard labor. In sentencing Judge Daniels expressed surprise that North Carolina harbored a citizen of Noel's villainy and he characterized him as a monster. There was evidence of the most convincing kind that Noel and his wife enticed Laura Gibbs and Verta Kindley, age 13 and 14 years respectively, to leave their homes here for the purpose of placing them in a house of ill-fame in Charlotte. It was a clear cut case of white slavery and the two children were saved from a life of shame by a mere chance.

The two children were carried away from here on May 9, being promised a life of ease, plenty of money and no work to do. A third young woman was approached by Noel's wife and asked to accompany them to Charlotte and this young woman, older and more experienced than the children, Mrs. Noel was frank and admitted her purpose. The girl spurned her. With the two children Noel and his wife left on train No. 35 on May 9, and they were taken to a house on South Myers street, Charlotte. The parents of the children started a search for them and by the merest chance, they found them the next day in Charlotte.

Warrants were issued for Noel and his wife and Noel was arrested in Danville, Va., and brought back here. His wife accompanied him. The preliminary trial was heard by Judge Moyer and both were bound over to court. Noel's bond was fixed at \$200 and his wife was liberated on the certificate of a physician that confinement would be injurious to her health. She hung around Lexington for several weeks and about two weeks before court disappeared. Up to the present time she has not been located. Attorneys fought for a continuance because of her absence, but Judge Daniels refused.

Squire Laney Has a Close Call.

During an electric storm this evening I was slightly shocked. I was at home alone and was busy closing doors and windows. All at once a tremendous crack of thunder came and I saw a flash of lightning pass over my head. You bet I was scared. What if I had been killed? Some one would have said that I had died of heart failure. I found that a big walnut tree had been struck in a few feet of me.

There have been meetings at 5 different churches in a radius of 5 miles of me in the last two weeks. They are Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian, all working for the Master's cause against sin, and all working under one Lord and Saviour against Satan and his forces. The preaching has been good and the behavior excellent. There have been several reclamations and accessions and I hope lasting good will follow. The meeting at Trinity will embrace next Sunday and continue a few days.

Misses Corne and Cora Laney have been visiting at Little Rock, S. C.

Misses Adeline and Adelaine Nelson of Lancaster have been visiting at Esq. V. T. Cheers'.

Mr. P. R. Belk has been confined to his bed for five weeks with a painful and serious carbuncle. His daughters, Mrs. J. T. Laney and Mrs. Ledbetter, have been with him and he is now improving.

Mrs. J. F. Broom has been low with typhoid fever, but is now recovering.

We had a fine rain Sunday, and all the water courses are full. While it came too late to make us a full crop it will do good.

J. C. L.

Right in your busiest season when you have the least time to spare you are most likely to take diarrhoea and lose several days' time, unless you have Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand and take a dose on the first appearance of the disease. For sale by all dealers.

Join the Prettier Home Brigade.

Progressive Farmer.

We are publishing another batch of painting experiences this week, and have a number on hand yet. We expect to keep the matter before our readers until cold weather comes, as the work can be done any time.

We are glad indeed to see the interest taken in this campaign, both by our readers and the local newspapers. The Marshville, N. C., Home says:

"A campaign, such as never before been known, is now being conducted for more painted houses in the rural districts. The Progressive Farmer has sounded the note and it is being caught up by the pencils of a large majority of the editors. We believe it is safe to say that within less time than six months the results of this campaign will be noticeable. Every thinking farmer will admit that the paint question is an economic one, to say nothing of the beauty and pleasure it adds to home life."

It is a fact that it pays to paint even if no consideration is taken of the beauty and dignity added to farm life by the work. Let the houses of a neighborhood all be painted, and they will surely be followed by greener lawns, more flowers and shrubbery, better fences, neater out-buildings—a general renovation and "smartening up," in fact. Set the example for your neighborhood, if your buildings need painting, and see if others do not imitate it.

Great difference will be noticed in the experience given. Some believe the farmer should do his own painting; some say to hire a painter. Again, some are well pleased with certain cheap paints others say they are no good. We do not feel competent to decide these questions if indeed they need deciding. It seems to us that if one can do good painting, and can do this work at odd time it will certainly pay him to do it himself. It will even pay him to spend some time working on the backyard fence and the backside of the barn just learning how to handle a paint brush. Such knowledge as this never comes amiss. When one does not feel, however that he can do the work as it should be done, he should by all means hire a competent painter to do the job. It is far better to pay a little extra sum and have the work done well than to save money by sacrificing good looks and the satisfaction they bring.

