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EBELTOFT COMMITS SUICIDE.

End of a Bright and Lovable Young Man—Fatal Shot Fired at Coolee.

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FARMERS MEET.

The Planters of Cleveland Assemble and Hear Reports from Various Precincts—The Thing Now is to Stick.

At last the farmers of Cleveland county have had a day favorable to a big meeting. The sun shone brightly, and by ten o'clock the streets of Shelby were pretty well filled with farmers from all over the county, a big portion of them, however, not having the farmers' meeting uppermost in their minds, but having a hankering for the bone yard and the excitement and fascination that go along with a good horse trade. Yet by far the majority of them were interested in the cotton organization, when the court house bell rang, fully two hundred assembled to hear reports from the various precincts and to discuss and size up the situation. The question that seems to be disturbing some of the leaders just now is the tendency on the part of some of the farmers to stay out till they see whether or not the movement is going to do any good. A good farmer from Grover said these suspicious fellows reminded him of the fellow who let his corn field grow up in weeds, giving as an excuse for not working his crop the plea that he wanted to spend no time on it till he saw how it was going to do.

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order, and Rev. J. V. Devoney lead in prayer, asking God's richest blessings to rest upon our country, our state, our families and our fields. The first thing in order was the reports of precincts. No. One failed to report. All the other townships reported organizations and a tendency among the farmers to decrease acreage and fertilizer purchases. King's Mountain reported an organization with 115 members and a willingness to decrease acreage and fertilizer purchase 25 per cent.

Chairman Falls made a speech, telling about his trip to New Orleans and advocating closer organization and a wider interest. Several other speeches were made. The precincts were asked to meet Saturday the 15th. R. M. Gidney was elected treasurer of the organization as well as secretary, and was asked to have blanks printed and sent to the precinct chairmen or secretaries. This he will do. These chairman can get any information bearing on their duties from him. Each precinct was asked to take up a collection to defray general expenses.

Several other questions came up, the most important, of which is the fact that the sentiment of the convention does not favor the depositing of cotton with manufacturers, such action being considered damaging to the farmer and favorable to the speculators.

The convention adjourned to meet again the first Monday in April.

Two Disastrous Fires Near Lattimore. Two big fires broke out near Lattimore last week which damaged a few farmers in that section at least \$700. One was started by a negro who carelessly set some sage afire, while the wind was blowing. It spread rapidly and burned over a big portion of the timber land of Messrs. A. M. Lattimore, H. I. Washburn and others. Had the wind been blowing in another direction several dwelling houses on the outskirts of Lattimore could not possibly have been saved.

The other fire, it is thought, was started by a spark from the smoke stack of a passing train. This fire burned up some very valuable pine needles and ruined some fine timber.

THE THOMPSON-BRANTON COMPANY.

A New Corporation Organized in Shelby. To Manufacture all Manner and Kinds of Building Material.

A new corporation has been organized in Shelby existing chiefly for the purpose of manufacturing sash, doors, blinds and all manner and kinds of building material. The principal stock holders are Messrs. W. H. Thompson, Z. J. Thompson and Everett Branton. The company is to commence business with a capital stock of \$4,500, with a total authorized stock of \$10,000, divided into 100 shares with a par value of \$100 each. This concern has been in operation here as a partnership for a number of years and has done a flourishing business from the time of its establishment. It has been heretofore operated exclusively by Mr. W. H. Thompson and Sons. The gentlemen are skilled carpenters and architects and have built up the business to such an extent that today they fill orders for parties in all the surrounding counties and over a big portion of upper South Carolina. The new member, Mr. Branton, has been in the lumber and building business practically all his life and will add experience and thoroughness to this business.

In addition to the powers already mentioned, the Charter of this corporation empowers it to buy and sell rough and dressed lumber, to operate saw mills, or buy and sell the out put of saw mills, to buy and sell machinery and farming implements, to contract and furnish plans for buildings, and do various other things an active corporation of its nature would be expected to do.

The people of Shelby welcome this new corporation. With such men behind it, it can but add life and progress to the business interest of Shelby.

Should Plant Largely of Early Peas.

The severe weather which we have experienced during February, and which has extended far down into Florida, is going to make a considerable shortage in early green vegetables, and on this account our markets will be very bare of green vegetables until late in the season. Indications are that the earliest crops of green vegetables will sell at good prices, both in home markets and in the large cities north.

The opportunity presented to our southern truckers and gardeners, to make money out of peas and other early truck crops is one that they should not fail to take advantage of. Early peas are one of the first crops to come in and can be safely planted just as soon as the ground can be gotten ready.

Hardware Store Sold.

The stock of hardware of the King's Mountain Hardware Company was sold last Saturday at the office of the trustee, E. L. Campbell, and was bought by D. M. Baker of our town. The appraisers cut the stock takers price 7 1/2 per cent, and then Mr. Baker's bid was 75 per cent of this amount. The entire stock amounted to nearly \$10,000.

