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BURGLARS LAST NIGHT

PLATE GLASS WINDOW IN WILLEFORD'S JEWELRY STORE SMASHED.

Occurred About 2 O'clock This Morning.—Robbers Got Away With About \$300 Worth of Goods.—City Was in Darkness and High Wind Was Blowing.—No Plate Glass or Burglary Insurance Carried.—No Clue As to Robbers.

The big 6x8 plate glass window in Mr. J. C. Willeford's jewelry store was smashed in this morning about 2 o'clock and jewelry amounting in value to between \$250 and \$300 stolen. Two policemen, Officers Simpson and Tom Braswell, were in the chief of police's office when the crash of falling glass was heard. On account of the terrific wind the sound was indistinct and let them in doubt as from what direction it came. They immediately went out on the street and began a tour of inspection, thinking the wind had shattered a window front. They came up the street on the opposite side from Willeford's and went back down on that side. Their discovery of the location was made when one of the officers stepped on the broken glass that littered the sidewalk. A lantern was secured from Mr. McCurdy at Corl & Wadsworth's stable and when it arrived the robbery was revealed. When the robbery was discovered it was about 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Willeford was notified and came down street immediately. Those who programmed the deed could not have selected a night more favorable for perpetrating their designs. It took place in the midst of the severest wind storm that has visited this section in years. The lights were out and the whole city was in darkness. The wind blew at a terrific rate and by 11 o'clock the streets were totally deserted. Some idea can be had of the rapidity the wind blew by the fact that the glass was shattered within 100 yards of the police headquarters and the sound was so indistinct that the direction from whence it came could not be determined.

There is little doubt but that two or more men committed the deed. The job clearly shows that it was conceived and executed in such a manner that one man could hardly have finished it in a short time. The glass was crashed into after being cut, either with a diamond or steel glass cutter. This is evidenced by the cuts on the pieces that were picked up on the sidewalks this morning. It was literally ripped open before it was struck the blow that sent it into fragments. Every piece shows cuts from the glass cutter and the larger ones are furrowed with slashes. The window was filled with valuable articles of jewelry, consisting in part of five handsome gold watches, several clocks, stone studded neckties, gold chains, brooches, stick pins, jewelry cases, watch fobs and cuff buttons, all of which were taken.

Mr. Willeford did not carry insurance on the plate glass or burglary insurance and his loss is total unless the thieves are apprehended and the goods recovered, which is problematical.

Mr. Stickle appointed Examiner of Records at a Salary of \$1500.

Mr. M. B. Stickle, of the local bar, received a notice Tuesday stating that he had been appointed examiner of records by the government. Mr. Stickle's duties will be to examine the titles to lands purchased by the government for the Appalachian Forest Reserve in this State. Mr. Stickle is now confined to his home on account of illness but will take up his new duties as soon as he recovers. The position pays a salary of \$1500 a year. Mr. Stickle will continue his practice here, as his new work will not require his absence away from Concord only at short intervals.

Search for Body is Abandoned.

Spencer, N. C., February 20.—Officers have abandoned the search in Yadkin river for Lacy D. Hines, who mysteriously disappeared Sunday night, leaving a note saying he was going to end it all in that river. The search was abandoned by the officers in the belief that Hines instead of committing suicide, left these parts for the South on some night train. The officers are making every effort to locate the missing man by messages to every possible place to which he might have gone.

Our China Famine Fund.

Previously acknowledged	\$32.11
Cash	3.00
Total to date	\$35.11

CABARRUS FARM STATISTICS.

Value of Farm Lands More Than Doubled From 1900 to 1910.

The census department has just issued an agricultural bulletin, giving statistics of farms and farm property, live stock, crops and farm expenses of every county in the State. We give the following figures for Cabarrus county:

Population, 26,240.
Number of farms, 2,374. Of these, 1,037 are operated by owners.
Value of farm property, \$6,106,485.
Value of farm property in 1900, \$2,959,443, an increase of 106.3 per cent.

Value of implements and machinery, \$240,511.
Value of domestic animals, \$731,829.

Many other statistics are given in this bulletin.

