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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

NEW ENTERPRISE AT ANDREWS

Andrews Sun, Feb. 13.

The Graham County Lumber Co., Col. Frank Buell, president, has purchased about 30 acres of land, adjoining the property of the North Carolina Tanning Extract Co., and will erect thereon a large wood working plant, which will use over ten million feet of lumber annually, mostly low grade chestnut oak and other hardwoods.

In this immense plant which will be equipped with up-to-date machinery, the lumber will be kiln dried, and then cut up into table tops and other furniture demension stock, also made into house trim, and a specialty will be made of "cores," that is the small pieces will be glued together and made ready to be veneered onto later by furniture manufacturers.

All the chestnut shavings strips and saw dust will be saved and the tannic acid extracted later, so that nothing will be wasted.

The entire machinery will be driven by electric motors, driven from large generators operated by steam, made from the waste from the wood working machines.

A large number of men will be employed and this big pay roll will be a welcome addition to Andrews diversified industries.

SINGING CONVENTION.

To the Choirs of the lower District. According to promise the writer agreed to give one dozen song books to the best choir at the convention held at Olivet Methodist church, January 1914, and, as the convention had no judges, to give the award to the best choir. Mr. Shytle says that Worley's Chapel got it. I take this means of letting the people know how the matter stands. The committee of Moore, Bob Shular, Lee Pangle and Hix Stiles, made a minute for the convention to be held on the second Sunday and Saturday before, and later said they had changed it to the third, so I never got notice of it and I did not go. I have the minutes in my possession now. So they met on the third. I will leave this matter to the convention. As for one I am in favor of all subjects being discussed by Christian people, as it is an arm of the Christian Church and a part of the church work. I think the people ought to take more interest in the matter.

J. M. CRAWFORD.

FORD PLANT IN CHARLOTTE.

Washington, Feb. 13.—A branch manufacturing plant of the Ford Automobile company is to be established at Charlotte in the near future, according to James A. Couzens, vice president of the company, who has just returned from a trip through North Carolina.

LEARNING ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

The editors of the University News Letter are reading a hundred and ten newspaper exchanges every week.

It may be important for the people of North Carolina to know about their University. But it is also important for the University to know about the people of North Carolina, as they hope and dream, and struggle forward and achieve day by day.

And so we read our exchanges. How else are we to know the North Carolina that is and is to be?

JUDGE PRAISES JACKSON COUNTY.

Judge E. B. Cline in his charge to the Grand Jury referred to his having been here and having held his second court at Webster four years ago and that while there he made acquaintances and friendships that have lingered in his memory and have bound him to the people of this county. Judge Cline said, "While I am here, I want to make a pilgrimage back to Webster and witness once again one of those beautiful sunsets at that quiet, restful place where I spent those happy days. I wish to congratulate you upon the handsome court building that will stand as a tribute to the greatness of this County. It is clean, has every convenience I could wish and speaks of the spirit of progress that is alive, awake and working in the State today."

Judge Cline spoke of the high and important office of a grand juror and referred to the people who are looking to the Judge, Solicitor and Grand Jury for the protection of their rights. He told of the opportunities of the officers of the court to work for better living and better people. Judge Cline stated that if the pernicious habit of carrying concealed weapons were abolished and the prohibition laws rigidly enforced that there would be practically no need of criminal courts in this mountain section.

In that connection his honor called the attention of the Grand Jury to the Wike Liquor Law prohibiting the delivery of liquor in Jackson County and instructed it, if the Solicitor should present the common carriers for violation of that law, to return a true bill, if there be sufficient evidence and that the question as to the validity of the law will be decided in the court.

The Grand Jury for the present term of Court is composed of the following citizens: L. P. Allen foreman, W. H. Sutton, J. H. Bryson, S. M. Mills, Walker Potts, H. E. Shuler, J. T. Dean, W. H. Snyder, W. A. Blanton, Lawrence Henson, Allen Rogers, Burton Tranathan, J. W. Cagle, Merrett Green, S. H. Montieth and W. L. Gidaey.

