

Safe Blowers at Work

Safe blowers at Blenheim on last Friday night blew open the safe of J J Hood, a merchant at that place, and secured about \$69 in cash. Up to the present time there is no clue to the robbers although every effort is being made to locate them.

In conversation over the 'phone Saturday afternoon Mr. Hood said that the case was simply one of pure robbery. He said that he went home as usual Friday night and although he lived not very far from the store he did not hear the least sound of any robbers. On going to the store Saturday morning the front and the side doors were found unlocked and on looking inside it was found that the safe doors had been blown off and the money which was in the safe was gone.

Further investigation showed that the men who did the robbery "stunt" had gotten a chissel and an old piece of a mower and with these had forced an entrance and drilled the holes in the safe. It is not known but it is presumed that they used dynamite although no noise was heard.

It was stated on the streets here Saturday afternoon that the robbers had entered the blacksmith shop of W J Alkinson and got there the tools with which they did their work from that shop. It was told that they broke open the door of the blacksmith shop in forcing an entrance.

Mr. Hood lost \$69 in cash and in addition his safe is a total wreck. This will run his loss to close to \$200.

The lever of the safe door was wisted out and dynamite inserted in the hole. Bolts of homespun were wrapped around the safe and piled up around it to deaden the sound. A cash box was carried away.

The door was blown open about 10 o'clock. The robbers were seen to enter the store. They were seen to enter the store. They were seen to enter the store.

Money evidently for no other thing in the store was bothered besides the safe. Every effort is being made to locate them and in spite of the fact that they covered their tracks very skilfully they will no doubt be brought to justice sooner or later.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY

Last Sabbath Was a Most Perfect Day in all Respects.

Last Sabbath was glorious in all its beauty. The dawn of spring was ushered in with glad, sunny weather. Not a cloud was visible and the music of the birds almost made one forget that winter was still close in the rear and that more cold and rough weather was still likely to be experienced before the month was passed.

In keeping with the beautiful day the various churches were filled and strong sermons were heard from every pulpit. Each pastor seemed to feel the spirit of the new day and the large congregations heard inspiring and most helpful discourses on the Christian life.

At the Methodist church the Rev. R E Turnipseed preached in the morning to a large congregation and after the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed. At the Presbyterian church the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Bunyan McLeod, faced an unusually large assemblage and his remarks received close attention. Rev. C A Jones, the pastor of the Baptist church, also delivered a most excellent discourse on the bread of life.

The services at the Episcopal church were conducted by the Rev. T Tracy Walsh, who delivered in his usual forcible and convincing manner, truths from the word of God.

The first Sabbath of March will be remembered as beautiful in every particular, spreading gladness and good cheer on all.

OPERATED ON IN FLORENCE

Former Resident of This Place had to Have One Eye Removed.

The following is clipped from the State of Saturday last, the account having been written from Florence:

The many friends of Mr Milton McLaurin will regret to learn that as a result of the injuries received from fire by Mr McLaurin several days ago it has become necessary to remove one of his eyes. Every effort was made to restore the eye, but without avail. Mr. McLaurin has been living in Marion since his removal from Florence several years ago. He was brought to Dr. Hlderton's infirmary here and the operation performed. The operation was successful and Mr. McLaurin is now out of danger. Several years ago Mr. McLaurin was married to Miss Emmie McMillan of Florence. Mr. McLaurin's brother, Capt. Leslie McLaurin, who has his headquarters in Florence, has been with his brother during the whole time.

Oak Ridge Cemetery Committee.

The next meeting of the Oak Ridge cemetery committee will be held at the home of Mrs. W. P. Breeden Sr. Thursday afternoon at four o'clock March 12th. All interested are invited to be present.

Mrs. Sadie Weathley.
President of com.

COLORED SCHOOL DEDICATED.

Interesting Services Held in Chapel on Sunday Afternoon.

The Marlboro Colored Industrial Academy of this town held their new school building which is attractive in appearance and commodious in size, though not yet completed. The building is two and one-half stories high with spacious halls, class rooms, chapel and industrial rooms for work and exhibits. The contractor, Mr L F Townsend, has executed the plans very well indeed and is still at work.

The colored board of trustees have worked very hard and the present school house is largely the result of their careful supervision, aided by a distressed and discouraged people and helped by the white board of trustees and many kind white friends of this community. Our prayer is that more friends will come to our rescue.

The exercises on last Sunday were brief but inspiring. The chairman of the trustee board, Prof. E J Sawyer, being ill, which was a cause for much regret, he having been in the fore-front of educational matters for a long period, the vice chairman, Rev J W Moultrie, presided. Prayer was offered by Doctor Edwards, Solo and chorus, "Count your Blessings," by Mr Allen Stoney, after which Rev F W Price, secretary of the board of trustees, delivered a practical and timely address, full of interesting facts. It was listened to with marked attention and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The chairman of the meeting announced that the dedicatory services will be deferred and after some remarks requested that a collection be taken for the building fund as the trustees are in debt. Two members of the trustee board, Mr Carolina Breeden, and Jonas W Thomas, came forward and waited upon the people. They responded liberally and quickly with a collection of \$60.

