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MR. CALWELL SETBACK.

The Editor Of The Observer Exerted Efforts And Suffers Relapse.

The many friends in Charlotte and throughout the State of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, editor The Observer, will regret to learn that he suffered a relapse recently on his return from Hendersonville, where he attended the meeting of the North Carolina Association, and is now at the Charlotte Sanatorium undergoing medical treatment.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Mr. Julius Gardner Loses His Life In Thunderstorm on Tuesday.

On Tuesday afternoon last Mr. Julius Gardner was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He was engaged in hauling poplar cuts for Mr. G. M. Hawarth who ships these cuts from the Southern station.

Mr. Gardner was a citizen of Yancey county—leaves a wife and one child. Mr. Hawarth said to The Sun reporter that Mr. Gardner was as honest and upright a man as ever lived.

Mr. Gardner was killed while sheltering himself from the rain under a poplar tree at Mr. Nathan Moore's just over the line in Polk county.

Such accidents shock us all.—Rutherfordton Sun.

Artist—This picture I call "pigs in Clover." Critic—I see the pigs, but where is the clover? Artist—The pig ate it. Critic—Then you ought to call it "Clover in Pig."

Subscribe for THE NEWS.

Church Directory.

COLUMBUS, N. C.

Baptist—Rev. T. H. Posey, pastor. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and on Saturday before 2nd. at 3 p. m. Sabbath School every Sunday 10 a. m. N. T. Mills, Supt. Presbyterian—T. C. Croker, pastor. Preaching—3rd Sundays at 3 p. m. Sunday School—Every Sunday 10 a. m. C. C. Hampton, Supt.

The Rev. Hamrick to Preach

The Rev. G. P. Hamrick, of Gaffney, S. C., will preach at the Mill Spring Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every body is invited to attend and bring their friends.

Mr. Hamrick is an exceedingly strong preacher and will give those who hear him a sermon that will not easily be forgotten.

Ice Cream Supper.

An ice cream supper will be given here Saturday night, July 24th, for the benefit of the baseball team.

The Columbus boys deserve help and credit in attempting to launch out a ball team and this is an excellent opportunity to contribute your part, at the same time spend an enjoyable evening. Let everybody come and help the boys out.

Ball Game Called Off.

Saturday the Columbus ball team went to Landrum with the intention of playing ball. The game progressed well until the fifth inning when it was broken up on account of an uncompromising decision of the umpire against the Columbus aggregation.

We are sorry the game ended thus, but from what we can learn, we think the Columbus boys were right in leaving the field.

Sold Livery Business.

Mr. F. L. Weaver, of Tryon, has sold out his livery business to Messrs Livingston & Roach of Tryon.

These gentlemen are experienced liverymen and we feel will serve the public most acceptably.

Lepers Reception.

New York.—John R. Early, of Lynn, N. C., alleged leper of Washington health authorities, gives reception at New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, attended by a number of his friends, medical men and the general public. Early receives guests cordially and discusses isolation, during which his time was employed in raising chickens and selling them to the Washington market. Dr. Buckley finds no trace of bacillus of leprosy and says Early's trouble is inflammation of the skin caused by alkali used in Canton, N. C., pulp mill.

An ice cream supper will be given here SATURDAY night, July 24, for the benefit of the Columbus ball team.

Children's Day at Bethelhem.

The Children's Day at Bethelhem Sunday was one of the most successful ever held there. People were there from all over the county to attend the services and exercises.

In the morning Pastor Cherry preached an excellent sermon to a capacity house; the afternoon was taken up by the exercises of the children composed of speeches, songs etc.

The dinner spread was one of the largest and most sumptuous ever seen. Everybody had plenty of good things to eat and spent a most enjoyable day.

News From Mill Spring.

Special To The News.

Mill Spring, July 14.—Miss Grace Thorne, of Saluda, is visiting Miss Pauline Shankle.

Mrs. J. A. Rucker visited homefolks at New Prospect last week.

Don't forget that Friday is the day to meet and clean off the graveyard.

Miss Mabel Gibbs spent several days with her brother, L. C. Gibbs, last week.

Mrs. A. C. Boone and little grandson, Ben T. Shankle, have returned from a pleasant visit to Saluda.

Children's Day at Bethelhem was a success, each child showed that great care had been taken in training them.

