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A Heart-Rending Story is Told of Condition of Mr. Sam Belk

Had Awful Time on Way to Charlotte Hospital, Although Comfortable Ambulance Was Provided

THE FLESH DECAYING AND WILL LIKELY SLOUGH OFF

Reports from relatives and friends of Mr. Sam Belk, who was so badly burned at his home in Buford township a few nights ago when his clothing caught fire from a match that he unthoughtfully struck while working on a gas pipe to his automobile, are to the effect that he is not getting along well at all. A man who had just been to see Mr. Belk reported Saturday that the flesh on his arm is decaying and will probably slough off.

Those who have seen Mr. Belk say it is a pitiable sight to behold the condition he is in, and physicians are very doubtful about his recovery.

Mr. Belk is an ex-service man and is a member of the Melvin Deese Post of the American Legion and the local post is rendering aid toward keeping him in the hospital for treatment. It is understood that the Red Cross is furnishing him a nurse and everything possible is being done for his recovery.

Last week Messrs. Percy Dillon and W. R. Wiggs of the firm of T. P. Dillon & Sons carried an ambulance on which they had placed a folding spring, to Mr. Belk's home near Prospect, placed the burnt man on it and carried him to the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte. Mr. Dillon states that the trip was hard on him, although they drove very slowly, taking about four hours in which to make the trip. Mr. Belk complained awfully on his way to Charlotte and it was necessary to stop at Waxhaw and give him a hyperdermic. "The whole side of his face and head, his right arm and right side is fearfully burnt," said Mr. Dillon.

Men who have visited the unfortunate man state that he is living a life of death and that his condition is almost as bad as that of a leper. It is really heart-rending to listen to the story of this poor boy who fought in the world war.

IS ELATED OVER THE DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS

Correspondent Says Nearly Every Issue of The Journal Tells of Improvement of Schools

Brief, June 26.—Mrs. John Griffin of Charlotte visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McManus, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Will Polk of Charlotte spent Sunday with Mr. Polk's sister, Mrs. F. K. Biggers.

Little Miss Beatrice Polk, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Polk, spent last week with her grand-father, Mr. Russ Small of Mecklenburg county.

Dr. Hugh McManus of Brooks, Ga., visited relatives here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clontz of Charlotte visited friends and relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Prof. E. F. Eddins, principal of the Yadkin Mineral Springs Academy, Palmerville, made an interesting address at Clear Creek Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Prof. Eddins has a heart and soul overflowing for the interest of children and their education and better development. His speech was full of inspiration to all. While here he was the guest of Mr. Murry Pigg, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Pigg. Mr. Pigg graduated from the Y. M. S. A. last year.

About every issue of The Journal carries the news of school improvements somewhere in the county. Good! Hurrah for our good schools, the ones who build them and the man who is trying his best to improve them with the material and opportunities available. Everybody's best good schools and work to get them.

Mount Prospect News

Mount Prospect, June 25.—A few days ago Miss Grace Plyler received a letter from her brother, Greely, who enlisted in the Navy in July and is now on board the U. S. S. Edsall, saying he was sailing for Europe and would be away until January, 1923. Mr. Plyler was in the Navy during the war and was over seas for 18 months.

Miss Sadie Rape and brother, Harvey, of the Wolf Pond community, spent the week-end with their cousin, Miss Annie Baker.

Mrs. Forrest Plyler is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Claussen of the New Hope community.

Mrs. Dan Cadieu of Pageland, S. C., and sister, Miss Arline Plyler, spent Sunday with Mrs. Nannie Cadieu of Monroe.

Mrs. Cadieu will spend this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Plyler.

Miss Nancy Yarborough has returned home after spending a week with Mrs. Sam Tyson of the Walkersville community.

Mr. P. P. W. Plyler spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Judge Belk.

Miss Nancy Yarborough spent Sunday with Miss Grace Plyler.—Krisiss.

Only one indictment for murder was returned by the coroner's jury and that was C. K. McDowell, the one-legged superintendent of the Illinois Coal Company's strip mine. The jury decided that the non-union men came to their deaths from gunshot wounds inflicted by unknown parties.

