

**CRUEL TREATMENT OF A CHILD.**

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A short out line of the story of the brutal treatment of the little four-year-old Fields child:

Several weeks ago the little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Fields, of High Point, went to Thomasville, to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Shoaf, friends of the Fields family. While at the Shoaf home the little girl was so cruelly beaten by Mr. and Mrs. Shoaf that when the situation was found out by neighbors, the little girl was almost dead. It is said that there is scarcely a square inch on the entire body of the little girl that does not have a bruise or a scratch.

The little girl was taken to her home in High Point and is there under the care of physicians.

The Shoafs have been arrested and placed in jail awaiting the turn in the condition of the little girl before a preliminary examination is had.

It is inconceivable how much brutality could be practiced by human beings. Really it is more brutal than human and of a very low order of brute at that.

The only reason assigned by Mr. and Mrs. Shoaf for the inhuman treatment of the child is that she was dirty and always kept the house "in a litter."

Feeling is so high and talk of lynching so bold that they were carried to the woods last Sunday night and also Monday night and secreted by the Sheriff, and guarded by him and his deputies through the night, and returned to the jail next morning.

At last reports the child was getting on nicely and that it is now thought it will recover. The Shoafs are in Charlotte jail.

The Postmaster of Gaseonade, Mo., Daniel A. Bugh, says of DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, "I am doing so well and improving so fast in health, that I cannot say too much for your Kidney & Bladder Pills. I feel like a new man." DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills are sold by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Company.

**Boone Items.**

The discussion on the proposed Appalachian Park is waxing warm in this county. The Watanga Democrat is publishing lengthy articles for and against the measure. Many of the lumber men have been uneasy and have made extra efforts to get their lumber cut before the park is established. A miscellaneous debate is to be held in Blowing Rock today on the merits of the bill.

As stated several times before, the West end of the county is greatly excited over preparations being made in regard to boring for oil near Mast, N. C. The parties are erecting an eighty foot derrick and putting in machinery at a great expense. They claim that they have \$30,000 faith in finding a gusher.

County Superintendent, B. B. Dougherty, is greatly pleased with the progress being made in the public schools. Several new houses have been built and a number improved since last year. The attendance is very good. He goes through Tenn. to reach the schools in North Fork, so he visited the school at Trade last week.

The Appalachian Training School has purchased a small lot of land from R. M. Green, which extends the school farm to the turnpike. This will enable the school people to get better use of their farm.

A. H.

**King's Creek News.**

Died, Saturday October 12th, at seven o'clock a. m., of typhoid fever, in Agnne Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., after an illness of 12 days, Roby Carlton aged 21 years. Second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Carlton.

The greater part of Roby's life was spent on the farm on Illinois Creek. He was tutored by his mother until 9 years of age, when he entered the district school.

He entered Centralia High school at 13 and graduated four years later. Entering Atchison Business College in September 1903, he graduated in spring of 1904. Since this time he has been engaged in stenographic work in Kansas City, No., at the time of death he was in the employ of the Kansas City Bridge Co.

He was a young man of promise trusted by his employes and loved by his associates. He was possessed with an unusually kind and affectionate nature and the happy smile with which he always greeted his friends, spoke a heart full of joy and good will. He showed his appreciation of his parents by his loving obedience to their wishes, his kindly sympathy and confidences.

When the people of our little city heard of Roby's death it could be truly said, there was but one heart, in Centralia and that sore—save from sympathy with his bereaved parents and brother—and grief at the loss of such a bright, pure young life from our community.

The funeral was at the Congregational church Monday, October 24th. The strong loving hands of his school fellows bore him out into the autumn sunshine and all that was mortal of Roby Carlton was laid to rest in our cemetery soon to be covered by the grassy coverlet of God.—Centralia Journal.

Roby's father and mother were formerly Caldwell people. His father, Tom Carlton, was a brother of our countymen, John Carlton and Hack Carlton. His mother a daughter of the late Wm. R. Kendall and a sister of Mrs. J. C. Powell, of Lenoir, Mrs. L. C. Ferguson, Kendall, N. C., and Mrs. J. L. Laxton, of King's Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton have the sympathy of their many friends and relatives in North Carolina. Quite a number of them remember Roby visiting North Carolina, when a boy of 13, with his mother and brother, Homer.

It excited me when I saw my other piece in print. But there has been so many urgent appeals for T. Y. to come again. I will try it.

Mr. Walter Ernest and family, of Lenoir, have moved to King's Creek. We are glad to have them with us.

Mr. John Ernest and wife, of Va., is visiting at Mr. Ernest's old home on K. C.

Mr. T. L. Blalock, missionary from China, gave us an interesting talk Saturday. Wish he could be with us again before he returns to China.

The whooping cough is still in our midst, some taking it new.

There will be a town election in "Tug Hill" shortly and I will write more then and let you know the result.

I think next time I make a pleasant call at the News office the Editor should say something about it without me having to report it, for several have said if T. Y. would come again they would subscribe for the News, and one fellow is going to treat the writer on genuine old "wink eye." See! It makes my mouth water, so I will quit.

T. Y.

**STATE NEWS ITEMS.**

**Staterville Landmark.**

Raleigh will vote December 26 on the question of prohibition or dispensary—a sort of holiday election.

