

## MILAS PARTLOW CAUGHT

Negro Suspected of Attempting to Wreck C. & N. W. Passenger Train at Crowders Creek Trestle in September in Tolls at Charlotte—Rewards Aggregating \$400 or More out for Him—May be Brought Here.

Gastonia Gazette.

Milas Partlow, a negro much wanted in York, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties for various crimes but principally for an attempt to wreck northbound passenger train No. 10 on the Carolina & North Western Railway at Crowders Creek trestle, this county, on September 19th, is at least in the toils and rests at present behind the jail bars at Charlotte.

Sailing under the alias of John Black, he was arrested there Saturday on a warrant charging him with the theft of a mule, harness and buggy from a party at Tirzah, S. C. Charlotte officers suspected that he was Partlow, some persons there having identified him. Sunday afternoon Chief of Police J. W. Carroll of Gastonia and Constable H. E. Johnson of York county, went to Charlotte and positively identified the negro as Partlow. The negro then acknowledged his identity and did not deny that there were warrants out for him in Gaston and York counties for disposing of mortgaged property but denied that he was connected in any way with the dastardly attempt to wreck the C. & N. W. train at Crowders Creek trestle. Chief Carroll was armed with the warrant for Partlow for this crime but the officers at Charlotte declined to let their prisoner go until they made some satisfactory arrangements as to the rewards outstanding for his capture and conviction.

Rewards aggregating \$400 or more are outstanding for Partlow's arrest and conviction. The C. & N. W. Railway Co., offers a \$250 reward, Governor Kitchin \$100, York county \$50 and perhaps there are others which have not as yet come to light. Partlow is wanted here also for disposing of mortgaged property belonging to Messrs. Craig & Wilson of this city.

As soon as the matter of a division of the rewards can be agreed upon between the officers of the several counties involved it is probable that Partlow will be brought to Gastonia first to be put on trial for the attempted train wrecking. There is strong circumstantial evidence against him in this case. If convicted of this crime he will doubtless get a long sentence. If he is finally convicted of all the offenses with which he is charged it would seem likely that the remainder of his natural life will be spent behind prison bars. He bears a bad reputation and if half is true that is said about him he would richly deserve such a fate.

## LINCOLNTON WATER ANALYSIS.

Laboratory No. B. 4648. Sent by W. L. Kistler, Superintendent of Water Works. Location, Lincolnton. Source, Tap. Marked December. Received December 11th, 1911. Reported December 14th, 1911. Sediment, none; color, platinum-cobalt standard, none; turbidity—silica standard, none; Odor cold, none; odor hot, slight; Alkalinity, (in terms of Calcium carbonate), 26.2; chlorine, 2; nitrogen as nitrates, 0.04; nitrogen as nitrites, none; free Ammonia, .054; Albuminoid Ammonia, .036; Total number of bacteria 20 C. per c. c., 350; total number of bacteria at 38 C. per c. c., none; total number of acid-producing bacteria, none; Colon bacilli in 10 c. c., none; Colon bacilli in 1 c. c., none. No pollution.

C. A. SHORE,  
Director.

## BOX SUPPER AT IRON STATION.

There will be a box supper at Iron Station school building Saturday night December 16th. Two contests will take place in which a cake will be given to the prettiest girl, and a cake of soap to the ugliest man. The proceeds go for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

C. C. BEAM, Teacher.

BRING YOUR JOB WORK TO THIS OFFICE.

## DON'T GET COLD FEET

Alpha Urges Every Man to Stick to His Guns and Everything Will Be O. K.—Old Officers Re-Elected.

Iron Station, N. C., Dec. 18, 1911—At the first meeting in December of Elbow local F. E. C. U. of A. all the old officers were re-elected for another year. Most of our members are re-enlisting for next year with enthusiasm.

