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TWO NEW COTTON MILLS

Clinchfield Company Decide to Build New Mill—Cross Mills Company Elects Officers.

At a special call meeting of the board of directors of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company, composed of Carroll Baldwin, H. M. Leslie, D. D. Little, H. F. Little, J. L. Morgan, T. J. Gibbs and Byron Conley, last week it was unanimously decided to build a new cotton mill to be known as Clinchfield Mill No. 2.

This mill will cost \$600,000, and will be located near the present Clinchfield mill, which will be known hereafter as Clinchfield No. 1. The stock has already been subscribed, and the construction work will begin immediately.

The stockholders of the recently organized Cross Cotton Mills Company held their first meeting on Friday of last week and elected officers as follows: D. E. Hudgins, president; Byron Conley, vice-president; Eugene Cross, secretary and treasurer. Directors are D. E. Hudgins, Byron Conley, Eugene Cross, W. W. Guy, J. H. Hemphill, J. W. Winborne and Dr. G. S. Kirby. Construction work will begin at once, contracts for machinery having been placed and site purchased, and it will very probably be ready for operation by February.

This will give Marion four cotton mills. These two new mills will make Marion the leading textile center in Western North Carolina, giving her a mill population of over 4,000. Marion's ample railroad facilities, fine climate and good labor conditions make this a splendid location for textile industries, and with present prospects Marion will in a few years be the leading manufacturing center in Western North Carolina.

Willie Sorrells Killed by Train.

An accident that was peculiarly sad and horrifying in its details occurred at Union Mills Monday evening which resulted in the death of Mr. Willie Sorrells, the 16 year old son of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Sorrells. It seems that the young man was attempting to board a through freight over the Southern Railway when he fell or was thrown beneath the rapidly moving train and his body badly mangled. Several ribs and a leg was broken besides receiving several other painful and serious injuries. He was immediately brought to the Rutherford Hospital, but he was beyond all medical aid and died within a few minutes after arriving there.

His body was carried back to his home at Union Mills where the funeral and interment took place Tuesday evening.—Rutherfordton Sun, 24th.

[Mr. Sorrells formerly resided in McDowell and the bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends throughout the county in this sad and untimely death.]

In Charlotte Monday morning at 7 o'clock Robt. A. Beattie, 67 years old, shot and killed his wife, Dixie Beattie. The deed was evidently premeditated and the result of jealousy. Beattie sent for help for his wife after he shot her and then surrendered to the police, says the Charlotte News.

Storm at Salisbury Kills Man and Destroys Several Structures.

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 28.—A severe windstorm here late today caused the death of Wm. Callaway, a carpenter, demolished several one-story brick buildings and unroofed dozens of business houses and residences. At East Spencer, six persons were injured and several buildings were blown down.

The Murphy block and the Wallace building here were damaged, and merchandise stocks throughout the city were flooded.

The plant of the North Carolina Public Service company was put out of commission, leaving the city without lighting facilities, and poles blown across the tracks at various points, haulted street cars.

The most seriously injured is Mrs. D. A. Klutz, who was caught under a ton or more of falling brick from the walls of the store buildings, one arm, one leg and her hip bone crushed, besides other serious bruises. She was rushed to a Salisbury hospital for treatment.

In the store at the time was also Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fesperman and four children. Seeing the top of the building had blown across the street, they abandoned the store only to be covered with brick and timbers falling in front.

With considerable difficulty they were extricated and all were more or less injured.

Murderer Caught After 44 Years.

Asheville, Aug. 24.—The strong arm of the law reached out today and Andy Wise was arrested at Williamston, West Va., for the murder of John Rogers in this county 44 years ago.

Wise, then a young man, was arrested 44 years ago for the murder of Rogers by Levi P. Plemmons, then sheriff, and was brought to Asheville. The county court-

house then stood on Pack square and while the sheriff was hitching his horse Wise made his escape.