School Exercises at Casar.

The school at Casar taught by Mr. J. H. Brackett will close Friday, March 17th, with an exhibition at night. There will be appropriate and entertaining exercises by the children, consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues. Prof. B. T. Falls will deliver the address. A big crowd is expected to be present. Every body is invited to attend.

Again Vindicated.

Grover Cleveland has lived to see another of his public acts approved. His recommendation that captured Confederate flags be returned to the South has at last been carried out. It is only a matter of time until everything he ever did will be approved. The old man has been traveling some yards ahead all the time.

Every time a man calls his wife an angel she thinks he is hatching some scheme to avoid buying her a new gown.

BIG APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Three Aggregate \$357,000,000—Term "War of the Rebellion" Retracted by Senator McComas.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—During the day the Senate considered and passed three supply bills aggregating an appropriation of over \$357,000,000 and at night took up a fourth bill carrying over \$67,000,000. The session began at 11 a. m., and after a recess lasting from 6 to 8, continued well into the night.

The appropriation measures passed during the day's session were: The postoffice bill, carrying \$181,000,000, and the river and harbor bill, carrying, in immediate appropriation and continuing contracts, \$58,350,989. The river and harbor bill was increased by \$332,000, among the increases being Winyah Bay, S. C., \$40,000; Charleston, S. C., \$25,000; Cumberland River, Tenn., \$50,000.

During the consideration of the postoffice bill Mr. Clay took exception to the increase of the appropriation for pneumatic tube service to \$1,500,000, saying that the Postmaster General's estimate called for only \$500,000. He said that the plan was to extend the service to cities of 200,000, and added that already cities of 100,000 were beginning to ask for the service. He also asserted that the expenditures on behalf of the postoffices in the United States were now practically equal to the entire expenses of the government 14 years ago.

Mr. McComas proposed an amendment giving preference to soldiers of the war of the rebellion in the matter of the transfer of railway clerks to the regular clerical service.

"Make it soldiers of the civil war," suggested Mr. Bacon, adding, "It is more courteous." The change was made and the amendment agreed to.

Getting in Line for Next Congress.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Speculation is rife as to who will be the leaders in the next Congress, for it is certain that the next campaign will be fought with new leaders. There are aspirants sufficient in both parties and each are supported by their own coteries of admirers, but until the new session of Congress is fairly launched and in working order, no great importance can be attached to the predictions which now one hears on every hand. Every one is awaiting with interest the special message of the President to the extra session. Whatever other measures are recommended will doubtless be secondary to the rate reduction question.

Cleveland Boy Honored.

Mr. Lee Weathers, who is now in his freshman year at Wake Forest College, has been elected by the Euzelian Literary Society as commencement marshal. This is a much coveted honor the race for it this time being heated. Mr. Weathers had two opponents, but got more votes than both combined. Lee is the son of Mr. A. P. Weathers and is a bright and popular young man, as is evidenced by this latest honor and by the fact that he is also president of his class.

Death of Mrs. John Hartman.

Mrs. Nancy Hartman, wife of Mr. John Hartman, died at her home in Belwood Sunday, February 26, of pneumonia. She was 65 years old and a sweet, lovable lady. She leaves two children, both married. Her remains were laid to rest in Knob Creek Methodist Protestant church, of which she was a member, Rev. T. F. McCulloch conducting the funeral services.

Real Estate Deals.

Mr. A. R. C. DePriest, of Polkville, bought from Mr. A. B. Jones, of Polkville 42 1/2 acres of land, paying for it about \$30 per acre. Mr. S. A. Carpenter bought of Mr. A. B. Jones 42 1/2 acres, paying about \$30 a acre. Mr. C. E. Withrow bought of Mr. Albert Whisnant 25 acres, paying \$12 per acre.

DORIS HORD DEAD.

Sad Death in Shelby—The Passing Away of a Fine Young Man.

Death has again entered a Shelby home and carried away a young man just as he was entering the broad field of life. Mr. Doris Hord, the 21 year old son of Mr. Madison Hord, died in Shelby Monday of Diabetic. Although Doris has suffered a period of bad health several months, it was thought that he had fully recuperated, for he had been able to work and was looking strong and healthy till a few days before he was taken sick the second time. This time he was confined to his bed but a few days, his disease being so dreadful and fatal.

Doris was reared in the country in the Zion neighborhood and was an exceeding industrious and lovable young man. His mother, the daughter of Mr. Albert Weathers' preceded him to the grave about six months. The remains of Mr. Hord were carried to Zion church Tuesday at one o'clock and his funeral preached by Rev. A. C. Irvin, an old friend and relative of his family. At two o'clock his body was placed in the grave. It was then indeed a sad hour. Besides a host of friends and other relatives, he leaves to grieve over his departure a father, a sister, Mrs. Roy Wilson, and a little brother. They should find comfort in the thought that God does all things well and that the departed one is free from all suffering and sorrow. Yet the loss of such a gentle, lovable, and dutiful brother and son is a blow the sadness of which can be realized only by those who have had the sorrowful experience.

