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GLENVILLE ITEMS.

Messrs. John Clayton and James Cunningham were in our little village last Saturday, on business.

Superintendent David H. Brown of Webster, despite the cold day held a very successful teachers' meeting Saturday.

Misses Amy Stewart and Fae Zachary were visitors in Glenville Saturday.

Henry Moss of Sylva, is visiting his home folks at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Pola Long of Cullowhee are visiting Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. Mary Bryson.

Messrs. Preaulo Stewart and Arley McGuire were seen bird hunting Saturday morning and deer hunting in the afternoon.

A. B. Allison, of Asheville, spent the night at "The Heights" last week.

Wiley Galloway returned Monday from an extended trip South.

A house is being repaired for Rev. Waue Nicholson, who will move here from Salem, S. C. He is a great evangelist, and we will be glad to have him in our midst.

Wolff L. Allen went to Cashiers last Saturday.

Claude Wilson is running a steam saw mill here.

A. J. Monteith and three sons, Walter, Lee and Lawrence, started to Fairfield for a deer hunt, on top of the Blue Ridge; they came upon a bear's track; they soon traced it into "Sheep Hill Lanes," where they gave up the chase.

Drummer Davis was here on business last week.

Mrs. D. A. Bumgarner was here shopping last week.

Mrs. W. A. Fowler has gone to Spruce Pine to visit her daughter, Mrs. T. A. English.

A "Wolff's" track was seen all the way from Cashiers to Glenville early Monday morning. (?)

Owing to an incessant rain Thursday and Friday the people were disappointed in not getting to observe "Community Service" days as they had quite an extensive program arranged. A READER.

NOTICE

To the old Soldiers and widows of Soldiers.

This notice is to explain to you the delay in getting your pension checks. The State Auditor sent them out as early as usual this year or a little earlier, but he misdirected the package containing the checks and it went to Webster instead of Sylva. It was a registered package and therefore did not reach me for several days.

Trusting that your checks have all reached you by this time, and wishing each of you a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Most respectfully yours,
W. L. HENSON,
Clerk Superior Court.

Moving pictures at the auditorium tonight. benefit of school.

Because of lack of space. We could not publish the letters to Santa Claus, but we assure the little friends of the Journal that the old Saint will get their letters.

Oscar Lovedahl was here Wednesday from Cowarts.



A Merry Christmas To All Our Readers



E. M. JARRETT KILLS W. B. GRANT IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N. C. Dec. 22. William B. Grant, aged 72, was shot and almost instantly killed at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in the store of the Blue Ridge Mercantile company, on southside avenue, by E. M. Jarrett, who at once surrendered to Patrolman Charlie Pinner, on duty at the Southern Railway passenger station and is now without bond in the city jail.

It seems that Grant was in the establishment of the Blue Ridge Mercantile Co. discussing a note, containing vile and threatening language, which he had found under the door of his shoe shop, when Jarrett entered and took part in the discussion.

Finally, according to the witnesses, Grant and Jarrett started an argument, which became more heated as it progressed and the two men began to curse each other, Grant advancing on Jarrett. At this time Jarrett pulled a pistol, the witnesses say, and stepped back, when Grant told him to shoot, to which Jarrett replied that he did not want to shoot him.

Mr. Grant had his hand in his hip pocket, bystanders maintain, and advanced on Jarrett the second time when the latter fired three shots, each taking effect. One of the bullets entered about the middle of the chest, another in the left shoulder and the other in the chest.

He was placed in a chair in which he died without ever speaking a word from the time he was shot.

Jarrett walked out of the store, through a side entrance and went at once to Patrolman Charlie Pinner at the passenger station, and surrendered. He was brought to the city jail and locked up.

The deceased conducted a shoe shop at No. 270 Southside avenue for several years and was well known in the city. He was a large man, standing more than six feet and weighing 200 pounds. In other days he was noted for his enormous strength.

Mr. Jarrett is well known in Sylva, being a native of Dillsboro and having a number of relatives in Jackson county. He is a brother of Postmaster M. Y. Jarrett of Dillsboro and has been living in Asheville for four or five years, where he has been connected with the Southside Furniture company and other enterprises. He is married and has three small children.

Is There a Santa Claus

(From the New York Sun.)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
"115 West Ninety-fifth street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus, coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man not even the strongest horse that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, belief, imagination can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ay, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus." Thank God. He lives and He lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten times ten-thousand years from now—He will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT IS LOST

The proposed Constitutional amendment providing for National Prohibition, lost in the lower house of Congress, Tuesday, it failing to receive the necessary 2-3 vote. The amendment did receive a majority, however, the vote being 197 for to 189 against.

The prohibitionists state that the vote that this measure received was fully as large as they had expected.

Seven of the North Carolina Congressmen voted for the measure and two, Pou and Small voted against it.

It is likely that a similar resolution which has been introduced by Senator Sheppard of Texas, will come up for a test vote in the Senate during the present Congress.

The recital which was to have been given at the auditorium last Friday, was postponed on account of sickness. The date will be given later.

There will be given at the auditorium Saturday night, a Box Supper, for the benefit of the graded school.

Pou! Wasn't it Small?

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

Christmas entertainments of the Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools will be on Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening respectively.

The public is invited to be present. Some good music, recitations and other appropriate features have been arranged.

Miss Myrtle Keller passed through Sylva Wednesday enroute to her home at Cullowhee.

Vilas Parker of Cowarts, was in the city the first of the week on business.

Misses Hattie and Ruth Proffitt have returned to their home at Webster, after a visit of several days at Black Mountain.

W. C. Hill went to Asheville Sunday returning Tuesday.

Robt. L. Madison Jr. is spending the holidays at Webster with his mother.

RAILROADS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

The Common Carriers Ask for Relief — President Wilson Directs Attention of Public to Their Needs.

The committee of railroad executives, headed by Mr. Frank Prumbull, representing thirty-five of the leading railroad systems of the nation, recently presented to President Wilson a memorandum briefly reviewing the difficulties now confronting the railroads of the country and asking for the cooperation of the governmental authorities and the public in supporting railroad credits and recognizing an emergency which requires that the railroads be given additional revenues.

The memorandum recites that the European war has resulted in general depression of business on the American continent and in the dislocation of credits at home and abroad. With revenues decreasing and interest rates increasing the transportation systems of the country face a most serious crisis and the memorandum is a strong presentation of the candle burning at both ends and the perils that must ultimately attend such a conflagration when the flames meet is apparent to all. In their general discussion the railroad representatives say in part: "By reason of legislation and regulation by the federal government and the forty-eight states acting independently of each other, as well as through the action of a strong public opinion, railroad expenses in recent years have vastly increased. No criticism is here made of the general theory of governmental regulation, but on the other hand, no ingenuity can relieve the carriers of expenses created thereby."

President Wilson, in transmitting the memorandum of the railroad presidents to the public, characterizes it as "a lucid statement of plain truth." The president recognizing the emergency as extraordinary, continuing, said in part:

"You ask me to call the attention of the country to the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and the railroads helped in every possible way, whether by private co-operative effort or by the action, wherever feasible of governmental agencies, and I am glad to do so because I think the need very real."

The conference was certainly a fortunate one for the nation and the president is to be congratulated for opening the gate to a new world of effort in which everyone may cooperate.

There are many important problems in our complex civilization that will yield to co-operation which will not lend themselves to arbitrary rulings of commissions and financing railroads is one of them. The man with the money is a factor that cannot be eliminated from any business transaction and the public is an interested party that should always be consulted and happily the president has invited all to participate in the solution of our railroad problems.