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AMUNDSEN GIVEN HONOR.

Many Scientists Congratulate Him for Discovery Of The South Pole.

London, March 8.—While naturally there is bitter disappointment everywhere over the fact that Capt. Robert Scott, head of the British Antarctic expedition has yet to report on his quest for the South Pole, there is nowhere anything but praise for the achievement of Cap. Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, in locating the Southern axis of the earth.

Not even an inkling of the present whereabouts of Scott and his steamer, the Terra Nova, has reached London but the Englishman's agent in New Zealand, is of the opinion that he is still engaged in exploring and scientific work and that he probably may not be heard from for several weeks.

That Amundsen had reached the Pole and planted the Norwegian colors there was confirmed today in dispatches sent to him to Christiania. One of these dispatches was addressed to King Frederick. Its contents were not made known but another said:

"Pole reached, fourteenth-seventeenth December."

The two dates were taken to mean that Amundsen had reached the point he sought December 14 and remained there four days and those who know the explorer well, especially Professor Mohn, the famous Norwegian meteorologist, expressed the belief that Amundsen during his period had made such observations and calculations as would render impossible a controversy similar to that which arose out of the Cook-Pearry North Pole discovery.

Goss Discharged On Habeas Corpus.

Lafayette W. Goss, the young white man of Durham, held by the coroner's jury as a principal in the case of the death of the three young men of Benson, was last night shortly before eight o'clock, discharged from custody by Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, before whom habeas corpus proceedings for the release of Goss had been brought.

It was after an all-day hearing of the case that the decision which freed Goss was announced, and it was greeted with joy by the relatives and friends of the young man who crowded him, embraced him and shook his hand. There were many here from Durham to testify for him and they gave every sign of rejoicing. In the Supreme Court room where the hearing was held there was a crowd that filled the room, among the hearers many ladies who testified in the case, friends of the young man.—News and Observer.

Ex-Congressman Blackburn Dead.

Elizabethton, Tenn., March 11.—E. Spencer Blackburn, formerly Congressman from the Eighth District of North Carolina, died here last night at 9:15 o'clock. A sudden heart affection induced by a severe cold and threatened pneumonia is assigned as the cause of his death.

European Travels.

I am representing Temple Tours, of Boston, Mass. Will be in Roxboro for several days and will be glad to talk, or mail literature, to anyone interested. R. L. Isaacs.

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ARREST IN HAWKINS CASE.

Asheville, March 8.—The mystery of the death of Myrtle Hawkins, whose dead body was found floating in the waters of Lake Oseola September 10, 1911, was brought a step nearer to solution this afternoon when the Henderson county grand jury, sitting at Hendersonville, returned a true bill charging murder against Abner McCall, his wife, Beatrice McCall, and George Bradley, and a woman "unknown to the jury." "Boney" Bradley, a brother of George, is charged with being an accessory before the fact to the murder, and Dan McCall, father of Mrs. McCall, is charged with being an accessory after the fact.

ALL PARTIES ARRESTED.

Immediately following the reading of the bill of indictment, warrants were issued for the indicted parties and all were arrested and are in Henderson county jail, Dan McCall was tonight admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000, but similar action was refused in the case of the others. The Bradleys and McCalls will be tried at the May term of the Henderson county superior court.

The bill of indictment specifies that the parties named therein had guilty knowledge of a criminal operation which resulted in the death of Myrtle Hawkins.

NEW FACE IN THE CASE.

"Boney" Bradley, who makes his first appearance in the case, was summoned before the grand jury Wednesday and was partially identified by Dr. J. H. Williams of Asheville as being the man who last June came to his office and asked that Dr. Williams perform a certain operation, he refused. Dr. Williams identified a photograph of Myrtle Hawkins as being that of the girl who called at his office the next day. She left on Dr. Williams' refusal to aid her.

Mammoth Drainage Plant.

