

WHY THE BOY WAS TIED WITH A ROPE.

Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, who is chairman of the state hospital committee, which was created by the legislature of 1907, today gave out the following statement:

"I have known for some time about this boy, having myself observed him tied to the apple tree as I passed by on the train. The boy's father is named Andrew Bartlett, and he lives in a little cabin at Dendron, just beyond Round Knob in McDowell county. The boy is about seventeen years old, and is as stated an idiot, having been born so. His parents are, of course, poor people, but have managed to provide for the boy as best they could. He is harmless, as I am informed except on certain occasions, and at times it becomes necessary to tie him, which is not generally done unless his father is away from home. He is tied more for his own protection than anything else; to keep him from wandering away and getting on the railroad track.

"Up to the year 1907, the state had not undertaken to provide for idiots and other mental defectives, but under the Bickett bill, the state is now required to care for all such. As soon as I had my attention called to this boy, I immediately took the matter up with the sheriff of McDowell county; also with the clerk of the court, the county attorney, and a justice of the peace, Esquire Sandlin, who lives at Old Fort, for the purpose of getting this boy admitted into the hospital at Morganton. They took the matter up with the boy's father and mother, and the mother persistently refused to allow him to be taken from under her care and keeping. She stated that she had managed to care for him all during his life, and that because of his pitiful condition, she was unwilling to let him go. She stated that on account of his affliction, and his utter inability to help himself, she could not bear the idea of placing him under the care and keeping of absolute strangers. It was on her account alone that the officials of McDowell county have not taken official steps to place this poor boy in the hospital, and while she is doing the best she can for him, the boy is not as well cared for as he would be at the hospital, yet her devotion to her child is commendable and every one must sympathize with her in her desire to have him with her, her afflicted son. The fact the boy has to be occasionally tied to keep him from harming himself or getting into trouble, it is not as bad as it appears to be; were he taken to the hospital, he would have to be confined, and be among strangers. However, I think it would be best for the boy were he taken to the hospital."

(The above is the answer to the boy being tied to the tree as published in Tuesday's News)

Heartless Thugs Tortured Women.

Somerset, Pa., June 7.—Three masked thugs entered a home occupied by three women near here and because they didn't find but \$3.50, tortured the occupants fearfully. They burned the feet of the women with candles, tied their limbs with sharp wire and otherwise abused them. The women in desperation offered a certified check to the burglars for \$500, but they were afraid to take it.

The men escaped, leaving the women tied. One woman after a struggle, got loose and notified the neighbors. A posse is being organized and feeling runs high.

Fixing For a Fight.

Evening Chronicle.

They are already fixing up another big political fight in North Carolina, all growing out of the appointment of Associate Justice Manning to the Supreme-Court bench. Judge Connor, whom he succeeded, had but two years to serve and at the end of that time Justice Manning will have to go before the people for election. The talk is that he will be opposed by Judge W. B. Allen now of the Superior Court bench, and who aspired to the appointment given to Mr. Manning. Judge Allen it will be remembered, was endorsed by ex-Governor Aycock and by a large following of influential Democrats. The politicians think that with Allen they can defeat Manning for the Supreme Court bench, using as a club, the fact he was Governor Kitchin's manager in the late campaign and that he was given the appointment solely as a matter of reward. It is understood that matters are being shaped to give the nomination for Governor unanimously to Mr. Locke Craig, and if this is done, Allen's cause will be greatly strengthened, but Manning, by virtue of holding the office, will have the inside track. The political possibilities of the next two years in this State are of a character to keep the politicians astir.

Out of The Old Ruts.

Charlotte Observer.

"The farm equipment stores have sold more scythes and harvesters this year than ever before in Anderson county," says The Anderson Daily Mail. How much better this sounds than an announcement that the farmers had bought a greater quantity of Western meat, hay and flour than any previous year. It means that the farmers are diversifying their crops, are not depending entirely on cotton for a livelihood. They apparently intend to raise home supplies. "Living at home" and making cotton a surplus crop. Where you find this state of affairs you find also greater prosperity among the farmers, and among all other classes. Our people are beginning to learn that while cotton is king, still there are some other farm products of just as great importance to the farmers and through them to their neighbors in the towns and cities of their sections.

What The Anderson Daily Mail says of its county is more or less true of many other counties in the two Carolinas, but there is not yet enough of this breaking away from former methods and getting out of the old ruts. We want to see it increase, for we know that it contains great benefits for the whole Southern section.

Ten Dead; Seven Missing.

Mandeville, La., June 7.—By the collapse of a frail wharf here, upon which about 65 people had rushed yesterday evening to board the excursion steamer Margaret on her return trip to New Orleans, ten persons are known to be dead and a rescue party is early searching for the bodies of seven other persons who are missing. All were residents of New Orleans.

