

Death of Mr. W. G. Teague.

Mr. William G. Teague, who for the past seven years has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. James W. Teague, died Sunday night, having suffered from a stroke of paralysis December 5. Since that time he had improved considerably. He was stricken again Sunday night and died soon after the attack. Mr. Teague was born and raised in Alamance county. Quite a number of years ago he made his home at Dunkirk, Ind., later moving to Utica, Ohio. He lived in these states for a number of years, but finally decided to return to Alamance county about seven years ago. His brother, John Teague, of Ohio, came here when he was taken sick and remained with him to his death.

Mr. Teague leaves one son, O. G. Teague, of Utica, Ohio, and several brothers and sisters and many relatives in the county. He was about sixty-eight years of age.

The remains were carried to Dunkirk, Ind., where he was buried Thursday. It was accompanied by his brother. Mr. J. W. Teague and two daughters went as far as Greensboro.

Fix-Albright.

Mr. William J. Fix and Miss Ruth Albright were married Thursday night at nine-thirty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Summers, of Columbia, S. C. They will spend several weeks in Florida enjoying the balmy breezes after which time they will return to Burlington to make their home.

Miss Albright is a charming and cultured young lady, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Albright, formerly of this city, but now of Greensboro. Her many friends will be glad to have her return and join the social circles of the town.

Mr. Fix is a prominent business man, holding the responsible position of bookkeeper for Williamson & Co., a large wholesale house of this place. Both will be given a cordial greeting on their return.

The Lutheran Banquet.

Believing that it will be of great advantage to the Church, the Church Council has arranged for a great Lutheran Banquet at the Piedmont Hotel, on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1914, from 8 to 10 p. m. Through the generosity of certain parties who do not want their names known, the whole expense is provided for. The banquet is entirely free to all who are invited.

Every member of the Church is invited and is urged to be present. A committee is sending invitations to a large number of the friends of the Church, and these invited friends are urged to be present. The parties who have so generously provided for the expense of the occasion, earnestly request the attendance of every member of the Church and every invited friend.

The purpose is to make this a "get together" meeting. Let us all get together, stand together, pull together—that means success in whatever we undertake.

The banquet is informal. You do not need to wear your Sunday clothes. There will be a good supper, elegant music and fine speeches. Don't fail to come. You will be missed, and your absence will detract from the success of the occasion. The Lutherans have the reputation of doing things right—let us measure up to our reputation on this occasion.

You should notify Rev. Brown at once whether you will be present, so that the hotel management may prepare for the correct number.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

P. S.—Don't eat supper before coming—if you do you will wish you had not.

Train at High Point Runs Down Miss Grace Royster.

High Point, Jan. 15.—While crossing the railroad track near the Tomlinson Chair Company's plant this morning about 6:30 o'clock, Miss Grace Royster was struck by a work train, being severely bruised about the head and body. Unconscious, she was picked up and carried to the waiting room of the station, where she received medical attention.

After she was revived she was taken to her home, and is now resting well.

Miss Royster, it seems, was watching one train when she was struck by the work train, which was on the track she was crossing. Attending physicians do not think that she is permanently injured, although there is some danger of fatal disfigurement.

Gulfport Farmers to Establish Creamery.

Greensboro, Jan. 15.—At a meeting of a number of farmers and business men with their reamery committee of the Farmers' Union here today it was decided to establish a creamery near Greensboro for the farmers of Gulfport and this section of the State. There was an attendance of forty or fifty farmers at the meeting and those seemed to be enthusiastic over the proposition. Alvin J. Reid, state dairyman, was present and gave the committee some practical advice. J. A. Holloway, of Liberty, who has operated a creamery and knows the business has made the committee a proposition to run the creamery and the committee has this under consideration.

What a Pastor Has Resolved.

