

THREE MEN WOUNDED IN SHOOTING NEAR WHITE ROCK

Three men are wounded as a result of gunshots and a general shooting affray near White Rock last Sunday afternoon. The details are hard to obtain but according to reports, it happened somewhat in this way: A shooting at a mark was engaged in by the following: Jeter Tweed, Junior Tweed, Arthur Stanton and Hubert Stanton. The agreement seems to have been that the guns were to be used for the best marksman. The first man to shoot hit the "bull's eye" and therefore could not be beaten. He contended for the gun and the other refused to give it up. From that a contention arose resulting in their beginning to fire at one another instead of at the mark. Jeter Tweed was shot through the arm, Arthur Stanton had the side of his face beaten up with the gun but was not shot, while Hubert Stanton was shot about the waist. They were attended by Dr. Moore of Marshall and some of them went to a hospital in Asheville. It seems that none of them were seriously injured.

THE STEEL TRAP

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A little while ago a cat, in great distress, came to the home of one of my friends. It had been caught in a steel trap and in its struggle to get free it had pulled off a part of one foot. My friends took the cat in, fed it, and took care of it until the wounded foot was healed. This is just one of many millions of somewhat similar cases that occur every year, not to cats and dogs in many cases, but to wild animals of some kind; the only difference being that in this case the cat found friends to care for its suffering and feed it, but in the case of the wild animals that are caught, they must suffer and die alone amid the cold and ice and snow. The case is like this. Here is a little innocent, harmless, wild animal that starts out in the morning in search of its daily food. It steps into a steel trap and is held a prisoner. It is far away in the woods and there is no one near to release it, or to feed it, or to mercifully put it to death. In its struggle to get free the bones of the leg are broken and the poor suffering creature is held there a prisoner for hours, perhaps for days and nights, amid the ice and snow in a zero temperature, for most of the trapping is done in winter. Any one of three or four things may happen to it. If it is very cold it may freeze to death; if it was short of food when it got caught, it may starve to death; in order to get free it may gnaw off its legs; or it may live

until the trapper comes and mercifully or unmercifully, from whichever point of view you look at it, puts it to death and ends its suffering.

If some one should set a steel trap on Boston Common and catch one of the gray squirrels that are numerous there and let it stay in the trap, a suffering prisoner for hours or for days and nights, there would be an uproar about it and the man might be arrested for cruelty to animals. Now just that sort of thing is going on in many millions of cases off in the woods where no one sees it and no one thinks much about it. All animal life must die some time and it is no worse to kill an animal for its fur than it is to kill it for food. But if the animals that are killed for food were caught in steel traps and held suffering prisoners for hours or for days and nights, that sort of thing would be stopped and it is going to be stopped in the case of the animals that are trapped for their fur. Furs are not a necessary part of a person's apparel, and no one ever froze to death from lack of a fur coat, if he had plenty of other clothing. It is simply a fashion and if one person can get along comfortably without furs, others can do the same. And especially is this true in regard to fur trimmings and summer furs, the most foolish of all fashions. A few years ago the plumage of birds and in some cases whole birds were seen on about nine-tenths of the hats worn by ladies. Then people commenced to talk about the cruelty and the economic waste of the fashion and a public opinion was created and afterwards laws were enacted and now no more do we see birds' plumage or whole birds on ladies' hats. The women are just as well off and the birds are a great deal better off on account of that law, which stopped the killing of birds for their plumage. Now at the present time there is an ever-increasing fashion to wear furs and about nine-tenths of the women and young girls whom we see on the street and many of the men are wearing

THREE COWS ELECTROCUTED TUESDAY IN MARSHALL

FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH AS A RESULT OF A BROKEN HIGH-POWERED WIRE

Three cows, the property of Mr. C. F. Fortner of Marshall were electrocuted Tuesday as a result of coming into contact with a high-powered broken live wire which connects with Asheville. The wire, broken,

had dropped on a wire fence and had burned things generally nearby. The family, thinking the cows had been killed by lightning, narrowly escaped coming into contact with the current, directly or indirectly. All day Tuesday the lights flickered and motors were very unsatisfactory, which was doubtless due to this break in the wire.

TOMORROW

(By EDGAR A. GUEST)

Tomorrow—if it ever dawns,
Men will get out and trim their lawns.
Tomorrow—if it ever breaks,
Men will no longer make mistakes.
Tomorrow—on that day sublime,
The laggard now shall start to climb.
Tomorrow—if that sun shall rise,
Fools will remember to be wise.
Tomorrow—then the world shall find
Misers turned generous and kind.
Tomorrow—if that day we reach,
The bitterest tree shall grow a peach.
Tomorrow—day supremely blest—
Virtue shall reign in every breast.
Tomorrow—if that day we see,
The world and men will perfect be.
Why for tomorrow should men stay
When all of life is lived today?

furs in some form. Well, if the practice of killing birds for their plumage was cruel, the practice of trapping wild animals for their furs is infinitely more cruel, for in the case of the birds they were shot, but in the case of the animals, they are held suffering prisoners in steel traps for hours or for whole days and nights. *Eisennas* mercifully kill, but steel traps unmercifully torture. Of all the inventions of man, the steel trap has probably caused more animal suffering than any other one invention, and perhaps more than all of them put together. A few days ago I saw a young girl wearing a fur coat which I should estimate contained at least two hundred skins of animals. Who can estimate the animal suffering

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE DRIVING OF SCHOOL TRUCKS OVER RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE TOWN OF MARSHALL

(Adopted by the Board of Aldermen at the Regular Meeting August 3.)

