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ESTABLISH POST OFFICES ALONG T. & N. C. ROAD

IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED

President Hart and Officers
Coming in Private Car.

WILL CONSIDER CHANGES

Officials will Make a Personal Inspection of the Route Through the Smokies Through which it is Proposed to Extend the Tennessee and North Carolina Road.

With the approach of spring railroad talk increases and the effort to put a road bed through the Smokies is attracting the attention of the people living in this section. From all indications, three separate and distinct companies are fighting for the ownership of the pass through the mountains. The Tennessee and North Carolina road apparently has the whip hand, while the Knoxville and Greenville and the Transcontinental roads are still putting up a fight. It is most likely that one of the two lines, most likely the Knoxville and Greenville will finally become affiliated with the Tennessee and North Carolina company, but in the meantime every advantage seems to lie with this last named company.

It is said that President Hart and other officials of the Tennessee and North Carolina road will pay Newport a visit about April 10, coming in a private car. This car will be taken over the line of the road, and sidetracked at Waterville and then it is proposed that the entire party ride through the mountain pass over the proposed line of extension to Canton, N. C., the objective point of the extension. The grade work done by the two crews which have been at work for some time will enable the party to get through the mountains on horseback.

The Tennessee and North Carolina road has over one half the right of ways on the 35 mile stretch from Waterville to Canton.

The coming of the president of the company, the other officials revives the rumor that radical improvements are to be made in the operating of the road. It is said that two trips per day will be made to Crestmont, and that a mail service will be inaugurated.

A petition has been circulated and frequently signed asking the postoffice department to establish postoffices at Wilton, Bluffton, Hartford and other points along the line. Such a service would enable the people living in the Cosby and Grassy Fork section as well as along the Tennessee and North Carolina road to receive mail a day earlier than at present.

The Transcontinental railroad engineers have been shifted from the Smoky mountain pass to Rutherfordton, N. C., the tents etc., having been shipped to Newport last week and re-billed to the North Carolina point. A few men are still at work doing grade work in the mountain pass.

Greenville South Carolina citizens are still pushing the Knoxville and Greenville road and the summer holds forth many interesting probabilities, as is shown by the following:

Greenville, S. C., March 24.—"Greenville the gateway to get there" with Knoxville as the "set there," objective point, was the slogan and enthusiastic meeting of the Greenville Board of Trade last week. Fully 800 prominent citizens were present, almost 100 of whom stood for two hours during the enthusiastic presentation of plans for uniting Knoxville and

Greenville directly with bonds of steel.

President W. H. Patterson, of the Greenville and Knoxville railroad presented the meeting the plan to extend his road toward Knoxville and asked Greenville to take \$200,000 stock in the enterprise, stating that Transylvania county, of which Brevard, N. C., is the county seat, and with only a small population had subscribed \$100,000.

President W. J. Oliver of the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern railroad proposed to extend his road eastward from Sevierville to Canton without aid, if Greenville would enable Mr. Patterson to put his road into Brevard about forty-five miles west of the present eastern terminus of the Greenville & Knoxville road. Mr. Oliver said the linking of the two roads by building from Canton to Brevard about forty miles and Knoxville's new trunk line to the southeast would thereby be realized.

Mr. Oliver said the road would be standard gauged, the heaviest steel with a grade of not exceeding one and one half per cent. He said also that if Greenville will take \$200,000 he would guarantee Mr. Patterson would have trains running into Brevard in eighteen months, and that within two and a half years a passenger could take breakfast in Greenville and dinner in Knoxville. The present rail distance between the two cities is about 280 miles and this will be reduced by 100 miles by the new road.

NEWPORT PEOPLE AT FT. LAUDERDALE

Local People to Number of Nearly a Score are Making Temporary Home in Florida.

