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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

A BIG FARM IN MISSOURI.

Rankin Farm of 23,000 Acres Reports Profits of \$10,000.

Near Tarkio, Mo., is the largest tillable farm in the United States, the property of four children of the late David Rankin. It contains 23,000 acres and last year there were under cultivation 14,000 acres in corn, 3,000 each in wheat and oats and 1,500 in alfalfa. At \$125 an acre the land alone is worth almost \$3,000,000. The profit on the entire farm for one year recently was \$10,000.

The farm makes a specialty of cattle, for which practically all the grain grown is used. Five thousand cattle were fed on the farm last year. It was a theory of David Rankin, and it is being adhered to in the operation of the farm today, that many farmers sell too much raw material and not enough of the finished product. To an inquirer he said once: "I find it profitable to feed corn, and I gain an immense amount of fertilizer. Thus I leave my farm as rich as I found it."

Horses and mules are not permitted to grow old on the Rankin farms. Every year a sale is held there where every horse and mule that has reached a respectable age is disposed of. Practically every year the stables are filled with a fresh population of work animals, insuring the maximum efficiency. At the last sale 357 horses and mules were sold and the proceeds of the sale netted more than \$25,000. Buyers come hundreds of miles to Tarkio to attend these sales.

No manufacturing concern in America keeps closer tab on its business than do the Rankin farms. In a little office about 12x14 feet, in the rear of the First National Bank of Tarkio, two clerks and an adding machine are busy with books from one year's end to the other. The farm is divided into 10 ranches ranging from 640 to 4,760 acres. Five ranches are operated on a partnership basis, the owners furnishing the land against the labor of the partners.

A record of every transaction on the farm is kept at the central office. Not a pound of soap, not a box of matches is bought without a requisition, signed by the foreman if the farm is operated directly, or by the partner if the farm is operated on the partnership plan. Each foreman and partner must submit a monthly report, which is virtually an inventory of the whole area and stock and machinery. When the books are balanced at the close of the year a statement is made just as complete as any business corporation could submit.

The farm is not as large by more than 2,000 acres as it was when David Rankin died in 1909. One thousand acres were sold last summer and 1,000 acres a year ago. One of the axioms of David Rankin was: "Never sell the farm." But the heirs of Mr. Rankin are trying to make the farm more compact, so that it can be operated with greater economy. Eventually it will probably be reduced to about 15,000 acres and divided among the four heirs.

Trains on New Road

The Norfolk Southern Railroad began running trains on regular schedule yesterday morning. The first train left Charlotte for Raleigh at 7:15 a. m., and was due in Raleigh at 1:30 p. m. A train also left Raleigh at 7:30 a. m., and was due in Charlotte at 1:30 p. m. The Raleigh News and Observer says:

The Norfolk Southern treats each city exactly alike in the business man's train. It runs one from Star, Montgomery, to Charlotte, giving the traveler a chance to leave Star at 7 a. m. and get into Charlotte at 11 a. m. Returning it will leave Charlotte at 4 o'clock and reach its destination at 8 p. m. The same hour of leaving Star will be observed in coming to Raleigh and the same hour in return.

The service will be good from the start. The distance from Raleigh to Charlotte over the new road is 156 miles, 19 miles less than any other road. It will reduce the fare slightly. And although almost entirely new, the trip is made in six hours and fifteen minutes, as short a schedule as any road has. It is really the quickest trip to be taken.

The Norfolk Southern will put on the best coaches in the country, all equipped with steel bottoms and most substantial floor, electric fans and the best plush seats. A schedule of twenty-five miles an hour will be maintained from the start.

Inherited.

Houston Post.

"What did your mother say when you confessed to her that you loved me?"

"She said that I must take it from father's side of the house; that there had never been any insanity in her family."

Timely.

Chicago Daily News.

"That was a great sermon you preached this morning," said the old deacon, "and it was well-timed, too."

"Yes, rejoined the parson, with a deep sigh, "I noticed that."

"Noticed what?" asked the puzzled deacon.

