

Weather: Fair and Colder

PEEKY THEFT IN LEADING BOOK SHOP

A thief entered the book store of Mr. William Harding on Main street some time between the closing on Saturday night and the opening again this morning, and successfully made off with the princely sum of thirty-five cents.

The intruder obtained entrance by simply tearing away the wire which covered the transom above the front door. The visitor was evidently not a reading person, since not a book was disturbed. The safe had been tampered with, but the combination proved inviolable, denoting that the burglary was the work of an amateur—a mere dilettante in the art of robbery—who has not yet experienced enough to lay claim to the title of first class crook. The person was clearly after money, but the only available coin he found at his disposal was fifty cents in change which Mr. Harding had left outside the safe. Fifteen cents of this amount was in pennies, which the burglar very considerably left, not wishing to ruin Mr. Harding financially.

The most probable supposition is that the criminal was an exceedingly youthful person—probably a boy in desperate need of change for his petty pleasures, who decided to embark on a criminal career in order to satisfy his want.

While the job was plainly rather amateurish, the would-be crook showed excellent ingenuity in his mode of entrance, and with experience ought to improve rapidly, giving promise of some day obtaining a high place in his chosen profession.

Mr. Harding stated authoritatively that the thief would not force him into bankruptcy.

He desires to express his thanks to his unknown visitor for the fifteen cents in pennies left behind.

LARGE CONGREGATION AT METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. R. H. Broom preached to a large crowd last evening at the First Methodist church on the subject, "Something Better Than a Bad Investment."

He took his text from the second verse of the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, "Whyfore do ye spend your money for that which is not worthy?"

He delivered an earnest exhortation to those who had signed against God to accept the divine invitation. If we are hungry, we may have bread which satisfied; if we are thirsty we may have the water of life. Every one who feels the need of a pardon may have one.

"No teachable person," said the speaker, "can read the life of the Lord and hear the gospel without being deeply impressed with His love for all men. His consuming desire to save all sinners." Two men once set out to write a treatise in the fallacy of Christianity. But to write such a treatise, they had first to familiarize themselves with God's word. Before they had finished, they had become convinced that Christianity was not a fallacy but a reality. Most people are inclined to shut themselves out willfully from the gospel offered, and they read little, especially in the new testament.

"Better than money and anything it can buy, better than labor and everything it can earn," vehemently declared Mr. Broom, "is peace with God and man."

Wisdom is more valuable than gold. "It is better to live in a low cabin on corn bread and buttermilk," said the speaker, "than to live in a mansion on money made on futures."

The gospel offers us food, which satisfies, the world spreads tempting dainties before us which do not satisfy.

Gambling and drinking were vigorously denounced by Mr. Broom. "I have no earthly hope," said he, "for a man who has habituated himself to gambling. It has become a confirmed habit. It will take a miracle to save him."

Referring to the sin of drunkenness, he stated that \$1,750,000,000 had been spent in 1910 for intoxicating liquors. This is ten and four-sevenths what was spent for all church purposes yet some people complain of church dues. It is more than six times what is spent to redemption. According to accurate statistics compiled by experts liquor kills 12 people every hour.

We should choose those things which satisfy. All are invited who will accept the invitation and cry, "O Lamb of God, I come—I come."

CASES DISPOSED OF BY RECORDER

Before Recorder W. F. Windley this morning Mr. Claude Gardner was fined two dollars for using too violent language over the telephone. The telephone company was unwilling to prosecute the case, after hearing the explanation and apology of Mr. Gardner, therefore only a nominal sentence was pronounced.

Yesterday afternoon James Amer, colored, was fined \$5 and costs for speeding on his bicycle, and Jack Franklin, colored, from out in the country, was given the maximum fine for the same offense.

MISS BURBANK AND MR. RUMLEY WED AT WILLIAMSTON

Yesterday evening in Williamston Miss Harriet Olivia Burbank of this city became the bride of Mr. William Rumley also of Williamston.

