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MID-SUMMER CONFERENCE

Great Gathering of The People of the Blowing Rock Country.

A great meeting of citizens of Watauga and adjacent counties will be held in Blowing Rock August 22nd-23rd, this summer. This Conference is gotten up and financed by these people themselves. Addresses by progressive thinkers, statesmen of modern ideas and scientists will be made each day of the meeting. Speakers of known reputation and great ability have been carefully selected and secured to make these addresses. Sanitation in the home, in the school, in the place of business and elsewhere; education in the larger sense, social science, the free press, political morality and other subjects will be discussed by these specialists.

This occasion will be a historic event of wide moment. We, the people of this section, believe in all true progress, safeguarded by correct morals and healthy conduct; but we believe it is for us to work out our own salvation, and that we, ourselves, are the supreme arbiters of our own destiny. Following is a list of the speakers who have promised to be present and make addresses:

DR. JAMES L. VANCE, NASHVILLE, TENN.

Dr. Vance is a masterful man. He is one of the foremost thinkers and preachers of our generation. As an orator he stands foremost. Dr. Vance is a minister in the Southern Presbyterian Church, and one of the most widely known in that denomination.

HON. LINDSEY PATTERSON, WINSTON SALEM, N. C.

Mr. Patterson is a man of large native force. Though modest and free from self-seeking, he is by virtue of great learning and integrity of character, at the top of the legal profession in North Carolina, of which he is an honored member. As a speaker, he is attractive and forcible.

DR. DRED PEACOCK, HIGH POINT, N. C.

Dr. Peacock is a scholar in the legal profession. For many years he was a powerful and constructive force in the education of women of the State. He is a fine scholar in Napoleonic literature and a most elegant orator.

HON. E. J. JUSTICE, GREENSBORO, N. C.

Mr. Justice is a leader of modern political thought, with a righteous regard for those who have kept public faith with public promises, but without any reverence for the "temporary notorious and illustrious obscure." He is clean and strong, and can make a speech.

WILEY H. SWIFT, NORTH CAROLINA.

Swift was born and raised in Watauga County, North Carolina, and was educated at the State University. He is a success in all of his undertakings. Nature was ample in his making. At first a teacher of pure ideals; then a lawyer in whom there is no guile, and withal the leader of civic righteousness in our State. You will hear of him.

PROF. M. C. S. NOBLE, UNIVERSITY OF N. C.

Prof. Noble is head of the Department of Pedagogy in our State University, at Chapel Hill, and is a teacher of recognized strength and ability. As a versatile man and platform orator he is one of the most prom-

inent in the country. The Mid-summer Conference counts itself fortunate in securing him to make an address.

DR. W. P. REAVES, GREENSBORO, N. C.

Dr. Reaves is a young man, but in his professional years he has done a high order of work. He is one of the up-to-date Nose and Throat Surgeons of the whole country, and the whole country would be benefited by hearing his lectures. In an illustrated lecture on the Nose and Throat he has enabled the people who know nothing of medicine to thoroughly understand the importance of Nose Breathing.

DR. CHARLES G. VARDELL, RED SPRINGS, N. C.

Dr. Vardell is head of the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music, one of the leading colleges for women in North Carolina. He is a strong man and a forceful speaker. His address before the Conference will be heard with a great deal of interest.

The Committee hopes to have addresses in addition to the above by Dr. I. W. Faison, Charlotte, N. C., Col. Wade Harris, Charlotte, N. C., Dr. Hubert Royster, Raleigh, N. C., and Senator Lee S. Overman.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

W. W. STRINGFELLOW, CHM.

THOMAS H. COFFEY

HON. LINDSEY PATTERSON

Master of Ceremonies.

There will be a number of marshalls selected for the occasion, a chief and perhaps one assistant from each township in the county. These will all be mounted and no doubt some of Watauga's fine horses and good riders will be here at that time. Mr. C. V. Henkel of Statesville has been elected Chief Marshall and will serve if he can possibly be here. He will make out a list of assistants in a few days and they will all be notified. The various secret orders, Odd Fellows, Pythians, Woodmen etc. are requested to take active part in the exercises and all these orders that can do so are expected to believe and take part in the big parade, in full regalia. A musical recital was given Tuesday afternoon at Chotola the beautiful home of Mr. W. W. Stringfellow, for the benefit of the Conference fund and quite a nice sum was realized. The program for the entire occasion is rapidly taking shape and will be published in full in a short time.

The people will be here in crowds prepared to have a big two days picnic as well as enjoy some fine addresses and witness the games and sports.

Bolt Kills Two.

(The Observer.)

Franklin, July 28. News has just reached Franklin of a disastrous electric storm which passed over Highlands, this county, a day or so ago. While services were being held in one of the churches a bolt of lightning struck the church, killing outright Miss Ella Wright and Mrs. Turner, the latter being formerly a Miss Calloway, daughter of Prince Calloway.

