

SANTA ROSA DESTROYED

FROM PULPIT TO DABBING IN POLITICS

"Sunny Jim" Able to Set Up and Take Notice of a Few Things.

"From Pulpit to Dabbling in Politics."
The above is the caption of certain drivel which was allowed valuable space in the Leader on yesterday. The writer subscribes himself "A Burnt Child," but we are inclined to believe that it is not too much cooking that ails him, but too little. In fact this "Child" is real raw. To use a scriptural expression (of which he seems fond) he is "a cake not turned."
When an unscrupulous political trickster, disturbed in his plans by timely agitation, suddenly assumes an air of injured innocence and reads good citizens a lecture, it is supremely amusing. The air of injured innocence (or other kind for that matter) fits badly. His ears will stick up, and he can't get the "hee haw" out of his voice. When he goes further, and attempts to instruct the Christian ministry as to their duties, and their proper message, it is sublimely ridiculous. We would advise this "burnt chicken" to acquaint himself more accurately with the Sacred Book before he attempts to quote from it again.
How artlessly and innocently this "scorched juvenile" prattles. He states his case so naively. "Let the Devil alone." Why yes! Bless us—that's the case in a nut shell! That's all that Satan asks! O, these naughty preachers! They won't let the Devil alone!
He has things sadly mixed somehow. We are sure that all the theologians will sit up and take notice, when this "burnt child" doctrine goes out to the world! Hear him! "Christ's kingdom is not of this world." This is the devil's world, made so by the fall of Adam." The idea we suppose is, that the preachers and Christian folk generally, should walk around "kinder careful like" and not put their hands on anything. This present time and place belong strictly to Old Nick, and our business is to keep out of the way, and grow our wings as quickly as possible, for flight to a mass congenial time.
O, "Burnt Child," we must confess, if you are "a peach." We want you to keep on. This thing grows serious sometimes, and we need something to tickle us. Your first venture into journalism should be no means be your last. Keep coming. There is one thing, however, which as well-wishers we would call attention to, that is the importance of a graceful non-deplume. This "Burnt Child" business will never do. It has no grace or comeliness whatever. Take the most famous of Lincoln orations, and tack this "Burnt Child" signature to it and watch it shrivel up. The greatest literary genius of the age, would fly wobbly with this thing hanging to him. Such majestic periods as flow from your chaotic and classic pen should not be belittled by such a sizzled-up, fried out, half-cooked pen name as this. Get another one—a real tragedy breathing, soul moving, quasi-romantic one, and see what a difference it makes.
Our soul warns to read "Burnt Child," the tender years and its misfortunes appeal to us, if we knew thy real name, and whereabouts, none would be more ready to apply healing lotions than ourselves. Lacking this knowledge however, we must leave thee to other hands.
SUNNY JIM.

We did not think the above worth serious mention, but one of our humorists wrote it up, and we send it along just for fun.
PUBLICATION COMMITTEE UNITED CITIZENS PARTY.

WITHDRAWAL

This is to give notice to the public that I am not a candidate for councilman in the Fourth Ward. I appreciate the honor bestowed upon me by my party, but my business affairs are such that I cannot make the race, and therefore respectfully withdraw.
W. A. BODELL.

THINKS IT ALL RIGHT.

The Leader, a daily newspaper published at Bluefield, W. Va., is on our table. It is a bright, spicy, and newsy paper, and all who wish a good paper could do no better than to subscribe for the Leader—Pearlburg (Va.) Virginian.

TAZEWELL CITIZEN BADLY INJURED

Fell Under Moving Train and Escape From Death Was Miraculous—Other Tazewell News.

Tazewell, Va., April 19.—W. G. Ratliff, a former resident of Tazewell, came near losing his life on the rail at Paris, Ky., the other day by falling under a moving freight train. He was on the rear of the first section and in some manner fell under the train. Four cars passed over him and the fifth car had a break beam hanging down which caught him and broke his left arm in two places and bruised other parts of his body. The trainmen said that it was a miraculous escape.
Mr. Ratliff arrived here tonight to recuperate, as he had just previous to the accident recovered from an attack of fever.
W. P. Hall, Jr., who has been clerking in Dr. Jackson's drug store in this town for several years, left today for Lynchburg where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis.
Little Johnny Read, son of Benjamin Read, of Pocahontas, is in a dying condition at the home of Prof. Brahe, where he has been boarding and attending school for the past Methodist Church of Tazewell District.
The Preacher's Council for the tract will convene at North Tazewell on next Tuesday night.
The presiding Elder of this district, Rev. G. C. Maiden, will preside.

