

No more going to Wadesboro! The thrifty will now have to rely solely on the express company.

Mrs. J. E. Stewart is visiting her parents at Vernon Hill, Va.

Mr. Frank Ogburn of Durham is visiting relatives in town.

Dr. D. T. Roger of Concord was in Monroe a short while Friday.

All aboard now for the poultry show!

Mr. Fleetwood Wolfe of Chester, auditor for the C. and I. railroad, spent Sunday in Monroe.

Miss Hallie Horn is visiting Mrs. J. E. McCutcheon of Bishopville, S. C.

Rev. R. H. Broom of Red Springs, with his little son, is visiting his father, Mr. G. D. Broom.

Mrs. Mary Johnson and children of Wilmington are visiting Messrs. A. C. Johnson and C. B. Barden.

The Jackson Club gives a reception this evening to its members, their lady friends, and visitors.

The rural mail carriers of Monroe presented Postmaster J. S. Hasty a beautiful gold handkerchief as a Christmas present.

Mr. Vance Norwood of Mooresville spent a few days last week here with his cousin, Mr. W. H. Norwood.

Dr. J. W. Lynch, pastor of the church at Wake Forest College, spent several days last week with Mr. O. M. Sanders at Wingate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. King of Charleston returned home yesterday after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McNeely.

Dr. M. F. Blakeney of Pine Bluff, Ark., spent a few days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blakeney.

Dr. S. M. Crowell will reopen his sanitarium at Charlotte for the treatment of alcoholic, drug and nervous diseases tomorrow.

Miss Mattie Helms, who is with the Monroe Hospital at Sanford, is spending some time with her father, Esq. Sam Helms.

Let everybody make his arrangements to spend at least one day in Monroe during the poultry show, January 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Capt. R. M. Gaffney of Gaffney, S. C., and Mr. Howard Gaffney of Union, S. C., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laney.

Miss Mattie E. Griffin, daughter of Mr. M. W. Griffin of east Monroe township, and Mr. J. Walter Gaddy of Marshville, were married at six o'clock on Christmas day, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. J. L. Shinn officiating. Quite a number of relatives and friends gathered to witness the happy event. The house was tastefully decorated, and the ceremony was performed under a beautiful arch of ferns and Christmas bells. Miss Beulah Copley of Monroe, a cousin of the bride, played the wedding march. Miss Lizzie Capel of Wadesboro was maid of honor and Mr. Wait Bivens of Marshville was best man. After the hearty congratulations of the assembled guests had been tendered the happy young couple, a most generous supper was served. There were a large number of pretty and useful presents. The bride is one of the prettiest and most cultured young women of the county and has been a most progressive and successful teacher. The groom is manager of the Marshville Drug Co., and a young man of character, energy and promise.

Mr. R. H. Pharr of Clinton, N. C., and Miss Corinne Wolfe were married on Christmas eve at the home of Mr. N. S. Ogburn. Dr. H. F. Christberg performed the marriage service. The wedding was a very quiet home affair. There were no invited guests. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Pharr left for Atlanta. Mr. Pharr has been making his home in Monroe for some time. He is a gentleman of character and has made a great many friends here. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosser Wolfe of Mecklenburg county. She is a very bright and attractive lady and has had charge of the North Monroe graded school for the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Pharr will live in Mr. H. E. Copley's new cottage on Church street.

Mr. T. F. Medlin of Buford township lost a barn by fire just before day Friday morning. The barn was situated near a tenant house on the place which had just been prepared for Mr. Medlin's brother to move into. While the barn was burning it was discovered that this house had been set on fire also. A lighted torch had been placed in the closet of the house and in a short while it too would have been burned. Only a lot of forage was saved in the barn. The barn was insured in the Farmers' Mutual. The fire is thought to be of incendiary origin, and we are informed that it is likely that an arrest will be made.

