

**BOY TIED WITH A ROPE.**

**Sad Story of an Afflicted One for Whom the State Makes No Provision.**

Lexington Dispatch.

A passenger on an Asheville bound train Friday tells a strange story of seeing a human being roped out like a beast to a tree, the same being a boy 17 years of age, who was born an idiot. Making inquiries the man learned a few facts which are given below:

The scene of the story as told is in the heart of the Blue Ridge country, near Round Knob, in McDowell county, seven miles from Old Fort and 23 miles east of Asheville. On the right of the road going up the cabin of the boy's family stands in plain view of the cars. Around it are a few tilled acres. Mountains tower on all sides. Near the cabin are some fruit trees and beneath one of them the boy has been tied during the day with a rope around his waist, for many years. People passing up and down the road, knowing of the case, have seen the unfortunate standing or sitting at his tree day in and out when the weather was at all comfortable. One man says he has seen him there when the air was rather fresh.

At night the youth is confined in one end of the little mountain cabin, which rudely barricaded, is dismal looking enough. The boy is without a ray of intelligence and cannot speak understandably. He can feel himself, but eats with hands, all efforts to teach him the use of a knife and fork being fruitless.

There are conflicting reports as to the sort of treatment he gets, some saying he is handled kindly, others saying he is not. At any rate the man who gathered information thinks that family is hardly in position to give the unfortunate being the attention that he should have.

It is learned that the mother of the boy refuses to part with him. Four years ago she is said to have carried him to Morganton to place him in the hospital, but as the institution is for insane people, the idiot was denied admission. Recently the neighbors say that some stranger, apparently an official, investigated the case and wrote the sheriff of McDowell to take charge of the boy. The mother, whose name is Bartlett, however, is said to have told the sheriff she would part with the boy under no circumstances. The county thereupon agreed to allow her \$2.50 a month for his support.

It seems that there is no place for such afflicted people except the county jail or the country home. The State makes no special provision for idiots. The man who tells the story says that it is a disgrace to the State of North Carolina and expresses the belief that there are scores of cases something like this. He grew sarcastic in his references to the matter and spoke of the idea of sending money to heathen countries for foreign missions "while we allow such human suffering as this, allow an idiot to be cared for in this style, hitched out like a beast, right under our noses."

The family doubtless does the best it can, thinks the man, but he declares the case pitiable, tragic, and talked as if he were going to see if he couldn't stir the officials to take some action.

To relieve constipation, clean out the bowels, tone and strengthen the digestive organs, put them in a natural condition with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the most reliable tonic for thirty years. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets at Dr. Kent's Drugs store and Granite Falls Drug Co.

**Cut Hair by Electricity.**

Atlantic City, N. J., June 3.—A test of an electrical appliance by means of which every man may cut his own hair is slated for today at the National Electrician convention. Felix Brown, of Chicago, the inventor of the apparatus, confesses he is not too sanguine as to the general usage into which the self-cutting machine may come but rather contrived the device for his own amusement and to illustrate the extent to which electricity may be applied.

Already there is the electric massage, and the electric razor, which requires no motion of the hand, but simply buzzes all the beard off a man who is inclined to take his ease about shaving.

The hair clipper is attached to a wire the other end of which can be fitted into the socket of an electric lamp, and then operated at a fast or slow speed according to the wishes of the hair cutter and the tipographical peculiarities of the head to be shorn. A feature is the ability to notch the clip for a short or long cut.

**Woman is Robbed Of \$20,000 in Bills.**

Seattle, Wash., June 3.—Mrs. George Shea, of Duluth, Minn., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. John English, at Alki Point, a suburb, reported to the police last night she had been robbed of \$20,000 in currency. Mrs. Shea, who arrived in Seattle last Monday, intended to invest the money in property here.

Her husband shipped the money to her by express, the package reaching her on Thursday. Yesterday Mrs. Shea and her sister decided to visit Seattle to see the decorations. They hid the \$20,000 between the sheets of a bed. On returning home it was found that burglars had ransacked the house and stolen the treasure.

**Strikes Causes Rioting.**

Philadelphia, Pa., June 2.—The attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to operate its cars to-night with strike breakers, imported from other cities, resulted in the first serious rioting which has occurred since the strike of the street car men began on May 29.

In the Kensington district, where many mills are located, the feeling ran high. Mobs of men, women and children pulled the motormen and conductors from their cars and beat them severely. In many instances cars were set on fire and in other cases thrown across the tracks. The police were powerless to control the angry strike sympathizers. When they charged the mob, it separated only to form again in the vicinity of another car.

There are many imitations of DeWitt's Carbollized Witch Hazel Salve—DeWitt's is the original. Be sure you get DeWitt's Carbollized, Witch Hazel Salve when you ask for it. It is good for cuts, burns and bruises, and is especially good for Piles. Sold by J. E. Shell, Lenoir Drug Co., and Granite Falls Drug Co.

**Three Per Cent Reduction.**

New York, June 1.—In its monthly cotton report to-morrow The Journal of Commerce will show that compared with last year, the cotton average has been reduced 3.5 per cent., according to over 1,800 reports from our special correspondents of an average date of May 25. This is approximately the same result as given in last month's report, when the consensus of opinion indicated a reduction of 4 per cent.

