

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Entertainments This Week—Colored Leaves for South Carolina—Stores Man's Home Burned—Mrs. James to Close Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving is the one day that Mt. Pleasant takes off. No mean delegation will go in search of "Bre'r Rabbit" and kindred sports. For those who do not care for these diversions, there will be appropriate services in the Methodist church. The following business houses will be closed: Cook & Pohl Co., C. G. Heilig, Seaford-Blackwelder Co., H. W. Mullis, Cabarrus Savings Bank. Dr. A. W. Moore will observe Sunday hours. McAllister's market will be open from 5 to 8:30 a. m. Telephone exchange open from 8 to 10 a. m., 6 to 8 p. m.

Many are looking forward with pleasure to the entertainment in the Seminary hall Thursday night and the lecture Friday night by Gov. Manship.

Another fire is recorded as a gentle reminder that we are entirely without fire protection. Wednesday night about 8 o'clock Lawson Jones, colored, lost his house together with all its contents by fire. Jones himself was away from home at the time but his family were in the house when the fire started. The fire originated from a lamp carried into a papered room partly filled with cotton batting intended for quilting. The flames spread so rapidly that the occupants were terror-stricken and were scarcely able to make their escape. The white people here contributed liberally toward supplying Jones in his complete destitution.

Mrs. C. F. James leaves tomorrow for Mettall, S. C., to join her husband who has charge of a large cotton mill recently completed. Mt. Pleasant regrets to have Mr. and Mrs. James leave but they have our best wishes for success in their new home.

Mrs. DeWitt Barrier is spending sometime in Danville Va.

Misses Ada Stirewalt and Mary Heilig, Dr. G. D. Moore and Mr. I. R. Crane spent yesterday with Miss Mary Harris, at China Grove.

Miss Ora Fisher went to Laurens, S. C., Saturday where she will spend a fortnight with her brother, Prof. A. W. Fisher, who is superintendent of schools there.

Miss Lundy Cline spent last week with relatives in Concord.

Miss Bessie McEachren is visiting friends at Mooresville.

Mrs. H. W. Barrier is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moody, in Albemarle.

Mrs. M. M. Litaker had the misfortune to get her thumb badly cut in a feed cutter a few days ago.

Miss Lillian Cline spent last week attending conference at Mt. Hermon church.

Mrs. D. D. Barrier and daughter, Miss Mildred, will spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Barrier's sister, Miss Margaret McAllister, at High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hartsell, of Concord, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hartsell.

Mr. O. A. Barringer is spending a few days at home.

Mr. Carl Crane spent Sunday with home folks at Newells. He was accompanied by his friend, Mr. Frank Richardson.

Mt. Pleasant, November 21.

Large Amounts Pledged.

Charlotte Observer, 22nd.

It has just lately come to the attention of some of the delegates to the late synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, which met in this city a few days ago that the council appropriated for the coming year three times more for the one purpose of church extension alone than was ever done before. The total appropriations made by the synod amount to approximately \$45,000 which is an unprecedented amount for a denomination so small. It is feared by some of the more conservative members of the synod that such a large amount cannot possibly be raised and there is even in this city among the members of this Church a feeling approaching criticism that such a long step should have been taken.

Panama Locks Not in Danger of Earthquakes.

The chances of any of the locks of the Panama canal being destroyed by an earthquake are not one in a hundred million, according to Dr. Charles W. Haynes, chief of the United States geological survey, who reached New Orleans from the canal zone Tuesday.

"The Panama canal is not in an earthquake zone," said Dr. Haynes. "Panama is no more liable to experience an earthquake than nine-tenths of the land of earth."

Dr. Haynes went to Panama to examine slides that have occurred on the canal and to make recommendations from a geological point of view as to the best means of preventing them. He left for Washington Tuesday night.

WAGON STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Two Men Narrowly Escape Death—Wagon Broke up and Goods Scattered Around.

Messrs. F. L. Starnes and Levi Blackwelder, of No. 10 township, narrowly escaped being killed when the wagon they were driving was struck by a fruit train at the crossing near the passenger station, Tuesday afternoon about 3:15 o'clock. They were returning to their home in No. 10 township with a load of merchandise for Fite's store. There was a shifting engine running on the track opposite the one the fruit train was on and the men were watching the engine while attempting to cross. The train struck the wagon squarely between the wheels dividing it into two equal parts. The men jumped and escaped uninjured. The shafts were knocked loose and the mule made a dash down the street. Some of the merchandise was Christmas goods, consisting of fancy vases, etc., a number of which were shattered and the tiny parts scattered along the railroad track.