There are only two farms in the county of 1000 acres and over. There are 718 farms of from 50 to 99 acres, 603 from 20 to 49, and 579 of from 100 to 174 acres. There is one farm in the county under 3 acres and 69 farms from 3 to 9 acres.

The number of acres in farms is 207,426, and 83.1 per cent. of the land area is in farms.

Of the 1037 farms operated by their owners 773 are free from mortgage indebtedness.

Of the 1329 tenants, 848 are white and 481 colored.

The principal crops are corn, oats, wheat, peas, peanuts, potatoes and cotton. In 1910 355,650 bushels of corn were raised in the county, 85,757 bushels of oats, 66,570 bushels of wheat, 1,821 bushels of peanuts, 16,087 bushels of Irish potatoes, 38,832 bushels of sweet potatoes and yams, and 9,746 bales of cotton.

Madame Sherry.

On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock seats will go on sale at the Gibson Drug store for the engagement of "Madame Sherry" the phenomenally successful musical comedy which will appear here for one night Thursday, February 29. That the attendance during the engagement of "Madame Sherry" in this city will be relatively equal that of Chicago, where the piece ran through the heat of the summer, and that of New York, where the spacious New Amsterdam Theatre was inadequate to hold the crowds, is almost certain from the number of mail orders that have been received from people who are anxious to enjoy this delightful French vaudeville. For "Madame Sherry" is a novelty in every way. Its comedy is bright and refreshing, and the story is much more plausible and consistent than is found in the ordinary musical farce; its music is not only enchanting, but every number is the result of some situation in the comedy. In points of production, cast, chorus and special orchestra, "Madame Sherry" represents the last word in perfection.

Houston Fire-Swept.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 21.—In the wake of the most destructive fire in the history of Houston, smoldering wreckage tonight covers an area about one and a half miles in length and varying in width from two hundred yards to half a mile in the northeastern section of the city's most important industrial enterprises are in ruins; two hundred or more dwelling houses and store buildings are in ashes and approximately one thousand persons are homeless. The most conservative estimate is that the monetary loss will reach at least \$7,000,000. The insurance carried will not exceed forty per cent. No casualties the fire.

Split Head Open.

Lenoir, Feb. 20.—This morning while trying to put on a belt at the Lenoir Manufacturing Company's plant, Mr. George W. Smith, an employe, was hurled to instant death by his clothing coming in contact with a set screw on the shafting and his body wound around the shafting, his head striking the timbers near and scattered his brains in every direction.

Doctor Removed his Own Appendix.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Dr. Beiram Alden, of the French hospital successfully operated on himself today for appendicitis, this being the first case in the history of surgery. He took and injection of spinal anaesthetic, made the incision and removed the appendix while other surgeons stood by and watched the operation.

We copied from the Salisbury Post a few days ago a notice of the death of Mr. A. W. Klutz, of Organ church, in which his age was given as 65 years. This was an error, as Mr. Klutz lacked only 28 days of being 78 years of age. He was one of the best men in Rowan county.

FOR COUNTY FAIR.

Meeting to Be Held March to Perfect an Organization to Hold Fair.

There is a movement being organized for the purpose of holding a county fair here during the latter part of the summer or early fall. A number of active citizens have interested themselves in forming an organization and the work is now under way. Those behind the organization are farmers, merchants and business men and from now until Saturday, March 2, the time set for a meeting to perfect the organization, they will wage a thorough canvass for members. More than 500 letters have been mailed calling upon the citizens to attend the meeting and support the organization.

Although the plans for the fair have not yet been perfected it is the purpose of those forming the organization to hold a strictly county fair and exhibit the products of Cabarrus county. Races and tournament will be held, but not by a crowd of racers but by Cabarrus men and boys with Cabarrus horses.

The chief purpose of the fair will be to stimulate interest in agriculture and industrial products and the exhibits will no doubt reflect the best in both the agricultural and industrial life of the county.

Lend the movement your support and make your plans now to attend the meeting. Every citizen in the county is urged to be present and join the organization.

Mr. Sims Favors Roosevelt.

