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BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE.

Large Quantity Found on Place of Willard O. Bailes.

The home of Willard O. Bailes, Fort Mill township farmer, who a few years ago gained notoriety extending over both the Carolinas as "the marrying squire" (he was a notary public), entertained for a short time Monday afternoon a party whose aspect was quite different to that of the Gretna Green parties of former days when officers from Mecklenburg county and Fort Mill visited his place and captured a large quantity of bottled-in-bond whiskey hidden in a corn crib, just across the line in North Carolina. According to the South Carolina officers the seizure amounted to 140 quarts, but the Charlotte papers of Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning had heard of only 56 quarts being captured by the raiding party.

For the rather unique reason that Bailes' home is in South Carolina and the barn and other out-buildings on the place are in North Carolina, the raid was participated in by officers from both States. After searching the residence and barn, the officers discovered the whiskey carefully hidden under a pile of oats in the corn crib. The crib being on the North Carolina side of the line, the whiskey therefore fell to the officers from that State.

Bailes was not at home when the officers visited his place and up to this morning no word had been received in Fort Mill of his arrest. He is said to have been in Fort Mill Monday. Magistrate Haile of Fort Mill is of the opinion that since the whiskey was captured in North Carolina and Bailes lives in South Carolina and is said to have been in this State when the raid was made, complications might be avoided by leaving his apprehension to the federal authorities. No warrant for Bailes' arrest has been issued in South Carolina, so far as The Times is able to learn.

The officers participating in the raid were: Rural Officers Brown and Johnston of Mecklenburg county and V. D. Potts, policeman, and J. F. Lee, special constable, of Fort Mill.

Sheriff Fred Quinn of York county state to The Times Tuesday afternoon that his office had had its eye on Bailes' place for some time and that he was not surprised to hear of the seizure of liquor there.

Henry N. Patterson Dead.

The Pleasant Valley section of Lancaster county lost a good citizen last Friday afternoon when Henry N. Patterson died at his home in that community. Mr. Patterson had been in declining health for several months and it had been known for some time that he could not survive the illness which had been gradually wearing away his strength. He was 53 years old and had spent all his life in the Pleasant Valley community. He was a successful farmer and in his younger years was in the mercantile business, out of which, in connection with his farming interests, he had accumulated a comfortable competence. He was a member of Harrison Methodist church, of which he was also an officer. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon and interment was in Harrison churchyard. Mr. Patterson is survived by his widow and the following children: W. Fred Patterson, H. N. Patterson, Mrs. Bulah Pettus and Miss Ruth Patterson of Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Effie Byrum of High Point, N. C., and Mrs. Grace Hensley of Columbia.

Interest in Religious Meeting.

Much interest is being shown in Rock Hill in the Gypsy Smith meeting to be held in that city early in October. Cottage prayer-meetings are being held twice a week and many are attending. A large tent has been secured for the meeting and this will be located on a lot near the center of the city. The meeting will last for three weeks and the members of all churches in the city are behind the movement for a great revival.

HEFLIN AIDING PEOPLE.

Alabama Senator Would Give States War Material.

Senator J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama is one of the finest figures in the public life of America and he has won a high place in the history of the American senate, where he labors faithfully and well for the common people, says Senator Tom Watson's Columbia (Ga.) Sentinel.

The senate passed the good roads legislation, an appropriation of 75 million dollars to be distributed among the States.

The bill contains a clause authorizing the secretary of war to turn over to the road authorities of the several States all surplus war material not needed for the purposes of the war department. Under the clause a vast supply of machinery of almost every description will be delivered to the road authorities of the States and in this way the government will render the people a great service.

The manufacturers of road machinery have already received pay for this surplus material and the government is putting it to no use whatever. Thousands and millions of dollars worth of fine machinery will go to waste if it is not turned over to the States and used by the States in making better highways for the traveling public.

The manufacturers do not favor delivering this property to the States, because the manufacturers would be glad to sell new machinery to the States and rob them as they have robbed the United States when selling this surplus material.

An effort was made to eliminate section 8 of the Townsend bill and but for the good work of Senator Heflin the profiteering manufacturers would have won.

In his speech Senator Heflin might have told of the policy adopted by the war department in reference to millions of dollars worth of auto trucks, automobiles, tractors, ambulances, motorcycles and spare parts for each, destroyed in France by the American army because the manufacturers objected to any reshipment of this property. If this property had been returned to this country it would have been in competition with the stocks of manufacturers, therefore the necessity for its destruction.