"That several of the congregation looked at their watches frequently," answered the good man, with another deep sigh.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The Preachers Who Will Fill the Pulpits in This Locality Another Year.—Dr. Weaver Returns to Monroe.

The Western Conference in session at Charlotte adjourned yesterday. In accordance with a resolution passed by the board of Stewards of Central church urging the return of Dr. Weaver to Monroe for another year, he comes back.

The Conference will meet at Shelby next year. Presiding Elders were appointed as follows for the several districts of the Conference:

Asheville—C. A. Wood.
Charlotte—Plato C. Durham.
Greensboro—G. T. Rowe.
Morganton—J. E. Gay.
Mt. Airy—R. M. Hoyle.
North Wilkesboro—H. M. Vestal.
Salisbury—W. R. Ware.
Shelby—H. K. Boyer.
Statesville—L. T. Mann.
Waynesville—L. T. Cordell.
Winston—J. R. Scroggs.

Appointments for Charlotte District.

Ansonville—L. L. Smith.
Charlotte—Belmont Park, J. H. Bradley.
Brevard St.—L. A. Falls.
Calvary—R. S. Howie.
Chadwick and Severesville—J. A. Sharpe.
Dilworth and Big Spring—J. O. Erwin.

Hickory Grove—E. C. Ruzzelle.
Duncan Memorial and Huntersville—L. W. Cook, supply.
Trinity—T. F. Marr; Z. Paris, junior preacher.

Tryon Street—E. K. McLarty; W. L. Nicholson, supernumerary.
Lilleville—T. C. Jordan.
Marshville—J. W. Williams.
Matthews—W. L. Dawson.
Monroe, Central—J. H. Weaver.
North Monroe—R. H. Kennington.
Morven—J. E. Woolsey.

Mount Zion—C. M. Pickens.
Pineville—B. F. Hargett.
Polkton—G. C. Brinkman.
Prospect—J. C. Postelle.
Unionville—M. T. Steele.

Wadesboro—G. D. Herman.
Waxhaw—W. F. Sandford.
Weddington—Seymour Taylor.
President Southern Industrial Institute—J. A. Baldwin.

Missionaries to Japan—S. A. Stewart and N. S. Ogburn.
Missionary Sec.—Frank Siler.

Two Railroad Presidents Die the Same Day.

William Wilson Finley, president of the Southern railway and a leading figure in movements for the development of the South, died at his home in Washington Tuesday afternoon as a result of a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered a few hours before. He did not regain consciousness after he was stricken. Mr. Finley's family, friends and associates were wholly unprepared for his sudden death. Scarcely past the prime of life, he was vigorous and energetic and seemingly in the best of health until a moment before he was felled by the stroke. He was stricken soon after 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, shortly after getting out of bed, and died at 1:50 Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Finley is survived by his wife, four daughters and a son.

Mr. Finley was born September 2, 1853, in Pass Christian, on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. At the age of 20 he entered the railroad service as a stenographer and by 1889 he had filled almost every minor position in the clerical department of various railroads. During the succeeding six years Mr. Finley served several railroad systems in important executive capacities. He became on October 1, 1895 third vice president of the Southern railway. Later he was second vice president of the Great Northern railway, but on September 15, 1896, he returned to the Southern railway as second vice president. Ten years later, in December, he was chosen president of the Southern in succession to Samuel Spencer, who was killed in a rear-end collision on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, six years ago.

MR. EMERSON.

Thomas Martin Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday night at his home in Wilmington, following an attack of acute indigestion Monday while on a trip of inspection over the system with members of the board of directors. Mr. Emerson was brought to Wilmington Tuesday morning on a special train and while his condition was reported improved during the day the end came at 11 Tuesday night.

Mr. Emerson was born in Preble county, Ohio, March 23, 1851, and was, therefore, in the 63rd year of his age. He entered the railroad service in 1867 as a clerk in the freight office at Hagerstown, Ind., and by degrees forged his way to the front rank of railroad men in the country. He came South in 1875 and took a job as clerk in the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railroad. He later went with the Atlantic Coast Line as chief clerk in the general freight and passenger departments. From July 1, 1891, to July 1902, he was traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, later third vice president and succeeded about five years ago the late President Erwin of the Atlantic Coast Line.