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 421 PRIVATE LAWS OF 1913, RELATIVE TO COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW FOR DISTRICT NO. 1, OF SYLVA TOWNSHIP IN JACKSON CO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The chapter two hundred and forty-one, Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following substituted there for, to wit:

"Sec. 1. That every person residing in district number one, Sylva Township, and having under his or her control a child or children between the ages of eight and sixteen years, shall cause such child or children to attend some public school in said district, and such attendance will continue during the school term; and for every neglect of such duty, the person offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished as hereinafter provided: Provided, that an occasional absence from such attendance by such child or children amounting to not more than two

unexcused absences in four consecutive weeks shall not be unlawful: provided further, that the superintendent, principal, or teacher in charge of such school may excuse any child for a temporary absence because of an unusual storm or bad weather, sickness or death in the child's family, unforeseen or unavoidable accident, and such excuse or reason therefor shall be recorded by said superintendent, principal or teacher in charge of said school and reported to the attendance officer as hereinafter provided; Provided further, that in case of protracted illness of any child whose attendance is required under this act, or in case of quarantine of the home in which the child resides upon satisfactory evidence to this effect, the attendance officer shall excuse from attendance such a child until he is fully restored health or until the time required by law that he shall stay out of school after quarantine has been raised.

Sec. 2. That it shall be the duty of every parent, guardian or other person in said district having under his or her care a child between the ages of eight and sixteen years, to report to the teacher in charge, in writing, within three days, the cause of such absence and for every neglect of such duty the person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of every teacher in any school district to report weekly to the attendance officer the names of all children between the ages of eight and sixteen years, who have been absent more than two days in four consecutive weeks, together with the names of parents, guardian, or other person in charge of said children.

Sec. 4. When any complaint is made to the truant officer by any principal, superintendent, or other person in control of any school as above described, of the failure of any person to comply with the foregoing provisions of this act, the truant officer shall immediately investigate the cause of such absence and if, in his opinion, there does not exist a reasonable excuse there for, he shall forthwith make complaint against the person having such child or children under his control, before some justice of peace residing in the territory above described, who shall summon such person before him to answer such complaint.

Sec. 5. That any teacher or attendance officer who shall fail to perform the duties prescribed by this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 6. That upon conviction a person violating the provisions of this act shall be fined five dollars and costs for each offense, provided that if any child has attended for a like time a private day school or had already acquired the branches required by law to be taught in the seventh grade of the schools in this State, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render attendance impractical or inexpedient, or if such child resides two and one half miles or more from the schoolhouse by nearest travel route, or in any case in which because of extreme poverty the services of such child or children are necessary for his own support, or the support of his parents, then in any of such cases such penalty shall not be incurred.

Sec. 7. That the school committee of said district is hereby authorized to appoint an attendance officer for said district, to fix his compensation and to prescribe his duties; they may appoint as such officer any constable, town marshal, or other discreet person."

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act shall not be operative in said district.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

WAYNESVILLE MEN BEATEN ON STREET.

Wade Orwood and C. D. Kelley, of Waynesville, were set upon and badly beaten about the face and head, near Beech street and Southside avenue, at an hour yesterday morning. They were in such condition as a result of the fracas that they were sent to the police headquarters, where they declared they had been assaulted.

Orwood claimed that he was first struck on the head with a stick and then kicked in the face. He named Will Robinson and "Lum" Featherstone as responsible for his injuries. Both men were arrested on Orwood's complaint by the police.

Just before the trouble occurred between the parties to the affair, there had been an argument, it is alleged, in which a woman is concerned. On the sidewalks where the men were picked up by the police, the street was red with blood, but despite the amount lost, neither man, it is thought, was seriously injured. Both went to their homes unassisted.

Late yesterday afternoon Wade Orwood was arrested on the charge of having assaulted Miss Lillie Featherstone. The charge was preferred by her brother, "Lum" Featherstone.—Asheville Citizen.

