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#### Motorist Assaulted.

Hickory, Nov. 23.—Albert Abernethy and Julius Abernethy, brothers, were seriously injured last night when they were assaulted by some unknown persons at the time when they were putting up their automobile in the rear of the Abernethy Hardware Company's store. Albert was severely cut in the neck, back and left side, and Julius Abernethy had his nose broken by a blow from a stick. Both were taken to a nearby drug store and given medical attention, a number of stitches being required to close the gash in Albert's neck.

While coming from Newton last night in the automobile the brothers passed another car which it is said swerved to one side and struck a wagon. However it is thought that the occupants of the other car thought the Abernethy boys had struck their car and followed them to town and started a fight. Warrants were issued for two men named Alexander and Phifer of Statesville.

Huyler's is the standard, all others are sold to be "just as good as Huyler's". Get the genuine at Adams Drug Store.

READ GASTONIAN ADS—IT PAYS

Knife Taken From Her Stomach—Chicago, Nov. 23.—A table knife which Mrs. Elizabeth Hochberger persuaded surgeons she had swallowed while in a delirium due to illness eight months ago, was taken from her stomach today by an operation at the West Side Hospital. The knife was corroded and sawed from the action of the stomach acids, and the physicians say that nature made a heroic effort to digest the knife.

The woman rallied well from the operation which was witnessed by students.

Grays Give \$10,000 to Children's—Winston-Salem, Nov. 23.—Superintendent Thompson, of the Children's home here, today announced the gift of \$10,000 from James Gray and his children, for the erection of a building in memory of Aurelia Bowman Gray, wife and mother of the donors, the same to be built in 1916 and to be known as a girl's building for training along domestic lines.

Among the Gastonians that are attending the Virginia-Carolina football game in Richmond today are: Misses Mamie Stowe, Mamie Smith and Messrs. W. K. Reid, A. A. Suther, R. S. McLean and Lacy Adams.

## THE GASTONIAN

110 EAST AIRLINE AVENUE  
TELEPHONE NUMBER 39

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1915.

#### LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Miss Moena Hand, of Lowell, was a Gastonia visitor Monday.

Mrs. C. C. Armstrong is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. B. Bass, in Semora, N. C.

Mr. J. Foster Huffstetler, of Davidson College, is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with home folks here.

The J. L. Adams Drug Co. is preparing to install a gasoline station in front of their store on Main street.

Miss Ina Anderson, teacher in the public school, is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Anderson, in Statesville.

Miss Mary McLean spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. McLean, returning to school at Queens College, in Charlotte Monday afternoon.

Miss Annie Patterson who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Quinn Earl, has returned to her home at Patterson Springs. Mrs. Earl and son accompanied her.

Miss Mildred Rankin left yesterday for Statesville, where she went to spend Thanksgiving with Miss Alma Reid, who is in school at Statesville Normal College.

The public schools closed down yesterday afternoon for Thanksgiving. Some of the teachers went to Raleigh to attend the State meeting, while some went home to spend the time.

Mr. W. Hagood Nolen, who has been delivery clerk at the Southern Express office for some time, has been promoted to transfer clerk. Mr. A. W. J. B. Rierson, of Mt. Airy, succeeds Mr. Nolen, as delivery clerk.

The following are Thanksgiving visitors today: Miss Blanche Austin to Harrisburg; Misses Ethel and Emma Stowe, with home folks at New Hope; Miss Zoe Stowe with home folks at Belmont; Misses Mary White and Fannie Bollinger to Yorkville, S. C.; Miss Lena Hanna to Linwood College.

About the first of the month Mr. F. V. E. Long will remodel the building now occupied by the Morris Cafe. The front staircase will be removed in order to widen the room and the front improved. The stairway will be constructed in the rear of the building.

The Beam Printery, which occupies the room upstairs will be moved to the rear of the room now occupied by the Padgett Tailoring Co.

The marble wainscoting in the new postoffice is being put in. The lock boxes have arrived and are now installed. The contract calls for the building to be turned over to the government January 1st, but the local force are only hoping that they will be able to get into the new office for the Christmas rush. The scaffolding has been taken down and the building now presents a much better appearance.

D. M. Jones & Co., the well known cotton brokers, have taken the agency for the Chevrolet and Monroe automobiles. The Chevrolet is a handsome touring car and sells for \$490. The Monroe is a new car for this section and comes in a roadster only selling for \$460. The company has one of each of these cars and they are the latest models and present an appearance equal to the much higher priced machines.

Tuesday night the officers were called to the Southern railroad where a train crew had captured three young negroes on the train. A box car had been broken open and a lot of stuff taken out and the negroes were suspected. They were arrested and yesterday morning given a hearing and sent to the road for hobnobbing for 30 days. In the meantime Special Agent Evans is working on the case to see if he can connect them with the car robbery.

Next Monday night, November 29, the Expression Class of Linwood College will hold a public debate at the college. The question to be debated will be "Resolved that the Teutonic Allies were justified in declaring war on the Triple Entente." The affirmative will be upheld by Messrs. J. E. Lindsay, J. D. Kneece, P. S. White, while the negative will be represented by Messrs. W. E. Isler, C. G. Castles and L. R. Neil. The debate will start at 8 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The American Realty and Auction Company will conduct a sale at Lowell on next Monday. The famous Penny Brothers and Thomas Brothers will auction off the Lineberger place, it having been divided off into tracts of 1 to 15 acres each. This is very desirable property and no doubt will sell well. The auctioneers are professionals and it is worth a trip to Lowell to hear them sell. A brass band will be on hand to furnish music. See ad in this paper.