The mammoth pumping station to be erected by the Mattamuskeet Drainage District No. 1 in Hyde county, this State, which station will be designed to pump 1,000,000 gallons per minute, will be built by a Charlotte engineering firm.

The purpose of this station is reclaiming about 54,000 acres of land, which formerly belonged to the Board of Education of the State of North Carolina, but was sold by them to the Southern Land & Reclamation Co., which will drain the lake and divide the land into truck farms of 10 acres, or more.

Some idea of the magnitude of the enterprise can be gained from the fact that the station when pumping will move in five minutes more than the quantity of water used by the city of Charlotte in twenty-four hours.

Bids for this work were received the 22 of last May, since which time the legality of the bonds has been tested in the Supreme Court; several boards of engineers have reviewed the various bids offered by the different engineering concerns from New York, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and elsewhere. After a thorough investigation, the award was made.—Charlotte Observer.

We have Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls for cow feed. If you need any let us know or come. Read's Bros. Co. Helena, N. C.

The Bonds Sold.

While they are not actually sold Mayor Winstead informs us that they are virtually sold. The Terrell Fund having agreed to take twenty thousand of them. While this sum is not near adequate to do the work which should be done in the town, still, if judiciously used all parts of the town should, feel the effects of this expenditure.

Certainly we know that it will be an easy matter to expend the entire twenty two thousand five hundred dollars on a small portion of Main Street, but such an expenditure would not meet with the approval of the people, for the man who lives off Main Street feels that it will be a hardship for him to pay taxes to float these bonds and create a sinking fund to take them up at maturity when only the man who lives on Main Street or owns a piece of property in the business section of the town gets the benefit of the entire fund.

Our City Fathers have been rather reticent as to this matter when approached by any one regarding same, the usual answer being "we will take care of the side streets with what is left after we finish Main Street." Such an answer was not given when they wanted the votes of the man who lived on Lamarr, or Oak, or Reams Avenue.

At least one of the Commissioners thinks it would be wise and just to tax a portion of this improvement against the property on which the improvement abuts. The other members may think the same way, but we have not heard them express themselves. In nearly all towns where street work is done, this is the case, and we think should be done here. Undoubtedly the improvement will largely increase the value of the property and the owner should bear a part of the burden. If twenty five per cent was taxed against the property on both sides this fund would be largely increased and the entire town would then stand a show of getting some of the much needed work done.

But will our Commissioners do it?

A Correction.

In the write up in your issue of Feb. 28th there seems to be some little mistake in the quantity of land etc., which Mr. Joe H. Carver produced from his pig. Rumor has it that Mr. Pass helped Joe swing his pig on the pole and Joe was in the act of helping Mr. Pass when he looked around and lo, and behold he saw his pet kitten depart with the pig under the house. The kitten is still living and doing well, and Joe is on the market for more pigs, but thinks he will try a different stock.

R. H.

The Lucky Man.

Mr. R. L. Satterfield was the fortunate man in the piano contest. The Pioneer warehouse, Mess. Featherston & Winstead proprietors, advertised last fall that they would give away a piano to some farmer who sold tobacco with them. With each load of tobacco the farmer received a ticket and on the 8th the tickets were all placed in a box and one of the names drawn out and Mr. Satterfield was the lucky man.

Mr. R. N. Featherston left yesterday morning for the Northern market to select his Spring goods. Mr. Featherston says he expects to have a better line this time than ever before.

Hunter-Long.

Last night at the home of Mr. C. N. Hunter, Miss Mary Chestnut Hunter was united in marriage to Dr. Talmage Long. The house was profusely decorated with potted plants and the effects were fairly entrancing.

The wedding was attended by only the close friends of the family, no invitations having been sent in the town. Misses Elma Featherston and Maude Satterfield received at the door and ushered the guests into the reception room where the bridal presents were on display. The presents were numerous and very handsome.

