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NEW JERSEY JUDGE USES AUTO CURE FOR DIVORCE.

Auto and Kiddies the Way to Untangle Crossed Matrimonial Wires Says Famous Jurist Who Has Tried It.

Auto vs. Divorce



Judge M. C. Ashley of Woodbridge, N. J. says the automobile is a cure for the divorce evil. He has sent hundreds of husbands and wives away from his court reconciled—and resolved to go buy a car.

ness together in the haunts of nature. Judge Ashley has old-fashioned ideas about marriage. He thinks that when the matrimonial wires of husband and wife become tangled, they should be straightened out, not cut. He does not believe in divorce, except as a last resort. Patching up these little differences between misunderstanding couples, therefore, has become quite a specialty with him. As a result, divorce is a rare phenomenon in his jurisdiction. His automobile philosophy has undoubtedly worked well. Time to investigate is before Marriage. This judge is also authorized to marry people. Although he does not have a rush of business with Cupid's victims, he does some splicing up occasionally. He is very particular about the job of making one out of two people, also. In other words those who come before him to be "hooked up" are obliged to show a clean bill of health first in the way of previous marriage alliances. He adheres to the principle that marriage is a very solemn thing, and that two people so joined together should not be lightly rent asunder. When the marriage yoke begins to rub the fur the wrong way, it is frequently caused by bad air and the monotony of the four walls in the average home, says the Judge, and that is when he prescribes the automobile cure.

BUCKSHOT FLIES WHEN NEGROES FIGHT AND LITTLEJOHN MAY DIE

Dolph Littlejohn in Columbus J. II While Brother Jim Decorates Hospital Cot

A shooting affray in which Jim Littlejohn, a negro farmer of Green Creek township managed to stop a load of flying lead from his brother Adolph Littlejohn of the same community occurred Tuesday evening. The two negroes became involved in a quarrel over a quantity of corn, grain; not liquor; and the wounded man drew a pistol according to his brother who in turn cracked down with a twelve gauge loaded with small shot. The charge struck the wounded negro in the face and mouth, and may result fatally. He was rushed to the Rutherfordton hospital for surgical attention and his condition is reported as being critical. Sheriff Bob McFarland, placed Adolph under arrest and he is being held in the Polk County jail pending a definite report from the hospital authorities in Rutherfordton.

TRYON BOY HONOR STUDENT

Keith Grady, son of Dr. Earle Grady of Tryon, was awarded a fellowship for study at the State University at Chapel Hill during the past year, in Physics. This is a high honor which reflects credit not only to himself and family, but to Tryon as well.

VOICES FROM MEMORY LANE

By A. B. CHAPIN



Lake Lanier Sets New Record in Real Estate Development in W. N. C.

Twenty-four Hour Construction Program Speeds Up Work on Big Dam Which Will be Completed in Thirty-five Days Says P. L. Wright.

In the construction of Lake Lanier new records have been written in real estate development of Western North Carolina, if not the entire country. To illustrate, night shifts are at work. Electric wires were strung Tuesday to furnish workmen far down in the earth light by which to work during the dark hours. The pouring of the concrete began Wednesday. By working 24 hours a day, the developers believe that the dam construction will be complete within 35 more working days. It is believed that no other real estate development in this section ever before employed night shifts. This is due to the quick demand for home sites on Lake Lanier, the like of which the developer, P. L. Wright, never dreamed of. A sales organization brought together from all parts of the United States by Eisele Bros. is due large credit for this unprecedented record. It is impracticable for engineers to stake out and number home sites without first establishing the topography of the entire property. Notwithstanding the fact that the engineer in charge, George Kerhaw, has six engineers on the ground, each in charge of a crew, there has been staked and numbered to date only about 100 home sites. More than 200 home site orders have been taken by the salesmen, and many prospective buyers are eagerly awaiting the moment when they may select their sites before placing orders. "This is the fastest moving realty project in the mountains today" said C. M. Eisele, "a fact due to the splendid property and the low price Mr. Wright is asking for it. "One considers the value of waterfront property in the mountains, for example, and cannot escape the thought that acreage may be added to most any subdivision but once a lake shore line is established it is impossible to add more water frontage. "People want water. They want a permanent shore line. They want to live in a climate such as Tryon has. I ask, "What additional selling points does a good salesman need?" And believe me, we have a sales force second to none recruited from the best talent in America." C. M. Eisele makes his headquarters in Tryon. His brother, Lewis A. Eisele, spends much of his time on the road, visiting the offices already established, in Hendersonville, Spartanburg, Greenville and Union and making arrangements for expansion of the field. Next week he expects to go to Anderson, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Columbia and Charleston. A temporary property office will

be completed near the dam site by Saturday. The executive sales organization will be transferred from the Bank of Tryon building directly to the property.



