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## AMERICA'S GREATEST BLUFFER STARTS SERVING TERM IN PRISON AT LEAVENWORTH

### Fields the Final Waterloo For Man Who Claimed First Scaling of Mt. McKinley and Then Discovery of North Pole.

Written Specially For The Polk County News  
By Robert Fuller

Leavenworth, Kas., April 15—Dr. Frederick A. Cook has returned to Leavenworth, Kas., April 15. It was against his will, but nevertheless for the purpose of medicine, his health permit, medicine will be his portion for 12 to 14 years. He is ministering to the ill of his fellow prisoners in the Federal prison here. He is No. 23,118.

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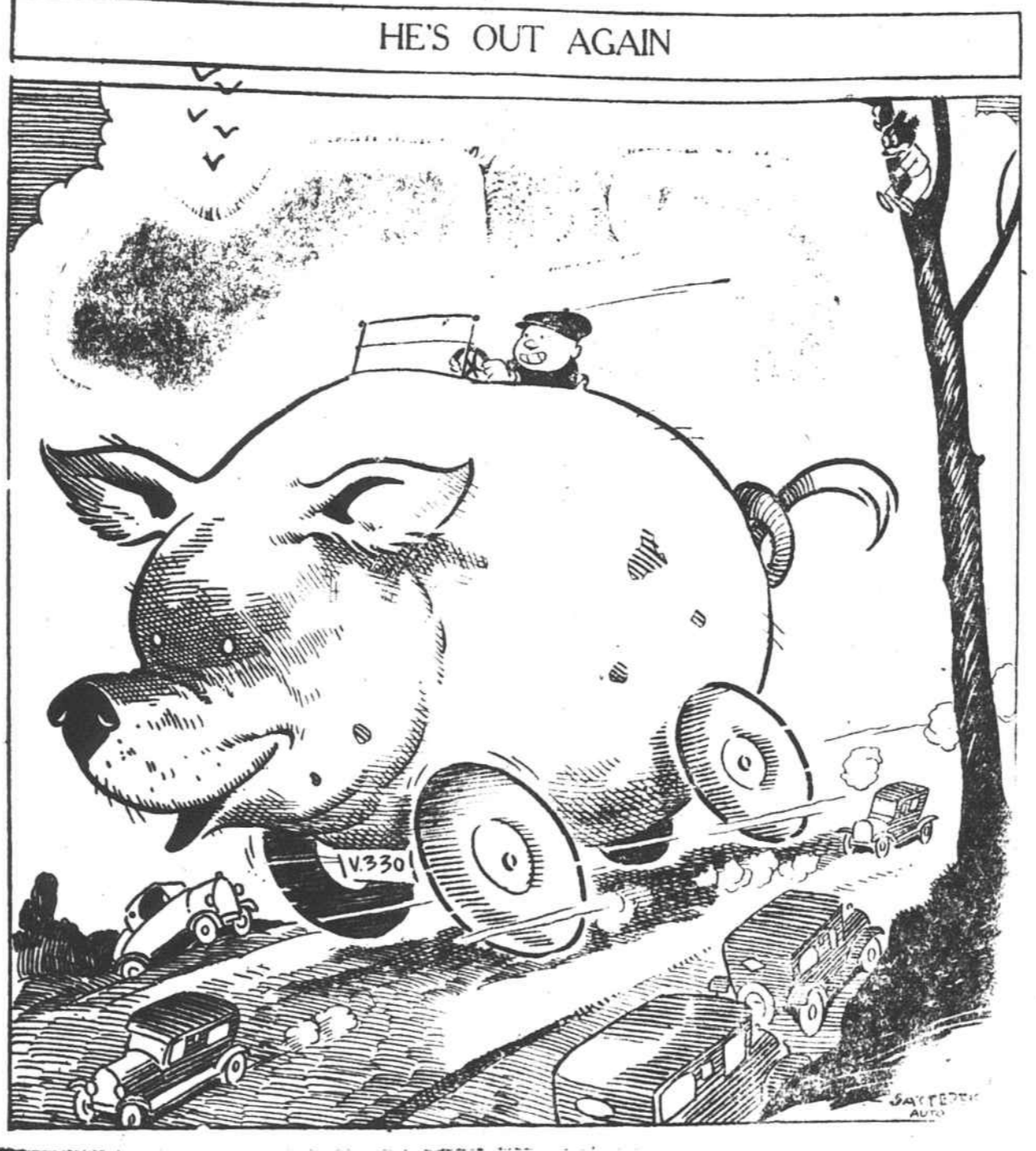
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## E. W. S. COBB RE-ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL SYSTEM

