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MORE FUSS THAN RELIGION.

Seldom does one hear of anything more ridiculous and disgusting than the action of some religious enthusiasts—rather cranks—who disturbed the worship of a religious congregation near Gastonia. The story was printed in several papers, we believe, that the pastor of a Methodist church preached one Sunday on infant baptism, which of course he had a right to do. Some Baptists of the community heard the sermon, or learned about it; and when the rumor went around that the Methodist minister was going to preach on the same subject the following Sunday, the Baptists of the community set about giving the preacher trouble. The story goes that Baptists betook themselves during the week to the close study of their Bibles on the subject of infant baptism, and that on the next Sunday when the Methodist minister preached on the subject again there was an occasional interruption in the congregation, when some Baptist would read from his Bible Scripture which he thought contradicted the doctrine which the minister was preaching. This was continued until the meeting was broken up in disorder.

Such is the story, and if it is true it will be gratifying to every reasonable person to learn that the matter was followed up next day by the arrest of a number of the disturbers under warrants by a magistrate.

We have recited this story not to give currency to something a bit sensational, but to enter protest against such lawlessness—for lawlessness it was. And we are glad that it was as far away from our own community as it was.

A Methodist minister had a perfect right to preach the doctrine of his church, and if the Baptists, or any other denomination, wished to refute it, they should have done it in a decent manner.

While we deplore newspaper lying as much as any other kind of falsehood, we rather hope that the reporter of the trouble made it worse than it was. But if it was as it has been reported, then we hope that those persons who violated the law by disturbing a religious assembly may be punished accordingly.

The laborer and the salaried man who get good wages all the while have a certain advantageous position over those who "take chances" in business, professions or agriculture; but from the poor crop prospects this year it looks like they may be more fortunate than they even calculated at the beginning of the year. When the farmers fall behind, profit is cut off from the professions and and business.

The committee who examined the various sites offered for the East Carolina Training School did not make report last week as was expected. It has been announced that they will make their report naming the location of the school on July 10. This delay keeps the towns which competed so energetically in quite a suspense. To be sure, there will be disappointment to the towns that fail to secure the school, but let it be hoped that there will be no bitterness over the matter.

It will doubtless interest hundreds of our farmer readers to know that Prof. W. F. Massey, so long and so successfully identified with the Practical Farmer, has severed his connection with that paper, and will hereafter write regularly for The Progressive Farmer, of Raleigh, N. C. Certainly no man in Southern agricultural work has won a greater following than Prof. Massey, and as his life work has been in the South, he will hereafter contribute only to Southern farm papers. His letters will appear in The Progressive Farmer each week.

JUGS AND TOMBSTONES.

Deputy Marshal A. Sims related to the Charlotte Observer his experience after some moonshiners near the mountains, and said that he found an old man whose wagon was loaded with tombstones and empty jugs. It was a queer combination; but come to think of it, there was not so much incongruity about it, after all. If a man empties jugs enough of the "licker" concerning which the old man spoke, he will need a tombstone after awhile, if he has enough wherewith left to pay for it.

MR. WALKER RESIGNS.

In the last issue of the Times-Herald, of Littleton, Mr. T. R. Walker announced his retirement from the editorship of that paper. He established in Littleton some years ago the News Reporter, which he edited until the newspaper interests of the town were merged into the Times-Herald, of which he has been editor until last week. Mr. Walker has taken an active interest in the town's welfare and development, and has said many good things for the living and the dead. He has not announced his plans for future work; but true to the newspaper instinct, he will doubtless still give his time and talent to the work in Littleton or some other field. His brethren of the press all wish him the highest success wherever he may drive the quill.

Nicholson-Hill.

The Washington, N. C., correspondent to the Charlotte Observer under date of June 28th writes as follows:

"A simple but beautiful June wedding was solemnized at St. Peter's Episcopal church this city yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock, when Miss Frances Nicholls Hill became the bride of Dr. John Lawrence Nicholson. Long before the appointed time the stately edifice was filled with friends and acquaintances, eager to witness the joining of two young lives. The interior of the church was beautifully and tastefully decorated in a color scheme of green and white, elaborately carried out in white hydrangeas, roses, ferns, palms and other potted plants. The altar, a mass of white hydrangeas, and the tiny rays of numerous waxen tapers shedding their soft rays over the whole, formed a perfect picture of fairyland.

