

ANOTHER BURGLARY.

Ritchie Hardware Co.'s Store Broken Into And Articles of Value of About \$200 Stolen.

Concord awoke Saturday morning to find that another business house in the heart of the business section and just in the shadow of the city hall had been entered and robbed during the night, the robbery taking place in the Ritchie Hardware Company. Sixteen pistons, Smith & Wesson, three automatics, and eight cheap pistols, about fifty knives, most of which were pearl handle and the most expensive in stock, and several hundred cartridges were taken. The value of the stolen articles is estimated at \$200.

The robbery was discovered next morning by Mr. Boyd Moose, when he opened the store for the day. The door from the rear door was on the floor and near it lay a box of cartridges. A glass had been removed from one of the rear windows, where the entrance was made. On the window sill was a bottle of beer, left by the thieves, possibly as a souvenir. Mr. Moose began an investigation to see what was missing from the stock. Empty revolver boxes and cartridges were scattered over the floor and in a show case containing the pocket knives was open and a large assortment of knives missing. Mr. Moose continued his investigation out the rear door to the warehouse. Here three bottles of beer and a bottle of liquor were found. Not far away a pearl handle pistol was found in the road. Buggy tracks leading from the store by the warehouse and on out to the back lot could be easily traced. Policemen Sloop and Tom Braswell were on night duty. They did not hear of the robbery until this morning. A man by the name of Sunday was in the city lockup in the rear of the city hall, which is only a short distance from the hardware store. He was brought from Charlotte on train No. 30, which passes here about 12 o'clock. He stated this morning that he went to sleep soon after he was locked up, but was awakened by hearing a noise in the back lot and that it was about three o'clock. It is supposed that the noise heard was made by the thieves.

On account of the numerous robberies that have recently taken place here it is thought they are being committed by the same party or parties. There are clues that indicate this. The first was committed at Willeford's jewelry store. Later the store of Richmond-Sloan Company at Kannapolis was entered. Here buggy tracks could be traced in the snow. A few nights ago the Cabarrus Driving Club on West Depot street was entered and a quantity of beer stolen. Buggy tracks led up to where the entrance was made. The beer was the same brand—"Hofbrau"—that was found at Ritchie's hardware store this morning.

On account of the wholesale robberies and no arrests being made the police are being severely criticized. A prominent merchant said this morning that "this wholesale stealing right here in the midst of our business district must be stopped, and if necessary we should get together and secure some one to break it up."

Chief of Police Boger stated this morning that the police had some suspicions but as yet there was no clue.

SAYS HE WAS CHARGED EXPRESS AT BOTH ENDS.

Mr. John A. Sims Has Complaint Against Southern Express Company.

Mr. Editor: Mr. Ward, agent of the Southern Express Company, in his article published a few days since, says:

"The rules of our company are that no charges are to be collected on any shipment that bears any evidence whatever of having been prepaid. I know that this rule is adhered to at Concord, and I am quite sure the people of Concord who receive express shipments will bear me out in this statement."

Now, Mr. Editor, in order to keep history straight, listen to these facts: On December 23rd last, or thereabouts, this writer received a package from Philadelphia. I had forwarded said package to Philadelphia a few weeks before, paid the express charges, twenty-five cents, and with the package I sent a postoffice money-order of twenty-five cents to pay for its return—this was the identical package, returned, nothing added to or left out, and on the wrapper was plainly written "paid 25 cents;" and yet I was charged thirty cents for its return, which charge I had to pay, and yet Mr. Ward admitted that twenty-five cents had been paid. In explaining Mr. Ward says, on weighing the package, (which I saw him do) it makes the charges thirty cents; "Well, then I owe you 5 cents." "No," Mr. Ward says, "Our rule is that when all of the charges are not paid from the shipping point, we then collect the entire charge."

WANTS THE PRESS CONVENTION AT ASHEVILLE

Mr. J. B. Rector to Invite Editors to Meet at the Langren, Asheville's New Modern Hotel.

Mr. J. B. Rector, proprietor of the St. Cloud Hotel, and one of the proprietors of the Langren, Asheville's modern new hotel, will go to Raleigh March 20th to extend an invitation to the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association, which meets in the News and Observer office on that day, to hold the annual meeting of the association in the new hotel at Asheville. The Langren contains 210 bed rooms, is fire proof and modern in every particular. The managers of the hotel will offer the ball room on the top floor for the association to hold its meetings.