While the wedded pair have been sweethearts ever since childhood, the news of their marriage comes as a surprise, not only to their many friends, but also to the relatives of the bride and groom. Neither of the two families were in the least opposed to the union, and general congratulations are the order of the day, now that the wedding has been announced.

The bride resided with her sister and brother, Miss Mamie Burbank and Mr. S. F. Burbank, a popular traveling salesman for the E. W. Ayers store. Her father holds a government position in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mr. Rumley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rumley of West Second street. His father is register of deeds for the county, while he himself is one of the most promising young business men of Williamston, holding a responsible position with the Washington Buggy Co.

Miss Mary Ayers accompanied the bride, who left here on the afternoon train yesterday for Williamston. At Farmville they were joined by the bridegroom, together with Dr. Clyde Griffin.

Upon arriving in Williamston, the bride party repaired to the home of Mrs. Wheeler Martin, where about 7 o'clock in the evening the ceremony was performed by Rev. Standford of the Methodist church.

Mr. Rumley then attended the news to his father in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumley are at present staying at the home of the brother of the bride, Mr. S. F. Burbank, but expect to begin housekeeping shortly.

SHIPPING NEWS

The Lizzie A. Williams of Norfolk, Capt. Weatherly, one of the largest schooners now lying in port, is still discharging a cargo of coal and oaks and taking on one of lumber for the return trip.

The steamer Eloise, Capt. Howard Brooks, steamed away this morning on her regular trip down the river to Bath, well laden with passengers and freight. Capt. Brooks has done a good traffic business ever since beginning his regular schedule early this month.

The Pamlico of Philadelphia, owned by the Southern Transportation Co., Capt. Larkin, is still in port.

The W. B. Blades of Hyde county, Capt. Edward Bell, is in port again today.

The yacht Thetis, owned by Mr. C. H. Fuller of Pawtucket, R. I., Capt. S. R. Parker, is lying quietly in the peaceful waters of Washington.

The Nautilus of Blounts Creek, Capt. C. B. Edwards, is still in port.

The oyster boat Julia V., Capt. Voliva, is in port with a load of oysters from Vandemere.

The Casey Jones, Capt. Popperwill, an oyster boat from Pamlico county, is again in port.

The Mabel, Capt. Munroe Williams, an oyster boat from Pamlico county, is again in port.

The Barney of Blounts Creek, Capt. Charles F. Venters, is still in port.

The Columba of Hatteras, Capt. Styrton, is here with a load of fish.

LAY BY FOR HILLS

Harriehurst, Pa., March 15.—Today has been fixed by the State House of Representatives as the last day upon which bills may be introduced in that branch of the legislature for the session of 1913 unless the bills are for local legislation, for which advertisement is required before presentation.

HARBOR BILL ASSURED OF SUCCESS

Washington, March 17.—(Special)

The rumor that President Taft had prepared a veto message on the River and Harbor bill, or at least had directed Secretary Stimson to prepare such a veto because of certain objectionable features of special legislation the bill contained, is now authenticated by an unimpeachable authority. But when President Taft came to examine the measure closely, with the aid of General Hixby, Chief of the Corps of Engineers, and saw that the legislation to which exception was taken had been eliminated in conference, the veto was destroyed and the Presidential signature of approval attached.

Senator Kaute Nelson, late chairman of the committee on commerce, who has been a member of the committee for eighteen years, and during that period has been of invaluable assistance in the preparation of river and harbor bills, does not hesitate to say that, in his judgment, the bill making appropriations for river and harbor work, which became a law in the early hours of March 4, is freer from objections than any bill he has had to do with since he became a member of the Commerce Committee.

"Up to three years ago," said Senator Nelson in a review of the River and Harbor bill of 1911, "we had spasmodic bills for river and harbor improvement. Very frequently two years would go by and often three years elapsed before river and harbor bills were passed."

Those bills, under that system, were subject to criticism in that they piled up appropriations for a few large projects to the exclusion of a lot of small but deserving projects that had a great deal of commerce.

Then there was another objection to those intermittent bills in those days. It was desirable to initiate new improvements, the first step would be to order a preliminary examination and survey, with the result that such a long delay ensued, between bills, that it took from three to four years to get a real start on a meritorious project.