Mr. Dooley on Thanksgiving.

Discussing Thanksgiving, Mr. Dooley observed:

We ought to be thankful every day in the year and not wait until we get notice from the authorities that on less we appear on their last Thursday in November our names will be stricken from their rolls. I don't like to have a Thanksgiving proclamation carved on me like a dispossess notice. I defy the polis' to order me to be thankful next week any more than I will be thankful next week after. I refuse to be ordered around. I course I ain't going to be a riter I wont make any trouble. Th' Govnor won't have to tell me to move on an' be thankful. I'll be thankful on Thanksgiving Day when everybody is according to law, an' I will be thankful the day after when there's no legal reason why I shud be. Ye can't be thankful too much or too often. It don't get ye much but it makes ye injye what ye get more.

Waste House Burned.

The waste house at the Young Hartwell mill caught fire Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock and the house was practically destroyed and a large quantity of waste consumed before the blaze was checked. A few minutes before the fire was discovered a shifting engine of the local yards of the Southern had run a car to the door of the house, which was to be loaded with the waste. There was a bale on the platform, which extends to the edge of the railroad and it is thought that a spark from the engine ignited this bale and caused the conflagration. The modern firefighting apparatus of the mill was brought into use and the operatives coped with the flames in a way that would do credit to trained firemen, and prevented the blaze from spreading.

The loss is estimated at \$200 and is fully covered by insurance.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell Again Stricken.

Charlotte Observer, 23rd.

The many friends in Charlotte and throughout the State of Mr. Caldwell, for so many years editor of The Observer, will be concerned to know that he suffered another stroke of paralysis at the home of Dr. John McCampbell at the State Hospital in Morganton yesterday. This time his left side was affected. In conversation over the long distance telephone with one of the physicians in Morganton last night it was stated that the side only was affected, the brain not being involved at all, or his faculties impaired. Dr. McCampbell said that Mr. Caldwell was in no imminent danger, although his condition might become serious at any time.

Luther Manship.

Ex-governor of Mississippi, will appear at the Auditorium, Mt. Pleasant, Friday evening, November 25th, under the auspices of the Institute and Seminary. Bob Taylor calls him "The rising star of Mississippi, a born actor," and Opie Reed says that he stands on the crest of his profession. He has the highest endorsement from the best judges in the country, and is inimitable in his stories of The Old South and the Old Negro. Bishop Galloway says he doubts if he can be excelled on the American platform. His evening's performance is truly a glass of champagne with a tear in it, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. An evening of rare entertainment is promised all who come out to hear the South's great humorist. td

Three hundred of four hundred acres of land near Black Mountain has been selected by the Methodist Episcopal church, commonly known as the Northern Methodist church in contradistinction to the Southern Church, and will be used for chataqua purposes.

ENTERTAINMENT AT FOREST HILL.

Friday Night an Enjoyable Drama Will be Rendered at the Methodist Church There.

Play-going folks and lovers of the drama will have the opportunity next Friday night at 8 o'clock to spend the most pleasant hour and a half of the season to witness a carefully prepared up-to-date comedy in three acts, entitled, "Men, Maids and Match Makers," which will be rendered by the young people of Forest Hill Methodist church, assisted by some talented friends, under the auspices of the Golden Link Missionary Society of that church. The entertainment will be held in the band room of the old chapel on West Buffalo street. The following will be the dramatis personae:

Bachelor Maids.
Lillian Stewart...Miss Bertha Linker
Katherine Howard...Miss Bess Utley
Elizabeth Everett...Miss Lethia Miller
Bachelor Men.
Alice Marshall, alias Aunt Selina
Winthope...Miss Cooper Miller
Guy Richards...Mr. T. C. Newman
Charles Brewster...Mr. John Strowd
Roy Vincent...Mr. Frank Petrea
Dr. Imhoff...Mr. Lonnie Crooks.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mrs. Zeb Barnhardt, of Asheville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Fisher.

Mrs. C. J. Hill, of Thomasville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon.

Mr. L. H. Moore, of No. 7 township, has gone to Newton on a short business trip.

