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WARD CONVICTED-TO SERVE SEVEN YEARS.

The Jury in the case of the State vs Geo. Ward wherein Ward was charged with the killing of his father at his home near Barker's Creek, more than a year ago found Ward guilty of manslaughter and Judge Cline sentenced him to seven years in the penitentiary.

The evidence was purely circumstantial as the only witnesses who were present at the home at the time of the trouble were the brothers and mother of the defendant. Solicitor G. Lyle Jones and James H. Cathey appeared for the state while Ward was defended by Thad D. Bryson.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Ward were indeed peculiar. It was admitted by the defendant and his brother that a few days prior to the death of their father the defendant and the deceased had had some words and that the deceased had attempted to strike his son the defendant with a chair. Dr. Teague who was called some days later to attend Kirk Ward the deceased, testified that the skull was fractured from a blow. The defendant and his brother both testified, however, that the defendant did not return the blow of his father. They contended that at that time there was another brother, now dead, who was insane and that the probability was that he had, at some time when the other members of the family were not present, struck his father, thus inflicting the blow that caused his death. The state took the position that at the time of the row between Kirk Ward and his son, George, George had hit his father with a stick and that that was the means whereby he came to his death. Evidently the Jury inclined to the view of the situation as pointed out by the state. Judge Cline said to the Jury, after they returned their verdict: "Gentlemen I am convinced deep down in my consciousness that you have found the truth of this matter."

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY MINE.

The American steamer Evelyn, which sailed from New York January 29 with a cotton cargo for Bremen, was sunk by a mine off Borkum Island, in the North sea.

The vessel's captain and 27 of her crew were saved.

The nationality of the mine which destroyed the Evelyn has not been established.

The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with disaster as a result of the sea warfare of the European nations. She did not sink within the war zone included in the German admiralty's decree. Borkum lies directly off the German coast, at the mouth of Ems river, and is German territory.

Maritime records give the complement of the Evelyn at 25 men, so that it is probable that all on board the vessel were rescued.—Asheville Citizen.

TO BUY MT. MITCHELL.

The Senate passed the Weaver bill appropriating \$20000 for the purchase, by the state of Mt. Mitchell for the establishment of a state park for the purpose of protecting the forest on the highest peak east of the Mississippi.

MAYO PLEASED WITH CULLOWHEE SCHOOL

DOWN EAST ENTHUSIASTIC OVER FUTURE OF INSTITUTION AND FAVORS APPROPRIATION

News and Observer Feb. 19.

Representative J. L. Mayo, of Beaufort, one of the members of the House from "Down East" was on the committee of inspection that visited the Cullowhee Normal School at Cullowhee, Jackson County and comes back enthusiastic over the school and the beautiful scenery of the "Land of the Sky." It was his first trip to that God-favored region but it is safe to say it will not be his last.

"Leaving Salisbury which is located in a rather flat country," said Mr. Mayo, "traveling up the Western North Carolina Railroad you gradually see unfolded to your vision one of the grandest panoramas of nature's handiwork, a scene that is constantly changing and very pleasing to the eye. Reaching Statesville one gets the first glimpse of the mountains in the distance and as you travel onward they come nearer and nearer until when Morganton is reached they seem almost to be at the car window. At Marion the main street of the town butts right up against a mountain and at Old Fort you begin climbing the lofty ranges.

"Seeing the cultivated fields on the side of the mountains the man from the East wonders why the farmers would work land on such steep slopes when down in my home state the level land which will produce abundant crops of uncultivated land is as level as the floor which will produce abundant crops. Senator Paxton told of one man working these steep places falling out of his field and breaking his arm while another story was told of how the farmer had to load up his gun with corn and shoot it into the furrows at planting time.

"But on inquiry I was told that it was impossible to get these mountaineers to leave their present abiding place, that they would not move for the best farm in the East as a gift.