The pastor of a New York church Sunday proposed the following ten New Year resolutions for the members of his congregation:

- I will say a hearty "Hello" at half a chance and help everywhere.
- I will practice smiling until it becomes a fixed habit.
- I will cultivate my heart as well as fill my pocketbook.
- I will not forget to say "thank you" to God and man.
- I will swallow three times before speaking when angry.
- I will not criticize but compliment folk, and that not gingerly.
- I will choke back complaints about aches, ills and bad luck.
- I will take my head and heart to church quite regularly.
- I will say my prayers with a child's spirit and an adult's will.
- I will daily look myself over and make all possible improvements.
- All of us would be doing well if we adopted these resolutions and lived up to them.—Greenville Piedmont.

Secretary Bryan is Assailed by Gillett.

Washington, Jan. 15.—There has been no change in the policy of the United States regarding Mexico. This was the substance of replies made today by Secretary Bryan to several members of the diplomatic corps who called at the State Department. The foreign representatives, noting the depressing effect upon Mexican bonds held by citizens of their countries through the default in the semi-annual interest payments, had inquired as to what action, if any, the United States would take in view of the new conditions.

The Secretary's callers inferred that this collapse of Mexican credit broad had been fully expected by the administration, and that Mr. Bryan was not in any sense apprehensive of foreign interference in the working out of the America plans. It was made evident, too, that no though yet has been given to intervention.

From Hermosillo it is reported today that positive orders had been promulgated by General Carranza that no Americans or their properties should be interfered with in any manner.

The Mexican situation came up in the House of Representatives today, when Representative Gillett, Republican, of Massachusetts, predicted in the course of a war speech that intervention would be the result of the present policy of this government. The representative bitterly assailed Secretary Bryan.

Recognition of Huerta early in the Mexican trouble, Mr. Gillett said, would have offered the best chance of quieting the disturbance.

"When war comes," said he, "it will be no excuse that the Secretary of State has delivered brilliant speeches in favor of peace. An emotional and oratorical glorification of peace is not sufficient atonement for a policy whose legitimate and logical result is war.

"I think when our Secretary of State accepted that distinguished position we had a right to expect from him painstaking and assiduous devotion. His ante-room ought to have been thronged with those ready to throw light on his new problems rather than with office-seekers and politicians. The country needs more than that he should read international law lectures and deliver chatsaugua lectures. He apparently has deemed the State Department rather a sinecure and a reservoir of patronage rather than a field of duty which required earnest and persistent application."

Mr. Gillett also denounced the change of American policy in China and the early recognition of the Chinese republic.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Alamance Loan & Trust Co., and The First National Bank were held Tuesday. Both institutions re-elected the old officers for the coming year. Both banks have had a very successful business during the year.

The following are the directors of the First National Bank that were elected: W. W. Lasley, C. V. Sellars, A. L. Davis, J. M. Browning, G. W. Anthony, J. R. Foster, R. J. Hall, J. M. Cook and J. L. Scott.

The officers re-elected are as follows: W. W. Lasley, president; G. W. Anthony, vice president; A. L. Davis, cashier; R. W. Malone, assistant cashier, and J. E. Garrison, bookkeeper.

The report of the finance committee to the stockholders showed that this bank had increased its assets over \$97,000 during the past year. The total assets, at close of business, 1913, were \$432,444.40, being an increase of 29 per cent. over last year. They have no bills payable. The deposits at close of business 1913, were \$300,548.56.

The following directors were re-elected by the stockholders of the Alamance Loan & Trust Co.: J. H. Holt, R. L. Holt, R. M. Morrow, W. E. Sharpe, Lynn B. Williamson, F. L. Williamson, W. K. Holt, B. R. Sellars, J. N. Williamson, Jr., J. P. Montgomery, E. S. Parker, Jr., J. B. Whitted, W. P. Lawrence, J. L. Kernolde, J. A. Pickett, J. Zeb Waller.

The following officers were re-elected: J. H. Holt, president; J. N. Williamson, Jr., vice president; J. M. Fix, treasurer; J. C. Staley, secretary; M. A. Coble, teller, and C. E. Hornaday, bookkeeper, Parker & Parker, attorneys.