This next year is going to be a hard one for the farmers in the drouth stricken district and very naturally the Farmers organization will suffer to some extent. There are always those in any organization who are easily discouraged when things do not move just to their liking, and if there is some dropping out this year no right thinking member will be surprised. There are those who are not satisfied because we cannot control the price of cotton. Why brother with the cotton crop raised this year it is like trying to stop the flow of "Niagara." You see we are pulling at the wrong end of the rope, and we think we are only partly to blame for this, for we remember of reading last year when cotton was bringing a good price, many long drawn articles in the papers, by those who thought they knew what they were talking about, to the effect that there never would be again any danger of raising too much cotton, that cotton always would bring a good price in the future, no matter how large the crop might be. These gentlemen were either trying to deceive or they were badly mistaken, and the farmer with the past experience they have had, ought to have had more sense than believe any such stuff. Of course we can by holding our cotton and marketing it gradually help the price some but the very fact that a bumper crop has been raised will not down. The remedy lies in the short sentence—reduce the acreage for the next crop and the way to do this is for every farmer to begin at home and not wait on some one else to do the reducing. When we know by past experience that a small crop brings more money to the South than a large crop we deserve to be called a set of ignoramus if we don't curtail the acreage next year. Let us heed the advice of Dr. H. Q. Alexander our worthy state president, and farm in the future to "make a living and not to make money."

The Doctor could have added that this is exactly the way to make money farming. The Farmer's union, although yet in its infancy, has already accomplished much to better the condition of the farmer, and it is the duty of all farmers to join the organization and help on the good work. There is certainly no good reason why any member should show the white feather at this time. Let us this year try harder than ever before to impress upon the minds of our membership the importance of trying to raise our own supplies, and as much as in them lieth to stay out of debt. Let us try as never before to impress the educational features of our order for "A virtuous and enlightened people can never be enslaved." Let us subscribe for and read good farm papers like the "Union Farmer" and the "Progressive Farmer" and not only read but heed the advice therein given and we will guarantee that at the close of another year the condition of the farmers of Lincoln county will have been very much improved.

ALPHA

## SAXONY NEWS.

Saxony, Dec. 19.—The little folks at Saxony are looking forward to the presents that Santa Claus will soon bring to them—Mrs. Bertie Williams has been very sick but is improving at this writing—Misses Eva and Nettie Mauney visited their uncle, Mr. Smith at Gastonia Saturday and Sunday—Miss Ocie McCoy spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte—Mr. O. F. Long is wearing a broad smile, it is a big girl—Mr. Joseph Beal has accepted a job with the Saxony mill—Misses Ruth and Minnie McCoy visited the Misses Campbell of Cliffside recently.

GOLDEN BELL.

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## CHRISTMAS 1911.

O Little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

—Phillips Brooks.

## SOME ADVENT THOUGHTS

A few more days and Christmas will be here again. We are all going to celebrate the event in some way or other. Most of us seem to be concerned more about the things which satisfy our carnal desires, than we are about the things we need. Some thoughts then, as to what would be best for us and for our children ought not to be out of place at this time.

The day stands for the best gift that was ever given to man—the gift of Christ our Savior. Do we really appreciate that gift? If we do we will show it by the kind of gifts we present to each other. The only kind of gift that is really worth anything is the gift of our heart's love to one another. This is the kind of gift that God gave on the first Christmas, only He gave it to His enemies instead of His friends. Really then, Christmas is a time for sacrifice rather than for feasting. Think what a sacrifice Christ made when "He became flesh and dwelt among us." Do we behold His glory or the glory of our fine clothes, our beautiful decorations, and our good things to eat? Is it not very appropriate for every church to have a Christmas service? Yes, you say, we going to have a Christmas service, a real Christmas service, consisting of nice songs and recitations, a treat for the little folks, that is for the Sunday school or congregation, as the case may be. In other words we are going to give ourselves a treat for Christmas. Now there may be nothing harmful in that little box of candy etc., but is the house of God the place for such trash? Are we not thus making our Father's house a house of merchandise? Have our churches been set apart for the feeding of men's bodies or their souls? We are compelled to say that this is nothing but a cunning device of the evil one to keep our minds off of the higher things. To the extent then, that we bring those things into our worship that will satisfy our carnal appetites to that extent we have side tracked our religion, and substituted the things of this world in its place. We know these little material gifts make the children happy for a day or two but is it not a carnal joy? Let us ask them to give up everything this Christmas except the bare necessities of life, and see what the effect will be. If their joy is spiritual, then to make the sacrifice ought to increase that joy ten fold! Just make such a suggestion if you dare and see the last smile fade from off their faces. Why is it so? Because the souls of our children are constantly fed with selfishness rather than with love. There are thousands of professing christians in the world today who have never learned the joy of sacrifice and self denial.

