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THE METHODS OF A SAV- AGE.

Down in Stanly county they are trying one N. C. Cranford for murder, the charges growing out of his treat- ment of convicts while he was em- ployed to work them on the roads of that county. Of all the cruelty that any enlightened man would be cap- able of inflicting Cranford is charged with it. He had a class of convicts little above the savage to deal with and, according to the testimony, he used savage methods to get results. He literally beat some of them to death, if the witnesses are to be be- lieved, which the jury may not do. There is no question about the cruelty of his methods, for he used a stick on their backs and, as some of them testified, "busted the hide" every lick. So severe were his beatings that men lay at his feet and frothed at the mouth unable to resist, or do any- thing but moan while he plied the stick. He tied them up by the wrists and failed in no way to inspire fear in their minds.

The books class men as savage, barbarians, civilized and enlightened, if we recall the classification. It may be that we have many savages here among us. Some of these blacks that find their way to the chain gang repeatedly act very much like sav- ages. No doubt some of them are barbarians. But with all our faults, taken as a whole people, we are both civilized and enlightened. We are above the methods of the savage or even the barbarian. It may be that these savages we have, if such they are, can be dealt with only by savage methods, but our civilization revolts at the methods of the savage. We simply will not stand and see such methods applied even to the savage. It may be that the country is better off by Cranford using savage methods on savages, but the country does not endorse such methods, even if they do get results in the way of more roads built.

It is urged strongly that Cranford govt results. He built a good system of roads for his county. He handled savages in a way to get results. Thus he is backed up by many who are classed as good citizens. But the fact remains that the public mind revolts in what he has done. It is a bad advertisement for Stanly county and for the state and the whole South. Many sensible people hang their heads in shame at what has been done in the name of the law and good roads. Better by far had we placed these savages in cells and fed them for the remainder of their days rather than resort to the methods of a savage to get them to work. In theory many men would be better off if dead, but we attach such value to human life that we do not kill people, even to get them to make roads. If half they tell on Cranford is true he is no fit man to be boss over anything let alone a savage.

THE SOUTHERN MAN'S INDEPENDENCE.

The extreme independence of the man of these Southern States is a sub- ject that has interested many think- ing people. It is a well known fact that the man of the South is of a more independent nature, depends upon his own judgment, relies on his own information and experience, more than do people of other parts of this great country. This has been proved to be true by many exper- iences. It is known that the cotton planters of the South are not disposed to buy a book that treats of growing cotton. A book on any subject that is supposed to interest the southern man will be a slow seller, while the very opposite is true of the North or West.

Men who are thinkers and who look deeply into the problems of human nature have not been able to account for this independence of the southern man. Various and many have been the attempts to account for it.

All this is strikingly shown in the way the men of this section make gardens. The average garden is about the same as the garden that was made fifty years ago. The men who are trying to interest planters in a better way of farming try to get them to adopt new methods and new kinds of fruits and vegetables. People here are slow to fall in line with all this. We have right now in mind the winter garden. In the summer time is the time to plant the vegetables that make up the winter garden. A winter garden is supposed to have as many as a dozen kinds of vegetables growing during the winter months and ready at any time for the family table. But not

one farmer in a hundred has ever caught on to the idea of making a winter garden. The winter garden is a new departure from the old way of gardening. The southern man has not been willing to even investigate it. Mind you, this is no complaint against the southern man. It may be that his independence of thought and his reluctance to take on to new ideas saves him from many a thing that he would take if he were not slow to take up with new fangled ideas. It may be that the slowness to fall in line with the new ideas is more of a virtue than a fault. That is a question about which much could be said on both sides. But why do so many farmers fail to get interest- ed in a winter garden, and why do so many wait until this latest pest, the bean beetle, eat up their beans before they take advice and destroy the pest? Why are so many men who are intelligent almost hostile to the work of a county agent? There may be a good reason. Certain it is that we progress slowly into new and bet- ter ways of living. May be if we progressed faster it would find us plunging in many ways to our hurt. It may be a two sided question.

PREACHERS IN TROUBLE.

Dr. Ashley Chappell, of Asheville and Dr. Frank Norris, of Fort Worth, Texas, two men who stand high in the church, are much in the papers these days. Dr. Chappell has been charged with immorality and Dr. Norris has killed his man—shot him to death with a pistol. Dr. Chappell stood trial for his alleged offense this week and came clear. Dr. Norris is to be tried at a later date for murder.

