

## KING'S MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION

### Hon. W. J. Bryan Addresses a Large Crowd Representing Three States.

Last Tuesday was the 133rd anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain and it was the pleasure of the editor of The News to be at that historic town on that occasion. Monday about 10 o'clock, when Mr. M. M. Courtney invited this scribe to join him and his wife, son Mr. C. G. Courtney and daughters, Misses Alice and Faith, in a trip to Kings Mountain in his handsome Cadillac touring car, everything in this shop was left in the hands of the boys and at 11:06 we were off. In another car were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson, Mr. Bob Atkinson, Mrs. C. G. Courtney and Miss Frances Atkinson. Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Puette also were of the party in his Metz roadster. The run to Hickory was pleasant and made in good time as the roads in Caldwell are in dry weather condition. After crossing the Catawba river we got into the section of good roads and from there on the traveling was in every way all that could be desired. The day was perfect and over the magnificent sand clay roads, the car under the skillful guidance of Mr. Clarence Courtney was like a think of life and regular purr of the engine seemed like a song of delight. A short stop in Hickory and then on over the fine new road from that place to Newton, a most delightful run and then we turned west across the country, where we found four or five miles of ordinary roads. About five miles out we stopped under the shade of the trees and enjoyed a delightful picnic dinner, most bountifully provided by the thoughtful ladies of the party.

From that point on we had the best of roads as we came up on the newly graded roads of Catawba and Lincoln counties. Our route lay through Lincolnton, Dallas, Gastonia, Kings Mountain and to Shelby as that was the objective point for our car for the night. In all this distance the roads are perfect, being mostly of the modern sand clay construction and the trip was enjoyable in every particular, not a grade of more than four per cent and all streams spanned by substantial bridges. The country through which the roads lead is good farming country, especially the red clay lands of Catawba. Wheat and cotton are the principal crops in that part of Catawba, while further down along the road some fine grass is grown near Lincolnton, but one is struck with the absence of cattle. This part of the country has been gleaned of calves, by the hustling dealers of Hickory and only a few herds of cattle were seen.

Much wheat has been sown and is coming up nicely and the land shows good preparation and tillage. The cotton crop is good and much of it is ready for picking. We saw many cotton pickers afield gathering the fleecy staple and Mr. Courtney being impressed with the fact that nearly all this work is being done by white people, grew poetical and said: "Down here the white folks pick the cotton, because colored help can not be gotten." It occurred to us that much of the crop will be lost for lack of labor to gather it. If they can not get it to market

during this fine weather, while the price is around 14 cents per pound, what will they do when the full crop is ready to harvest.

The small attention given to the growing of vegetables and fruits in this part of the state is a matter of surprise. It seems the farmers are given to the growing of cotton as their only source of making a living. We saw a number of good substantial thrifty looking farm homes along these good roads, but their number was not strikingly large, indeed we were impressed with the fact that our mountain section was superior to theirs in point of home comforts. We arrived in Shelby about 7:30 and were greeted by friends. Dr. Sloop and wife nee Miss Cary Tuttle, with whom Mr. Courtney and wife and daughters lodged while Mr. Clarence Courtney and the writer found comfortable accommodations at the Central Hotel, Shelby is a pretty town with wide streets fairly well kept, good buildings, including some handsome churches and a splendid school building a hospital and good hotel. A number of nice homes with shady lawns, but the most attractive feature of the town is the large court square, embracing two acres, well shaded with beautiful maples and the grass and flowers well kept making a most inviting spot. Shelby has two newspapers the Star and Highlander and we found Messrs. Weathers and De Priest both busy as country editors usually are. They took time however to show us appreciated courtesies. Tuesday we had a most delightful run in the cool autumn air over the excellent road back to Kings Mountain, our party being augmented by the addition of Mr. Sloop and attractive wife, the big Cadillac being ample for the accommodation of the party of eight with comfort. At Kings Mountain, which is a thrifty, hustling, busy manufacturing town of about 3000 people, the ground was literally covered with folks. Automobiles, carriages, wagons and every kind of vehicles crowded the streets and the folks were there bent on having a good time. The train on which Mr. Bryan and his wife were to arrive was late and during the wait of an hour or more, the immense throng entertained itself in various ways, the merry-go-rounds and hucksters stands doing a thriving business. At length the speaker arrived and was greeted with loud applause and escorted by Congressman Webb and others to his apartments at the Mountain View Hotel. After a short rest, the procession was formed headed by the 17th Regiment band of the United States Army followed by a float on which were 13 girls or young ladies from Kings Mountain and neighboring towns, carrying banners representing the original thirteen states, this was followed by another large float on which were 48 smaller girls carrying banners representing the present number of states in the union. After these came the speaker and other prominent visitors in carriages. The parade was a long and spectacular one, but some of the features including industrial and educational floats were left out owing to the lateness of the hour. As Mr. and Mrs. Bryan ascended the speakers stand simply acres of human beings greeted them. The exercises were opened by music

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

### Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Note the change of the Bank of Lenoir's ad. in this issue.

