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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

Wilmington, Nov. 25.—Thomas Martin Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, died late tonight at his home in this city, following an attack of acute indigestion yesterday while on a trip of inspection over the system with members of the board of directors of the line. Mr. Emerson attended by his physician and friends reached Wilmington at an early hour this morning on a special train from the South, and while it was announced during the day that his condition was improved, there came a turn for the worse and he died at 11 o'clock tonight.

Asheville, Nov. 24.—The second chapter in the investigation into the alleged illicit traffic in liquor in Asheville and Buncombe County was written here this morning when Superior Court Judge Frank Carter, sitting as a committing magistrate exploded a bomb by ordering the immediate arrest of John H. Lange and Gay Green, owners and proprietors of the Langren hotel, and the Century Drug Store, J. L. Alexander proprietor of the Battery Park hotel, and J. Baylis Rector manager of the Langren, together with one other man Isadore Grant, colored, alleged agent of one of the first four named. The arrests followed immediately and the defendants were placed under heavy bonds.

Will Fields who lives about 4 miles from Elk Park, Avery County, near the Tenn. line, was called to his door last Wednesday night to look into the muzzles of two revolvers in the hands of two masked men, who demanded his money or his life. Refusing compliance the guns snapped in his face, but did not fire. Fields dodged back into the house, where he was followed by the men, who beat him in to unconsciousness with the guns. At this juncture an outcry was given by other members of the family and the bandits fled after a hasty search for money. Fields had about \$800 on his person but the robbers got none of it. Dave Oakes and his son were arrested on suspicion of attempting the robbery.

Washington, Nov. 25.—William Wilson Finley, president of the Southern Railway and a leading figure in movements for the development of the South, died here today as a result of a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered a few hours before. Mr. Finley's family, friends and associates were totally unprepared for his sudden death. Scarcely past the prime of life, he was vigorous and energetic and seemingly in the best of health a moment before he was felled by the stroke. The family physician called and every effort was made to restore him to consciousness. At 1:50 this afternoon he passed away, with Mrs. Finley, three of his daughters and his son at his bedside.

Eggs are on the free list, but nobody has yet been heard crowing about their cheapness.

That New York minister should have known better than to have preached from the text "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," at a recent cremation.

WASHINGTON'S SURVEY.

Government surveyors, who have just been checking up some of the lines reputed to have been run by George Washington in his days of chain and compass work, have found them good.

About 1751, according to tradition, George Washington, then 19 years old, ran out for Lord Thomas Fairfax the line between what was then to be Augusta and Frederick counties, Virginia, this being only a part of a great deal of surveying which he is said to have been engaged upon at that time. These two counties were separated from what was then Orange county, and the grant to Lord Fairfax was supposed to extend westward to the Pacific ocean. Subsequently these large tracts were further subdivided, so that the "Fairfax line" as it is generally known, runs now between Rockingham and Shenandoah counties, with the original Augusta and Frederick counties to the south and north respectively.

In the organic act for the formation of the two counties, or "parishes" as they were then called, it was required that the line should be a straight one from the head spring of Hedgeman river, one of the sources of the Rappahannock, to the head spring of the Potomac.

Since it was required that the line should be straight, it was first necessary to get the approximate course by building large bonfires on the intervening high points. Then starting from the top of the Massanutten mountains, the line was run straight away over intervening mountains and rivers toward the northwest.

Good Roads Day At Oak Hill.

Friday was observed as good roads day at Oak Hill High School. A program calculated to teach the pupils the right of civic duties was the first thing in the day's work. Then came the lessons of the day with its duties. Then the principal with axe took the boys out on the grounds where they moved stumps, logs, rocks, trees and bushes, making the campus as attractive as possible. Every little boy did what he could as citizens. The assistants with brooms, soap and water, cheerfully aided by the girls made the school rooms a model of neatness in nearly every respect. Every one did his or her duty. One who might have noticed them in their work that day would have said, "Those children are bound to make good citizens."

A reader.

San Diego, Cal. Nov. 24.—Two intrepid navigators of the air, Lieutenants Hugh M. Kelley and Eric L. Ellington, U. S. A., attached to the camp of the First Aero Corps, were instantly killed at North Island today when they fell from an altitude of 80 or more feet in a dual biplane. Within eight minutes after Lieut. Ellington had waved his hand as a signal to the mechanics to let go the biplane, the army aviator and his brother officer were dead. Lieut. Ellison was a son of Sheriff Ellington of Johnson County N. C., and was the first man ever transferred from the navy to the army, by executive order of President Taft.

