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TWO BUSINESS HOUSES ARE BURGLARIZED.

The Bicycle Shop of Costner Brothers and the Hardware Store of D. M. Baker & Co. were entered Sunday morning and about \$125 worth of goods taken.

There were two burglaries committed here Sunday morning sometime between two o'clock and day. Costner's bicycle shop and the hardware store of D. M. Baker & Co. were entered. There were four young men in town Saturday who seemed to have no business but loafing all of were unknown here except one Claud Haines, a notorious burglar who once lived here. After

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burglary one of the youngsters was found in town and arrested on suspicion.

It seems that the bicycle shop was entered first. The entrance was made by removing a pane from a window in the rear of the shop after which the back door was opened from the inside. It is said that two of the suspicious persons were of very small stature and it was evidently a very small person who passed through the opening in the window. It is thought that one of the small men entered first and opened the door and let the others in.

Two bicycles were taken from the shop and some eight or ten old pistols that had been left for repair. One of the bicycles was new and belonged to Mr. Costner, the proprietor of the shop, while the other had been repaired and was ready for delivery. Mr. Costner estimates his loss at about twenty five dollars. The four men referred to above visited the shop Saturday and pretended to want to buy a pistol. Mr. Costner showed them what he had for sale but they didn't buy.

The burglars evidently crossed the backyard from the rear of the bicycle shop to the rear of the hardware store as one of the old pistols taken from the shop and near the rear of the hardware store was also entered by a pane of glass from the window in the rear of the shop. But in addition to removing the glass a 3-4 iron rode through the hole through which the burglar crawled. The door was opened from the inside and that the others entered through which all escaped. The closest estimate of the goods were taken from the store; 4 pistols, 10 watch 12 rings, one fob, a safety razor, 20 boxes cartridges, pocket knives and a flash aggregating about \$100.

The following story as given Sunday morning by the man who was remanded here Sunday on suspicion is the only evidence in town that could lead to the burglars; "My name is Irela Dellehue, My father lives in Atlanta and works in the railroad shops. My mother died when I was small. My father married again and my step-mother was so mean to me that I had to leave home. I am about 18 years old and have been away from home about three

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gave Claud some money and he went to a hardware store and bought a hack saw. (This is corroborated by the force at Baker's Hardware store stating that they sold a hacksaw and a couple of blades to one of the suspicious men.)

"About nine o'clock I left the others and know nothing of the robbery. I went to a cotton shed at the Dilling mill and went to sleep. I left there Sunday morning about seven o'clock and went to hunt a boarding house. I finally found lodging for the night and expected to go to work in the mill to day if I hadn't been arrested."

Word came to the officers here that three strange men were seen between here and Shelby Sunday and that they were shooting pistols. The officers notified the authorities at all surrounding towns to be on the lookout for the burglars but at this writing they have not been apprehended.

Claud Hains is well known in these parts as a notorious burglar, having served several terms on the chain-gang in this and adjoining counties. Deputy Sheriff J. E. Rhodes was in Concord Sunday and inquiry was made of him there for Hains, he being wanted in Cabarrus county. Hains has lived in Kings Mountain at the Cora mill and was in considerable trouble while here.

A reward of \$15.00 has been offered for the arrest of Claud Haines and the other two, or five dollars for either of them. The two firms robbed are offering five dollars each and the town five dollars. Dellehue was taken to Shelby Tuesday and placed in the County jail. He is charged with complicity and will be held as a witness.

Just before we lock up the first run Tuesday—The bicycles were found under Buffalo bridge between here and Shelby and brought in Tuesday afternoon by policeman Miller. There were three instead of two wheels. They were badly mutilated but were identified by Mr. Costner.

Birthday Dinner

Mrs. L. A. Bialock will celebrate her 57th birthday on Saturday Jan. 24th. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

The bond election is coming on. Every level headed man knows that road and street improvement is one of the first signs of advancement in any community.

Mass Meeting To-night.

There will be a mass meeting in the opera house here to-night at 7:30. The meeting is called at the instance of a number of the leading business men of the town for the purpose of discussing a number of matters of great importance. It is hoped that every business man will evince enough public spirit to come out and take a part in the discussions.

Good Program Adopted.

State Conference for Social Service Plans Progressive Program with Strong Speakers. Dr. Graham Taylor and Dr. Alexander Johnson Expected.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Conference for Social Service in Raleigh on Friday last it was decided to hold the second annual meeting February 18th, 14th and 15th. The central idea of the Conference this year will be to develop the church and social service work. To this end the strongest possible program was planned for a three days' meeting.

Dr. Graham Taylor of Chicago, the president of the national social service organization, will deliver the principal address on Sunday afternoon, the last day. Dr. Alexander of Vineland, N. J., former president of that organization, is also expected to

address the Conference on Saturday.

Gov. Craig, the Honorary President, will formally open the convention the first day. Following the formal opening of the Conference will come the reports of various committees. In the evening the President's address will be followed by an informal meeting of the members. Three meetings will be held on Saturday, the final meeting being a symposium on the church and social service.

On Sunday it is planned to have visiting pastors fill the Raleigh pulpits. Full details of the program will be published at a later date.

No More Chain-gang In Co.

The convict camp will be no more according to the ruling of No. 6 highway commission in session Tuesday. The commissioners have reached the conclusion that under the circumstances it is much more satisfactory to hire labor than depend solely on convicts, and as soon as terms of those now on the road expire, the force will be hired altogether, and they will take no more convicts. One reason for stopping the convict system in Cleveland county is that they could not get enough convicts. The force has been numbering from 12 to 20 and it is too expensive to keep guards for this small squad when the same number of guards could manage two or three times as many.

President Passed Us By.