Knox 5 and 10c Store has an ad. in this issue. Look it up.

Mr. George E. Moore spent Tuesday in Charlotte on business.

Mr. S. E. Dula has our thanks for some of his fine Dula Beauty apples which are much appreciated.

Mr. P. M. Keever came up from Lincolnton Tuesday on business returning home Wednesday.

Mr. J. L. Nelson attended a meeting of the trustees of the Methodist Orphanage at Winston this week.

Mrs. C. A. Little and daughter returned Monday from Knoxville where they spent a week attending the fair.

Among the Lenoirites attending the Kings Mountain celebration were Revs. C. M. Pickens, C. E. DuPont and Wiley Grist.

No service, except Sunday school, at the Reformed church next Sunday. The pastor will preach at Blowing Rock that day.

Mr. L. T. Nichols was here Wednesday shaking hands with friends and looking after the interests of the Carolina & North Western Railway here.

There will be regular services at St. James Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and services at Chapel of Peace near Whitnel at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Miss Vail and little Miss Dorothy Cullan of Yonkers, N. Y., arrived in Lenoir Wednesday on a visit to Misses Vanda, Augusta Little and other friends.

Dellinger's new Cafe in the Miller building is an attractive place and is quite city-like in appointments. It would do credit to much larger towns than Lenoir.

If you should happen to get sample copy of The News, remember that it is a polite request for you to become a member of the large and growing family of News readers.

The ladies Society of the Reformed church will have their first days sale of good things to eat, some to wear and some to admire on Friday afternoon, Oct. 17th at the Lenoir Drug Store.

Mr. W. H. Sherrill has returned from Johnson City, Tenn., where he has been engaged in business for several months and is preparing to move into his nice new bungalow on College Avenue and will likely spend the winter here.

The Knox 5 and 10 cent store will be opened on the 15th in the building next door to the Lenoir Drug Co. The Store will be under the management of Mr. B. F. Campbell, who has been in business here before and will be welcomed by a large number of friends to our town again.

Owing to the absence of the pastor Rev. C. T. Squires, who is attending a session of the North Carolina Synod at Greensboro, there will be no services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday night. Rev. W. L. Sherrill will preach in that church at 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon.

## WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

### Mrs. Louie Crump Tries to Take Her Own Life by Shooting Herself.

Last Monday afternoon about 1 o'clock Mrs. Louie Crump, who was stopping with her son, Mr. Haywood Jenkins, just south of the Lower Creek trestle on the Carolina & North-Western Railway in the South-western part of town, attempted to commit suicide by shooting herself with a 38 calibre pistol. She had gone to an out house in the yard and persons near hearing the report of the pistol went to investigate and found she had shot herself through the head. The ball entered just in front of the right ear and came out just under the left eye, destroying the sight of the left eye. At first it was thought she could not live but a few hours but she rallied from the shock and is still living and conscious at this time and her condition is favorable for recovery. She is now repentant and is anxious to recover. She gave trouble as the cause of her rash deed. She has had a rather checkered career, has been twice married and she and her last husband did not get along well and had separated, he taking their only child and this seemed to give her much trouble. After the attempt on her life her husband was wired for and came from Hickory where he was working and we understand is with her. Dr. Wilson her physician thinks her condition is favorable and if no complications set in the chances of her recovery are good.

## VIRGINIA WOMAN IS GROWING NEW NOSE.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Her nose lost as the result of an accident Miss Nell Radigan, of St. Elmo, Va., is in a local hospital growing a new one, but at the sacrifice of the index finger of her left hand, and surgeons today believed that one of the most difficult operations ever performed here would be entirely successful. Their belief will not be proved or disproved for two weeks yet, however. Miss Radigan's finger was split and the flesh sewed into place over the nasal passages, the finger bone forming the bridge of the nose. At the expiration of two weeks, when the surgeons believe the skin grafting will have proved successful they will amputate the finger and from it form the new nose. In the mean time, Miss Radigan is securely bound in plaster casts to prevent any interference with healing process.

## Helen Keller At Winston.

(Daily News.)

Winston-Salem, Oct. 6.—Over one thousand people tonight assembled in Memorial Hall, Salem Academy and College to hear Helen Keller deliver her world famous lecture, "The Hand." Miss Keller could plainly be heard in the furthest corner of the auditorium, so rapt was the attention of her audience. Before speaking, her teacher, Mrs. Macy told of Miss Keller's remarkable development. After her address, Miss Keller answered the questions of her audience in a manner which impressively revealed the acuteness and alertness of her mind.

