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COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WATAUGA. (Watauga Democrat.)

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. White-ner of Lenoir R. F. D. 2, are visitors at the home of Mr. Hartzog in East Boone.

Mrs. Squires and daughter, of Lenoir, mother and sister of the Rev. Mr. Squires, who preached the baccalaureate sermon at the closing exercises of the A. T. S., on July 11, have taken board at the home of Mr. B. J. Council for a few weeks.

Mr. W. C. Coffey, Treasurer of the Training School, received from the State Treasurer last week a warrant for \$15,000, to be applied to the construction of some new and much needed buildings. This is the annual amount appropriated by the last legislature for this purpose.

The conditions at the home of Mr. Ninevah Foard, in East Boone, are most deplorable. The father, mother and two children are very sick, the household duties all devolve upon two little children 6 and 10 years of age. Mr. Foard is amply able, and willing to pay for much-needed help but so far it has been unprocurable.

Raleigh Farthing, son of Mr. W. S. Farthing, of Beaver Dam, left on Wednesday of last week for Montana, where he will join his sister, Miss Rachel, who has been teaching in the West for the past two years. As we have so often said before, we are indeed sorry to see our bright young people turning their backs on dear old Watauga when they are needed here so badly.

WILKES. (Patriot)

We are informed by J. A. Elledge, keeper of the county home, that Joe C. Keller, aged 71 years, and Ellen Pardue, aged 62 years, inmates of the county home, journeyed to Wilkesboro last week and endeavored to get a marriage license. Register of Deeds Foster being uncertain whether to issue the license or not, appealed to the county attorney who was undecided as to what course should be pursued. The Register appealed to the Solicitor who was of the opinion that they could not marry unless they left the home. The license was not issued and they went back to the home.

Tuesday night about 12 o'clock some prisoners who were in the up-stairs room on the west side of the jail made an effort to escape, and, but for the timely discovery of the fact by the guard that was placed at the jail by order of Judge Cline, the seven prisoners who were in the room would have made their escape. By some unknown means the prisoners had secured a pocket knife and they were using it in an effective way. Five of the seven are under sentence to the roads.

Larkin Hanes was killed Friday at Martin Roberts' sawmill, on Tumbling Shoals, Mulberry township. In some way he caused a fork, that was holding a pack of lumber up, to become loosened, throwing the entire pack upon him and crushing him to death. He was terribly bruised and broken and he died on the lumber yard, although he spoke few words before he died.

PARCEL POST WEIGHT MADE 20 POUNDS.

(Charlotte Observer.)

For the past several days, Postmaster J. H. Weddington and his associates have been busily engaged in getting ready for the extension of the parcel post service, which goes into effect today. The fact has been mentioned on several occasions that today and hereafter the weight of parcels of fourth class mail for delivery within the first and second zones will be increased from 11 to 20 pounds.

Rate of postage on parcels exceeding four ounces in weight will be five cents for the first pound and one cent for each two additional pounds or fraction thereof when intended for local delivery and five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound and fraction thereof when intended for delivery at other offices within the first and second zones.

The following rule is given: "The rate for local delivery shall apply to all parcels mailed at a postoffice from which a rural route starts, for delivery on such route, or mailed at any point on such route for delivery at any other point thereon, or at the office from which the route starts, or on any rural route starting therefrom, and on all matter mailed at a city carrier office, or at any point within its delivery limits, for delivery by carriers from that office, or at any office for local delivery.

"Fresh meats and other articles in paragraph 2, section 34, parcel post regulations, when inclosed and wrapped in the manner prescribed by the last sentence of that paragraph, will be accepted for mailing to offices within the first and second zones."

Vote To Reject The Proposition.

Raleigh, N. C. Aug. 12.—Over a hundred business men, representing twenty-two counties, voted unanimously at the Just Freight Rate Association conference here today to reject the proposition of the railroads for an adjustment of the interstate freight rate controversy. The rate offered would not put the State on a competitive basis. They adjourned in a body until noon to meet with the Governor and other State officials.

Chief Justice Clark took occasion to say that the proposition is a gratuitous insult and disgrace to the intelligence of the people of the State. John Mitchell, of Hickory, even wanted to reflect on the corporation commission, but got small comfort, the commission, being thanked along with other authorities. The Just Freight Rate Association recognized the proposition as an evidence of progress, but went no further.

A small boy of Roberts', who was with Hanes at the time of the accident, had his leg broken. Hanes leaves a wife and several children and two brothers, Louis and Henry Hanes.

J. M. Spicer, of Austin, who was here Monday informed us that a fine five-year-old mule belonging to B. P. Crabb at Austin was struck by lightning while in the barn last Saturday afternoon and was killed. Lightning also struck Abe Holbrook's dwelling house but fortunately no one was injured seriously. The storm in that section that afternoon was unusually severe one. Following Mr. Spicer's visit, C. M. Phillips, of Benham, in the same section of the county, came in and told us that a horse owned by A. C. Phillips of State Roads, was also killed by lightning Saturday afternoon.