The charge against Dr. Chappell, who is pastor of a large church in Asheville, grew out of a visit he made to a western city early in this year and while there he was out walking one night and found it necessary to adjust a truss which he wears for protection from rupture. Bad luck would have it that he entered a house of ill fame. To make matters worse the police raided the place just after Dr. Chappell entered to adjust his truss, and he was arrested along with the others who were there.

What Dr. Chappell tells about this is exactly the opposite of what the officers are supposed to tell. Then the question naturally arises as to how a preacher is to be convicted if his supposed high character is to en- title him to belief even if it is con- tradicted by testimony of officers in the discharge of their duty. The high standing of preachers is such that the world is slow to believe that they are capable of immorality. The testimony required to convict must be overwhelming in its nature and be- yond a shadow of a doubt as to its truth. It would be unfortunate if it were otherwise. In this case the preacher got the benefit of the doubt and goes free.

The case of Dr. Norris is interest- ing. He was in his study in the dis- charge of his duty. A man walked in and talked big and loud about beating him up and taking his life. Dr. Norris edits a paper and is an agitator who raises sand about many things. He had offended by his preaching and his editorials. The visitor to his office threatened his life and refused to leave when shown the door. Then it was that Dr. Norris evidently lost his control and found pistol said to belong to the watchman and used it to the death.

Preachers stand so high that they are supposed to be able to control their passions. They are supposed to be men of such high character as to be able to turn the other cheek and to submit meekly to all kinds of abuse from the rough element when it be- comes enraged. The very opposite is the truth. There are about as many dangerous men in the ministry as in other walks of life. Because a man is a preacher does not mean in the least that he is not just as human as other men, or that he will not re- sent an insult or a threat just as other men do. The truth is that most preachers are so constituted by nature that they are "high strung" and emotional and even less able to control their emotions, such as anger and resentment and fear, than are other men. And because a preacher gets wrought up and fights does not mean that he is any less qualified for the high duties he performs. It simply means that he is human and acts like a human. Take it from us, it is not safe to go out abusing preach- ers. And this is no defense of Dr. Norris. He is an agitator and a man who is stirring up too much trouble to make one think of him as a useful man.

Bees Making Sourwood Honey.

Reports are coming in from the country that the bees are storing honey in great quantities this year from the bloom of the sourwood trees. These trees grow every where in the wood in this section and bloom about the first of July, the bloom lasting for almost a month. Some years they secrete nectar in large quantities and other years al- most nothing. The weather condi- tions this year have been such that the bloom is rich in nature's finest sweetening. Those who have bees tell us that they already have a large amount of honey stored and the harvest will last a few days longer. Mr. L. W. Hawks, of Round Pond, this county, has more than 200 colonies of bees and he estimates that he already has 8,000 pounds of honey stored and it is as fine as ever was made. There are several citizens in this section who have bees in smaller numbers who make honey when con- ditions are favorable, and they do not will no doubt have nice yields to offer for this year.

MOUNT AIRY NOW HAS SOUTHERN POWER

Entire Local System Will Be Greatly Improved—Addi- tional Current Puts New Life Into City.

Last Thursday afternoon at four o'clock Chief Engineer F. W. Lach- cote, of Charlotte, threw the switch at the transformer station near Dan- ey's shed which turned 44,000 volts of electricity into this city generated by the power plants of the Southern Power Co. This power came as great relief to the industries and citi- zens of our city as the drought in the section has lowered the flow of the streams more than in the history of the oldest residents. Not now there is flowing over the homes and busi- ness houses of the city 120 volts of current whereas the local plants were able to supply only about 90 volts during the dry season. Those who happened to be using current last Thursday knew to the second when the switches were thrown, as the motors took on new life, and hummed like new machines and electric lamps assumed a glaring white look instead of the former red glow.

It will be months yet before the system in this city will be what the engineers of the power company would have it. Already the old poles are being replaced by massive tall ones, and the way the work is start- ing out indicates that the job will be thorough and complete when finished.

In the transmission of electricity over long distances through the coun- try the lines are necessarily subject to a certain degree to disturbances from electrical storms, which inter- fere with the regular flow of the cur- rent. To avoid any such possibilities in this city the company will wire the principal industries and the Main Street section in such a way that should the main line from Winston here get put out of commission for a short time the power plants on the Ararat river will automatically take over its part of the load and go right on with the work without a minute's interruption. This arrangement will be entirely automatic and assures the business enterprises and the Main Street section almost positive assur- ance of uninterrupted service.

A survey of the work that is planned in this city by the Southern Power Co., leads one to the honest conviction that the company is sparing no money or time in its endeavor to supply Mount Airy with the best electrical service that can be devised by the human mind.

