

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Charlotte Realty Company for the election of directors, and...

was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Malton Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the service.

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Hickory, Dec. 15.—The people throughout the city of all denominations, as well as his own church followers, mourn the death of Rev. Dr. W. R. Gwaltney, the much beloved, saintly and able minister, in his 71st year, who answered death's call at 10 o'clock this morning at his home on Eleventh avenue, after several days of intense suffering.

Mr. Gwaltney, being a North Carolina subject, volunteered at the beginning of the war and spent four years of the early part of his fifty years of ministerial life as chaplain in the Confederate Army, ministering to his comrades by whom he was so much beloved.

It seemed to ticks SI to think he was a God-made man, and that the lawyer who charged him a fee for two minutes' work, the doctor, ditto, and the merchant who charged him 50 per cent. on his time bills were only parasites.

SI kicked the fire, turned his back to the wind and asked me what a parasite was. "A parasite, SI, is a scyphozoan, a hanger-on, a plant growing on another; a scyphozoan is a mean flatterer. There are shell-fish called barnacles that are known as parasites by sea-faring men, for all ocean-going vessels must have their hull scraped down every few months to relieve it of the barnacles collected there.

Special to The Observer. Monroe, Dec. 15.—Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock Messrs. W. C. Stack, G. E. Caldwell and Gus Henderson started off in the former's automobile for Charlotte to see "Coming Thro' the Rye" at the Academy. It was raining slightly when the trio departed, but being all men of hardy physique, they didn't mind a little thing like that.

When the sacred psalmist wrote, "An horse is a vain thing for safety," he had no intention, surely, to make any comparison between the horse and the automobile. King David's statement is a general one, applying to the ordinary means of rapid transit in use at that time, and is not to be construed apart from the context.

These remarks, by the way, little the automobilists are plowing through the mud on their journey to the hoped-for goal and while the rain is coming down faster and more abundantly.

About four miles from Monroe, and not a great distance from the ambitious city of Stoughton-on-the-Seaboard, the old Charlotte road, recognizing the uselessness of trying to compete with the railroad longer, gives up in disgust and settles down under a mantle of mud a foot thick whenever there is enough to make this proceeding feasible.

As any rate, the automobilists, after some vain efforts to get the auto again in motion, had to abandon the attempt. Nor could they procure the means, then, of hauling it to a place of safety, and they had to leave it stranded in the mud, and after that, the deluge. Everybody will remember that the elements were working very hard all through Friday night last.

Let us draw a veil over our three heroes as they trudged through mud and rain on their way back home. There are chords in the human heart so sensitive that the slightest touch will set them vibrating in the widest areas of most poignant grief. Suffice it to say that the three knights of the road did reach home, arriving there about 1 o'clock p. m., in a very respectable hour, indeed.

The next morning Messrs. Stack and Caldwell hired a team and drove out to the scene of action, or rather, of inaction. The automobile was hauled out of the mud and dragged to the barn of Mr. Demetrius Dees, where it will remain to undergo an operation by a trustworthy surgeon.

Dr. Watt Ashcraft, the veterinarian, has a mighty poor opinion of automobiles, but is permeated from head to foot of his six feet four inches of height by a deep and abiding love for the horse. Speaking of the affair above narrated, the doctor said: "I don't think whole business a fine commentary on the very name of the automobile."

"Auto-mobile, self-mover! Shucks! Self-mover, nothing. It is always falling down at the critical moment. I am sorry for the boys, of course, but they ought to know by this time that any old horse has the 'automobile' skinned a whole block, in the self-moving business."

"No wonder Job said about the horse, 'As oft as the trumpet soundeth he saith, Ah!' Every time a horse howlaway hears the automobils horn sound, he probably says the same thing. Even the mules haw-haw at it."

When it passed away, full of years and honors, its tomb became a shrine, and will ever remain so, for pilgrims from Washaw and Marsville and Unionville—yes, and from all the lands round about Union, even unto the confines of South Carolina. It was the only automobile, too, that Dr. Watt Ashcraft could ever countenance, and he says now that it came as near to being horse as any machine he ever saw, or ever expects to see.

When it is remembered that Mr. Williams swapped a highly educated Mexican Mustang for the "Only," Dr. Ashcraft's statement will not appear strange. Mr. Williams certainly thought it was worth a horse, and an educated one at that.

A REAL WONDERLAND. South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, Bohemia farms, wide prairies and strange natural formations is a veritable wonderland. At Mount City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has been observed. A son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes, writes Mrs. Clapp. When I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, he saw his life and completely cured him. Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles. Price, 50c. per bottle. Sold everywhere.

And now the sequel of the porker is heard in the land, and every hand from one to five hogs are being killed by each farmer. Sausage and buckwheat cakes will be the breakfast menu for the next thirty days, to say nothing of cracking bread, liver mush and souse, while later on comes hog and hominy. There is an unexplored, rich wealth for the Southern farmer if he will only devote his time and attention to raising hogs. The hog is at home in the South; and with proper attention he will like the second dove that flew from the ark, bring the green back. A few farmers raise meat enough for home consumption without giving any attention to their hogs, and by giving them the proper attention there are possibilities in growing them, such as are not found in any other crop. The hog is the king of the farm, and meat here is worth the Kansas prices, plus transportation charges. The old-time South, with its large fields of cotton dependent on other sections for its provender, is a thing of the past and the new South, created from the ashes of the old, is here demanding that we diversify our crops and build our smokehouses and corncribs on our own farms, instead of in some neighboring State. The man that follows the dictates of the changed time and diversifies his crop will make money, while the man that raises cotton, cotton-wool and every man dwells under the exclusion of everything else, though a "God-made man," will feed off him to the tune of 40 or 50 per cent. on his time bills.