The Rutherford County Medical Association met at Careleen in June, holding a very interesting session. Dr. Lancaster, of Polk county joined the association, and Dr. and Mrs. Hamrick entertained the members at dinner. The Association held their meeting at Cliffside, where the members were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Haynes.—Forest City Herald.

Always Waning.

A Frenchman who apparently has a good deal of time on his hands has been amusing himself by reckoning up the number of kisses he has given his wife during the first twenty years of his married life.

He finds that in the first year he dispensed about 100 kisses a day, or, say, allowing for birthdays and legal and church holidays, about 26,700 in the year.

In the second year this number was reduced by half and in the third year to ten a day, while in the fifth year his better half had to be content with two a day, one in the morning and one in the evening.

What happened in the fifth year is "wrapped in mystery," but at the same rate of "progression" he probably arrived eventually at one kiss on the first of January every leap year.

Freedom of the Press.

The battle for a free press in the full modern sense was fought out between 1764 and 1771, beginning with the prosecution of Wilkes for attacking Butts in the North Briton and ending with the successful resistance to the proclamation by which the commons had forbidden the publication of their debates. Six printers who had infringed the proclamation were summoned to the bar of the house. Five obeyed, and the messenger of the house was sent to arrest the sixth. The lord mayor sent the messenger to prison. The house of commons sent the lord mayor to the Tower. He was released at the next prorogation, and the day on which he left the Tower marked the end of the last attempt to silence the press.—New York American.

A Child of Nature.

(Original.)

"There's a man in the front office looking for some property in Boonton county. Perhaps we can sell him the Gardner tract. You go in and talk it up at what you think you might get out of him, then call me and ask what I think about selling at the price you give. I'll ask if you're crazy to part with such a property at the figure, and we'll have a sham battle over it. I'll go out mad, and you sell the property because you're mad too. See?"

"Good scheme. We'll try it on." Dobson of Dobson & Cram went into the front office, where he found a young man who in his innocence admitted that his father had recently died and left him \$10,000 and a small farm. His purpose was to sell the farm and buy a larger tract somewhere which was liable to improve in value.

"I've got just the thing you want," said Dobson, taking out a beautifully drawn map. "There's 800 acres of it, which we can sell you at \$100 an acre. This will leave you a couple of thousand for improvements besides your farm. There's only one trouble about my selling it to you. My partner is dead set upon our taking it ourselves. I would be in favor of it, too, but we've got so much now we can't pay the taxes."

The young farmer studied the map deliberately and after he had finished said he would go and look at the property. Dobson touched a bell. An office boy entered and was directed to call Mr. Cram. The junior partner came in and was informed by Mr. Dobson that he had offered the farmer the Gardner tract at \$100 an acre, whereupon a violent quarrel ensued, at the end of which Mr. Cram left the room in a huff, threatening to enjoin his partner from making the sale. Dobson was so angry that he vowed the trade should be made before Cram had a chance to interfere.

The young man took the book and paid two ten-dollar bills to bind the bargain. Before he left the office he had drawn a check on his bank for \$8,000 and had a deed for 800 acres of swamp and hill land, the latter covered with a second growth of worthless timber.

"Goodby, Mr. Dobson," he said at parting. "I shan't forget your effort in my behalf, and I hope it won't get you into trouble with Mr. Cram."

He had no sooner gone than the two partners were congratulating each other on the sale.

"Shake, old man," said Dobson. "You played your part beautifully." "But you landed him. He's as innocent as a kitten." Two years passed during which neither Dobson nor Cram heard anything of the Gardner tract or its purchaser, when one day Cram said to Dobson: "The young man we scooped with that swamp and timber land in Boonton county is in the other room and wants to see you. Look out for him. Some one may have put him up to getting even. The law can't touch us, but he may have some game to play."

"Trust me for games." Dobson went in where the young man was waiting, with outstretched hand and eyes beaming with kindness.

"Mr. Dobson," said the youngster, "that property has turned out better than was expected. There's coal on it."

"Good!" exclaimed Dobson, slapping the boy on the back. Inwardly he said, "Why didn't you say gold or diamonds?"

"Yes; they say it's the finest anthracite in the state." "Splendid!" Another slap on the back.

"I'm indebted for my good luck to you. Do you remember how you sold me the property before your partner could interfere?"

"Yes; I remember that." "Well, one good turn deserves another. I've got an offer of \$250,000 for the property from a coal company. I feel that I shouldn't keep all this good luck to myself, seeing that you were so kind to me. I'll divide. I'll sell to you for half, \$125,000, and turn you over the coal company's written offer, good for thirty days."

