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Six Killed in Landslide.

The Observer.
Winston Salem, Nov. 16.—Six men were almost instantly killed and one was seriously injured here this morning shortly before 10 o'clock by a landslide of tons of dirt from the side of an abutment being constructed for the 600 foot bridge across the Salem creek valley, on the first section of the South bound Railroad.

The men were excavating at the side of a great hill, working with picks and shovels nearly fifty feet below the top of the embankment when tons of earth broke in a mass from the mainland and covered them. A few, by dint of terrific struggles, managed to extricate their arms from the mass, and the laborers near by rushed to their assistance. But at once a second crumbling of thousands of cubic feet of earth above swept the rescuers aside in the twinkling of an eye, and buried the seven victims hopelessly.

It was nearly an hour before the first dead body was recovered, so deep was the mass of earth which had crumbled down the embankment. The last body was taken out at 1 o'clock. Each was easily recognizable: the earth had crushed the breath from their bodies without battering them.

Complete Arrangements for the Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union, Which Will Begin on December 15.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander left this morning for Greensboro, where he will spend a day or two making preparations for the approaching State convention of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union of North Carolina.

Dr. Alexander states that the convention will begin on December 15, and that a large number of important matters are to be considered by the delegates present. Representation at this State convention is two or three delegates at large from each county, and then delegates according to the membership of the Union in each county.

At the approaching State convention State officers will be elected. Dr. Alexander is now the head of the organization both in this county and in the State, and under his administration the Union has made effectual strides forward.

The Wireless Telephone.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Demonstrations with a marine and field wireless telephone were made yesterday afternoon, when members of the diplomatic corps and army and navy officers were present. The demonstrations were made at one of the fish ponds in Seventeenth street, the apparatus being placed on each side of the water, in tents.

The test included a conversation held in the natural voice and in whispers. Both these tests were successful as also were those in which a harmonica was played.

Count Moltke, ambassador from Denmark, talked to his compatriot, Dr. A. C. Kopp, a young Danish scientist, across the water without wires, and was loud in his praises of the wireless telephone.

Suicide At Morganton.

Special to the Observer.

Morganton, Nov. 16.—Charles Julius Redding, aged 36, a lawyer and real estate broker of Charleston, S. C., committed suicide here today by shooting himself in the chest with a shotgun.

The cause of his rash act was supposed to have been due to melancholy. His remains were shipped to his home in Charleston.

More Than a Hundred Drown.

Singapore, Nov. 14.—The mail steamer La Seyne of the Messageries maritime service, running between Java and Singapore, and on her way to this port, was in collision early this morning with the steamer Onda of the British-India line, and sank within two minutes. Seven European passengers, including Baron and Baroness Beniezky, the captain of La Seyne, five European officers and 88 others comprising native passengers and members of the crew, were drowned.

The rescue of 61 persons, practically from the jaws of shoals of sharks, formed a thrilling incident of the wreck.

The accident occurred at 4 o'clock in the morning in a thick haze. The vessels were steaming at good speed and the La Seyne was cut almost in half. The majority of those on board were caught in their berths and carried down with the vessel.

The force of the collision brought the Onda to almost a dead stop and her engines were at once slowed and boats lowered. The rescue work proved thrilling, for not only were the rescuing parties impeded by the dark, but schools of sharks were already attacking those clinging to pieces of wreckage in the water. Sixty-one persons from the ill-fated steamer were finally dragged into the boats and brought by the Onda to this port. Many of them had been bitten by sharks and several are severely injured.

To Jail For Contemp of Court.

In the United States Supreme Court yesterday Sheriff Shipp, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was sentenced to 90 days in jail for contempt. Two other men were also sentenced for 90 days for the same offence and three others for 60 days each. The sentences are to be served in Washington.

Three years ago a negro was sentenced to death at Chattanooga for criminal assault. Through attorneys application was made to the Supreme Court for a hearing and the application was granted. Then the negro was taken from jail and lynched. The sheriff, jailer and numerous other persons were cited before the Supreme Court for contempt, it being charged that they were in the conspiracy to lynch the negro. Six were found guilty and this is the end of the case.

