

The Mount Airy News

VOL. XXXI

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1911

NO. 48

A GREAT TIME, THIS

Great Crowds Witness Destruction of Asheville's Seized Whiskey.

Asheville, June 7.—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, 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 liquid sent on its way down the historic French Broad to the Gulf stream.

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 interesting 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 water's 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 bottle thrown by the ladies "missed fire." They hit the "bull's eye," every crack and a mile around their faces as

it contained two pieces of worthless ore rock. It had cost her the comparatively small sum of two dollars and was represented by Madame Hunter to possess all-powerful charm for her welfare.

Madame Hunter came to Raleigh early in the year, opened a tent house in a vacant lot two doors from the State House on Fayetteville street. Here she did a flourishing business as palmist until late in April, when she disappeared overnight. A notable thing is that she refused to take Mrs. Eatman's check for her pay, but required her to get her own checks cashed and bring the money.

Horrible Accident at Mooresville

Mooresville, June 17.—At 1:45 o'clock this afternoon a most distressing accident happened in the central part of town, witnessed by a large number of people, when Mr. Coon Wallace, 22 years of age, a brakeman on Capt. John Frazier's train who was running on the top of a box car as it was being thrown in the siding, lost his balance as he grabbed for the brake wheel on the car that was butting against one standing on the siding. The misstep precipitated him between the two cars, doubling up his body and causing him to roll twelve or fifteen feet in front of the moving car before it finally ran over his left arm. Mr. John Barger was loading lumber within five feet of the man, when he fell to the track beneath the car, and made a desperate effort to drag the young man out, but the moving train was too fast and prevented the rescue.

Probably 25 people witnessed the accident, although none of them could tell a straighter story than related above. The body was conveyed to the office of Dr. W. D. Gilmore, where every physician in town gathered to render assistance. He was in such condition that little or no hope was entertained for the man, his heart action being very weak, suffering from his injuries. It was thought at first that his back was broken, but internal injuries were discovered. Capt. Frazier was ordered to move the man to the Charlotte hospital and within fifteen minutes the engine and caboose left here with all haste to Charlotte.

Subscribe for THE NEWS.

MADERO ENTERS MEXICO CITY

Description of the Ovation Accorded Him and His Party.

Mexico City, June 7.—If there was doubt in the minds of any one as to the sentiment of the people in the capital toward Francisco I. Madero Jr., hero of the late revolution, it must have been dispelled today by the cheers that greeted his arrival from Juarez following the success of his revolt from the Diaz regime.

Thousands on thousands packed the enclosure in front of the railroad station, lined the fence and walls, roofs of houses and filled windows and balconies at every point which afforded a view of the station entrance. The shout was in turn echoed by other thousands who packed the streets.

The coach to which Mr. and Mrs. Madero were escorted was drawn by four iron gray horses, which were managed by postillions in green jackets, white trousers, colonial wigs and green capes. With Senor Madero and his wife rode Alfredo Robles Dominguez, now chief of this military zone.

Lines of khaki clad horsemen made a line of rearing and plunging horses through which the members of the party walked to the coach. Bouquets of flowers and wreaths of myrtle were tossed in the path of the victor and his wife and into the carriages as the Madero party drove through the cheering multitude.

Dozens of banners identified different contingents of the crowd which packed in about the Madero carriage.

One time, when sick, he was taken to the home of a relative, but as soon as he regained his strength he hied back to his hotel where he barricaded himself and defied those who wished to take him, even as a hunted animal brought to bay.

Good homes have been offered him time and time again but all to no avail; he has utterly shunned society.

When taken to the county farm it was much against his will and he caused no little trouble while there. He would not stay in the bed and as soon as the attendant's back was turned he would leap out and huddle in a corner with his hands clasped and head bowed. He pleaded with the superintendent of the home with tears in his eyes to let him out on the ground to die in peace. The house and its covering seemed to have affected him most deeply. Saturday night the end came and "Wild John" is no more.

Burning of Avelon Mills; Loss \$250,000.

Winston Sentinel, 16th. Col. F. H. Fries went to Mayodan this afternoon to investigate the fire which destroyed the Avelon mills at six o'clock last evening.

Col. Fries, who is president of the company owning the large plant, says the loss will probably exceed \$250,000. He thinks the loss is practically covered by insurance, though he did not know the exact amount of the policies held on the mill.