H. L. W. Taylor has returned from a ten days trip to Florida. He was at Fort Lauderdale when the sale of the Florida Fruit Land company was put on and the Newport people interested all realized well on their investment, although none were reported as having drawn any juicy plums. Newport has quite a good representation at Fort Lauderdale at this time, among those present being Dr. C. G. Holland and family, F. H. Taylor and family, H. E. Fine and family, O. P. Ailey, Will Price, Frank Swanson and Carl McNabb.

TENNESSEANS HELD IN PEONAGE

Mountaineers Forced to Work On J. F. Smith's Farm in Georgia.

Savannah, Ga., March 29.—In the United States Court here J. F. Smith, a farmer, L. F. Reins, a constable, and H. W. Reins, a Justice of the Peace, all of Bailey, Appling County, pleaded guilty to charges of having held several men in a state of peonage. Judge Emory Spear fined Smith \$2,000, L. F. Reins \$500 and H. W. Reins \$50.

The men forced to work on Smith's farm were Tennessee mountaineers who had come to Georgia, seeking work.

DELEGATES NAMED FOR S. S. CONVENTION

At the Baptist Sunday school, Sunday, delegates were selected to represent the school at the East Tennessee Baptist Sunday school convention which convene at Sevierville April 12, lasting three days. The delegates named were Superintendent S. R. McSweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Stokely, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Purkey, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. O'Hara, Mrs. C. B. McNabb, Miss Edna Stuart and Miss Claudie Holder.

GIRLS PERISH IN NEW YORK FIRE

Factory Fire Claims Lives of Nearly 150 Persons.

SIXTY JUMPED TO DEATH

Most of the Victims Were So Badly Mangled That it Was Impossible to Identify Them—The Worst Since Slocum Disaster.

New York, March 29.—One hundred and forty-eight persons—133 of them girls and elderly women from the East Side—were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered in smoke or shriveled crisp in a factory fire Saturday afternoon in the worst disaster New York has known since the steamship General Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brothers Island in 1904.

One hundred and forty-one bodies were removed from the ruins, and seven of the forty injured had died in hospitals, swelling the total. This completed the list of dead, most of whom are unidentified. Grief-stricken relatives besieged the morgue as the bodies were laid out.

Nearly all, if not all, the victims were employed by the Triangle Shirtwaist Company, on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten-story loft building at No. 23 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale clothing, tur and millinery district. The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, escaped unscathed from the office of the tenth floor, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building. How the fire started will perhaps never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and the three upper floors only were swept. On the ninth floor fifty bodies were found. Sixty-three, or more, persons were crushed to death by jumping, and more than thirty clogged the elevator shafts.

NAMES NEW COCKE COUNTY POSTMASTER

Congressman Sells Lands Naillon Office for Lewis S. Rains, who Succeeds 'Squire Green.

Congressman Sam R. Sells has made his first Cocke county postoffice change and has named Lewis S. Rains, postmaster at Naillon, to succeed Squire Joe Green. The First district congressman's enemies criticize him for putting friends in office so soon, but this criticism comes principally from the Old Guard which sought Sell's defeat. Among the other postoffices filled by Congressman Sells the past week are the following:

John. H. Hinkle, Carter; Geo. L. DeLozier, Boyd's Creek; T. I. Mount, Kodak, and C. B. Perkins at Roan Mountain. A new postoffice has been established at Crabtree in Carter county and S. G. Nave has been named as postmaster by Congressman Sells.

WISCONSIN TOWN TAXES BACHELORS

Money Raised in This Manner to be Used for Supporting Orphans.

Oconto, Wis., March 29.—The city council has adopted an ordinance imposing a tax of \$6 upon all unmarried men residing in the city between the ages of 21 and 50 years.

The money raised in this manner is to be used for the support of orphans or other needy children.

Little Crayton Rowe fell down a flight of steps, Monday afternoon and sustained painful bruises to his head and legs.

Mrs. John M. Stokely and son, John Burnett, are spending a few days with the McCabe's in Knoxville.

VOTED AGAINST "NO FENCE LAW"

People North of River Were in Favor of It.