Misses Rosa Mund and Gertrude Caldwell have returned from a visit to Charlotte.

Mr. W. T. Klutz and family, of Salisbury, are visiting at Mrs. W. C. Boyd's.

Mr. Brice Plummer, of No. 1 township, left Tuesday night for Munday, Texas, where he will locate.

Miss Jenn Coltrane has returned from Charlotte, where she has been visiting her friend, Mrs. T. C. Guthrie, for the past fortnight.

Some Prolific Cotton.

Mr. W. C. Litaker, of No. 4 township, was in the city yesterday and brought with him four limbs from one cotton stalk containing 42 bolls. This cotton is of the Cook's Prolific variety and Mr. Litaker says he averaged from 40 to 42 pounds of lint cotton from 100 pounds of seed cotton. He says if anybody can beat this he would like to get some of the seed. He sells his seed for 75 cents a bushel.

Presents Each Member of Police Force With a Turkey.

Superintendent Walter Thompson, of the Jackson Training School, has presented each member of the local police force with a large turkey. Mr. Thompson made this presentation to the officers as a manifestation of his appreciation of the valuable service they rendered the institution in recapturing the boys who ran away during the past year.

Death of Mrs. Ella Price.

Mrs. Ella Price died Wednesday at 6 a. m. at her home near the Gibson mill. She was 30 years of age and is survived by her husband and four small children. Her infant died Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, and the funeral of the mother and child was held Wednesday at the Baptist church at 5 o'clock, p. m., and the remains were interred at Oakwood cemetery.

Methodist Protestant Appointments.

The appointments of the Methodist Protestant Conference, in session at Kernersville, were read Monday, Rev. A. O. Lindley is returned to Concord for the third year. Rev. D. A. Braswell was sent to Denton, in Davidson county. Rev. J. F. Dozier goes to Albemarle and Rev. W. R. Blackwelder to Monroe.

Hon. L. T. Hartsell, State Councilor of the Junior Order, has accepted an invitation to deliver the flag to the graded school of Salisbury tomorrow at the big Junior rally that will be held there.

Mr. M. Ira Winecoff, who has been living on Mr. R. F. Phifer's farm for the past two years, will move the first of January to his own farm in No. 4 Township.

Several ladies of the city have sent a large box of fruit and other delicacies to the county home for the inmates to enjoy today.

Rev. C. C. Barnhardt, formerly of Cabarrus, has moved from Wetank, Oklahoma, to Headrick, in the same State.

KING DAUGHTERS ORGANIZE.

Circle Formed Here With Ten Members—Purpose of the Order.

A circle of the King's Daughters has been organized here with a membership composed of ten of Concord's most popular and cultured young ladies. A charter will be received from the head of the organization within a few days and a name for the local circle will be adopted. It is the purpose of this organization to aid the needy and unfortunate people of the community and to do other kinds of charity work. One of the cottages at the Jackson Training School was erected by the King's Daughters and the local circle will take an active interest in the welfare of this institution.

Concord has long felt the need of such an organization and it deserves the support and encouragement of all our citizens.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Mr. Chas. H. Lippe is the executor of the estate of the late Mr. E. G. Lippe.

Miss Beatrice Blake, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Sudie Smith.

The annual missionary sale will be held at Bear Creek church December 10th.

H. L. Parks & Co. have just received by express another lot of the Selby fine shoes for ladies, in all toes and leathers.

Messrs. Geo. H. Moore and Malcolm G. Lentz have installed a cob mill in connection with their washboard factory in No. 7 township.

On account of an epidemic of pink eye and several cases of typhoid fever at the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, Va., the students were dismissed Tuesday on furlough until January 6th.

Greensboro Record: Just when a majority of the population was rejoicing over the election results, the city tax collector jumps in and announces that taxes are due and payable at the city hall. A man who would do this has a wonderfully "mean disposition" as Johnny Jones would say.

Winston Sentinel: Rev. W. M. Robbins and family will leave Saturday for their new home at Lincolnton. Mr. Robbins was pastor of Grace church here for four years and the congregation never had a more faithful or acceptable pastor and worker than he proved himself to be. He and his family will carry with them to their new home the very best wishes of a host of admiring friends in the Twin-City.

Methodist Statistics.