The Margaret did not land at the wharf at which she was accustomed to tie up. Instead, she ran into a dock built especially for skiffs and small craft. This small wharf was pulled by the steamer's ropes entirely away from the main pier, and some 70 people went into the lake in about eight feet of water. The shrieks of those precipitated into the water brought many men to the wharf to join the work of rescue begun by the officers and crew of the Margaret.

Ex-Sheriff Edward Callahan Shot from Ambush.

Jackson, Ky., June 7.—Ex-Sheriff Edward Callahan, famous throughout this section of the state for the part he played in numerous Breathitt county feuds, was shot from ambush today and, it is believed, fatally wounded, at his home in Crockettville.

Callahan had swept out his store preparatory to opening for the day and was brushing refuse from the front door when the shot was fired. The ball took effect in the left side of the abdomen. Blood-hounds have been put on the trail of the assassin, who, it is understood, hid behind a pile of coal to fire the shot.

Excitement in this region is intense over the shooting.

It is reported that the immediate cause for the shooting of Callahan was a dispute over the management of a church he built, and of which he is a deacon, at Crockettville. Many of the members of the Hargis clan had left Breathitt county and it was believed the feud had ended; but the attempted killing of Callahan shows it has broken out afresh. Callahan supposed he had recently made peace with the Deatons and Smiths, his worst enemies. Callahan's former wife was a Deaton, and she eloped with John Smith. Last January a Deaton was shot and killed from ambush near Callahan's home.

Lincoln Times Items.

Wheat and oats are ripening fine and will be more than an average crop if we can only have suitable weather for harvesting.

A crate of four fine red foxes came in by express Monday for Mr. C. R. Rhyne. They were shipped from Russellville, Miss., and came through in fine shape.

In Cumberland Superior Court last week a white man by the name of John Howell was sent to the pen for five years. He had four living wives and had never thought it worth while to apply for a divorce from "nary one of them."

Miss Bessie Whitehead, who is teaching a subscription school at Lawndale this summer, is also holding a two hours session for the benefit of the children who are employed in the mill.

Mr. R. L. Ford had some ripe peaches of the Sneed variety in town Saturday morning and kindly remembered The Times.

Woman's Shame at Husband's Downfall Leads to Murder and Suicide.

St. Louis June 6.—Twelve hours after her husband, John Glaesser, had been taken from home by the police under the charge of embezzling \$275, Mrs. Martha Glaesser was found dead today in bed by the side of her children, Arnett aged 8 years of age and John Jr., 5 years old. The room was filled with gas. It is supposed the arrest of her husband preyed on Mrs. Glaesser's mind driving her insane.

Twelfth Cavalry to the Philippines.

Chattanooga, Tenn., June 6.—An order was received today from the War Department at Washington, ordering Capt. Robert E. L. Michie, in command of the third squadron, of the twelfth cavalry to proceed to the Philippines to relieve Capt. Paul T. Hayne, now in command of the squadron there. Two troops of the Third, now at Fort Oglethorpe, will start to the Philippines July 5th, accompanied by Capt. Michie.

Is Ney Buried Among Us?

Charlotte Observer.

In yesterday's Sunday Observer were printed two excellent stories of Peter Stuart Ney, the remarkable old North Carolina schoolteacher whom many suspected to be Marshal Ney, who was declared to be Marshal Ney by several soldiers of the Napoleonic wars on seeing him and who when near death explicitly avowed himself to be Marshal Ney.

Certain it is that whatever Ney's fate the attendant circumstances were such as to lend themselves very readily, upon later investigation, to a theory that he had been spared. The late Rev. James A. Weston, of Hickory, made most painstaking researches on both sides of the Atlantic; in his "Historic Doubts as to the Execution of Marshal Ney" he declared a strong conviction that Peter Stuart Ney was indeed the marshal. According to Mr. Weston and his followers, Wellington and other generous foes saved by a trick the man who when Napoleon returned from Elba let devotion to his old Emperor outweigh his new engagements with them, but they required that he should bury his identity in remote exile. Both Wellington and Ney, it is pointed out as an interesting and perhaps significant fact, were high Masons. Ney himself gave the order to fire; the belief is that by prearrangement he fell before the bullets could reach him, striking a sack of red fluid concealed inside his waistcoat to create the appearance of wounds; certainly an English officer present declared some time afterwards that the execution was a farce and Ney had not been hurt at all. The circumstances of the burial were equally suspicious. And hence the story which centres around Peter Stuart Ney. More and more people find this story convincing. In a recently published work an American military writer accepts it as true beyond reasonable question.