PLANS OF MEXICAN REBELS.

They are Heading for Mexico City and the Southern part of the Country and Claim Great Progress.

Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 30.—Gen. Francisco Villa, Constitutional commander, today said that northwestern Mexico, embracing the States of Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, and including the territory from the border to a line 500 miles southward, in two weeks will be wholly under the authority of the rebel forces.

The forces which are fighting Huerta then will join at Guadaluajara with a view of marching on to Mexico City. This campaign, he said, contemplated not only the capture of Chihuahua City but also the spreading of the constitutionalist authority farther south. He is to be joined in the interior later by Gen. Venustiano Carranza, head of the revolutionary movement.

So far as the north is considered Villa said the campaign is between 14,500 Federal troops, mostly in garrisons and 20,300 rebels or Constitutionalists in garrison and roaming the country.

The approximate strength of the opposing forces in the north, as gathered from official sources by Villa and made known by him today is:

At Guaymas, Sonora, 3,000 Federal troops commanded by Pedro Ojeda.

At Chihuahua City, 5,000 Federals commanded by Gen. Salvador Mercado.

At Saltillo and Monclova, Coahuila, 3,000 Federals.

At Monterey, Nuevo Leon, 2,000 Federals.

Scattered, 1,500 Federals.

Opposing the Federals and their posts are:

At Buaymas, Sonora, 5,000 rebels under command of Gen. Carranza.

At Juarez and enroute to Chihuahua City, 5,800 rebels commanded by Villa.

South of Chihuahua City, 5,500 rebels commanded by Gen. Manuel Chao.

Scattered and at other cities 8,000 rebels.

In preparation for the attack on Chihuahua City, 3,500 troops with 16 machine guns and equipment which filled three trains had left Juarez up to today and had reached a point 50 miles south.

Villa expects to join his men within a few days and if possible to keep open a train and telegraph service behind. He said he would be in Chihuahua City within 10 days.

The capture of that city, he insisted, will be only an incident of a further advance later in conjunction with Carranza and other rebel leaders.

"We will move on to Mexico City," Villa said. That is our destination. The troops now in Sonora will move southward attacking Guaymas on the way. Those now centered around Victoria will move southwest, while I will go right through the heart of the country. On the way I will take Chihuahua. Then I will join the eastern and western wings of our army at Guadaluajara. Combined we will march to Mexico City."

Chihuahua City has been cut off from communication for more than two weeks. At that time it was said the Federal forces had made every preparation to oppose the rebel attack. Almost all the food supplies have been exhausted.

Mr. W. J. Crowell's Automobile Goes Up in Smoke.

Charlotte Observer.

Igniting so swiftly that the negro chauffeur had to leap for his life, a four-passenger, four-cylinder Cadillac car belonging to Mr. W. J. Crowell made a rousing bonfire on the Sloan's Ferry road five miles west of the city at 6:30 o'clock last night.

Ben Stitts, the sole occupant of the car, was bringing it to this city on a trip to the vicinity of the river when without warning things began to happen.

"I smelt the fire and started to locate it," said hatless Ben. "But I found me first. That fire swunged my face before I could get out. I didn't have no insurance on myself and I went from there. I run to a house to 'phone and while I was talkin' the car shot two or three times and dat dere horn was blowin'."

The machine back-fired. The fire evidently caught under the floor and threw on the grease which was around the motor. The blaze spread swiftly and soon the entire machine was a seething furnace.

In response to Ben's telephone hurry call, Mr. Crowell and a number of others piled into a car here and drove to the scene at a breath-taking pace. The place was soon reached, but there was nothing to do except to watch the lurid work of destruction. The car will be a total wreck.

Mr. Crowell had had the car, a 1912 model, about two years. He said it was insured for \$1,000, provided the policy was still in force. A few hours before the accident a man had tried to swap him a farm for it.