There is a dark cloud gathering over the Christ in church to day, that cloud is pride, its silver lining is a reflection from the bottomless pit, and death and destruction are following in its path. Christ says, "if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Yet many of us take the money that we have gotten by the sweat of other men's toil and build for our selves fine homes, furnish them with the best that money can buy and then with a proud step and a haughty look scarcely notice our poor and needy neighbors. But the sun is not crossing the hills everyday for nothing. There is a day coming when we shall have to stand before the Great Judge, and tell why we have thus disobeyed His commands. He has told us plainly not to lay up for ourselves treasures upon earth; therefore we shall be left without excuse in that day. David H. Smyre.

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Items Clipped From The Hickory Mercury

Mr. R. L. Ford, of Lincolnton, was in the city on business last Thursday. He said their county fair last week was good, and that Lincolnton is now putting in good concrete sidewalks.

Mrs. Walter Hefner and babe went to Lincolnton last Thursday to visit her brothers who live there, and to join her husband who was there delivering fruit trees. They returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Whitener and two children, of Lincolnton, were in the city two days last week, visiting his father, sisters, brothers and other friends.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Murphy is sporting a pretty walking cane. Mr. P. D. Hinson of Lincolnton made him a present of it. The cane is a hickory cane and was bent and made by a Cleveland county road convict. It is a tapering square, and on it is some beautiful and skillful carving—a lizard, serpent, and beautiful perforated squares. It is not only beautiful, but a good lasty cane. Mr. Murphy appreciates it, and who would not?

Misses Mae and Bertha Rhodes and Pearl Moretz, of Lincolnton, students of Lenoir College, with other students have gone home for the holidays.

Mr. Noah Williams and sister-in-law, Mrs. J. F. McKinis, of Lincolnton, were in the city Sunday and Monday, visiting friends and doing some shopping.

Nurses Entertained.

On last Wednesday evening the nurses of the Lincolnton hospital were very pleasantly entertained at tea by Mrs. R. E. Costner. Vocal and instrumental music by one of the guests, and the agreeable, congenial spirit of all made the occasion one of rare pleasure. These young ladies, whose lives are given to the care of the sick and suffering, appreciate exceedingly an evening such as this when the doors of a bright, hospitable home are thrown open to them.

## UNCLE SAM PAYS FOR ALL

Some of the Luxuries That Are Supplied Free to Members of Congress.

"To begin with, each member of congress receives \$125 a session as a stationery allowance," writes Irvin S. Cobb in Munsey's. "He may be a free and lavish correspondent or a small and scanty one; just the same he gets that \$125. And takes it. There is no record of a refusal."

"Every member has the free use of the congressional baths and barber shops under the capitol. He can take a nifty Turkish bath, a Russian bath, a Roman bath, a needle shower, or the plain, old-fashioned Pike county style of bath, lying down in the tub with both faucets going; and it doesn't cost him a cent. As often as he pleases he may have a shave, a haircut, a facial massage, and be manicured all around, as they say in parts of Iowa when shoeing a horse. Every other day he can have the back of his neck shaved, just as if he were going to some large special function back home. Uncle Sam pays for the attendant and provides the whole outfit."

## TOO LONG



Mr. Parvenue—How long did it take you to do that picture?

The Artist—About four months.

Mr. Parvenue—Gee! I seen a fellow in a store window down town who painted 'em while you wait.

## NO AIRS FOR HER.

There is an old colored woman in Chattanooga whose nineteen-year-old son recently procured such a lucrative employment that he was for putting on a little more "style" than his mother had hitherto been accustomed to display. The two had gone to a general store to purchase some household supplies. As they were about to leave, the youth said:

"Mammy, ain't 'o' gwine to buy a couple o' plates?"