While riding in front of a work train in Charlotte Saturday Laban Trapp, colored, fell across the rails and was killed.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference meets at New Berne December 4th, Bishop Galloway, of Mississippi, presiding.

The postoffice at Mill Springs, Polk county, was robbed last week of \$200 in money and stamps. The safe was opened by the combination and no clue left.

John Blair, a painter of Asheville, staggering home drunk Saturday night, fell over a 14-foot embankment and was picked up dead with his skull crushed. He leaves a wife and three children.

J. N. Seale, manager of the northern and eastern divisions of the Southern railway, was stricken with paralysis while at Salisbury Saturday morning. He was taken to Washington and died there yesterday.

Thos. L. Gass, foreman in the plant of Moore county Lumber Company at Sanford, was struck in the stomach Thursday by a piece of timber thrown from the machinery and died of his injuries some hours later.

The programme for the railroad rate hearing changes with every passing breeze. Last week it was announced it would begin in Raleigh Monday and since then by agreement it has been postponed to the 26th.

In Wilmington Saturday afternoon Isaiah Abner, a negro, shot and almost instantly killed John Robertson, also colored, at the latter's house. Abner boarded with Robertson. The cause of the killing is not stated. Abner escaped.

Turner Whitsett, colored, who was charged with attempted criminal assault at Reidsville, Miss Johnston being the alleged victim, was tried in Rockingham Superior Court last week and the jury disagreed. It is understood the jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal.

The Wilkes Patriot says the famous Stone Mountain, in Trap Hill township, Wilkes county, has been sold by the North Carolina Granite Corporation to the Wolf Rock Granite Company, the consideration named in the deed being \$175,000. It is understood that the property will be developed.

The Newton News says that Sarah Clontz, of Conover, was bitten by the family dog a few days ago. The head of the dog was sent to the Pasteur Institute at Richmond, where it was found that the animal was affected with hydrophobia. Miss Clontz went to the same institution for treatment.

At Siler City, Chatham county, Friday, the sons of D. L. Webster and M. W. Woody, aged about seven years, got hold of a shot gun. Fortunately the gun was loaded with a blank shell but the wadding of the shell entered the shoulder of the Woody boy. His face and shoulder were terribly burned but he is expected to recover.

In Anson county a few days ago Melvin Lowe, white, and Chas. Smith, colored, each about 16 years old, went hunting together. Lowe's gun was accidentally discharged and Smith died a few hours later. Lowe was taken into custody until an investigation was made but the coroner's jury decided that the shooting was accidental.

**Buttons on Rattler's Tail.**

**From Outing**

It is a very common fallacy concerning rattlesnakes that each segment of the rattle indicates a year of the serpent's existence, and it will probably be accepted until some one devise a safe method of examining the teeth. One has only to stand for a half hour in front of the rattlers' cage at any zoological garden or museum to hear it repeated several times, together with many other bits of misinformation which make the average "Nature Story" seem a statement of bald fact by comparison.

Although the young rattlesnake comes into the world equipped with but a single button on the end of its tail, when a year old it may have as many as a half dozen segments, while three a year may be taken as a fair average development. In hunting, crawling over rough country and through tangled brush, the rattles are apt to be injured or lost, and occasionally a very large specimen is seen with but two or three segments, while one of the banded variety procured in Pennsylvania for the Bronx zoo, was less than three feet in length and possessed seventeen perfect rattles, the absence of the terminal congenital button demonstrating that one or more pieces had been lost.

A segment is added to the rattle each time the snake casts its skin, and this may occur every month of the snake's active season, which in the Northern States lasts from early May until the first severe storm of winter drives it to the den for its long hibernation. This casting of the skin, which is common to all serpents and many of the lizards, is a curious provision to protect the reptile from disease and discomfort and, like most of nature's provisions, it is a wise one.

Since the day when the serpent was condemned to crawl abjectly on its belly, instead of wriggling gracefully upon its tail, as a punishment for whispering suggestions for the fall into the eager ear of Eve, it has been peculiarly liable to injure its sensitive integument, and spending its existence in close contact with the ground it becomes the unwilling host of many ticks and parasites which are harbored by the decaying vegetation. Any unfortunate who has accumulated a few wood ticks and laboriously removed them from his hide with the point of a knife and ammonia will appreciate how much easier it would be to grow a new skin and envy the serpent the ready means at its disposal to rid itself of the unwelcome pests.

**Dead Sea Bathing**

**Baltimore Sun.**

In an article on bathing in the Dead sea, a clergyman, who has made the experiment, says: "No sooner has one plunged off one's feet and goes bobbing helplessly about, like a wretched cork. In the effort to regain one's footing and get back to shore one's feet and shins are barked by the jagged stones and pebbles, and when at length one does emerge from its treacherous bosom with the lower limbs bleeding and torn, one becomes aware of a horrible tingling and burning sensation in eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth and almost every pore of the skin from the brine and bitumen which have penetrated everywhere. Unless great care is taken, the bather in the Dead sea, is liable to an eruption, which breaks out all over the body, and which is commonly known as the Dead sea rash. The best antidote is to hurry across as quickly as possible to the river Jordan and to take a second plunge therein. The soft and muddy waters of that sacred but dirty stream will effectually remove the salt that has incrustated the body."

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