POSTOFFICE FIGHT IS STILL ON

Several Candidates in the Field Who Will Ask for the Position.

The Roanoke World of last evening says that it has developed that the Republicans of the city are the ones who are delaying the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Funkerhouser.
Who would not like to be postmaster?
Mr. W. E. Renner, the well known and popular grocer, and Mr. Shultz, who ran against Sergeant Tillet, are among those who would like to be postmaster. Mr. Renner's friends, and he has not a few, are understood to have held up the nomination. Mr. Shultz, it is said, left for Washington this morning to look over the field, and there are others pluming themselves.

A MODEL CITY WILL BE BUILT

Steel Trust Gets Busy And Will Build a Town in Minnesota.

St Paul, Minn., April 19.—A model city with saloons or small frame buildings, with water works, a \$60,000 public school, paved streets, public library and all up-to-date conveniences, in the pines of northern Minnesota, is now being constructed by the United States Steel Corporation. This new town will be called Dolerain and will start with a population of 4,000 persons. The site for the new town is on the Iron range, and the occupation of its people will be that of mining.

TAKEN IN CHARGE FOR TREATMENT

Suffering From Too Free Use of Whiskey, Wade Simpkins is Taken in Charge.

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Earthquake and Conflagration Following Destroys The Entire City--Ten Thousand are Homeless and not a Business Place Left.

People Watch Destruction From Hill Tops

SAN FRANCISCO IS DOOMED BY FIRE

Flames Sweep Business Section and has Now Invaded the Residence Part of City--Ghouls Shot Down While Robbing Dead.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 19.—Santa Rosa has been entirely destroyed and not a single business place has been left standing. Ten thousand are homeless and the dead will reach into the hundreds. The streets are one line of charred ruins rendered by the flames following the earthquake. Buildings that were not destroyed by the earthquake were soon consumed by the spreading flames and the people that could, fled to the hills and watched their city being destroyed by fire.
WASHINGTON, April 19.—The first official communication concerning the earthquake at Los Angeles and the destruction of property by flames was received here today from General Funston, of the United States Army. His communication by wire says that they need thousands of tents and all of the rations that can possibly be sent. The business portion of the city is destroyed and at least one hundred thousand people are made homeless. Fire is still raging and the troops are assisting the police in the work of watching ghouls. Many depredations are being committed and numbers of arrests have been made. Numbers of ghouls have been shot down as they were caught stealing from the dead. The loss of life is probably a thousand and at the time of communication the best part of the city had not been destroyed by fire.
LOS ANGELES, April 19.—It is estimated that 2000 lives were lost in the city of San Francisco in the earthquake and conflagration that followed. The hospitals are able with difficulty to care for the injured, many of whom have been treated. The panic-stricken people who have thus far escaped injury are preparing to leave the city in large numbers. The flames ran along a path in a triangular circuit and skipped in a dozen directions to the residence section. At nightfall the fire had made its way over into the North Beach section and south along the shipping section down by bay shore, over hills and across to Third and Townsend streets. Warehouses and manufacturing plants fell in its path. This completed the entire district known as south of Market street. How far south the flames extended has not been told as that part of the city is shut off from the city proper. After dark thousands of persons were making their way with blankets and scanty provisions to Golden Gate Park for shelter. Those in homes in the Mayes alley piled their household in the streets, from where they were carted by trucks to the outskirts of the city.
Everybody in San Francisco who can is preparing to leave the city, believing the town will be totally destroyed. Down town everything is in ruins. Not a business house is left standing, theatres have been crumpled, newspaper plants are useless. The loss will reach \$150,000,000 or \$200,000,000, but nothing definite will be known until a partial counting is made. On every side is death and suffering. During the late afternoon three people were shot by soldiers as they were at work in the ruins. The buildings not destroyed by fire were blown down, but the gaps did not stop the mad rush of the fiery elements. The brave fire fighters who are now working, are working in shifts, being compelled by their long battle with the flames to seek rest.
In the City Hall every document on record was burned. Mechanics' pavilion caught fire just as the last of the injured had been carried from it. Women fainted everywhere and the scenes enacted have made brave men weep. Willing men were driven back by the police while their homes were burned before them.