COURT DOINGS

The week was consumed in the superior court in the trial of a number of minor criminal cases and the only case of any moment, that of the State vs. Geo. Ward charged with the killing of his father was not reached until yesterday afternoon and is now being heard.

The cases disposed of are: State vs. Charlie Bryson A. W. D. W. Nol. pros. State vs. Thomas Cook abandonment, guilty, defendant to pay \$15.00 to clerk of the court for the term of two years for the monthly support of wife. John Watson assault continued. Will Ritchie C. C. W. not guilty. Jim Sutton and Will Sutton A. W. D. W. continued for state. Hillard Gidney and Alvin Ensley assault Gidney found not guilty Ensley fined \$25.00 John Alex. C. C. V. alias continued. Elija Matthis and Baxter Matthis A. W. D. W. Alias inued. Joe Watson and Mack Calhoun killing not guilty. Dave Arwood retailing continued defendants bond fixed at \$200.00. Vint Nicholson retailing, two cases, guilty judgement not pronounced. Dillard Hooper and Weaver Swayngim A. W. D. W. Swayngim guilty of simple assault, Hooper guilty fined \$100.00 Del Crane Grand Larceny, defendant called and failed to appear and instant capias issued. Fred Buchanan larceny, not guilty. Arthur Dills forcable trespass, guilty, judgement suspended on good behavior, bond for appearance at next term of court. Jim Ritchie and Bessie Love adultery not guilty. The case of Tom Jones and Fred Sutton under bond for good behavior was called and it appearing that Sutton had been arrested for drunkenness since last term of court, he was fined \$50.00.

General R. D. Gilmer was here Wednesday on business.

Attorney Branner Gilmer was a visitor in Sylva this week from Waynesville.

SHEPPARD REPORTED TO HAVE MADE ESCAPE

A message has been received at the office of United States Marshal Charles A. Webb to the effect that H. Sheppard, charged with shooting R. B. Slaughter, a deputy sheriff several weeks ago, has succeeded, in making his escape from the jail at Franklin, whereabouts at the present time are unknown.

According to the information received at the marshal's office, Sheppard recently was tried on another charge and was sentenced to the county roads. He gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and it was while he was awaiting the outcome of his appeal, it is said, that he made his escape from the jail.

It is stated that the escape was effected by means of the use of blankets, which formed a rope on which the prisoner made his way from the second floor of the prison to the ground. The blankets were tied together, and after breaking away the bars in a manner which is unexplained, Sheppard is reported to have made his gateway with ease.

A message from Mr. Slaughter's bedside is to the effect that he continues to improve, although it doubtless will be sometime before he can resume his duties. He recently came to Asheville to receive medical treatment, and it was found that his wound was a dangerous one.—Asheville Citizen.

PATTON LOSES LEG IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Tom Patton, twenty-five years old, a flagman on the Southern railway, was brought to Asheville on train No. 18 about 6:30 o'clock last night from Bryson City, where he fell beneath a train yesterday afternoon with the result that one of the wheels of the car passed over his left leg, cutting the foot off above the ankle. He was taken to Meriwether hospital for treatment.

The bones in the leg were so badly crushed that the leg was amputated at once. This was done in Bryson City before Mr. Patton was brought to this city. His home is at Murphy.—Asheville Citizen.

Col. W. J. Hannah was in Sylva Wednesday attending court.

J. N. Bumgarner was here yesterday from Erastus.

S. T. Cooper of "Seven Oaks Farm" was in the city this week.

J. B. Bumgarner of Wilmot was in town this week.

J. L. Robinson was here Wednesday from Willeis.

Coroner J. Wesley Shelton was in town this week from Cullowhee.

St. John Cox was a visitor in the city yesterday from Cullowhee.

Miss Mattie Axley of Murphy is stopping in Sylva.

Geo. Sprinkle was here the first of the week from Wilmot.

Ben Fisher of Wilmot was in town Saturday.

O. E. Varner was here Wednesday from Wilmot.

J. W. Holcombe was in town Monday and advanced his subscription to the Journal.