The mortal remains of "the bravest of the brave" may now rest in Third Creek church burying ground, Rowan county.

Wanted: Short Sermons.

News Observer.

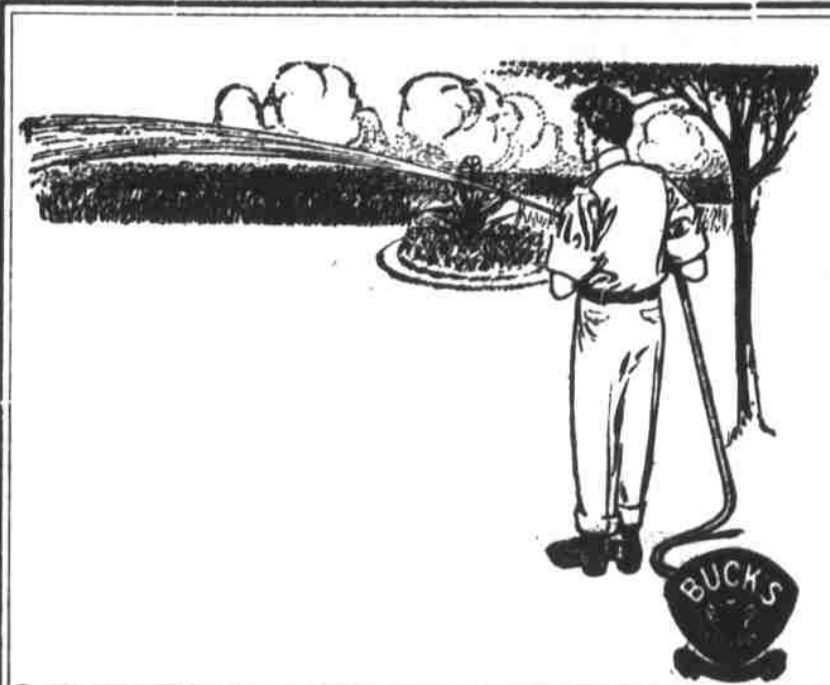
Attendance at church falls off in the summer. This would not be so appreciable if the ministers would arrange to have shorter services. If they would announce that promptly at twelve o'clock the benediction would be pronounced, the attendance would increase. The tendency to lengthen the service and multiply the songs and to preach over half an hour is in part responsible for small attendance.

Why not, Mr. Preacher, shorten the services and let everybody know that one hour is the maximum length of every service? Of course, we understand, that it requires more work for a minister to preach a short sermon than a long one. A parson once said to his congregation: "My brethren, I hope you will pardon a long sermon today. The truth is that I have been too busy during the week to prepare a short sermon, and having to preach without proper preparation I am forced to scatter and take too much time."

There is a tradition at Yale that, whenever a visiting preacher asks President Hadley how long it is customary for the sermon to be, Mr. Hadley replies:

"There is no limit, sir, upon the time you may preach; but this is a Yale tradition that no souls are saved after the first twenty minutes."

This applies to other places as well as Yale.



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Rot in Tomatoes.

Prof. W. F. Massy says:

"The rot in tomatoes can be prevented by spraying the plants with Bordeaux mixture. But the spraying should begin before there are any signs of rot. Spray the plants at once and then repeat it once a week until the first tomatoes are nearly full grown. To make the Bordeaux mixture, take five pounds of copper sulphate (blue-stone) and put it in a sack and hang it in a cask with 25 gallons of water, to dissolve. In another cask slake 5 pounds of fresh lime, as for whitewash. When slaked, add water enough to make 25 gallons in that cask. Then pour the two together in a third cask, stirring all the time. Strain it and it is ready for use.

You will need a small spraying apparatus to do the work well, but in garden you can apply it with a whisk broom, dipping it into the mixture and spraying it all over the plants. Of course you can make a smaller amount in the same proportion."

Animal Swimming.

Exchange.

Although all reptiles and most animals and insects are able to swim in varying degrees, few possess the swimming power of human beings. A man has been known to swim thirty miles without a pause, and the only land animal who approaches this performance is the American black bear.

The American deer, however, will occasionally swim twelve or fourteen miles at a stretch. It is noteworthy that, whereas the hare is a proficient swimmer, the rabbit cannot swim at all. The common mouse and the field mouse can swim only a few yards, and often drown in the act, yet rats can swim splendidly. Lions and tigers swim well, although only from necessity, to cross a river, for example. The horse can swim for miles without becoming exhausted and shows a wonderful instinct in choosing the best available landing place. Bears and moles swim well, but bats and monkeys are helpless in the water.