A long distance telephone message from The Sentinel's correspondent at Mayodan says the fire originated in the machinery in the mule room on the 4th floor and that the flames spread rapidly, the building being destroyed in about one hour.

The plant was established 12 years ago and manufactured yarn. It was of 25,000 spindle capacity and gave employment to about 400 people. The mill was supplied with sprinklers, but the fire gained such headway that these were of little use. It was not discovered until just after the operatives had left the building.

The Avalon mills was one of the largest of the chain owned by a company headed by Col. Fries. The others being located at Mayodan and Fries, Va.

ATROCIOUS CRIME NEAR GREENSBORO.

Guilford Woman the Victim of Burglars—Gagged and Dead in Room.

Greensboro, N. C., June 8.—What is apparently one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in Guilford county was revealed this morning at Jamestown, about seven o'clock, when Mrs. Ida Hill, of Lexington, aged 36, was found gagged and dead in her room up stairs in the residence of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Ragsdale, whom she was visiting.

The body was yet warm, though life had departed, all efforts of the family physician, Dr. J. R. Gordon, at resuscitation failing. Mrs. Ragsdale was discovered by her mother, who went to awaken her for breakfast, lying on the floor in her night clothing, tied to the bedstead by a leather strap taken from her suit case, with one stocking tied loosely about her throat and another stocking pushed in her mouth. The bureau drawers were opened and had been rifled by some one, and an open window near which a trellis supporting a vine, gave means of access to a burglar, pointed the way to the entrance by some one, evidently intent on pillage. As soon as the distressing crime became known parties from the adjacent country, from High Point and Greensboro, flocked to the scene, anxious to assist in running down the criminal. Sheriff Jones, with Deputies Weatherly and Crutchfield were soon there and Coroner Wood arrived a little later to investigate the murder and burglary and ferret out the criminal.

Monday night, then the shot was heard. Never regaining consciousness, Hart died at 4 o'clock.

Following the finding of discrepancies and shortages this morning within an hour after examining the affairs of the bank, Examiner Doughton instructed C. V. Brown his assistant, to hurry to Tarboro, both looking into the affairs of the bank.

An authoritative statement this afternoon says there is a large shortage in the individual ledger of the cashier with other banks. When asked for figures as to the discrepancy "not less than fifty thousand" was the reply. The finding of the shortage to the amount named by the bank examiner caused the arrest of Huss, who is being detained in custody of the sheriff awaiting the giving of \$15,000 bond.

Hart had recently been involved in numerous business transactions which involved large sums of money and it is believed a series of failures was responsible for his act.

A Camel's Stomach.

The stomach of a camel is divided into four compartments and the walls of one of these are lined with large cells, every one of which can be opened and closed at will by means of powerful muscles. When a camel drinks, it drinks a very great deal. Indeed, it goes drinking on for such a very long time that really you would think that it never meant to leave off. But the fact is that it is not only satisfying its thirst, but is filling up its cisterns as well. One after another the cells in its stomach are filled with the waters, and as soon as each is quite full, it is tightly closed. Then when the animal becomes thirsty, a few hours later, all that it has to do is to open one of the cells, and allow the water to flow out. Next day it opens one or two more cells, and so it goes on day after day until the whole supply is exhausted. In this curious way, a camel can live five or even six days without drinking at all, and so is able to travel quite easily through the desert where the wells are often hundreds of miles apart.—Exchange.

For Sewing Machine Needles, Shuttles, Oils and Supplies, go to J. W. Knight Mt. Airy N. C. Mail orders receives prompt attention.

was bound is borne out by the fact that her body was still warm when found at seven o'clock. She must have gradually died from suffocation. The coroner's jury has not yet returned its verdict, preferring to make further investigation before doing so. Mrs. Hill will be buried in the family graveyard at Jamestown tomorrow.

She was the eldest daughter of the late J. S. Ragsdale, a wealthy cotton manufacturer of Jamestown, and one of the most estimable citizens of the county. Her brother, W. H. Ragsdale, is now president of the mills, and has been a county commissioner, resigning for need of time to attend to public business. No trace whatever has yet been found of a burglar, the impression being that it was committed by some professional burglar tramp who, alighting at Jamestown, was attracted by the handsome Ragsdale residence but a short distance from the station.

