

A Daring Escape by Three Girls.

Charlotte Observer.

Asheville, Oct. 21.—Three girls, their ages ranging from 12 to 18 years, made a daring escape from the county home or "house of correction," near Asheville, last night by tearing their blankets in strips, tying the strips together and then casting the rope out the window and over a small shed and going hand over hand down the rope to the ground below, a distance of probably 30 or 40 feet. The girls were Mary Lee Rogers, Vance Moody and Birdie Triplett, alias Mag Lewis. The escape of the girls was not made known to the officers until this morning about daylight. The local police went on a search for the fugitives and soon rounded up the Rogers and Moody girls in the Victoria section, a mile or more from the city.

In the meantime the sheriff of Caldwell county had paid a visit to police headquarters, seeking information relative to a girl about 18 years of age, for whom he had a warrant charging her with being implicated in a highway robbery and murder in Caldwell county some time ago. The description of the girl, whose name the Caldwell county officer gave as Mag Lewis, fit the description of the girl "Birdie Triplett" in the house of correction, and Patrolman Young, after learning that the girl had escaped, went on the search for her. He found her in town and placing her under arrest, escorted her to the railway station, where the Caldwell officer, preparing to take his departure, identified her as the person he wanted. The woman was turned over to the Caldwell officer.

It is said that the woman was implicated in a robbery and murder in Caldwell, for which two men tried some time ago at Lenoir were convicted and given long sentences in the State prison. It is alleged that the girl Mag Lewis has since admitted that she was mixed up in the affair and that she got part of the money. She was sent to the county home or house of correction for 30 days from the city police court and her term would have expired to-day. The other two girls were sent to the home just last Saturday. One of them is scarcely 12 years of age. She is Mary Lee Rogers and is a very pretty and attractive girl, wearing her hair in a plait down her back. They were sent to the home for disorderly conduct.

(Mag. Lewis is now in Caldwell jail on a bench warrant, charged with being implicated in the killing of Lawrence Nelson.—Editor News.)

"Pneumonia's Deadly Work

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The American Horse.

Harper's Weekly utters this soliloquy on the horse in America:

Over three centuries ago, at the time of the Spanish conquest, there was not to be found in the new world, so it has been practically proved, a single animal that answered to the description of the horse. Horses, indeed, which the Spaniards brought with them, were objects at first of great terror to the natives, who took them to be four-legged supernatural beings come purposely to aid the conquerors. Yet recent research by the Whitney Mission has established beyond doubt that long before Columbus the Americas were overrun by horses from the mountains of Alaska to the plains of Patagonia.

In 1826 the chance discovery in New Jersey of an equine fossil of an unknown kind led to more methodical investigation of America, with the result that prehistoric horse bones have been found in California and Oregon; between the Gulf of Mexico and the Carolinas; in Texas, Florida and the valleys of Mexico; in the Western slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Horses, too, must have been numerous in this country previous to the appearance of man, researches having brought to light their fossilized remains mixed up with pottery and the stone arms of cave dwellers.

How is it, then, that the equine race, represented in America by kinds of fossils considerably more numerous than in Europe, came for a time to vanish from this country to reappear thousands of centuries later with the Spanish conquest? For but a century after Cortez there were already in existence herds of wild horses in the regions of the Plata and the prairies of the Far West.

By some this temporary extinction of the American horse has been attributed to the increasing cold and the encroachments of the glacial hemisphere. It is certain that the elephant and camel disappeared at the same time. Another explanation is that the horses succumbed to a malady such as the "rinderpest," in South Africa. Again, what brought about this exodus may possibly have been a species of the present-day Columbian vampire bat, which sucks the life-blood of its victims, and in the districts it infests prevents the horse being used as a beast.

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Shook Her Husband Speechless.

Salisbury Post, 16th.

A little before 8 o'clock last night a giant negro, who said her name was Caroline Waugh and her home in Greensboro, lifted a demure little negro off his feet, shook him until his teeth rattled and marched him to the station. More than this, she bought two tickets to Greensboro and landed him on the inside of a seat when No. 12 got here.

The woman explained that the little rat of a fellow is her husband and that two weeks ago the wiles of a less corpulent woman turned his head and heart. She learned only Monday that he was in Salisbury and quitting the wash tub came here for him. The man was cowed and speechless.

When a horse stops suddenly in the street it shows its bringing up.

The Old Men of The South.

Harper's Weekly.