"My dear fellow," said Dobson, striving to maintain a countenance that would not betray his seeing through the stupendous game, "you are the very soul of honor. I'll speak to Cram about it."

Going to Cram's office, he shut the door and as soon as he could control his laughter told him how the young farmer was trying to pay them in their own coin. After a pretended consultation he returned to the boy and said: "That partner of mine will be my ruin. Do you know, he's so mad about my selling the property to you that he won't consent to my having anything to do with the matter, and our partnership forbids any purchase unless both consent. I'm awfully sorry. There's a gentleman waiting to see me."

There was a coolness in the last words, a steely look in the eyes, that was not lost on the youngster. He went away, not in anger, but in sorrow, and thinking what a despicable man Mr. Cram was.

A few days later Mr. Cram rushed into his partner's office with a newspaper in his hand.

"Great Scott, Dobson! What's this? Big find in coal. Sale of a tract in Boonton county. A young farmer made rich."

He went on to read that the story told them by the grateful boy was true and that they had thrown away a fortune. EDWARD B. KIMBALL.

Mr. Wage-Earner,

Are you a man of family? Are you laying aside some of your earnings for that day when sickness and death cross the threshold of the home, or when panicky conditions cost you your job?

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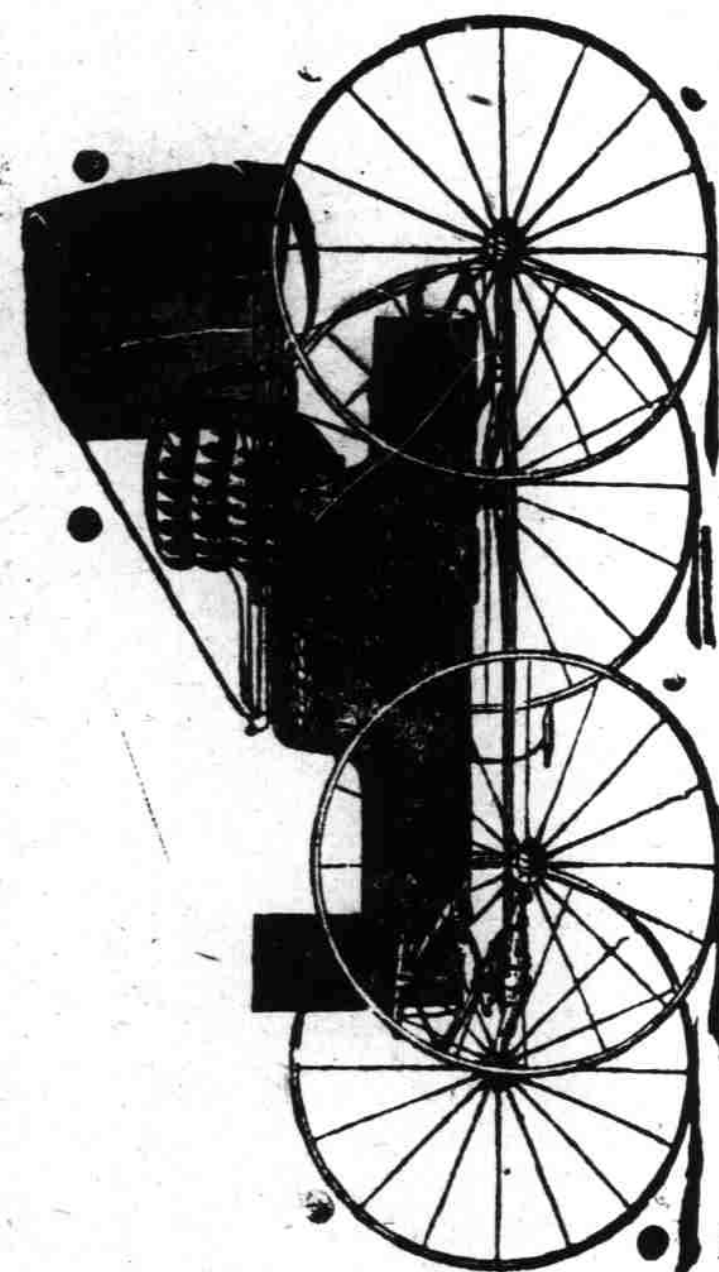
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