The report of the treasurer showed that the deposits at the end of business 1913 were \$360,732.72, an increase of 17 per cent. The report showed that at the close of business 1913, the total assets were \$533,480.09, an increase of 10 per cent. over previous year.

This bank declared the usual 10 per cent. dividend and set aside \$2,500 to surplus account. The directors decided not to enter the new reserve bank plan at present.

Our financial institutions are in excellent shape, and each year their assets and deposits increase, showing that the volume of business done is greater each year.

Ladies of Presbyterian Church Meet.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church extended an invitation to all the ladies of the church to meet at Mrs. W. H. May's Thursday evening at which time a very delightful entertainment was rendered. A history of the society for the past twenty-five years was read by Mrs. W. W. Lasley, which was a very interesting paper and gave many interesting facts to the society members and friends. Refreshments consisting of a salad course was served and very much enjoyed.

About fifty members and friends of the society were present to enjoy the occasion. These events are always looked forward to with much interest.

Grace Said He Would Come Back to Haunt Daisy.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 14.—If Eugene Grace's widow, "Daisy of the Leopard Spots," believes, as many persons do, that the dead can come back from the spirit world, she will be a terror-stricken and unhappy woman, when she reads the last words uttered by the husband who in his dying breath accused her of murdering him.

"With the same tenacity with which I have clung to life, I will come back and haunt the woman who brought all this misery upon me. 'I'll win beyond the grave, and she will have to pay.'"

Death of Mrs. Albert Whitsell.

Mrs. Albert Whitsell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Keck, died at their home at Alamance Mills Thursday morning, after an illness of about three months. The funeral services were conducted at St. Marks Reformed Church at two o'clock Friday, by Rev. J. D. Andrew, of Newton. She was the sister of our townsman Mr. Robert Keck.

Smith (on steamer in mid-ocean)—"Going across, old chap?"
Brown—"Yes, you?"—New York Times.

Find Their "Imitation" Marriage Is a Real One.

Herber Springs, Ark., Jan. 12.—It was a merry little party that gathered at the Hotel Horton here the other night. One of the young women present commented on the fact that there have been 449 weddings here in the year.

"I'd like to be the four hundred and fiftieth bridegroom," declared Barnum Davis, a wealthy young business man. "I dare any of you girls to marry me."

"I'll never have it said that I took a dare," replied Miss Lulyne Roberts of Searcy, Ark.

Both young people went through a ceremony thinking it was a joke. Their friends, however, had got a license and a real minister, the Rev. E. B. Brown.

The friends grew a little friendly with his wife of their prank, but they were still "game." Davis took the bride to his father's home and introduced her. The young woman's family was consulted. Then they left on a honeymoon trip through the south.

There came very near being a wedding in our town Wednesday evening when two young people of this town, having read the above article met and when the young man related the story to the young lady, she was as "game" as the one Miss Roberts, of Searcy, Ark. Each in an effort to head the other off went to Graham together in an automobile and secured the license. Upon returning they drove to the parsonage of the Rev. Mr. Tuttle and upon being invited in by the colored woman, the girl thought the game played far enough and gave her consent to the white flag of truce. Both are very popular in our midst.

Reduction of Rate on Gas Requested by Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.—The City of Springfield today filed with the newly created state public utilities commission a petition for the adjustment of rates for gas furnished by the Springfield Gas & Electric Co.

In so doing the city officials assume the commission to be legally organized with jurisdiction to act even though the appointments have not been confirmed by the Senate, that being the position taken by the city's legal adviser, A. D. Stevens.

The State Commission is asked to investigate and determine the proper rate to be charged and to fix the rate at not to exceed 70 cents.

This is the first rate case presented to the commission and is regarded as of great importance not only to the city of Springfield, but to the entire State, as it is expected to establish precedents in rate making cases in Illinois.