MANY VOTERS DIDN'T VOTE

At Del Rio Practically the Same Number of Votes Were for Repeal of Hog Law as There Were Against the "No Fence Law."

Representative Frank Parrott spent Saturday and Sunday with his family, here, and incidentally he learned what the people were thinking of his proposed stock law. Several weeks ago he asked that the voters gather at their respective voting places on Saturday, March 25, and make it known whether they were for or against the stock law, which had been styled "The No Fence Law." Through the newspaper agitation, the voters turned out in large numbers and those living North of the rivers favored the bill overwhelmingly, but the people living on the South side of the river were against it even more overwhelmingly.

Just what the votes show has not been learned. At Newport a mass-meeting was held and it was attended by three or four hundred men and not one word was put forth favoring the "No Fence Law," two or three speeches being made in opposition to it. There were numerous people in the district who favored the bill, but for some reason they refused to participate. If Representative Parrott abides by the votes cast at the different polling places, he will see that the no-fence law is killed, and the stock law of the present will remain in force for the next two years.

At Del Rio 235 voted against the "No Fence law" while only 22 voted for it. When a vote was taken in regard to the repeal of the hog law, 195 voted for the repeal and 24 against the repeal.

CHAS. A. O'DELL SERIOUSLY HURT

Sustains a Very Painful Injury in a Runaway Near Bridgeport.

Charles A. O'Dell was seriously injured Saturday in a runaway on the O'Dell place near Bridgeport. The O'Dells own a pair of Perchoin ponies and one of these was hitched up with an old horse and was being used to gather up brush. The pony rubbed its head against the old horse and rubbed off the bridle. Thinking that he would be able to grab the pony by his head, Charles sprang to its head, but he missed his object and fell between the two horses, was knocked down and the double tree and brush hit him, inflicting a bad cut in the calf of the leg, severely tearing the muscle.

WOULD PUT TAX ON OLD MAIDS

Freak Bill Introduced in Legislature of Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., March 29.—A bill to tax \$7 annually every unmarried woman over 25 years old and to create a "matrimonial commission," consisting of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Property and Chief Clerk of the Assembly, was introduced in the Assembly by Assemblyman Hanson of Manitowoc.

The matrimonial commission is charged with the duty of bringing together kindred souls when application is made for an affinity by any maiden.

Mr. A. S. Willis of Knoxville spent several days here this week.

WRECK BLOCKS THE SOUTHERN

Series of Freight Accidents Causes Delay.

LOCAL CREW ON THE JUMP

Freight Cars Destroyed East of White Pine and Traffic is Held up for Four Hours—Local People Are Delayed.

A series of freight wrecks have interfered with traffic during the past few days an incidentally has given the switch engine crew stationed here an abundance of work. On Saturday a car was derailed at West Myers place East of Bridgeport and the local crew worked until late in the night getting it back on the track. Monday afternoon two cars jumped the track at Bridgeport and Conductor McHarge had the tool car of the Knoxville wrecking equipment on the scene clearing up the wreckage, and while at work at Bridgeport, the report came that the Third Section No. 74 had been wrecked at 5.20 p. m., a quarter of a mile east of White Pine, and this wreck blocked the track until 10:30 p. m., keeping the local crew at work until that time. Three cars of merchandise were destroyed, and about five rail lengths of track torn up.

Train No. 102 was delayed for three hours and ten minutes and the Carolina Special was held up 20 minutes. There were a number of Newport people on Train No. 102, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hurst, who were bringing the remains of their little daughter home for interment. The passenger train was held at White Pine until the wreck was cleared.

On Tuesday morning three cars jumped the track on the Tennessee and North Carolina road, but the derailment was of little consequence and the damage small.

OVER 4,000 VOTERS IN COCKE COUNTY

Only 233 Negroes Old Enough to Vote—Pickett County Has Only 3 Negro Voters.