A few of us decided Monday afternoon to make an effort to have President Wilson stop his train here for at least five minutes that he might make us a brief speech from the rear of his car. We also wanted him to have his wife and daughters come out where we could see them. Mr. M. L. Laughlin, the very accommodating operator at the Southern station, did his level best over the wires to change the program of the president to our favor but all to no avail. The second section of 38 went right on by and the president didn't so much as stick his head out.

A Monstrous Turnip

Mr. A. Worth Falls takes the cake on raising turnips. He brought one to the Herald office Tuesday that is a whopper, or was. It measured 22 inches in belt; 7 lobes in diameter, 30 inches from tip to tip, stands 4 inches high and weighs 5 pounds. Can anybody beat that? If you can bring it along and we will give it up then eat the turnip

Another reason is that the recent legislature passed a law allowing a convict a discount of 5 days on each month of his time for good behavior. This is not satisfactory to those who work convicts, according to the local Highway Commissioners.

Another reason is that Judge Cook recently ruled in Wake county that a guard or overseer could not whip a convict. The case was decided in the Superior court and will probably be confirmed in the Supreme court. The local highway commissioners think that when convicts learn that under no circumstances has a guard or overseer a right to punish them for impudence or refusal to work, a bad state of affairs will be the result. —Cleveland Star.

Farmer's Union to Meet.

Mr. Joe E. Blanton, president of the Cleveland Farmers Union announces a meeting of the union at the court house in Shelby Thursday the 22nd, inst. at 10:30. All the members are urged to attend as much important business is to be attended to.

How shall we ever do this?

What particular things shall we do to make the farm attractive? Easy enough to say this; how shall we do it? It is a fair question and this is my answer. First of all, be in love with the farm your own self. If you are all the time talking the farm up, pointing out its bright side

A PLAN TO KEEP THE BOY ON THE FARM.

An Exchange writer insists that Country boys should be raised and educated to love the Farm and if done they will make homes there.

It has come to the pass in a good many parts of the country that there are few, if any, young men left on the farm. You can go through whole neighborhoods of these sections and scarcely find half a dozen boys old enough to do a man's work that are making their plans to stay on the place when they are grown up to manhood.

And the worst of it is that their parents do not expect their

and showing the young folks the possibilities, the chances are that the boys will think about as you do. On the other hand if you are always finding fault with the farm and its work, scolding the horses and cattle and often the mother and little one, what is more natural than to suppose that the boys will think, "Well, this is not the place for me. I'm going to get out just as quick as I can." Personal character is contagious. A good contented bright-hearted farmer will be very apt to encourage the same characteristics in his sons. And then it is never well to

farm and follow in the footsteps of father and mother. Indeed they are often found urging the young folks to get off the farm and do something else. They send their boys and girls away to school and perhaps college, not for a moment thinking or expecting that they will some day come back and make the country their home. Rather, they want to fit them for a business or professional career, instead of doing all in their power to induce the young people to remain on the farm.

I don't suppose there is anybody who would take the ground that all boys ought to become farmers. There are some with such marked talents in other directions that it would be a direct and serious loss to the world were they to make the country their home as long as they live. I used to be a country school teacher. Among other boys, I had in one place a lad who was terribly dull when it came to books; he could not get a lesson no matter how simple, to save his life; but what a genius he did have for making things with his jackknife! It was all I could do to keep him from whittling during school hours. I used to like to look at the trinkets he made, myself, when we were not at our books, and I am not ashamed to say that I encouraged him in his carvings. It was born in him and he would surely make a success somewhere in life with his tools.

But all are not so. It is easy for some to do good farm work. It does not harm these to get the very best education they can; few ever go too far in that direction. Many of these love the farm too. They are happy when around the fields and with the cattle. If properly encouraged and led on, these boys would become first-class farmers. And this is an appeal to those whose boys are still with them to do all they can to make the life of the farm so attractive and so interesting that the young men will want to stay. If they want to go to school, let them do it—they ought to have the best education possible; but get your grip upon them and help them to know at every step of the way that you expect them to become farmers as soon as their school work is done.

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seen little chaps on the farm that were expected to just about take the place of a man. Too many times the farmer looks on his boy and says, "Wonder if Joe and I couldn't do the work on the place now? I'd like to get rid of paying the hired man!" So the boy is put to hard work, with the result in many cases that he never grows to be as large in body as he would otherwise and he comes to hate the farm and every thing that belongs to it. These are the boys that skip out the first chance they get. Too bad! Just a little bit more of real fatherly kindness a trifle more of self-sacrifice and the boy might have been kept for the farm and made the life of the old folks far happier. It never pays to overwork a boy or a girl. We feel it very much when a calf or a colt in any way becomes stunted; why not be a great deal more careful about the far more precious young folks? Why not do everything to make their lives bright and happy, instead of blighting them by loading them to think that they are good for nothing except to help save a bit more money?

We often hear the argument that by giving the young folks a money interest in the farm they may be led to stay. To a certain extent this is all right; but care must be taken or a selfish spirit may be developed on the part of the young man which may mar all future life both of the parents and that of the young man. I do know of one case where this happened. The father and mother gave their youngest son the privilege of caring for the hens and having a share in the proceeds. That was all right and if properly carried out, it would have resulted very favorably; but something was awakened in the heart of that boy that made him one of the most selfish young men I ever knew. He rooted everybody else out in due time and became master of the situation. All this might have been prevented I believe by the exercise of the proper spirit on the part of the father.

One thing that has worked a great deal of trouble in this matter of giving the boys a share in the farm stock has been the disposition of the father to sell the cow or the horse the boy has cared for up through the years and put the money in his own pocket. Real bitterness often grows out of a thing like that.

On the other hand I must speak of one farmer lad who was made a partner with his father in a little sheep business.

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