Dr. T. M. Dulin, of the Bethel section was a Gastonia visitor yesterday. Mr. Lois Wilson, of Kings Mountain, is visiting Mrs. R. E. Johnson, on South Oakland. The oyster supper given by the B. Y. P. U., of the Baptist church, was quite a success. More than \$50 was realized.

Misses Jennie Neal and Marie Caskey, of Lancaster, S. C., are visiting Mrs. A. R. Anders. Dr. L. N. Patrick left Monday night for Baltimore taking with him Mrs. Dick Harris, who entered a hospital for an operation.

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school with a perfect lesson. The other cannot get its lesson because it has not the capacity and cannot secure help from its parents, consequently falls down on its studies and gets a bad mark, yet knows that he or she has more natural ability than the other child. That is discouraging to the child with the parents who are not able to help it. Of course, the former child was lucky to be born of parents who could show it, while the other is suffering on account of the misfortunes of its parents. If these children were drilled by the teacher there would be no advantage gained.

We know that there are two sides to every question and we are not well enough informed on the subject to handle it in an intelligent manner, but personally we are heartily in favor of the "teachers" doing the teaching even if they have to be paid more money. The Statesville Landmark is very much interested in the matter and has the following in its last issue regarding the question.

"The Charlotte Observer says 'The Landmark and others are advocating a reform in school methods so that children will do their studying at home and come to school for the actual instruction.'"

Under present conditions, in the city schools, or most of them, the children do 75 to 90 per cent. of their studying at home and 10 to 25 per cent. in school. The Landmark would reverse the situation. It would have 75 to 90 per cent. of the studies in the school room, where the teacher could supervise and help, and 10 to 25 per cent. at home. The Observer says if children did all their studying in the school room it would require 22 years to graduate from high school instead of 11, and the average youth would be ready to enter college at the age of 28 and graduate at 36! Some teacher trying to dodge work of course gave Col. Harris that information. More studies in the school room would of course mean longer hours there, which would affect nobody but the teacher. Instead of sending the children home to study in the afternoons the teacher could stay with them in the

home too many parents do the studying while the children stand by and enjoy the fun. Every one will admit that pupils should be trained to habits of perseverance, self-reliance and initiative. Actual experience has shown that pupils will study their lessons to better advantage at school than they will at home.

The reason for this is easily seen. Not all parents are familiar with the principles of pedagogy and the best methods of teaching how to study. The many distractions at home prevent children from concentrating their minds on their lessons. The home atmosphere is very different from that of the school room.

Wherever the method of having pupils do their studying at school has been tried there is a strong sentiment in its favor on the part of parents, teachers and pupils themselves. CHARLE M. STALEY.  
Hickory, Nov. 22.

#### LETTER FROM COUNTY DEMONSTRATOR FOLK.

He Writes of the Way to Secure Good Fertilizer Cheap—What Can't be Bought Can be Made at Home.

Dear Sir—I wish to call the attention of the farmers of Gaston county, through the columns of your paper, to a few facts regarding fertilizers.

The indications now are that the price of all fertilizing material will be unusually high next year. The supply of Acid Phosphate will be cut off because Sulphuric Acid is used in manufacturing it, and the Acid is now in great demand for making ammunition for the warring nations. Potash cannot be gotten in sufficient quantities because it comes from Germany chiefly. Ammonia will be considerably higher than usual because a lot of material from which it is obtained is imported. Cotton Seed Meal is a good source of ammonia, but it will be high because of its value for both fertilizer and feed for livestock, principally cattle.

Believing the above to be true, then

crop needs it. Cover the rock lightly to keep it from being washed in piles.

3. On sour land or land that is subject to overflow. Those having bottom land should by all means investigate and use of Rock Phosphate. Remember that Rock Phosphate is not recommended for hill land that does not contain decaying vegetable matter.

And what about the Ammonia and Potash (Nitrogen and Potassium)?

Well, if you have a good crop of clover or vetch to turn under, or a good coat of manure to put over the land, you have plenty of both the above elements. If you have a good crop of oats or rye to turn under as much Nitrogen and more Potassium is available for the next crop than would be supplied by 400 pounds of an 8-3-3 fertilizer. A ton of mixed unleached wood ashes contains on an average 5.5 lbs. of Potassium. But the Potash problem is not a serious one in Gaston county. The experiment with fertilizers carried on on Mr. C. M. Fair's farm shows that Potassium gives very little gain. And this on Cecil Sandy loam. The greater part of the county is clay and this type of soil is known to contain enough Potassium. All that is needed on clay soil is to keep fall and winter plowing, and some vegetation turned into the soil to make the Potassium available.

If there is enough Potassium in the soil, but not enough Nitrogen and Phosphorus, and the soil does not contain enough vegetable matter or is not sour enough to justify the use of Rock Phosphate, then the cheapest commercial fertilizer at present is Acid Phosphate and Cotton Seed Meal. If cotton seed are exchanged for cotton seed meal, the meal does not cost any more if as much this year as it did last. But many cannot resist the high prices of seed. Below is the cost of a ton of mixture in the proportions of 20 lbs. of 16 per cent. Acid Phosphate and 100 lbs. Cotton Seed Meal.

1333 lbs. 16 per cent Phosphate	at \$15.00 per ton.....	\$10.00
667 lbs. Cotton Seed Meal at		
\$36 per ton		19.07