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FATAL SHOOTING AFFAIR.

As Result of Sunday Card Game, Negro Woman is Shot Dead and Son Wounded.

Charlotte Observer.

Spray, April 30.—Pattie Dillard, colored, was shot to death yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock, and her son, Jim Ray Dillard, was mortally wounded. John Moir, colored, is the man who committed the deed. The shooting occurred at Blue Creek, a negro settlement about two miles from town. It seems that John Moir and Jim Ray Dillard were having a game of cards and got into a discussion that led to angry words. Pattie Dillard came in to stop the disturbance and ordered Moir out, whereupon Moir drew a pistol and fired at the woman, killing her instantly. He then turned the gun on Jim Ray Dillard and inflicted a serious and perhaps fatal wound. The negro was knocked down by the dead woman's uncle and held for a while, but while search was being made for a policeman, Moir escaped and is still at large.

Remarkable Case.

Frail Durham, the young man convicted in Polk county of murder in the second degree for shooting Deputy Sheriff Hinton, at last secured entrance into the penitentiary today. Durham said that he came to Raleigh 10 days ago, accompanied by his brother, intending to go to the penitentiary and deliver himself to the authorities there, but that they could not receive him without the commitment papers, and so he has been here ever since, enjoying life. He says he will not be 21 years old until the 8th of June next. He appeared to look forward with interest to his penitentiary experiences. He has quite a boyish appearance and manner. He enjoyed his stay in Raleigh very much and saw all the sights, just as a casual visitor would do. He is to serve a 14-year term, though no doubt good behavior will shorten that very considerably.—Raleigh Dispatch.

Money for Indians.

Washington, April 30.—The responsibility for the payment of the expenses of the removal of the Cherokee Indians from the Eastern States to Indian Territory, more than half a century ago, was today decided by the Supreme Court of the United States to rest with the government. There were several cases involving the same question. The opinion was handed down by Chief Justice Fuller and affirmed the decision of the Court of Claims, with slight modifications. These expenses were charged to the Cherokee treaty found and the Indians claimed that this was improperly done. The question of interest on the payments also was raised. The judgment of the Court of Claims was in favor of the Cherokees and against the United States, and called for the payment of about \$4,000,000. The case has received much attention from Congress and in the courts.

Death of Mrs. Craven.

Trinity, April 30.—Mrs. Irene Craven, widow of the late Rev. B. Craven, D. D., died at her home here Friday, April 27, at 10 p. m. and her remains were interred in the Trinity Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

W. H. Stain, a farmer living near Raleigh, committed suicide by hanging himself last Sunday. Ill health is supposed to have been the cause.

STRIKE RIOT.

Militia Fire on Assaultants.

Mount Carmel, Pa., April 30.—The first serious collision in the anthracite coal regions since mining was suspended on April 1, occurred here today between a mob of idle Mine Workers and a platoon of the new state constabulary force, and resulted in the injuring of probably 20 men, three of them will probably die. The disturbance was caused by an attack on a detail of the State police by several hundred foreigners, who became incensed at the presence of the constables. They threw stones at the policemen and otherwise endangered their lives to such an extent that they were forced to fire on the crowd, which had swelled into thousands. The riot caused the greatest excitement in the many mining villages of the southern coal fields when it became known that Mine Workers had been shot down, but to-night the affected territory is comparatively quiet.

The Prodigal Son and the Prodigal Daughter.

High Point Enterprise.

I heard that a woman who had led a wayward life joined one of our city churches the other day. I hope she will be held up and encouraged by the membership of that church. Much has been said and written about the prodigal son—how the father met and embraced him even in his rags, of how he was clad in the best raiment, shoes put on his feet and even a ring put on his finger, and how the fatted calf was killed, and the boy, who had spent a bad life, was restored the old-time home. But while we make a hurrah over the prodigal son, we should not overlook nor forget the prodigal daughter.

The above paragraph is taken from the writings of Rev. R. H. Whitaker, who contributes regularly to The News and Observer. This doctrine is often preached, but rarely ever practiced, and such an attitude maintained quietly, yet stubbornly, throughout Christendom is considered the weakest present day practice of the true religion. Within the past few years in some communities, the inconsistency has commanded some attention.

Red Wine Put Fire Out.

An incident of the fire in the Latin quarter on the slope of Telegraph Hill at San Francisco was the use of wine instead of water in fighting the fire.

The only available water supply was found in a well dug in early days. At a critical moment the pump suddenly sucked dry and the water in the well was suddenly exhausted.

Italian residents crushed in their cellars with axes, and, calling for assistance, began rolling out barrels of red wine. The cellars gave barrels until there was fully 500 gallons ready for use. Then barrel heads were smashed in and the bucket brigade turned from water to wine. Sacks were dipped in the wine and used for beating out the fire. Beds were stripped of their blankets and these were soaked in the wine and hung over the exposed portions of the cottages and men on the roofs drenched the shingles and sides of the house with wine. The wine won and the plucky fire fighters saved their homes.—Ex.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church South, is in session at Birmingham, Ala.

