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## Killed by Train at Bridgewater

### G. Shuford Abernethy Meets Death in Appalling Way

#### A FINE CHRISTIAN MAN Had Had Two Narrow Es- capes from Death Recently— Remains Brought to Hick- ory for Interment.

It was a tremendous shock to this community when the news came over the wires Monday night of the death of Mr. Shuford Abernethy at Bridgewater in an appalling accident. Mr. Abernethy was walking on the side track at the depot with a companion, Mr. Robert Hodge, when both were struck by the engine of a coal train, Mr. Shuford being instantly killed and Mr. Hodge seriously injured.

Freight trains nos. 72, east-bound, and 75, west bound, were to pass at Bridgewater. No. 75 was on the main line and headed west and in order to avoid it Mr. Abernethy and his companion stepped on other track with their backs to No. 72, which was approaching through an open switch. The speed of the train therefore was somewhat more accelerated than it would have been if it had had to wait for the switch to be opened. Engineer Eagle estimates that he was running about three or four miles an hour. He saw the men, blew the whistle and rang the bell thinking that they would step off the track. He said they seemed to be in an animated conversation or argument. Seeing a little bit later that they were paying no attention to his warnings he began putting on brakes, at the same time still sounding his whistle, but it was too late.

Mr. Abernethy was evidently instantly killed and mercifully so, for he was terribly mangled. Both legs were cut off, and every bone in the body broken except in one arm. The heavy engine and two coal cars ran over him. The face was not marred to any great extent.

The agent at the place who happened to be looking at the men the moment the tragedy occurred, ran to the place and says that Mr. Abernethy breathed several times after he reached his body.

Mr. Hodge seems to have leaped out of the way at the last moment or to have been knocked off the track after being struck. His heel was run over, his ankle crushed and he sustained injuries about the head. He was taken to Asheville and treated at a hospital there.

Mr. Abernethy was a member of the well known lumber firm of Abernethy, Lyerly & Co., and was a most successful business man. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Abernethy of this city. When his father was told the sad news Monday night he fell to the ground, and both he and the mother have been utterly crushed.

Mr. Abernethy was twice married. His first wife, who was a Miss Seals, of Bridgewater, lived but a short time. His second wife was Miss Corrie Ray, of Yancey county. After her death Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Abernethy took the little daughter, Elizabeth, to raise, and she died at the age of one year. Thus an entire family has passed away.

Death loves a shining mark. It seems particularly so in the present instance. Twice recently Mr. Abernethy had narrow escapes from death. Three weeks ago he was being dragged into a piece of machinery at a brick-yard when he was caught by the coat and pulled out in the nick of time. He was shot at by a burglar who stood only a few paces distant after a recent burglary near Bridgewater. The man had been arrested and was being detained in a store at the time.

George Shuford Abernethy was was thirty-six years of age. He was a young man of the highest Christian character. As a youth he was exemplary. Dr.

### HICKORY PRODUCE MARKET.

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Hens, per lb.            | 12c          |
| Spring Chickens, per lb. | 22c          |
| Turkeys, per lb.         | 12 1/2c      |
| Eggs, per doz.           | 17c          |
| Butter per lb.           | 15 to 25     |
| Apples, cooking.         | 60c bu       |
| Sweet Potatoes.          | 2.00 a cr    |
| Irish Potatoes (new).    | \$1.00 a bu  |
| Cabbage, per lb.         | 1 1/2c       |
| Strawberries.            | 5 to 7c a qt |

## The Great Need Of the Church

### Dr. J. H. Weaver Reviews the General Conference

#### NOT MORE MACHINERY But the Power of the Spirit in What now Exists—Favored 5 Bishops—Dr. Ivey's Re- sponsible Position

Rev. Dr. J. H. Weaver, pastor of the Methodist church, made a brief review Sunday morning of the General Conference, giving an account of his stewardship as a delegate. He took his text from Zech. 2: 1, 2, in which the prophet speaks of measuring Jerusalem. Dr. Weaver's address was remarkable for the manner in which he sifted the salient features from the great mass of business at the conference. He said substantially, in part:

"Our name still remains as before the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and not the M. E. church in America. A resolution to name it such was passed but it involves a constitutional question." Reviewing the channels which it would have to run before adoption, Dr. Weaver thought it unlikely it would ever be adopted.

"I voted conscientiously against such a change," he said, and when it is submitted to our Annual Conference. I shall vote against it, unless I am converted from the views I now hold.

"The General Conference meets once in four years. It is composed of one layman and preacher for every 48 members in each conference and hence we had 380 delegates. The laymen are equal in all particulars with the preachers, having equal voting privileges."

In answer to the charge that the Methodist church was not Democratic, Dr. Weaver spoke of the Methodist Protestant church which went off from the Methodist Episcopal church in 1828, because of the alleged lack of Democracy in the latter. It gave the laymen enlarged powers. Yet the Southern Methodist church has in 75 years gained more members by 100,000 than the M. P. church.

"The bishops in their address found we had gained a larger per centage in the ingathering of souls in four years—a clear gain of 300,000—than any other denomination except one. We don't boast of that but mention it to prove that our church has by no means lost its efficiency. This fact alone had a powerful influence against any of the proposed radical changes at the conference.

"About the only radical in the body was Dr. Frank Richardson, of the Holston Conference, one of the most honored and influential men. It was singular that such a veteran was so eager for change.

"If we had gone to Asheville and elected our bishops, we would about have completed our business. This was about all the positive business we accomplished after all.

"The committee on Episcopacy selected seven bishops. I voted for choosing only five. I feared that, in selecting so many, we might unwisely lay hands on some men who would not show the efficiency which has been characteristic of our college of bishops."