**Observed in South.**

New Orleans, June 3.—The birthday of Jefferson Davis, only President of the Confederacy, was commemorated to-day with public ceremonies throughout many of the Southern States.

The day is a legal holiday in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, Texas and Louisiana, and so far as the public schools are concerned, in Virginia. In Louisiana it is also set apart as Confederate Memorial Day.

The bestowal of crosses of honor upon surviving Confederate soldiers was included in the programmes carried out in many places.

Numerous Confederate organizations and hundreds of citizens generally joined to-day in New Orleans, where ex-President Davis died, in paying tribute to his memory, and in strewing with flowers the grave of Confederate soldiers.

**Manning Gets the Judgeship.**

Raleigh, June 3.—Governor Kitchin has appointed Hon. James S. Manning, of Durham, associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Henry G. Connor, to become United States district and circuit judge of the eastern Carolina district.

Judge Manning is 50 years old and has served repeatedly in the State Legislature. He is an able lawyer and managed successfully the Kitchin campaign for Governor last year.

**Trouble Makers Ousted.**

When a sufferer from stomach trouble takes Dr. King's New Life Pills he's mighty glad to see his Dyspepsia and Indigestion fly, but more he's tickled over his new, fine appetite, strong nervous healthy vigor, all because stomach, liver and kidneys now work right. 25c at J. E. Shell.

**Brushy Mountain Fruit Crop Good.**

Wilkesboro June 2.—The Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association has two important meetings next week. On the 10th it meets at Clarence Call's orchard and on the 11th at Kilbey's Gap. Mr. W. M. Scott, a United States government fruit expert, will be present and lecture. Representatives of the State Agricultural Department will be present also. The fruit crop on the Brushes is splendid this season.

Mothers—Have you tried Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea? It's a great blessing to the little ones, keeps away summer troubles. Makes them sleep and grow. 35 cents, Tea or tablets. At Dr. Kent's Drug Store, and Granite Falls Drug Co.

**Fire At Chapel Hill.**

Chapel Hill, June 2.—The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity experienced a heavy loss to-day when their chapter house was totally consumed by fire. No members of the fraternity were in the house when the fire broke out all being at the afternoon dance at Commons Hall. The house was valued at \$3,000 with insurance of \$1,000. The house was built about fifteen years ago. Immediately after the fire about twenty of the members, both alumni and native, met and planned for rebuilding.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

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**The Wonderful Alaskan Wheat.**

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Dispatch readers will remember a discussion last year about the merits of Alaskan wheat, a new variety claimed to have been discovered growing wild in some part of Alaska, and said to have enormous heads, big grains and many of them, containing more food value than the best wheat known, and yielding far more per acre. The claim was denounced and the whole thing branded a fraud, for the seed of the wheat was selling at fabulous prices.

Saturday Captain Walter Cockerham, manager of the Emmons mining property, fetched half a dozen heads of this wheat to The Dispatch office, and stated that he had one acre of it, having paid \$15.25 for a bushel of seed; that he sowed it on the poorest land on the Emmons property, using 150 pounds low grade fertilizer; that it was now about six feet high and still a-growing, and that the best farmers in his section estimated that this one acre of poor ground would yield 50 bushels of wheat. Heads he plucked at random and brought here are more than three times the size of our wheat. There is not a sign of rust, and stalks are big and strong, so that the crop is standing up well. Food tests show more protein than any other wheat, says the Captain, who is very enthusiastic over his acre of Alaska, and he says his neighbors are wild over it, and are waiting with interest the results of the threshing. Captain Cockerham declares that so far from being a fraud, Alaska wheat is a marvelous fact and believes that it will revolutionize the wheat business. He sowed his last election day and says it will ripen at the same time our wheat does. He selected poor land as a test, and if it turns out as expected, he believes fine land will yield 100 bushels an acre.

**We Got a Bargain in Alaska.**

Eternal Progress. That the United States took advantage of a great opportunity when Alaska was purchased is becoming more and more evident; it is also becoming evident that that Territory holds hundreds of opportunities for individual men and women with ambition. The latest discoveries in regard to Alaska's vast resources estimate that there are within its borders hundreds of millions and even billions, of tons of coal. This discovery, placed side by side with all the other rich possibilities of Alaska, makes that Territory a national treasure house indeed.

**Liquor And Life Insurance Seventy years Ago.**

Winston Sentinel. Seventy years ago a Quaker who applied for life insurance was given to understand that he would have to pay an extra premium because he abstained from alcoholic liquor. Now the life insurance companies know that drink is destructive to health, lessens vitality and predisposes to disease. The progress of scientific knowledge overthrew the erroneous idea relative to alcohol.

**If You are Worth \$50,000 Don't Read This.**

This will not interest you if are worth fifty thousand dollars, but if you are a man of moderate means and cannot afford to employ a physician when you have an attack of diarrhoea, you will be pleased to know that one or two doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will cure it. This remedy has been in use for many years and is thoroughly reliable. Price 25 cents. For sale by J. E. Shell, Druggist, Dr. Kent, Druggist.



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