MR. DRURY COFFEY PASSES

Useful and Valued Citizen and Brave Confederate Veteran Answers Final Roll Call.

Mr. Drury D. Coffey died at the home of his son, Mr. F. H. Coffey Saturday evening at 6 o'clock after an illness of only a few weeks. For several months Mr. Coffey had been in declining health, but not till recently did his friends and relatives become alarmed about his condition and realize that the end was near. He was one of the old landmarks of Caldwell County, and the announcement of his death will bring sorrow to many homes, especially among the older citizens, who loved and honored him, as their comrade and leader.

Drury D. Coffey was born in the Mulberry section of the county in 1838, and was soon recognized as a leader among his people in both social and political life. He was honest as a citizen and always spoke his convictions. As a public servant, he was the champion of the rights of his people and always guarded their interests most zealously. When the Civil War came on, he immediately volunteered and went to the front as a member of Company E, 58th North Carolina Regiment. He was made Sergeant Major of this company and distinguished himself for his prowess and devotion to the cause. He was in many engagements, but was only wounded slightly one time, having a finger shot off.

After the close of the war, he returned to his home, and began life anew as a farmer. He was soon honored by his people by being elected County Commissioner, and so successful and wise was he in handling the affairs of the county, that he was re-elected seven consecutive terms, serving in all sixteen years. In 1887 he represented Caldwell County in the General Assembly of North Carolina, and here he distinguished himself for the boldness and aggressiveness with which he championed the rights and cause of the common people. He moved from this County to the State of Kansas in 1892, where he lived 15 years. In his old days he felt the longing to return to his native County, and in 1907 he returned and took up his residence in Lenoir, where he lived till his death.

In 1888 Mr. Coffey was married to Miss H. E. Collett of this county. She together with two sons, Mr. D. S. Coffey of St. Paul, Minn., and Mr. F. H. Coffey of Lenoir; one daughter, the wife of Dr. Robert Coffey of Portland, Ore., one of the most noted surgeons on the Pacific Coast; and three sisters, Mesdames Charley Coffey and H. C. Coffey of Lenoir, and Mrs. M. E. Moore of Manhattan, Kan., survive him.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and until his death was the oldest living member of Hibriten Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 262. The burial was with Masonic honors, the funeral services being conducted from the residence of Mr. F. H. Coffey Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. C. T. Squires. The body was laid to rest in Bellevue Cemetery. The pallbearers were Major G. W. F. Harper, Capt. Edmund Jones and Messrs J. L. Nelson, H. L. Houck, E. F. Reid, C. A. Tuttle, M. N. Harshaw and F. P. Moore.

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AUTOMOBILE A PROMOTER

What it Has Done for Blowing Rock and The Beautiful Mountain Country

(By Old Hurraygraph)

Green Park, N. C., Aug. 18.—The automobile, this year, has demonstrated the fact that it is a developer and promoter almost equal to the railway, when it comes to carrying passengers, and annihilating time and distance. Autos have given the Blowing Rock section the biggest season it has ever had, and the indications are they will largely increase every year—if the roads are kept in a good condition. Right here is a strong pointer for the turnpike company. Good roads will be the success of Blowing Rock. And better the roads the greater the crowds and more extensive the travel.

The sale of the Wall-Leak property up here—some fifty lots—on the 11th of this month, has given a new incentive to Blowing Rock. The lots are beautifully located just across the avenue westward from the popular Green Park hotel. They were purchased mainly by citizens from Charlotte, and some from Durham and Chester, S. C. There is already talk of many handsome new cottages to be erected. Some have already made their plans, and it is safe to say that in a year or two all this most desirable property will be adorned and beautified with handsome buildings. The time is not far distant when this will be the most popular summer resort in the State. Blowing Rock has a climate peculiarly its own; nothing anywhere else like it—or to be compared to it. And nature has done all it is possible to make it beautiful, and magnificent in mountain grandeur. When the outside world once gets the idea of what is here the people will come in overwhelming number. The increasing tide has already set in, and Blowing Rockites might as well prepare for the coming multitudes. The sun does not rise or set upon a more beautiful country, and the great orb of day, and painter of the clouds, seems to appreciate this fact by the gorgeousness of the colorings he flings in the pathway of his coming every morning; and tints the draperies of his mountain couch as he kisses a beautiful world good-night in a crimson blush; leaving the beholder to admire, wonder and praise the hand Divine.

Made Brave Fight.

Baltimore, Aug. 15.—After undergoing more than 200 operations during three years for the removal of a growth in his throat that interfered with his breathing, George McDowell, 31 years old, formerly of Spartanburg, S. C., died at a hospital here yesterday while the surgeons were making a last attempt to save his life.

For the past 18 months McDowell breathed through a silver tube inserted in his throat. He had been under so many operations that he became immune to the effects of cocaine and the doctors were forced to use other means. Freezing was resorted to and then chloroform to deaden the pain when they worked on the growth which had baffled every physician called into the case. The doctors knew that it was a muscular growth of some sort, but could not tell what kind. It was such that it contracted the man's windpipe and at times all but closed it.