"No, chile, I ain't!" was the decisive reply of the old woman. "An' I don't wantter see yo' showin' sech pride. We kin eat outen de skillet while yit!"

## BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

"The party will recover from this check," said Mayor Craig of Covington, apropos of a temporary setback. "They say the party will be broken. I'd reply that it will be about as much broken as young Lansing's heart."

"A chorus girl who had refused young Lansing said to a friend:

"I have broken his heart, I fear."

"You have. You certainly have," the friend replied.

"You've broker it right in half."

"In half? What do you mean?"

"I mean that he takes two girls out to supper every night now."

## THE REASON.

"There seems to be very few at this meeting of the Society of Women to Suppress Gambling."

"I know, but unfortunately, we forgot that this is the day when as many of the members have their regular bridge parties."

## NATURALLY.

"Higgins is certainly stuck on his business."

"He ought to be, as he manufactures glue."

## PREFER BICYCLES TO AUTOS

Danish People Have Bought Sixty Thousand of the Former in a Single Year.

Bicycle riding has ceased to be a fad in most parts of America, and it has been noted that many of the former bicycle manufacturers have turned their attention to the making of automobiles. Even the English ardor for bicycle parties has become dampened of late, and the bicycle is now used only when a convenient means of transportation for the individual is required.

It is interesting to hear that some sixty thousand bicycles have been sold in Denmark in a single year. In fact, the Danes have never ceased in a regular demand for the bicycle. English and American wheels were formerly the most popular makes, but German products have conquered the market the past decade, and to Germany, at the present, is given Denmark's sizable order.—National Magazine.

## CHINA'S CRAZE FOR CULTURE

Celestial Empire Has 500 Students Abroad and Many New Colleges at Home.

Colleges have sprung up like mushrooms after a rain in all the provincial capitals. Ten years ago there were probably less than 300 students in modern government institutions in Pekin; today there are over 17,000.

College professors from America, Japan and Europe have been brought in by the hundred; there are 16 American teachers on the steamer by which we are traveling, all to be placed in one institution in Pekin, the buildings for which are not yet completed.

Chinese students have gone to the four corners of the earth in search of modern education; there are over 3,000 in Japan, nearly 1,000 in Europe and about the same number in America.—Pacific Monthly.

## GROWTH OF DOMINION CITIES.

The statement that Vancouver has now 115,000 population will serve to show the tremendous growth of the west. Twenty years ago the Citizen published the census figures showing that Vancouver had a population of 13,000 and commented on the fact that in the ten years from 1881 to 1891 it had grown from nothing to 13,000. In the middle west the figures are equally eloquent. In Saskatchewan the city of Moose Jaw in 1901 had some 1,200 population. Today it totals nearly 20,000. Saskatoon's population in 1901 was less than 500. Today it boasts nearly 18,000. Lethbridge grew from 2,500 in 1906 to 14,000 in 1911.—Ottawa Citizen.

## TIT FOR TAT.

Minister (arousing himself in barber's chair)—All through yet?

Barber—Aye, lang syne.

Minister—Then I must have been indulging in a quiet nap?

Barber—Ye wis that, sir.

Minister—It was very good of you not to waken me. I am very thankful for what has been a most refreshing sleep.

Barber—Hoots, man, hand yer tongue; it's only a fair return. I slept all through your sermon last Sabbath.

## THE PROOF.

"Shakespeare evidently foresaw the manufacture of automobiles."

"How do you prove that?"

"Doesn't he speak of the 'bubble reputation?'"

## THE CHOICE.

Referee (in divorce case)—Whom do you prefer to live with, my child—your father or your mother?

Child—If you please, air, whichever gets the automobile.—Puck.

The Sunday school of Emmanuel Lutheran church, Rev. Enoch Hite, pastor, will render a Christmas service, "The Star out of Jacob," on Christmas Day at 7 p. m. All are most cordially invited.