Heir to \$1,200 a Year.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 15.—By the will of John C. Crafts, of Lanark road, Brighton, a coal dealer, filed in the Suffolk probate court today, \$1,200 a year and a lump sum of \$750 are left to provide for his pet dog, Pete Crafts, which was left in his care by his late brother, Horace W. Crafts.

To Miss E. Preston, housekeeper for the family, Mr. Crafts leaves the trust fund from which \$1,200 a year is to be paid to Miss Preston, and on her death this goes to Emma Smith and Anna Crafts Smith, relatives, to insure a home for the dog. Miss Preston gets a bequest of \$1,000 outright.

The testator stipulates that the dog is to have a home for life where he will not be bothered by children or boarders.

Mr. Crafts left a trust fund of \$10,000, which will eventually go to the Animal Rescue League and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Sarcastic.

He—Look at this infernal bill. You know I can't afford it. Now, I'm going to give you a piece of my mind.

She—Are you quite sure you can afford that papa, dear?—London Opinion.

Pushed Peanut One Block.

Greensboro, Jan. 13.—A traveling man, T. N. Turner, pushed a peanut one block with his hand yesterday for \$10, the distance being between Washington and Sycamore Streets.

"That politician is a shrewd one."
"Yes, he never writes any letters, and since the idograph came in he never speaks above a whisper."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Much Fighting is Reported.

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—There has been no communication with Torreon today, but there are rumors of heavy fighting around the city. Rebels are continuing north of Tampico but there has been no movement on that city. Mazatlan is again surrounded by a large force of rebels and another attack is feared.

General Jose Maas, Sr., who has been here for some days, died today. President Huerta was at the general's bedside when he expired.

Military governors, generals and other officers in many States are levying forced loans and making ranch owners pay wages of federal troops in the field while the towns and the merchants are forced to contribute to the pay of the garrisons.

Juarez, Jan. 15.—Recent successes of the constitutionalists army in driving out all semblance of Huerta rule in the State of Chihuahua has instilled confidence in the people.

Mexican residents of the city who fled to the border when Villa occupied the State capital are either returning to Chihuahua or making preparations to do so.

Cruz Diela, Sonora, Jan. 15.—A hundred federal soldiers from the garrison at Guaymas arrived here today and surrendered to General Alvarado, in command of the rebels. The federals brought with them pieces of light artillery which they turned over to the rebels.

Pearson, Chihuahua, Jan. 15.—General Salazar, who with General Orozco and Rojas broke through Villa's lines at Ojinaga and escaped to the south just after the evacuation of Merced, was reported today thirty-five miles east of Casas Grandes marching westward. According to the information brought to Pearson Salazar has about 250 men. It is not known whether Orozco or any other of the division commanders are with him.

Chihuahua, Jan. 15.—If the federals decide to make a stand at Torreon they will probably be able to give Villa the hardest battle of his career. General Maas is reported to have arrived at Torreon with 4,000 men which he placed at the disposal of Refugio Belasco, the commander-in-chief, this bringing his force up to 10,000 men.

The Constitutionalists are operating military trains between Chihuahua and Tampico and are in touch with the movement of the federals at Hermosillo and other points east and west of here, but no move will be made to attack the federals pending the arrival of Villa. It is expected that the federals will not make an attempt to hold Torreon but will fall back as soon as Villa's forces arrive.

New York, Jan. 15.—Local bankers declared today that the announcement by the Huerta administration of default on all the Mexican Republic's obligations was nothing short of confiscation.

They admitted that the \$20,000,000 loan floated by J. P. Morgan & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., last June is one of the chief loans affected.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Consular reports from Hermosillo, Mexico, received at the State Department today tell that General Venustiano Carranza had issued orders directing that the lives and property rights of Americans shall be given every protection.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The attitude of the United States toward bankrupt Mexico remains the same. Although European governments anxiously enquired of the State Department today what would be done by this country, Secretary Bryan gave no definite answer, merely intimating that it would remain as heretofore.