"Three years ago, under the House Chairmanship of Mr. Alexander of New York, Congress inaugurated the plan of having moderate annual bills for river and harbor work and of recognizing not only the larger projects but also the smaller meritorious ones, those in which a small expenditure of money would lead to immediate and direct results. Inaugurate new projects a survey could be ordered one year, and if the report was favorable, appropriations could be made and work started the next year."

"A number of the appropriations in the river and harbor bill which became a law, in the closing hours of Congress, are for the improvement of so-called creeks, which, on their face, might indicate that it was money wasted to make the improvement authorized, but, as a matter of fact, these creeks are tidal streams and carry, in many cases, a vast commerce needing only a little dredging, the straightening of a channel or the removal of a sand bar, at limited expense, to make them still greater arteries for the handling of the traffic originating upon them."

"In these annual bills too, there has been a strict adherence to the recommendations of the engineer force of the War Department. As a rule no appropriation has been made for any project not favorably recommended or estimated for by the War Department through the Chief of Engineers."

"Owing to the great floods on the Mississippi the past year and the great damage done the levees and revetment work larger appropriations than usual had to be made for the improvement of the 'Father of Waters' from Grape Girardeau to the Head of the Passes. Next to the Mississippi the Ohio River absorbs a large share of the appropriations. As a matter of fact the Ohio is being canalized by the construction of fifty-four locks and dams, and when completed will be a most perfect example of what a river can do in the way of transporting bulky and heavy freight at small cost."

"Then there are the great harbors like New York, Boston and other places which need liberal appropriations as well as the entire Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf coast."

"Outside of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and the waters of New York Harbor, the rivers and harbors of Texas absorb the greatest amount

METHODIST CONFERENCE TO BE IN GREENVILLE

The Washington District Conference for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in Greenville March 26-29. The delegation from here will be a strong one; its personnel will be announced later.

Rev. J. T. Gibbs will preside over this conference. Great preparations are rumored to be under way in Greenville for the entertainment of the visiting Methodists, and an enjoyable convention may be anticipated.

HOTTA FOUNTAIN

SERVICE EXTENDED.

The Hoyt Drug Co. has engaged Mr. Clarence Probst to dispense drinks at their popular fountain. Mr. Probst is a young man who has had three years experience in Lynchburg and Richmond. He has mastered the elusive art of mixing any drink a customer may call for in just the way to please his palate, and comes to Washington with excellent recommendations.

While admitting that it would be to his advantage in many ways to remain in the city of Richmond, young Mr. Probst welcomes the opportunity to reside in Washington with his father, Mr. J. W. Probst, who is linotype operator upon the Daily News.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The first service of the Week of Prayer will take place in St. Peter's Episcopal church tonight at 8 o'clock.

The service will be short with good music and an address by Hon. H. S. Ward. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. T. J. Sugg of Hertford was seen upon the streets of Washington yesterday.

J. K. HOYT IS SHOWING A NEW LINE OF LADIES' SPRING COAT SUIT IN THE NEW STYLES AND FABRICS.

of the appropriations carried in the river and harbor bill.

"While it is possible that in some instances appropriations have been made for improvements of doubtful value, yet in my judgment, the bill just passed and approved is freer from those blemishes than any bill I have had to do with since I became a member of the Commerce Committee."

"The plan of an annual bill has proven to be satisfactory, both to Congress and the Engineer Department that I have no doubt that policy will be continued in the future."

"There were a few matters of general legislation added to the bill in committee and on the floor of the Senate which were eliminated in conference at the instance of the House, and therefore the River and Harbor bill that has just become a law is freer from extra legislation than any other appropriation bill passed at the last session of Congress."

Cast Off the Old Put on the new

Only a few days more to Easter Sunday. Don't put off buying your Easter suit a moment longer.

Have you ever stopped to think how the custom of wearing new things at Easter came about?

Some thought of it may be found in the Resurrection, the world reborn, casting aside its old clothes and taking on new apparel and new ideals. It is the close of winter and Mother Earth dons a new suit of green in honor of the Springtime.

