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FOREST FIRE PREVENTION MAKING HEADWAY

The Forestry Division of the North Carolina Geological Survey has recently appointed Clarence Hill Burrage as District Forest Warden. Mr. Burrage will likely make his headquarters in Asheville in the near future, but at present he is traveling over the western part of the state on forest fire prevention work.

He is a former resident of North Carolina, a graduate of the University of Georgia, served with the A. E. F., and for several years was with the U. S. Forest Service in North Carolina and various other sections of the country.

A good many of the counties are cooperating with the Survey in this work, among those in this section being Valcon, Haywood and Buncombe. When the counties cooperate they are adequately covered by forest wardens who bring to their neighbors the importance of preventing forest fires and enforce all forest laws as well as to fight fires after they start.

In addition to the wardens in these counties, the Survey has appointed a few wardens in other counties adjoining the National Forests in order to help the U. S. Forest Service and to show the people what it is trying to do. If the counties do not cooperate within a short time, the Survey, because of its limited appropriation, will probably have to drop these wardens and use the money in counties which are cooperating. Wardens have recently been appointed in Cerokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.

This region should be especially interested in forest prevention from the tourist standpoint. Forest fires destroy the forests which shelter game and fish and furnish the best kind of a playground for the vacationist. In Pennsylvania along the Allegheny River a short distance above Pittsburgh there is a stretch of high hills which were once covered with magnificent forests of white pine, hemlock, and hardwoods. The timber has been cut and fires allowed to run unchecked until now there are miles and miles of country covered only with blackberry briars and worthless shrubs. Of course there is little fish and game left. The people of Pittsburgh are forced to go to the hills in the eastern part of Pennsylvania or to the Adirondacks or White Mountains for their recreation. The U. S. Forest Service has just begun the purchase of land in this region for the creation of a National Forest, but it will require many years of protection from fire before this region will be attractive to tourists.

Rather curious news from Vienna is that Czechoslovakia will lend Austria half a billion of Czech crowns. How much these are worth we do not know, but they can't be as much depreciated as Austrian crowns. The singular thing about this transaction is that Czechoslovakia is one of the new nations carved from the dual monarchy; or perhaps it would be nearer the truth to say that it is one of the fragments into which the dual monarchy broke when it fell. One would suppose Austria, a going concern, even if greatly reduced, would be in a better position to lend to one of the new states than the reverse. But Austria seems to have been sinking deeper and deeper into the slough, outdoing Germany in the issue of irredeemable paper money; and while the Austrian consul general in New York brings back from his own country news of improvement, the economic situation is still very serious.

"Scraps" tells us that there are more than 8,000,000 women and girls working in the United States. The women who are not working are those on the farms who have nothing to do, except to build fires, cook meals, clean house, wash the clothes, work in the fields and probably attend to one small baby and six other larger children.

It would be interesting from the scientific standpoint to know the exact blood pressure of a middle-aged woman who can't make her household accounts balance within \$3.67, and is having serious trouble with her hair-cut at the same time.

BY REQUEST

The original letter, said to have been written by Christ, was found in the early days of Christianity by a child. There is promise whomever may have a copy of this letter in his possession will prosper and be followed by good fortune if they publish it, but if they do not heed the command, bad luck and misfortune will follow them until it is made public.

From the hands of a child who found it, the letter is said to have passed into possession of a convert of the faith. For some reason this convert failed to have the letter published. He kept it however as a sacred memento of Christ, and it passed on to his oldest son, and on down through many generations, but was never published.

The tradition being that when it was finally given publicity, it had been in one family more than a thousand years.

During all this period of time, the story goes, the family suffered repeated and continuous misfortune.

Discouraged members of the family migrated to countries other than where the letter was found, which was evidently Palestine, and finally one of them came to America, bringing the fateful letter with him. The family having possession of it settled in Virginia, still keeping the fact of the letter a secret. Descendants of the family moved farther South, still followed by misfortune.

Finally the last member of the family lay on her death bed called a neighbor woman named Thompson and gave the letter to her, relating its history.

The Thompson woman's attempts to have it published were rewarded in Rome, (Ga.) Tribune October 31, 1891. From there it was printed in the Dalton (Ga.) Citizen, and Miss Fannie Wortman, of Marion, Ind., clipped it from the paper, keeping it many years. Recently Miss Wortman had it republished in a Marion paper, stating that during that time she had retained the letter in her possession without having it published or attempting to, she had a species of bad luck which she attributes to the failure to secure publicity for the letter. It is my prayer that this be published.

Here is the letter:

"Whosoever work on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep the Lord's Day without any manner of work. You shall not idle or mis-spent your time bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have the day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you.

"You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and spoken from my mouth.

"You will not only go to church yourself, but also your manservant and maidservant. Observe my words and learn my commandments. You shall finish your work every Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five Fridays in the year beginning with Good Friday and continuing the Fridays in the year being remembrance of the five blood wounds he received for you and mankind.

"You shall love one another and cause them that have not been baptised to come to church and receive the Holy Sacrament—that is to say, Baptism and then the Supper of the Lord and be made a member thereof, and so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your lands shall be replenished and bring forth abundance and I will comfort you in the greatest temptation, and surely he that doeth the contrary shall be cursed.

"I will also send hardness of heart on them, and especially on hardened and unrepented unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor find it profitable.

Sabbath day injunction: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. For the seventh day I have taken as resting day unto myself.

"And he that have a copy of this letter from my own mouth and keepeth it to himself, shall not prosper, but he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as the stars at night, and if they truly believe they shall be pardoned, and they that believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plague upon them and you will be consumed with your children, goods cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do but once think of what I have suffered for you; if you do, it will be well for you in this world and the world to come.

"Whosoever shall have a copy of this letter in their house nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, lightning, nor thunder, and if the woman be in birth and put her trust in Me, she shall be delivered of her child. You shall have no more news of Me, except through the Holy Scripture until the day of judgement. All goodness and prosperity shall be in the house where this letter be found."

Just to be a trifle leonoclastic, we shall predict that when the next big war comes some nation is going to spend something that will put it across the others, no matter what we do about battleships and submarines.

It is said some genius in Germany has invented a vehicle that rolls on the ground, flies or floats. If that sort of machine ever gets into general use, it is going to be exceedingly difficult to get a corn crop.

The London report that the price of wives has been raised in the Sudan is causing comparatively little excitement here as the demand for Sudanese wives does not seem to be strong in this vicinity.

NOTICE

To the DEMOCRATIC VOTERS of Transylvania County:

As the primary for county candidates which is to be held on Saturday, June 3, is not a legalized primary, and therefore the State has not furnished a sufficient number of absentee voter blanks to supply the demand, it has been decided by the County Executive Committee, that any Democratic voter who is prevented from coming out to his precinct polling place on said June 3 by sickness or other unavoidable circumstance, may vote in said primary in the following manner, namely: Said voter shall write a letter to the Registrar giving in said letter the names of each candidate for each office whom he desires to vote for, the names of said candidate to be written in the body of said letter, and if the voter can secure same, he shall attach to said letter the printed ballots for the candidate he desires to vote for.

If the names in the letter differ from the names on the printed ballots, then the names in the letter shall be construed to be the candidates for whom the elector wishes to vote.

Of course if the regular blanks as furnished for absentees are properly filled out, they shall be accepted.

This is to give every Democrat in the county an opportunity to vote for the man he wishes to receive the nomination.

Respectfully
 W. E. BREESE, Chairman
 MARTHA G. BOSWELL, Sec.
 Adv.-pd.



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