The following are some of the statistics of the Methodist church in the Western North Carolina Conference for the Conference year:

Local preachers, 174.
Members of church, 92,575.
Infants baptised, 2,066.
Adults baptised, 2,913.
Epworth Leagues 119, Epworth League members, 2,873.
Sunday schools, 784; Sunday school members, 80,369.
Raised for foreign missions \$19,853.48.
Raised for home missions \$13,411.99.
Raised for Church extension \$7,491.91.
Raised for American Bible Society \$692.39.
Raised for preachers \$176,925.86.
Number of societies 869.
Number of houses of worship 898.
Value of houses of worship \$1,905,978.
Value of educational institutions, \$999,443.65.
Endowments, \$541,929.28.
Professors, 91.
Students, 1,354.

The Epworth League report showed 600 new chapters and 20,000 new members in Southern Methodism last year.

Death of Mrs. Mary Burris.

Mrs. Mary Burris died Tuesday at 12 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Wood, on North Underwood street, after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Burris was 73 years of age and had been a resident of Concord for a number of years and had a large number of friends and relatives here. She had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. W. J. Smith, superintendent of Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte, has sent out an urgent appeal for assistance in his work on Thanksgiving Day. The orphanage is a charity of the Episcopal church, under diocesan control, and has done and is doing a great amount of good in caring for homeless and penniless orphans.

Spark's Show will be in Concord November 30th.

RELIGIOUS PARASITES.

Statesville Pastors Pay Respects to Debt Dodgers and Card Players.

In a strong sermon delivered before his congregation at the First Baptist church Sunday morning, speaking on the ways by which men attempt to cover their sins, the Rev. Charles E. Maddy branded the church members of the town who does not pay their honest debts as "religious parasites, who are living off the other people of the town, and who deserve the scorn and contempt of all decent Christian people," says the Statesville correspondent of the Greensboro News.

"The time has come," continued the speaker, "when the church must hold aloft the banner of common honesty."

Mr. Maddy said he was glad to learn that a movement has been started by the Retail Merchants' association, of Statesville, to expose the hypocrites of the town who make accounts with the merchants and then refuse to pay them and at the same time are members of the church and are posing as pious Christians. "Men high up in our churches are guilty of this thing," said the minister, "and I am glad that the merchants are going to expose them." The merchants, it was stated, are going to ask the ministers of the town to preach special sermons on debt paying and Mr. Maddy stated that he was willing and would be pleased to take his stand in the matter and play his part as best he could.

While Pastor Maddy was going for the churches members on the debt-paying proposition, the Rev. J. N. Pressley, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, a block away, was holding up before his congregation as a model the Charlotte congregation whose pastor declares is free from members who play cards, dance and attend theaters. Investigation has disclosed, declared Mr. Pressley, that the Charlotte pastor can prove what he says. All the social evils, especially card playing and dancing were vigorously denounced by Mr. Pressley and if there are any of his flock who are guilty of the evils under discussion their ears surely must have burned until they hurt, as they heard the able sermon against them.

SOME FINE CORN YIELDS.

Boys Who Have Splendid Records Growing Corn.

T. E. Browne.

On Thursday, November 16th, I helped measure the corn on John Lester Forshand's contest acre in Chowan county, and by actual weight he made a fraction over 140 bushels. It was the largest pile of corn I ever saw grow on one acre. Lester is only thirteen years old and is justly proud of his corn.

The next largest yield yet reported in the northeastern district was made by Charlie Parker, of Menola, Hertford county. He made 132 15-56 bushels on his acre. He and his brother made on their two acres nearly 255 bushels. Charlie Parker beat the Chowan county contestants in number of tabs but was left in weight of shelled corn, because he pulled the fodder. Lester Forshand did not pull his fodder and his corn was the heaviest I have ever measured.

A number of boys in Hertford county will make over 75 bushels per acre. Plato Mitchell, only 12 years old, made 95 bushels on his acre. Barnes Williams, only 12 years old, made 75 bushels. The boys of the county are excelling their fathers raising corn. However, the yield of corn in the county will be double what it was last year, and the Boys' Corn Contest and Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work are largely responsible for this increase.

An Attractive Window.

Mr. G. A. Moser, manager of the shoe department at Parks' has arranged one of the show windows of the store in a manner that is attracting no little attention, and is truly representative of the Thanksgiving season. The background of the window is filled with oak shrubbery and the flower there is a set of dishes properly arranged. Each plate contains a shoe, with a tag on which is the of each member of the family. There is father's shoe, mother's shoe, sister's and brother's shoe and a "dear" little shoe for baby.

