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JUDGE BIS RAY CENSURES JURY

Hendersonville, March 12, 1920—"Breeders of lynch law" was Judge J. Bis. Ray's characterization of the Connell Talley jury verdict of not guilty when he peremptorily discharged the jury and told its members they could never again serve under him.

Judge Ray said in his address to the jury that their verdict of not guilty was a flagrant miscarriage of justice that a verdict of first degree murder was predicted on the evidence and that by their failure to return such verdict they had shown themselves to be moral cowards, that they had been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

"Such blunders as yours in this case cause shot guns to roar in the hands of the angry mob and lonely trees to groan beneath their gruesome burden." Judge Ray said: "I would not be performing my duty did I not publicly censure you for this verdict." He reminded them that he could not tell them what verdict to return but he had cautioned them to consider all the facts and return a verdict in accordance with these facts. He said he had no apologies to make for his remarks. Judge Ray is being generally commended here for his censure of the jury.

Connell Talley, 17-year old white boy, confessed to complicity in the murder of Will Erwin on December 31, his alleged partner, Jim Thomas, colored, has not yet been tried.

FORDSON TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

A representative of the News was much interested in seeing the splendid work done by the new Fordson Tractor on some of the farm land in this section. This tractor pulls as much as five two-horse plows and lays the sod completely over in fine shape, using 2 1-2 gallons of kerosene per acre at a cost of 62 1-2 c.

Other advantages of this type of machine are: its low cost, strength and quality of the steel in its entire make-up, and the fact that all parts are carried in stock by dealers; thus avoiding delay of sending to manufacturer for parts as is so often the case with other machines. One man with a Fordson Tractor can do ten times as much plowing as he can with a horse or mule and it isn't eating its head off in cold or rainy weather. Fordson will pump water, grind corn, saw wood and churn the milk, all for the same price and put casings on the drive wheels it will roll the roads smooth as it carries the farmer, his family and produce to town. C. H. Klueppelberg of Brevard sells them.

A CORRECTION

When you send news to the paper, be sure you give the facts correctly. Last week we published a statement that the morning train had been delayed in the city two hours on account of lack of coal. This item was given to our reporter as a fact and published accordingly.

A few days later Col. Hodges called us up about it and stated that the train was only one hour late and that on account of necessary repairs to the engine. We are glad to make this correction.

U. D. C. MEETING

The March meeting of the Transylvania Chapter U. D. C. will be held Saturday the 20th at 4 P. M. at the Library.

Come and bring your dues. ANNIE JEAN GASH, President.

THOS. H. JORDAN PASSES AWAY

At 3:00 o'clock on Monday morning, March 15th, Mr. Tom Jordan, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Jordan, died at his home at Cherryfield of double pneumonia. He leaves a wife and three children.

The funeral was held at Mt. Moriah cemetery and was conducted by Rev. King of Hendersonville. Mr. Jordan is well and favorably known in the community and his loss is greatly deplored by all who knew him. The News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

THE PRAYER CORNER

IN EVERYTHING

Learn to entwine with your prayers the little cares, trifling sorrows, the little wants of daily life; whatever affects you, be it a changed look an altered tone, an unkind word, a wrong, a demand you can not meet, a sorrow you cannot disclose, turn it into prayer, and send it up to God. Disclosures you may not make to man, you can make to the Lord. Men may be too little for your great matters, God is not too great for all your small ones. Only give yourself to prayer whatever may be the occasion that calls for it.

Let Us Pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Whom no man hath seen at any time, Who art Spirit of the Father of our spirits, unto Thee do we come. We would tell Thee all our wants, our sorrows and our sins that out of the fullness of Thy grace, we may receive healing and forgiveness.

We lament our desires covetous of worldly things, the coldness of our affections, the prayerlessness of our lives, the want of relish for Thy law. Forgive us all that our resolves to lead a higher life have been broken and grant us true repentance, that henceforth we may build our lives on the abiding foundations of Thy holy will, as it is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Cause us to walk in the paths of purity and sincerity, to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty, and to have no fellowship with the works of darkness. We pray for a purer air, a wider space.

O God lead us out of the twilight of our own dark narrow souls into Thy glorious light that we may not be the children of the children of the night, but of the day. Strengthen us that we may finish the work Thou hast given us to do. Comfort us in the troubles that wait upon our earthly lot. Guide us thru the shadows of time into Thy blessed eternity. And this we ask for Jesus sake, Amen. C. D. C.

TWENTY-THIRD BUILDING & LOAN SERIES

There is an old saying: "Nothing venture, nothing win. Most of us go to one extreme or the other, we are either too reckless or too conservative. Most all of the millionaires in this country became so by the judicious investment of their money. One of the first helps to the saving habit is to own a home, and stop paying rent. The same money you pay out for rent each month if invested in the Brevard Building and Loan stock will enable you to own your home in six and a quarter years. After you have paid for your home you have formed the saving habit and become a lender instead of a borrower and the Building and Loan will pay you good interest on your money. See Al Verdery about it. Do it now!