"The bride is a daughter of Mrs. W. J. Hill, of this city, both pretty and popular, and prominent throughout the social circles of this and other States, and possessing many amiable and lovable traits of character which have won for her a large circle of friends. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. S. T. Nicholson and is a rising young physician of this city."

The bride is a native of Scotland Neck and has many relatives and friends here who are interested in this news and wish her long life and great happiness, and congratulate her brilliant young husband on his good fortune in winning her for a life companion.

Fell Under an Engine.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

AURELIAN SPRINGS, N. C., 6-27-'07. Mr. Robert Snipes a young man who works for the Camp Manufacturing Company near here was very seriously injured last Friday. He attempted to get on the pilot of a moving engine and missed his hold and fell. The pilot passed over him breaking several ribs and mangling one foot. His being on a trestle was all that saved him from instant death. The attending physicians want him carried to a hospital, but don't know at this writing whether they can move him or not.

[This correspondence was intended for last week but was delayed in the mails some way.—Editor.]

Bingham's School.

We have received the Bingham School Catalogue for its 114th year, its best year financially, and in area of patronage since 1793. Besides the North Carolinians there about 130 pupils from other localities, representing an area reaching from New York to Mexico, 2500 miles, and from California eastward, through the U. S., across the Atlantic and Mediterranean to Armenia and Persia, into the Pacific to the Philippines, 18,000 miles, three quarters round the Globe. We congratulate Col. Bingham that this N. C. School is refusing pupils every year, and that its equipment astonishes every one who inspects it. See the ad elsewhere.

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News Afloat.

Mr. J. R. Lewellyn, a prominent lawyer of Mount Airy, died in a Greensboro hospital a few days ago.

It is stated that the friends of John S. Henderson are urging him to come out for the nomination for Governor.

The State Board of Education has postponed their decision for locating the Eastern Carolina Training School till July 10.

Judge W. G. Loving, who was tried in Halifax county, Virginia for the murder of Theodore Estes, was acquitted on the plea of insanity.

David Clark, a negro gardner and street preacher of Raleigh, stuck a pick into the calf of his leg Saturday afternoon, and died from the loss of blood before a physician could reach him.

On the first of July the first payment on Peace Institute was made by the new owners, the Presbyterian church. This payment will be \$15,000. Presbyterians all over the State are manifesting deep interest in the school.

In Rocky Mount last Sunday afternoon a negro by the name of Turner was shot and killed by Policeman Taylor of that city. The negro was resisting the officer and making attempts at his life when the officer fired, killing him instantly.

Canton, Haywood county, was a village of 500 inhabitants two years ago. Since the Champion Fibre Company began to build a million dollar pulp mill there the population has increased to between 2,000 and 3,000 and the town has issued \$65,000 of bonds for paved streets, water and sewers.

H. B. Fisher, a well known lawyer of Asheville, and former school teacher, also late candidate for nomination for register of deeds of Buncombe county, has been placed under arrest and landed in jail, charged with relieving S. W. Radford of a \$500 check, two bank books and \$32 in money.

A gentleman from Trenton township, who was in Kinston yesterday, said that the electrical storm was in much evidence out in that section Wednesday. At Mr. J. J. Barwick's it struck a tree near his house, ran along a clothes line to a post and passed on to another post which it tore all to pieces. It melted the wire from the tree to the first post and killed four hens and four small chickens. It did not injure the wire, however, from the first to the second post where it went off into the ground.

Judge Pritchard has enjoined the Corporation Commission of North Carolina from printing and putting into effect the new freight rate and passenger fares law passed by the Legislature of 1907. The matter is referred to Judge Montgomery, standing master for the eastern district, to take testimony and report his findings of facts and conclusion of law to the Court at Asheville the latter part of September. In signing the order continuing the injunction, Judge Pritchard made provision to protect the traveling public. On and after Monday and until the controversy is settled the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern will give to each passenger a receipt for difference between the present rate and what the new rate would have been. The railroads will deposit with the clerk of the United States Court at Raleigh sums sufficient to cover these receipts or "due bills" in the event the suits finally go against the railroads.

