

Need For More Judges

The supreme court of North Carolina is known as a bench of hard workers. They have to live laborious days in order to give each case the consideration merited by an action on appeal, and to set forth their opinions with all the precision necessary in a final pronouncement by a court of review.

These justices should have more to study the appeals coming before them, unhurried by the thought that an enormous task of physical and mental exertion awaits them in preparing the written decisions.—Asheville Times.

ALL FOR LOVE

What men will do for the love

of a maid was illustrated recently. Evidently Charlotte Seidenstopp, 18, of Hammond, Ind., got her dates mixed, and eleven young men called on her at once. She suggested that they fight it out and see who won her favor. A battle royal ensued which resulted in the arrest of all the men—and also Charlotte.—Exchange.

THE HORRIBLE DESTINY OF SISTER AND FRIEND

Dear friends I am no poet, and I don't know where to begin; But I want to tell the horrible story of my sister and friend, And won't you please take warning, before it is too late; For just one drink of whiskey brought them to their sad fate.

Upon Sunday evening, the thirteenth of July, Garry called for sister and I, to say to us goodbye.

He said that he was leaving to be with mother soon—that he would leave for Roanoke at two that afternoon.

At ten o'clock he called us and said he had one more hour to stay, Then he would be leaving on his homeward way.

He hated so to leave us, but he said he would not stay;

But he made to us a promise that we would meet again some day.

We decided then to take a ride to pass the time away.

We drove up the highway two miles or more from town, when Garry

decided to drink some whiskey down.

He only drank one drink, and listen what he did.

He drove the car like furry around those winding turns.

He drove the car so reckless, I was afraid to stay.

So I got out and left them on 285 highway.

Of course I did not think when I left them that day;

Before the evening sunset God would take them away.

They had started homeward, and eleven miles from town,

They hit an embankment Which lay them, lifeless, down.

—ORA STANFIELD.

EDITORIAL GREETINGS

In assuming editorial charge of The Press, I do so with mingled feeling of gladness, gratitude and humility.

My life has been what is termed a public life. Since I was eleven years old I have been fighting at arm's length for a place on which to stand.

In the realm of letters I have gained a foothold. In the pulpit I have stood more or less secure for a good while. On the platform I have fared as well as many of my more brilliant brothers.

But I am unaccustomed to the chair of the editor. In fact sitting down reverses my machinery. I can always think better when standing and faster when running; but the dye is cast and I am to be an editor.

There is a sort of sentiment stirring within me as I remember that I am to be editor of my own county paper, and speak to the sons and daughters of the fathers and mothers with whom I spent the halcyon days of my youth and young manhood.

My messages will always be PERSONAL. The planet Mars may be inhabited for all I know, but if so, they may arrange with one of their own bunch for the news. I am writing particularly for the people of Macon county, and then for the whole of Western North Carolina.

The price of the paper has been reduced so that the humblest citizen may put it into the hands of his children; and each week it will bear to them a message found nowhere else under heaven.

The Press will always contain the most choice bits of news; but it will also bear a real message to the people of these winsome mountains.

No rooster was ever prouder of his first spurs than ye editor is of being a mountaineer. We might have been born in New York but we didn't want to be.

Drop in and see us. Our business manager, W. F. Curtis, is a courteous gentleman and will pilot you to the editor's sanctum. I am always in unless I am out.

—not too long, but good.

Invite me out to spend Sunday and speak at your church or school.

If you ever have a home coming or a hog killing and expect anything said about it you had better tell me before hand.

Let's renew our fellowship and go down the road together.

Sincerely,

CALEB A. RIDLEY,
Editor, Franklin Press.

Many Delegates To Attend Sessions During Autumn

ASHEVILLE, Sept. 6.—Conventions which will attract over 5,000 delegates from many professions and from all parts of the United States will be held in Asheville during the coming autumn months. The conventions will range in size from select groups of less than a score of members to sessions which will be attended by more than 2,000 delegates.

The month of September will witness the conventions of the Ohio National Life Insurance company, with 150 delegates at Grove Park Inn, September 3 to 5; the Indianapolis Traffic Club, with 100 delegates, September 1; the Monroe Calculating Machine company in convention at Grove Park Inn with 150 delegates, September 6 to 13; the National Electrical Manufacturers association meeting September 3 to 6 with a score of delegates; the Tri-State Dahlia show, a convention of dahlia growers on September 22 and 25, and the fall meeting of the Knights of Pythias with an attendance of 300 on September 22.

In October delegates to a gathering of North Carolina Women's clubs and the convention of the Western North Carolina Educational association will bring more than 2000 visitors to Asheville. The educational meet is scheduled for October 17 and 18.

On October 20 the American Steel Construction institute will gather in the city 300 strong and the International Road congress will visit the city with 150 members. The Road congress members will come to North Carolina following a meeting held in Washington, D. C., which terminates October 13.

In November the United Daughters of the Confederacy will make their headquarters at the George Vanderbilt hotel with 600 delegates in attendance. The organization will be in session from November 18 to November 22. Over 400 members of the American Face Brick Manufacturers association will be in session at Grove Park Inn from November 12 to 14.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Norton and Mr. R. M. Coffey captured a Ford car last Saturday near Highlands containing 50 gallons of liquor. The occupants of the car escaped.



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