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Negro Meets Horrible Death in Charlotte.

The Observer: George Williams, colored, an employe of R. F. Rivinac & Co., railway contractors, was crushed to death yesterday afternoon in a cave-in which occurred in the deep red cut on the Southern tracks near the North Graham street crossing. Caught beneath the mammoth 55-ton steam shovel in such a manner that he could not extricate himself and pressed down by the settling weight of several tons of dirt, his life was literally squeezed from his body. Those who ran up immediately after the accident happened, heard his groans and cries, but could do nothing. They could even see him writhing in his agony, but they were powerless to lend a helping hand. He was pinned down so that almost the entire weight was directly over his chest, and the end was but a question of moments. As the great mass of clay settled, his struggles became feebler and feebler until death intervened.

State Officers Clash--Supt. Martin Protests against Gov. Ansel's Appointment of Sheppard on State Board.

Columbia special in Charlotte Observer: There was a violent clash today between Governor Ansel and State Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin over the Governor's recent appointment of ex-Governor John C. Sheppard, of Edgefield, as a member of the State board of education, and after the controversy Mr. Martin gave out a red hot roast of the discourtesy and deception on the part of the Governor in appointing a politician on the board instead of a school man.

The clash was precipitated on receipt by the Governor this morning of a letter from Mr. Martin, saying:

"I am informed that you have offered the position on the State board of education, from the second district, to a lawyer and ex-Governor. If such be the case, I wish to serve notice that I expect to make a vigorous protest through the press. Such action will seriously injure the work of this department, as well as have a depressing effect upon the schools and educators of this State. If I am correct as to the second district, this will make two appointments on the State board of education, and the teaching profession has not been recognized. I am sure that they will feel your attitude to them very keenly. I shall not hesitate to speak frankly in regard to this matter."

On reading the letter Governor Ansel at once went to Martin's office and protested that he intended no offense, that he thought he was making the best appointment he could make.

Mr. Martin told the Governor

that he had acted discourteously in the beginning by not inviting him to confer before making the appointment, as all other Governors had done and as was clearly intended by the act creating the board. He told the Chief Executive that after he had "butted in" to his office to have the consultation anyway, he had seen fit to appoint a man who had not been mentioned in the conversation, and that thereby he considered he had been duped and deceived.

Governor Ansel would make no statement for publication today, beyond expressing his regret that he had angered Mr. Martin. He said he made the appointment because he believed it to be the best for the educational interests of the State.

Hurled to Death in Machinery.

Charlotte Observer: Caught accidentally in a belt at the Liddell foundry, where he was employed, hurled into the shaft and mangled before he could be rescued, Mr. Benjamin Porter, a middle-aged employe, met a speedy and terrible death yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The accident occurred while he was attempting to place a belt on a running wheel. His coat sleeve was caught and he was unable to release himself. He died in about 20 minutes after he was extricated from the mix-up.

Fort Mill Lad Loses Leg.

Rock Hill special in The State: Several weeks ago the little 10 year old son of Mr. J. H. Bell at Fort Mill got a bad cut on his right leg with a sharp knife. The wound healed, but afterwards was bruised in play and began to bleed again. After some time he was brought to the hospital here, where it was found necessary to amputate the leg in order to save the little fellow's life. The chances were at first slim, but he is getting along nicely now and unless complications arise will recover.

Pleasant Hill Items.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tiller, of Bishopville, have been visiting relatives at Pleasant Hill. They returned home Tuesday last.

Mr. J. H. Stokes, of Washington, Ga., has been visiting his brother-in-law, Coroner J. M. Caskey.

Miss Sue Marshall and Miss Daisy Cauthen returned home Wednesday from an extended visit to the former's sister, Miss Nannie Williams, of Kershaw.

Mr. Robert Blackmon of Rich Hill loaded a car of sand at this place to ship to Dr. Mackey of Lancaster, for plastering.

Crops are growing and looking fairly well in this section.

News Reader.

Pleasant Hill, Aug. 1.

The Public highways.

Experience of Auto Party Over Road to Charlotte and Return by Monroe---Vast Difference in Lancaster and N. C. Roads.

Editor The News: Apropos of good roads question, it might possibly be of some interest to your readers to hear of a trip made by a party of Lancaster County citizens to Charlotte last Sunday in an automobile.

The party in question left Lancaster at 7.30 a. m. and took the route via Pleasant Valley and Belair. They were just three hours arriving at the Mecklenburg line, a distance approximately of nineteen miles, and it was only by a miracle that they reached the N. C. line at all, as the public road through Lancaster county is a disgrace to a civilized community and is not fit for a pack mule to travel over.

On striking the Mecklenburg County road, just beyond Pleasant Valley, the party was just one hour reaching Charlotte and this included two stops, one at Pineville and one at Griffith. As the distance from the S. C. line is twenty one miles, a comparison would be bad—for Lancaster county.