In addition to this they will offer to serve lunches and meals to the members and their guests on the roof garden, which opens out from the ball room. Many other inducements will also be offered.

China is Now a Sure Enough Republic.

Peking, March 10.—In the new foreign office today, Yuan Shi Kai was formally inaugurated provincial President of the republic of China in the presence of a great gathering of delegates, province envoys, military and naval officers and other prominent personages. Many foreign legislators attended the ceremonies but the legislature were not represented. Yuan Shi Kai, who was in military uniform, read a declaration promising faithfully to develop the republic, observe the constitutional laws and retire when the National Assembly appointed a permanent President. The ceremony was solemn—almost pathetic and typical of China's transition.

Judge Montgomery Fast Recovering.

Judge Montgomery returned yesterday afternoon from Charlotte Sanatorium, where he has been undergoing treatment for several days. Judge Montgomery is very much improved and in a phone conversation with a representative of this paper stated that he was greatly improved and would be down and open his office in a few days. This will be received with pleasure by Judge Montgomery's many friends and he will be universally welcomed by everyone.

Body of Scalded Man Unburied.

Salisbury, N. C., March 9.—The body of young Sam Suydam, the fourteen-year-old son of the late Rev. Charles A. Rose, who before his death was one of the leading Lutheran divines in the Southern Lutheran Synod.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Buchanan, of Charlotte, spent yesterday here with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Buchanan.

Miss Ashlyn Lowe has returned from Durham, where she has been visiting Miss Lucy Stokes.

POLITICS A-SIMMERING.

Signs of Activity in Democratic Circles Too.—Nearly All County Officials Candidates For Another Term.

The political bee which has been busily buzzing in the Republican element on account of the Roosevelt-Taft campaign is also beginning its activities in the Democratic camp. Interest is awakened in the coming political struggle in Cabarrus county and questions are being asked as to who will run for the various offices but as yet very few new names are being presented and no candidate has made a formal announcement.

"Will you be a candidate for the Senate again?" Senator L. T. Hartsell was asked last night.

"No, sir, I will not," he emphatically replied.

"So your hat is not in the ring?"

"It certainly is not; it is on my head, and under no circumstances or conditions will I be a candidate. I have been to the legislature once and the senate once. I did not want to make the race last campaign but I am glad now that I have been in both legislative bodies, but I am through. From now on I am going to stay right here and attend strictly to my law practice. I simply can't afford to give it up to accept an office."

It is generally conceded that the present Democratic officials, Register of Deeds McAllister, Treasurer Swink, Cotton Weigher Boger, Representative Morris, Coroner Isenhour and Commissioners Flowe, Barnhardt, Dry, Cook and Morris will be candidates for re-election. Chief interest centers in the coming race for Sheriff, Sheriff Honeycutt, the incumbent, is the only Republican official in the county. The friends of Mr. W. W. Flowe, present chairman of the Board of Commissioners, are going to make an effort to get him in the race. Mr. Flowe is one of the most prosperous young business men in the county. He was reared in No. 10 township and should he be induced to enter the contest would, no doubt, make a race worth while in every precinct. Many friends of Mr. W. C. McKinley, of No. 4, are also urging him to enter the contest for Sheriff.

China Grove News.

Rowan Record.

Mrs. E. S. Bost, who has been in charge of the central telephone station for the past three weeks, will leave for her home near Enchville, tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Bost expect to go house-keeping soon.

A. L. Kluttz continues to improve slowly, but is still kept in bed. He has been ill for six months.

William Albright, who has been afflicted with dropsy for some time, is a little better at this time.

The school at Enochville will close Friday, March 14, 1912. There will be held an all day exercise. Prof. Kizer will be present and make an address. The public is invited, but please bring a basket of dinner and stay all day. Exercises will begin at 10 o'clock a. m. A ball game is expected in the evening.

Farmers' Meeting.

There will be a public meeting of the farmers of Cabarrus county at the court house here Saturday, March 23, at 1 o'clock, to discuss better methods of farming. Mr. E. S. Millsaps, district agent of demonstration work, will be present at this meeting. All farmers are earnestly requested to come and join in this demonstration work. I hope to have your co-operation and will visit your farm as soon as possible, and select plots to demonstrate on for the year of 1912.