NOTICE TO ALL SCHOOL OFFICIALS

On March 20th inst. at ten o'clock A. M. a joint meeting of all the school committeemen and teachers in the county, will be held in the Brevard High School auditorium. The meeting will last thruout the morning.

I want to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Garvin of Flat Rock is expected to be present to address us. Aside from the aforesaid address we expect to have numerous school problems put before us for discussion. It is our desire that we decide upon a definite bill for educational purposes which we hope to have presented and carried thru at the meeting of the next Legislature.

It is our intention that we elect from our body at large a delegation to be sent to Greensboro to the State and National Educational conference which will be held there, beginning April and continuing thruout May 1st. At the meeting in Greensboro it is expected that the representative citizenship of the State discuss with the United States Commissioner of Education, P. P. Claxton, all or a great number of the seventy educational bills now before the United States Congress. As you no doubt recall, one of the most important of the seventy educational bills has already passed in the United States Senate, and the presumption is that quite a large number of the remaining aforesaid bills will be carried. Taking all of the aforesaid into serious consideration we are to note that we are now confronted with the re-adjustment of all educational plans under which we now operate. I might say here that there is a very bright and glorious day ahead of us for the education and advancement of our citizenship. We are further to make plans for and calculate on the coming of the women of the United States of America into our midst and as being the strongest possible support that the educational agencies can look forward to as having present with them.

Further, I would like to call your attention to the fact that it is almost a practical certainty that the women of the United States will have given to them the weapon of the ballot in the next November elections. I want to say here that I am indeed proud of the fact that thirty-four States have already ratified the Constitution, and that we have an almost definite promise of four more States which will ratify the Amendment, two of the aforesaid States it is presumed will ratify the aforesaid Amendment on or before April 1st, next. I would like to say here that I want to congratulate the women of the United States on the stand which they have taken and the successes that they have won. We all have reason to believe that with the women's coming into our educational affairs that they will do all possible to throw iron-clad safeguards around the education of the youth of the nation.

You, each and all, can see from the aforesaid that we have a multiplicity of school problems now confronting us, so please do everything in your power to make your plans for being present at our great educational meeting on March 20th.

Most cordially yours,
A. F. MITCHELL, Co. Supt. Public Instruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickelsimer, who have been in Petersburg, Va., for the past several months, returned to Brevard last week.

ROAD TO NORTH CAROLINA LINE

The General Assembly has passed the following bill: "To require the county auditor of Pickens county to levy 6 1-4 mills in said county for road from Pickens Court House to the North Carolina line for the years 1920 and 1921, and county treasurer to collect the same."

No local bill has been introduced in recent years that will mean so much to Pickens county as this bill to construct this road across the mountain. According to the bill as passed by the house and the senate a levy of 6 1-4 mill for 1920 and 1921 will be levied on the taxable property of Pickens county. This levy will raise about \$35,000 a year, or \$70,000 in the two years. This amount will be supplemented by a similar amount from the United States government, making a total of about \$140,000.00 for this road.

This road has already been surveyed by government engineers and the completion of this road will bring more travel thru Pickens county than ever was thought could be.

The Transylvania authorities are very much interested in this road as well as the Anderson county authorities; and with a first-class road completed from Pickens to Liberty, and the road from Pickens to Easley under construction it is only a question of time until a well graded top soil highway will be in operation from Columbia to the North Carolina mountains. It is hoped that work will begin on this highway at an early date and pushed to a rapid completion.—Pickens Sentinel.

SHORTHORN SALE AT ASHEVILLE

On Friday night the 19th of Mar. it is proposed to organize a Short Horn Breeders Association at the Board of Trade rooms, Asheville, N. C.

Two shorthorn breeders, B. P. Howell of Waynesville and G. T. Cooper of Whitler, N. C. will hold an exhibition and sale of stock at W. A. Webb's sales stable, Asheville on Saturday, March 20th. There will be on sale 23 head of shorthorn cattle, all Western North Carolina raised.

MODERN WOODMEN

Brevard Camp No. 1507 of the Modern Woodmen of America met Tuesday night in its second regular session. Deputy John C. Oldham of Asheville and Wilber Fisher of Hendersonville were present as visitors and gave speechlets at intervals. Refreshments and smokes were served again and again.

This Camp, the very recently installed, has grown rapidly. A special session being called to give the degrees. Six new applications were passed upon at last evening's session.

PLUMMER & TRANTHAM BUYS W. P. WEILT DRY GOOD STOCK

All of the carefully selected stock of dry goods and ladies' furnishings carried by the late Wm. P. Weilt, have been bought by Messrs. Plummer and Trantham and for the next thirty days will be sold at the Weilt store. For further particulars and prices see Plummer & Trantham's advertisement in this issue. This is one of the best stocks of dry goods in the country.

Dr. and Mrs. Good Cheatham are visitors to our city from their home in Henderson, N. C. They are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Shipman.

IN UNITY THERE ARE SPOILS

Failure of the Republican Convention to take a stand on either side of the tax reform program now being carried toward completion in North Carolina has raised a violent presumption that Mr. Morehead and his associates are not expecting to elect the State ticket. The platform that was adopted in Greensboro, which is to be highly commended for its brevity, either straddles or is silent on the only outstanding issue now before the people—the Revaluation Act and the proposed tax amendment to the Constitution to be voted on in the next election. The method of administering the Revaluation Act is condemned by our Republican friends, but they say not a word either in condemnation or praise of the Act itself. On the Constitutional Amendment their platform is as silent as the tomb.