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marshall in regular session do ordain:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for the driver or chauffeur of any school truck to cross the railroad track in the corporate limits of the Town of Marshall without first bringing the truck to a full stop, and sending some person ahead to inspect the track in both directions to ascertain if any train is approaching. And if no train is approaching the person thus inspecting the track will signal the said truck driver to cross over the track.

Section 2. That any truck driver or chauffeur violating Section 1 of this ordinance shall pay a fine of \$25.00 for each and every offense, or be imprisoned for a term of thirty days in the jail of Madison County to be hired out as provided by law.

Section 3. That it shall be the duty of the policeman of the Town of Marshall or any lawful officer to arrest any truck driver violating the provisions of this ordinance in the presence of such officer without warrant.

Section 4. That any person giving to the proper officers the information that may lead to the conviction of any person violating this ordinance shall be paid by the Town of Marshall \$5.00 for such information and the said \$5.00 shall be taxed as part of the cost in the prosecution.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be posted for thirty days and a copy of the same shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every school truck that is accustomed to cross over the railroad track in the Town of Marshall.

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty days after its adoption.

J. W. REDMON SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN TRAIN CRASHES INTO CAR HERE

went into that one coat? And when you multiply that coat by the millions of others that are being worn you begin to get a little idea of the total amount of suffering caused by the steel trap. We must first create a public opinion against this great evil of torturing animals to death and then get legislation about the cruelty, for of course legislation is the only thing that will stop it. We celebrated "Be Kind to Animals Week." Let us extend it to fifty-two weeks in the year and include the wild animals as well as the domestic animals and put a stop to this needless cruelty and suffering for the many millions of wild animals who are caught in steel traps every year. Furs are merely a fashion and not a necessity for life or even for comfort. So will any one who reads this article help in the matter by creating an atmosphere against the trapping of wild animals for their fur or for any other purpose.

May the time soon come when a fur coat on the back of a man or a woman will be as rare a sight as the sight of a bird's plumage now on a lady's hat.

—OUR DUMB ANIMALS MUSICAL HOG CALLING NOT A LOST ART

Raleigh, N. C., August—Musical and effective hog calling is not a lost art among the farm folks of North Carolina if the performance of the 52 contestant in this feature event at the State Farmers' Convention last week is a real indication.

Great volume of sound, punctuated by appealing lower tones and convincing facial expression were used by each of the contestants. So realistic did the callers make their efforts that the 1,500 observers gathered in front of Pullen Hall began to look around apprehensively fearing that perhaps a great herd of swine would come rushing over the campus and sweep them from their feet. It was impossible for the judges to select the three prize winners at the first trial held at midday on Wed. July 28, so a second contest was held for the ten selected in the first occasion.

At the second contest, a greater crowd had gathered. News had gone abroad over Raleigh that there were some real hog callers at the College and the visiting farmers were joined by a great number of town people. (The final selection was announced at the evening meeting and J. C. Nichols of Durham was awarded first prize of \$25 as the champion caller of the Convention. Second prize of \$15 was won by J. H. Sprinkle of Route 7, Winston-Salem and

FORD LITERALLY CRUSHED AND THROWN INTO RIVER

Same Man Had Serious Accident Last Year

Mr. Jim W. Redmon, who lives a short distance from Marshall on the Asheville road, is in a hospital in Asheville seriously injured as a result of a collision with a freight train last Saturday about noon. Mr. Redmon had been to Marshall and had started back home on his Ford. He either was not noticing the railroad track, or was thinking of something else when his car was struck by a west bound freight train and thrown into the river. As soon as some men could get through the train to the river they began trying to rescue him from the wrecked car, but found Mr. Redmon on the bank in some weeds. He was given first aid by a local physician and taken to a hospital in Asheville. It was hoped at first that his injuries were not so serious, but a report from the hospital Wednesday was to the effect that he had suffered internal injuries, was paralyzed and was in a critical condition, having undergone an operation.

The Ford which he was driving was literally splintered. The chassis was drawn from the river and placed in garage for repairs, the body having floated away. The engineer on the freight saw the accident too late to avoid it but stopped the train and came back to render any assistance.

It will be recalled that Mr. Redmon ran off a bank last year and almost miraculously escaped death. The family has the sympathy of the community.

third prize of \$10 was awarded to H. G. Bundy of Elizabeth City.

The officials of the convention stated that this contest brought a new note of informality and fun into the convention proceedings and the farmers themselves voted that it must become an annual event. The ladies, not to be neglected in such fun, made a request that, next year, prizes be offered for successful chicken callers. The fund of \$50 used as prizes for the contest was donated by the American Limestone Company of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Little Virginia—Say, mother! Mother—Well, what is it now? Little Virginia—Say, mother, can Susie and I dress up in short skirts like you and grandpa?

NOTICE!

There will be a box, ice cream and also supper at Fairview Church, Saturday night, August 7th, 1926. The purpose of this supper is to raise money to help pay for heating and seating church. There will be good music. Everybody invited and everybody welcome. Don't miss the supper. Don't forget the time and place. FAIRVIEW CHURCH, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th.