Not a trace was found of him until a few weeks ago, when Steve Rogers, son of the murdered man, came to Sheriff Mitchell and reported that Wise had been seen in French Broad township near here.

Although the sheriff was early on the scene, he found that Wise had taken a train at Alexander and escaped.

Wise is now an old man and is said to have an excellent record where he has been making his home all these years. He will be returned here at once to stand trial, although Sheriff Mitchell is puzzled as to whether or not he will be able to gather any living witnesses against the man. Since Wise escaped Sheriff Plemmons, aged 82, has passed away, and many people who lived where the murder is alleged to have been committed are dead.

J. L. Hogan, a railroad foreman who was injured in an accident near Old Fort several days ago, returned home last Friday. Mr. Hogan suffered a dislocated hip, had two ribs broken and sustained other bruises, but has recovered to the extent that he is able to get about on crutches.

Alligators do not attain full size until they are nearly 100 years old.

STRIKE SET FOR MONDAY

With Strike Situation Deadlocked President Calls on Congress for Strike Legislation.

Washington, Aug. 29.—"God help you; I cannot."

This was the parting salutation of President Wilson to the railway executives this afternoon after they had presented their final proposition, and the president had become convinced that it would not be accepted by the men.

Most of the railroad heads left for their respective homes, in order, as they stated, to prepare for a strike Monday, which they appear to regard as inevitable. Word reached Washington tonight that various railroads had issued embargoes against perishable freight, and that many of the roads have warned their passenger agents to tell passengers contemplating trips that will end later than Sunday night, September 3, at midnight, to expect unavoidable delays.

President Wilson recognized the seriousness of the situation today by going before congress and asking for legislation that will prevent future strikes, and at the same time appealed to the patriotism of the brotherhood leaders to rescind the strike order issued for Monday morning. At a late hour his request had not been granted, and the principal question before congress and the president was whether legislation could be enacted in time to prevent the threatened strike Monday.

President Wilson, laying the railway strike situation before congress today with recommendations for legislation, advanced the crisis to a stage where the next developments depend upon two points. They are:

Whether the legislation he proposes can be passed.

If enacted will it be effective to prevent a strike already called for 7 a. m., September 4.

Revival Begins Sunday.

The revival meeting announced in these columns last week will begin Sunday morning Sept. 3, at 11 o'clock. A big tent has been engaged and we are expecting it to be here this week in time to get it in readiness for the first service.

Prof. D. Ward Milam of Atlanta will conduct the singing. It is much desired to assemble on the big platform the choirs of the various churches and as many volunteers as possible. If the Lord has given you a good voice use it for his glory. Join the revival choir.

This meeting is in the interest of the salvation of the lost and the edification of the believers. If you are a sinner, come. If you are a Christian, come. Will you pray earnestly for yourself and your lost neighbor.

Services will be held each day at 10 o'clock a. m. and 8 p. m. Welcome all.

LOY D. THOMPSON,
Pastor Methodist Church.

Dr. Alfred W. Dula is in Philadelphia for a few weeks taking special research work in Optics. Dr. Duly neither spares time nor expense in keeping up-to-date in his profession, and each year he spends a few weeks North studying.—Lenoir News. Dr. Duly expects to make a regular visit to Marion at the earliest date possible upon his return from North. It

Italy Formally Declares War Against Germany.

Rome, Aug. 27, 6 p. m.—Italy today formally declared war on Germany, ending the anomalous situation that has existed between the two countries for sometime, and enabling the surplus Italian soldiers to be shifted to any front where the allies and Teutons are engaged. The Italian government sent a message to the Swiss government, asking it to inform Germany that after August 28, Italy would consider itself at war with Germany.

Italy and Germany have been drifting steadily toward war. In fact, Italy's formal declaration amounts to little more than official recognition of a state of affairs which already existed. The declaration became inevitable when Italy recently sent troops to Saloniki to co-operate in the campaign of the entente allies on the Macedonian front, as Germany is directing the opposing forces and has troops on this battle line.