Commencement Orators Ought to Change Their Style.

Monroe Journal.

When a man goes out to speak to people he at least ought not to do them any harm by holding up false ideas of life and confusing young people as to the meaning of success. The commencement speaker has much to answer for along this line. Boys and girls have been told so often about the success of big men, and so little about the success of those who, though not born great, made the most of themselves and lived happy and useful, though not famous lives, they are apt to get the wrong ideas about what success really means; and because they can't all be President or Governor, as they are falsely told they can be, they are apt to think that they can't be anything. The value of education is dwelt upon as a means to achieve wealth or fame or both. This is why there is so much error as regards the true value of education, which means simply that each individual should be trained or educated to use to the greatest advantage whatever powers he has, be they large or small. But being told that education means that a boy will necessarily become a Governor or a Senator or occupy some other high place, many people have come to think of education only in this sense, and so, when they see a man who has been to college and been "educated" and does no good in life, they say that education does not pay. The commencement sky-scrapers ought to get down to their business and find what education really is and then talk about it, and stop the meaningless jargon of words that often have more sound than sense.

Bonds for Public Roads.

Many of the counties throughout the State have issued bonds for the construction of macadam and other good roads. The result has been that these counties have been more thoroughly developed and become much more prosperous than those counties which have been contented with poor roads. The issuing of bonds by a county will mean but a very small increase in taxes, which as the years go on, will be more than counterbalanced by the large increase in the value of land and of other taxable property. It is a fair and equitable arrangement that future generations should pay for a portion of the improvements of our public roads, as they derive as great a benefit as the present generation. Too many have the idea that to bond our counties will mean a very large increase in their taxes without their deriving any material benefit from the expenditure, not realizing that the increase in the value of property; and the decrease in the cost of maintenance of the roads and wear and tear on horses, wagons and harness is so much money saved. Are you interested in good roads? If so, call meetings in various sections of your county to discuss this important question and also the advisability of bonding your county for the purpose of raising sufficient money to macadamize the principal roads of your county.

The members of the North Carolina Geological Survey will, as far as possible, meet your committees and deliver addresses in your counties regarding the value of public roads; the best methods of constructing same and the issuing of bonds. The Geological Survey will also assist in the construction of the first mile of macadam by furnishing an engineer to give instructions and superintend the work.—Good Roads Association.

Sunday School Convention.

The Baptist Sunday school convention, held in Lower Creek church last Saturday and Sunday, was very well attended. A majority of the churches and Sunday schools of the county were represented by delegates, and their reports showed a great improvement over last year in this line of christian work. The fact that a greater number of Sunday schools were open during the winter months is evidence that our people are fast catching the spirit of true progress. The enthusiasm and interest manifested during the entire session of the convention shows that the churches recognize the importance of Sunday school work.

The convention was favored with a number of excellent addresses. The speeches made by Rev. J. A. White, V. H. Beach, J. V. McCall and J. W. Whisnant were especially interesting and instructive.

Rev. W. P. Southern preached a forceful sermon at eleven o'clock Sunday on the Christian's equipment for Soul Winning. At the close of the sermon a handsome collection was taken for the State Sunday school work.

The next meeting of the convention will be at Granite Falls, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1907. Let us hope that this may be the best year in the history of Sunday school work in Caldwell county.

The people of Lower Creek deserve much credit for the splendid entertainment they gave the Convention.

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Wonderful Has Been The Growth.

For the past seventeen years the Gentry Bros have furnished the most refined, and highest class entertainments ever presented under canvass to the amusement loving public of this country. Each year they have come with a larger show than on its previous visits, they having four distinct shows on tour. Knowing that the public are always looking forward to an enlargement of these famous shows, they have this year combined three of their shows in one, which now places them in the leading ranks of the amusement enterprise of this country. What was once a small dog and pony show is now regarded by the largest circus on the road as the strongest opposition of any show before the public.

The Gentry show in all of its entirety will be seen in this city Tuesday May the 8th for two performances at the show grounds, at 2.15 in the afternoon and at 8 o'clock sharp at night.

The grand street parade, one mile long and the most beautiful pageant ever presented by any circus will leave the show grounds at 10:30 o'clock sharp Tuesday morning and will be seen on the principal streets. The Gentry Show is well worth seeing this year.

Had Bad Luck.

Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Mr. H. G. Minton, of Elkville says he had a run of bad luck last week. To begin with he purchased a load of hay at Lenoir, which poisoned two of his mules and one of his horses. One of the mules died. The other mule and the horse are not able to work yet. He purchased new horse and, while riding, it became frightened, the girth broke and he was thrown and dragged some distance, which bruised him badly. A few days later, he with several others were driving rapidly to fight the fire, when the wagon turned over, the bed striking him on the shoulder. But he has survived it all and was able to carry the mail Saturday.

Outlook for Forest Reserve Bright.