WHAT WILL BECOME OF OLD WINGATE CHURCH?

That's the Question on Many Lips—May Be Used For Overall Factory—Social and Personal Items Wingate, June 26.—Miss Verdie

Belle Perry delightfully entertained a number of boys and girls Saturday night at a birthday party. Games and contests were enjoyed by all during the evening, after which delicious cream and cake was served by Master John Perry and Miss Ollie Jones. Those present were Sallie Williams, Bernice Brewer, Nora Lee Gaddy, Hallie Jones, Gladys Bass, Floy Brewer, Daisy Tucker, Lillian Cathey, Sadie Williams, Kate Humphrey. The boys present were Hazel Wright, Glenn Humphrey, Ray Bass, Baxter Bivens, William Gathings, Bright Tucker, Cyrus Helms, James Williams, Howard Williams, Carlton Bivens and Watson Perry.

Rev. Y. T. Shehane has moved his family to Heath Springs, S. C., where they will make their home during the summer. For the past few years Rev. and Mrs. Shehane have been residents of Wingate where they have gained a large number of friends who regret to see them leave.

Mr. Forest and Miss Lillie Younts of Reidsville spent the week-end with friends here.

Mrs. W. G. Cathey is visiting relatives at Kershaw, S. C.

Mr. W. M. Perry and grandson, John Gaddy, attended the old soldiers' reunion in Richmond, Va., last week.

Mrs. S. A. Matheson has moved into the house formerly occupied by Rev. Y. T. Shehane.

Rev. J. E. Hoyle and family returned home Friday from a few days' stay with friends and relatives in the eastern part of the state. Rev. Mr. Hoyle's mother from Wakefield, N. C., accompanied them home.

Mr. Carl Biggers of Charlotte spent a few days with his parents here last week.

Mrs. J. E. Austin has as her guest this week Mrs. M. E. McNutt of Ben Franklin, Texas.

Mrs. Lydia Perry left for Wilmington Friday afternoon where she will visit her son, Mr. Mar Kery.

A good many questions are being asked around the streets of our little town for the past few days. One which we are all puzzled as to the answer is: What is going to become of the old Baptist church building? No one has been able to give the correct answer yet. But it is rumored that a citizen from a neighboring town is planning to install ginning and wood working machinery in the old building. It has also been suggested by some of the leading citizens of Wingate that an overall factory be started there on a small scale. And if this kind of an enterprise is opened, name the overall—"The Meadow Branch Overall." We believe that within a few weeks we can announce through the columns of The Journal such an enterprise for Wingate.

A death which cast a gloom of sadness over Wingate occurred at the Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, Sunday morning when Mrs. F. W. Causey passed away. Her life was one of service. M. S. Causey is survived by her husband, three small children, her father and one brother. Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Olive Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. J. E. Hoyle, after which the burial took place in the cemetery there.

Missionary Drama at Mill Grove

A missionary drama entitled "We Never Knew," will be given at Mill Grove church next Saturday night, July 1st, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. No admission fee will be charged, only a free will offering.

Ice cream will be sold late in the afternoon and night.

The cast of characters is as follows: Mrs. Stanny, a worldly christian, Miss Ollie Byrum; Miss Maxwell, a missionary visitor, Wilma Horton; a maid, Margaret Yandle; Consistence, Ethel Ford; an American Indian girl, Audrey Stilwell; a Virginia girl, Ruth Horton; a Chinese woman, Loyce Ford; a Japanese woman, Almie Yandle; a Hindu woman, Fannie Simpson; a child widow, Margaret Yandle; a Siamese woman, Ruby Stilwell; an African woman, Martina Blackmon; a Korean woman, Lena Lemmond; a Syrian woman, Lizzie Squires; a Persian woman, Blanch Stilwell.