To the strains of the Wedding March, played by Miss Lewis, the couple entered the parlor and the words making them one were spoken by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, of Durham. The bride wore a Champaign Meslin, while the groom wore the regulation black. After the ceremony the guests were invited to the dining room where an elegant spread was prepared for them.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hunter, noted, as not only a very popular lady in her set but for her brilliancy as well, while the groom is one of the most popular and successful medical practitioners of the town.

It Might Do Some Good.

On Christmas night in New Berne one Baker Bryan shot and killed a young man named William Avery. There was practically no provocation for the killing and the community felt that a murder had been committed. Later Bryan was tried and acquitted and then the pent-up indignation of the New Berne citizens blazed. A monster indignation meeting was held and resolutions passed denouncing the verdict of the jury. Realizing that New Berne was not a particularly desirable place of residence for him just then, Bryan disappeared. Now the father of the dead youth has entered suit for damages against Bryan for the murder of his boy, the amount named being \$25,000. Bryan owns some property which may account in part for his acquittal and when the civil action was brought against him an attachment was issued against his property and the sheriff has it in possession. It seems almost impossible under our present system, to get the criminal law enforced against murderers and it may be that the damage suit will have to be resorted to check homicides in North Carolina. Damage suits are somewhat popular in this state and it may be that one who is willing to kill another and take chances on the criminal law might take second thought if he realized that he would have to face a damage suit.—Statesville Landmark.

Is Sure to Be Seen.

Much is being made of the fact that George W. Perkins, former partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, was the bearer of a note to Col. Roosevelt on Thursday from the Rough Rider's manager, Senator Dixon. Mr. Perkins' connection with the American Harvester company is sized by the Taft managers to show that Teddy is in touch with "The Interests". The rich man seems to queer everybody's campaign. A rich man can go through the eye of a needle easier than he can get into a campaign without being seen by somebody.—Wilmington Star.

Colonel Joe Disgusted.

The Wilmington Evening Dispatch wants a club formed of newspapers in this state who favor Harmon for president. Second the motion, but we object to being put down as honorary president. We want to do active work if some one will show us how to do it—how to circumvent the liars that are abroad in the field. If these Underwood papers would quit playing the foolish act and come to Harmon's aid, they would amount to something. They are going to keep on with their tommyrot until they shelve Underwood by having him nominated for vice-president. He is too great a man to be put in the cellar.—Greensboro Record.

We cordially invite every lady to call and see our bordered silks newest and prettiest goods to be found.

Person Dry Goods Co.

Honor Roll for Hester's Store School.

The following is the honor roll for Hester's Store public school: First Grade, May Whitfield, Walter Whitfield and Ertha Allen. Second Grade, Eugene Hester and Arthur Clayton. Fourth Grade, Pauline Hester, Linwood Bradsher, Corinna Newton and Pearl Phelps. Fifth Grade, Gelia Hester. Seventh Grade, Earl Hester, Nannie Lou Malone.

Gives Quick Action.

Hambrick & Austin reports that A Single dose of simple buckhorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-i-ka, the new German appendicitis remedy, relieves constipation, sour stomach or gas on the stomach almost instantly. Many Roxboro people are being helped.

Talcum Powder.

A big lot of Talcum Powder just received. A nice assortment. Something new.

Bring us your prescriptions. They have our careful attention.

Whitted's Drug Store.

IN THE BIG NEW BUILDING, Roxboro, N. C.

New Spring Goods.

It don't look much like it now but Spring weather is just around the corner and before you know it you will need that new outfit. We are the first to show the new things for Spring—the newest styles and creations from the great wholesale markets of the country.

We are ready to show you

NEW SPRING SILKS
NEW SPRING WOOLLENS
NEW SPRING WASH GOODS
NEW SPRING TRIMMINGS
NEW SPRING MILLINERY
NEW SPRING SHOES
NEW SPRING CLOTHES
NEW SPRING SHIRTS
NEW SPRING TIES

and a thousand other new things for Spring which we can't mention. Come and see our display. It will pay you as well as us. Along with the new styles we have some of the greatest values to be found.

Harris & Burns