Mr. Jno. A. Sims of Cabarrus, writes as follows to the Greensboro News:

Cabarrus county belongs in the Republican column and hopes to give a favorable account of herself the coming campaign, our voters are loyal and will support the presidential nominee; but so far as our information extends our people think it wise to nominate Hon. Theodore Roosevelt—we have personally interviewed a large number of our people and with but one single exception, for reasons, they favor Mr. Roosevelt—certain entire townships largely Republican, report that they have not a single voter that favors the nomination of Mr. Taft, yet as above stated all are loyal. We think it extremely unwise for our state executive committees to make any deliveries until the voters shall have been heard from.

JNO. A. SIMS.
February 19, 1912.

Gray-Blackwelder.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Tuesday at 3 o'clock p. m. at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. J. Blackwelder on East Corbin street, when Miss Beulah Blackwelder became the bride of Mr. E. B. Grady. The home was appropriately decorated for the event, which was witnessed by quite a number of friends and relatives of the young couple. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, pastor of St. James Lutheran church. Both young people have a number of friends here, where the bride has always lived. Mr. Grady moved here several years ago and engaged in business as a plumber, being a member of the firm of Grady-Brady Company. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Grady left for Charlotte, where they will visit relatives of the groom for several days.

Lent at St. James.

Then Lenton Season which began yesterday (Ash Wednesday) will be observed at St. James Lutheran church with special services on each Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor has arranged a series of addresses for these services, bearing on the general subject of the Plan of Salvation and the Sufferings of Christ. The Vesper service of the Lutheran church will be used on Wednesday nights. "Jesus, Holy Passion," seven liturgical services for the Passion Season, based upon and in part translated from Dr. Schoeberlein's "Die Heilige Passion," by Rev. Dr. A. L. Yount, will be used on Friday nights. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. Norman's Creditors Meet.

The creditors of V. L. Norman met here Monday. His assets were estimated at \$5,000 and his liabilities at about \$7,000. The creditors elected Mr. John M. Hendrix trustee and Messrs. John M. Cook, J. A. Kennett and C. A. Cook appraisers.

Mrs. C. G. Montgomery and Misses Jennie and Lilly Montgomery left Tuesday morning for Charlotte, where they will visit relatives until Wednesday night, when they will return to their home in Mobile.

Mr. H. G. Hedrick, of Lexington, is a visitor in the city today.

WATERSON ISSUES ADDRESS

To the Democrats of Kentucky.—Fight Wilson to the Last Ditch.

Henry Watterson has issued the following appeal to the Democrats of his States:

"To the Democrats of Kentucky:

"In a lighthouse tower, watching the ships that toss at sea, may not an ancient mariner trim his lamp, and, as the sun goes down, send its beams across the sparkling waters without offense to the man of war-men that make merry in the offing, all unconscious of the coming storm?"

"The Democratic party has never had to meet a greater responsibility than that which confronts it. The split among the Republicans gives us the hopes that we shall elect our ticket no matter whom we put up. Hence, the supreme importance of making no mistake in the choice of a candidate.

"In Governor Wilson we should have a candidate every step of whose way through the whole campaign would be over the hidden pitfall of a career yet to be explored. We would have a candidate who had made a deathbed repentance of life-long convictions, ably expounded to secure a presidential nomination. Happily, before I had gone too far in urging this candidacy, its specious quality, as by the falling screen, became despicably apparent.

"It may be that I take my political life in my hands when I make known to the public what circumstances made to me. That is of small account. On less provocation, this with even more at stake, I have often done this before. I have not very far to go before I reach the end. Please God, every step of the way shall be on high, firm ground and in the open. I know not how else to fight. And so I salute my enemies from one end of the State to the other and invite them to come and enjoy themselves. The harder they hit and the oftener will best suit me, because when the winter is over and I get back to 'God's country,' I am going to do some hitting myself.

(Signed) "HENRY WATTERSON.
"Naples-on-the-Gulf, Fla."

THE WELL CAVED IN.

Lady Precipitated in Chilling Water, Where She Remained Nearly Two Hours.

Wilson, Feb. 20.—During the severe cold spell of last week, at her home in Elm City, Mrs. Land, 69 years of age—the widow of Mr. Richard Land—came near finding a watery grave.

