

Illustration of Mob Spirit: Statesville Landmark.

The work of the Illinois mob last week is characteristic of all mobs. The crime that provoked the lynching of the negro was so terrible that one can appreciate the feeling of the outraged populace; can in a degree sympathize with the wrath which resulted in the outbreak, while not excusing it. But the very action of the mob shows the danger of tolerating the mob spirit. It did not stop with taking the life of the wretch who so richly deserved death. The thirst for blood was aroused and one victim was not enough. A man charged with the murder of his wife was convenient and he, too, was slain. This man had been in jail for four months. The crime with which he was charged was committed last summer. So far as is known, no attempt had been made to lynch him and there had been no thought of lynching him until the mob ran riot. When one in the crowd suggested that the man was innocent, so great was the mob's fury that he was set upon for making the suggestion and would have been killed had he not disclaimed his words and been carried away. If the man charged with wife murder was guilty he deserved death—although the mob had no right to inflict the penalty—but there was a possibility of his innocence. Passing this by, however, the fact that there was no attempt to lynch him until the mob spirit was aroused by the other incident clearly shows that nobody and nothing is safe when the mob spirit is aroused.

It would be easy, on such occasions, to kill men charged with no offence whatever, purely for the love of killing; and especially might this be done, as it doubtless has been done, where some member of the mob had a grievance. The mob strikes at the very foundation of civilization, and no man's home, no man's family and no man's life is safe when the mob holds sway. No matter what our personal feeling, no matter how strongly we feel that the person charged with a crime should die and speedily, we cannot, if we value peace and good order, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—we cannot for a moment countenance mob law.

The excuse offered for the Cairo incident is that there had been many crimes and but few punished; or punished inadequately if punished at all. That complaint is almost universal. Certainly it is a just complaint in North Carolina with reference to the crime of homicide. It is urgent then that every citizen who loves his country; every citizen who would maintain the peace and good order of society—and every good citizen desires that—should lend his best efforts to the enforcement of the law—its rigid enforcement if necessary to lesson crime. In law enforcement, in the punishment of offenders, is our hope, our salvation. Leniency begets lawlessness—encourages the vicious to commit crime and exasperates others to commit one crime to avenge another—all tending to destruction. It is urgent that we not only consider these things but act upon them, lest a worse thing come upon us.

The finishing plant of the Skyland hosiery mill at Flat Rock, near Hendersonville, was destroyed by fire on last Thursday the loss being estimated at \$75,000. One hundred people are thrown out of employment.

Rev. Bob Taylor of Tenn. will be in Newton Saturday night to lecture at the graded school, why should he not be induced to come to Boone while over in this part of the world?

Prof. Wilfred C. Wheeler, first assistant chemist in the engineering experiment station of the University of Illinois, has suicided by taking a dose of potassium on the college campus. He left a note to his wife saying he was tired of living and telling her what steps to take to obtain his insurance. He was so peculiarly organized that he could not endure domestic life, and when a little one arrived at his home he viewed its arrival with an indifference that was scandalous, confessing that he disliked babies. He was only 80 years old and free from any financial worries. He must have been a curious fellow not to be happy with a nice wife and a dear little pink bundle of humanity called a baby. We would never think of objecting to a score of them, one at a time, were we able to do for them as they deserve.

A terrible accident occurred at Monbo, Catawba county, a few days since when the four year old son of Jacob Oren got in possession of some matches and went into the barn striking them and setting fire to the structure. When discovered the barn was enveloped in flames and all chances to rescue the child gone, and he was charred. Another argument against children having access to matches.

The best things are nearest; breath in your nostrils, light in your eye, power at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Mr. Williams, a leading merchant of Rockingham, has in his possession a large stone, weighing about 50 pounds, which has on it a perfect imprint of a human foot. The stone is known as an ironstone and was found in the Pee Dee river, just below the big dam at Blewett Falls.

William Laffin, publisher of the New York Sun, died Friday at his country home on Long Island from an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Laffin was an Irishman by birth and had been in the newspaper business in this country for forty years.

A total eclipse of the moon will be visible here to the naked eye late tomorrow night and early Saturday morning. The shadow makes its first appearance about 7 o'clock, but the eclipse will not be total until early Saturday morning.

On the night of the 14th inst, at Spruce Pine Mitchell county, another killing took place, Luther Bailey killed Frank Cooper, and made good his escape, no particulars have, as yet been obtained.

Geo. L. Norman the noted architect of Spartanburg, suicided on Wednesday of last week, he was a Swede whose designs were noted for originality, and at one time he did much work in the Carolinas.

At Barnwell, South Carolina, the five month old child of E. W. Holman died recently of blood poison, caused by the bites of pet white mice.