The unknown dead of Herrin's labor went to their graves Sunday. Sixteen of them were buried in the "Pottery Field" while union men who had dug the graves leaped on their spades and held their shapeless hats in work-gnarled hands. The summer sun beat down on the long grass of the Herrin cemetery, the daisies and clover. The singing of meadow larks mingled with the words of the four pastors who conducted the brief service before 75 persons, most of them miners. Senator W. J. Snad, in khaki overalls—he had been digging graves too—was there; George Pace, mayor of Herrin and Col. Samuel Hunter of the adjutant general's staff was there. The dead were borne down the road to the cemetery in ambulances and their caskets bore stamped plates of aluminum "at rest." No more is recorded on the marker of the grave heads than that each died June 22, 1922.

A man who doesn't know where he is going seldom gets anywhere.

MARSHVILLE STRONG ON SUMMER PICNICS

And Then the Watermelon Season Comes Along and Heaps up the Cup of Joy—Personals.

Marshville, June 26.—Since the primaries and the accompanying hot discussions are over, the next thing to interest is the 4th of July, and the many picnics over the land. Marshville comes in for her share, and on Wednesday, 28th inst., there will be a meeting of the young people of the various churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery here with interesting addresses by several, among them Mr. Iverson of Charlotte and Mrs. Not Martin, missionary from Africa. There will be a morning and afternoon session with dinner on the church ground.

Next Tuesday the Presbyterian Sunday school will have their annual picnic, the place not yet decided.

Other picnics here will probably be heard from. Another thing to bring a happy smile is the melon season. If you look for contentment, step around the shady corner and see "the little peacemans" seated with his little half melon, or for that matter, the fellow of the other race, too.

Mrs. J. Z. Green spent Monday in Charlotte with her son, Myron, of Hartsville, S. C., who had some nasal operation. She was accompanied by Mrs. M. E. Applegate.

Mrs. Medames Moore and L. A. Smith visited friends in Charlotte last week.

Dr. Clayton Brewer, who recently graduated in medicine at Tulane University, has gone to Panama where he has an appointment in a government hospital.

Mrs. J. S. Harrell and C. B. Covington have returned from a visit in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Keyes of Christobol, Panama, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hearson.

Mrs. Claud Griffin entertained Tuesday morning in honor of Mrs. H. B. Marsh. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers and an interesting contest with prizes was given.

Miss Lou Hasty is visiting in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Whiteford Blakford of Monroe visited Mrs. B. C. Parker last week.

Mrs. G. J. Whitener and children have returned from a visit to her parents in Lincolnton.

Miss Julia Wilkes has returned to her home in Hamlet after visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. H. Moore. Miss Katherine Moore accompanied her home.

Mr. E. H. Moore attended the funeral of his sister-in-law of Moncure Friday.

Miss Virginia Griffin has as her guests the young daughters of Dr. Long of Catawba.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Love of Monroe spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Marsh.

Mrs. Irene Marsh, who has been visiting some time in Raleigh, returned home Friday. Her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Little, and family accompanied her and will be here some time.

Mr. Myron Green has returned home from Charlotte.

Carriers Will Have Big Time

The Union County Letter Carriers Association will be represented at the state association which meets in Shelby July 3rd and 4th, and they expect a big time. Many social features have been planned and Shelby is expecting the largest crowd that has ever attended a convention of the carriers in North Carolina.

Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock the business men will take the visitors for a spin over the good roads and at 8 o'clock will drive over to Cleveland Springs Park Hotel, where the Board of Trade will entertain with a fine banquet. Hon. O. Max Gardner, Dr. J. M. Kester, Hon. W. D. Brown, editor of the R. F. D. News, Washington, D. C., and possibly Hon. H. H. Billany, fourth assistant postmaster general, who has charge of the R. F. D. service, will speak to the carriers. Three musical organizations of Shelby are on the program, the Cecelia Music Club, the Men's Chorus and Bobby Rudasill's string and jug club.

The convention will be presided over by State President C. H. Howard who is also Vice President of the National Rural Carriers Association. Jas. S. Kever of Stony Point, N. C., is secretary. J. M. Ballard of Newton is vice president, D. N. Hunt of Oxford, chaplain, W. M. Pence of Charlotte, H. B. Ray of Asheville and Mrs. Annie Chapman of Morven, compose the executive committee.