So, in order to be as well dressed as Mother Earth, we must have new hats, new suits, new shoes, new gloves and new things of all kinds. They must be just right in texture, in cut, in color and contrast. They must be of the right quality and right price.

The merchants of Washington have been preparing for Easter and Springtime ever since the first snowfall. They are well prepared. Read their advertisements in The Daily News closely and constantly every day and keep well informed regarding all the new things. Then you will be able to purchase your Springtime apparel at the right store and at the right price.

WEIGHING COAL AT MINES TO BE PROBED

New York, March 17.—The Interstate Commerce Commission began an investigation of the methods of weighing anthracite by the carload at the mines, in this city today. These methods have been declared to be incorrect and unjust by coal dealers.

According to the retail dealers of New York, they are forced by law to deliver a full ton to their customers. They claim, however, that coal by carload from the mines is always short weight. They declare that leakage takes place because the coal is weighed while the cars are in motion, because the weight of the car unloaded is not accurately kept, because the coal is not protected from pilferage in transit and because in winter time ice is permitted to collect in the car, and thus alter its weight.

The carriers that have been summoned to explain their methods of loading and weighing coal are the following railroads: Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Reading, Lehigh Valley, Central Railroad of New Jersey, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Erie, New York, Ontario and Western and Delaware and Hudson.

TRINITY SOON PLAYS PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Durham, N. C., March 17.—Owing to the persistent bad weather, the opening of the baseball season has been delayed somewhat here.

The first two games scheduled, with the Trinity Park school and with Atlantic Christian College, have had to be postponed, and from the present outlook, it would seem that it will still be several days before the initial game can be played. All this necessary delay in opening the season is regarded as very unfortunate by the Trinity rooters who are anxious to see what sort of a game the 'varsity' nine is going to put up against worthy opponents this season.

The line-up for the season has not been definitely given out by Coach Atkins as yet, but in all probability it will be as follows: first base, Patterson; second base, Thompson; third base, Baird; left field, Litchfield; center field, Spence; right field, Edgerton or Adams, and catcher, Maddox or McLean. The pitching staff will be made up of Godfrey, Fitzgerald, Knight, and Kanipe. In recent practice games, these players have been showing up splendidly. Fitzgerald has been pitching in fine style, fanning the majority of those facing him at the bat, and Maddox and McLean have been working behind the bat like veterans. These two are running neck to neck for the job behind the bat, and as both are splendid players, both will probably make the place. John Thompson is battling as fiercely this year as ever, and has already knocked several planks loose on the center field fence. Edgerton and Litchfield, two recruits from the prep school have also been getting in a good batting record in the practice games. The student body is eager to see what kind of work they are going to do against opposing teams in big games and are speculating freely on the various members of the team.

Probably the biggest game of the season is scheduled to take place next Thursday at Greensboro, when the Trinity team will cross bats with the team of Princeton University. A plan was on foot to run a special train to Greensboro on this occasion for the benefit of the students and townspeople who wished to witness the game, but the faculty vetoed the scheme. However, many of the students express the intention of seeing the game anyhow. Princeton plays only two games in the State, and Manager Warlick was fortunate in securing one of these dates. Next Friday, another big game is scheduled to take place. This is the game with Pennsylvania State and will be played at Durham.

MORE AND MORE FLOCK TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

In spite of the bad weather, a record-breaking attendance is reported at the Sunday school and church services of the Christian church yesterday. At the night service the allies had to be filled with chairs, and even then the crowd could scarcely be accommodated.

GOOD ROADS BILL FOR THIS COUNTY

A bill to be entitled *A Bill to Amend the Constitution of Beaufort County to give the commissioners of Beaufort County the question of issuing bonds to make, maintain, and improve the public roads of said county.*

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the board of commissioners of Beaufort County be and it is hereby empowered to submit to the qualified voters of Beaufort County, at such time or times as in its discretion it may deem best, the question whether said county shall issue bonds in the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars, with interest coupons attached, the proceeds of which to be used in grading, improving, macadamizing, or otherwise surfacing the public roads of said county. The said board of commissioners shall, for at least thirty days before the election, give public notice of such election, together with the purpose thereof, by publication in one or more newspapers published in said county: Provided, that if a majority of the qualified voters of said county shall not vote to issue bonds at the election so held, said board of commissioners may submit the said question to said voters at any other time or times, under the regulations hereinafter set out.