The Landmark says that eight car loads of live turkeys passed through Statesville Saturday en route to the northern cities for the thanksgiving trade.

Henry Barner superintendent of the Lutheran Publication society is dead.

An effort is being made to erect in Hickory a sanatorium for consumptives.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CONFERENCE

The Western North Carolina Conference closed in Hickory Monday, and we would be glad to give the full list of appointments, but our limited space forbids, so we only give a few of most interest to our people.

Rev. R. M. Taylor, Presiding Elder for Mt. Airy District. Boone circuit, T. E. Weaver, who was on the Watauga work the past year.

Jefferson circuit, F. L. Shore. Laurel Springs, O. P. Routh. Pilot Mountain, J. C. Richardson.

Sparta, J. C. Keever. Watauga circuit, B. F. Fincher. Wilkesboro Station, B. F. Hargett.

Rev. J. H. Brendall, a former pastor on this work, goes to Walnut Cove; while Rev. A. L. Stanford, also a former pastor on Boone circuit, was returned to his work in Lexington.

Rev. W. O. Rudisill, who so faithfully served Boone circuit the past Conference year, goes as a student to Vanderbilt University. It will be seen that we begin another Conference year with a new Presiding Elder and a new pastor.

The Conference will meet in Winston next year, other places were in nomination, but the vote was overwhelming for Winston. The opening of the Conference orphanage there being an influence in favor of that place. Rev. W. M. Bagby our former Presiding Elder was appointed agent to establish a home for superannuated preachers, and he will devote his time to this work without salary.

The Hickory Democrat of which our good friend W. E. Holbrook, has been editor and manager for a long while, has passed from his control under a judgement of the superior court, and he has appealed to the Supreme Court. As it will be some time before the questions can be determined he is now editor and manager of the Piedmont Press, and we have before us the first issue of what promises to be a good, yes a first class local paper. Brother Holbrook has our best wishes for his success.

Col. John R. Webster, editor of the Reidsville Weekly, has been stricken with paralysis and is in a critical condition.

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SECOND ROUND FOR TAX.

The Tax payers of Watauga County will please meet me at the following places and dates for the purpose of paying their taxes for the year 1909:

- Blowing Rock, Holshouser's store.....Dec. 1st
Blue Ridge G. L. Stories store....." 2nd
Elk, Tom Cox's store....." 3rd
Boone, John W. Hodges store....." 4th
Boone, voting place....." 6th
Watauga, Foscoe....." 7th
Watauga, W. W. Mast's store....." 8th
Shawneah Frank Stinson's store....." 9th
Beach Mountain, Dark Ridge school house....." 10th
Loggy Gap McGuire's store....." 11th
Laurel Creek, John Ward's store....." 13th
Beaver Dam, Lewis Farthings store....." 14th
Beaver Dam, John Sherill's store....." 15th
Cave Creek, Wiley Sherwood's store....." 16th
Cave Creek, Mast's store forenoon....." 17th
Cave Creek, Mabel afternoon Reese's store....." 17th
North Fork, Thomas' school house forenoon....." 18th
North Fork, Potters store afternoon....." 18th
Meat Camp, M. S. Miller store's....." 20th
Meat Camp, at the voting place....." 21th
Bald Mountain, voting place....." 22th
Stony Fork, Hendrix & Idle's store....." 23rd
Stony Fork, W. L. Hendrix's store....." 24th

Please let all come prepared to settle your taxes at this call if possible. Most Respectfully, D. C. RAGAN, Sheriff.

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Institute at Twisting Temple. Last Saturday a faithful number of people were present at the teachers' meeting. In the morning a very good report of the schools was given by the teachers of the immediate vicinity. In the evening educational ideas were given by Prof. B. B. Dougherty and others.

This school is being taught by Messrs. Tugman and Norris who are giving entire satisfaction; and it having a local tax speaks for itself. It is a known fact that the best and most industrious people surround the best schools. Thrifty and broad-minded men work for a good school whether it be for their benefit or not.

Twisting Temple is the only school with local tax north-east of Boone and one of the best schools in the county. Oh that more of our schools would vote a local tax.

The News says that in the family of W. R. Beach who live near Hudson Mr. Beach and five children have died of typhoid fever in seven or eight months and that the widow and three children, the remainder of the family are sick of the same disease.

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I appreciate the patronage I have had here to fore, and I trust you will appreciate what I am offering you.

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It is impossible for me to tell you what all I have in stock as my space is too limited.

Most Respectfully, M. B. BLACKBURN.

Oct. 27th 1909.

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Lenoir, N. C., Aug. 25, 1909.

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