The other members of the board of trustees present were Messrs Sidney Thomas and I T Townsend. The colored people are together and are in earnest about the education of their children. They have done well but have not gone quite half way in the completion and furnishing of their new building. They are encouraged, and are solidly and heartily; They deserve the support of the entire community. Now is the time of need. Who will help?

J W Moultrie.

PEACHES AND BLUBBER.

Both Were Easily Obtainable in the Land Which the Professor Knew Nothing About.

Canadians are very touchy on the subject of climate, as Rudyard Kipling discovered when he somewhat thoughtlessly dubbed the dominion Our Lady of the Snows. When Arthur Stringer, the young Canadian poet and author, first went to Oxford, he carried with him letters from Prof. Goldwit, Smith, of Toronto, to Prof. York Powell, the distinguished historian of Christ Church, says the Philadelphia Post.

The old Oxford don, like one or two other Englishmen, had very vague ideas about Canada, and somewhat surprised the young stranger by inquiring if he got along nicely on English roast mutton after living so long on frozen seal meat. The young poet gravely protested that he perhaps missed his whale blubber a little, but the next day cabled home, and in less than a week the finest basket of autumn peaches ever grown in Ontario, carefully packed in sawdust, was on its way to Oxford. A short time afterward the young author was again dining with the regius professor at Oxford, and that gentleman produced at the meal a fruit dish loaded with tremendous peaches.

"Most extraordinary," said the old professor, "but these peaches were sent to me to-day, and I'm blest if I know who sent them. From the south of France, I suspect, so I saved a few of them for you, Stringer—they will be such a novelty, you know!"

The Canadian very quietly took a steamship company's bill of lading from his pocket and handed it to the professor. The professor gazed at the bill, and then at the fruit, then at the poet.

"I had some whale blubber, too, professor," said that young man, "but I simply had to eat that. These other things were grown on my uncle's farm near Kent county, Ont., you know. He has 200 bushels of them every year, and he sent me over a basket of little ones, along with the whale blubber."

A TAME WILD RABBIT.

An Animal That Is Difficult to Domesticate—A Hunter's Story of One.

Two sportsmen lay in a Montgomery county field the other day, smoking and rejoicing in the possession of a good string of rabbits, says the Philadelphia Record. "Did you ever see a tame wild rabbit?" said one of the men. "No, they say they can't tame the wild ones," the other answered. "I've been used to have some domestic ones."

The sportsman who had the tame rabbit said that he had been hunting for some time and had finally secured one. He had been hunting for some time and had finally secured one. He had been hunting for some time and had finally secured one.

would make naturally for the woods and underbrush, though if a dog got after it it would kite like the wind for the house. A very tame wild rabbit. My boy kept it in the yard with a tame guinea pig and alligator. Sometimes he would take all three out for an airing, and it was funny to see, on the pavement, going slowly along behind my boy, the rabbit and guinea pig, with the little alligator waddling awkwardly in the middle. They were the best of friends, but some bad youngsters from next door broke into the yard one night and killed them with an ax. That rabbit of my boy's was, I guess, the only wild one ever known to be tamed."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Experiments on Communication Between Balloons Six Miles Apart and One Mile High.

Experiments were lately made at Vienna on the possibility of communication between balloons and wireless telegraphy, and they met with some success. A captive balloon takes the place of the tail mast as used in the Marconi system. A copper wire is stretched between it and the earth, where the transmitting apparatus is placed, the second balloon, which ascends freely, carries the receiving instrument and is furnished with a wire 60 feet long hanging downward from the basket. The balloons received and transmitted messages up to a distance of six miles and at an elevation of about a mile. Of course, the great difficulty will be to establish a transmitting station in a free balloon, both on account of the weight of the necessary apparatus and also because there is danger of discharges from the powerful condenser so near the inflammable gas of the balloon. Future experiments will be looked for with interest by all who are engaged in making a study of wireless telegraphy.

Color in Commerce.

The United States consul general in Frankfort says "that it is important to study the taste of people in the matter of color, as well as in regard to shape, in designing goods for a foreign market. Saxon makers of needles drove England out of Brazil by selling their goods in pink black. Other German makers of needles drove France out of Russia by selling their goods in blue. France recent years has been successful in selling its goods in blue. France recent years has been successful in selling its goods in blue. France recent years has been successful in selling its goods in blue."

Where Hats Are Made. There are parts of the world where hats are unknown except in the hands of men, when they need their heads, and the hats are made of the skins of animals.

Volcanic Soils. The southern part of the United States is volcanic in origin and the soil is volcanic. The volcanic soil is rich in minerals and is very fertile. The volcanic soil is rich in minerals and is very fertile. The volcanic soil is rich in minerals and is very fertile.

SIX FREE TRIPS

TO THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT

The Pee Dee Advocate and the Marlboro Democrat are going to send a party of six to Washington on the occasion of the inauguration of the 27th President of the United States, on March 4, 1909.