Workmen are engaged in remodel- ing the building formerly used by the Bank of Mount Airy and the company will move its offices there when com- pleted. Here will be put on display in an attractive show room all modern electrical appliances that have been manufactured to aid the housewife, such as electric stoves, hot plates, toasters, percolators, electric fans, etc.

Street Work Progressing Rapidly.

Contractors who have the task of paving Mount Airy's streets this summer are making rapid progress. In their work, and will about complete the paving of Willow Street from Rawley to Lebanon this week. Al- ready Taylor from Main to South, and Orchard have been paved. Orchard is now open to the traffic and Taylor will be open in a few days. Last week West Elm Street was added to the paving program and this will per- haps be paved while the crew is work- ing on Willow Street.

Other streets now accepted for pav- ing are Hines, City Hall, Dixie from Franklin to Rockford, Spring and Granite. When this work is finished practically all the principal streets of the city will be paved and Mount Airy will have one of the best systems of streets in the state.

One of the surprises of the year took place the first of the week when the colored people on Needmore, now officially named Virginia Street, presented a petition to the board for the paving of their street. Practically all the property on this street is owned by the colored people and they have caught the spirit of progress that is sweeping over Mount Airy and have almost unanimously asked the city fathers to pave their street. At the same time residents on South Street from Virginia to Franklin also asked for paving. As the property owners pay the cost of the paving it is supposed that the city will grant the request of the colored citizens on these streets and put this work on the paving program.

New Hardware Concern to Open Sept. 1st.

The Midkiff-Brannock Hardware Co., is a new concern just organized in this city composed of J. B. Midkiff and C. L. Brannock. They have leased the Schafer store room below Belton's grocery store on Main Street and will open up a stock of hard- ware by Sept. 1st.

Both proprietors of this new busi- ness are experienced merchants hav- ing been engaged in the retail busi- ness in this city for a number of years. Mr. Midkiff is now employed at Holcomb & Midkiff hardware store and Mr. Brannock holds a position with Kittrell's. They have resigned from their present positions to take effect August 15th. The new con- cern will handle a full line of hard- ware, building materials, tires, tubes and auto accessories.

Surry Association Held at Ladonia.

The annual session of the Surry Baptist Association was held with Ladonia Baptist Church last Thurs- day, Friday and Saturday, being at- tended by large gatherings and all churches being ably represented. Many men of prominence in the de- nomination from various parts of the country attended, among them being Dr. Brewer, president of Meredith College, of Raleigh, who was one of the leading speakers of the session. Rev. E. Gibson Davis of this city also preached an able sermon that was enjoyed by the association.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICE NOW OPEN

Dr. G. M. Sumner, New Health Doctor, to Start Health Campaign Next Mon- day.

The County Health office is now in the city hall in Mount Airy under the direction of the new health officer, Dr. G. M. Sumner who took charge of the work in Surry County on last Thurs- day. Dr. Sumner comes to this coun- ty highly recommended, having done work in the city hospital at High Point. His first work in this county will be a vaccination campaign against typhoid fever and diphtheria. The war against these two diseases will be waged through vaccination against them and Dr. Sumner has ar- ranged appointments to meet the people of the county at a large num- ber of points about the county. In addition to the appointed dates par- ties can be vaccinated at the office in Mount Airy any Saturday between 9 and 5.

The following are the dates and appointments that Dr. Sumner will keep in the county for the next week:

Monday, July 26th, 1926. Sheltontown School at 8:30 A. M. Woodville School at 9:30 A. M. Westfield School at 10:30 A. M. Cooke's School House at 2:00 P. M. Taylor's School House at 3:00 P. M. Ararat Postoffice at 4:00 P. M.

Tuesday, July 27th, 1926. Booker or Zion School House at 8:30 A. M. Round Peak School House at 9:30 A. M. Lowgap at 10:30 A. M. British School House at 11:30 A. M. Oak Grove School House at 1:00 P. M. Pine Ridge School House at 2:00 P. M.

Wednesday, July 28th, 1926. Union School House at 8:30 A. M. Harbour School House at 9:30 A. M. Siloam (Dr. Flippin's) at 10:30 A. M. Charlie Key's Store at 11:30 A. M. Pilot School at 1:00 P. M. Daron School House at 2:00 P. M. Pilot Mountain Post-office at 3:00 P. M.