I will be at the court house in Concord every Saturday from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock for the purpose of distributing literature and discussing better methods of farming.

GEO. M. CRESS,
Director of Agriculture.

Governor Kitchin to Again Pay His Respects to Senator Simmons.

Greensboro, March 10.—As an incident to a visit here yesterday by Gov. W. W. Kitchin, announcement was made from the Kitchin headquarters here last night that the Governor would return to Greensboro next Monday night and deliver a public speech in the interest of his candidacy. It was announced, will emphasize his Raleigh speech on the record of Senator Simmons and "discuss the reply and various futile answers and irrelevant comments of the Senator upon it," when he comes to Greensboro.

Underwood Has Many Friends Here.

Sentiment in favor of Hon. Oscar Underwood for the Democratic nomination continues to grow here. One of the staunchest supporters of the able Alabamian is Mr. Morrison Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell was at the University of Virginia with Mr. Underwood and was one of the editors of the University magazine. In this way they became closely associated and Mr. Caldwell never fails to boost the candidacy of his college mate when the opportunity arises or when he can make it arise. Underwood buttons are the order of the day here and many of his admirers adorn the lapels of their coats with a likeness of the handsome majority leader of the House of Representatives.

Death of Mr. B. S. Gray.

Mr. B. S. Gray died suddenly yesterday morning at his home on Young street. Mr. Gray was apparently in good health and was at home with his family about 10 o'clock when the sudden summons came. He was 74 years of age and a native of this county. He was a Confederate veteran, a member of Company B, 20th North Carolina regiment. Mr. Gray is survived by a wife and several children. The remains were sent to Harrisburg this afternoon, where the interment was made.

TEACHER'S MEETING.

Notwithstanding Bad Weather And Bad Roads Large Per Cent of Teachers Attend.

The teachers' meetings held in the county last week were a success from the standpoint of both teacher and committeemen. Many teachers and committeemen have expressed themselves as having been greatly benefited by them.

The spirit of Cabarrus teachers cannot be exceeded; as evidence, we cite the attendance at these meetings. Notwithstanding the weather and the condition of the roads, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 68 of the 81 teachers in the county were present at one of the meetings. Some who were absent have reported inability to attend on account of sickness.

The work of Prof. L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, of the State, who conducts the meetings, was the work of a master. His discussion of the definite things a committeeman has a right to expect of a teacher, was worth all the inconvenience and disagreeableness one had by reason of the roads and the weather. Among other things he said they had a right to expect of a teacher the following:

1. A love for childhood.
2. Sincerity, honesty and moral uprightness.
3. Promptness.
4. A study of the individual differences of children.
5. Cheerfulness of disposition.
6. Good personality.
7. Conservation of her own health.
8. Power to grow.
9. Desire to grow.

CORN GROWERS' MEETING.

Arranging to Hold Meeting Here to Interest Farmers in Growing Corn.

The Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work is arranging to hold a number of meetings in North Carolina to interest farmers in growing corn. For four years in North Carolina and for seven years in some other Southern States this work has proven that the yields of corn now produced can easily be doubled and that with the best methods of cultivation it can easily be produced at an average cost of about twenty-five cents per bushel. North Carolina farmers, every year, buy large quantities of corn at a cost of about a dollar per bushel when interest on money is counted.

With these facts staring them in the face it is absurd for any farmer, under ordinary conditions to buy corn. In fact, it is a ruinous policy for any farmer to buy home supplies and pay from two to four times as much for them as it would cost him to grow them at home.

STANLY REPUBLICANS ENDORSE ROOSEVELT.

All Present at County Convention Except Four Vote for the Colonel. County Ticket Nominated.

Albemarle, March 10.—Possibly the first body of Republicans in the State in convention assembled to express a sentiment in favor of a candidate for 1912 was that held yesterday, when the Stanly County Republican Convention met here for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices and delegates to the State and Congressional conventions.

The convention was called to order by the chairman of the executive committee, Dr. J. I. Campbell, at 1 o'clock. There was not a very large crowd present, due possibly on account of the rain and mud. Dr. Campbell took advantage of this fact to cuss out the Democrats because the roads were muddy. The convention nominated the following county candidates:

For House of Representatives, John M. Morton; for Sheriff, Richard Foreman; for Register of Deeds, Richard Hill; for treasurer, C. P. Hartsell; County Commissioners, T. W. Still, D. A. Shoe and Henry Cooper. The large majority of these men are young, and they are good men.

