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MOVEMENT FOR HOSPITAL

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AT COURT HOUSE LAST NIGHT

Large Crowd Present—Views of Several Physicians and Citizens Expressed—All Agree that Hospital is Needed—Fraternal Orders Will Join in the Movement—Committee Appointed to Take Matter in Hand.

A large number of citizens, representing the best in the life of Concord, gathered at the court house last night to discuss the advisability and manner of devising ways and means of establishing a hospital for Concord. Committees appointed by the following fraternal orders were present: Odd Fellows, Elks, Junior Order No. 25 and 49, Masons and Knights of Pythias. Mayor C. B. Wagoner acted as chairman and John M. Oglesby, secretary.

Chairman Wagoner stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing in an informal manner the establishment of a hospital for our city, and invited any citizens present to present their views on the matter.

Mr. M. B. Stickleby asked this question: "Does Concord need a hospital?" Mayor Wagoner requested Dr. Young to answer the question from his observations as a physician. He replied that in surgical cases he did not, as we were sandwiched in between Salisbury and Charlotte, but in long drawn out cases we did need one and he would like to see it established.

A number of citizens then responded to Mayor Wagoner's invitation, saying in part:

Dr. Smoot: "I think every town this size needs a hospital but the problem is raising the funds."

Dr. Pemberton: "I think that it is a recognized fact that public sentiment has crystallized here in favor of a hospital but we had better investigate some hospitals that are run by fraternal orders."

Mr. D. B. Coltrane stated that there were a number of hospitals all around us but he was not familiar with how they were established. He went into the history of the organization of several hospitals for the purpose of showing the various plans adopted by our neighbors. He heartily endorsed the movement for a hospital for Concord.

Mr. J. Locke Erwin: "It seems to me that a hospital is a necessity for a growing town like Concord, and I think an organization should be made at once. If there is not a surgeon here we can get one, they are to be had, and let the physicians co-operate with him. If a surgeon is secured and the fraternal orders endow wards I think a hospital here would be on a self-sustaining basis in a short time, as there are a number of people around this section. There may be someone who wants to donate a lot with about 200 feet front and probably a number of men who have several hundred dollars they would like to give."

Dr. Houston: "I think that the need of a hospital for Concord is imperative."

Dr. King: "I am very much interested in a hospital for Concord and would like to see one established."

Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin: "So far as my personal observations go I am convinced that Concord needs a hospital; any work that we as a community may do for the betterment of humanity we ought to do."

John Howard: "I represent Junior Council No. 25 and I believe the Junior Order and all fraternal orders of the city will do what they can toward establishing a hospital." This sentiment was voiced by Dr. J. S. Lafferty, Mr. J. C. Fink and Mr. W. H. Heglar on behalf of the other orders represented.

Mayor Wagoner stated that there were only three ways to establish a hospital, by endowment, private subscriptions and a stock company, of which methods it will be necessary for Concord to adopt.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier: "We must recognize the tendency of the time both at present and in the future and a hospital for Concord is a necessity."

Dr. J. W. Wallace: "I am very much in favor of a hospital for Concord. Not as a paying proposition but as a public institution for the public good."

Rev. W. H. Canney: "The movement has my heartiest sympathy and I think a hospital will be of untold benefit to the poor especially."

Rev. P. T. Durham said that nobody doubts that we need a hospital here and made a motion that a committee of five be appointed to take some active means toward starting something. The motion was unanimously adopted and Messrs. J. Locke Erwin, D. B. Coltrane, M. L. Cannon, Dr. R. S. Young and Dr. J. E. Smoot

were appointed. The committee has full power to open subscription books or to adopt any methods they see fit toward starting actual work on a hospital for Concord.

THE BOOK SOCIAL

Opening at Public Library a Great Success—Many Books Added to the Library.