For some time she was missed from the house and finally after a search of nearly one and a half hours a cavern of the well in the yard was discovered by the searchers and simultaneously with the find cries of "Help" were heard coming from the depths. The unfortunate lady was quickly brought to terra firma and taken into the house, where, after several hours of hard work, she was brought around all right, and, strange to say, that notwithstanding her extreme age, no bad results have followed her involuntary bath.

The water in the well was eleven feet deep and, when found, her hair was floating on the surface, with only her nose peeping out of the water, while she was holding to something she knows not what.

It was a bitter cold night, and why she did not freeze to death is a mystery, for about the same time, a few miles from Wilson, Mr. John Owens had three hogs to freeze to death—they having gotten out of their pens and, being unable to get back to their bedding, were found the next morning cold in death.

Meeting of Stockholders of Barringer Manufacturing Co.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Barringer Manufacturing Co. is called by order of the board of directors to be held in the office of the Cabarrus Savings Bank at Concord on the 4th day of March at 11 o'clock a. m., to take action on a resolution passed by the board for the amendment of the charter of the company, increasing the capital stock and authorizing the issue of preferred stock and providing for its retirement after a period of years at a fixed rate of interest.

To Promote Physical Education.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 22.—A number of eminent medical men and physical directors of various colleges of the United States and Canada are here to speak before the nineteenth annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Physical Education, which began a three days' session today. In addition to the addresses and discussions, and elaborate programme of Canadian winter sports will be carried out for the benefit of the visitors.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here And Else where Who Come And Go.

Mrs. T. D. Maness is visiting relatives in Albemarle.

Mr. M. L. Widenhouse is attending Rowan Superior court.

Mr. W. A. Foil is spending the day in Salisbury on business.

Mrs. T. A. Holden, of Asheville, is visiting Mrs. John C. Smith.

Mrs. Carrie Barringer, of Salisbury, is visiting Mrs. William Fisher.

Attorney D. Jackson Bost, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Furber Jones, who has been visiting Mrs. Louis A. Brown, has returned to her home in Charlotte.

Mr. Fred Patterson, of Trinity Park School, Durham, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Patterson.

Trouble With the Power.

The Times-Tribune force took ten little vacations yesterday. That is activities were ceased in this office ten separate and distinct times. The lack of power was the cause of it all. All through the day the juice kept up a continual flirtation with the presses and linotype machines. Just about the time you would think it was here to stay, off it would go. There is no one up here who entertains any special opposition to a vacation but the paper has got to come out either on schedule time or some other time even if it is night time. So the aggregation of printing artists who manipulate things in this shop want a continuous supply of juice so they can complete their daily tasks without constant interruptions. All we ask of the Southern Power Company is to shoot it to us.

Postoffice Now Occupies New Government Building.

The postoffice has moved into the new government building. The change was completed last night and today the postal business of the city was conducted in the handsome new building. The office observed Sunday hours today, the occasion being Washington's birthday, but by tomorrow the business will be moving along as smoothly as of old. With the increased facilities at the new building there is little doubt but that the efficient service of the past will be improved upon.

The building recently vacated is the property of the Morris Realty Company. The fixtures in the building are also owned by the Realty Company and have been sold to a firm in Alabama.

County Teachers' Meeting.

The County Teachers' Association will meet at the graded school on Saturday, the 24th, at 11 o'clock.

The following will be the program rendered: A discussion led by Mr. W. J. Weddington, subject, "Memory as a Factor of Study." A discussion led by Mr. James Gourley, subject, "Organization of Ideas."

Misses Emma Erwin and Nina Cook will discuss "How to Make the Work Practical," in reading, spelling, language, etc.

The recitation to be conducted by Prof. A. S. Webb from Colgrove will embrace pages from 254 to 317.

Oration by Dr. Alderman.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—Following an annual custom inaugurated in 1826, the University of Pennsylvania today observed Washington's birthday with exercises appropriate to the occasion. The principal exercises were held this morning in the Academy of Music, where a large crowd gathered to listen to an oration by President Edwin A. Alderman of the University of Virginia. At the conclusion of the exercises a number of honorary degrees were conferred by the university.

