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MR WHITE HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN FOREST FIRE.

Waynesville Courier.
Mr. Ray White, a former resident of this county, has just returned from Mt. Vernon, Wash., coming home to spend the winter and recuperate following a thrilling experience in a forest fire in which he came near to losing his life. Mr. White has been with the English Lumber Company and was in the woods for this company when the bad forest fires of several weeks ago occurred. Together with two other men he was sent on a log train to try to save one of the trestles on the road and the train became hemmed in by the flames. The men made a dash for their lives through the fire. Mr. White and another lay in the tender while the third man drove the engine. They succeeded in getting out but all were badly burned. Mr. White was seriously injured internally, having inhaled some of the flames. As a result he had to stay in the hospital for several weeks. As soon as he was able to get out he started home arriving here a few days ago. After spending some days here with relatives he will go to Franklin for a visit. He says that he will return to the west in the spring.

IGNORANT AND INSOLENT.

Some one has sent us a copy of the Mountain School Herald, published by the Cowee Mountain School at Leatherman, Macon county, but bearing an imprint that shows that it is printed at Berrien Springs, Mich. Being printed in another State and probably edited by an individual who has never visited North Carolina and who is ignorant of its history, the magazine is like most others of its class in failing to reflect conditions in this State faithfully. In its original article, as well as the selections which it publishes and evidently approves the Mountain School Herald is as unjust to this State as might be expected of it in view of the circumstances under which it is published and in fact is much more so than would ordinarily be supposed possible.

Here is a specimen paragraph from an article by George Fitch in the Jackson Patriot, of Jackson, Mich., and quoted without comment in the Leatherman-Berrien periodical:

"North Carolina was settled 250 years ago and has remained calm and placid ever since, not even getting into the Civil War to any extent. It took a prominent part in the production of early patriots turning out Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson and James K. Polk. Its only feat in the last 100 years however has been the production of Uncle Joe Cannon. It is a peaceful, hookwormy State whose only diversion is to send a Republican to Congress every now and then and watch Cornelius Vanderbilt try to farm his little patch of ground at Biltmore with a gold-mounted plow and imported horseflies."

The curious thing to us is that here Northern people who interest themselves in the people whom they choose to designate "the mountain whites" should feel so plainly disposed to reflect on the people of the State generally. It would be a breach of good manners if they were to say the disagreeable things about the State that are true (that there are some of these all candid North Carolinians will admit). But that these self-constituted mentors of the State should write and speak out of malice and ignorance is still more difficult to understand. Their ignorant and insolent comment reveals the existence of narrow and shrivelled souls such as we of the South are not accustomed to encounter and the existence of which we should find it hard to credit did we not come across the unmistakable evidence as found in such articles as those we have quoted from the Jackson (Mich.) Patriot by way of the Mountain School Herald.—News and Observer

WHITE HOUSE WEDDING.

Invitations have been sent out for the White House wedding November 25. The invitations are engraved simply and read:

"The President and Mrs. Wilson request the pleasure of the presence of _____ at the wedding of their daughter, Miss Jessie Wilson, to Mr. Francis Bowes Sayre, on November twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, at half after four o'clock at the White House."

TWO VISIONS.

Editor Jackson County Journal.—

Of all that the recent Jackson County fair presented in the way of instruction and inspiration, I am sure that nothing was more impressive or inspiring than the parade of schoolchildren on the opening day. As I looked upon the throng, throwing its long length around the circle of the grounds and mobilizing before pavilion, there broke upon me two thrilling visions. Permit me a word with the readers of the Journal, especially the children, teachers and parents, about these visions.

First of all, I saw in my imagination the homes represented by those in the parade. Every boy and girl in that vast crowd was the expression of some sort of home life somewhere. That home life has made him what he is, and the aggregate of character in the host of children was indicative of the aggregate worth in character of the homes from which they came. These same children represented, also the schools under whose standards they stood. And these schools and homes will, in large measure, determine the future of the children that represent them.

As I looked into the faces of those young people, I tried to imagine the secrets of their hearts and the conditions amid which they live in their homes. My own heart beat with throbs of sadness as I thought of the suffering, toil and sorrow that has already begun to crown many of them; of the self-sacrifice and hopes of loyal parents and friends; of the selfishness and sin of many, the effects of which are already plainly visible in the very countenances of the unhappy little ones. I gazed upon girls in their teens who must have been pretty when they were younger, but whose shoulders are now stooped and whose eyes have lost their lustre. Boys were there upon whose faces have already begun to appear the unmistakable marks of dissipation. And I thought, the sum of all this sorrow and sin would form a bulk big enough to crush every life and demolish every home in all the world!

But there were scores of bright, happy and beautiful faces there. Sweet children and hopeful young men, healthy boys and lovely young women, were there in great numbers as I caught the gleam of the eye observed the poise of the body and felt the thrill of those noble young lives. I was profoundly grateful for the good homes and good schools that have placed upon these fair ones the stamp of their elevating and enriching life.

Now it was that the second vision flashed above the horizon and illumined my mental skies. I looked into the future. This vast company of young people, now standing together, separated into two great throngs. One was descending the downward slope of death. Scared faces, weak bodies, dull eyes, trembling footsteps told the story of dissipation and despair. The fragrance and bloom of youth had given way to the fetor and paleness of premature age. The hopes of home, state and nation were blighted and blaster, "Ichabod" was written upon their brows, and hell's gaping abyss was waiting to receive them.