Raleigh, April 29.—Governor Glenn returned this morning from Washington and was in extremely fine spirits. When asked about his visit there he said: "I am very much encouraged at the prospect for the necessary appropriation for the Appalachian forest reserve. All interests were represented, the manufacturers, water-power and electric power owners and farmers. If we can only get the Speaker, Mr. Cannon, our way, I am sure we will win. Uncle Joe Cannon said to several gentlemen that I had made a very convincing argument and one which appealed to him."

With the nesting season of the birds at hand, it is well to remember the law against destroying the nests of song or game birds. It is a good law and should be enforced. Why should a partridge nest or a red-bird's nest, or a mocking-bird's nest be broken up? It is wantonly cruel to destroy the young birds, it is also cruel to break the eggs and end the nesting of the mother-bird. When obedience to unworthy and cruel instincts leads towards extinction instead of increase of our game and song birds, it is high time the law should step in and say as it does say: It is a misdemeanor to take or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any of these birds. The penalty is one dollar for each nest or egg destroyed or taken. Or the offender may be imprisoned from five to ten days for each offense. We hope our readers generally will take notice of this law and do what they can to add to, instead of detract from the charms of bird life in the sections where they live.—Gastonia Gazette.

Mortimer Notes

The forest fires have been raging in this section for the last week doing much damage to the timber. A shanty and its contents belonging to the Wilson Creek Lumber Co., was also destroyed last week by the fires.

Mr. Harry Ritter of Pa., came to Mortimer last week and accepted a position with the Ritter Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hayes from Happy, N. C. visited friends and their old home here last week.

Miss Bonnie Jenkins left last Thursday for Atlanta, Ga., where she will spend part of the summer with relatives.

Misses Winnie Hickie and Jean Batman, from Cranberry, visited at Mr. W. H. Webbs Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Doan the popular mill foreman here left last week for his home in Pa., where he will spend a few days.

Mr. Boone Estes while working on one of the buildings in Edgemont last week received a very painful stroke in one eye by a piece of hatchet chipping off and destroying the sight.

Messrs. G. E. Moore and A. W. Dula of Lenoir passed up this way last week on a fishing excursion. We feel sorry for the little speckled beauties when such a mob as this gets after them.

—REPORTER—

"They're a lot of you fine women folks," said a colored preacher, "dat comes to church and sees every hat in the congregation—every hat but one, de one dat de Lord passes right under yo' nose for help in His cause and to save your black souls." We suppose many white preachers have the same cause for complaints.

NEWS ITEMS.

Asheville is to have a new, 200 room hotel to cost \$150,000.

Severe storms heavy rains and winds have caused much damage in Northern Texas this week.

Prof. Leonidas Moffitt has been elected and inducted into the office of President of Elon College.

The fourth annual session of the North Carolina Federations of Woman's clubs is in session at Charlotte this week.

Another Henderson county man A. Z. Stepp, has left the Democratic party and formally announces his alliance with the Republicans.

Isaac Vernum shot and killed Newell Ripley in a row at Vernum's home ten miles north of Mt. Airy in Carroll County, Va., last Sunday.

Many persons throughout the State have paid their poll taxes during the last few days of April in order to vote in the approaching election.

J. M. Carver, of Buncombe, has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against the Lora Mills, of Gastonia, for the death of his son, a 14 year old lad who was killed by an elevator in the mill.

A Winston dispatch says that sulphur fell with rain during a storm at that place recently. Some of the older people of the place say the same thing has occurred there before during May rains.

Last Sunday, a negro shot and very seriously wounded a white man, a street car conductor named Wiggins in Salisbury. The shooting was unprovoked and much indignation is felt by the people of Salisbury. Wiggins was alive at last accounts and the negro had not been captured.

Cambridge, Mass., April 27.—The Cambridge police to night issued a warrant for the arrest of Erich Muentzer, an instructor in German at Harvard University on a charge of murdering his wife in this city about two weeks ago. It is alleged that Mrs. Muentzer's death was caused by arsenic. The body was taken to Chicago on April 17, but the case was not made public until this evening.

Danville, Va., April 27.—Miss Sallie Dyer, aged 16, and her court, J. T. Ferguson, a young electrician at the power station of the Dan River Power and Manufacturing Company, were drowned late this afternoon while out boat riding on the lake above the new dam. Miss Dyer, it seems, fell from the boat and Mr. Ferguson jumped to save her. As a result, both met their death in the middle of the river.

Strawberry Shipments.

Wilmington, N. C., May 2.—Strawberry shipments through South Rocky Mount yesterday amounted to 206 solid refrigerator cars of a minimum of 400 crates each, exclusive of several thousand crates by Southern Express. It is estimated that the value of the shipments for the single day was over \$300,000 and gives some idea of the size of the mammoth industry in this section. The largest shipment, 49 of the cars, went to New York while Boston and Pittsburg also received large consignments. The prices are ranging from 12 to 20 cents per quart. Thus far has there been no complaint of inadequate transportation facilities though the heavy shipments of yesterday was not expected by the railway people.