Waiting for a Chance.

It is a dangerous thing to wait for opportunities until it becomes a habit. Energy and inclination for hard work ooze out in the waiting. Opportunity becomes invisible to those who are doing nothing, or looking somewhere else for it. It is the great worker, the man who is alert for chances that sees them.

Some people become so opportunity blind that they can not see chances anywhere—they would pass through a gold mine without noticing anything precious—while others will find opportunities in the most barren and out of the way places. Bunyan found opportunity in Bedford jail to write the greatest allegory in the world on the untwisted paper that had been used to cork his bottles of milk. A Theodore or a Lucy Stone sees an opportunity to go to college in a chance to pick berries. One boy sees an opportunity to his ambition in a chance to chop wood, wait on the table or run errands, where another sees no chance at all. One sees an opportunity to get an education in the odds and ends of time, evenings and half holidays, which another throws away.

Only One Death in Family in 57 Years.

Jonesville Correspondence Milwaukee Sentinel. This afternoon one of the most remarkable reunions ever held in Rock county took place in the town of Footville at the home of Mrs. Kate Dean. The occasion was the celebration of her mother's ninety-second birth day, and there were present nine children, thirty-four grand children and thirteen great-grandchildren. With the exception of the death of the father, James Snyder, thirteen years ago, there has not been a death in the Snyder family for fifty-seven years.

Died in Texas.

We learn from the King's Mountain Herald that Mr. Rufus Falls, the youngest son of Mrs. James B. Falls, of King's Mountain, died of consumption at the home of his brother in Texas and was buried February 13th, at that place. Mr. Falls had been in Texas about ten years. A good way to respect people is not to get too intimate with them. True love is too polite to look at the clock.

DEATH OF MR. M. H. D. ROBERTS.

A Good Citizen Passes Away—Reaches the Ripe of Age of 77 Years.

Mr. Martin H. Roberts died at his home near Patterson Springs Saturday March 4th. He was one of the county's best citizens and had lived a long life, having attained the ripe old age of 77 years. While his people are sorry to see him leave they find consolation in the fact that his Master allowed him to live three score years and ten, and that throughout his life he was an industrious, conscientious, christian gentleman. His loss is great both to the family and to the community. He was buried Sunday at Pleasant Hill. Rev. D. G. Washburn conducting the funeral services. He was a member of Patterson Springs Methodist church. Three children survive him to whom we extend our warmest sympathy.

Proved the Ground-Hog Theory.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

There are many ground-hog stories, but this one, coming from Eou'sville is a prize one; Rudolph Harting, a druggist, is probably the first man to prove the ancient ground-hog story, but he has certainly demonstrated the fact by actual test. Hartin was presented with a ground-hog last fall. He made for his pet a warm house, and fed him till he was fat. When the weather became cold the hog laid himself down, and no amount of coaxing could arouse him. A few weeks ago, Mr. Harting, anticipating that he would get up on February 2, placed under him six hens eggs. On Thursday, February 2, six wee chickens broke the eggshells and nestle themselves about the strange incubator. That day the ground-hog awoke, got up, playing about for a time, viewed curiously his companions, laid himself down and is again fast asleep.

Pleasure of Real Old Age

Boston Traveler.

Free from the distractions of life the aged are at leisure to observe and admire. "I never knew," said Cornaro, "that the world was beautiful until I reach old age." This period was frequently declared by him to be the most beautiful of his life. Writing at the age of 91 he said that he felt it his duty to make known to the world that men could attain to an earthly paradise after the age of 90, but only by means of the two virtues, self-restraint and temperance. At that time he was writing eight hours a day, walking and singing many other hours, enjoying the beauties of nature and abundant in labors for the good of mankind.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Houser, near Shelby, on Thursday, a girl.

—Dicey Lattimore, a negro woman about 65 years old, died at the county home Thursday. She had been an invalid for twenty-five years, having been in bed most of the time.

—The many friends of Rev. B. M. Bridges, of Camp Hill, will be sorry to learn that he has decided to leave Cleveland. He and family will move to Mecklenburg. Mr. Bridges has been preaching in this county for many years and has many staunch friends who wish him every success in his new home.

—Rev. Mr. Campbell, a disciple of the sanctificationists was on the streets of Shelby Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This evangelist leads the strenuous life, singing, praying and preaching on the streets. He sings and hymn in strong stentorian tones, kneels and prays and then begins to dispense with his scriptural arguments. He usually has a crowd and seems to be well versed in quotations from the Bible.

Mr. Jap Suttle was in Waco Sunday.

Mr. Fields Young, of Cherokee Falls, is visiting his relatives at Shelby. Mr. Young holds a lucrative position at Cherokee Falls as a salesman. Rev. W. R. Minter was in Rutuertordton last week.