The Holiday in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The national capital kept the customary holiday today in celebration of the 180th anniversary of birth of George Washington. Meetings of patriotic societies were held in commemoration of the day, all of the executive departments of the government were closed, while the members of Congress assembled in the Senate chamber to listen to the reading of Washington's "farewell address" by Senator Kern, of Indiana.

The Hilderbrand-Crater Publishing Company, of Greensboro, publishers of the Greensboro News, has filed an amendment to its charter, changing the name to the Greensboro News Company.

The hunters have only eight more days in which they can kill birds lawfully, in Rowan.

BUTLER BEING GROOMED FOR DUNCAN'S PLACE.

Morehead Wants Him to Get National Committee Job.—Morehead For Governor.

Mr. W. A. Hildebrand, staff correspondent of the Greensboro News, has the following in today's issue of that paper under a Raleigh date line:

The announcement in the press today that President Taft had withdrawn all North Carolina appointments coming, as it did, on the eve of the meeting here of the Republican State Committee has caused no end of political gossip. It is a well known fact that State Chairman Morehead has broadcasted the State with invitations to his banquet here one week from tomorrow. While a few who are not adherents to ex-Senator Butler have been invited, yet they will be overwhelmingly outnumbered, and the occasion is designed as a grand Butler-Morehead rally.

Ex-Senator Butler will attend the Morehead banquet and Chairman Morehead has invited him to respond to the toast "Principles of Our Party" or some kindred subject. Mr. Butler is now bending his energies to succeed E. C. Duncan, as national committeeman. The chairman of the Republican committee in Sampson county has written an article for the press, which is copied in Mr. Butler's Caucasian with great prominence, advocating the ex-Senator for this leadership of the party in the Tar Heel commonwealth.

The State committee meeting February 28 will start the Republican fight in earnest. The general opinion seems to be that two State conventions will be held, one in May to elect delegates to the national convention and a second one in August to nominate a State ticket. The plan or organization at present provides that the State ticket is selected, but a Butler man, who does not live in Raleigh, predicted here that this rule could be changed and Mr. Morehead re-elected at the first convention. The Caucasian, the organ of Mr. Butler, last week intimates that, in addition to choosing delegates to the national convention who will make Butler national committeeman, Morehead will then be re-elected State chairman, and at a subsequent convention nominated for Governor, notwithstanding the advocacy of the Hon. Thomas Settle in certain quarters of the same camp.

His Geese Pick Cotton.

Humboldt, Tenn., Feb. 21.—Dr. R. O. Williams, of Humboldt, who is also a farmer, claims to have a flock of geese which he has trained to pick cotton. There are ten geese in the flock, and Dr. Williams claims each goose will pick on an average of 75 pounds of cotton a day, and that often his flock will gather sufficient seed cotton in one day to make two large bales.

The doctor says he first taught his geese to do the picking act by placing grains of corn in the open boils of cotton in such a way that in order to get the grain the geese would have to pick out the cotton.

Raleigh Tiger Able to Put Up Cash Bond.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—W. C. Poland, white blind tiger who came to Raleigh from Atlanta, and has served a term of imprisonment for a liquor offense against the federal law, is just convicted in the police court and given twelve months on the road. He put up \$500 cash bond and appealed to the Superior Court. It was in December that he finished his federal sentence and took the pauper's oath to escape \$200 fine. His putting up a \$500 cash bond came as a considerable surprise.

Boy Scouts Strong in Dallas, Texas.

Business men of Dallas, Texas, have become convinced of the value of the Boy Scout movement. They have guaranteed a fund of between two and three thousand dollars a year to pay the expenses of an executive secretary or somebody to take charge of the work in Dallas. From their study of the activities they feel sure that greater good will be accomplished by hiring men to supervise the play of the boys.

P. O. S. of A.

On the night of February 24, beginning at 7:30 o'clock there will be a public speaking at Watts Cross Roads, Washington Camp, No. 16. The district president will visit camp No. 16 on the night of the 24th and make a public talk for the benefit of the order. Everybody is invited to come out. GEO. W. WATTS, Secretary.

After the Brown reception last evening a delightful dance was given at the Elks home.