"I'm goin' to get me a pick and shovel tomorrow," declared Ben Stitts, who did not relish his experience. "I'm through with automobiles."

More About the Two Deaths at the Howie Mine.

Mr. M. L. Shipman of Raleigh, Commissioner of Labor and Printing for the State, went to the Howie mine last Saturday to investigate the accident by which the two young men, Messrs. Bowden and Crow, lost their lives in the early hours Sunday before last. With Coroner Plyler, who had promptly held an inquest and examined witnesses immediately after the accident, Mr. Shipman went into the mine and made a thorough investigation of the situation and the probable way in which the men lost their lives. While the story as given last week, of how the accident occurred is probably correct, some more details of interest may be given.

The shaft is timbered from top to bottom, with a petition in the middle making two passage ways to the bottom, a bucket working in each side. At the bottom the water stands about 90 feet deep and from the surface of the water to the top of the shaft is a distance of about 265 feet. When the pump at the bottom went wrong Mr. Bowden went down to see what was wrong. Across the shaft is a heavy piece of timber, the ends of which slide in a groove or track running down the sides of the shaft. The object of this timber, which is known as the billet, is to keep the bucket from swinging against the sides as it goes down. The billet rests upon a clamp on the cable several feet about the bucket. As the cable runs through a hole in the billet, the bucket can go on down even if the billet, which is supposed to follow the bucket down the shaft, should get hung on its ends in the groove and stop. This is what happened.

About fifteen feet from the water the billet got caught and the bucket slid right on through. After it had gone some distance it slipped and followed the bucket down.

This time the clamp on the cable held tight and checked the billet, but the jar was so great that Mr. Bowden was thrown out of the bucket into the water below, where he was drowned. When Mr. Crow went down the billet caught again at the same point in its track, and the bucket slid on through. The wounds of Mr. Crow showed that he looked up to see what was the matter with the billet and that just then it slipped. But the clamp just then on the cable gave way, and the heavy piece of oak timber with its iron clasp, smashed him square in the face. When Mr. McMurry, the windlass man, gave the alarm and the next man went down he went down the other shaft and reached the bottom safely. Mr. Crow had been urged to go down this shaft, but as the men then did not know how the billet would catch at a certain point, he decided that if he went down very slowly he would be able to see any danger that existed. When the empty bucket was brought up after Mr. Bowden fell out, the billet slipped back in its proper place on the cable. Mr. Shipman found no new evidence or any indication of negligence. It was simply such an accident as could not be foreseen.

N. Glen Williams Dead.

Statesville Landmark.

N. Glen Williams, probably the best known citizen of Yadkin county, died Tuesday night about 11:30 o'clock at his home in Yadkin. He had been in poor health for a long time and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Williams owned a valuable farm in Yadkin and in recent years had devoted his attention to farming. Prior to the advent of prohibition in this State he operated a distillery, being the fourth generation of his family to make liquor at the same place and the product of the Williams' distillery was widely known. When the State law was passed Williams' place was incorporated as a town to allow him to continue the manufacture of liquor. When State-wide prohibition took effect a few years later he had a big stock of liquor on hand, about which there has been much litigation with the government, and the stock was being disposed of at the time of his death.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, who was Miss Hollingsworth of Mt. Airy, and seven children, five sons and two daughters. The oldest is a daughter 16 years old.

Opening of Regular Session.

Yesterday at noon the regular session of the 63rd Congress began, the special session which President Wilson called April 7, being merged into the regular one. The first democratic measure, reduction of the tariff, has been accomplished. The next one, a reform of the currency in the interest of the people, is well under way and will be put through in a short while. President Wilson is scheduled to deliver his message to Congress today at one o'clock. He will discuss the Mexican trouble and outline his anti-trust program, and point out other features of his legislative policy.

Thompson Orphanage.

I am sure every one in the parish wants to contribute something to the Thanksgiving cash offering to the Thompson Orphanage in addition to the box already sent. Please hand the amount of your contribution to Mr. T. P. Dillon as soon as possible. These children are our wards, and the orphanage is in some need of funds.

REV. J. H. SWANN, Rector.