This glaring omission, taken together with other developments at the Republican gathering, would seem to indicate that no very determined effort to carry the State is at present included in the political plans of the G. O. P. leaders. In this connection it is interesting to note that the two men selected to head the State ticket as candidates for Governor and the United States Senate are gentlemen of purely local reputations, hardly known outside their own bailiwicks. It is reasonable to suppose that had the Republican leaders believed they would be able to elect a Governor and Senator these nominations would have gone to men like Morehead and Duncan, or Holton and Butler, or Linney and Meekins, or Britt and Bynum.

Only one explanation is possible, and it also accounts for the amazing unity of the Republican leaders at this time—a unity which makes the lamb and the lion lie down together and works the equally startling miracle of sending Morehead and Duncan, Linney and Butler to the Republican National Convention, bed-fellows in the same Pullman. The explanation? It is simple. Morehead and Duncan, Linney and Butler and their respective factions have gotten together on Federal patronage. They will go to Chicago, support the same candidate for President and when he is elected—an event which they now consider to be as certain as anything in the future can be—the spoils of war will be divided in the old-fashioned way—even as in the days when Mr. Taft made his unkind reference to the matter—among North Carolina Republicans who have been faithful to the Old Guard.

In the light of this explanation it is easy to see why the Republican State platform rings true in its denunciation of the Wilson Administration and praise of the Old Guard leaders of the United States Senate than on five State issues of the day. For you can depend on it now and always—Messrs. Butler, Morehead, Duncan and Linney know which side their bread is buttered on. And they also have good noses for "pie."

If the Democrats don't nominate Hoover and the Fates decree that North Carolina shall live another four years under a Republican national administration, we wish the "Big Four" well in their trip to Chicago and sincerely trust that, in the years that follow, there will be no falling out among them over the distribution of the spoils. For so long as their attention is riveted in that direction, just so long will the Democratic party, with a Page, a Morrison, or a Gardner at its head, be comparatively free of partisan Republican interference in carrying out

THE BREVARD INSTITUTES NOTES

Mrs. J. K. Gelbach of Baltimore surprised us one night last week, coming in on the night train and going out on the morning. Mrs. Gelbach was formerly Miss Mary Harrell a student here, then head nurse, after graduation from Sheppard-Pratt hospital of Baltimore. Her brother, Athur Harrell, is in school here now.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Pace of Hendersonville, spent the week-end at the Institute, with Miss Florence Justus, a ister of Mrs. Pace.

Miss Marguaritte Allen has returned to her home in Hendersonville on account of continued indisposition, following an attack of the flu, which barely escaped being pneumonia.

Conditions seems to have become normal and everything is in full swing looking forward to the end of the year and commencement. Many are already counting the days, altho we have more than two full months to run.

GONE TO FLORIDA

C. B. Glazener, the well-known Rosman merchant, is spending some time in Clearwater, Fla. He will spend a few weeks at St. Petersburg before returning home. In a communication from Mr. Glazener he says: "This is some beautiful country and is worth the time and expense to see."

TRAFFIC INCREASE TREBLED SINCE 1898

The American railroads are more than one-third of the railways of the world. The traffic hauled on the railroads of the United States is now three times as great as it was twenty years ago. In four months now the railroads carry as much freight and as many passengers as they did then in a year. In the three months alone of the harvest movement in 1919 the traffic equaled that of the whole year of 1898.

In 1898 freight ton miles carried by the railroads of the country were more than 100,000,000,000 a year. In 1910 they were more than 250,000,000,000, in 1913 more than 300,000,000,000 and in 1918 more than 400,000,000,000. Although the railway mileage increased only about 65 per cent since 1890, improvements in tracks, terminals, equipment, etc., have been so marked that the volume of goods carried (measured in the number of freight tons carried one mile) increased more than five times from 1890 to 1917.

Increased Efficiency.

Taking account of both freight and passenger service, the railroads in 1900 hauled 186,000 traffic units (freight tons carried one mile, plus passengers carried one mile) for each railway employee. By 1917, the last year of private operation of the railroads prior to the entry of the United States into the war, that 186,000 had been increased to 296,000.

The following table shows the increase in efficiency of American railroads since 1900, which enabled the railroads to keep pace with the growth of the country:

Ton miles increased.....	190%
Passenger miles increased..	170%
Trackage increased.....	56%
Cars and engine increased..	75%
Workers increased.....	83%
Output per worker increased	60%
Average train load increased	190%

These figures show that the traffic hauled by the railroads of the country has increased more than three times as fast as the trackage, more than twice as fast as the equipment and more than twice as fast as the number of workers. This has been made possible by far-sighted investment of new capital to increase the efficiency of the transportation facilities and thereby enable the railroads to increase the amount of traffic handled and reduce the amount of labor required to handle it.

the program of constructive progress to which the Democratic State administration is committed.