English Railway Strike.

A general strike among railway employees has been going on in England some time. The cause seems to be a desire for better wages. If conditions there are as they are represented, a strike is not a surprising thing. A railway employee writes from England to an American newspaper as follows:

A few thousand railway shareholders divide among themselves each year in our railways the enormous sum of \$215,000,000. There are 51 highly paid managers who get salaries of \$1,155 per week. One general manager who directs a small Scottish line gets \$25,000 a year.

Now, as an offset to those high priced people, there are 150,000 of us employees whose average wage is less than \$5 a week, while another 350,000 get \$5.60 per week. Altogether, there are about 534,000 employees in these low-earning positions.

When our last strike was threatened evidence was given before the Labor Commission that many employees work seventy hours per week for \$3.36. The railway workers get less than any other trade in England per man.

Big Meeting at Shiloh.

Rev. A. Marsh and Rev. Braxton Craig conducted a most successful meeting at Shiloh, four miles above Monroe last week. There were 34 accessions to the church, and 22 were baptized. The new members were mostly heads of families. Large gatherings attended each service and the meeting was one of the most successful and far reaching in its results.

NEW RAILROAD IS CERTAIN.

Editor Gantt Says He is Convinced It will go To Southport—Will Come Through Union County.

The Journal has had strong faith that the proposed Transcontinental Railroad from Tennessee to Southport would be built, and if it is it will come by Monroe.

Editor Gantt, of the Whiteville News-Reporter, is up in the mountains and is enthusiastic over Colonel Jones' transcontinental line. Writing his paper on the 10th from Chimney Rock, Editor Gantt tells his paper of his observations and convictions:

Today a string of wagons loaded with tents and other equipments for an engineering party passed my hotel, en route to Rutherfordton. They belonged to the surveying corps of the Transcontinental Railway, having completed their work to Reedy Patch Gap, and which is the entrance of the Hickorynut Gap. I talked with the head of the corps of engineers, and he says they will meet Monday and set to work at Rutherfordton, to connect up the work they have already done. The most difficult parts of the road have been located from here to the Tennessee line, and at which latter point a squad of hands are now at work grading the road. The road will pass through this (Hickorynut Gap), and which is one long grade. Colonel Jones brought the charter and subscriptions vote to a former company, which gives him a right-of-way through the mountains. Just as soon as the survey is completed squads of hands will be set at work all along the line, from Tennessee to Southport, and it is believed that in a little more than two years the work will be completed and in operation.

There is not a shadow of doubt about the building of the Transcontinental, for the money is in hand to complete the work. So Whiteville can confidently count on having another great railway system.

I am indeed glad that I took this vacation, for it satisfied me about the building of that great system and which will mean so much for my people and Columbus county. The people of Haywood county have voted \$235,000 in bonds; Buncombe, \$200,000; Henderson, \$82,000, and two townships in Rutherford county have voted \$32,000 toward the building of this railway. Add to this the \$10,000 per mile from the State in convict labor, and which will grade and cross the road to the foot of the mountain, and our people will see there is no doubt about the building of this road. Now, let the other counties do their part.

The Transcontinental will open up the finest section of the South and through this beautiful "Land of the Sky" to the doors of our people. The road will be an air-line, passing through Rutherfordton, Hendersonville, Asheville and Waynesville, and become a great highway for summer travel.

Colonel Jones made a ten strike when he secured the charter to the projected Appalachian Interurban Railroad, for it gives him passage through the most desirable and available pass in the Blue Ridge Chain. Reedy Patch is the lowest gap in that mountain range, and the grading through this beautiful Hickorynut Gap, into which it is an inlet, will be very light. For ten miles the survey follows the headwaters of Broad river and which really affords a natural grade. Beyond here, toward Waynesville, there will be several tunnels, but through the heart of the mountains the grade will be comparatively level.

First Bales.

Mr. L. D. Ogburn of Chesterfield county sold a bale of new cotton here Saturday. It brought twelve and a half cents and was bought by Crow Brothers. Wadesboro got its first bale Thursday, Charlotte and Concord each on Friday. This is the earliest that any one ever remembers to have known a bale sold on this market. In 1881 a new bale was sold on the 20th of August.