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## CONDENSED NEWS OF THE WRA

During the past week three more countries have been drawn into the general storm that is sweeping the nations of the old world. Turkey and Greece have opened up the old feud and the armies of these two Empires are marching toward each other in keeping with the terms of the Anglo-Japanese treaty the Mikado has issued an ultimatum to Kaiser Wilhelm demanding the German evacuation of the port of Kiao-Chau and the withdrawal of German ships from Oriental waters before Sunday.

The plucky Belgians have held out against the onslaught of the mighty German fighting-machine in its advance across the country toward the French border. The allied armies of France and England are rushing to meet the Germans and it is expected that the bloodiest battle history has ever recorded will be fought on Belgian soil almost any day.

And in the mean time the English ships are prowling the waters of the world in search of any craft flying the German colors. The French are said to have been successful in sinking three Austrian ships in the Mediterranean.

## CAMP JACKSON 4; CAMP CHEROKEE 2.

Camp Cherokee Whoop.

The third game of baseball between Camp Jackson and Camp Cherokee was played on the grounds of the former last Tuesday and resulted in a score of 4 to 2 in favor of the Jacksonites. This was the first game of the series that they were able to secure and it was something of a shock to the locals—being the first defeat to become entangled with a row of victories. It left a real bad taste in the mouths of the players, to say nothing of the feelings of the numerous loyal followers who journey to Sylva with the team—somewhat in the mood of a Roman holiday. But then the bad feeling was considerably relieved by the good supper which followed the game.

Excuses galore could be offered for the loss of the game—for you know it is the privilege of the defeated to tell how it all happened. It might have been too hot, or too cold, or the fates were not propitious, or General D. H. Luck interfered. The real truth lies somewhere about the following: There was an overabundance of SANDFORD. Besides pitching a good game and holding the locals to seven hits, Mr. Glasgow's friend settled the matter by putting two balls over the fence just behind where Mr. Dusty Rhodes presided. The last of these circuit smashes coming with one man perched.

Our opponents secured the same number of hits off the combined deliveries of Todd and Hamilton. The most objectionable feature to them being that they were more opportune, more pertinent, as it were. And the two over the fence were entirely out of place.

Ice Cream Supper Thursday evening, August 27, on the lawn opposite the Sylva Supply Company. Benefit Baptist Church.

## BOARD OF TRADE GIVES SMOKER

The Board of Trade gave an informal smoker Friday evening for the gentlemen who sojourn in Sylva. Numerous speeches were made both by the visitors and citizens of Sylva. A spirit of optimism pervaded the entire meeting and every one expressed confidence in the future of Sylva.

Plans were discussed for the building of a dam across the branch west of the Fair Grounds forming what will be a beautiful lake covering about 6 acres. A committee composed of A. J. Dills, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Coleman C. Cowan, M. Buchanan, and C. C. Buchanan was appointed to look in to the matter and ascertain the feasibility of the plan.

The visitors all expressed themselves as being pleased with Sylva, its surroundings and the progress that has been made here and voiced the intention of returning here next summer and bringing their friends.

## BRITT AND GUDGER

In the Democratic primaries last Saturday, Congressman James M. Gudger defeated his opponent, Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds by a majority of something like 1500, carrying the counties of Buncombe, Rutherford, Transylvania, McDowell, Haywood, Swain, Cherokee, Graham.

Mr. Reynolds receive a majority in Henderson, Polk and Jackson. At this time we have received no authentic report of the vote in Macon.

The Republicans and Progressives of the district met at Hendersonville Tuesday and named as their candidate Hon. J. J. Britt, fourth assistant postmaster general during the Taft administration.

Both candidates are well known throughout the district. Both live in Asheville.

Mr. Britt was the opponent of the late Hon. W. T. Crawford in the campaign of 1906.

TABULATED VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.		
JACKSON COUNTY.		
	Reynolds	Gudger
Mountain	11	7
River	28	7
Savannah	35	28
Webster	33	21
Cullowhee	71	40
Sylva	49	66
Green's Creek	19	15
Hamburg	30	29
Sc'ts Creek No. 1	24	02
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Caney Fork	26	17
Qualla	44	28
Dillsboro	51	0
Barkers Creek	9	4
Cashiers	6	33
Canada	8	9
Total	473	354

Total vote cast 827. Reynold's majority 119.

## HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. B. R. Morgan had a narrow escape from death Tuesday afternoon, when while crossing the trestle in Sylva a freight train came up unawares and Mrs. Morgan was forced to jump for her life. She escaped with only a few bruises.

## AN EVENING WITH THE MUSICIANS AND POETS

One of the most pleasant and profitable evenings that the people of Sylva and vicinity will spend this season will be at the auditorium on the evening of the 20, beginning at 8:30 when the faculty and students of Camp Jackson, assisted by Mrs. Mary Carter Brinson, Miss Helen Cathey, Miss Walters, Mr. F. A. Luck Jr; will give an evening with the musicians and poet.

Miss Elliot, of Augusta, Ga., will give two numbers on the violin.

Mr. Jordan H. Sanford will read several selections from his favorite poets and will deliver a short address. Mr. Sanford states that he has something to say to every man, woman and child in and around Sylva.

You cannot afford to miss this entertaining hour.

The admission charges will be 25 cents.

## DEATH WAS MYSTERIOUS

Gastonia Gazette.