The Concord Public Library was formally opened yesterday by the managers of the Library Association. The faithful efforts of the officers of the association and their committees were fully rewarded by the cordial interest shown in the work and the very substantial support given by a large number of the association, words many kind words were spoken carrying encouragement to the hearts of the trustees of the library and the members of the association. Words of appreciation which do more to render this labor of love easy and pleasant than even the very liberal gifts of books and money so graciously bestowed. We feel sure that those who thus strengthened the hands that are striving to establish this greatly needed institution in our town, will in the days of its coming success, remember with peculiar pleasure that they gave their aid in the hour of need—the beginning. One hundred volumes and nearly twenty-five dollars were contributed and each offering bore a value far exceeding its intrinsic worth. Several volumes of great value and a number of interesting pamphlets were sent by Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of the State Library and Historical Association. And besides all these bound volumes fifty-six numbers of "The Famous Men and Women of America" formed a valuable gift from the chairman of the board of trustees. To the managers, Mrs. Zeb Moore, president of the Association, and Mrs. Luther Best, secretary and treasurer, and their committees, all credit is due. Mrs. M. L. Marsh was in charge of the decorations, and her exquisite work gave grace and beauty to the scene which was brilliantly lighted by a gift from the electric light company—a beautiful chandelier. Mrs. Richardson, with her assistants, in the refreshment department, more than abundantly fulfilled the expectations of the managers, while those who served added by their bright words and gracious manner a new relish to the already delicious refreshments. That most obliging of bands from Forest Hill, which was secured by the kind efforts of Mr. Byles, deserved and received the most hearty thanks for their addition to the pleasures of the evening—a delightful open air concert under the library windows. And so the Concord Library makes its bow to the public, hoping to deserve and receive continued support and co-operation that it may become indeed a permanent benefit to the community.

GOLD HILL NEWS.

Drought Followed by Heavy Rain and a Terrific Electrical Storm—Mr. Frick's Condition Worse.

Correspondence of The Tribune. Gold Hill, June 7.—One of the heaviest rain for many years was witnessed in this vicinity this evening, after several weeks drought. The downpour began at 3:30 and lasted for an hour and a half. The fields were flooded and butchered. Many trees were uprooted, especially fruit trees. What and oaks were scattered to the winds and laid to the ground. Hail intermingled the rain but did no serious damage.

Lightning struck the belfry of the Jackson school house, just completed last summer, and very badly disfigured it. However, sufficient insurance for replacement was carried.

Mr. R. L. Frick, who has been suffering for some time with intestinal cancers, and who returned recently from the Post Graduate Hospital of New York City, is rapidly dwindling away. Mr. Frick, prior to his illness, was an industrious and persevering farmer of Eastern Rowan, and his critical condition is mourned by a host of sympathetic friends.

Reproduction of Great Painting at the Pastime This Afternoon and Tonight.

Col. Henry will place on exhibition this afternoon and tonight magnificent reproductions of many of the world's greatest paintings, among them "The Descent from the Cross," by Petro Paul Rubens; "The Last Supper," Leonardo da Vinci, and "The Conquerors," for the original of which Wanmaker paid \$40,000. There will be a change of program at each exhibition.

A series of great American historical paintings will also be exhibited. Every white child in Concord should see these, because of their educational value. Exhibitions at 5, 8 and 9 o'clock, p. m.

DARING BURGLARY AND FIERDISH MURDER.

The Home of Mrs. J. S. Ragsdale, at Jamestown, Was Entered Wednesday Night and the Lifeless Form of Her Daughter, Mrs. Ida Hill, of Lexington, Found Bound and Gagged, Strangulation Having Caused Her Death—Coroner Holds Inquest but No Verdict is Rendered Pending Possible Developments—Officers Have No Working Clue.

A bold and daring burglary of the home of Mrs. Ragsdale, widow of the late J. S. Ragsdale, of Jamestown, and the brutal murder of her daughter, Mrs. Ida Hill, of Lexington, who was a guest in her home, caused the greatest excitement in Jamestown and surrounding country early this morning when the horrible double crime was discovered.

It appeared from the testimony of the witnesses that the murdered woman occupied the northwest room on the second floor, one window opening on the front porch roof and the burglar had evidently climbed one of the posts to the porch roof and entered this window.