The carriers of Cleveland are very happy over the fine spirit being shown by the Shelby people for assisting in entertaining the carriers. There are nearly 1,500 rural carriers in different parts of the state who cover over 35,000 miles daily and handle over four million pieces of mail every week day in the year.

Special rates have been made by the hotels.

Card of Thanks

We desire to gratefully thank our many friends and neighbors for their deeds of kindness and words of sympathy during the recent illness and death of Mrs. Sadie Elizabeth Doster and for the beautiful floral designs.—Braxton Doster and Mrs. John Gordon and family.

Card From Mr. Griffin.

I desire to very heartily thank my friends for their liberal support during the recent primary, in which I was a candidate for coroner.—John Griffin.

MR. GRIFFIN, OLD MAN, HAS LEG BROKEN SECOND TIME

Was Leading Mule to Water When He Became Unruly and Jerker Mr. Griffin With Bad Results

TWO MEN HAVE ALTERCATION AN DONE IS CUT WITH KNIFE

Mrs. Jeff Starnes' Clothing Caught Fire and Severe Burns Were Narrowly Averted.

(By F. V. Hinson.)

Waxhaw, June 26.—Messrs. Otis Small and Carlos Hinson spent Sunday with Mr. John L. Hinson of the New Hope community.

Mrs. C. C. Starnes is suffering from a bad sore hand. About two weeks ago she struck a rusty nail in her hand and the sore came from the wound.

Mr. E. C. Hinson, a prominent farmer, merchant and real estate man of Americus, Ga., is stopping over on his return from Richmond, where he attended the old soldiers' reunion.

Miss Ethel Green spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Ella Steele.

In an altercation last Monday morning Mr. Otis Starnes cut Mr. T. P. Starnes on the wrist and arm with a knife. The trouble arose over a misunderstanding about which of the two men should work some laborers, so reports say.

The latest reports from the hospital say there is a hope for Mr. Sam Belk. It will be remembered that he was badly burned while working on his car by the ignition of some gasoline from a match or lantern. His sister, Mrs. Jeff Starnes, clothes caught on fire while attempting to extinguish the fire and but for the presence of mind of her husband would have suffered the fate of her brother, Mr. Belk. Mr. Starnes smothered the fire out by wrapping her in a quilt.

The Prospect base ball team was defeated by the New Bethel team last Saturday, the score being 5 to 6 respectively.

Last Friday while leading a mule from the lot to the well to offer it water the mule became frightened and unruly and in an attempt to hold it Mr. W. G. (Bilby) Griffin suffered the misfortune of getting his leg broken. Mr. Griffin had his leg broken before by a run away team and it had been stiff ever since. Mr. Griffin lives near Sandy Ridge church and is one of our very best citizens. It is considered a bad misfortune for a man of his age. He is about seventy years old. His friends are very anxious about him and are wishing for him to get on his feet again.

And Harry came back! Well, Harry, I thank you for the compliment you handed us as I hail from Prospect. You snowed T. J. Huggins and J. H. Cunningham under, therefore I do not wish to get into a controversy with you but I do want to ask you a question. Taking it for granted you will consent, here goes: If a wood-chuck would chuck wood, how much would a wood-chuck chuck of a wood-chuck would chuck wood?

I see Prunella has turned poet so I guess we will get no more breezy items over her name.

THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC GIRLS EASY FOR MONROE

The Lassies Play Good Ball But Are Not in the Class With the Local Boys

Monroe won out over the American lassies yesterday 12 to 4. The game wasn't as bad as the score indicates. The girls played better than expected and they didn't have such a bad team. They were simply not in the class with Monroe. Plyler, the umpire, gave them excellent support. The star of the game was the first baseman, who got two doubles, was responsible for the runs besides holding well. "Bull" Hasty hit a ball that bounced over the center field fence and Sam Gaddy followed with one that rolled under, both going for home runs. Crowell pitched a good game in spite of the umpire's decidedly good impressions of the girls.