BRUTAL MURDER IN CHARLOTTE.

Man's Head Chopped to Pieces With a Foot Adze—Parties Arrested.—Fourth Murder in Eleven Days.

Charlotte Observer of Sunday.

One of the most brutal killings in the annals of this city occurred in the late hours of yesterday afternoon when Mr. B. B. Carter, a contractor, was killed with a foot-adze. He was hit in the top of the head four times with the dangerous tool and the whole top of his skull was chopped to pieces.

Four men, John McQuary, Nick Johnson, James Griggs and Brady McNellis were arrested and are held without bail pending the investigations which continued practically all of last night.

The police have learned that these four men, in connection with Carter, were in the latter's room at 308 West Sixth street over Grier's livery stable. Strong clues point toward two of the men while the other two are being held as important witnesses and in the hope that they will make sure the strong chain of circumstantial evidence which has been built up by the officers since the victim was found in a dying condition.

The officers have secured the foot adze containing clotted blood and patches of hair, which leaves no doubt as to the weapon with which Carter was killed. It was said to be his own tool.

The officers believe that the blow was struck from behind and that the first blow caught the unfortunate man while he was not looking. The gash is just about level with the top of the ears but is almost straight inward. Three other gashes in opposite sides of his head, on a level with the others, almost complete a square some four or five inches in size. Almost the entire top of the head was chopped off.

The remarkable part of the killing is the fact that though Carter was struck at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, he lived in this condition until 11 o'clock last night; that from 4 o'clock until 7 o'clock or a little later, he received no medical attention. That he was not instantly killed is hard to imagine.

A THEORY ADVANCED.

The theory is advanced that who ever struck the blows did not strike all of them at the same time; but struck the first one, and knowing that if Carter recovered there would be a serious affair, returned upon hearing the groans and to make sure of the deed, struck him several more times. The positions of the blow would indicate this. If this be so, it is without doubt one of the most brutal tragedies in the history of the city.

The men who are being held were carpenters and painters for the most part, Nick Johnson, however, being a cutter in a local pants factory. Of the crowd, Johnson lived in one of the apartments adjoining and Brady McNellis lived just across the hall from the unfortunate man.

This is the fourth killing in 11 days, the others being Minnie Springs, a negro girl who was killed on the afternoon of the 18th; Mack Powell, a negro man; Sam Grant, a negro, and Carter. The officers have the parties arrested in all the cases with the exception of the Springs girl, if those arrested in the killing last evening prove to be the guilty parties.

School News.

Arbor Day was observed on the High school grounds last Tuesday afternoon with interesting and appropriate exercises. Dr. Gurney conducted the devotional exercises and Mr. W. B. Love made a most instructive address, telling how the study and observation of nature improves character.

Prof. A. G. Randolph made a business trip to Hendersonville during the holidays.

Mr. Hunter, Misses Benton and Cople attended the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh during the Thanksgiving season.

The boys of the seventh grade are organizing a basket ball team from which they will gain much pleasure and wholesome exercise.

Bazaar.

The ladies of Central Methodist church will hold their annual bazaar next Friday and Saturday, December 5th and 6th. The funds raised at this bazaar go toward keeping up our parsonage, and every member of the church is urged to make a liberal donation to this cause. Contributions should be sent to the Kraus building, on Main street, next door to Waller's. Any further information can be had by conferring with Mrs. B. C. Ashcraft, chm. of committee. The bazaar will be open all day Friday and Saturday. Dinner and supper will be served both days, and refreshments all times of day. The public has a cordial invitation to attend this bazaar.

MRS. L. N. PRESSON.

Marriage of Mr. Brooks and Miss Price.

Written for The Journal.

Mr. B. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brooks of Marshville township, and Miss Odessa Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. J. Price of Wingate (formerly of Unionville), were married last Thursday (Thanksgiving) in the presence of a few friends. Rev. R. M. Halgler performed the ceremony. These are worthy young people and we extend our best wishes.

Stephenson-Thomas.

Written for The Journal.