The other occupants of the house last night were Mrs. Ragsdale, who slept in an adjoining room; her daughter, Miss Jennie Ragsdale, and Mary Hill, a little daughter of the deceased, in another room together; Theodore Hill, the ten-year-old son of Mrs. Hill, with Joe Ragsdale, the eight-year-old son of Mr. W. G. Ragsdale, the deceased's brother; Jasper Cannon, an orphan boy who lives there, and Will and Enoch Modlin, two young men who have charge of the farm and who occupied a room together over the kitchen. The cook also had a room in the house.

None of these were awakened or heard any unusual noise during the night and when the farm hands and cook arose at the usual hour—4 o'clock—it was noticed that someone had broken into the dining room and had wrapped up two packages of silverware in napkins, one package being left on the dining room table and the other on a chair near an open window, through which the burglar had evidently made his escape when he heard the servants getting up, and had left in such haste that the silverware was not taken.

Mrs. Hill had been in the habit of sleeping until 7 o'clock or later every morning and the others thought nothing of her failure to appear at the breakfast table with them, but a few minutes afterwards one of them called her and, on receiving no response, her room door was opened and they were horrified beyond expression to see Mrs. Hill lying on the floor at the foot of her bed bound and gagged, her hands tied around her body and a leather strap from her suit case strapped around her neck and fastened to the iron bed posts.

Life was extinct, though the body was warm and there were evidences that she had been choked and strangled to death. She was gagged with a stocking and another stocking was tied around her neck. An examination of the room revealed that it had been thoroughly ransacked by the burglar, who was probably looking for money, but the only thing missed was a pocket book containing a small amount of money.

Searching parties were sent out to scour the country in all directions with the hope of obtaining some clue that would lead to the identity of the murderer, though they were all unsuccessful, as the culprit had so completely covered his tracks that no trace of him could be found, and the officers and others are at a loss to know which way to turn to locate him.

All sorts of theories have been advanced as to who the burglar is and what motive he had in the daring house breaking and brutal murder. Some think that the fiend is most likely some professional tramp who happened to pass along the railroad track, which runs south of the Ragsdale home and conceived the idea of burglarizing the house, a handsome and imposing structure situated on a beautifully shady knoll. Others think that the murderer is some one who is quite familiar with the surroundings, yet the people who hold that opinion are unable to recall any incident which would lead them to a clue.

It is thought by all, however, that the burglar did not intend to commit murder, but that having entered the window of Mrs. Hill's room he bound and gagged her to keep her from giving the alarm and that the gag was so securely placed and her neck so tightly tied with the stocking and the leather straps that she strangled to death before the crime was discovered.

An investigation revealed the fact that Mrs. Hill's room and the dining room were the only two rooms visited by the burglar, who was doubt-

less frightened away before he could pilfer any of the other rooms of the house.

The deceased was the eldest daughter of the late J. S. Ragsdale, the well known and wealthy cotton mill owner of Jamestown, and she was married several years ago to Dr. Hill, of Lexington, where they lived until about two or three months ago when Dr. Hill died following a lingering illness.

After Dr. Hill's death Mrs. Hill spent several weeks in a hospital in Philadelphia for treatment for her health and returned recently, accompanied by her sister, Miss Jennie Ragsdale, who has been a student at Bryn Mawr College. En route to Lexington she stopped in Jamestown to visit her mother for a short while.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, of Salisbury, is here today.

Mr. A. J. York is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. D. Barrier, of Charlotte, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Cline.

Mr. Lewis Harsell spent yesterday afternoon in Salisbury on business.

Attorney D. J. Post, of Charlotte, is a visitor in the city today.

Mrs. Richard Dobie, of Norfolk, is visiting her father, Mr. R. E. Gibson.

Mr. Osborn, traveling passenger agent of the Frisco System, is here today.

Mr. Samuel Harris, of Spenser, and Mr. Erwin, of Durham, are visiting Mrs. Frank Brown.

Rev. N. R. Richardson has returned from Durham, where he attended Trinity commencement.

