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Two Serious Accidents.

About midnight, Thursday of last week, Lawson Caudle and Wilborn McCann, both of whom live near the foot of the Blue Ridge to the right of Roaring Gap, got into a difficulty resulting in McCann cutting Caudle about the side and abdomen. The knife cut entirely through the abdomen, making a gash several inches long, through which the intestines protruded. Dr. Ring and Reece were called and gave the injured man such attention as he needed, but they report Caudle's condition as very serious. The intestines were not cut but they had been exposed so long that his chances of recovery are diminished thereby.

While on their way back to Elkin Dr. Ring and Reece were phoned to come to the Elkin Veining Company's plant at the foot of the mountain. Here a log had rolled over a man named Holcomb, mashing him up pretty badly—breaking his collar bone and two ribs. They gave Holcomb the necessary attention after which they returned to Elkin, having had a very strenuous day's work of it.

Later—Since the above was set up we learn that Caudle died Sunday morning about 6 o'clock. So far as is known at this writing McCann has not been put under arrest and it is believed that he is dodging the officers. Two women are said to be mixed up with this affair, but we cannot vouch for the truth of this statement.

Condensed News Items and Editorial Comment on Various Topics.

Judge Taft declares that not a single member of his cabinet has yet been determined on.

President Roosevelt's use of the word 'frazzle' has called forth considerable comment. It seems to be a new word with a great many, but down in this neck of the woods it has been a familiar word for half a century or more.

A delegation of lumbermen of Wilmington have gone to Washington to oppose the reduction of tariff on lumber. Every man's views on this question are biased by his personal interests.

A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that President Castro expects to go to Europe for the purpose of undergoing a surgical operation. It is said that Castro has never been out of his native Venezuela except once or twice he has made trips into the neighboring country of Columbia.

Andrew Carnegie has written a magazine article in which he makes an argument in favor of the abolition of the tariff on steel and oil. He says that these industries can no longer be regarded as infantile, and in his opinion will not be affected by the removal of the duty on steel and oil.

John D. Rockefeller says that the Standard Oil Company last year declared dividends to the amount of \$40,000,000 and that another \$40,000,000 of profits was added to the company's surplus, which is now said to be \$300,000,000. It is further stated that the company's profits during the past few years have amounted to more than half a billion dollars.

There seems to be much bad feeling growing out of the recent trial of Dr. W. S. Gregory, the Roanoke, Virginia dentist, for an alleged assault on a lady, a patient in his office, while under the influence of chloroform. It appears that the verdict of not guilty did not suit the people of Roanoke, and they are talking of warning him to leave the city. The negroes of the city served notice on Lee Martin, a colored assistant who was Gregory's chief witness, warning him to leave the city—and he has left.

President elect Taft and family will go to Augusta, Georgia just before the holidays where they will spend a part of the winter. While in Augusta they will be the guests of London A. Thomas.

It is said that President elect, Taft is determined that his pledges to the people in favor of tariff revision shall be kept. If it necessitates a fight between Mr. Taft and Mr. Cannon then the fight will be made. He promises a fair, just, and equitable revision of the tariff, and he is going to see to it that this is done.

There is some probability that J. A. Smith, Republican candidate for congress in the 9th district, will contest with E. Y. Webb for a seat in the next congress. One of the grounds upon which he will base his contest is the claims that certain boxes should be thrown out because in these boxes several tickets were found folded together.

It is now stated that the Republican bosses have practically agreed on Elihu Root, Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary of State, for United States Senator to succeed Senator Platt. It is believed that Mr. Taft would like to have Mr. Root in his cabinet in charge of the State portfolio, but he is willing to try to get along without him if Mr. Root really desires to enter the Senate and, it is said, he does.

The 20 ton battleship, North Dakota, the first of its class to be built for the United States navy, has been launched. It belongs to what is known as the Dreadnaught class; several of which, about a half dozen we believe, have been built in England. Our government has others of the same class in building. These engines of destruction keep getting larger and larger. It is now proposed to build them with a displacement of 30,000 or even 40,000 tons.

Joe Cannon will have to make some effort to secure re-election as Speaker of the House of Representatives in the next Congress. The Republicans have a majority of 40 to 45 in the 61st Congress and of course will elect a speaker, but it may not be Joe Cannon. We believe it would be better for the party and for the country if some other Republican could be elected. Cannon ought to be defeated but it is doubtful if he can be. He will have the machine politicians at his back.

Mr. Bryan is ready to do service again for the Democratic party as its candidate for the Presidency if the circumstances demand it. He is reported as having so expressed himself in a recent interview at San Antonio, Texas. Bryan has a stronghold on the radical wing of the Democratic party and that wing has been in the ascendancy in the party, and will probably remain so. In this event Mr. Bryan may again lead the party to defeat. It could hardly be expected that he could lead it to anything else.

The News and Observer says, "you can buy part of the people some of the time, but you cannot buy all the people all of the time."

Now, isn't that a rather damaging admission? The second proposition above quoted includes Josephus, himself. Some people in the state perhaps regarded him as purchasable, but we did not expect that he would admit it. We are willing for Josephus to speak for himself, but we protest against his speaking for the Times and its editor. We do not care to risk anything on an investment of that kind, but out of curiosity we would like to know his price.