It is alleged that the war department had a secret agreement or understanding with the manufacturers that this property would not be returned to this country after the armistice. In view of the fact that the war department paid millions of dollars to corporations for goods never delivered to the army, it is not surprising to learn that a secret trade was made with reference to war material in France.

REV. W. W. DANIEL DEAD.

Former Fort Mill Pastor Passes Away at Kingstree.

The Rev. W. W. Daniel, D. D., pastor in 1885 of the Fort Mill circuit and since then for several years president of Columbia college, died suddenly at his home in Kingstree at midnight Monday. Dr. Daniel had been in declining health for several months, but was able Monday morning to attend the opening exercises of the Kingstree public school. Dr. Daniel was a leading minister of the Methodist church in South Carolina. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Kingstree Methodist church and was 62 years old.

Dr. Daniel was admitted to the Methodist conference to preach in 1883. Since that time he had been pastor of a large number of the important churches of the denomination in this State and was president of Columbia college from 1899 to 1916, resigning the presidency during the later year because of declining health.

A number of members of the White and Nims families of Fort Mill township Saturday joined other members of the families living in North Carolina for a picnic at Lakewood, near Charlotte.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest From the Yorkville Enquirer.

"September," observed a Yorkville man, "is the month of snakes and typhoid fever. It is a mean old month any way you take it. But speaking of snakes, I've run across two black snakes in the road in the past three weeks."

The outlook is that more farmers of the Clover community are going to sow wheat this fall than has been the case for a number of years. Seed wheat is very much in demand and the few farmers of this section who have seed wheat for sale are having no trouble disposing of it.

"Well," said a prominent physician the other afternoon, "I haven't collected anything scarcely in the past two years and I am making it a rule to carry my books with me on my rounds now. Lots of people are selling cotton, you know. It is bringing a good price and there's no reason why they should not pay me at least a part of what they owe me. I collected \$140 in old accounts last Saturday and I have several thousand dollars out that I am going to get if cotton stays around 20 cents."

"What in the world made the York county commissioners ever agree to build a bridge over the Catawba at the 'Buster' Boyd site is more than I am able to understand," said E. N. Miller, well known Bethel township man who was talking about the proposed new bridge the other day. "The bridge is so located that it will be of little value to York county people," Mr. Miller went on to say, "and it is going to cost a lot of money to build a road reaching to it. I visited the bridge site for the first time a few days ago and I tell you I believe that people are going to be disappointed." Mr. Miller said that work on the bridge had not yet been started.

More than 300 bales of new crop cotton were sold on the Clover market during the past week. All sorts of business felt it and local tradesmen had the busiest week they have had in a long, long while. The general policy seems to be to sell new cotton and hold on to the old cotton. Lots of debts were paid in Clover the past week and a good deal of money that remained over from the sale of cotton and seed was spent for clothing and shoes and other articles. Cotton in the Clover section is opening fast and people living on the farms are losing no time in gathering it as fast as possible. Clover merchants are getting in their fall stocks and everybody is looking forward to a season of good business.

J. S. Brice, Esq., is now in the sixth week of his very serious illness at his home in Yorkville. He continues to make progress, at least to the extent that every day in which there is no marked backward the outlook is more hopeful. But it is not fair to say that Mr. Brice's condition is no longer serious. There are still periods of annoying temperature and days on which his lungs are not so clear as on other days. But he feels that he is going to get well; he knows that his friends are praying for him and he believes that their prayers are having much to do with the resistance he has been able to offer to the disease. All along he has been patient and cheerful and he continues in just that frame of mind and spirit. He does not talk much, however, even to Mrs. Brice, because as yet he cannot speak more than a very few words except at the expense of painful exertion. It is not practicable to predict the course of his illness, but it is hardly probable that he will be able to be up and about for several weeks yet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ardrey have returned to Fort Mill following a visit they recently paid in Decatur, Ga., to the family of the late Alexander Mack, M. D., who was a brother of Mrs. Ardrey.

DOG AT AUCTION.

Unusual Sale to Take Place in Fort Mill Saturday.