Dr. Weaver spoke interestingly of the election of the bishops, paying a tribute to each of those so honored.

No only in the choice of Bishop Kilgo, but also of Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey, a Caldwell county boy, as the head of the Christian Advocate, was North Carolina drawn upon. In the speaker's opinion, Dr. Ivey held the most responsible position in the church. Three was now additional reason for his congregation to take their leading church paper.

"What is the great need of the church? I have generally voted against the addition of new machinery. What we need is the power of the Holy Spirit. Unless we depend upon His power and guidance, all the machinery will be useless. We need His power right here in our own church. We have vast unused agencies which ought to be called into action."

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## COMMENT

### THE PRIZES AWARDED

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The year's enrollment was 29 boys representing nine counties, of whom 19 were boarding pupils. After brief religious exercises, addresses were made by Rev. D. P. McGeachy, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Lenoir, and Rev. Malcolm S. Taylor, headmaster of the school, and the following prizes were awarded:

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The school has had a successful year and is doing an important work. It has been crowded to its fullest capacity of boarding pupils and many applicants have been turned away, but an improvement to be made during the summer will, it is expected make room for 10 additional boys. The next school year will begin about September 10th.

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## Platt Kicked "T. R." Upstairs

### Late New York Boss' Autobiog- raphy in McClure's

#### THE JUNE MAGAZINES

##### The Cost of Women's Clothes Described in Everybody's Democratic Opportunity by Non-Partisan Writer

The article of outstanding interest in the June McClure's is the beginning of the late Senator Platt's autobiography. The first installment has to do with "Two Nominations of Roosevelt," dealing with the manner in which the Republican boss made the Rough Rider colonel a candidate for Governor of New York to save the party from defeat and also answering critics who said that Platt nominated Roosevelt for Vice President in order to shove him. "Instead of shelving Roosevelt," says Mr. Platt, "I must plead guilty to the charge of kicking him upstairs; I believe Roosevelt himself would convict me of this." The installment is a valuable chapter in recent political history.

In an interview President Taft views his own disappointing administration for its first year. Hon. A. C. Hinds writes of the great power of the Speaker of the House, a pertinent question in view of the Insurgent-Democratic victory. The fiction and poetry is excellent.

### "The Cost of Women's Clothes"

is an interesting article in the current Everybody's Magazine, showing the trend toward extravagance in dress in modern society. Gowns are pictured which cost from \$500 to \$900, with matching hats at \$165 and parasols at \$15 per. A \$200 hat with ostrich plumes and aigrettes is big enough to throw stereoscopic pictures on. Shoes at from \$35 to \$56 are shown.

Judge Lindsay, the boy's friend, continues to answer his critics. "Will your Widow Get Her Money?" deals with alleged weakness in fraternal life insurance and how it may be cured. There is a good article on the southwestern trend of immigration, and the number is altogether excellent.

In an extremely significant article in the June American Magazine, Ray Stannard Baker reviews the national political situation from an entirely non-partisan standpoint, of course, and finds the chances for Democratic success to be far better than those of the Republicans, provided the party is wise in its selection of issues and men. He considers New York and Ohio splendid fighting ground for the Democrats. In most of the northwestern Republican states the battle is on between the Regular and Insurgent Republicans. It is true too, that there are evidences of differences in the Democratic party in the South, the manufacturing element leaning toward protection but hardly strong enough to break the solid South yet. Mr. Baker's article is fascinating. At least all interested in party success should read it. The number is a strong one.

Those unsightly pimples and blotches! External applications may partially hide them, but Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea removes them for keeps. Gets at the cause—impure blood. Tea or Nuggets (tablet form) 35c. at druggists, Moser & Lutz.

Mr. J. H. Rink and family are now settled at Cottonwood, Idaho.

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## Adams-Morgan.

### Married in Icard Township Burke county, on the 29 Inst. A. the residence of H. A. Adams. Mr. Thos. Adams to Miss Vins Morgan, both of Catawba county. H. A. Adams was the officiating magistrate.

### Kept the King at Home

"For the last year we have kept the King of all laxatives—Dr. King's New Life Pills—in our home and they have proved a blessing to all our family," writes Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, N. Y. Easy, but sure remedy for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 25c at C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz, Grimes Drug Co.

### Men's Measurements.

For the athletic type of man the average chest measurement is 38 inches, with the waist 34; while the motoring man, though shorter, demands a 36-inch waist.—Boston Globe.

### Spread of German Language.

In Chit there are regions where there are so many Germans that the native servants learn their language.

### The Week in the Women's Clubs.

At the home of Mrs. E. B. Cline Thursday, May 26, from 4 to 6, the Wednesday afternoon Book Club gave a farewell reception for Mrs. L. M. Beard who left home June 1st for an extended trip across the sea to Europe—After refreshing punch "The History of a pair of Lovers on an Ocean Steamer" afforded much amusement. The answers to the questions were the titles of famous works, the name of the author of each book given as an aid. Seven of the number guessed all the answers right. Miss Ada Schenck, Mesdames Royster, Grimes, A. A. Shuford, Jr., Sherrill, Chadwick and Preston Sigmon, and Mrs. Sherrill drew the prize.

The club presented Mrs. Beard with a memento of affection, "Little Rivers," by VanDyke, especially appropriate as Little Rivers go and come again, as speaking through Mrs. Cline do all her friends.

Tuesday, May 31, the Embroidery Club of which Mrs. Royster is a member, held a last meeting with her at the residence of Mrs. E. B. Cline on the eve of Mrs. Royster's leaving home, and it was a delightful hour devoted to friendships and anticipations with refreshments in courses to give the seal of hospitality.

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