Three of the party are to be selected by the readers of the Advocate and the Democrat. The party will be composed of the following:

1. The most popular minister in Marlboro county.
2. The most popular public school teacher in Marlboro County.
3. The most popular young lady in Marlboro county.
4. The person who sends in the largest amount for subscriptions to the Pee Dee Advocate.
5. The person who sends in the largest amount for subscriptions to the Marlboro Democrat.
6. The person who sends in the largest amount for subscriptions to the Advocate and Democrat together.

Each of these persons will be given free railroad tickets to Washington and return, so as to include March 4, 1909, the date of the inauguration of President Roosevelt's successor.

The party will probably go to Washington a day or two in advance of the inauguration, so as to witness the closing scenes of the present Congress, which will adjourn sine die on March 4, 1909.

The party will also be given a free trip to Mt. Vernon, Va., the old home of George Washington. There can be seen the house in which the First President lived and died, the furniture which he used, the carriage in which he rode, the tomb in which he is buried, and many other relics.

At Washington can be seen the beautiful Capitol, the White House, the U. S. Treasury, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, where money is made, Statuary Hall, Congressional Library, National Museum, Smithsonian Institute, Corcoran Art Gallery, and many other things of national interest.

A trip will be taken to the top of the Washington Monument, which is 555 feet high. From it the whole city of Washington can be seen, with the Potomac river winding along its border.

Conditions of the Contest

1. Each person who subscribes for the Pee Dee Advocate or the Marlboro Democrat will be entitled, for each cent paid on subscription, to one vote for each of the persons to be elected. If \$1.50 is paid for the Advocate one year, the subscriber will be entitled to 150 votes for a minister, a public school teacher and a young lady. Eighty cents for the Advocate six months will entitle the subscriber to 80 votes. One dollar for the Democrat a year will entitle the subscriber to 100 votes. The votes must be given in at the same time the money is paid.

2. Every agent of the Advocate or Democrat will be entitled to as many votes as will the subscribers whose subscriptions he or she gets. An agent who gets 10 annual subscribers for the Advocate, will be entitled to 1500 votes. Ten for the Democrat will give him or her 1000 votes. Agents' votes must also be sent in with the money.

3. A ballot will be printed in each issue of the Advocate and Democrat, which, when cut out and sent in before the expiration of the date printed in the ballot, will count as ten votes for one person in each of the three classes in the contest. These ballots will not be counted unless they are sent in before the expiration of the time printed in the ballot.

4. Agents who are getting up clubs should send in their subscriptions and votes as often as possible. It is not necessary to get up a large club before sending in the names, money and votes. Each person will be credited with every cent sent in, and will get the benefit of the total at the close of the contest. No person will be counted as an agent, however, till he or she sends in at least ten subscriptions.

5. No person will be entitled to more than one prize. If the same person appears to be entitled to more than one trip, then one of the trips will be given to the person who sends in the second largest amount for the Advocate and Democrat combined. If the same person still seems to have two trips, one of them will be given for the third largest amount for both papers combined.

6. Besides being allowed the votes indicated above, and having a chance to win a free trip to the inauguration of the next President, all agents will be allowed ten per cent commission on all money collected by them. This applies to renewals as well as new subscriptions. To be entitled to commissions, an agent must send in, at first, as many as three subscriptions. After that, one or more may be sent a time by the agent.

7. No subscription will be taken on credit for anybody. We do not keep subscription accounts and the Democrat, revised up to the close of the preceding week.

8. The contest will close at 6 P. M. on the fifth day of February, 1909. The votes will be counted and the trips awarded by a committee of three citizens of Marlboro county who are also to be elected by the voters themselves. There is a place on each ballot for the names of the citizens whom the voters choose to count the votes. The time for voting for this committee will close just a week before the regular contest. The ballots for them will be counted by the editors of the Advocate and Democrat, and the three highest will be declared the managers of the election. Their names will be published in the paper preceding the close of the contest for the free trips. In case any manager elected cannot serve, he or she will be allowed to name a substitute.

This ballot, if in the office of the Pee Dee Advocate and the Marlboro Democrat, before 6 P. M. of Mar. 14, 1908, will count as ten votes for each of the following three persons to receive free trips to Washington and Mt. Vernon, to the inauguration of the next President of the United States:

Rev. _____ pastor of the _____ church

_____ teacher in the _____ school

_____ young lady residing in _____

This ballot will also count as ten votes for the following citizens as managers of election,

_____ of _____

_____ of _____

_____ of _____

The ballots to be sent in with subscriptions have a little different form from the above. They are printed separately and can be obtained at the office by any agent or subscriber who will call or write for them.

The contest is now on. Begin to send in your votes at once. The sooner you get your favorites in the lead, the better chance they will have of winning.

Subscribers will be entitled to the same number of votes, whether paid at the office sent by mail, or paid to an agent. But in every case the votes must come in with the money, or else they will not be counted.

Agents should go to work at once. A subscriber picked up here and there, every now and then will amount to a great deal by the time the contest closes. ADDRESS,

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