Thousands Starving in London.

London, Nov. 17.—General Booth of the Salvation Army, in a report today says his organization cannot handle one-tenth of the applicants for help. The conditions in London and all England are the worst in history. One person out of every thirty-two in London is a pauper. Hundreds of thousands of able-bodied workmen are starving with their families and hundreds of thousands are walking the streets. Even the jails are turning away men anxious for imprisonment with food and shelter.

The increase of the unemployed is 12 per cent over last year. There is no work.

Kills Her Foe Of 20 Years.

"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Hayneville, Me., "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed and several doctors gave me up. I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney Trouble, Lame Back, Female Complaints, Its unequalled. Only 50c at J. E. Shell's.

The Split Log.

Youths Companion.

A few years ago a Missouri farmer named King became disgusted as many a farmer has been before and since that time, with the condition of the highway between his farm and the neighboring village. He studied the situation, and one day devised a rude contrivance to smooth the rough places and round up the surface from the ditch to the center so as to drain off the water.

It was a simple affair, made of a log split into two equal parts, a few braces between them, and a chain by which the horses hauled the drag with him upon it. He tried it after a rain, when the road was soft and it worked so well that its fame spread through the neighborhood, and thence far and wide.

That was the modest beginning, and now the split-log drag, which any farmer or road commissioner can make in a few hours, is revolutionizing the methods of maintaining dirt roads—methods which have always been notoriously expensive and ineffective. The drag was not patented, and its inventor, with nothing to sell, and only as a good road enthusiast, has toured the country, telling gatherings of farmers, road commissioners and local officials the marvelous results, both in immediate improvement and in the subsequent cheapness of maintenance, accomplished in the middle West, where the drag is now in general use. Indeed, in one state, Iowa, its use on all country roads is now required by legislative enactment.

The great value of good roads to the agricultural interests of the country is appreciated everywhere. A comparatively small mileage of the roads can be surfaced with crushed stone or gravel, and in the cheap and effective maintenance of the prevailing dirt roads, the device primitive in appearance, made from a split log and backed by the energy of an intelligent Western farmer, promised to be a most important agent.

"Rebs" Cheer a Union Monument.

Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 15.—Miss Lena M. Remington, of Somerville, Mass., unveiled a shaft to Northern soldiers of the civil war here today. Three hundred Confederate soldiers gave the rebel yell when the American flag was pulled from the shaft. Two hundred students of the Louisiana State University aided in the cheering.

Governor Draper of Massachusetts stood facing Governor Sanders of Louisiana, their hands clasped during the demonstration. Governor Draper said in his speech: "If our people had known your people as well 60 years ago as they do to-day, this statue would never have been unveiled."

Items from Wilkes Chronicle.

Mrs. W. C. Winkler has returned from a two weeks visit to her mother Mrs. Bower at Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Dula of Lenoir are visiting Mrs. Dula's mother, Mrs. Emma Dula.

Lawyer T. B. Finley left Saturday for Bakersville where he goes to attend Mitchell county court. We hope that after the next election Lawyer Finley will attend the Mitchell County courts as Judge of the district.

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A Good Turn.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Since his trip into North Carolina, last week, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has been expressing some views as to the South. He believes there is soon to be an influx of Northern and Western farmers into the South, and we might add that such is the very class of immigration the Southern States most desire. Mr. Wilson finds that land in the South can be bought for about half what Western land brings, and he thinks it will not be long before the progressive farmers of the West realize that they can better their condition by shifting their location. He thinks the natives "have got control of the cotton mills from outside capitalists, and that the manufacturing interests of the South have gone ahead of the farming interests." All of which goes to prove that the Secretary of Agriculture is an observant man. The need of the South is for more people. It has too much idle land. Its soil and climate are as good as that of the West, and what might be called its "living conditions" are better. In advertising this fact, Mr. Wilson is doing the South a good turn.

Little River.

Mr. Charley Sherrill was at Granite Falls Tuesday on business.

Senator J. C. Sherrill and family moved to Whitnel one day last week where he will teach school.