According to the census there are 4,267 men in Cocke county old enough to vote. Of this number 4,004 are white men and 263 are negroes. The totals for the State are 433,430 white men and 119,142 negroes. Pickett county only has three negro men in it while Union county has but five, Sevier county has 4,594 white men and but 84 negroes. Fayette county has 1,989 white men and 4,503 negroes. Haywood county has 2,112 whites and 3,726 negroes.

NOAH AND HIS ARK STORY BUT FABLE

Rockefeller's Pastor Contends Flood a Creation of Primitive Minds.

New York, March 29.—That many of the statements in the Bible, particularly those in the early chapters of Genesis, are founded on myth, was the statement of the Rev. Dr. Aked at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church.

"The flood," said he, "is not believed to be a fact in history by the students of the Scriptures nor by a student of science. The stories of the flood and many others in the Bible are too much at variance in them as history.

"It may be startling to be told that the Bible is founded on myth. But, then, myth is nothing more than the spontaneous creation of a primitive people, which may be considered as the recording of some early natural phenomena. It is for us to learn the lesson that myth teaches. Myth has beauty and meaning, for it lies at the very beginning of all history and narrative. It would be strange, therefore, if the Bible did not contain myth."

PRITCHETT OUT OF HOSPITAL

Returned to His Home at Jonesboro Saturday.

HAS MADE NO STATEMENT

He Was Exceedingly Weak but was Able to be Driven to the Depot where he Took the Train for His Home.

John Pritchett the young man who was injured in the duel here with Kidwell McSween, March 12, was able to leave the hospital at Knoxville, Saturday and has returned to his home at Jonesboro where he hopes to recover his strength.

The Knoxville Journal and Tribune contained the following reference to his departure, in Sunday's issue.

"I have nothing to say in regard to the shooting, nor do I care to talk of Miss McSween," was the remark of John Pritchett Saturday morning about six o'clock, when approached by a Journal and Tribune reporter. Mr. Pritchett, who was wounded in the pistol duel with Kidwell McSween and which resulted in the instant death of the latter at Newport Sunday morning, March 12, left the Knoxville General hospital Saturday morning about seven o'clock. Although very weak, he was able to drive to the Southern Railway depot, and board the train for his home at Jonesboro.

"The wounded man was accompanied by his brother, E. M. Pritchett, of Oklahoma, who reached Knoxville several days ago and spent a great deal of time at the bedside of his brother. Both young men said they expected to remain at Jonesboro for some time and later, when he became stronger, young Pritchett said he would return to Newport. His brother will leave within the next two weeks for his home in Oklahoma.

"The duel, which shocked the people of Cocke county, came up over Miss Emma McSween. Kidwell McSween brother of the latter, met Pritchett near the depot at an early hour that fatal Sunday morning and the shooting followed. Pritchett claims that McSween fired two shots before he unlimbered his gun. Several shots were fired. McSween fell dead in his tracks and Pritchett received three serious wounds.

"The wounded man was hurried to Knoxville and placed in the hospital, where he hovered between life and death for nearly a week. His recovery was remarkable and is said to have been due to an iron constitution and his indomitable will. During his stay at the hospital, he was visited only by his father, former Sheriff Pritchett, of Jonesboro, and his brother, who came from Oklahoma. He received many letters and flowers, but only a few of the former were given him. Among the letters was one from Miss McSween, but it was opened by the hospital officials before given to Pritchett.

"Mr. Pritchett has improved rapidly during the last few days, and for the first time since the tragedy, was allowed to get a breath of the outer air Friday morning. He was wheeled into a balcony for a few minutes. His brother made arrangements Friday for his removal yesterday morning, and he retired early Friday night happy at the thought of returning home.

"Saturday morning, about 6:30 o'clock, E. M. Pritchett appeared at the hospital, and accompanied by a newspaper man, visited young Pritchett in his room. The latter was propped up in bed, and his face glowed with anticipation of his journey homeward. He was asked a number of questions in regard to the shooting, but none of them was answered. He

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