

News is given out to the effect that the next run over the proposed State Central Highway from Beaufort to the Tennessee line will be made next May in an effort to have the highway completed by next July.

The Greater Western North Carolina Association of Asheville has been incorporated to advertise and develop the natural resources of Western North Carolina, and to induce tourists and settlers to visit this section.

Awful Tragedy in Cleveland County.

Shelby, Dec. 13.—Weltering in life-blood which stained the garments of the innocent month-old infant, who slept unharmed at her breast, neighbors this morning found the body of Mrs. John Dixon, a bride of a year, and 100 yards away, in the barn, discovered a few moments later the horribly mutilated remains of her husband. An ax served the purpose of the murderers and the instrument, covered with gruesome, tell-tale evidence, was found later in the Dixon yard. Tonight officers arrested John and Hack Ross, negro tenants of Mr. Dixon, charging them with the double crime. Tracks around the premises that fit the peculiar hob-nailed shoes worn by the negroes, their conflicting tales of their whereabouts, and the further fact that Mr. Dixon had mortgages on their crops and that they had been heard to make threats against him warranted the county officials, according to their statement, in holding them without bail.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were about 30 years old, well-to-do and socially prominent. They lived in a handsome country home ten miles from Shelby.

Red Top News

Red Top, Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith were recent visitors at the home of C. M. Nanney.

O. E. Hudgins made a business trip to Black Mountain, Saturday. J. I. Nanney has gone to Canton on business.

J. M. Nanney has returned to his work at Chesnee, S. C., after a visit to homefolks.

C. M. Nanney and Frank Hall went to Marion Saturday on business.

We are sorry to say that our school will soon close. This has been one of the most successful school years that Stone Mountain has ever had. We can never say enough in praise of our worthy teacher, Mr. Frank Hall. This is his first year, but the old saying that practice makes perfect seems to be untrue in his case for we want no better than he is. We hope to have Mr. Hall with us again next year, but should he go elsewhere we can assure you the community will be elevated by his presence. Such boys as he will be of unknown value in making our county one of the best in the state.

The one great need of McDowell county is a compulsory school law, for there is no teacher who can get a regular attendance of all the children without being backed by a compulsory school law.

We regret to learn that Ernest Hudgins and family will move from our vicinity to South Carolina.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all the readers of THE PROGRESS. JACOB.

Col. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, has given \$10,000 for the erection of a monument to the Women of the Confederacy, to be placed upon the capitol grounds at Raleigh.

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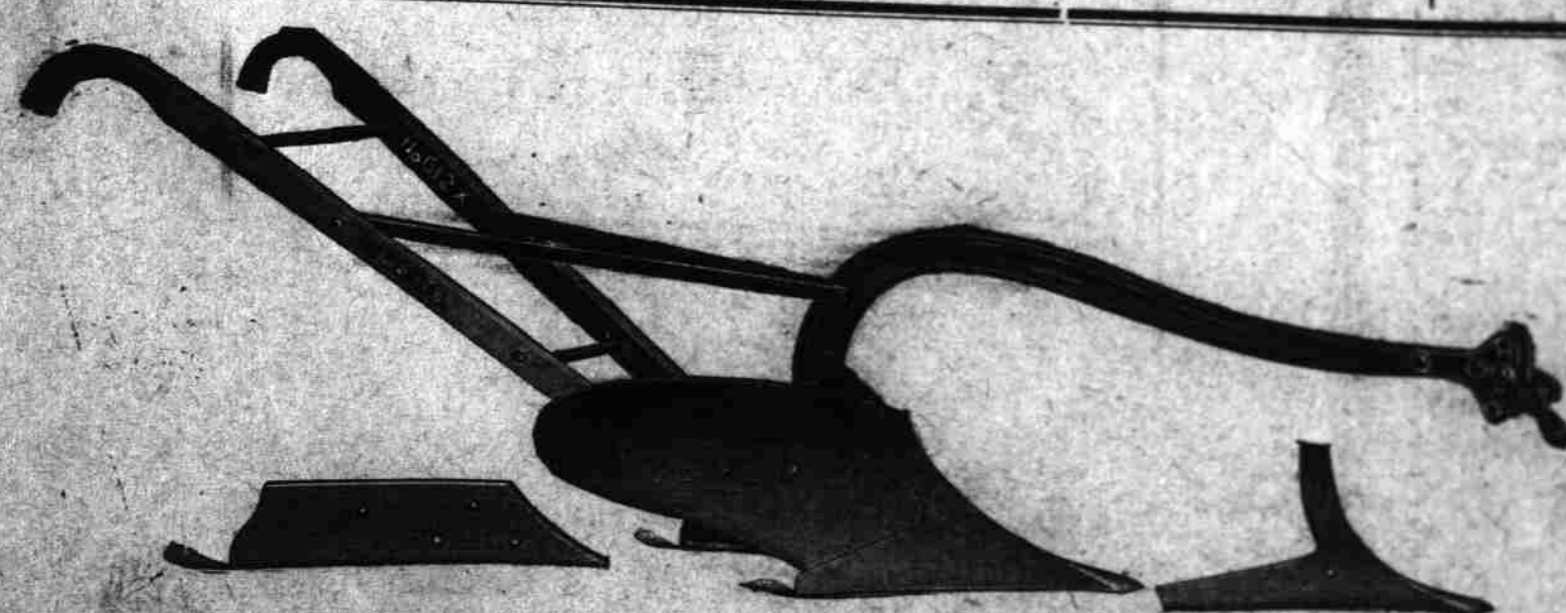
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