### Enviably Record as Educator Won Him Re-Appointment. During His Administration County Schools Have Advanced from 90th in State Rating to 23rd.

An item of news that was eagerly watched for, and which will be gladly welcomed by the majority of Polk County citizens who have the education of our youth at heart, is the re-election of E. W. S. Cobb to the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Board of Education responsible for Mr. Cobb's return consists of Dr. E. McQueen Sally, Chairman; Miss Mae Irene Flenyo, vice-chairman; Grover Feagan. His re-election was unanimous.

After serving in his present capacity for twelve years, a portion of which time was given as principal of the Columbus schools, Mr. Cobb's record along educational lines speaks for itself. By systematic methods and through organized endeavor among Polk County Teachers this county triumphantly climbed from 90th place in the State, to the 23rd—and is not through climbing. From a purely educational standpoint in examinations and practical application, Superintendent Cobb ranks as one of the highest rated superintendents in North Carolina.

## Trespassing Dangerous

Atlanta, Ga., April 15—The folly of trespassing on railway property, a practice to which the American public is still addicted, is strikingly brought out by figures just made public by the Southern Railway System's Safety Department, showing that 130 persons were killed and 174 injured while trespassing on the tracks and trains of the Southern during 1924.

The casualties among trespassers were divided as follows: While walking the tracks 90 persons were killed and 72 injured; 81 were killed and 97 injured while stealing rides or "hopping" trains; and three were killed and five injured in miscellaneous accidents.

## MAIL BANDIT DRAWS DEATH SENTENCE FOR SHOOTING POLICEMAN

### Gerald Chapman, Sentenced to Hang Jeers at the Verdict. Not a Repentant Thief He Says

Gerald Chapman, train robber and bank bandit whose exploits startled the country and caused Uncle Sam to place marine guards on mail trains after escaping from the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta is under sentence of death in Connecticut for the killing of a policeman.

Under sentence of twenty-five years Chapman engineered a sensational escape from the Federal prison in Atlanta and remained at liberty until placed under arrest for the killing of a Hartford officer. The policeman was killed while performing his duty and through the elusive mail bandit was directly connected with the crime and a conviction resulted.

## SARAH JENNINGS CAMP OF PROMINENT FAMILY DIES SUDDENLY

### Popular Sandy Springs Girl Was Student at St. Mary's Institute, Raleigh, and Graduate of Hillcrest Institute. Grand-Daughter of Tryon's Pioneer Episcopal Minister.

The Sandy Plains community was saddened by the unexpected death of one of her most attractive and accomplished young ladies.

Miss Sarah Jennings Camp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Camp, departed this life Thursday morning, April 2, after an illness of brief duration.

