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BANK MOVES THIS WEEK.

The work on the building for the Tuckasee Bank has been completed and the carpenter have been at work all week installing the new fixtures. The bank will move from Webster this week and continue its business here.

HIS LAST CALL ON EARTH.

There had been a bad explosion in a powder mill and the proprietor, who was away on a pleasure trip hurried home to make an investigation as to the cause.

How in the world did it happen? he asked the foreman of the mill as he viewed the wreck. "Who was to blame?"

Well you see, sir," replied the foreman, "it was this way: Bill went into the mixing room, probably thinking of something else, and struck a match by mistake. He struck a match!" exclaimed the proprietor in amazement. "I should have thought that have been the last thing on earth he'd do."

"It was sir," was the calm rejoinder of the foreman.



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WRIGHT AND DILLARD AWARDED MEDALS.

The following from The New York Times will be of interest to people in this section many of whom are familiar with the incident referred to which occurred in Jackson County two years ago.

Pittsburg, Oct. 31.—Nearly \$100,000 is disbursed to heroes or their relatives by the Carnegie Hero Fund commission in its report made public today. The commission distributes immediately \$91,000 in awards of \$2,000 and \$1,000 each. There are sixteen awards of \$2,000 and thirty-nine of \$1,000 each. The remainder are in awards consisting of pensions ranging from \$5 to \$65 a month, and in cash sums under \$1,000. A medal, either bronze or silver or gold, accompanies every award.

The highest award consisting of a gold medal and \$2,000 in cash, goes to Charles N. Wright, a merchant, 38 years old, of Highlands, N. C., who with William L. Dillard, a liveryman, 33 years old of the same place, helped to save Augustus Baty, a carpenter, from a fall down a precipice at that place on May 14, 1911. Dillard receives a silver medal and \$2,000.

Baty had fallen from the summit of Whiteside Mountain at Fool's Rock and rolled 150 feet down an almost vertical cliff, and lodged against a small bush, two inches from the brink of a precipice 2,000 feet deep, part of his body dangling over the edge.

Wright and Dillard descended the vertical ledge, their only handholds or footholds, being ridges and hollows not more than an inch in height or depth. Wright's wife saw him and began to scream. He was nearly unnerved, but pushed on. Stopping at a tiny bush six feet above Baty, he let his feet down to a ledge two feet above the brink and then grasped Baty's coat collar. Baty gave a sudden jerk, but became quiet when Wright threatened him.

Wright drew Baty up to a place of comparative safety, where Dillard, who had lost his nerve in the final stages of the rescue, was waiting. The two men now took Baty, who was denuded, fifteen feet across the bare face of the cliff, within eighteen inches of the brink. Then they moved him to the foot of the vertical ledge at the summit, from which point he was hoisted by means of a line. The rescue took two hours and thirty minutes.

THOUGHTS FROM CULLOWHEE.

On the days set apart for working the roads the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School suspended work in the classroom and put in the time on the walks and drives around the school buildings. There was a fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation upon the part of the young men of the school. As a result, the walks received generous contributions of cinders, the roads were raised in the middle and heavily sanded and two long avenues were opened.

Several patriotic citizens of the community also did good service on the public highways. Considerable grading was done on the new road and several bad places were put into excellent condition.

At twelve o'clock the ladies of the Dormitory and of the community served appetizing dinner on the

school grounds.

Should the weather permit, the work on the new administration building will be pushed rapidly forward. All the brick have been made and a strong force of workmen are engaged laying brick and getting into shape the woodwork. Professor Reynolds and his committee were especially fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Leach, who is an expert builder of experience.

Mr. Editor, Cullowhee could be made into an exceedingly beautiful and desirable place. It should become a real center of education for this entire section of the State. It would not be a bad idea for the people of the county to get especially interested in this community and do some really nice things for it. I am aware, sir, that we feel as if we are being "taxed to death" now; but, if our people would generously go down into their pockets and erect at Cullowhee a splendid building, costing, say \$10,000.00 to be called "The Jackson County Memorial Hall," or something else equally appropriate, they would soon realize that the dividends would be long amount to more than the investment.

When the state gets into a position to do so, she is going to do some great things for this school, if our home people will just encourage her a little. The wave of enthusiasm in matters educational is sweeping over the section, and "the best is yet to be." I believe that we are just in the beginning of a great time. The future will show astonishingly brilliant achievements in educational work here among these hills. The brainy youths of the land are getting a taste of what it means to be cultured and equipped for a wider berth and a nobler service in life, and they are not going to content themselves with things as they have been. The boys are grasping the idea that a little money and some sound sense can create conditions that will greatly enhance their nappings and self-respect, and the girls are resolving to have modern equipments, more culture and greater refinement in their homes. And these things are bound to come, in spite of the calamity howler and the moss-back.

So Mr. Editor, we might as well begin to adjust and readjust our selves to these changing conditions. We do not advocate the hasty acceptance of a thing because it is new but we contend that it is sound sense to discard a thing that is old when we have found something that is better. And, indeed he who will not fall in line with the inevitable advance, must either get out of the road or be run over. There is nothing to be gained by growling and grumbling and criticising the other fellow for his progressive spirit: the inevitable will happen.

Well, Mr. Editor, I do not desire to become conspicuous, and I do not wish to weary you by my continual coming; but I feel deeply interested in the welfare of our people and especially in that of the schools and school children. I long to see the day—and it is coming—when the salaries of our teachers will be sufficient to command men and women who are capable and efficient in the last degree. All honor is due the boys and girls—I personally know many of them—who, even with limited education and training, are struggling to complete their own education by teaching; but we must come to that condition of things when none will be allowed to teach the children who are not thoroughly

qualified and equipped by knowledge far beyond what they attempt to teach, when the salaries will be such as to command the services of such men and women, and when there shall be abundant opportunity in our borders for these struggling fellows to prepare themselves for this kind of teaching or secure their needed funds from other sources. General improvement and substantial progress along all lines will bring these things to pass.