Five were knocked senseless, among them being Mrs. R. J. Phillips, wife of County Commissioner Phillips. Several others were knocked down, burned and otherwise injured.

It is reported that all the injured are improving.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Troy Guy fell from a moving freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line Monday afternoon near Hope Mills, sustaining serious if not fatal injuries.

Deleon Carlton of Marion, has been appointed assistant attorney in the office of the Attorney General of the United States. He will be in charge of the legal department of the postoffice department.

Fire of unknown origin completely wrecked the plant of the Steele Hosiery mill at Statesville on Monday, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars and throwing about sixty people out of employment.

Festus Warren was cut to death and Noah Raynor was stabbed, probably fatally, in a cutting affray, which occurred near Benson Sunday afternoon, in which Arthur Hodges, Joe Bryant and Junius McLamb are said to have engaged.

Owing to the fact that the Carter bank case will not likely be called next week in the Federal court at Asheville, there seems to be every indication that District Attorney Holton will be allowed to remain in office till his commission expires in 1915.

George Harper, who lives near Rocky Mount received a painful injury when he was struck in the forehead by a dynamite cap, which exploded when his buggy ran over it Monday afternoon. A long gash was cut by the cap causing him to lose a large amount of blood.

A seven passenger automobile driven and owned by C. A. Kernodle of Burlington, in which were riding W. M. Carroll, O. F. Crowson and J. W. Cates undertook to pass another machine near Elon College Tuesday morning and struck the hub of the other car, turning the car turtle, wrecking it completely and injuring Mr. Kernodle very seriously.

Miss Jessie Pistole of Union county was drowned Sunday, while attempting to cross what is ordinarily a very small stream but which at the time was swollen by a heavy rain. She together with her mother and brother were crossing the bridge over the stream when the horse lost its footing and they all went over into the stream.

DR. JOHN MCPHERSON SLASHES HIS THROAT.

(Greensboro News.)

Some time Sunday night at the home of his father, between Liberty and Snow Camp, Dr. John McPherson committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor. Early reports yesterday were conflicting as to the manner of his death, one account being that he killed himself after arising and while walking with his father. A report late yesterday afternoon stated that he was found dead in his room yesterday morning when he was called to breakfast.

Dr. McPherson was at home attending a family reunion, and so far as is known he gave no indication Sunday that he was thinking of putting an end to his existence.

He was 40 years of age and lived at Haw River. He enjoyed a large practice in Alamance county and spent three days weekly in special practice at Durham. He was well liked by a large acquaintance.

ROBERT BEAVER KILLED.

Officers Icard and Thompson Raid a Still in Brushy Mountain Section.

Robert Beaver, a young white man of the Kings Creek section was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff R. G. Thompson, Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock, while fleeing from the officers. The killing happened in a most peculiar manner, as Mr. Thompson only fired his pistol off in the air, not aiming at all at the fleeing man, and his death can only be accounted for from a glancing bullet.

On Wednesday morning, the officers were notified that a still was in operation in the Kings Creek section, and Deputy Sheriffs Icard and Thompson, accompanied by Messrs Pennell and Reid went down to investigate at once and located the still, which was running wide open. The operations were in charge of Beaver and another man, whose name could not be learned. They at once began running and were commanded to halt by the officers. When it was seen that they were going to make their escape Deputy Thompson fired his pistol off over the heads of the fleeing men, hoping to frighten them into surrendering. The officers gave the chase up as futile, and were examining the plant preparatory to cutting it to pieces, when they heard some one groaning. They went to investigate and found young Beaver in a dying condition with a bullet hole through his body. The bullet had entered his left side near the seventh rib, coming out at the right side, passing through his lungs and liver. Beaver expired in a few minutes and was carried to his home by the officers. They then returned to the scene, cut up the still, emptied 115 gallons of singlings and brought the parts to Lenoir.

Deputy Thompson at once surrendered to Deputy Icard and was brought to Lenoir. A warrant was sworn out for him, and he was at once given a preliminary hearing. He waived examination and was bound over to the next term of Superior court, which convenes in September, in the sum of \$800.00. Mr. Thompson is one of the best and most substantial citizens of the county, being at present superintendent of the Sunday School in his community. He is almost overcome with grief over the unfortunate occurrence and no one regrets the act more than he does. He disclaims any intention of taking the young man's life, and the fatal shot can only be accounted for from a glancing bullet, which is presumed to have struck a limb or some other object. Young Beaver was about 26 years old and is said to have been engaged in the blockading business for some time. The scene where the raid was made is in the famous Brushy mountain territory.

The Gasoline Aristocracy.

(Greensboro Record.)

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that a good many people have automobiles who cannot afford it. He is led to this conclusion by the fact that very many men send checks for their license, a matter of \$5 or more, according to the size of the machine, but these checks come back with the information that there are not sufficient funds to the man's credit to pay the amount. It would seem that a man who owns an automobile should be able to pay for his license.