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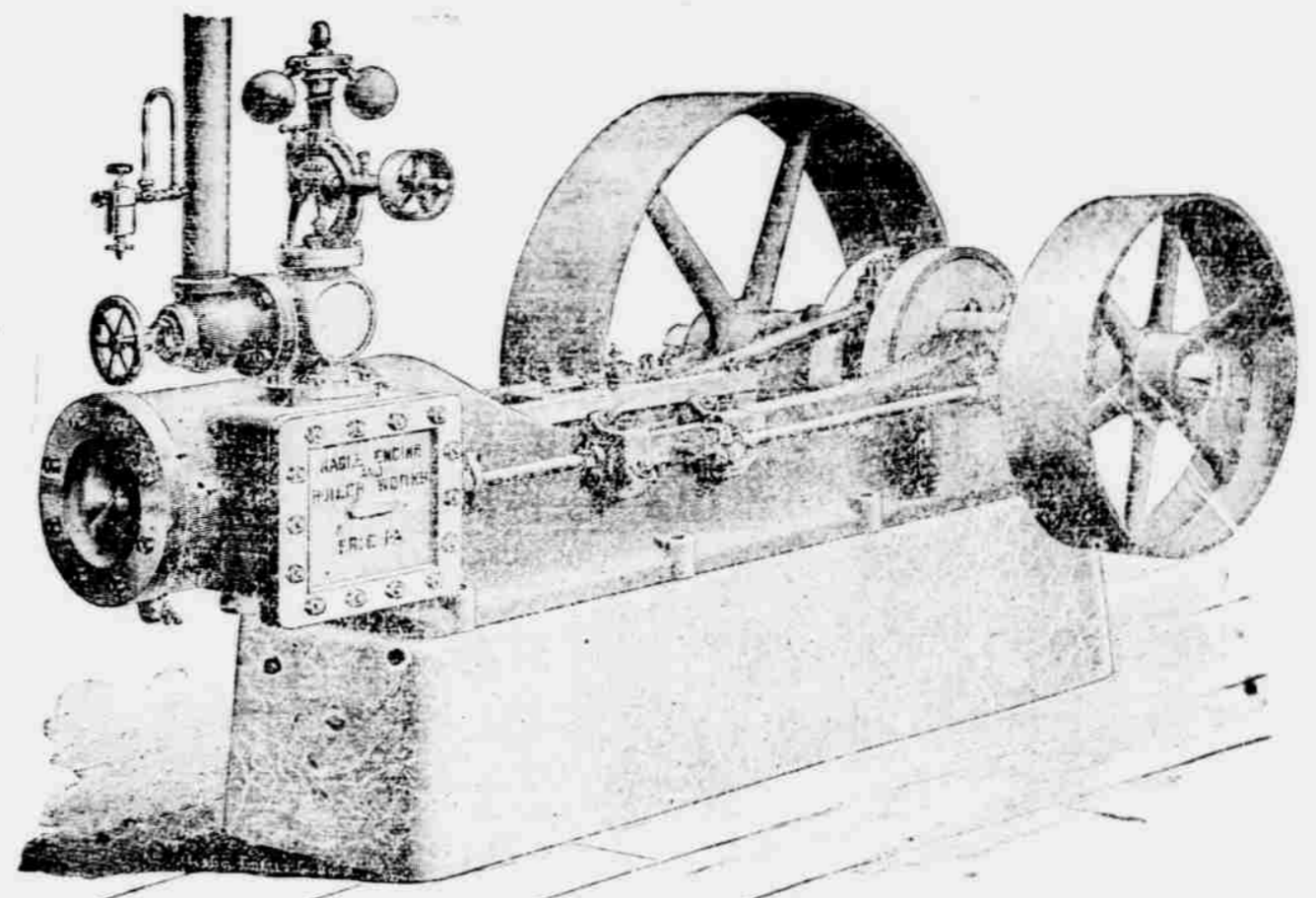
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CLAUDIA KEEL, Executrix.
A. PAUL KITCHIN, Attorney.
6-6-07

Executor's Notice to Creditors

Having this day qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Bettie V. Johnston, deceased, late of Halifax County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned, duly proven, on or before the 18th day of May 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 18th day of May 1907.
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