1908. Greetings! Greetings!

Open house and general hospitality will be offered the public by the following hostesses, assisted by their attendants, as given below. No invitations are issued and every one is cordially invited to the homes of these ladies Wednesday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, where they will be received by the following:

At Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Morrow's residence, Lafayette street—Messrs. and Mesdames O. W. Kochitzky, J. T. Griffith, I. B. Bourne, A. L. Dearing, A. L. Monroe, G. B. Caldwell, W. J. Rudge, E. S. Greene, Julian Griffin; Mesdames Etta Griffin, Hettie Williamson; Misses Hattie Horn, Margie Williamson, Alice Seales, Frances Lee, Ruby Simpson, Lena Greene, Mary Hudson, Lizzie Covington, Lizzie Whitaker, Caroline Parker, Sadie Belk; Messrs. Geo. Lee, Bennett Gaddy, Ray Adams, Code Morgan, Barnes Sale, Easley Armfield.

At Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yates' residence, Windsor street—Messrs. and Mesdames J. E. Ashcraft, H. D. Stewart, H. R. Laney, J. C. Sikes, Roscoe Pifer, W. B. Hous-ton, W. H. Norwood, Eugene Ashcraft, Henry Greene, N. S. Ogburn, W. S. Blakeney, E. M. Griffin; Mesdames Ellie McKinzie, Lizzie Covington, Ernest Heath, W. T. Whitfield, Estella Stewart; Misses Pat Adams, Bright Ogburn, Anna-belle Nelson, Mary Stewart, Fannie Austin, Bess Austin, Callie Futch, Mary Futch; Messrs. Frank Ogburn, Glenn Wolfe.

At Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laney's residence, Windsor street—Messrs. and Mesdames H. F. Christberg, Walter Crowell, Harry Hargis, Davis Armfield, Geo. S. Lee, J. D. Craven, W. E. Cason, W. A. Lane; Mesdames Virginia Davis, D. A. Covington; Misses Lucile Stewart, Mary Davis, Alice Stack, Nealie Belk, Beth English, Lizzie Hous-ton, Lena Ogburn, Kathleen Whitfield; Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Messrs. J. A. Bivens, D. P. McLarty, G. C. Scaife, Hal Adams, W. C. Stack, Archie Lee.

At Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Blair's residence, Hayne street—Messrs. and Mesdames B. C. Ashcraft, J. A. Stewart, Chas. Iceman, R. B. Bedwine, W. C. Heath, W. S. Lee, Rufus Armfield, Henry Whyte, Frank Armfield, David Houston, Eugene Hicks, V. C. Austin, J. D. Parker, E. C. Williams, E. G. Car-ter, R. K. Blair, Lawrence Bick-ett, T. P. Dillon, Henry Adams, S. O. Blair, R. Redfern, J. M. Tat-um, Ellen Fitzgerald; Misses Pat-ricie Lee, Birdie Iceman, Anna Blair, Lena Heath, Mary Covington, Mar-garette Parker, Sadie Welch, Julia Tatum, Kate Lee Fairley, Connie Fairley; Messrs. Locke Everett, J. H. Beckley.

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SPLENDID SERMON ON CHRISTIAN GIVING.

In Central Methodist church Sunday night Rev. Dr. H. C. Lilly of Winston-Salem delivered one of the clearest, most forcible and penetrating sermons ever heard here. His subject was "Christian Giving." His discourse went to the core of things; there were no "tearful appeals"; there were no "touching incidents"; there were no "seathing denunciations" of skin-flints; there were none of the egotistical pyrotechnics and absurd illustrations which are now all too frequently palmed off as the gospel. If half the pulp could grasp the real philosophy of Christ as set forth by Dr. Lilly, the pew would be immeasurably elevated. While the discourse was mainly on giving, it was really an analysis of the basic principles of Christianity. Under three heads the masterful discourse was divided, and the speaker, with a clearness indescribable, set forth the Duty of Giving; the Necessity of Giving; and the Blessedness of Giving, every one of which related to the giver himself—not to the effects of his money.

It is the duty of a Christian to give because of his relation to God, his relation to mankind, and his relation to property. He is to God as his child, and it becomes his duty to further the kingdom of which he is a member. He is a brother of every creature, black, white, red or brown, who is made in the image of God, and it is his duty to help his brother. His property is not his, but God's, and he holds it in trust and must do as God has told him.