No man questions a man's standing in a street car.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Mr. W. C. Newland is having a good shingle roof put on his Lenoir home.

Mr. A. E. Nelson of Patterson, was a business visitor in Lenoir Wednesday.

Miss Velle of the Graded School faculty, attended the Teachers Assembly at Raleigh this week.

Supt. G. O. Rogers of the Lenoir Graded School, is in Raleigh this week attending the State Teachers Assembly.

Mrs. Frank Martin and children of Thomasville, N. C., are visiting friends and relatives in Lenoir for a few days.

Miss Marshall of the Graded School faculty, left Wednesday for her home in Statesville where she will spend Thanksgiving.

Mrs. L. F. Englesby who has been spending a month with Mrs. H. C. Martin, returned to her home in Washington, D. C., Tuesday.

Large numbers of turkeys have been brought to Lenoir during the past few weeks and shipped over the country for Thanksgiving dinners.

Mr. P. W. Turnmire is very ill at his home on Vance street. Mr. Turnmire is a Confederate soldier and is one of the old men in town and it is hoped that his illness will be of brief duration.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benfield of Everett, Wash., who have been spending a month with relatives in this section, left Wednesday for Hickory to spend a few days before returning to their home. Mr. Benfield is an old engineer but has decided on his return home to go into the dairy business. While in the city Wednesday he paid The News office a pleasant call.

Mr. E. C. Ivey who is the local wireless operator, informs The News that an aerial is being erected in Asheville with which he will be able to communicate with when it is completed. Mr. Ivey is quite an expert in this line of work and feels that he will have no trouble in getting in touch with the Western North Carolina metropolis by wireless communication.

The Carolina Field Club has called the attention of its members to the danger connected with numerous clothes cleaning establishments. It states that all through the state there are clothes cleaning and pressing shops where benzine and gasoline are used in cleaning clothes, employees at the same time smoking cigarettes. Smoking should be prohibited in such places.

Rev. E. N. Joyner, Rector of the Episcopal church of Lenoir, tendered his fellow ministers of the gospel a very delightful and enjoyable dinner last Monday at the Rectory in honor of Rev. C. M. Pickens, pastor of the Lenoir Methodist church, who left to attend the conference at Charlotte this week. It is expected that Mr. Pickens will be transferred to another church as he has been here for a number of years. Those present were Rev. E. N. Joyner, Rev. C. M. Pickens, Rev. C. T. Squires, Rev. A. S. Peeler, Rev. J. O. Fulbright, Rev. J. F. Deal, Rev. J. C. Keever. The affair was a most pleasant one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

DRACO NEWS NOTES

The farmers in this section are done sowing wheat and gathering corn.

The school at Bludoor is still progressing with a fairly good attendance present most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roberts are visiting friends and relatives at Mt. Olivet this week.

Mrs. S. E. Reid has returned home from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Buffalo.

Lumber hauling around old Draco is still on a boom and it seems that times are getting better.

The farmers of this section are going to sow a great deal of rye to turn under in the spring as a cover crop. It is a great help to the land to raise and turn under a crop of this kind.

Those who attended Rentz Bros. show in Lenoir Saturday report a great time.

Mr. Lee Lackey is a great hunter for he has caught seventy-six this fall. Who of our other hunters can beat this record. If 'possums will make a man fat guess Mr. Lackey will be found in the fat man's class for sure.

Every farmer in Little River Township ought to do his best to make the poultry and live stock show which is to be held in Lenoir Dec. 17th, the greatest possible success.

As the writer closes he has not yet heard how many 'possums Mr. S. P. Martin has caught this season. We expect to give the amount of his catch this season right away. He will have to wake up if he beats Mr. Lackey on 'possum hunting, although he is an awful hunter himself.

Hurrah! for The News.

WESLEY.

Robt. C. Thompson Pardoned.

Information received in the following dispatch to the Charlotte-Times-Democrat and dated at Raleigh Nov. 21st, will be of interest to Caldwell County generally as much interest was taken in the trial of Mr. Thompson, who at the time of the killing of Mr. Beaver, was a Deputy Sheriff under former Sheriff Icard. The shooting taking place at a blockade distillery in this county where the officers had gone to make a raid.

"Raleigh, Nov. 21.—Governor Craig granted pardons today for Robert C. Thompson of Caldwell County, and Jeter Barnett of Mitchell County. Thompson is pardoned from six months service on the roads for manslaughter. He was a deputy sheriff and killed a man named Beaver while attempting to arrest him, indications being that the killing was accidental. Barnett is pardoned from 12 months sentence for manslaughter, because he was only 17 years old. Court and county officers asked for both pardons."

