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Next Wednesday at 1 P. M.

Penn's Pleasing Contest CLOSES!

\$100.00 TO BE AWARDED—BALLOT BOX AT PEOPLE'S DRUG STORE.

Next Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 1 P. M. marks the ending of Penn's Pleasing Contest for Popular Ladies of Mt. Airy and vicinity. Much interest has been manifested in the Contests since its commencement, and the publication of the number of Votes deposited during the Contest in the next issue of this paper will conclusively prove that the affair has been a decided success in every way. Penn's Pleasing Contest is the means of a decided happier Christmas to some as well as proving an excellent advertising medium for The F. R. Penn Tobacco Company, who have placed Penns No. 1, Sun Light Sun Cured, Red J Chewing and Queen Quality Smoking Tobacco in all the better stores of Mt. Airy and Vicinity.

AWARDS.

The Judges in Penn's Pleasing Contest will complete the Count of Ballots as soon after the close of the Contest as possible, when the Lady who has polled the largest number of votes during the Contest will receive \$50.00, the Lady standing second in number of votes polled will receive \$25.00. The Lady standing third in number of votes polled will receive 10.00. The Ladies standing fourth, fifth and sixth in number of votes polled will each receive \$5.00—six awards in all—aggregating \$100.00.

CAUTION!

There is only one Ballot Box for the reception of votes—This Ballot Box is located at Peoples Drug Co., Mt. Airy. Don't waste any votes by getting them in wrong Box. The Ballot Box is plainly marked "Penn's Pleasing Contest."

Don't delay depositing your votes to the last minute. Get them in the box as early as possible. Those who live in the Country should not let weather conditions or anything interfere with their bringing in and depositing votes. Six ladies participate in the distribution. No one knows until after the votes are counted who the six fortunate Ladies will be.

REMEMBER

PENNS PLEASING CONTEST has served to bring to every one's attention the "CLEAN TOBACCOS" Penns No. 1 The High Grade Standard Chewing Tobacco—our leader for over a quarter of a century—made from the best grown in the Piedmont Belt—Ripe and sweet—10c per plug—5c per cut Sun Light Sun Cured—The Sun Cured Tobacco with the "Please You" taste each leaf carefully brushed—free from grit—deliciously flavored—5c per break.

Red J the popular 4 oz plug for a dime. Blended correctly—a perfect chew—3 5c cuts for a dime. Queen Quality Granulated Smoking Tobacco, for pipe or Cigarette—the satisfying smoke in the Big Blue Bag for a nickel.

EACH 50 PURCHASE OF PENNS TOBACCOS CARRIES ONE VOTE.

THE WEST - HILL COMPANY, Distributors.

THE F. R. PENN TOBACCO CO., Reidsville, N. C.

\$50,000,000 Ready For Handling Cotton.

New York Nov. 21.—New York bankers who have been conferring here for the last few days with representatives of the governors' conference and the Southern Cotton Congress, announced this afternoon that they had raised a fund of \$50,000,000 to be placed immediately in the cotton belts for the purpose of handling the cotton crop of 1911 and enabling growers to participate in any rise in the market. The plan proposes to advance the grower \$25 per bale upon his cotton, based on the market value at the time of the loan. No interest will be paid upon the loan, the only charge being \$1 a bale, which is regarded as a legitimate minimum charge for expense of grading and handling. The cotton is not held nor taken

en from channels of trade, but is placed at the best advantage. The grower is given the right to designate the day of sale prior to January 1, 1903, and will participate in any advance in price to the extent of three-fourths of the rise of the market.

Hard on the Family.

Mistress:—Bridget, I told you twice to have muffins for breakfast. Have you no intellect?
Bridget:—No, mum; there's none in the house.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA, STARVING PEOPLE ARE EATING DOGS.

The Lives of Thousands of People are Threatened by the Conditions.

St. Petersburg, Friday, 8.—Famine, which threatens to claim more lives than the one in 1891, when the deaths numbered 800,000, is gripping Russia today. In Samara people are eating dogs and shrubbery and scores are dying of starvation. The crop shortage estimate is 50,000,000 tons. Officials are prohibited from organizing private relief societies, fearing a political uprising. In many places the local press is forbidden to raise funds for the sufferers.

THE BAPTISTS IN THE STATE A MOST BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Growth of the Denomination and Contributions to Various Causes.

Miss Bays' Report in Greensboro News.