Sec. 2. That any elections under the provisions of this act shall be conducted in the same manner as is now, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law for holding elections for the General Assembly; Provided, however, that the said board of commissioners shall appoint the registrars of election, the judges or inspectors and any other election officers, and registration and challenge of voters shall be conducted in the same manner as is now or may hereafter be provided for the election of members of the General Assembly, and said county commissioners may or may not order a new registration for any or all of said elections. The vote shall be counted at the close of the polls and returned to the said board of county commissioners on the Thursday next following the election, and said board shall tabulate and declare the result of the election, all of which shall be recorded in the minutes of said board of county commissioners, and no other recording and declaring of the result of the election shall be necessary.

Sec. 3. That at said election or elections the ballots tendered and cast by the voters shall have written or printed upon them "For Good Roads Bond Issue," or "Against Good Roads Bond Issue," and all electors who favor the issuing of said bonds shall vote for good roads bond issue, and those opposed to the issuing of the bonds shall vote against good roads bond issue: Provided, said bonds shall not be issued unless a majority of the qualified voters of said county shall have first cast their vote in favor of the issuance thereof.

Sec. 4. In the event that a majority of the qualified voters shall be for the bond issue at any election herein provided for, after the result has been declared and recorded as aforesaid, the board of commissioners of the county shall have bonds prepared for the denomination of one thousand dollars, five hundred dollars, or one hundred dollars, as they may deem best, the total amount being that provided for in the first section of this act. The said bonds shall bear a rate of interest to be determined by the board of commissioners, not exceeding five per cent per annum, with interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually during the time the bonds shall run, with the principal payable forty years from this issue. Said bonds and coupons shall be payable in standard currency of the United States, in the city of Washington, North Carolina, or such other place as may be designated by board of county commissioners. Both bonds and coupons shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with number one, and both shall be signed by the chairman of said board of commissioners and countersigned by its clerk, and each bond shall be authenticated by the seal of the county, and they shall be styled "Beaufort County Highway Improvement Bonds."

Sec. 5. Immediately upon the preparation and signing of said bonds, the said board of county commissioners shall turn over to the chairman of the good roads commission hereinafter provided for all of said bonds, without the county seal having been affixed to any of them. The good roads commission shall have the power to advertise and sell any or all of said bonds at public sale at such time and place as they may deem best, for the purpose of raising a fund with which to construct and improve the public highways of said county as aforesaid; the expense of such advertising and selling or other necessary expenses in regard thereto, to be paid out of the fund arising from the sale thereof. Before delivering any of the bonds sold by the provision of this section and under this act, the chairman of the good roads commission shall apply to the custodian of the seal of Beaufort County, whose duty it shall be to affix said county seal to the bonds so sold, and no bonds shall be of any value until such seal is so affixed. Said bonds shall not be sold or disposed of in any way for less than their face value, including accrued interest, nor shall they or their proceeds be used for any other purpose than those declared by this act: Provided, however, that the purchasers of said bonds shall not be required to see to the application of the fund. Said bonds shall be numbered consecutively and the coupons attached and issued with them shall bear the number of the bond to which they are attached. The bonds and coupons shall state on their face when they are due and where payable, and the bonds shall show by what authority they are issued. The good roads commission shall record all their proceedings in respect to said bonds in the minutes of their meetings, and whenever the same are sold, the number of bonds and their denominations, to whom sold, and the number of coupons attached. Said minutes shall always be open to the inspection of the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 6. When any of the bonds provided for in this act are sold, the proceeds of sale shall be turned over to the treasurer of the good roads commission hereinafter provided for, and shall become part of the good roads fund hereinafter properly be accumulated.

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