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Southbound No. 45 To Charlotte 3:45 P. M. No. 85 To New Orleans 9:38 P. M. No. 29 To Birmingham 2:35 A. M.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY Bible thought is the heritage of the future.

HEAR THE WORD—O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.—Jeremiah 22:29.

SOUTH SETS NEW BUILDING RECORD.

Sixteen Southern States registered a new building record of a billion and a quarter of dollars in 1925, a gain of 44.6 per cent, over 1924.

On the basis of recent national surveys, the survey published by The Journal estimates that the South last year did one-fifth of the building in the United States.

The estimated construction in both urban and rural districts is placed in excess of a billion and a quarter dollars, which is one-fifth of the total for all building outside of New York.

Outside of Florida, Houston, Tex., made the most spectacular record, with a gain of 103.4 per cent, to reach a total of \$35,040,010.

Other cities, other than those in Florida, to gain more than one hundred per cent, include Gadsden, Ala.; El Dorado, Ark.; Columbus, Ga.; Lake Charles, La.; Bartlesville and Sapulpa, Okla.; Charleston and Greenwood, S. C.; Amarillo, San Angelo and Wichita Falls, Tex., and Petersburg, Va.

Texas led all states of the union in value of its agricultural products, Missouri was eighth, North Carolina ninth and Oklahoma tenth.

A quarter of a billion dollars was spent in improved highway construction, of which \$186,422,313 was expended through state highway departments.

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Highway mileage to be laid down in 1926 will be approximately ten thousand miles, according to preliminary estimates.

North Carolina ranked first in expenditures for highway construction, while Missouri laid down the most miles of hard surfaced roads.

Bonds on southern buildings find a ready market in the eastern investment centers, and ample capital is available for legitimate building in any progressive southern community where there is an active demand for new structures.

Petroleum interests express confidence in the outlook for their industry in 1926. A general recovery was felt in the closing months of 1925, as consumption increased faster than production.

NEW MARKETS FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

Textile industries of the United States made a considerable advance in attaining foreign markets during 1925. Commerce department statisticians compiling the figures today found that the country's exports of cotton cloth during the year amounted to 477,815,000 square yards, worth \$85,011,000.

It has been predicted for years that the cotton mills would have to seek new markets if they were to greatly increase their earnings. While there is a large volume of business in the United States, the mills can make more money when they get markets in other countries.

BOWMAN FOUND GUILTY OF ATTACK ON FEMALE

Hickory Man Will Be Sentenced Monday Morning.—He Places \$5,000 Bond.

Newton, Feb. 6.—The jury trying Maj. Wade V. Bowman on the charge of attacking a 12-year-old girl last July early tonight returned a verdict of assault on a female under 18 years of age.

The defense was ably represented by W. C. Feinstadter of the local bar, Chas. W. Bagby, W. A. Seif, W. L. Marshall and Judge W. B. Council, all of Hickory.

The evidence was completed yesterday afternoon. The first speech before the jury was made by Louis Whitener, for the prosecution. He was followed by Judge W. B. Council for the defense.

The defense contended that the former army officer had convicted himself of a minor offense by admitting to certain indecencies, but had cleared himself of the charge that threatened to send him to the electric chair.

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Major Bowman admitted tonight to establish a complete corroboration of the girl's testimony, and it fought hard for a verdict of the higher offense.

Solicitor Huffman left immediately after his speech to the jury for his home at Morganton. The solicitor has not been well for several days and will rest at his home until Monday, when the second week of his term of criminal court begins.

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Business conditions generally were reported in satisfactory shape throughout the territory, with ample money in sight for the promotion of all legitimate enterprises.

Bank deposits increased materially, with banks in several localities sending money into the New York market to invest in call loans.

Unveil Statue After 20 Years



St. Gaudens' seated figure of Abraham Lincoln—the statue which the sculptor hoped would be the crowning work of his career—was finished 20 years ago, but has been kept in a shed in Chicago ever since because Grant Park, where it was to be placed, was not finished.

MARTIN SLASHES THROAT

Man Accused by Old Lady Says He Was Too Worried to Live.

Charlotte Observer, 8th. Oscar Martin, who with Jim Knott is charged with assaulting and robbing Mrs. Mary J. Wright, 64, was found in his cell at the city jail yesterday morning with a long slash in his throat.

A negro porter, who was sweeping out the cell room discovered the wounded man and gave the alarm. T. H. Merritt, jailor, rushed to the scene with other officers and a physician was summoned.

Dr. C. A. Misenheimer, who arrived about 10:30 o'clock, said that the incision was not deep enough to sever the jugular vein, but that several smaller veins had been cut. Fifteen stitches were taken to sew up the gash. Martin is not in a serious condition.

Police Chief Ferguson advanced the theory that Martin was not attempting to take his life, but merely to injure himself so as to be removed to a hospital, and from there attempt escape.