Miss Mary P. Miller, who has been visiting Miss Margaret Crowell, has returned to her home in Latta, Pa.

Mrs. J. P. Miller and Miss Grace Miller, of Mount Pleasant, have gone to Conover to visit friends.

Misses Anna Della Neal and Miss Dona Henry, who have been visiting Miss Ernestine Lott, will leave tomorrow for their homes in Spray and Winston-Salem respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Joyce left this morning for Asheville to spend some time. While here they made friends of everybody they met, and all regretted to see them leave.

Mrs. Millard Trotter has returned to her home in Charlotte, after visiting Mrs. J. S. Lafferty for several days.

'Evils of the Moving Picture Show.'

At the meeting of the King's Daughters in Salisbury yesterday Mrs. D. F. Cannon spoke on "Some Evils of the Moving Picture Show." Mrs. Cannon's talk, says the Post, was especially directed to mothers, and she dwelt on the dangers to young girls and boys, of the darkened auditorium and suggestive pictures.

The subject was discussed at length and the following resolution adopted: "Moved that each circle of the King's Daughters in North Carolina appoint a committee to strive for the abolishment of the dark auditorium for moving picture shows, the elimination of all impure pictures and objectionable vaudeville, and that each committee appeal to the mayor of its town for his official co-operation in accomplishing this object."

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NEWS FROM KANNAPOLIS.

Storm Does Damage—The Y. M. C. A. Work—The Motion Picture Show—War Against the Fly—A Letter Full of Interest.

Correspondence of The Tribune.

Kannapolis, June 8.—The storm Wednesday evening caused considerable excitement as several trees and a few outhouses were blown down. A big tree fell upon Rev. W. B. Shinn's house breaking a hole in the roof and smashing a window sash.

At Mr. Preston Ford's about a mile south of Kannapolis the storm was severe. Mr. Ford's little daughter became frightened and started to run. She did not know where but she ran against a barbed wire and was severely cut but not seriously.

Rev. G. Wilbur Shipley, of St. Albans, W. Va., preached in the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning and night. The audience was much pleased with the service and hope to hear him again.

The Y. M. C. A. true to its motto is having something doing all the time and is a pleasant place to spend a leisure hour, either reading or bathing, or playing some of the games and having a pleasant time with the young people. The best of order prevails. The reading room is a popular resort for those wishing to read the leading dailies, or the foremost magazines. All these papers and periodicals have been selected with care by a committee appointed for that purpose and anything that is likely to teach the young to shoot in the wrong direction has been excluded.

The moving picture show was shown Tuesday night for the first time to a large audience, who seemed to appreciate it very much. There will be another exhibition Saturday night and every following Saturday night. Mr. Owen says he will have nothing but first class reels, such as the people of Kannapolis will appreciate.

The Y. M. C. A. ball team wants a game Saturday evening. Any team wanting a game might call Mr. Owens up over the phone at the Y. M. C. A. and arrange for it.

The band instruments are expected by next week for the Y. M. C. A. band and Prof. Ludwig will be here Monday night to give instructions.

The Literary and Debating Club had an informal meeting Monday night and talked matters over and decided to meet next Monday night to effect a permanent organization.

The boys who took part in the recent membership contest between the Reds and Blues are looking forward to the supper Monday night, given by Mr. Owens, the secretary. Mr. C. C. Robinson will be with them as was stated last week and deliver an address.

There is being waged a relentless war against the house fly here, and many of our people are putting up screens to their doors and windows to keep these pests out, and no doubt they will save many times the small outlay in escaping many diseases which they bring with them. Almost any of the houses here can be screened for about \$6 and some for less. Many of the houses are screened already.

We are sorry that our popular and respected chief of police, Mr. W. S. Talbirt, is suffering with appendicitis at a Charlotte hospital, where his physician, Dr. J. W. Flow, took him Tuesday. We understand that an operation would be performed today, but at this writing we have not been able to find out how he is getting along. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Robert, the little son of Rev. W. B. Shinn, has been right sick for several days, but seems to be improved at last.

Mr. C. H. Cox also has a right sick child but it is improving.