The other throng went the way of thrift and honor. To be sure, the road was rough in places and the journey toilsome; but the healthy sweat of honest labor was upon their faces, the light of radiant hope was

in their eyes, and the cumulative glory of ultimate triumph formed a halo about their heads. State and nation set the seal of pride upon their brows, and fathers whose steps trembled upon the entrance of the tomb looked with gratitude upon the sons of cherished hopes. Mothers' hearts were glad, as they smiled lovingly upon sons and daughters who were more than worthy of all their sacrifice and patience. Athwart the pathway of the ascending throng gleamed and flashed the light of knowledge and power, and the radiance of an eternal day had already begun to cast upon the travelers the slanting beams of its kindling dawn.

With these thoughts, these two visions, before me, I left the fair grounds. These visions have not left me. I think constantly of the boys and girls and young men and women of Jackson county and of the whole country, and pray that many may be found in the company traveling the upward way.

Yours for the best education.

O. S. Dean.

Cullowhee, N. C. November 2, 1913.

SIX YEARS FOR ROBBERY.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 6.—The Carlin bill, recently passed by Congress making the robbery of freight cars, baggage cars, and express cars engaged in interstate commerce and the robbery of interstate shipments from platforms and stations a federal offense, is a law with teeth in it and sharp ones at that as was evidenced in the Federal court here when John L. Parker was given a sentence of six years in the United States prison for robbing a shipment of shoes consigned to Glazen, Miss., from a car in the Birmingham yards on May 4th. Parker was also implicated in robbing a shipment of notions consigned to Avondale, Ala., from a car in the Birmingham yards on the night of July 30th and Otis Williams and Arthur Goodey who assisted him were given sentences of four years and six months respectively in the United States prison.

Under the Carlin law, the prosecution of car and depot thieves is greatly simplified and the certainty of conviction is much greater as the federal statutes do not provide the loopholes found in various state laws through which many criminals whose guilt was proved have been enabled to escape on technicalities. As the result of the operation of this law, it is believed that criminals will recognize the danger of tampering with freight cars and depots and that there will be a great decrease in theft of this character which frequently cause serious inconvenience and loss to shippers as well as to the railroads.

S. J. SHELTON.

Waynesville, Nov. 3.—S. J. Shelton aged 78, an old soldier, died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home on pigeon street. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed as his sons are in New Mexico and California. It is not known yet whether they will be able to get here in time for the funeral, which will be held from the Methodist church, of which he was a steward and conducted by Rev. M. F. Moore pastor. Deceased was a member of Royal Arcanum and Masons. He will be buried at Green Hill cemetery with Masonic rites. He leaves a wife and six children, Mrs. Ed. Rhoads, of Asheville; W. T. Shelton, New Mexico; Conly Shelton, California; Mrs. E. C. Ray Miss Annie Shelton, and Mrs. Ernest Hyatt, of Waynesville and was a brother to W. P. Shelton of Jackson county.

GOOD ROADS DAYS OBSERVED IN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY AND STATE.

In answer to the call of Gov. Graig the people generally throughout the State turned out Wednesday and Thursday and worked the public highways in the various counties making a most creditable showing. There were very few communities in North Carolina where good roads days were not observed. Practically the whole of Jackson county was at work on the thoroughfares of the county and from reports that have been received it is estimated that \$10,000 worth of work was done.

The Cashiers Valley folks put in their time on the automobile highway to Waihalla; Webster did a fine lot of work on its roads and Cullowhee did the same.

At Sylva the folks went out in large numbers to Cal Love's field and when they got there they sure did work on the grading of the Sylva-up-the-river road, under the direction of W. J. Fisher. They put the road in fine condition for its early completion.

At about 12 o'clock of both days we were all certainly glad to see the ladies and the dinner.

Altogether the work was satisfactory and everybody feels good over that thousand dollars worth of work done in Sylva Wednesday and Thursday.

DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHEAST.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 31.—"Pull together for the Southeast" was the slogan at a meeting held here on the occasion of Railroad Day at the National Conservation Exposition by several hundred officials and representatives of the Southern Railway and affiliated lines, including the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Cincinnati New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway, Alabama Great Southern Railway, Georgia Southern and Florida Railway, and Virginia and Southwestern Railway. President W. W. Finley presided and the entire time was devoted to discussion as to the best methods for co-operating for the agricultural advancement and development of the territory served by the Southern System.

In addition to officials of the Operating, Traffic, and Legal Departments, the meeting was attended by all the field agents of the Department of Farm Improvement Work, a large number of representatives of the Land and Industrial Department, and the Live Stock Agents, Dairy and Poultry Agents and Market Agents. All these men are working for the upbuilding of the South, the Land and Industrial Department striving to attract new industries and settlers and the others giving aid wherever possible to farmers already in the Southeast and particularly to newcomers who often need advice as to local conditions in order to be successful. In addition a strong effort will be made to keep farmers already in the South from moving away to other sections.

President Finley was greatly pleased with the meeting and believes that it will result in increasing the value of the work which the Southern and affiliated lines are doing for the upbuilding of the South.



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