Yours for the best in everything
O. S. DEAN,
Cullowhee, N. C. November 10, 1913

PEOPLE'S FORUM

A REPLY TO MR. SHELTON.

I feel it my duty to indulge in an act of which I do not approve, but we teachers of Qualla Graded School have been unjustly and unmercifully censured by a thoughtless, narrow-minded boy. For what? Nothing; absolutely nothing.

The writer has given you a vivid description of our school grounds, which we must concede as being practically true. But judging from his article alone, one who is not acquainted with this place would be misled. He left the impression that there were only two trees on the school grounds. This is not a fact: there is an oak grove of more than one acre just back of and around the tree, which I fear has given Mr. Shelton's public spiritedness a death blow.

Mr. Shelton said from his earlier recollections the two majestic oaks had been the pride of the community as school property. He has forgotten that the oak, whose limbs are now mutilated and the smoke from the crackling branches descending to the horizon in panoramic scenes was purchased about five years ago from Mr. Brown. It had belonged to the school earlier than that it would have been cut down then, for all the large, rotting trees were taken off the grounds to give place for the young grove. Be that as it may, it is useless to any man, who without the shadow of a reason, will make such statements as he made in his article against us. He brands us as criminals and says we deserve to "realize the penalty of the law, because we tried to provide comfort for our hundred students under our care. No other reason under the shining heavens can he give, unless it be selfish, though he would not stoop so low as to do that for he is a public spirited man. He further says we ought to step down and quit teaching school and go to something where you will not have to molest the majestic oaks. We may not be fit subjects for the school room but we have been honored with a place there, and if we are not worthy of that place my friend Shelton's glass house is too thin and brittle for him to cast a stone at us. Since he has raised the subject of fitness I want to ask just one question. What would you think of a school teacher who is public spirited enough to have a box supper to raise money for school purposes and then takes the money and chugs it into his own pocket? The author of the article appearing under the head of "The People's Forum committed such an act on the very spot where the majestic oak lies slumbering. Yet he says we are criminals and the penalty of the law should be meted out to us. I will leave it for you to say what ought to be done with a man who pockets public money. Yet I am not censuring him for this act because he is a public spirited man; and it seems that that is the conception he has of dealing with public and with public money. Again last spring he taught a lesson of his public spiritedness. He decided to raise money to seat the auditorium at this place. He suc-

ceeded in raising some money, and as soon as he did he proceeded to put it into his pocket with so much force that it must have gone on through and the Lord only knows where it went after it did go through, but the presumption is that it is keeping company with the box supper money.

On one occasion my friend Shelton was asked about the money he has. His reply was, as an innocent smile played over his face "I am holding that in reserve to beautify the school ground with." The twenty-one dollars he has could be used to great advantage in beautifying the front part of the grounds. About six or eight shade trees are needed if these were properly arranged, with towers planted between them and the entire campus set in grass it would be a beautiful place indeed. It would almost rival the Vale of Aurace. Old men, young men, women and children alike, would look on the scene with admiration. This lawn on the front would be worth a dozen majestic oaks in the rear, and it can be accomplished with twenty-one dollars of box supper money too.

I have said more than I wanted to say and if Mr. Shelton had stayed in his place and attended to his own business all of this would have been uncalled for. I have no apologies to make to Mr. Shelton or anybody else about cutting the majestic oak.

Yours truly,
ROBT. E. OWEN.

JACKSON CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

I appeal to every Sunday School superintendent in Jackson county to see that his school is represented at the Jackson County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention which is to be held on the first Sunday in December, 1913, at Cullowhee.

Each superintendent of the county should appoint as many as four delegates from the enthusiastic workers of his Sunday School, consisting of both men and women to attend this great convention for the purpose of being instructed as to how to secure and maintain better attendance in the Sunday school, by such men as Prof. W. H. Crawford of Andrews, Profs. A. C. Reynolds, O. S. Dean, C. H. Utley, D. R. Proffitt, W. H. Rhodes, J. C. Ingram, J. B. Jones and others, all men of experience, men who have made it a study and men, who by their toils and careful study, have been able to grasp a great many ideas and thoughts worthy of an introduction in every Sunday School in the state of North Carolina, and I believe it is the duty of every Christian in Jackson County to place his or her shoulder to the wheel of success and help to roll until every section from the central to the remotest section of Jackson county Sunday Schools shall have been visited and revolutionized in this great work.
JOHN R. JONES, Secretary.

PROGRAM

Sunday School Convention for Jackson County. To be held at Cullowhee on the first Sunday in December 1913:
9:30 to 10 A. M.—Song Service.
10 to 10:30 A. M.—How to secure better teachers in the Sunday School—W. H. Crawford.
10:30 to 11 A. M.—The child, the Sunday School and the Church—Prof. Dean.
11 to 11:30—The Text Book of the Sunday School—Prof. C. H. Utley.
11:30 to 12—Music of the Sunday School (paper)—Mrs. Brinson.
Recess till 2 P. M.
2 to 2:30 P. M.—The Organ Class—Prof. H. B. Jones.
2:30 to 3 P. M.—Better Facilities for the Sunday School—Prof. W. H. Rhodes.
3:00 to 3:30 P. M.—The Most Effective Way to Secure and Maintain Better Attendance in the Sunday School—General Discussion, opened by Prof. J. C. Ingram.
3:30 to 4:00 P. M.—Duty of Church Members to the Sunday School—Pastor D. R. Proffitt.