The Craven Bros. Furniture and Undertaking Co. tell you in this paper of an outpouring of furniture and house furnishings that will interest you. From now until January 1st they are going to make prices that you can't resist. They carry a large assortment of all kinds of furniture. In this big page ad today they tell you about a few of the many things they have.

Mr. O. T. Walker, who left Monday for Winston-Salem to enter the "Southern Commercial College," remained only a day and a half before coming home. He did not like the way things went at the "College."

LONDON TIMES SAYS CRIPPEN DID CONFESS.

The Great Daily Publishes the Alleged Confession.

The London papers having denied that Dr. Crippen, the wife murderer, who was hanged yesterday, made a confession, the London Times comes back with the declaration that he did and publishes it.

According to the alleged confession of Crippen, the jealousy and drunkenness of his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen, the actress, had made life impossible with her. He bought hyoscin poison and put it in digestive tablets, which he gave to his wife. The second tablet caused death on February 1, and on the evening of the next day he began dissecting the body into small pieces, which he burned in the kitchen stove. Before he could complete the task however, he became alarmed and buried the remainder of the body in the cellar under the house. Then the alleged confession relates how he and Miss Leneve, who had been his typist, and for whose love he murdered his wife, fled to America on the steamer Montrose but were captured.

Details of Crippen Crime.

January 31.—Mrs. Crippen last seen by her friends in their London home.

July 8.—Friends of Mrs. Crippen ask Scotland Yard to look for her saying they think she has been murdered.

July 9.—Inspector Dew interviewed Crippen, who said his wife was not dead, but had left him.

July 11.—Dew discovers Crippen and Miss Leneve are missing.

July 13.—Supposed body of Mrs. Crippen is found in cellar of her home.

July 23.—Dew gets word that suspects are on Montrose en route for Canada.

July 28.—Captain Kendall, of Montrose, confirms by wireless report that suspects are on board.

July 31.—Crippen and Leneve arrested by Dew off Father Point.

Crippen was found guilty of murder and Miss Leneve was found innocent.

PERSONAL.

Mr. A. A. Cline is spending the day in Charlotte.

Miss Addie Barrier is visiting relatives in Lexington.

Miss Josephine Smith is visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Messrs. E. Sauvaine and Jerry Ivey are spending the day in New London.

Mr. D. D. Barrier, of Mount Pleasant, is visiting relatives in High Point.

Miss Bessie Lentz has gone to Lincolnton to attend the Little-Ryan wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Busbee, of Raleigh, are visiting at the home of Mr. Lewis Brown.

Attorney W. G. Means has returned from a two weeks trip through the west on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Perry, of Mooresville, are visiting at the home of Mr. Ira Winecoff.

Miss Stella Misenheimer, of No. 8 township, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. S. Dayvault.

Mr. H. P. Deaton and family, of Mooresville, are spending the day with Mrs. M. G. Deaton.

Miss Olie Suther and Mrs. Eugene Landis, of Durham, are the guest of Miss Elma Suther.

Mrs. Giles M. Moore, of No. 8, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Dayvault, returned home yesterday.

Masters Ben and Farrow White have gone to Mecklenburg county, to visit their cousin, Master Neely Alexander.

Messrs. W. A. Sappenfield, Henry Morrison and Ernest Porter have gone to Richmond to witness the football game.

Mr. Fred Bost, of Bingham School, arrived last night to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bost.

Messrs. J. C. Eunk, W. H. Heglar, W. J. Montgomery, Jr., J. M. Sills, J. A. Kennett, J. D. Wodside and A. F. Hartsell, attended the D. O. K. K. meeting in Charlotte last night.

Stafford-Barbee.

Mr. Zeb Stafford and Miss Loula Barbee, two of Harrisburg's most popular young couple, were married yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian church in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the contracting party. Rev. James Lapsley, pastor of Rocky River Presbyterian church, officiated. Mr. Stafford in rural mail carrier from Harrisburg on route No. 3 and has a large circle of friends in this section. Miss Barbee is the daughter of Mr. M. C. Barbee, of Harrisburg, and is one of Cabarrus county's most popular young ladies.