A novel auction sale is advertised on the bulletin board at the local postoffice to take place in Fort Mill Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in front of the store of L. A. Harris & Co., when a hound belonging to a citizen of the upper section of the town is knocked down to the highest bidder to satisfy "damages and maintenance" amounting to \$4.50. The sale is to be conducted under the direction of Magistrate J. R. Haile, whose constable, J. H. Patterson, will be the auctioneer.

Robert Burrage was the owner of two Belgian hares which he kept in a warren at his home in the village of mill No. 1 of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company. One night about three weeks ago a dog broke into the warren and killed the rabbits. Concluding that the dog would return the following night in search of other rabbits to kill, Burrage set a steel trap to try to catch the canine. Sure enough the dog did come back to the warren the following night as Burrage had concluded it would, and sure enough, also, the steel trap did the job planned for it, as the yelping of the dog disclosed.

Burrage located the owner of the dog and demanded \$1 damages for the death of the rabbits. The owner of the dog refused to pay the dollar, saying he did not think the rabbits worth so much. Burrage held out for the dollar, however, and in addition said he would not only hold the dog and proceed legally to try to collect the amount, but would put in another bill for maintenance of the dog until it could be sold by the local magistrate. Neither the claim for damages nor the threat of a bill for maintenance moved the owner of the dog. He was obstinate. Hence the prospect of the first auction sale of a dog ever witnessed in Fort Mill.

Erwin-Smith Wedding.

A marriage of interest to many friends and relatives of the young couple in York and Mecklenburg counties took place at the home of Mrs. Dovie Erwin in Fort Mill last Wednesday evening when her daughter, Miss Juanita, became the bride of Mason Smith, a prosperous young farmer whose home is in Mecklenburg county a few miles from Fort Mill. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches, pastor of the Fort Mill Baptist church and was witnessed by only a few relatives and close friends of the families. The wedding march was played by Miss Elma Bradford. The bride is a popular young woman and the good wishes of her many friends follow her to her new home. Her father was the late Robert M. Erwin, a leading citizen of this section a score of years ago.

Meets Next at Flint Hill.

Flint Hill Baptist church, in the upper section of Fort Mill township, will entertain next September the annual meeting of the York Baptist association, whose 53d session was held at the First Baptist church in Rock Hill last Wednesday and Thursday. At the Rock Hill meeting J. F. Boyd of Fort Mill township was re-elected moderator with W. A. McAfee of York vice moderator. J. D. Smith of York clerk and E. B. Johnston of Rock Hill treasurer. The meeting in Rock Hill was well attended and the reports showed the Baptists are steadily progressing in their work in the county.

Mrs. Mamie Boyd is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Stewart, in Mount Holly, N. C.

James Jeter of Santue, Union county, was a recent guest of his sister, Mrs. O. L. Culp.

Dr. A. L. Ott returned to Fort Mill a few days ago from a visit to friends in Columbia and Ridgeway.

Harry M. Bradford returned this week to Charleston, where he will resume his studies at the Medical College of South Carolina.

MODERN TEXAS CITY.

San Antonio Still Retains Spanish Twang, However.

San Antonio, Texas, scene of the latest destructive flood in the United States, is the subject of the following bulletin issued by the National Geographic society:

"San Antonio is an intimate mixture of old Spain and Mexico and the bustling, bustling America of today," says the bulletin. "It began its life in 1716 as a tiny Spanish military settlement, 'El Presidio de San Antonio de Bexar.' But the leisurely name officially lost most of its trainings when the town became an American community, and to many who have known it best—including O. Henry—it has taken on the unofficial cognomen, 'San-antone.'"

"A hundred years ago San Antonio was almost entirely Spanish and Mexican. Fifty years ago it could be considered only half American. Then the railroads came to quicken its life, the rich 'cow country' round about was developed and a few far-sighted business men woke up to the fact that it was situated without competitors in the very center of a territory that would need unmeasured supplies. Since that time San Antonio has grown its forest of skyscrapers and factory chimneys like scores of its fellow American cities. Approaching the 200,000 mark, and with a greater population than that during the winter tourist season, it leads all other cities in Texas, though it is closely approached by Dallas and Houston. An observer set down suddenly in Commerce or Texas street might easily imagine himself in Syracuse, Atlanta, Memphis, Dayton or any one of a dozen other cities of similar size.