The whole county is outraged at the shocking crime, and the greatest sympathy is felt for the estimable people who are heartbroken at the tragic death of a much beloved daughter and sister.

The Elkin and Alleghany Road.

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 7.—At a meeting of the old officers of the Elkin and Alleghany railroad with President John A. Mills, president of the Raleigh and Southport railroad, held at Elkin today, the contract recently made by which Mr. Mills and his associates have agreed to furnish the necessary capital for the completion of the former road equipping and operating the same, was sustained.

from a two weeks trip through that county canvassing in the interest of the pool and at one local Union we wrote pledges to the amount of 90,000 pounds and other locals have done almost as well. My county, Stokes, will pool over half of the entire crop and we need the assistance of Surry.

We have talked with many farmers in the last two weeks that have been pooling all their tobacco for several years and they were entirely satisfied with the results. The pooling of tobacco is not an experiment but it has been demonstrated that it is the only safe and rational way to sell tobacco. The officers of the Surry Co. Dry Prize Co. decided last fall it would be advisable to run a warehouse and thereby have money for the Union to help build the Dry Prize and I have been informed that it was a success. At the time it was, I believe, the correct thing to do, but if the same thing is attempted this year, mark my word it will be a failure. Back in the days of the Farmers Alliance the members of that order in Virginia built a warehouse in Danville and hired men to run it. It was a success the first year but the next the farmers began to drop off and by the third year it went broke for the want of patronage. How was it managed you ask. 'Twas simple indeed. The other warehousemen and lots of the buyers would say that the Alliance house did not get as good prices for tobacco as were received at the other houses and the result was inevitable, and that too when the Alliance house was just charging one half for selling tobacco as the other houses were.

Now the Farmers Union will make mistakes but lets not make the mistake the other organization made, for just so sure as we follow in their tracks so sure will we die as they did. Where is the good in our running a warehouse anyhow? Don't we have to lay it down on the warehouse floor at the mercy of the auction sales? Of course we do and everybody knows that auction sales is the biggest farce on earth. As for me, I will never raise another plant of tobacco if that is the way I will have to sell it.

Brother Union man of Surry, what are you going to do? Are the amendments to the Southernland of Utah, which would have had the same effect as his own provision of this session.

Poisonous Plant Fatal to Cattle in Iredell.

Statesville, June 9.—Complying with the request of a largely signed petition, the commissioners of Iredell county have appropriated money to defray the expenses of an inspection of the meadows of the county with a view to determining those infected with water hemlock, a poisonous plant which is proving fatal to cattle and horses in the northern section of the county. C. W. Hyams, botanist, has been employed to make the inspection and has gone to the Harmony section, where the most deaths have occurred, to begin his work.

EARTHQUAKE WAS BAD

Mexico City Badly Hit By the Shakeup Yesterday.

Mexico City, Thursday, 8.—Communication to the south is still interrupted and it is feared details of the earthquake disaster will increase in magnitude. The list of the dead here is growing. Seventy five bodies have been recovered. Peons were pressed into service of rebuilding the streets and palace and searching the debris for more dead. The Santa Maria quarter suffered the most. The city is surrounded by a military cordon and there is gloom over the reception, which made the people think it a bad omen. It may affect the candidacy of Madero.

Madero, instead of fearing the disaster may hurt his chances, believes that general suffering will tend to bring the people together. In an exclusive statement to the United Press he said:

"The hardest part of reconstruction has just commenced. I am going to stand for more and better schools. Dr. Vasquez Gomez will have charge of this campaign preceding the election period. If the people want me, I will let them speak their will. A trip southward convinces me the people understand the problems to be decided. I believe Mexico will soon settle down to industry and peace. The revolution has cost me personally \$300,000. American and foreign capital is wanted here to build up the country's resources."

President Rebukes Army Officer For Prejudice Against

Another factor which helped to form the present political equation was the stand taken by Senator LaFollette on Canadian reciprocity of which President Taft is the foremost champion and Mr. LaFollette a vigorous opponent.

Washington's idea of the situation is that President Taft is as good as renominated now. Friends of the administration insist that the LaFollette boom will make little impression. This view of today's news is that it is a species of political saline solution to stimulate circulation.