Upon resignation of Dr. Campbell as chairman of the executive committee, the convention elected Mr. Fred Lilly, of Norwood.

The convention passed resolutions endorsing Dr. J. I. Campbell, of this county, for Congress.

All present, except four, voted to endorse Roosevelt. The four who voted for Taft were: J. M. Vanhoy, one of the candidates for the Albemarle postoffice, H. S. Trotter, J. D. Lee and W. A. Jones. W. B. Moore, the present assistant postmaster and candidate for the office, didn't express an opinion. Stanly county Republicans are for Roosevelt, and this was proven beyond any question of doubt.

Views Given by a New York Cotton Broker.

If Reduction Does Not Materialize, Or the Farmer Does Not Live Up to His Promises, Mr. Williams Says There Will Surely Follow a Tremendous Break in Prices.

Rock Hill, S. C., March 8.—Mr. J. G. Anderson, of this place, who has had charge of putting the "Rock Hill Plan" for the reduction of cotton acreage, into effect has just received the following letter from James O. Williams, a member of the cotton brokerage firm of Daniel O'Dell & Co., of 71 Broadway, New York, and who is also a member of the New York Cotton Exchange. Mr. Williams' letter reads:

"I am very much pleased to learn that your efforts have been so successful in bringing about a promised material reduction in the cotton acreage for this year. I wish you every success and believe it is the very salvation of the cotton planter."

"I consider that many spinners are laying in supplies for future needs in view of the possibilities of a material reduction in acreage this year."

"When I was South last October a big spinner told me that if cotton went to 8 1/2 cents he expected to buy sufficient to run him for two years as he considered it a safe investment at a price which he considered below the cost of production. His views undoubtedly represented the views of numerous spinners all over the country and when the price reached a point at which they considered that the actual cotton could not be produced, they began buying on a heavy scale. This heavy buying in my opinion turned the market and the ease with which it has since advanced has not only made them surer of their position, but has encouraged others to follow their example, and the consequence is that we have a much more optimistic feeling today than we had a few months ago, although there has been no reduction in estimates of last year's yield."

"As to the future course of market, I believe it absolutely depends upon the acreage planted, fertilizers used and progress made in this year's crop. For certainly if indications point to another big yield, spinners who have bought far into the future will be the first to try to unload in the expectation of buying again at material recessions, while the demand will become so slack that there would surely follow a tremendous break in prices."

"On the other hand if the prospects were for a small crop the spinners would feel assured of their position in laying in supplies for the future and the general demand would increase, based on the fact that the surplus at the end of this year would be materially reduced and I believe we would have a genuine old bull market. Hope you will keep up the good work."

BITTEN BY A MAD DOG.

Mr. Geo. E. Ritchie, Prominent Citizen of No. 6, Goes to Raleigh to Take Pasteur Treatment.

Mr. George E. Ritchie, one of the most prominent farmers of the county, left on train No. 36 this morning for Raleigh, where he goes to take the Pasteur treatment. Mr. Ritchie had a young shepherd dog three months old which bit him on the calf of the leg Saturday morning. The dog was at once penned up and died on Sunday. Mr. Ritchie wanted to send the animal's head to the Pasteur Institute for examination, but he was advised by his physician to take no chances and to go to the Institute himself. Consequently Mr. Ritchie came to Concord this morning at left at 11:05 o'clock for Raleigh.

The dog showed on Friday that something was wrong with him, but little attention was paid to the matter. Mr. Ritchie has many friends all over the county who hope that he may suffer no ill effects from the dog's bite.

Our China Famine Fund.

The fund being raised by this paper for the benefit of the famine sufferers in China now amounts to more than a hundred dollars, and is still growing. All funds in our hands are forwarded today to the Red Cross Society, which will cable it at once to China. We shall be glad to receive and acknowledge all moneys sent us for this purpose. The fund to day stands as follows:

Previously acknowledged \$45.61
Jr. Coventanter Branch No. 1 5.30
Cash 1.00
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West Concord Baptist Church 11.95
Central Methodist Church 37.76
Total \$102.62

Mr. J. B. Alexander, of Mooresville, spent yesterday here with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander.

Mr. R. S. Query, of Charlotte, spent yesterday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Query.