"The fountain at Round Knob named in honor of Col. Andrews of Raleigh, was one of the picturesque sights on the trip. The fountain was first seen from the left side of the car window and in a few minutes the car had wormed around and we were almost at the same place again, only a little higher, looking at the fountain from the right side of the car. There is a point here where the railway can be seen in five different places where it winds up the mountain.

"We went to Sylva located on the Murphy branch of the Southern and on our way passed by the highest station, Balsam, east of the Mississippi. A hotel on the mountain near Balsam is 5,500 feet above the sea level.

"Reaching Sylva it took us two two hours to drive to Cullowhee on account of the condition of the roads. The township has recently expended \$30,000 for roads but the top coat is not yet finished, hence the mud. The grade on this road was almost perfect, not over two per cent.

"Cullowhee is situated on one of the mountain peaks about 3,000 feet high. A new admiration building has been erected recently at the school built of brick, three stories in height, fitted up with glass rooms and is practically fireproof. "The girls dormitory is in the old

building and here too is the dining hall. The architect in drawing plans for the building made the rooms too large and these should be cut in two. This building is three stories high and one of the serious faults to be found with it is there is not a fire escape to the building. The stairway is in the center of the building and should a fire occur it is horrible to contemplate the fate of the girls sleeping on the third story. All the buildings are heated from a central heating plant.

Mr. Mayo said the school was doing a great work for that section of the State and he is gratified that the State is assisting the institution in a substantial manner. Cullowhee was first started as a private institution and Mr. Mayo, and gradually grew until the State, seeing the need for an institution of this kind in that section, came to its aid until now it has become one of the State's most valuable assets. The young people going out from the school are better trained for their life work, have broader intellects and greater visions of what the future has in store for them, these children of the hills.

Mr. Mayo spoke in the highest terms of the management of President A. C. Reynolds and said that the standard of the school has been greatly raised during the past two years.

Mr. Mayo is in favor of the appropriation asked for by the school both for new buildings and maintenance and thinks that it would be a mistake for the State not to render the necessary aid at this time because the school is passing through a crisis and to refuse the aid asked would impair the usefulness of the institution to a section which needs just such a school as which it is serving most acceptably.

INCREASE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

According to the reports of the doings of the Legislature, in the daily press, Representative Jones has introduced a bill to increase the members of the Board of Education of Jackson County from three to five.

It is not known here what the bill provides or who the additional two members will be.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS.

Andrews, Sun Feb. 18.

The Graham County Lumber Company are going ahead with their improvements at this place.

Their immense plant when completed will employ a large number of men, and they expect to have several other factories that will each have a very large pay roll.

This company is one of the strongest in the county, and we are glad to have them located in our town.

HOUSE VOTES ANTIJUG LAW.

The lower house of the General Assembly passed the Greer bill prohibiting the delivery of intoxicants in the state for beverage purposes by the astounding majority of 100 to 6.

The measure is now before the Senate and it's friends are fearful of its fate as there is believed to be a strong sentiment against it in that body. However, the General Assembly has been literally swamped with petitions from all parts of the State asking that the measure be adopted.

STOP THAT COUGH-NOW

When you catch Cold, or begin to Cough, the first thing to do is to take Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey. It penetrates the linings of the Throat and Lungs and fights the Germs of the Disease, giving quick relief and natural healing. "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey for Coughs and Colds," writes Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio. It always helps. 25c at your Druggist.

SPEAKER INJURED IN ACCIDENT.

Engrossing Clerk Will Aycock was instantly killed and speaker Emmett R. Wooten and Senators Rivers Johnson were dangerously wounded at an early hour, Friday morning when the chauffeur of the automobile in which they were riding lost control of his car near Raleigh.

Speaker Wooten was so desperately wounded that it was necessary for an operation to be preformed upon his ruptured right kidney. He rallied from the operation and it is believed that he will recover. Senator Johnson is doing nicely.

Will Aycock was a nephew of the late former Governor Chas. B. Aycock.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY GIVES RECEPTION.