Well, "Bull," you are breaking into the limelight again! Besides not being satisfied with a home run with two men on bases, he decided "Lefty" Crowell needed a rest so he relieved him. "Bull" is a pretty good pitcher but he plays lots better at first.

Five girls played yesterday and they weren't so bad at that. Of course they had a "man" battery. The game was played before a large crowd of fans and there was much hilarity among them. "Margaret" at first played an excellent game, "Mary, Minnie, Ruth," and the others sure can sacrifice. They did not fail to advance their man or girl a single time.

"Red" Laney is "coming back" to use the expression of one of the spectators. "Red" one over the fence yesterday.

All the money that is left in the treasury of the Monroe Athletic Association goes to the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital. The young men who compose the team are keeping a strict account of all receipts and expenditures. They hope that the donation at the end of the season will be a large one which it will be if the people continue to support the team as they have been doing.

The following is the batting average of all players for Monroe, due to the courtesy of Mr. Henry Taylor:

	GAB	R	H	HR	SB	PC
Abernethy	5 12 6 6 1	509				
Hinson	10 20 3 8	380				
Hasty	13 67 20 28 3	1 419				
Laney	15 63 7 21	2 342				
Thomas	5 18 2 6	332				
Lander	5 11 2 4	363				
Williams	12 26 2 11	305				
Snyder	15 56 1 17	303				
Low	11 35 7 10	285				
Gaddy	8 28 5 8	285				
Crowell	10 28 4 9	236				
English	12 47 7 11	234				
Westwedge	6 13 3 2	135				
Hough	5 12 1 2	166				

Third baseman Thomas has resigned on account of business reasons and an effort is being made to secure the services of Mr. Baldwin of Clarkton in his stead.

MRS. SUSTAR FALLS AND IS BADLY HURT

Chair Slipped From Under Her With Painful Results—Many Social and Personal Items

Matthews, Rt. 28, June 28th.—Mr. and Mrs. Festus Crook spent Thursday with Mrs. Crook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sustar.

Misses Ruth and Willie Benton gave a birthday party Thursday night. The ladies present were, Mrs. A. C. Fisher and daughter, Herman, of Charlotte; Ethel Ford, Mrs. Seaborn, Oca Little, Ethel Price, Brinnie and Myrtle Sustar, Flonnie Moore, and Lee Benton. The boys were, M. C. Sean of Charlotte, Bertie Ford, Seaborn and Horace Thompson, Martin and Howard Moore, Wade and Roy Price, Hassie Sustar, Cal H. Davis, John Phillips, Lester Bartlett, Guy Taylor, Bruce Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Long and family of Unionville. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were served and everyone had a nice time.

Mrs. Jane Mullis of Lancaster, S. C., is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Willbur Hooks and mother motored to Charlotte Friday.

Mr. Will Starnes' baby is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Pink Mason of Monroe spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crump.

Mrs. Bryce Sustar fell Wednesday and was hurt real bad. She was sitting on a chair leaning back against the house and the chair slipped to the ground from under her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Helms of Rock Hill, S. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sustar.

Mr. and Mrs. Festus Crook spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newell and Mr. and Mrs. Newell spent Sunday with Mr. J. E. Sustar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mical and family of Crossburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sustar.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Sustar spent Saturday night and Sunday in Charlotte with relatives.

Mr. Cal Davis conducted prayer meeting at Mt. Harmony Sunday night.

Mrs. M. E. Ferguson spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moser spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sustar.

Mr. Thannie Baucom is an industrious farmer. He plowed 8 acres of cotton Friday all by himself with one mule, taking a row at the time.

Misses Ora and Lela Price had visitors from Charlotte Sunday.—Mary.

