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The Bulletin is indebted to Mr. A. M. Law for the following clipping from the Charleston (S. C.) Post of recent date:

An Actor Plays At Railroading

"Time was when playgoers in all parts of the United States knew and liked William Gillette, actor and playwright. He drew audiences for years in "Secret Service" and "Sherlock Holmes," among other plays. In his day he did Shakespearean roles.

"Forty years ago, convalescent from a long illness, he was advised to stay in western North Carolina. According to the late Alex Thweatt, the Southern railway's general passenger agent for the East, he sent Mr. Gillette by way of Spartanburg. When the train stopped at Tryon, Mr. Gillette got off, to stretch his legs. He sniffed the air and looked at the hills. When the train left, he was left also. He had decided on the spur of the moment to stay in Tryon. He telegraphed to send his baggage back on the next train. Mr. Gillette acquired property near the present-day site of St. Luke's hospital.

"His adoption of Tryon has nothing to do with Mr. Gillette's adoption in later years of steam railroading as a hobby. On his estate in the East he has a miniature railroad system. When he wants to frisk, the veteran actor climbs into the cab, with a tooting of whistle and a clanging of bell, and is off on a three-mile run, over bridges and in tunnels, through switches. It may be an exaggera-

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A Correction

The Bulletin was in error Monday in reporting that the first Boy Scout troop was organized 17 years ago. We are informed that Tryon had one of the first troops in North Carolina 24 years ago. The Scouts dressed in regular uniform and had a large brass band with the late G. E. Mortan as the director. The Rev. Mr. J. W. Areson, the Episcopal rector, was the Scoutmaster. The Scouts had a cabin back of the Episcopal church. The band practiced in the school building which is now Hotel Tryon. The Scouts took an important part in civic affairs and on one occasion the band went to Asheville and played for the Buncombe county fair. The World War came and took some of the older Scouts and leaders, and some of the others went off to college. The organization had to disband for sometime. Wallace Lankford died of influenza in an army camp during the war. Julian Hester and Lawrence Doubleday were members of this troop. Whitwell Beatson was one of the leaders who went to the war. It would be very interesting if all the early history of Tryon Scouting could be written up for preservation by the local Scout organization.

The Tryon Postoffice postage receipts for 1934 were \$14,997.13 and for 1935 were \$15,173.14, an increase of about \$200 for the year. However, January 1936, had an increase over January 1935, of nearly \$300. January 1935, showed \$1,234.13. Last month it was \$1,528.23. Postmaster W. H. Stearns is very proud of the record.