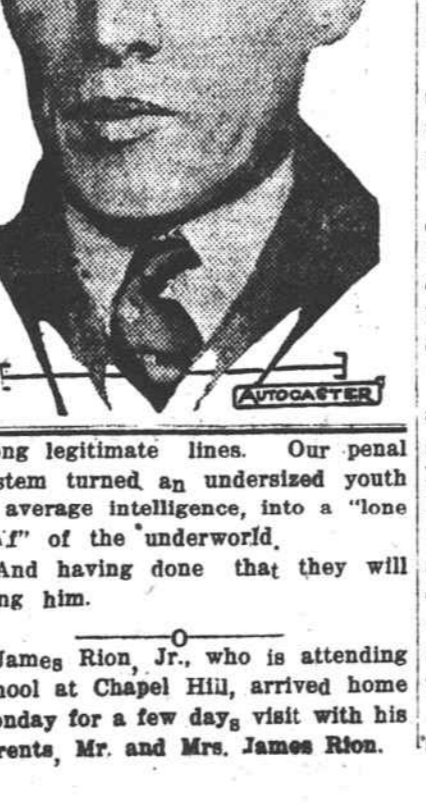
Death is sad at any time but where it comes suddenly, and picks for its mark so strong and useful a life of youth and promise, it is doubly touching.

Funeral services were held at Sandy Springs Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. N. Hunter, assisted by Rev. Burnett and Rev. Swannam. The large crowd in attendance and the many beautiful floral offerings, attested the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mrs. H. T. Edmondson of Moultrie, Ga., Mr. Lewis Camp of Charlotte, Mr. J. M. Camp of Athens, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Tench C. Cox of Asheville were summoned home to attend the funeral.

Sarah Jennings Camp was only 19, a graduate of Hillcrest Institute and attended St. Mary's school at Raleigh last year. She was a grand daughter of Rev. Minor Jones, the veteran Episcopal minister of Tryon. The many friends of the family extend their heart-felt sympathy.

## To Hang



James Rion, Jr., who is attending school at Chapel Hill, arrived home Monday for a few days, visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rion.

## TRYONITES RIDE

Tryon is being represented at the Asheville Horse Show, not only by her fine horses, but by horsemanship that has no superiors, and few equals anywhere. Tryon riders with their mounts will be announced in next week's issue of the News.

## THE LAST RACE

(Ernest Harold Baynes' Poem on his own approaching death)

I HAVE the mount on Courage today,  
And Death is riding the White,  
Through the paddock gate,  
With a smile at fate,  
To the track in the distance.

The odds on death are short,  
They say,  
And how shall a sportsman choose?  
There is just one test, you must ride your best  
Then you win, or you win or lose.

We face the flag on our hill-rimmed course,  
It falls to perfect start.  
No waiting race—we must set the pace,  
The pace that will break his heart.

On the long back stretch we lead by a length  
O'd Courage asserting his pride,  
Till Death shows fight and calls on the White.  
He rides! for he has to ride.

## As we swing to the straight,

we are still in the van,  
My horse at the top of his speed,  
With Death's coming fast—we are nearing the last,  
And the last is already decreed.

The horses, lapped to their saddle girths,  
Rushed through like a storm swept fire—  
Death wins! Bravo! But I laugh in his face,  
As he noses me out at the wire.

## Lake Lanier Lots In Demand Spartanburg Sales Grow

### Sales Directors Have Live-Wire Organization. Efforts Bring Many New People to Tryon. L. J. Penny Advertising Manager

L. A. and C. M. Eisele, Sales Directors for the Tryon Development Company, builders of Lake Lanier report an exceptionally good beginning in their out-of-town sales campaign and state that the demand for lake front property is strong in Spartanburg where they recently opened an office at 127 W. Main Street.

"We have people coming in at all hours of the day requesting information concerning the project and since construction work began we have brought hundreds of interested persons to Tryon to look over the site," said C. M. Eisele, "and many of these have purchased property."

"Construction work is progressing rapidly, and with a pay roll of more than \$300,000 per week our force is making the dirt fly. The dam is being constructed by R. G. Rand, an experienced and able contractor, George Kershaw of Hendersonville, the architect in charge is laying out some two thousand lots on the property, and road construction is being pushed."

"We expect to open sales offices in Greenville," continued Mr. Eisele, "and during the summer in Hendersonville, Asheville and other points. Our sales organization is being perfected, and is hitting its stride. Every man is thoroughly sold on the Lake Lanier project and it shows in their work."