Charles Deal, aged about forty-five years, a weaver at the Loray Mill, was mysteriously shot and killed, last Friday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock on the Linwood road near Mr. W. D. Anthony's, about four miles west of town. Following an inquest held over the body by Coroner H. S. Sellers the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that "Deal came to his death by a gunshot from a gun in the hands of Erastus Wall." The latter at the instances of Solicitor Wilson, was placed under a bond of \$400 and was given his liberty pending trial at the next term of Gaston County Superior Court, which convenes the 24th.

A short while after the killing the local police department had Wall under arrest, having found him at his home. He and all the other members of the party were put through a rigid examination but no information was made that would give a definite idea as to how the homicide occurred. Ward said that if his gun went off and killed Deal he did not know it. When examined his rifle his rifle had an unexploded shell in it. When questioned he said that if he had reloaded his rifle he didn't remember it. An empty rifle shell was found near the spot where Deal fell. No member of the party according to their statements saw any shot and most of them denied hearing any shot. Some of them believed, they said, that a stray shot from some hunter's rifle in the woods had killed Deal. If any member of the party knew how the killing occurred they he or she evidently concealed it. There could be discovered no evidence of a struggle or of any ill will existing between the men. They were known to have been the best of friends. No possible motive for a murder has been found. The officers are of the opinion that Wall shot Deal accidentally but for some reason refuses to tell the facts.

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S. S. Enloe has opened a picture framing business at Dillsboro.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Western Carolina Bible Conference is over. The next session will be next summer. Already the management is making preparations for the third annual session.

There is nothing perhaps, that means more for the intellectual and moral good of this section than the annual Bible Conference. For last week we had an example of the magnetic influences of the Conference in drawing here men of power, men of ability, men of stability of character, men who have lived long and wrought well, men who think deeply and have the faculty of putting their thoughts into words that others may think with them and into action that others may be blessed.

Judge Pritchard told of the fight for manhood that has been by himself and others in Western North Carolina, of the eternal battle that has been waged against vice and crime, of how king alcohol has been dethroned among our people. Judge Pritchard dropped the cares of a busy life to come to us and speak a word for the Master's kingdom.

Dr. Walter N. Johnson of Wake Forest one of the best thinkers and most forceful and logical speakers in the state delivered a number of addresses making a profound impression upon his hearers.

Dr. Calvin B. Waller pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville and one of the best known pulpit orators of the South was one of the principal speakers of the week.

Dr. Caleb A. Ridley, the inimitable was also in much demand during the conference.

If through the means of the Western North Carolina Bible Conference we shall continue to bring men such as these here we have something that is very much worth while.

The officers of the Conference re-elected are: manager Thad F. Deitz, Bryson City, president Caleb A. Ridley, Atlanta, vice president Chas. L. Allison, Sylva, secretary M. D. Cowan, Sylva, treasurer E. B. McDade, Sylva.

The efforts of the management and speakers of the Conference are not in vain. They are building an institution that is destined to be an important factor in the development of Western North Carolina for, after all, the greatest asset of our mountain country is our people.

The influence radiating from the Western North Carolina Bible Conference is striking a responsive cord in the hearts and minds of the people, and it will continue to reach out until it penetrates into every cave and creek and mountain side in Western North Carolina.

S. S. Enloe frames pictures at Dillsboro.

Mrs. L. A. Buchanan and children are visiting Mrs. Buchanan's father, M. H. Brown, at Harris.

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Fred McLean is at Caney Fork constructing a silo for Mr. Brown.

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## JACKSON COUNTY

WE HAVE PROGRESSED ALONG ALL LINES—SUPERINTENDENT DAVID H. BROWN.

Educational Edition of the News and Observer

During the past year education in Jackson county has progressed along all lines. Three new school houses have been completed and eight, others are in course of construction. All of these houses are being built in accordance with the plans approved by the State Department of Public Instruction and the average cost of them will be about one thousand dollars each.

Pupils' patent desks teachers' desks, blackboards and other furniture have been bought to the amount of about three thousand, three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and we now have an order placed for nearly three hundred more patent desks.

Out of enrollment of three thousand and five hundred and four we had an average daily attendance of two thousand three hundred and sixty-four which was very remarkable considering that nearly every district in the county was scourged with an epidemic of measles in some of which as high as ninety per cent of the pupils halted.

We have two State high schools in the county besides the State Normal and Industrial School at Cullowhee and seven other schools which are doing high school work.

We have twenty-three special local school tax districts in the county from which is collected nine thousand two hundred and sixty-three dollars and sixty-nine cents which is more tax by a good deal than Wilkes county collected from forty-one districts.

The County Superintendent is employed for all of his time and had we been able to secure a suitable person for the position we would have had a lady elementary supervisor for ten of the special local tax districts which are situated on the railroad.

Our county commencement was very well attended and I think greatly enjoyed by all present. Those having completed the seventh grade were awarded diplomas. At eleven a. m. we had a very entertaining address by Prof. C. H. Utley. In the afternoon the contests in recitation, composition, declamation and spelling were held. Gold medals were given the winners in the recitation and declamation contests, gold and silver pins were given those who stood first and second in the composition contest, and an unabridged dictionary was awarded to the winner of the spelling contest.

We have had eighteen district teachers' meetings the past year. At the meetings the reading course books were given and any other matter which it seemed to be necessary to bring before the teachers of the county. All of these meetings were well attended and the teachers take a great pride in making them interesting and profitable.

Webster, N. C.

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