Girls may go to palmists to have their hands read, but they don't go into saloons to get their noses red.

We saw one of the most remarkable men in the city last week. He made the response of the marriage service loud enough for everybody to hear him.

POSSUM YARN.

(North Wilkesboro Hustler.)

To the Associated Annias Club of America:

I, so and so, Alias John Morgan, do hereby apply for membership in the associated liars club of America. I can say that I have never been taught how to lie and therefore I think a young man in North Wilkesboro would stand a poor chance to learn how to lie because there are not any boys in town that don't lie. And I want to learn so bad, I will not feel right until I learn how.

"O, what a time" on Friday night, October 3rd, '13; there were two men and one boy out opossum hunting. They walked and walked for two hours and the dogs could not find any opossum tracks. And they decided to come back home; they had to cross small branches and climb steep hills. Going down one of the hills they got tangled in a briar patch, and trying to get out, they were jumping and stretching to get away from the briars when the lantern went out leaving them in the dark not seeing a hand behind them. The dogs were so excited that they struck an opossum track and run it for ten minutes and treed; they could not find their way out of the briar patch after having lost their matches. He to whom was designated carrying the lantern stumped his toe against a rock and lighted the lantern and went on to get the opossum which the dogs had treed. At midnight they returned home.

On Oct. 6th the same crowd went another direction and after catching all the opossums they each could carry the young man gave his opossums (6 or 8 of them) to the old man and he (the young man) went to a young lassie's home, and from there to church. After church when started home his two dogs were standing out in front of the church holding an opossum in their mouths saying, "here's one for you, Master, and here's one for your darling Dixie."

SO AND SO.

To Meet At Patterson.

To the citizens of the Patterson Township:

We, the undersigned committee, earnestly request all who expect to place on exhibit any kind of live stock at the Caldwell County Live Stock Show to be held at Lenoir, on the 17th day of December, to meet with us at Patterson on Saturday, December 6th, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of arranging everything for the show.

Now let's get busy and make December 17 a red letter for Caldwell County. See or confer with the undersigned.

G. A. McCALL, J. A. LAXTON, RUFUS JONES, JAY HARPER, J. C. COFFEY.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Francis Bowes Sayre and Miss Jessie Wilson second daughter of the President, were joined in marriage late today at the White House before a company of distinguished officials of the United States government, members of the diplomatic corps, close friends and relatives. It was a scene of rare brilliancy, touched through the ten minutes of ceremony, with a grave solemnity as the President of the United States stood by his wife, their faces a study in deep emotion, as they gave in marriage the first of their children.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

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

Rev. H. C. Marley of Old Fort, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Send or phone in your news items to this office and they will be appreciated.

Miss Jane Ballew of Morganton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ballew.

Our merchants enjoyed a rush of business during this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The News Printery has received a large paper cutter of the best make and a stapeling machine.

At St. James' church there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion next Sunday morning, at 7:30.

Mr. J. A. Laxton a prominent farmer from the Mulberry section, was transacting business here Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Livingston of Boomer, Wilkes County, was in town on business Tuesday and was a pleasant caller at this office.

Mr. D. H. Moore left the first of the week for Boynton, Va., where he will be engaged in the lumber business for Mr. J. M. Bernhardt.

The Rev. E. N. Joyner will preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Peace Chapel, Whitnel, next Sunday, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. L. R. Clarke and little son who have been visiting at the homes of Mrs. H. C. Martin and Mrs. S. M. Clarke, returned to Hickory Wednesday.

The News is requested to announce that there will be a Box Supper at Whitnel school house Saturday Nov. 29th at 6 o'clock p. m. for the benefit of the school.

Principal W. G. Hartzog went away Monday to attend the meeting of State High School Principals at Raleigh, which meets Tuesday and Wednesday. Also he will attend the Teachers Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Curtis of Hay, Wash., and Mrs. W. P. Pendlly of Blowing Rock, returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Tennessee. The former will spend some time in this section with relatives before returning home.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church will conduct a Bazaar on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4th and 5th, in the Wakefield building on North Main street formerly occupied by the Lenoir Book Co. They will have for sale many useful articles suitable for Christmas presents and since the Bazaar is for a good cause it should be well patronized.

This will be the first experience of the parcel post department of the postal service in handling Christmas business. Preparations are being made by the department to handle an immense amount of business. An addition to the usual slogan "shop early" may be added this year "send your packages by parcel post and do it early." Have a thought for the welfare of the post office employees over the country as well as for the clerks.