After Martin's injury was treated, he was left in his cell. While Dr. Misenheimer was attending the prisoner, Martin told those around him that he had attempted suicide because he had become worried over his predicament.

Martin, according to a statement by the police Friday, confessed that he was implicated in the attack and the robbery of Mrs. Wright last Thursday in a strip of woods near the Ford plant.

Martin and Knott are both being held for the crime alleged to have been committed Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Wright, who had \$45 in her possession, was on her way to her home at Newell. She had stopped at a negro's house in the Greenville section near the Statesville road, where the two men offered her assistance to a bus, according to the old lady's statement.

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KNOTT AND MARTIN BE GIVEN SPEEDY TRIAL

Heavy Damage Is Caused by Early Sunday Morning Fire in the Queen City.

Charlotte, Feb. 7.—Speedy trial will be given Jim Knott, of Hickory Grove, and Oscar Martin, of Charlotte, charged with criminally assaulting and robbing Mrs. Mary J. Wright, 64-year-old Newell woman, according to Solicitor John G. Carpenter, of Gastonia.

Mr. Carpenter had considered suggestions that he request Governor McLean to order a special term of court here for the trial of the case but said that he had decided against this course in view of the fact that a regular term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene here on February 23rd.

Knott and Martin were identified by the aged woman as her assailants and are said to have confessed to the crime. They are being held in jail in another county to which they were taken for safe keeping immediately after their arrest.

A check here today revealed that damage in the early morning fire at the corner of Trade and College streets will be between \$100,000 and \$150,000. Six store buildings owned by Charles Moody, wealthy local business man, The Hand Medicine Company was perhaps the heaviest loser in the fire, damage to that company's property being estimated at more than \$40,000.



"Satan in Sables" with Lowell Sherman is a picturization of this novel.

Michael has become strange lately—wants all his own way. And, also, I happen to know that he is just now infatuated with another girl. But then, he has so many affairs of the heart that one can't keep track of them.

CHAPTER VII—Continued

Dolores unknelt the ice against the side of her highball glass. "I suppose that your brother will be interested in knowing where you are tonight? It must be a little—er—inconvenient at times to have to report all your comings and goings—to have tabs kept upon your every little movement!"

"I am so sorry," she lied suavely. "It is unfortunate that two such brothers have to disagree. I'm sure, though, that you were in the right for Michael is a little headstrong and won't tolerate anyone's ideas or opinions but his own."

CHAPTER VIII

Another Springtime and another pair of lovers had come to Versailles. A scant two days after their night adventure Michael called upon Colette with that humility of sweet impatience all bulwarks of social caste.

After hours of troubled brooding over the emotional turmoil of his life, while the heading walls of his house of cards crackled in his ears, Michael had thought to find peace by sharing with Colette for a day the simple pleasures of the poor.

Paul was all concern and bewilderment—and indignation. "Oh, I'm sorry. Do you know, I'm seeing Michael lately in a new and not so good light. Even the reason for our quarrel remains a mystery to me for he asked me to do something which was both distasteful and unwarranted, and then refused to give a reason for his request."

Dolores went on plaintively: "Yet you were big enough and had enough determination to do as you wished in spite of his threats. I admire you very much for that, Paul." Her large, steadfast eyes registered admiration.

Paul suddenly felt very manly and emancipated. "I shall do as I direct—heart—dictates!" he said. "But how do you know what we quarreled about? I haven't said a word about the reason to anybody," he added in a perplexed voice.

"I did not learn it from you, Michael, himself, told me, earlier this evening." "You said, Michael?" he exclaimed, incredulously. "Why, I don't understand."

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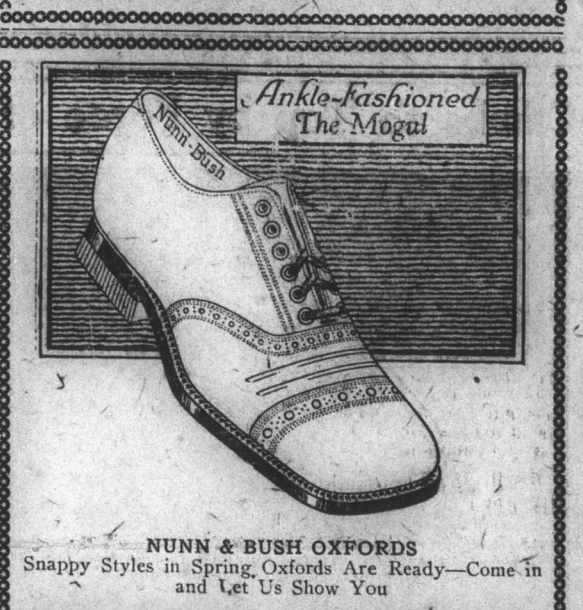
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