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GATE CITY FIRE CHIEF WATCHED His Assistant is Bridled and Saddled NEW LAW AT WORK First Arrest Under Ordinance Imposing Penalties on Minors Who Enter Pool Rooms—Daughters of Liberty Effect Officers. Christmas Events.

By ANDREW JOYNER. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 24.—Last night in the hall of the Steam Fire Engine Company with Treasurer E. F. Rankin in the chair and Secretary E. L. Clarke at the secretary's desk Fire Chief Fred N. Taylor and Assistant Fire Chief W. R. Pleasants were each presented with handsome gifts. Chief Taylor received a handsome gold watch, with "Presented to F. N. Taylor by the Greensboro Fire Department" engraved inside the case.

In a very appropriate way Mr. Taylor expressed his appreciation of the splendid gift and mark of esteem of his fellow firemen. Mr. Pleasants was presented with a fine leather saddle and blanket and bridle. The first arrest under the new ordinance imposing a penalty on persons under twenty-one years of age for entering pool rooms was made last night by Police Sergeant Barnes. The boy, who is the player and proprietor of the place where he is found playing, is subject to punishment, and the police announce their intention to strictly enforce the law.

At the Centenary Methodist church the Sunday-school children gave their annual Christmas exercises, including song recitations, and a play. The exercises were in a very creditable manner. Prizes in the Junior League Bible competition were also given out last night, the winners of the prizes being as follows: First prize, Mattie City Rivers; second prize, Will Townsend, Lydia Parham; third prize, Louise Clegg and Frank Starr.

FOR A DEFINITE PERIOD. Illinois Central and Southern Railway Must Publish Rates on Cross-ties. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 24.—The case of the Holcomb-Hayes Company against the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Southern Railway Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission has been decided in favor of the complainant. The defendant roads are required to publish their rates for a definite period of time and to reimburse the complainant in the sum of \$3,071, as represented.

"A CAMEO," (THE DISPENSARY) "There was a graven image of Desire "Painted with red blood on a ground of gold "Passing between the young men and the old "And by him Pain, whose body shone like fire, "And Pleasure with gaunt hands that grasped their hire. "Of his left wrist, with fingers clenched and cold, "The insatiable Satiety kept hold, "Walking with feet unshod that pashed the mire. "The senses and the sorrows and the sins, "And the strange loves that suck the breasts of Hate "Till lips and teeth bite in their sharp indenture, "Followed like beasts with flap of wings and fins. "Death stood aloof behind a gaping grate, "Upon whose lock was written PERADVENTURE."

This vision of lust was written by Algernon Charles Swinburne, perhaps the most finished and in many respects the most profound of English poets. Were Mr. Swinburne in Raleigh today to write the abstract and yet sparkling lines reproduced above, he would find in the dispensary the concrete example of what he has spoken to the soul. But, though the dispensary might have suggested the poem to him, it would not have permitted him at the end to give even the faint hope that "PERADVENTURE" holds forth. There is no "PERADVENTURE" about the dispensary.

senting alleged unjust and unreasonable charges for the transportation of cross-ties. Although just announced today, the decision was rendered December 9, and embodies a new rule in such cases to prevent discriminations; requiring rates to remain in effect for a definite period of time to be designated in the order. The following comment is made: "The omission does not approve of the practice whereby a carrier puts in rates with a clause under which they expire after a short time, for the purpose of enabling the Commission to do justice in a particular case."

MR. J. W. HARRIS GETS CANE. Pastors Organize—Mr. J. P. Long Robbed of \$642. High Point, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mr. J. W. Harris, the general secretary and treasurer of the Welch Furniture Company, was robbed of \$642 by a burglar who entered his home in Kesho, N. C., on Monday night. The burglar was seen by the superintendent and was a handsome gold-headed man. Mr. Harris accepted the case in a brief speech, which showed his appreciation of this testimonial of good will.

Mr. J. P. Long, father of our townsman, Mr. C. F. Long, who has been spending several days here, left yesterday for his home in Kesho, N. C. Mr. Long was the unfortunate victim of the deft hand when at Greensboro last week when he was touched for \$642. The certificate of deposit of \$1,000 the robber could not touch. Mr. Long was bringing the money to his son here as a Christmas gift so it really is Mr. C. F. Long's loss. The senior Mr. Long remembers a man taking hold of the rods and apparently made several efforts to board the train. He finally left, saying he did not want to go on the train anyway. This is the man who got Mr. Long's money. He is described as a low, stout man with black moustache.

SHOT HIS SISTER Horrible Christmas tragedy in Fayetteville. Boy of Ten Presented With Shot Gun Kills His Sister of Seven the Same Evening. (Special to News and Observer.) Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 24.—A shocking tragedy occurred in Fayetteville last night about 7 o'clock, in which a little girl seven years old, met instant death. Policeman Rals. Hall, who lives on Ramsey street, purchased his ten-year-old son a breech-loading shotgun for a Christmas gift. The boy had been playing with the gun, which was unloaded, and laid it across the bed to leave the room for a short time. During his absence, it seems that the gun was charged with a cartridge. On his return he picked it up and snapped it at the child. The gun went off, the charge entering the child's mouth, killing her instantly. The little girl was a niece of Policeman Hall and daughter of Mr. Thaddeus Hall. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents of both son and daughter. It is indeed a sad ushering in of Christmas to these good people, and is one of those inscrutable visitations of Providence which man cannot fathom.

FUNERAL OF MISS EDNA HUDSON. One of the Most Beloved Young Ladies of the Apex Section. Apex, N. C., Dec. 24.—Funeral services over the remains of Miss Edna J. Hudson were conducted here today at 11 o'clock at the Baptist church, and her remains were interred in the cemetery immediately afterwards. Rev. Mr. L. M. Hobbs, pastor of the church, and Rev. Mr. J. W. White, a former teacher and a life-long friend of Miss Hudson, conducted the services. Rev. Mr. Hobbs took for his text the second verse of the 61st Psalm, addressing his remarks to the family and friends of the deceased. His remarks upon, "When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Mr. Hobbs, in most touching and eloquent terms, eulogized the life of the deceased and administered consolation to those who loved her. Rev. Mr. White at the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Hobbs' remarks, spoke feelingly and eloquently of the character, life, sufferings and death of his former pupil and life-long friend. He prefaced his remarks with a statement offered with intense feeling that he felt that he had come to speak at the funeral of his daughter. He took for his text the 7th chapter of Revelations, 9th to 17th verses, and reviewed the life of this most estimable young lady from her childhood to her death. It was evident to the congregation that the words of the speaker came from a heart strongly touched with grief, and there were but few dry eyes in the congregation when he had concluded. At the grave the services were concluded by Rev. Mr. Hobbs in a most eloquent and impressive manner. There was a large congregation present. No person in this community had a larger number of friends than Miss Hudson. Hers was an exceptional life and character. The heart of the community goes out to the relatives in their sad bereavement. Messrs. Ruby J. Olive, Dr. Olive, A. C. Hughes, W. H. F. Branch, Estes Eason, W. F. Dooker, Dr. R. W. Stephens, S. B. Currin, W. H. Johnson, Walter Edwards, and J. H. Campen acted as pall bearers. Mrs. Longworth Improving.

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Train Crushed J. S. B. Crawford's Leg and He May Die. (Special to News and Observer.) Hendersonville, N. C., Dec. 24.—J. S. B. Crawford, of Saluda, alighted from the train from Asheville today and started to walk up the track a short distance. He got his foot caught in a frog and the passenger train passed over his leg. Dr. J. G. Waldrop found it necessary to amputate the leg. Crawford may recover.

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