The Woman's Auxiliary gave a reception at the Home of Dr. C. Z. Candler, Tuesday evening, in celebration of Washington's birthday and in aid of the purpose of raising funds for the paying of the debt on the Baptist church. It was indeed a notable social event. A large number of people of the city and from Dillsboro as well as the visiting members of the bar and court attendants were present. The large reception hall, the dining room and parlor were thrown into one for the reception of the guests. The home was tastefully and beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, pictures of Washington, hatches, cherries and other ornaments that brought to mind the colonial days and the struggles of the revolution. A lovely picture indeed were the dames and damsels of colonel times who greeted the guests at the door and served them during the evening with becoming grace, dropping curtisies here and there.

Miss Betsy Barker favored the party with a couple of selections accompanied on the piano by Miss Lula Tisdale. The male quartette, Messrs. Ensley, Chastain, Jarret and Crisp, also added to the enjoyment the guests.

In the dining room the table was most attractively decorated. In the center was a large birthday cake iced in the national colors and topped with thirteen candles and a small American flag. A delicious salad course, followed by cake and coffee was served.

Following the refreshments, Mr. C. C. Buchanan announced that the ladies had placed under the cake an article typifying an occurrence in the life of Washington and that the cake would be given as a prize to the one who would guess correctly what it was. Miss Helen Cathey guessed Lie and the prize was awarded to her, for under the cake was a small package of concentrated lye.

Miss Jannette Snyder also guessed correctly, but she was in another room and the prize had been awarded to Miss Cathey. Miss Snyder was given a box of Huyler's confections.

The event was a success from beginning to end and from every standpoint. The party sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" as they took their leave of the hostesses, regretting that the time had passed so quickly.

PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Cherokee Scout Feb. 20.

Oliver Gribble and Henry Campbell made their escape from the county jail Wednesday morning when the cell door was left ajar.

The escape was made while Jailor Ramsey and family were away in the morning. Mr. Ramsey caught Gribble about three miles east of town half an hour later. Thompson has not been apprehended.

Gilbert Hoffway, the young boy being held on the charge of murder, made no effort to get away.

SHOT THROUGH WINDOW

Cherokee Scout Feb. 10.

A message was received here late Wednesday night stating that Carl Townsend had been shot at the home of his father, Bill Townsend, near Calaberson, early that night. He was shot twice, and the shots were fired through a window.

Townsend was still alive, the message stated, and medical aid summoned from here.

No further particulars are known here at this time.

COWARTS.

Dear Editor and your many readers:—Once more I shall join your happy circle.

Miss Affril Coward is very ill. Mrs. Irone Coward has been very ill, but am glad to say she is improving.

Miss Collie Galloway is very sick. Hope to see her out again soon.

Mrs. J. W. Wayngim is on the sick list.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Daves a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thad Brown a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mills a girl.

Born to Mr. and R. S. Green, a boy.

Mr. Hane of Waynesville is visiting G. W. Wayngim

The Johns Creek school will close March 20, 1915. They planning to have a nice entertainment. All are invited.

On January 11, 1915, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Hamp Hooper, and claimed Mrs. Vina Brown. Her death came after a short illness. She is gone, but not forgotten. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Hamp Hooper, and one brother to mourn their loss. She has to a home where there will be no more sad partings. May we be ready when our summons come to meet her on that shore. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. R. Proffitt and interment was made in the Moses Creek cemetery, we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Elijah Coward died at his home January 11, 1915. His death came as a shock to the many friends and relatives. He leaves a sister 84 years old, besides a host of friends, to mourn their loss. He professed faith in Christ many years ago and joined the Baptist church. To know him was to love him. We must bid him farewell here, but we hope some day to meet around the Great White Throne where farewells are never spoken and where Jesus reigns eternally. He was laid to rest in the Moses cemetery.

Wishing the Journal and its readers much success. Brown Eyes.