FRANK MURDER CASE CALLED AT ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., July 28.—Introduction of testimony for the state was begun this afternoon in the trial of Leo M. Frank, former superintendent of a local pencil factory, charged with the murder of 14-year-old Mary Phagan, an employe, whose mutilated body was found in the basement of the factory on the morning of April 27.

Three witnesses were introduced today, the most important of these being Neat Lee, the negro watchman, who summoned the police to the factory by telephone by informing them that he had discovered the body of a girl in the basement. Lee adhered closely to his oft-repeated story that he knew nothing of the crime or the presence of the girl's body until he found it secreted in the basement. He will resume the stand again tomorrow.

Mrs. J. W. Coleman, the Phagan girl's mother, identified the clothing of the murdered girl, G. W. Epps, aged 15, a newsboy testified to riding down town with the Phagan girl on April 26, and to having made an engagement to meet her that afternoon. He said that he waited, but the girl failed to appear.

Less than five hours after court convened the last jurymen was agreed upon, and Judge L. S. Roan announced that opening statements of prosecution and defense would be heard immediately after the noon recess. Court adjourned shortly after 1:30, to convene at 3 o'clock.

Seven panels of veniremen were questioned before twelve jurors had been accepted. Two salesmen, two machinists, a bank teller, a bookkeeper, a real estate agent, a manufacturer, a contractor, an optician, a claim agent and a mailing clerk make up the completed jury. Eleven of the jurors are married.

FATAL CUTTING IN JOHNSTON COUNTY.

Benson, July 28. Festus Warren was cut to death and Noah Raynor was stabbed, probably fatally, in a cutting affray which occurred two miles east of Benson Sunday afternoon in which Arthur Hodges, Joe Bryant and Junius McLamb are said to have engaged. Raynor is in a Wilson hospital for treatment but is not expected to recover. Hodges and Bryant were arrested and taken to jail at Smithfield Sunday. Festus Warren, who was a son of Thomas Warren, a prominent farmer, was 24 years of age, had a family and is said to have been a quiet and unoffensive man. Raynor also has a family. Arthur Hodges, who is a son of Alex. Hodges, is only about 17 years of age.

It seems that the trouble started Sunday morning at Beasley's pond at a baptizing, when Junius McLamb accused Noah Raynor of stealing corn. After the baptizing, Hodges, McLamb and Bryant, are said to have followed Raynor and Warren to near Warren's home, where they overtook them and, according to the dying statement of Warren, Junius McLamb and Joe Bryant held Warren and Raynor for Arthur Hodges to cut them to death, completely disemboweling them.

Afterwards McLamb, Hodges and Bryant went to Banner's Chapel church and raised a disturbance, it is alleged, for which they were arrested and brought to Benson to jail before it was learned that they had cut Warren and Raynor.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

YADKIN VALLEY.

William Smith is still very sick as a result of a stroke of paralysis and is confined to his bed at the home of Jeff Mitchell on Buffalo creek. He will be removed when strong enough.

The last baseball victory was a hard earned contest for the Yadkin Valley team Saturday afternoon, when they crossed bats with an excellent team from Little River. These games are becoming very popular as they are well attended. Score 10 to 4.

Several of our energetic farmers have finished their Summers' work and have gone to the Gorge where they will haul lumber for several weeks.

Mrs. Steele Mitchell is slowly recovering from a short period of sickness.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson was struck by a foul ball while watching the game Saturday. As she has been in ill health of late her friends hope no serious results will follow.

Mr. Rufus T. Lenoir is using an oil tractor to do some plowing since the slight rains of late.

The Farmers' Union is growing apace as it is extending its roll of membership each month.

Mr. Jos. Cook suffered the ill fortune of losing a valuable, pure bred Jersey cow. She ate some poison weed. X.

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WOMEN ARE GOING TO VOTE, SAYS DANIELS.

San Francisco, Cal., July 25.—Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels told the women of the San Francisco Civil league tonight that whatever the opinion of individuals about the wisdom of woman suffrage, "we may as well get ready for the inevitable, for women are going to vote."

"Only last month," he continued, "Illinois gave them the ballot for the except constitutional officers, and the present generation will witness complete woman suffrage in every state in the union. And when it comes, the constitution will not be broken and the home will not be dethroned."

"After the Panama canal is opened the battleships fleet of the American navy department will be as much in the Pacific waters as in the Atlantic," declared Secretary Daniels today.

"The fleet probably will pass through the canal next April," said the secretary. "Its presence in these waters will mean the establishment of a naval base."

"I am here to examine the sites suggested for a drydock on San Francisco Bay."

Crimson Clover.

We repeat our advice to all farmers to sow crimson clover seed in all their corn fields late in August. This great crop does not grow except in the South-eastern states and we should prize its worth. It grows all winter and in the Spring makes a rich cheap fertilizer. Most record crops of corn have been grown on clover sod. This is an easy low priced method of building up, fertility and increasing the crop yield. Seed cost about 7 cents per pound; 12 pounds to the acre. Many farmers have doubted their yield by its use. I. M. H.