MEN BLOWN INTO BITS BY DYNAMITE.

Waynesville, Aug. 18.—As the result of an explosion at Sunburst shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, George Franklin and Jim Gaddy are dead. Scarcely anything was left of the bodies of the two men, both being literally blown into bits that were scattered over the earth. Portions of the bodies are still lodged in the surrounding trees.

The accident occurred at the lumber operations of the Champion Lumber Company at the head of the Pigeon river, the present terminus of the Tennessee & North Carolina railroad. All the men had left and gone to supper with the exception of the two named, who stayed behind to set off some blasts. At the eating shanty the workmen noted that the blasts did not go off together, but that one was delayed and, after waiting a while, a cousin of one of the men became alarmed and went to the scene of the blasting. Only the scattered remnants of what had been the two men were to be found.

The largest piece of Franklin that could be found was a portion of the skull and hair that was identified by his son.

No recognizable portion of the body of Gaddy could be located this morning. A piece of his belt with fuse attached was found lodged in a tree several hundred feet away. It is supposed that the men after waiting for the second blast to go off, went to investigate and approached the charges of dynamite just as the explosion occurred.

Franklin was a man of 42 and leaves a wife and eight children. Gaddy was also about 40 and without a family. Both were experienced men, and had been residents of Haywood county for some years.

SPECIAL LIVE STOCK SERVICE BY SOUTHERN.

Atlanta, Ga., August 13.—To enable growers in Western North Carolina, East Tennessee, and Southwest Virginia to promptly forward live stock to Eastern and Southern markets and to Virginia feeding grounds, the Southern Railway has arranged to operate a weekly fast special live stock service such as was operated last year. The service this year, however, is to include points on the Virginia and Southwestern Railway between Appalachia, Va., and Bull's Gap, Tenn., and will cover a longer period, beginning on September 4th and continuing until December 31st, according to announcement made today by Live Stock Agent F. L. Word.

Each Thursday, during this period trains will be started at early morning hours from Ooltewah Junction, Harriman Junction, Bristol and Appalachia. These will be consolidated at Morristown, leaving the New Line yard at 2:45 p. m., arriving Asheville at 9:25 p. m. Trains will also be started from Murphy, N. C., and Rosman, N. C., on the Transylvania division, arriving Asheville in the early evening. At Asheville the stock will be made into trains and run special to Spence which will be reached before 10 a. m. Friday. Here stock will be fed, watered, and rested in the commodious and modern plant which the Southern Railway completed only a few months ago.

The flower of a family is sometimes found in a sack.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

Henry Clews, the great financier, predicts flourishing business during the coming fall and winter months.

Durham will likely be made the headquarters for hospital experiments in the study of pellagra in the South.

Owing to dry weather the corn crop in the great corn belt of the west is thought to be cut short nearly a third.

The state appropriation of \$15,000 for the Appalachian school at Boone has been received by that institution.

The creameries in Shelby and Mooresboro, in Cleveland county, pay out annually to the farmers over \$57,000 for milk and cream.

Dr. Hennessee who was tried for killing Pitts in Burke last week was acquitted by the jury after deliberating over the matter for nearly two days.

The Wilkes county blackberry crop netted the pickers over \$66,000 this year, according to a statement of Mr. W. H. Horton, in the Charlotte Observer.

John Carver, a white man residing near Lumberton, was arrested and jailed on Thursday, charged with assaulting his niece, who is only 14 years old.

Representative Henry D. Clayton of Alabama has been appointed United States Senator from that State to succeed the late Senator Joseph F. Johnson.

The people of Black Mountain like those of Blowing Rock, are placing cots on porches and in tents to accommodate the great crowds of people who are in that town.

The store of H. J. Olive, in West Asheville was broken into last Thursday night, the safe was blown open and nearly \$100 was taken. There is no clue as to the guilty parties.

The first definite effort of the Democrats to secure an agreement for an early vote on the tariff bill failed in the Senate on Thursday, when the Republicans served notice that consideration of the measure would continue indefinitely.

The Carolina Municipal association closed its fifth annual convention at Wilmington Friday with the election of officers and the selection of Charlotte as the next meeting place. Charles A. Bland of Charlotte was re-elected president.

George S. Nance, a traveling man killed his wife in a hotel in Hamlet last Friday night and tried to burn the body. Some guests discovered the fire and extinguished it before it did any damage. He had crushed her skull with some kind of a beer bottle and said he struck her in self defense as she was trying to cut him with a razor. He had several hundred dollars on his person when arrested, supposed to be his wife's money as she was engaged in selling perfumery for a Knoxville firm. Nance is in jail and will not talk, while the body of his wife was taken to Knoxville by relatives for burial.

Every once in a while we hear of some man drowned in a bathtub. Some people should learn something about a new thing before trying it.