ROSA PONSELLE TO SING IN SPARTANBURG ON ARTISTS NIGHT, FRIDAY MAY 8th

Noted Metropolitan Grand Opera Star Made Decided Hit in Atlanta Appearance. Will Draw Crowd in Spartanburg

Rosa Ponselle, prima donna soprano, has been suffering from the effects of vaccination in Atlanta and while indisposed has filled her engagements there in a splendid manner according to her manager. Miss Ponselle is booked to appear at the Spartanburg Music Festival on the night of May 8, and the press reports stating that she was suffering from tonsillitis caused many music lovers of this section to fear that her appearance in Spartanburg might be cancelled. Prof. F. W. Wodell the director of the festival states that Miss Ponselle is sure to appear on that date and those in nearby cities who count on hearing her need feel no apprehension concerning her ability to fill her contract there.

PRESBYTERIANS GET CHURCH SITE

At a joint congregational meeting of the Tryon and Columbus Presbyterian churches Sunday night the exchange of the present church site on Grady Avenue for one of the R. M. McCown lots on Trade Street, was ratified and plans for a new church launched. Mr. Hugh White, of the architect firm of White, Streeter & Chamberlain, Gastonia, went over the ground last week and will return this week with plans and specifications for the new church, which will be of the Colonial type of architecture. Mrs. L. J. Penney came down from Hendersonville Wednesday to spend the day with Mr. Penney and to look for suitable residence as they expect to move down as soon as they are able to locate.

W. S. Green Re-Elected Mayor Of Tryon In Hotly Contested Race.

C. W. Ballenger, W. C. Ward and Fred E. Swann Commissioners. Hotly Contested Election Brings out Big Vote. Green Won by 15 Plurality.

Tuesday was election day in Tryon, Saluda and Columbus and much interest was displayed and a large vote returned in each community. W. S. Green and E. E. Missildine candidates for Mayor of Tryon staged a sensational race, the result being in doubt until practically every vote had been counted, the present city executive winning by the narrow margin of fifteen votes. Claude W. Ballenger, candidate for commissioner polled the heaviest vote of any individual nominee, and with W. C. Ward and F. E. Swann will constitute the new board. R. O. Andrews, C. W. Ford, W. J. Gaines and G. E. Bell other entries in the race for commissioners developed considerable strength but not enough to win.



W. S. GREEN

T. H. Cogey, Alice K. Missildine and J. B. Hester were elected Cemetery commissioners, and M. G. Blake, A. L. Hill and James Lankford will compose the School Board for Tryon township. G. R. Little of Saluda and E. B. Cloud of Columbus were reelected without opposition. Fred W. Blanton, Lindsey Smith and E. W. S. Cobb were elected City Commissioners for Columbus and John T. Coates, Joe Johnson, Red McAllister and R. M. Hall were selected to fill similar offices in Saluda by the voters at that point.

KILPIN BUILDS

Kilpin Motor Company, one of the first firms to fall in line with the spirit of progression, has this week begun remodeling their garage in order to handle the increasing volume of business, and to give the utmost in expert service. When completed, Kilpin Motor Company will have one of the best equipped plants in this section.

LAND OF SKY IN BLOOM ON PENNSY RAILWAY LINES.

Glowing Description of Western North Carolina Printed on Dining Car Menus Which Have Big Circulation.

That Western North Carolina is famed in song and story of the Sun. comping in for its share of publicity as the playground of the nation is proven by the fact that the Pennsylvania Railway System is featuring "The Land of the Sky in Bloom" on all of its dining car menu cards in the following words: THE LAND OF THE SKY IN BLOOM

The healthy glow of the early peach bloom might well be accepted as a symbol of the wonderful climate and colorful scenery of that delightful mountainous resort section of Western North Carolina adjacent to Asheville and popularly known as "The Land of the Sky." Yet the bloom of the peach blossoms as a symbol is but one of the numerous tokens, in this majestic land of purest air, which seem to express a redolent gratitude for Dame Nature's having so generously set her beauty and so bountifully afforded many ready opportunities for wholesome recreation in this region of splendor. "The Land of the Sky" is delightful, especially in spring and summer, when the mountains' sides seem all ablaze with the fire of flame-colored azalea; and glowing masses of rhododendrons and laurel blaze forth in splendor to burn with a varied colored brilliancy. Those of us up North who seek the cooler climate will find it in these refreshing mountains during summer. It is still fascinating here in the fall as autumn tingers into December, and in the sparkling winter season. The average July and August temperature of 71 degrees drops only to 35 degrees in mid-winter, hence at no season is outdoor life impossible.