Colonel Withers, of Virginia, died the other day. He was an old man, and one of the few remaining officers of the Confederate army. A long time ago he was Lieutenant-Governor of his State, and afterwards he was United States Senator from Virginia. His death recalls a pleasant time when the South was sending its best to Washington. After the old partisan reconstruction policy was practically overthrown by Mr. Hayes' withdrawal of the Federal troops from the State capitals, Colonel Withers was one of the noble group of Southerners who accepted the results of the war in good many sacrifices for their States. He was in Washington with Gordon and Wade Hampton and Lamar, and the others the headquarters of some of whom were at the old Metropolitan Hotel. They were all very loyal, but they were all as Democratic as they were poor. Withers had been a good soldier, and he was a good loser. He seldom complained of anything that a Republican soldier had done, and it was delightful the friendliness of the old Confeds with that simple-minded gentleman and soldier General Burnside, who served in the Senate with them. But they had their taste in politicians; they never loved the men they called Jim Blaine, Bill Chandler, and "that feller Conklin." Withers was about when Matt Ransom put his arm around Cleveland after his first inauguration and expressed his deep and abiding joy to see a Democratic President once more. These old boys might have remained in power if they had "figured" a little better, but they are most of them gone now, and the death of Withers only recalls their ghosts.

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Woman War on Merchants.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 16.—There promises to be a lively war between some of the merchant of the city and one hundred of the most prominent ladies of the city over the question of closing the stores the year around at 6:30 p. m., except during the month of December and on Saturday night. Most of the merchants of the city have agreed to close early and willingly signed a petition to do so, though several flatly refused, while others signed under protest.

The indications are that the ladies will win the fight and by the end of the week they will in all probability have secured the promise of all the merchants who refused to close to fall into line with the others. In the event the merchants who have refused thus far to sign the petition for early closing hold out, the ladies will resort to heroic measures and may not trade at their stores. The husbands of many of the ladies are aiding them in the movement.

Later advices show that the ladies have won in the fight.

Doing Business Again.

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STATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Tar Heel, published semi-weekly at Greensboro, has suspended publication and the plant will be sold.

Bert Cousins, who was injured by the explosion of a boiler at a saw mill near Thomasville Monday of last week, died Thursday.

The postoffice at Glass, Cabarrus county, and the store in which it was located, were robbed Friday night. Some money and stamps were taken from the postoffice and a lot of flour, meat, shoes, etc., from the store.

At the carpenter shops of Hutfinan & Mull at Drexel, near Morganton, Wednesday afternoon, D. C. Franklin, an employe, was assisting in fixing a belt when in some unaccountable way he was caught in the shafting, which was making about 500 revolutions per minute, and killed. One arm was torn off and the body badly mangled.

As a result of the Federal Court at Greensboro, which adjourned last week, seven white men were sentenced to the penitentiary. They are G. W. Vickers, Rankin Brewer, Guilford county; J. N. Nance, Rockingham; George Washington Marshall, F. L. Cheek, Yadkin county; J. Frank Ordwell, Stokes county; Willie Hodges, Wilkes county. All these sentences were for one year except Hodges, 18 months, and Ordwell, two years.

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Boone Items.

On last Sunday, in Middle Fork of New River, four miles from Boone, a three year old child of Mr. Sanders Shore, was drowned.

Mr. A. M. Daugherty was in town Thursday. He is opening a silver and lead mine on Laurel Fork five miles from Boone.

Mr. Cranford, of Colorado, who has been prospecting in this county all summer, has found some fairly good lead ore on Meat Camp, and it is rumored that he will mine it in the near future.

The summer hotels at Blowing Rock have closed for this season. Three thousand people have visited there during the summer.

Mr. S. M. Dugger, of Banner Elk, says he has almost decided to write a history of Watauga county. Many of the best citizens have requested him to do the work.

A rural library has been established at Silver Stone. A. H.

The pain in Ma's head has gone. She's as happy as can be. Her health is right, her temper bright. Since taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea at night. Dr. Kent and Granite Falls D. Co.

The notion prevails to large extent, in labor circles, that when a strike is won, labor has gained a victory, and capital suffered defeat. This is a mistaken notion, for the success of any strike means additional cost to production and higher prices to the consuming public.—Janesville Gazette.

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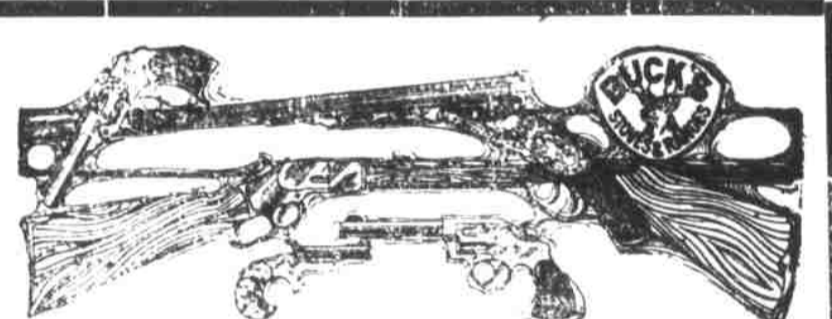
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