Tom Johnston of Cleveland, Ohio, has managed to keep himself in the lime light for a dozen years or more. He has been much in politics, a Democrat, and more radical perhaps than Bryan. He has twice or more been elected mayor of his home city, Cleveland, he is serving in that official capacity at the present time. He is a brilliant man and a great hustler. He has been considered quite wealthy; he has been accustomed to doing big things financially, but suddenly there has come a change. He now announces that his fortune has been lost as a result of his giving to much attention to the affairs of his deceased brother's estate to the neglect of his own financial interests. He further says, in a statement he recently made, that he might have saved his fortune had he been willing to run away from his fight for welfare of the people of Cleveland and give his personal attention to his own interests. The reasons prompting this last statement can be better appreciated when the reader knows that Mr. Johnston intends to make the race again for mayor of Cleveland. Devotion to the people's interest is the best card the magogue has to play on.

Bryan as An Evangelist Would Equal Paul.

Rev. French E. Oliver, who is holding a revival meeting here, has issued an open letter to Mr. Bryan urging the Nebraskan to become an evangelist and predicting that Mr. Bryan would become the equal of the Apostle Paul.

"Twelve years ago," writes Mr. Oliver, "I wrote you a letter in which I stated my conviction that you should preach the gospel and add the statement that if you would consecrate your wonderful talents to God, as an evangelist, the Bryan of the twentieth century would equal the Paul of the first century as a champion of the cause of Christ. Personally your three defeats have been three sources of sorrow to me, as I have hoped to see you elected to the presidency. Who knows? Perhaps God has withheld the presidency from you in order that you may become more to your country than President. I am firmly convinced that one ambassador of Christ of your caliber is worth to this nation more than 10,000 Presidents.

"This impression regarding your fitness for the great work named has been strongly in my heart for 12 years, and I pray God that it may become a fire in your soul."—Burlington, Kans., Dispatch.

What God Gives to a Boy.

A body to keep clean and healthy, as a dwelling for his mind and a temple for his soul.

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A pair of lips to speak true, kind, brave words.

A pair of ears to hear music of birds, tree and human voice, but not to give heed to what the serpent says or to what dishonors God or his mother.

A pair of eyes to see the beautiful, the good and the true—God's finger print in flower and snowflakes.—Household.

Depositions in Oklahoma.

McAlester, Okla., Nov. 13.—It has been announced here that Judge Spencer B. Adams, formerly of the Citizenship Court, ex-Senator Marion Butler and some eminent counsel will arrive in this city next Sunday to take deposition in the libel suit brought by Adams against Butler. The party will go from here to Ardmore, where more deposition will be taken.—Special To The Charlotte Observer.



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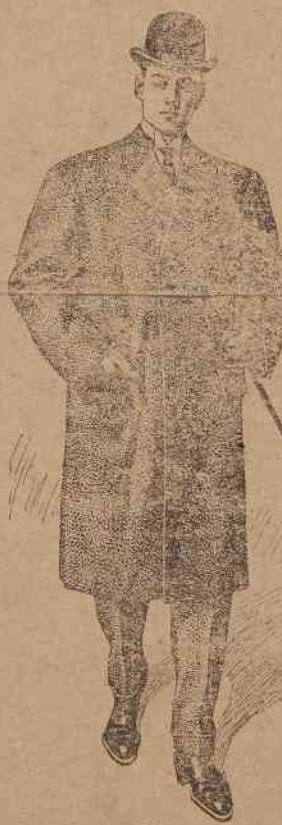
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The Birds Work Long Hours.

"Our hours," said a nature student, are nothing to birds. Why, some birds work in summer nineteen hours a day. Indefatigably they clear crops of insects.

"The thrush gets up at 2:30 every summer morning. He rolls up his sleeves and falls to work at once, and he never stops until 9:30 at night. A clean nineteen hours. During that time he feeds his voracious young two hundred and six times.

"The blackbird starts to work at the same time as the thrush, but he lays off earlier. His whistle blows at 7:30, and during his seventeen-hour day he sets about one hundred meals before his kiddies.

"The titmouse is up and about by 3 o'clock in the morning, and his stopping time is just at night. A fast worker, the titmouse is said to feed his young four hundred and seventeen meals—meals of caterpillars mainly—in the long, hard, hot day."—The Evangelist.

"Animals," said the teacher, "frequently become attached to people, but plants never do." "How about burs, teacher?" queried the small boy at the foot of the class.—Chicago News.

Tribute to a Blind Tiger.

"Well," said a man to another yesterday morning, "you'll get no more licker from Bob Russell." Utter consternation mixed with incredulity spread over the listener's countenance. "Why?" said he. "Because Bob is dead," was the reply. Bob Russell, a good old ante-bellum darkey departed this life sometime Monday night, aged about 70. There was nothing mean about him and he never did one any harm; but sell whiskey he would in spite of the law, the world, the flesh, the chain gang and the devil. Bob couldn't help it. It came naturally. Once he sold it while serving a sentence in jail. Another time he made a snug sum and came home with money, while serving on the Randolph chain gang. He has indeed sold his last pint. The jug is empty. Prohibition has come to Bob.—Lexington Dispatch.

Mother—I hear you were at the foot of the class last week, Tommy.

Tommy—Twasn't my fault. Johnny Smith, who's always at the foot was sick at home.—The Circle.