Mrs. W. L. Winkler died Monday from a severe attack of typhoid fever. She leaves a host of friends. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved husband. The remains were taken to the family burying grounds, near Boone, for burial.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Livingston, died Tuesday. The remains will be buried at Union today.

Mr. Elbrige McReary is very low with pneumonia fever, at this writing.

Mr. W. D. Oxford was at Mr. R. Theodore Autons Sunday.

Mr. Robert Reid, of the Granite cotton mill section, spent Sunday night at Mr. J. Heltons.

Mr. H. M. Crouch made a business trip to Lenoir one day last week.

Messrs. L. C. Reid, James Presnell, Luther and Jeorden Helton, left Tuesday morning bound for Gastonia. They had nice loads of apples and cabbage etc.

Mr. John Hice returned home from Mortimer Sunday. Nov. 10th, 1909. Vivian

The Sick in Taylerville.

The condition of Mr. R. P. Matheson, has changed but little in the last few days. For the past week he has been losing strength and his friends are very anxious about him.

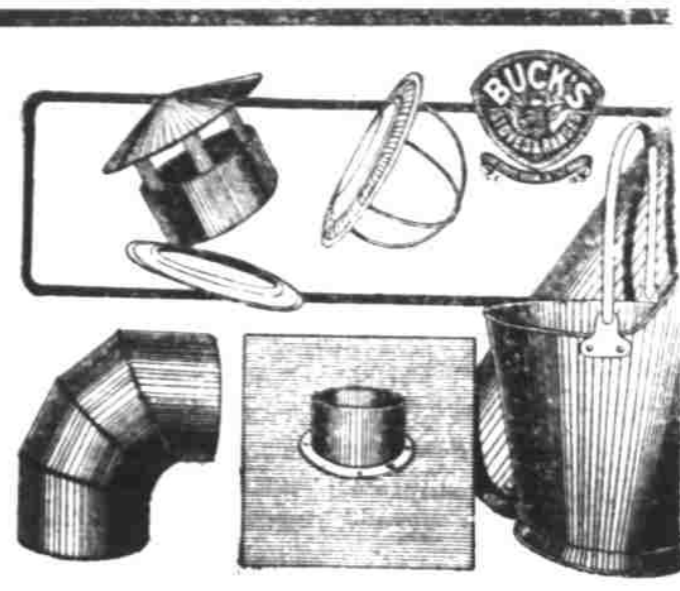
Mr. J. P. Matheson is still confined to his room but is able to sit up a little each day.

The friends of Mrs. Gertrude Matheson will be glad to learn that she is now able to be up a part of the day and walk about the house. —Scout

Killed in a Boiler Explosion.

Special to The Observer.

Spring Hope, Nov. 16.—There was a fearful accident one mile from Nashville at the sawmill of William Sellers today when a boiler exploded instantly killing his son, John Sellers, a young man of 18 years.



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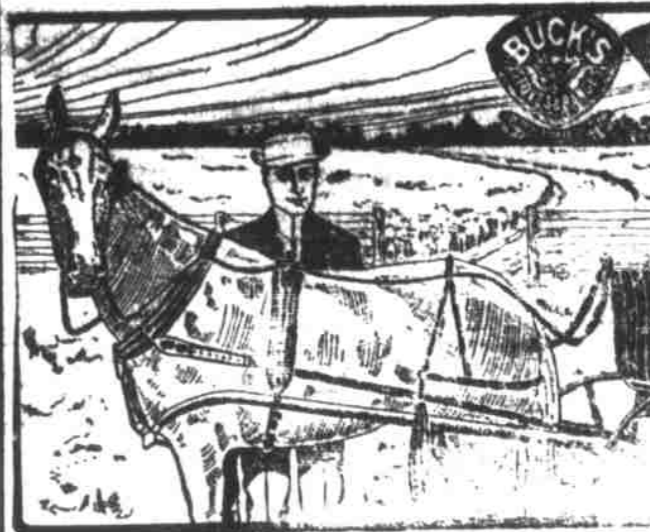
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