"As it has grown San Antonio has lost most of its exotic flavor, but touches of old Spain and Mexico are still to be found if one searches for them. A few of the narrow, winding streets of the old days are left with sidewalks on which two pedestrians can hardly pass. Iron barred windows are to be seen behind which coy señoritas have stood as Spanish or Mexican youths 'played the bear.' Grated doors and gates in yard-thick walls of the mission days hint as mystery. Those who like the peppery dishes of Latin America may find them of a quality not equaled outside the City of Mexico and a few of the larger cities of the southern republic.

"And in the center of the town, strolling down ordinary business streets, one comes suddenly upon the historic Alamo, the 'Thermopylae of America.' There in Texas' war for independence from Mexico, 179 American frontiersmen held off for 10 days a Mexican army of 6,000 until the last defender was killed. It is a battered old building raised by the hands of Franciscan monks 203 years ago as an outpost of the Christian religion among the Indians. Because of the part it played in their war for independence it is a sacred shrine to all Texans.

"A string of four other missions extending for 15 or 20 miles down the San Antonio river represented, with the Alamo and the Presidio and the village of San Antonio, all that there was of civilization in that part of Texas 200 years ago. Automobile buses now whisk tourists over the 'mission loop' and they clamber over the crumbling walls and halt to read over the liquid Spanish names—Purissima, Concepcion, San Jose, San Francisco de la Espada, and San Juan Capistrano.

"San Antonio's little river has always added a picturesque touch to the city. Throughout the business district the banks of the wall-confined stream have been parked, and groups pause constantly on the many little bridges to admire the sloping, close-cropped lawns set with flower beds and shaded by tall, deep green clumps of banana trees."

Cotton: Twenty cents today.

IN NEW QUARTERS.

"The Times" Now in Building Erected for Its Use.

The Fort Mill Times is now occupying the new building on the west side of Confederate street which, following numerous delays, was finished a few days ago. The building is next door to the Palmetto hotel, a short distance off Main street, and apparently is much better adapted to the use to which it is to be put than any of the other rooms or buildings occupied by the paper during its 30 years' existence.

Up to 12 years ago, when the Times moved into the building on Clatsome street which it used for 10 years, the paper was printed on a hand press and found one small room large enough to meet its needs. Then a cylinder press was installed for the newspaper and more room was necessary. When the Times decided to print in a typotype and other equipment the floor space of the building on Clatsome street in turn proved too limited and the office was moved to the Stewart building in the rear of the postoffice on Confederate street early in 1920. In a number of respects the Stewart building proved unsatisfactory as a home for the paper. Hence the erection of the building The Times is now occupying.

Publication of the Fort Mill Times was begun by the present publisher, who was then a boy 16 years old, in 1891. There was little reason for establishing the paper other than to give the publisher a job. For the greater part of the time since 1891 The Times has been published by B. W. Bradford, who, during the last three or four years of his connection with the paper, published it only for sentimental reasons and as an advertisement for the town. The paper never has been a money-maker.

The Fort Mill correspondent of The State sends that paper the following news item relative to the removal of The Times to its new home:

"The Fort Mill Times, the local newspaper, will be issued this week from its new home on the west side of Confederate street, a building specially erected for its use and admirably adapted for its purposes. Since the interests of the paper were acquired several years ago by W. R. Bradford, many improvements have been made in the appearance and matter contained in the weekly issues and in the equipment of the plant. For many years a 'patent outside' was used, but the paper has been all home print for several years and the matter is unusually good and full of community interest. Mr. Bradford contemplates carrying a stock of stationery in connection with his job printing plant."

Cooper Pleases Charlotte.

Speaking editorially of the visit Monday of Governor Robt. A. Cooper to Charlotte and the speech he made at the "Made-in-Carolinas Exposition," The Observer of Tuesday said:

"They are reporting it to The Observer that Governor Cooper of South Carolina made the best speech of the series so far during the life of the exposition and reports in the local columns indicate that he measured up to the occasion in handsome style. The South Carolina executive made an excellent impression here and from the warmth of his reception he must have felt as if he were among the people who are entitled to vote for him.

"Governor Cooper's visit was decidedly one of the most interesting events of the exposition and the people of Charlotte were glad of the opportunity to do him honor. Coming into a better knowledge of the qualifications of the South Carolina executive, and being familiar with those of their own chief executive, the people of Charlotte have come into an appreciation of the manifest fact that for once both of these two brag Southern commonwealths are ably and equitably governed."