DISMAY AT SIOUX FALLS

Members of Divorce Colony will Press Suits.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 19.—The United States Supreme Court decision in the Haddock divorce case created a sensation here today among members of the divorce colony. However, it is believed that, regardless of the decision, the present members of the colony will not abandon their intention to secure divorces.
Chicago, April 19.—It is estimated by Chicago lawyers that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States holding illegal all divorces except where both parties to the suit resided within the same jurisdiction will make illegal 500 divorces that have been granted in this city alone, and pave the way for all manner of complications in the next generation over inheritance and the rights to property.
Several prominent attorneys declare that the decision means chaos in regard to the title to personal property. Property left by men who remarried after obtaining divorces now held to be illegal must go to children of the first marriage and cannot be held by children born of the subsequent marriage.

BRISTOL WILL HAVE NEW BANK

Capitalists of Southwest Virginia Interested in Enterprise.

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WANT INDUSTRY AT ATLANTA

Southern Railroad Company Will Soon Begin Erection of Locomotive Plant.

Atlanta, Ga., April 19.—Atlanta is the probable location of a \$3,000,000 plant for the construction of locomotives. It was learned yesterday from an authentic source that the Southern railroad will shortly begin the erection of the plant, and this city's chances for securing the big concern are bright.

HAWKINS TRIAL HAS BEGUN

After Two Attempts a Verdict Was Secured and Evidence Now Being Taken.

Charlottesville, Va., April 19.—The case of the state against J. S. Hawkins, charged with blackmailing the late R. D. Bollentine, millionaire and society leader, came up in the court this morning, Judge G. W. Morris on the bench. The evidence given substantiates that given at the preliminary hearing. Hawkins is represented by Attorney C. W. Allen and his brother, W. E. Allen.

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DYNAMITE GOES OFF

AND AS A RESULT ONE MAN IS DEAD AND THREE ARE VERY BADLY INJURED.

Pocahontas, Va., April 19.—A terrible explosion occurred at 11 o'clock this morning on the works of Boxley & Son, contractors, who are building the railroad to Rossville, in which one man was killed and three badly injured.
Mr. Billup, one of the foremen for the firm of Boxley & Son had his force at work near Col. Browning's place yesterday setting off blasts and were firing them by electric battery.
From the result of the explosion today it transpires that only two of the shots went off. Today they went to work to clear up the debris and three Italians had hold of the stick pumping out a hole when the cap set off the dynamite, blowing Mr. Billups and the three Italians into the creek close by. Mr. Billups is very badly burnt about the face, but his injuries are not thought to be fatal. One of the Italians is dead and the other two who are seriously injured were sent to the hospital at Welch on No. 2 this evening.
The injured were given all possible attention by Mr. Robertson, the bookkeeper, and Mr. Stewart, the walking boss.

SHOT HIMSELF WHILE HUNTING

Prominent Citizen Meets With Fatal Accident While Out Hunting.

Danville, April 19.—Mr. J. A. Reagan, former president of the Danville Commercial Association, and a prominent and highly esteemed business man, met a tragic death this morning while out hunting robins in a vacant lot near his residence in the suburbs of the city. Mr. Reagan carried a double barrel shot gun and it is supposed that the weapon was discharged by letting it fall heavily to the ground or by his falling.

FUNERAL WILL OCCUR TODAY

Body Will Be Interred at Family Burial Ground.

The mother of Mr. Hugh Shufflebarger died of cancer of the stomach yesterday afternoon at her son's residence on Race street after a lingering illness. Owing to the fact that Mrs. Shufflebarger was very old her death did not come as a surprise to her great host of friends, as the end has been expected for some time. Burial will take place today at the half mile this side of Princeton, a half mile this side of Princeton. She leaves to mourn her death four sons and daughters all residing in Bluefield.

DOWIE DON'T WANT PEACE

Rejects Overseer Voliva's Proposal for Board of Control for Zion City.