A lost fortune grows in proportion to the passage of time.

## ANT EATERS EAT WAY BILLS.

(Jefferson City Dispatch.)

A brace of armadillos, (ant eaters) from some point in South America, came to the Wells-Fargo express office in this city two weeks ago, addressed to "Harry Crawford," Jefferson City. There is no person of that name in the city.

The animals have been an unending source of trouble to the agent, Edward McKenna. They escaped from their box one night, and after playfully chewing up all the way bills, stationery, and everything else that was loose in the office, they got down to the basement and burrowed so deep that, in digging them out one was injured so badly it died.

Since then the other has been disconsolate, and has repeatedly tried to get away. It succeeded last night and today several men were digging for it under the building in which the express office is located.

McKenna says that as express matter armadillos are worse than the guinea pigs, made famous in Ellis Parker Butler's story, "Pigs is Pigs."

## DANIELS SAYS 'DRUNKS HELL NOT TOLERATE.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Secretary Daniels will insist on an official report on the case of Ensign Chevalier, one of the navy aviators arrested in Baltimore after running down two boys with an automobile. The secretary also announced that he proposed to deal drastically with cases of drunkenness among naval officers.

"If an employer chooses to overlook intoxication in one whose wages he pays that is another matter," said Mr. Daniels. "No one is hurt. But intoxication of a naval officer is a reflection on the entire service and on the administration which fails to deal with it effectively and firmly. The naval officer is in the pay of all the people, a public official, and must not give occasion to public scandal."

## The Apple Tree Pest.

Through the State Department of Agriculture, Franklin Sherman, Jr., entomologist, has issued a bulletin about the lephidosaphes ulmi, or oyster shell scale, which is said to be devastating some of the apple orchards of the State, and whose depredations have been noticed in Mecklenburg, Stanly, Rowan, Davidson and other Piedmont counties. Mr. Sherman says that next to the San Jose scale this pest is the most greatly to be feared: "When not looked after it kills an apple tree as dead as a woodman's axe could kill it. The remedy is in spraying and the bulletin gives the different preparations, in addition to other information of value to the owners of apple trees. The Department of Agriculture will send the bulletin free on application.

## Editor And Mayor Get Diplomatic Jobs.

Washington, Oct. 6.—President Wilson this week expects to send to the senate the nomination of H. M. Pindell, a newspaper editor of Peoria, Ill., to be ambassador to Russia, and that of Mayor Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, to be minister to Belgium. There still is a possibility that William F. McCombs, Democratic National chairman, will be nominated for ambassador to France.

## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

Ralph Gibson, a Catawba County boy who had joined the Navy was drowned by falling overboard a vessel on which he was stationed.

Mr. Claude Ramsey a North Carolinian who has been living in Seattle, Washington for a number of years, is prominently spoken of as a candidate for mayor of that city.

Dvinsk, Russia, Oct. 6.—Fourteen passengers were killed and 28 injured today when the express from Kiev to St. Petersburg collided with a stalled locomotive near the station here.

Columbus Preston an operative in the White Oak Cotton Mills of Greensboro was so badly burned by coming in contact with an electric light wire at the mill that he died in a few hours.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan was the principal speaker on brother-hood day at the Western North Carolina Fair at Asheville Wednesday and addressed an audience of 3,000 on fraternalism.

The series of base ball games being played by New York and Philadelphia teams, for the championship of the World has attracted much attention throughout the country. The first game Tuesday was won by the Philadelphia team with a score of 6 to 4 and the game Wednesday was won by New York by a score of 3 to nothing.

Durham, Oct. 6.—Special Little Robert Pendergrast, a four-year-old boy, was seriously injured this afternoon by being run over by a street car at Lakewood Park. The rear truck of the car ran over the boy's feet and one of them had to be amputated. The other was badly crushed, but it is thought that there is a possibility of the physicians being able to save it.

## Produce House.

Lenoir needs a cash Produce House, one that will pay spot cash for all kinds of properly handled country produce. Many kinds of farm products are now eagerly sought by the Lenoir dealers for which they are glad to pay cash, yet there are many wagons forced to go further because they cannot sell all their stuff here at a living price. There are a number of dealers here who handle produce in a way, but none of them can handle it in sufficient quantities to quote and supply car load shipments hence much business that should be handled here is forced to go elsewhere. A strong firm able to take care of all good stuff offered in this market and in a position to supply cities and larger towns with mountain products in car lots, would make good money and in a short time build up an immense business. It should be bought and sold for spot cash, for by such transactions only can the producer feel assured he is getting actual value for his stuff. There seems to be a good opening here for a business of this kind.

Some men are so cautious that they wouldn't pay a compliment without taking a receipt for it.

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