Already Mr. Ness has taken up a temporary studio in Tryon and begun the work of putting the beauties of Lake Lanier on canvas.

These Canvases will be placed on display in Hendersonville, Spartanburg, Greenville, Columbia and in other sales offices soon to be opened by this company under the direction of L. A. and C. M. Eisele.

The canvases will fifteen feet long and five feet deep.

scapes and portrait painter of Atlanta has been commissioned by the Tryon Development Company to paint four Lake Lanier landscapes. Mr. Ness is a native of Scotland and is an artist of international fame. Since he turned his talent entirely toward landscape painting, he has executed many beautiful paintings of some of America's more prominent scenic and residential developments.

## BIRD MOUNTAIN BLOSSOMS UNDER DIRECTION OF Judge J. J. Gentry

### Man With Vision Makes Dreams Come True Through Effort Along well Planned Lines. Fruit Thrives under Intensive Culture.

Last May—a stretch of dusty road; a background of sloping hills; valleys, yes; some unattractive gullies, to be sure. A distance from the highway a stream bubbling from its rocky bed, "Impossible!" the cry of the skeptical.

Judge Gentry of Bird Mountain squared his handsome shoulders and laughed that jovial laugh of his that somehow, makes men understand how close atune he is with God and nature.

In defiance, he doffed his ministerial garb and didn't in the least mind soiling his hands with honest toil. Plows bit through rock and earth; carpenters sawed, and hammered, and maybe cursed a little, for the sheer joy of accomplishing things, because they were cheered on by that Spirit which never fails of accomplishment. Nurserymen then brought of their best stock, and planted with scientific care, tender, young apple and peach trees.

One year has not elapsed indeed, the building was not commenced until late in the summer; but in passing that way last Saturday, we could not fail to grasp the significance, and something of the magnitude, of this wonderful scheme of Judge Gentry's for developing his own lands into what will, within a very short period of time, be one of the show places of the Western Carolinas.

Before the modern, perfectly equipped garage and filling station, were drawn scores of automobiles awaiting attention. Farmers' vehicles were being loaded with groceries from the store, and the hum of business activity was in the air.

The hillside with its carpet of newly turned soft fluted sweet potatoes of pink and white apple blossoms. The grove across the narrow valley was green with every varied shade this color borrows in the Spring time, and the spring was bubbling and singing. Singing of that day two years hence; five years hence; ten years—when the genial originator of Bird Mountain Development can tilt back in his splint bottom chair and look upon the work his brain created, and his own hands helped to do.

Bird Mountain is but an example of what may spring from any road, side. Like hundreds of other miles along the highway, this was but an undeveloped, not very promising spot from all external appearances. Similar brains and brawn, together with that urge for the doing of Big Things, will make the barren hillside bloom, and the eroded valleys to blossom with fruitful harvest, making such completed projects lasting monuments to the progressiveness of their originators.

## COLUMBUS COMMENCEMENT

Saturday afternoon, April 18th at 3:30 P. M. the grades of Stearns High School will give their regular commencement program consisting of:

- 1 Primary Grades - Mother Goose Festival and N. C. Folk Games
  - 2 The Gypsy Festival.
  - 3 A National Festival, Under the Stars and Stripes, arranged by the Physical Education Department of Schools of N. C.
- The program will be given out of doors. The time will be given entirely to song, play and folk games. A special invitation is given to teachers and pupils of other schools. Parents and friends are earnestly requested to be present.

## Where Does News Come From?

Here, there, everywhere. That's just the trouble. There is so much of it that it's a hard job to keep up with even the most important happenings.

Trivial international developments often have direct effects on local affairs. Governmental decisions may mean much more than a mere announcement would indicate. A trained observer can give logical interpretations of far-reaching importance.

Here's a tip. Get the important news from all the world from one source, *interpreted*:  
Edward W. Pickard.  
Every week in these columns.