On Wednesday afternoon, 26th, the Methodist church at W. S. dington was a scene of loveliness when Miss Eloise Thomas, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thomas, became the bride of Mr. Edwin Stephenson of Marvin. The church was tastefully decorated in ivy, chrysanthemums and potted plants to carry out the color scheme of pink and green.

As a prelude to the ceremony Miss Sarah Stephenson played "Before the Wedding," and then Miss Mattie Green impressively sang "Star of Mine Heart."

To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the wedding party entered the church. Down the left aisle came Miss Loma Stephenson, sister of the groom, beautifully attired in pink satin, carrying pink carnations and maiden hair ferns tied with pink tulle, and down the right aisle Mr. W. A. Yandell. Crossing in front of an improvised arch one going to the left and alighted the other going to the right and the other to the right, they passed back of the chancel and took their stand to the left and right of the altar.

Next entered Miss Pearl Nance of Monroe gown in pink satin draped with pink marquisette and trimmed in pearls, carrying pink carnations and maiden hair ferns, with Mr. Charlie Parks. These crossed in front of the altar and took their places in front of the chancel a little back of the others.

Next came two lovely children, little Miss Clara Short and Master Willard Taylor, who strewed the bride's pathway with rice.

Down the right aisle, on the arm of her brother, Mr. Hugh Thomas of Charlotte, who gave her away, entered the beautiful bride becomingly attired in white satin en traine and veil caught with orange blossoms, carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Frank Stephenson. The bride and groom then took their stand under a white wedding ball suspended from an improvised white arch trimmed with ivy, and Rev. Seymour Taylor performed the ceremony.

During the ceremony Miss Stephenson softly played "Ashes of Love." After the vows were made the wedding party left the church down the left aisle.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thomas of Weddington and a half sister of Mrs. G. B. Nance of this place. She is a talented musician and attended the Durham conservatory of music. The groom is a son of Mrs. Ellen Stephenson and is a successful young farmer of Marvin.

The number of handsome presents received attest the popularity of this young couple.

The out-of-town guests present were Miss Lizzie Morrison, Charlotte; Mrs. George Simpson, Olive Branch; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas, Marshville; Mrs. G. B. Nance, Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bailey, Marshville; Misses Loma and Sarah Stephenson, Waxhaw; Miss Pearl Nance, Monroe; Mr. Hugh Thomas, Charlotte; Mr. Henry Stephenson, Waxhaw.

Empty Stocking Donations.

The Associated Charities of the city expect to raise a sum sufficient to see that every child in the town shall have a full stocking on Christmas. This is a noble undertaking and should receive a prompt and full response. The Journal has been asked to receive subscriptions. One lady has already sent in a subscription of five dollars. Those who wish to contribute should send their subscriptions as soon as possible whether large or small. Let every one send something according to ability. In case a contributor does not wish his name published he may send the subscription in as cash, merely. But no one who wishes to see all the little ones enjoy Christmas should fail to contribute something. We hope to have a good list of subscriptions by next week.

Marriage of Mr. Nisbet and Miss Robinson.

Mr. T. R. Nisbet and Miss Eunice Robinson were married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. R. N. Nisbet on West Franklin street. Dr. H. E. Gurney performed the marriage service. The wedding was a quiet home affair, only a few of the near relatives of the contracting parties being present.

Mrs. Nisbet is a daughter of Mrs. R. N. Nisbet and step-daughter of County Superintendent Nisbet. She has been living in Monroe about a year and has made many friends. She is a lady of high culture and refinement, sweet disposition and has an exceedingly bright mind.

The groom is a son of the late Mr. T. R. Nisbet and is book-keeper for the A. W. Heath Company at Waxhaw. He is a young man of ability and splendid character.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet left for Richmond, Va., to spend a few days. They will make their home in Waxhaw.

New Telephone Exchange.

Marshville Home.

Mr. J. W. Richardson has put in a telephone exchange at his farm eight miles south of Monroe. He has metallic circuit, a new switchboard and an up-to-date equipment. The name of the exchange is Bethlehem and Mr. C. H. Hammond is the operator.