Tries to Join his Fiancée in Land Beyond the Grave

Washington, N. C., June 18.—Despondency caused by the death this morning of his fiancée at the Fowle hospital after a very short illness from appendicitis, drove Charles Ricks, the eldest son of Sheriff Geo. E. Ricks of this town and county, to attempted self-destruction about 4 o'clock this afternoon. The rash act was committed in young Ricks' room at the home of his parents and a razor was the means used, a deep gash being cut in his throat.

Young Ricks was very devoted to the young lady. He had been in a low-spirited and depressed condition all day and his mother had been constantly at his bedside. She happened to leave the room for a few moments and Mr. James McClure, a friend of Ricks, coming in in the meantime, had gone up to his room to try to cheer him up a little. Finding the door locked, McClure suspected something wrong and hastened to call the family. The door was forced open and young Ricks found lying on the bed with a deep gash cut in his throat and the bed covered with blood.

Every available physician was summoned and Drs. John G. Blount and J. L. Nicholson arrived in a few moments, followed closely by others. The former two dressed the wound. The anterior jugular vein was cut and the young man lost a large quantity of blood. His condition is precarious, though the physicians hold out some hope of his recovery.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Immediately Relieved.

Morton L. Hill of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life. Sold by Gwyn Drugg Co."

RHODE ISLAND RED CHICKENS.

Kentucky Experiment Station Finds More Good Qualities Than in Any Other Breed.

We have just closed a series of experiments extending over a period of two years with 100 Rhode Island Red hens. Rhode Island Reds are a comparatively new chicken, having only been admitted to the "Standard" by the American Poultry association in February, 1904, but as a result of the experiments conducted at this station we have no hesitation in saying that they have more practical good points combined with fewer undesirable qualities than any other chicken. They are: Broilers at seven weeks; fryers at nine weeks; layers at 20 weeks.

When full grown, Rhode Island Red hens average nine to thirteen pounds each and cocks nine to thirteen pounds. They are big red birds with brown beaks, red eyes and smooth yellow legs. The males are a rich cherry red and the hens a lighter shade of red. They have the laying qualities of the Leghorn, the vitality of the Malay Game and the heavy coat of feathers peculiar to the Cochins, but with bare legs.

Their color does not show soil. They are a desirable table fowl at any age, having oblong bodies, wide, deep, full plump breasts and yellow skin. They mature early, are very hardy and will stand severe winters and continue laying. They are good hustlers and bug hunters and require less feed than common chickens. They lay big brown eggs, are enthusiastic sitters and excellent mothers, although at the same time they

Another factor which helped to form the present political equation was the stand taken by Senator LaFollette on Canadian reciprocity of which President Taft is the foremost champion and Mr. LaFollette a vigorous opponent.

Washington's idea of the situation is that President Taft is as good as renominated now. Friends of the administration insist that the LaFollette boom will make little impression. This view of today's news is that it is a species of political saline solution to stimulate circulation.

Tries to Join his Fiancée in Land Beyond the Grave

Washington, N. C., June 18.—Despondency caused by the death this morning of his fiancée at the Fowle hospital after a very short illness from appendicitis, drove Charles Ricks, the eldest son of Sheriff Geo. E. Ricks of this town and county, to attempted self-destruction about 4 o'clock this afternoon. The rash act was committed in young Ricks' room at the home of his parents and a razor was the means used, a deep gash being cut in his throat.

Young Ricks was very devoted to the young lady. He had been in a low-spirited and depressed condition all day and his mother had been constantly at his bedside. She happened to leave the room for a few moments and Mr. James McClure, a friend of Ricks, coming in in the meantime, had gone up to his room to try to cheer him up a little. Finding the door locked, McClure suspected something wrong and hastened to call the family. The door was forced open and young Ricks found lying on the bed with a deep gash cut in his throat and the bed covered with blood.

Every available physician was summoned and Drs. John G. Blount and J. L. Nicholson arrived in a few moments, followed closely by others. The former two dressed the wound. The anterior jugular vein was cut and the young man lost a large quantity of blood. His condition is precarious, though the physicians hold out some hope of his recovery.

Charles Ricks is about 23 years of age and is a young man of good habits and is well thought of in Washington. A great deal of excitement was occasioned when the news spread.