Rumania Enters War.

London, Aug. 28.—Rumania has thrown in her lot with the Entente Allies by declaring war on Austria-Hungary and almost simultaneously Germany has announced that she is at war with Rumania.

Already the troops of King Ferdinand are seeking entry into the plains of Transylvania through the eastern Carpathians toward Kronstadt, the chief city in Transylvania, and in the direction of Hermannstadt, evidently in an endeavor to press northward through Transylvania toward the Bukowina and Galicia borders and to take in the rear the Austro-Germans trying to hold back the Russians from entering the plains of Hungary.

Nothing has come through to indicate what preparation has been made by the Bulgarians to offset a probable attack by the Rumanians along the Danube front or a possible attempt by the Russians at invasion by means of the Danube and through Dorbraya or by the Black Sea. It is estimated that Rumania will be able to throw nearly a million men into the field.

Trains Go Through to Asheville.

Passenger service between Salisbury and Asheville was restored Sunday, this being the first passenger service on this division to Asheville since the interruption of July 16. During this week passenger trains Nos. 11, 21, 36 and 12 will be operated on regular schedule from Salisbury and Asheville.

Beginning Sunday all trains will be restored between Salisbury and Asheville. This includes the above trains and Nos. 35, 22, 15 and 16, No. 15, westbound, passing here at 10:30 a. m. and No. 16, eastbound, passing here at 8:20 p. m.

At Old Fort the heavier engines are changed to lighter ones and light trains are run over the mountain.

Enormous forces are working tirelessly on the Blue Ridge, and the forces at Graphite, Dendron and Old Fort will be continued in the mountains, it is officially announced, until the tracks are in as good condition as they were previous to the interruption of service on July 16.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Davenport College, Lenoir, is to raise \$50,000 for a library fund for scientific equipment and the building of a dormitory.

Wilmington bakers have increased the price of bread to six cents a loaf as the result of the high price of flour.

The jurors in the Epstein murmur case at Goldsboro couldn't agree and a mistrial was ordered. They stood 11 to 1 for conviction.

From July 21, when the Spartanburg and Knoxville divisions of the Southern railway were opened to the public for travel, for the first time, following the flood of July 15, to August 21, it is estimated that 25,000 people were brought to Asheville, the great majority of whom were tourists.

While ascending Balsam mountain, near Willetts, on the Murphy division last Friday, the engine of freight train No. 66 left the track, Engineer W. M. Brown being caught and killed instantly when the engine turned over. Fireman G. C. Wilson was slightly injured, but there were no other persons injured and no cars were derailed. Brown lived at Bryson City and is survived by a wife.

School Opens Monday at Old Fort.

The graded school at Old Fort will open Monday, Sept. 4. No changes in the teaching force have been made except in the high school department. Misses Lillian Draughan and Jennie Lunsford have been elected teachers in this department. Misses Draughan and Lunsford are graduates of standard institutions, and are teachers of several years experience. They come to Old Fort highly recommended.

Two courses of study will be offered in the high school department—the Latin-scientific and the modern language. The work will be largely departmental. Supt. N. F. Steppe will be the instructor of classes in mathematics. Miss Draughan will have charge of those in Latin, Science, History; and Miss Lunsford will teach classes in English, French, German.

The management is trying to provide a domestic science department. It is hoped that this can be done this year as there is already a demand for instruction in this subject.

This year, for the first time in its history, the school will have eleven grades. Pupils completing a full four year high school course will be admitted into the leading colleges without examination.

Students not living in the district, who are desirous of attending the school may do so by paying a small fee for tuition.

For further information apply to Supt. N. F. Steppe.

If you have a news item, personal or any item of local news of interest The Progress will appreciate your giving it in at any time. The small item is appreciated as much as the larger ones.

All road foremen are requested to give in their time at once to T. R. Morris for labor on the public roads in the county.