TWO WHITE WOMEN TRIED IN THE RECORDER'S COURT

Bad Mixup Between a Couple of the Fair Sex Resulted in Jury Trial and Conviction of One

MAN CHARGED WITH HOLDING WOMAN FOR WIFE TO BEAT

Girls Tell Straightforward Story and Were Too Innocent to Lie, Claimed by Attorney

A verdict of guilty of simple assault was returned yesterday afternoon in the case of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. McManess of Weddington. The jury was out one hour and twenty minutes. Mr. and Mrs. McManess were charged with beating Sallie Chapman, niece of Chapman Taylor, who lives on Mr. McManess's farm, on the afternoon of June 12th. The case was argued for some time by the counsel for both sides.

The whole case seemed to center about the fact that Taylor and his family would not work and McManess wanted to get rid of them. There were several witnesses for both the defense and prosecution. Among them was Bennie Taylor, son of Chapman Taylor. He told a slightly mixed story on the stand claiming that he was 200 yards away from the assault which would be about 275 feet, he said, Mrs. M. M. Howie, a witness for the state, told all she knew about it. She said that McManess came to her and told her that he wanted to drop the case. Mr. McManess laughed at that whereupon Mrs. Howie said, "Yes you did." Mrs. McManess's two little nieces from Charlotte, N. C., were visiting her and they told a simple straightforward story and did not become rattled under cross examination.

The evidence showed that on June 12th, Mr. and Mrs. McManess met Sallie Chapman in the field and that Mr. McManess held her while Mrs. McManess beat her with a stick. There were several bruises on Miss Chapman. Messrs. Brooks, Limerick and Love made speeches to the jury for the state and Messrs. Vann and Sikes, counsel for the defense, argued their cases. Mr. Limerick in his speech said that this was just one instance where money and influence would cover up crime committed on the poor and ignorant. He asked the jury to return a verdict of guilty. Mr. John Sikes pleaded with the jury to believe the testimony of the two small children who testified for the state. He said they told a straight story and were too innocent to lie if they knew now. Mr. Vann reviewed the evidence in the case and stated to the jury that the burden of proof rested on the state and that they had not proved beyond the least doubt that they were guilty of assault. Judge Lemmond fined Mr. McManess \$10 and costs and judgment was suspended in the case of his wife upon payment of costs.

Charged With Stealing Harness

R. B. Baker, charged with stealing a set of harness from W. W. Hinson of east Monroe and carrying concealed weapons, was tried and found guilty. On Saturday, June 3, the day of the primary, Hinson and Baker both hitched their horses at Fowler & Lee's stables. When Hinson returned he found his harness gone. Whereupon he notified Sheriff Fowler, who as Mr. Love said, "with that magnificent criminal nose of his he soon found the harness and the thief." Evidence brought out by the state showed that Baker got mixed several times in telling where he got the harness and that he had been wanting to buy some for some time. Mr. Vann for the defense put Baker's nine year old son on the stand. Can you imagine a small boy on the witness stand almost on the verge of tears, twisting and squirming under the cross examination of the lawyers? That was the way with this youngster. Mr. Love asked him how old he was and where he got the harness. The boy replied with his finger in his mouth and tears streaming down his cheeks, "I don't know how old I am. You will have to ask papa. I brought my mule up town and stopped at "Cliff" Fowler's stable, meaning of course, Fowler & Lee's. When I came back my harness was gone and I couldn't find it so I just got the pair on the mule next to mine and came on home." He was very emphatic in denying that his father told him to say what he had. Baker denied everything on the stand and said that he was carrying the pistol to sell to a man and when the sheriff arrested him he slipped it into his pocket. There were several witnesses for the state and defense. Sentence was deferred to some future date.

Monroe Man Marries Early

Friday's issue of the Lancaster News says that Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock a couple from North Carolina called at the home of Probate Judge Horton for a marriage license and the judge being absent his son, Leighton Horton, acting in his father's stead, went to the office in the court house and issued the necessary papers. Immediately afterward Magistrate W. T. Williams was aroused from his slumbers and performed the ceremony in the presence of a few witnesses. The bride was Miss Nell Menicus of Salisbury, N. C., and the groom Milton Meacham from Monroe.

The rapidest river in the world, of any size, is the Rhone, in France, whose current ranges as high as 40 miles an hour.