The Baptist State Convention, which is in session at Winston-Salem this week, embraces the whole State. There are 61 Associations, 1,904 churches and a total membership of 221,518 from 1,872 churches reporting 32 churches not reporting. There was a gain in membership during the last year of 7,210. Other gains reported to the Convention during the year were as follows: Churches 5, Sunday schools 128, Sunday school enrollment 13,172, officers and teachers 943 women's societies 97, contributing churches 12, gain in contributions to State missions \$3,195.80 gain in contributions to home missions \$2,110.50, to foreign missions \$1,325.85, to the orphanage \$3,817.96, to ministerial education \$1,335.37, to ministerial relief \$1,009.87, making a total gain to all objects of the Convention, \$13,364.78.

The amount of money contributed to the various claims of the State Convention on last year, according to the report of statistics published, was as follows: To State missions \$39,268.70, to home missions \$23,143.72, to foreign missions \$38,597.52, to Sunday school missions \$2,001.87, to the orphanage \$36,406.30, to ministerial education \$5,999.63, to aged ministers \$4,849.11, making a total to all causes \$150,250.11.

There are three colleges and 13 academies which are conducted under the direction of the State Convention. During last year 405 students were enrolled in Wake Forest College, 403 students in the State Normal School for men, and 2,500 students were enrolled in the 13 secondary schools.

The growth of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina was especially rapid during the decade from 1900 to 1910. There were 166,098 white Baptists in this State in 1900, while ten years later there were 219,465. Ten years ago there were 138 children cared for in the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville and \$17,588 was contributed to the support of the institution. Last year the children numbered 385 and the amount contributed to their support was \$52,298. The value of the orphanage, including invested funds, is \$240,000. There are seven buildings on the grounds, including two barns. There are waterworks, sewerage and electric lights in the buildings and a laundry.

During the last year \$158,748.64 was paid on pastor's salaries and \$171,497.84 was raised for church building. Ten years ago there were only 75 ministers doing missionary work in the State, while last year that number had increased to 149. During the decade the Baptists of North Carolina have contributed \$314,147.61 to this cause. Last year the missionaries working in the interest of State missions reported 2,227 additions to the Church as the result of baptism, and 1,384 additions by letter.

John D. Retires From Head of Oil Company.

New York Dispatch, 4th. John D. Rockefeller terminated his career as head of the Standard Oil Company today. With him there also retired most of the conspicuous figures of the "oil trust." Not a Rockefeller remains among the officers and directors of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, chief of the oil corporations, which was the holding company up to the time of the recent dissolution of the great combine. William Rockefeller, William C. Rockefeller, C. M. Pratt, H. M. Flagler, E. T. Bedford and others whose names have been prominent in the oil business, stepped behind the scenes today. John D. Archbold, one of the few members of the "old guard" to remain, became president of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, and will control its destinies.

Strong Suspicion Rests Upon Monroe Man's Assailants.

Monroe, Dec. 10.—It develops today that Mr. J. W. Smith, who was brutally assaulted by three white men about a mile from Monroe, on the road to Wingate, late yesterday evening, and was held by two while the third slashed him with a knife, was the victim of mistaken identity. This was believed by some to be the case last night, but not until today, when Mr. Smith was better able to discuss the affair, was this belief confirmed.

When the men climbed into his buggy, Mr. Smith says, one of them exclaimed, "G—d—n you, we've got you now," indicating that they had been awaiting an opportunity to wreak revenge on some person against whom they had a grievance, and without giving their victim time to explain that he was not the man wanted, the dastardly work was begun. The men had been drinking heavily, and this, coupled with the fact that the darkness made it hard to recognize anyone, explains why they failed to realize they had the wrong man. Right or wrong man, however, they were evidently bent upon doing murder, and Mr. Smith now considers it a miracle that he managed to escape before fatal wounds were inflicted.

CHANCES FOR RECOVERY.

Unless unforeseen complications set in, the attending physicians believe he will eventually recover, though it will take some time for him to regain his strength. He was cut in six different places, on the head, nose, back of the neck, twice in the small of the back, in the stomach and the palm of his right hand laid open almost severing the thumb, and the loss of blood before he was found by searching parties five hours later was great. It was not believed at first that he could withstand the shock and loss of blood, and the physicians thought that possibly the two wounds in the back had penetrated into the cavity, but today this fear has been dispelled by a closer examination, and it is now stated that he has more than an even chance.