That Book of all Books, the Book in which some of you hid your ration or fertilizer bill receipts, know that none of the family would look in it for anything—the Bible—there is found this expression: In those days there was no king in the land, and every man dwelt under his own vine and fig tree, and did that which was right in his own eyes." How tersely is an ideal farmer's life here described; but, say, who does the chores at your house? Do you hike off to town and stand around the square all day and leave the "wimmin" to slop around in the mud feeding the cows, hogs and chickens, bringing in the wood, etc.?

During winter-chores should be considered a part of the day's work and not an extra. No farmer should attempt doing a day's work and then after supper be compelled to labor two or three hours of the time he should be resting. The time to do chores is during the day. Of course, all the chores cannot be done with daylight but there is a larger portion that can if properly managed. Always during the winter make it a rule to commence chores at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and then by supper time the chores are practically done. After supper about all there is left to do is go around and see that everything is all right for the night. It then gives a good long evening by the fireside reading; if you have nothing to read, get one of the children's blue-back spellers; there is amusement and instruction enough between the covers to keep your mind occupied a long winter night. As good men as you have climbed the ladder of fame having their starting point by the open fire a long winter evening and a blue-back speller.

Farmers have got to learn to economize time and give more attention to thinking, planning and studying their business. They can do this only by managing their work so that they have time to read and assimilate new thoughts. Winter is the time the farmer should plan to do the bulk of his year's reading. It is the time for applying new thought for the season's work and studying out the problems of the day. There is but one way of economizing time while doing chores and that is by having a system of doing work. At 4 o'clock feed the poultry after this is done fill up the wood boxes, house and kitchen, and see that you have enough in case the morrow should be wet. Then the hogs, see that they have feed and water. As soon as the milking is done, and the milk taken from the barn, let feeding commence. Never feed at night until the last thing before leaving the barn. The stock then does not have to go quite so long before another feeding. If the feeding is done the first thing in the morning, it would add nearly two hours to the time between feedings, which should be avoided. In the morning the first thing after making a fire for Mrs. Farmer is the milking, and then feeding up. The hoes or mules are fed, of course, as soon as the barn is reached, but the cattle should not be fed until the milking is done. A great many farmers do not like to allow their stock to stand while milking, but if none of the animals are fed they will stand for hours without worrying. After breakfast hogs are fed first, then the poultry. The rest of the barn work should be then finished up. After that any little piddling about will show itself in the improved appearance of the farm.

UNCLE JOE. DR. C. L. ALEXANDER DENTIST CARBON BUILDING SOUTH AND TRYON STREETS CHARLOTTE, N. C.

OVER MOUNTAINS AT MURPHY. The People of Cherokee County Seat Delight in Roller Skating and Moving Pictures—L. & N. Railway Building a \$15,000 Steel Bridge. Special to The Observer.

Murphy, Dec. 15.—Messrs. A. A. Fain and J. R. McClelland have just completed a skating rink here 55x150 feet, which is in operation, and is one of the most up-to-date equipped rinks in the State. They also run in connection a bowling alley and an electric movie show every night. Their rink is equipped with the best skates made, and also an electric piano.

Sheriff T. N. Bates has just finished and equipped a building 55x100 feet, the upper story to be used for an electric theatre, and the lower rooms to be used for a store room. The other room he is using for a bowling alley. He also has two pool tables running.

The L. & N. Railway people are having an excellent steel bridge built over the river, which they estimate will cost them, when completed, \$15,000.

The furniture factory here is now getting plenty of orders, and all lines of business are looking good.

Defunct Kansas City Bank to Re-Open To-Day. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—The Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, which was obliged to close by the suspension of the National Bank of Commerce, will re-open for business to-day. All the banks carried down by the National Bank of Commerce's failure have now been rehabilitated.

Four government bank examiners are working on the books of the National Bank of Commerce and upon their report will depend whether the bank shall be re-opened or liquidated. Checks on the suspended bank are accepted at par by many business houses.

The Congo Native. Washington Herald. M. Martin, missionary of the American Presbyterian Congo Mission, who has recently arrived from his fields of labor in the Dark Continent for a vacation, said that he would rather work among the Congo natives than anywhere else. "The natives are very bright and learn quickly," said Mr. Martin, "and they have a high confidence and respect for those placed in authority over them. Whenever fights occur between rival village chiefs we step in between them, tell them to stop instantly and they obey. We ask them to listen to reason, and they will do so. They are full of fighting spirit. Finally they promise to be good, and shaking hands the two chiefs go their respective ways reconciled. They regard the white man as incalculably above themselves—something like a demigod. Anything we tell them they are quite willing to do."

"We are strict before we permit natives to do missionary work. In fact, before we admit them to baptism into the Christian community they must bring proof that they are in earnest and men to stand by their new allegiance. They must throw away every superstitious belief and fetich, and polygamy being quite common, we make them give up their wives, who are always provided for in some manner. Some of these are sent back to their families, while others are given to those who feel inclined to enter the matrimonial state."

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