Grouped within this encircled region of 300 miles covering an acreage of 8,000 square miles of irregular plateau, with an average elevation of 2,000 feet above the sea, are many delightful resorts, each having its own special attractions. Besides Asheville with an altitude of 2,250 feet, "The Land of the Sky" includes the Sapphire Country Lake Junaluska, Montreat 2366 ft., Hendersonville 2,128 ft., Tryon 1,200 ft., Brevard 2,228 ft., Waynesville 2,655 ft., Balsom, 3,348 ft., Mt. Pisgah 5,749 ft., Biltmore 2,300 ft., Mt. Mitchell 6,711 ft., Linville 3,800 ft., Blowing Rock 4,090 ft., and Mayview Park 4,500 ft. The imposing mountains are marvelous. Half a hundred peaks ascend higher than any of the Adirondacks, and more than a score are higher than Mt. Washington of New Hampshire. Stately Mt. Mitchell, with its height of 6,711 feet, is the highest mountain in the United States east of the Rockies. From its lofty forest of pine with her characteristic fragrance it seems to smile down upon the glorious fields of cotton and corn that cover the lowlands

Inviting, indeed, is this vast land of joy because of its nearness to the North. It is conveniently reached from any point on the Pennsylvania Railroad. This lofty pine-clad pleasure land, once impregnable, now offers no resistance for the railroad has come through the open door of the mountains, as it follows the course of the Catawba River, and over the crest of the Blue Ridge to a giant's fairyland whose trees and ferns and flowers offer truthful evidence that we need not search out the remote parts of the Continent in quest of greater natural beauty.

The virgin wildness of the mountains in some sections of "The Land of the Sky" remains just as Daniel Boone left it in the pioneer days as he forced his way through northward to Kentucky. But Progress shows her visits and each season the thousands who come to these enchanted precincts of the Blue Ridge and the Great Smokies of the Appalachians find that ultra-modern improvements have preceded them. During the past three years over \$60,000,000 have been spent here for improved roads alone. From hill-side camps, porches of modest boarding houses or piazzas of numerous palatial hotels overlooking the mighty and noble landscape one is offered an impressive view of matchless beauty, through which an endless stream of motor parties daily wind their way on pleasure jaunts from towns nearby.

Health and happiness are here under the canopy of a marvelously deep azure sky. Golf and every form of sport and recreation are found among the rolling hills that hem in placid lakes and sparkling streams well stocked with bass and trout. You will search the world in vain for a country of greater charm and beauty and invigorating climate offering so many attractions for enjoying a vacation as Western North Carolina, known to everyone as the land of happy thoughts—"The Land of the Sky."

Illustrated descriptive booklets of "The Land of the Sky" will be sent upon request. D. N. BELL Passenger Traffic Manager Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

RIXHAVEN REPORTED SOLD TO FLORIDA CAPITALISTS WHO WILL DEVELOP RESORT

Show Place of Polk County Will be Made Modern Resort if Plans of Southern Investors Carry Through.

"Rixhaven" the home of the late Fannie J. Ricks on Tryon Mountain has been sold to a company of Florida people according to reports circulated here and in Spartanburg. Embracing some seventeen hundred acres of land extending from the top of Tryon Mountain into Holbert's Cove and towards the town of Saluda along Bradley's Creek it is one of the most desirable sites in the mountain section around Tryon affording as it does a splendid view of the country in all directions. "Rixhaven" has long been one of the show places of the mountains, the residence being located near the top of Tryon Peak at an elevation exceeding 3000 feet, seven miles from Tryon and approximately the same distance from Saluda. "Rixhaven", "Skyuka" and "The Narrows" together with the estate of Dr. Chas. Reed of Chicago embrace practically all of Tryon and White Oak Mountains and may be reached by an easily accessible motor road from Columbus, via Dr. Reed's or by way of the Howard Gap road to Saluda. The late Arch Calvert of Spartanburg contemplated building a scenic roadway to Skyuka just prior to his death and spent much of his time her arranging details for the development of his mountain property.

SPINDALE ROWDIES HIT SNAG WHEN THEY CLASH WITH WHITE OAK OFFICER

Arthur A. Thompson Shoots Noah Rayburn of Spindale When Crowd Lays Down Rock Barrage

When a rowdy crowd from Spindale attempted to raise merry hell in White Oak township last Saturday night they ran into a snag in the shape of Arthur A. Thompson, constable of that township who while attempting to quell the incipient rioters was forced to resort to strenuous measures and as a result Noah Rayburn toted a load of shot over to Rutherfordton in his anatomy. Upon the approach of Thompson, the crowd composed of five young men seized rocks and laid down a regular barrage, and Thompson after warning them to stop drew a pistol which failed to explode its charge when he pulled trigger, probably saving some one from serious injury. When his revolver failed, Thompson resorted to the reliable old slammer and at the crack of the smooth bore one of the men fell and the others gave up the fight. Noah Rayburn the recipient of the salutatory message from Thompson's gun and many and numerous bird shot were removed from his person, shortly following the affray. Both he and Hugh Barrett of the same place were bound over to the action of the Superior Court under \$1,200 bond. Three other residents of the cotton manufacturing metropolis of Rutherford County paid fines for being under the influence of mountain dew. Thompson is to be congratulated on his effective enforcement of the law which will do much to suppress similar manoeuvres on the part of intoxicated visitors to the balliwick of Polk.