After spending the day in Charlotte, the party decided, that unless they converted their car into an air-ship, it would be an impossibility, (after the rain), to attempt to get back to Lancaster by the route they came, so it was decided to try it by the Monroe road. On being ready to leave, the party was questioned by a citizen of Charlotte, who has travelled over a greater portion of N. C. in an automobile, as to which route they would return, and on being told by the way of Monroe, he remarked that the road between Matthews and Monroe was very rough. Ye gods! He has certainly never been in Lancaster county, as the worst part of the road is not as rough as Main Street of Lancaster from Marion Witherspoon's corner to W. T. Gregory's.

The party arrived in Monroe, a distance of twenty-five miles, in an hour and ten minutes, having left Charlotte about dark in a terrible rain storm, but managed to get along very well until they struck the Lancaster county road, when they could only make one-fourth speed. The driver of the car, who is a resident of Sumter county, remarked: "Boys, I can't see, but I know I am in Lancaster county as I feel the Lancaster road." While this is a much better road than the Pleasant Valley road, the party was three hours and a half coming from R. E. A. Huey's to Gill's Creek, and were unable to cross, on account of high water.

I understand that the work of macadamizing the road of Mecklenburg county has cost \$3200.

per mile and in two years' time every public road in the county will be macadamized. Think of it! And Lancaster, who can boast of as good, progressive people as there is in the State, sits supinely by, without a real good road within her borders, and watches her neighboring counties build roads that will eventually take trade away that by right belongs to her, when by getting together and spending some money on her highways, she could at least have the consolation of knowing that she was not the laughing stock of her neighbors, one of whom has hired her chain gang to build their own roads.

Who will be the first to start the movement?

W. T. Williams.

Two Elbows on Each Arm.

Mount Airy special in Charlotte Observer: A child was born to John Soots and his wife in Virginia, some distance from this city, which is indeed an odd creature. It has two elbows on each arm. Otherwise the little fellow is very much like other babies, except on the right hand there is no thumb where a thumb ought to be, but at the root of the forefinger there is a well developed thumb. The child is one month old and is doing well.

The Chesterfield Election---Ruling as to Lost Registration Certificates.

The State: The recent agitation concerning the condition of the registration books in various counties has caused members of the boards of registration to exercise considerable care in their construction of the law. Yesterday Gov. Ansel received a telegram from a member of the registration board of Chesterfield county asking if the board has the right to issue duplicate certificates to voters who had misplaced or lost their certificate, for the dispensary election on August 13. The reply was that as the election was to be held less than 30 days from date of telegram it would be illegal to open the books to issue any certificates.

House Struck by Lightning.

The home of Mr. W. E. Dunlap, on Hutchison street, was struck and considerably damaged by lightning last Wednesday afternoon. The bolt struck the corner of the roof at one end of the house and shattered a glass window in the gable end of the house and another lower down. Portions of the weather boarding and the window frames were also torn away. Mr. Dunlap and his family were in the house but none of them was injured or even slightly shocked by the bolt.—Rock Hill Herald.

Dr. D. M. Sweets of Kentucky has declined the presidency of the Presbyterian College at Clinton.

Crazy Farmer Cruelly Beats His Wife.

Bishopville special in the News and Courier: Saturday night Ben J. Johnson, a well-to-do farmer, living between this town and Lucknow, brutally attacked his wife with a heavy walking cane, striking her several severe blows upon different parts of her body, breaking two fingers of her left hand, fracturing her right arm and inflicting bruises and gashes upon her head, one cutting nearly to the temple, rendering her unconscious for several hours.

Johnson tried to run the stick down his wife's throat, lacerating it considerably, and it is certain that her skull is fractured.

The doctors are watching her case with grave apprehension. Since his arrival in town Johnson has been examined by a commission, found to be insane and will be carried to-morrow by Sheriff Muldrow to the Lunatic Asylum at Columbia.

Prohibition for Georgia---House Passes Senate Bill Prohibiting Sale of Liquor in the State.

Atlanta, Ga., July 30.—The Hardeman prohibition bill, passed by the Georgia Senate some days ago, was adopted by the House this evening by a vote of 139 to 39. Two amendments added to the bill by the house will necessitate the bill going back to the Senate for conference, of which there is no doubt, and the bill will then go to Governor Hoke Smith for his signature, which has been previously pledged, and prohibition will become a law in Georgia, but the amendments to day permit the sale of pure alcohol by retail druggists on the the prescription of a reputable physician, and also allow wholesale druggists to carry pure alcohol in stock for sale only to retailers.

The bill prohibits the manufacture or keeping on hand in any place of business, the sale or giving away to induce business within the State of any liquor that may induce intoxication. The new law is to become effective January 1st, 1908.

Four Killed by Boiler Explosion.

A special from Milan, Tenn., says: Four persons were killed outright, another was fatally injured and 9 others were seriously hurt at a late hour to night, when the boiler of an engine attached to a fast Illinois Central fruit train northbound exploded near this place, the train standing on an adjacent siding.

Struck by Lightning in Field.

Huntsville, Ala., special in Atlanta Journal: Mrs. Nellie Mayes, a widow, was struck by lightning while working in her cotton field. The hoe which she was using was shattered by the bolt.