All negotiations looking to a peaceful settlement of the question as to who shall control Zion City and its vast resources were broken off at Chicago yesterday. Dowie, through his attorneys, threw down the gauntlet to General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva and his followers when a proposition advanced by Voliva to the effect that the \$21,000,000 estate be turned over to a board of control was rejected by Dowie. The proposed board was to be made up of nine members, four to be selected by Dowie and a like number by Voliva, the ninth to be selected by the board. Dowie rejected the proposal on the ground that not only would he not acquiesce in the appointment of Voliva on the board but that he no longer recognized the new leader as a member of the church.

ARE AFTER COAL ROADS

Department of Justice Will Go After the Coal Carrying Roads.

Washington, April 19.—The Department of Justice has given out the information that they intend to go after the coal carrying roads.
The announcement was made this afternoon after the close of the New York Stock Market, but it had been argued upon by the cabinet meeting earlier in the evening. They will take in consideration all the facts now known or can be ascertained relating to the transportation of coal in the interstate commerce, to advise what if any, legal proceedings should be begun and to conduct under the direction of the Attorney General such suits or prosecutions if any as may be warranted by the evidence secured.

BODY WAS TAKEN TO WASHINGTON

Nephew of Mrs. Mytinger Comes to Bluefield and Has Body Taken To Washington.

For a second time the body of Mrs. Mary Mytinger, whose death last week has caused much talk, and also the detention of her daughter who is suspected of causing her death, was yesterday disinterred and taken to Washington, D. C., for final interment.
A nephew of Mrs. Mytinger came to this city yesterday and at once proceeded to take steps to have the body removed to Washington, her former home.
Mrs. Mary W. Mytinger, her daughter, who is accused of the crime and Alfred Burger, who posed before the public in this city as her husband, were taken to Princeton yesterday morning by Constable R. Linkenboker, to await the action of the grand jury. Constable Linkenboker says that the couple were very happy on the trip and that Mrs. Mytinger sang several songs on the way and also kissed her "man" several times and acted as though nothing had ever happened.
Chief of Police Newkirk, who has been working on the case, received a letter from Burger's real wife at Washington yesterday, enclosing a photo of him and also an affidavit to the effect that he was not divorced from her. This affidavit and also other evidence in the possession of the authorities will be used against Burger at the trial.

SOUTH SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED

Nebraskan in Washington Says Confederate Veteran Should Be Democratic Candidate.

Washington, April 19.—"I believe the country generally, that is, that portion of the people who vote the Democratic ticket, approved the recent suggestion of Judge Parker that a Southern man be nominated by the Democrats in 1908," said W. T. Yancey, of Chadron, Neb., at the Raleigh Hotel today. "I am a Northern man by birth, and was reared in Pennsylvania. My father was a Whig, and after the war he got to voting the Democratic ticket, and I cast my vote for Mr. Bryan in 1896, and have voted the ticket ever since.
"I believe a Southern Democrat could come nearer carrying the country, if he be the kind of man I am thinking about, than any Northern or Western man the Democrats could name. I believe William J. Bryan is one of the ablest men in this country, but he can never be elected president, in my humble opinion. The prejudices he created in 1896 will never be eradicated so far as he is concerned. Nominate him and you will find that while many thousands of Democrats who did not vote for Parker in 1904 would vote for Bryan, many who left the party in 1896 and voted for McKinley or Palmer and Buckner, will vote the straight Republican ticket.
"My candidate is John W. Daniel, of Virginia. I want a Confederate soldier nominated. I believe the people of the North and West who vote the Democratic ticket would rather vote for a man who fought on the side of his people than to vote for a younger man. My father and two of his brothers fought through the war on the Union side. But I am not animated by the slightest prejudice towards the South on that account. In fact, the stories my father has told me of his experiences of the war have convinced me that a people who could put up such a fine fight must have something in them to arouse the admiration of the world, even their enemies.
"Senator Daniel represents the old school, I suppose there are good people in the South now as were there when they were fighting for the Confederacy, but we know those old fellows were all right. We do not have to take anything on faith. Senator Daniel is one of those, and I, for one, believe the Democratic party could not do better than to nominate him."

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A late report received from Welch states that the Italians are in a precarious condition and will in all probability die.