Stockholders Meeting.

The stockholders of the Central Loan & Trust Co., held their annual meeting January 13, 1914, and elected the following directors for the ensuing year: Dr. J. A. Pickett, W. W. Brown, J. M. Browning, Joseph A. Isley, C. D. Johnson, J. E. Moore, Walter L. Cates, Geo. W. Patterson and R. T. Kernolde, and the directors elected the following officers: J. M. Browning, president; Dr. J. A. Pickett, 1st. vice president; George W. Patterson, 2nd. vice president; W. W. Brown, manager, and A. V. Ray, secretary and treasurer.

The annual report on the business of the company shows that the company has just finished a very successful year's work. They paid a cash dividend of 10 per cent.

Stated Women Live Longer Than to Men.

Washington, Jan. 15.—That white women live to die at more advanced ages than white men, is proved by figures published today by the department of commerce. Until the age of eighty years more death of male members of the race are recorded, this is accounted for by the fact that there are more men than women.

Conceding that numbers of both sexes are about even at the age of seventy, a great number of the surviving men die during the next decade, after which the mortality rate for women leads.

There were 780 women over 95 years old died during the year, and of 1910, and only 534 men of the same age died; 245 people over 100 years old died during the year, and of this number 149 were women. These figures would seem to prove that the older women die faster than the men, but actually a great many women live to greater old age than men, hence the greater mortality in the advanced ages.

About the same proportions hold good among the colored races in this country—negroes, Mongolians, Malays and Indians. Although comprising only about one-seventeenth of the population of the country, a more than proportionate number of deaths occur at advanced ages, 126 living to be over 100 years old. Of this number ninety-three were women and 33 were men.

Suicide on Eve of Marriage.

New York, Jan. 15.—Richard D. Lankford, 47 years old, a vice president of the Southern Railway, was found dead in his sumptuous bachelor apartments at 1142 Pacific street, Brooklyn, at noon today. Gas was pouring from an open bracket light. The police had no hesitancy in calling it a case of suicide. When the porter burst into the bath room he found a thick bath towel tucked into the creases of the door, and a pillow fitted into the window sill.

Dr. Pearson, of 1127 Dead Strt, Lankford's private physician, however, was positive that Lankford had not committed suicide. H. S. Patterson, a brother of Lankford's fiancée, while scouting suicide, admitted Lankford was a chronic sufferer from severe headaches and stomach trouble, which had taxed his physical condition severely.

Charles E. McCarthy, assistant secretary of the Southern Railway, denied that Lankford had had any reason to do away with himself.

Lankford, wealthy and socially prominent, was engaged to be married to Miss Nellie Patterson, of 914 Prospect Place, Brooklyn. They were to have been married next Saturday. The pair had spent the last week in fitting up an apartment at 637 St. Mark's Place, Brooklyn, to live after their wedding.

On learning the news of the tragedy, Miss Patterson ran to Lankford's apartment and threw herself sobbing beside the body. Later she was persuaded to go to another room, where she sat all afternoon refusing to leave the house.

Liberty Bell May Go to the Pacific Coast.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—The impression is still growing that the Liberty Bell will be taken to the Panama Exposition at San Francisco next year.

It is rumored that permission for the removal of the relic will be granted in view of the fact that it has been found possible to send it to the coast with little danger of accident.

Mayor Blankenburg said last night he had not reached a decision. He said he had left the matter in the hands of Councils.

Teacher Leads Children from Burning School.

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 14.—When fire was found today in the Stevens School the fire drill was invoked and in forty-nine seconds the three hundred scholars were out of the building. The fire, caused by an overheated pipe, the janitor having stoked vigorously on account of the zero weather, was detected by nine-year-old Raymond Frank.

Miss Youngman, a teacher, calmly gave the fire drill call and when scores of anxious mothers followed the fire department to the scene they found their children safe in the street. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.