Thursday, July 29th, 1926. White Plains School House at 8:30 A. M. Corinth School House at 9:30 A. M. Copeland School House at 10:30 A. M. Stoney Knob School House at 11:30 A. M. Rockford Brick School House at 1:00 P. M. Fairview School House at 2:00 P. M. Center School House at 3:00 P. M.

Friday, July 30th, 1926. Dobson Court House at 8:30 A. M. Salem Fork (Martin's Store) at 9:30 A. M. Kapps Mill at 10:30 A. M. Zephyr School House at 11:30 A. M. Park Mountain at 1:00 P. M. Haynes' Store at 2:00 P. M. State Road at 3:00 P. M. Elkin Drug Store at 4:00 P. M. Office at Mount Airy on Saturday, hours 9 to 5.

Carroll Officers to be Tried in Circuit Court.

Deputy Sheriffs, Jim Towe and Bill McCraw at a preliminary hearing in Hillsville, Va., last Thursday waived examination and were bound over to the circuit court of Carroll County and will be tried for the murder of former Deputy Sheriff Morgan Ed- wards at the September term. Both officers are under a bond of \$5,000 for their appearance at court. Ed- wards, who was a brother to a former sheriff of Carroll County, Bud Ed- wards, was shot to death more than a month ago by officers Towe and Mc- Craw. The officers claim that Ed- wards attempted to release a prisoner they had under arrest and started the shooting that resulted in his re- ceiving ten bullets, causing almost instant death. The officers were shot in the arms and hands during the ex- change of bullets. The whole matter will be thoroughly investigated at the trial of the officers in September, and able counsel has been employed to represent both sides.

County Tax Rate \$1.21.

The County Commissioners last week made the tax levy for this year, making the rate \$1.21 on the \$100.00 property valuation. This is an in- crease of 14 cents over the rate last year, which was made necessary to meet the budget of the school board and surly more funds for the county highway commission. Last year the schools received 53 cents of the tax levy, this year they will get 63 cents. Last year the roads were given 14 cents, this year they get 18 cents. The rate for county purposes, bonds and bridges remains the same as last year, 12, 25 and 3 cents, respectively. Here in Mount Airy the tax rate for the city has been set at \$1.40, making the total tax rate for the county and city, to property holders in Mount Airy, the sum of \$2.61 on each \$100 property valuation.

Duncan-Sumner Marriage.

The Hollow, Va., July 20.—Miss Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Duncan and Mr. Howard Sumner of Mount Airy were quietly mar- ried in the presence of a few friends Sunday. Rev. Newton Smith officiat- ing.

Messrs. Richard Cox and Joseph Kirkman of Greensboro, spent the week end with Canon Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Duncan, Is- abelle and Gates Duncan and Glenn Clark returned Monday from a visit with relatives in West Virginia.

Miss Emma Scales has returned from a visit with her sister in Greensboro.

Misses Eula Foolsman and Esther Hollowell, of Guilford College will arrive Thursday for a week's visit with Miss Ivy Bowman.

On next Sunday evening promptly at 7 o'clock, the Epworth League, of Central Methodist Church will give a special missionary program entitled, "The Negro in America." Interesting talks are being prepared, and special music including the singing of negro spirituals will be provided. The B. F. E. U. is cordially invited to meet with the Methodist young people at this time.

Extra Values In Shoes! We find we have to reduce our stock of Shoes and for the next ten days all our shoes will be so'd at a reduction of as much as 30 per cent. In fact all items will be sold far less than cost. Stock is complete—New styles. If you want to save some real money buy your shoes here. HARMAN'S Main Street Mount Airy, N. C.

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4 BIG Auction Sales Friday and Saturday, July 23-24 SALES START PROMPTLY AT 2 O'CLOCK.

First Sale One good five-room bungalow and about eight nice residential lots. This is a new house and has electric lights, it is located on the White Sulphur Springs road, about one mile from Mount Airy, where property is ad- vancing by leaps and bounds. Property is now owned by H. E. Scales.

Second Sale Two dwellings, one store building and three vacant lots and personal property, consisting of one Ford truck, one Buick automobile, one six year old horse and stock of merchandise. This is the property of F. C. and Roy Vernon and located on the Lowgap road about one mile from Mount Airy.

Third Sale Two dwellings, one store building and one vacant lot, located on Catus hill and known as the old home place of W. G. Catus.

Fourth Sale One dwelling and nine vacant lots located on Massey Street now owned by Mrs. Lawson.

All this property will be sold regardless of price and on very easy terms. Now is your opportunity to buy property on the ground floor and participate in the profits that are bound to come.

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