

NEGRO PARSON IN LIMBO

IS CHARGED WITH SWINDLING

Rev. W. N. Mitchell, a Lecturer and All-Home Lecturer at the City Station—He Found Moving Picture Machines and Photographs—Had Been to High Point and Other Places—Some Facts Concerning His Life.

Rev. W. N. Mitchell, colored, is in limbo at the police station. He occupies the same cell that is usually assigned to Sue McDonald, the one-eyed queen of Dark Alley, when she gets drunk and rowdy and falls into the hands of the police officers.

Mr. P. H. Andrews, who keeps a music supply house on East Trade street, lost two reels of moving picture films, 1,000 feet long, from his show window. When Mr. Andrews was in the rear of the store someone stole them.

Yesterday was an unlucky day for Parson Mitchell. A large package, bearing his name, arrived at the Southern freight office, and the general appearance of the bundle it was evident that some Chicago house had shipped him a phonograph of great proportions.

After landing Mitchell in a cell Messrs. Johnston and Merritt who were like fine fox hounds on the trail of a haughty red on a damp night, left the station and went to Mitchell's home, where they interviewed the wife of the parson. Being in their everyday clothes, they attracted the part of plain-clothes sleuths and questioned the woman gently but earnestly.

"We," said Johnston, "heard that your husband had one of these moving picture concerns."

"Yes," admitted the wife of the man who was at that very moment wondering how he could get back to light and liberty.

"Well, we want to buy it so that we can have a big blow-out on the Fourth of July."

That was all that Johnston and Merritt wanted to know. They went back and told the incarcerated Mitchell and advised him to open up and he did.

The machine came down from High Point last night and is now at the police station with the phonograph and other truck. All told there is about \$600 worth of material.

THE DEMAND FOR FOXES.

Hunters in This Section of the State Buy Hundreds of Cobs From Boys in the Eastern Counties—The Demand Here is Unlimited and the Supply in the East Abundant—An Interesting Discourse on the Culling Reward—Some Facts Concerning His Life.

"You have raised the price of foxes," said a Mecklenburg hunter to an Observer man yesterday, "and increased the demand for them. I have been trying to buy a dozen young gray foxes all spring but cannot get them at a reasonable figure."

"That is easy; the old fox deposits her babies in a hollow log or a stump and an old dog will find them for the hunter. Once they are located they are watched until large enough to take away from the mother and then they are removed to the home of the man who ships them. A little fox will eat anything that a young dog will but he prefers raw meat and rats. When about the size of house cats they are sent to the States where they would have them increase in his section of the State. They are kept until blackberries are ripe and then turned loose in some thicket where they can take care of themselves."

"What about your neighbors' chickens?"

"A fox that eats chickens should be killed, for he is an exception to the rule. He is like a sack-egg dog, once he gets a taste of chicken he will always have it and the desire for barnyard poultry is so great that he cannot restrain himself. But there are foxes that do not eat chickens and they are the ones that are most valuable to the farmer. They are kept until they are large enough to take away from the mother and then they are removed to the home of the man who ships them. A little fox will eat anything that a young dog will but he prefers raw meat and rats. When about the size of house cats they are sent to the States where they would have them increase in his section of the State. They are kept until blackberries are ripe and then turned loose in some thicket where they can take care of themselves."

"Well, if you get more than you want this season I will take a dozen and pay you whatever they cost. The boys down in my township will protect them."

"I may be able to let you have some, for I received a postal card from a young fellow in Wayne county yesterday and here is what he said: 'I could furnish 10 or 12 young foxes. What would you give me for them?' Answer at once. I wrote and told him that we would take all he had and as many more at a reasonable price, which is anywhere from \$1 to \$2 apiece, according to the age, size and condition of the fox. If the boys in the eastern counties will catch

5,000 gray foxes they can sell them for that many or more dollars to hunters in the western part of the State. I know one man who would buy 100 or more.

"Joe Flenniken, out here in Sharon, had \$100 worth of fun out of \$3 worth of foxes last fall. 'This thing of buying young foxes in the east and turning them loose here is all right. The little fellows are cared for and watched until all most of the running being done after Christmas. The fox is given a chance.'"

HUTCHISON DAIRY SOLD.

Mr. E. C. Williams, of Monroe, the Purchase—Herd Sold at a Loss of \$12 Per Head—A Clean Water Shed.

Mr. W. J. Hutchison, who for the past year has been operating a dairy on the shed from which the city's supply of water has been taken, was ordered to move because the seepings from his stables and yards polluted the water-works pond, yesterday sold to Mr. E. C. Williams, a well-known lawyer of Monroe, his herd of cows, consisting of 24 head, the purchase price being approximately \$500. The cattle will be shipped to Monroe, where Mr. Williams will place them on his farm. Mr. Hutchison will continue in charge of his farm, which is located four miles out on the Statesville road.

Mr. Hutchison stated to an Observer reporter yesterday that he sold his cows at a loss of \$12 a head.

Andy Alexander has moved his pig pen behind the water shed. The leak in the sewer for the Statesville road has been repaired. There is now no possible way in which the shed may be polluted and Charlotte consumers of water may now rest easy.

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SOMETHING ABOUT COBALT.

The Mineral for Which Mr. Thomas A. Edison is Searching.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison says that he has found a way by which an electric storage battery of a given weight may be made to do twice the work of the storage battery as it stands to-day. It is said that he substitutes cobalt for the battery plates in place of lead, which is now commonly used. Mr. Edison has made considerable investigations in North Carolina with a view of finding a sufficient supply of cobalt to justify making a cobalt storage battery for the general market. It is understood that he has had considerable encouragement, having found more or less cobalt in Lincoln and Gaston counties. He then went further into the mountains where he will make extensive investigations. The following story about cobalt is copied from the Encyclopedia Americana:

"Bright white cobalt ore is the popular name for the mineral cobaltite, a sulph-arsenide of cobalt. Gray cobalt ore, also sometimes called tin-white cobalt, is the mineral erythrite. It is the chief ore of cobalt and is essentially cobalt arsenate, though it always contains nickel and iron. Red cobalt, also known as cobalt bloom or black cobalt, is the mineral erythrite, a hydrous cobalt arsenate. Barrois cobalt, or black cobalt, is the mineral asbolite, a variety of wad containing up to 32 per cent. oxide of cobalt. Cobalt pyrites is the mineral linnetite, a sulphide of cobalt, often containing much nickel. The principal supply of cobalt is derived from the smallite of Germany

and the cobaltite of Norway and Sweden."

and the above is written with a view of defining to those who may have cobalt on their land something about the mineral.

Greater Charlotte Magazine.

The Greater Charlotte Magazine is the name chosen for a monthly publication that will make its initial appearance in this city with the July number, which will probably be out early next week. The editors and publishers of the new magazine are Messrs. William W. Moyle, a young printer of the city, and James A. Smith, a real estate man.

The magazine will contain stories of real life, comments on and stories of current events, fiction and quite a little matter of local color. It will be of the usual size and make-up of such publications.

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REV. MR. C. L. BROWN IS HERE.

Rev. C. L. Brown, who has just reached America as a missionary from Japan on furlough, will arrive in Charlotte this evening, to confer with the board of missions, to meet in the city to-morrow.

Rev. Mr. Brown is a native of North Carolina, and less than 30 years ago was a "bare-foot boy" of Charlotte. He will speak to-morrow evening at St. Mark's Lutheran church at 8:15. The public is cordially invited to hear and meet Rev. Mr. Brown at that hour. The music of the occasion will be under the direction of Prof. H. J. Zehm.

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