With the information that the men were white, had been drinking and were driving a mule towards Monroe, Deputy Sheriff Julian Griffin and a large posse of citizens took the trail immediately following the discovery of Mr. Smith last night and remained out until after 3 o'clock, but without success. No trace of the criminals could be found.

MEN UNDER SUSPICION.

Today the authorities have some men under strong suspicion and they will be kept under close surveillance pending developments. The men under suspicion live about three miles from Monroe and were in town Saturday. They left here about 6 o'clock, which would have given them ample time to reach the point where the attack took place. Mr. Smith avows that he would easily recognize his assailants should he see them again, and it is not believed they can possibly escape. In fact, it is openly stated tonight that arrests may be expected before noon tomorrow.

The attack upon Mr. Smith was one of the most dastardly in the criminals' annals of North Carolina. Unprovoked and without motive, robbery not being attempted, it was as mysterious as it was brutal, and that it was a case of mistaken identity is the only plausible solution.

Mr. Smith is an express messenger on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, running between Monroe and Atlanta, and is well connected in Monroe and Wilmington his original home. He came to Monroe to live several years ago and has won hosts of friends and earned a reputation for uprightness and integrity. He has been married only a year.

HORSE COMES BACK.

Yesterday afternoon at 5:45 he came in from his run and hired a horse and buggy to go to Wingate to join in a 'possum hunt. He drove by the home of

his wife's uncle, Mr. Raymond Outen, in East Monroe, where he and his wife have lived since their marriage, and left ten minutes later for the home of his father-in-law, Mr. J. W. Outen, at Wingate, 6 miles from Monroe. Thirty five minutes after he left his wife the horse which he had hired was seen coming back towards the stable, but without a driver. A hasty investigation revealed blood in large quantities on the cushions, dashboard, foot of buggy and on the right front wheel and one of the shafts was broken. There were also some small particles scattered over the buggy which were thought to be brains. The news spread rapidly, and at 7 o'clock posses in automobiles, in buggies, on horseback and afoot started on a search. Wingate and Marshville authorities were notified by telephone and searching parties also started from there, coming towards Monroe.

SCENE OF ATTACK.

About a mile from town, directly in front of the home of Mr. M. K. Lee, president of the Farmers' & Merchants' bank, a large puddle of blood was found in the middle of the road and it was seen where the horse had turned around and started on the return trip to the stable. At this point there are no woods nor thicket of any kind in which a man could be hidden, and the searchers were at loss which way to go. No one along the road had seen Mr. Smith pass and no one had seen the horse going back to town. The noise of the fray had not been heard by anybody.

However, the posses separated and covered every foot of ground within a radius of a mile of the spot where the puddle of blood was found and the attack evidently occurred and when reinforcements came, the search was pushed farther. About midnight a small posse, headed by Constable Clifford Fowler, entered a dense woods near Mr. Vernon Lockhart's home, over 2 miles from Monroe, and in a few moments came upon Mr. Smith in a semi-conscious condition and so weak from the loss of blood that it was thought he would expire before he could be taken to town. An automobile was pressed into service and a flying trip made to Dr. R. L. Payne's office, where restoratives were administered and later the man's wounds dressed.

HIS OWN STORY.

Mr. Smith revived somewhat and was finally able to give a fairly intelligent account of his terrible experience, which he corroborated today. It was thought that when the first examination disclosed the six ugly wounds that they must necessarily prove fatal, but he soon showed signs of returning strength and several hours later was removed to his room at Mr. Raymond Outen's in East Monroe, where he is now making a brave fight for life.

His story is to the effect that he was driving along the road at a moderate gait, when he noticed another buggy, drawn by a mule and occupied by three men, coming from the opposite direction. He turned out, in front of Mr. Lee's residence, to let them pass and before he could realize what was going on, they had stopped the horse and were advancing on his buggy. With muttered oaths and threats, they lay hold of him and one of them made the remark above referred to. Two of the men pinioned his arms behind him and held him in his seat while the third drew a long knife, opened it slowly and deliberately began to slash him, first on the head and then, as he dodged and attempted to protect himself with his hands, on the back of the neck, in the nose, in the stomach, twice in the small of the back and in the palm of his right hand. With death staring him in the face, he made a last effort and fell out of the buggy. His blood-thirsty assailants gave chase, but he managed to elude them in the darkness of the woods, where he roamed about until found five hours later.