A few of our people took in the excursion to Danville Saturday.

The Cannon mills have a large force of hands at work laying pipes for additional waterworks. The present water supply has been inadequate since the recent dry spell.

Mr. John Weddington, one of the Richmond-Sloan Co.'s popular clerks, has resigned his position with that firm to accept a like position with the Dove-Bost Co. in Concord. Mr. Weddington has been here several years and has made many friends who are sorry to see him leave. We wish him success in his new position.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McIntosh went to Tampa, Fla., on the excursion Wednesday and will visit relatives there.

On account of the Summer School of the South to be held at Knoxville, Tenn., June 20 to July 28, the Southern will sell round trip tickets on June 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, July 1, 2, 8 and 15, 1911, final limit fifteen days from, but not including, date of sale with privilege of extension of final limit until September 30th by depositing ticket with special agent, and payment of one dollar. The round trip rate from Concord is \$6.05.

KILLED IN RUNAWAY.

Mules Take Fright at Automobile, Run Away, Causing Death of Howie, Colored.

A team of mules belonging to R. A. Brown's Sons, became frightened at an automobile yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock on the hill leading into Silver Hill and ran away, throwing the driver, Will Howie, a colored boy about 20 years of age, to the ground. He sustained internal injuries causing a hemorrhage of the lungs from which he died in about two hours. The wagon was loaded with sand and just as it turned the curve on the hill it met Mr. A. G. Odell's Hupmobile, occupied by Messrs. Jim Reed and Palmer Stickleby with Mr. Reed at the steering wheel. The machine was bedecked with banners and streamers advertising the Pastime moving picture show. The young men state that they pulled to the extreme side of the road and the mules passed without showing any apparent fright but after going a short distance they began to run. Howie fell from the wagon, striking the double tree, his body being caught and held, causing him to be dragged for some distance. The team ran to the Brown farm about a mile away, where they were stopped by tenants on the place. The wagon was not damaged nor the mules injured.

Howie was picked up on the side of the road in an unconscious condition. A physician from the city was summoned but his injuries were of such a nature that death resulted in about two hours. A rather remarkable fact was that he sustained only one scar on his body, a slight bruise on his elbow. Coroner Isenhour visited the scene of the accident but deemed an inquest unnecessary.

If any of the subscribers of The Times or Tribune are getting two papers, we ask them to notify us at once. We have added several hundred new subscribers to each paper, and some of these no doubt, have been reported to us as new subscribers when their names were already on this list. In this way they would be receiving two papers.

About Telephone Messages. We respectfully ask those friends who telephone to The Times and Tribune office to give the message to the one who answers the phone, whenever it is possible to do so. Often some one else is asked for in the office, who is very busy, and is obliged to stop and go to the far end of another room to answer a message which could just as easily have been answered by the one first at the phone. This office is a busy place, and minutes count. Observe this, please.

BIGAMIST ARRESTED.

Man, Alias Clyde Smith, Married Here, Has Two Wives in Georgia, It is Alleged.

Raysaur Allen, alias Clyde Smith, was arrested here last night on a warrant from Georgia, charging him with bigamy, it being alleged by the custodians of the law in that commonwealth that he has three living wives, two more than the law allows, and from the statement of the Georgia officer, who came for the man and the established facts concerning him here, there is little doubt but that he is something of a polygamist, in practice at least.

Officer E. D. Wiehler, of Hall county, Ga., arrived in the city last night with requisition papers for the man. He turned them over to Chief of Police Boger, who was well acquainted with Smith. The arrest followed shortly after, and the officer and prisoner left for Georgia on train No. 43.

Smith, as he was known here, came to Concord about three years ago and secured work in a cotton mill. About 18 months ago he married a daughter of Mr. Archie Hinson and they have one child. He was known here as a reckless character and had been in the Recorder's court on various charges. Officer Wiehler stated that he had known the man for a number of years and that it was already an established fact that he had two wives in Georgia one in Hall county and one in Jackson county. The officers in Georgia learned of his presence here by letters to his relatives in his old home.

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