The necessity of giving is based not upon an arbitrary command of Christ, but arises out of the very constitution of man's nature. Christ's command to give was merely an interpretation of human nature. If a man resist his impulse to give he stifles his better self and by and by becomes selfish, miserly, ungenerous, centering his whole thought on his property to the exclusion of everything else, his treasure being earthly he can rise no higher; and if he never is able to lay up treasures in heaven he can never get his heart there, and if his heart goes not there neither shall he. It is not a question of how much money a man may get, but of how much man he will let the money get.

When Christ said that it is more blessed to give than to receive, he spoke an absolute truth. If a man give me a thousand dollars, I have only it, and am no better or braver than before; but if by self denial I am enabled to give a thousand dollars, I have acquired self mastery, self discipline, benevolence, generosity, and am braver and stronger and manlier thereby.

Finally, there are steps in giving: If a man give a tithe of his income, he is a liberal giver; if he give as God has prospered him, he is a generous giver; if he give according to his power and beyond, he is a noble giver; if he give half his goods, he is an heroic giver; but if he give all, he is a royal giver.

The special timeliness of Dr. Lilly's sermon arises from the fact that he is speaking in behalf of his church's effort to raise \$1,000,000 for missions, and also from the fact that at this time there is what is known as the "Laymen's Movement," which is an organized effort to evangelize the whole world in the next twenty-five years. The originators of this movement believe that if all Christians will do their duty in the matter of giving, each through the regular missionary channels of his own church, the whole world can be brought to Christ in this generation. The conception is of the greatest grandeur, and is sweeping over the entire country. It has been endorsed by the State organizations of the several leading churches in North Carolina this fall.

After the sermon Dr. Lilly distributed cards, to be signed by those who were disposed so to do, to be retained by them as reminders. On the card are the following words:

"The Evangelization of the World in this Generation." Let us study how to do this thing—not how to get it done. When the world sees Christ on his cross, the world will place Christ on his throne.

When giving becomes all prevalent in the Church the Church will become all prevalent in the world. The Church cannot make Christ king of the world until she has made him king of her own life.

The steps of progress in Christian giving are:

1. The tithe. Mal. 3: 8-10. 2. As God hath prospered him. 1 Cor. 16: 2. 3. To their power and beyond their power. 2 Cor. 8: 15. 4. Half his goods. Luke 19: 8. 5. All her living. Mark 12: 41-44. Lord, make thou the path of duty plain for me, even if thou dost not make it easy.

Recognizing God's ownership both of myself and my means, I hereby signify

my acceptance of my place as God's steward, and take as the question for me to decide, "not how much of my possessions I will give to the Lord, but how much of the Lord's money I will keep for my own use." It is my purpose to live a temperate and frugal life; to expend on myself or family what will supply necessities—or build character, or enlarge opportunity for usefulness in life,—devoting the surplus of my means to the work of the Lord.

Feeling the necessity of my having some definite plan and system of giving, I hereby commit myself, for the present, to the plan of giving systematically one-tenth of my income to the work of the Lord—and with the expectation of increasing this from year to year.

Dr. Lilly is traveling agent of the Presbyterian Missionary Committee at Nashville, which pays his expenses. His salary is paid by Mr. C. E. Graham of Greenville, S. C.

Recorder's Court. Since last week the following cases have been disposed of: Joe Matheson, drunk; \$1 and costs.

John H. Boyd, white, charged with rape upon the person of Allie Vanderburg, a fifteen-year-old girl, on November 27th, at his house in Vance township, was tried Saturday. The girl claimed that Boyd threatened to kill her if she told, hence he was not arrested till last Friday. Boyd claims consent. He is a wandering kind of man and has not lived there long. Mr. A. M. Stack appeared for the defense and Mr. Hal Adams for the prosecution. Not guilty.

Mark Blakeney, assault and battery; \$5 and costs. Allen Ramey, assault and battery; judgment suspended on payment of costs. W. A. Laney and Allen English, affray; \$2.50 and costs each. Jeff Reeves, keeping liquor for sale; \$50 and costs. Walter Ray, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.

Fiddlers, Fiddlers. The Old Time Fiddlers' Convention will be held in Monroe Jan. 9. All participants in the convention will be entertained while in the city and may enter the contest free of charge. Each contestant may play three pieces of his own selection, or less number if he so desires. Send us your name and the pieces you will play as soon as possible. There will be cash prizes for best lead fiddle, for best second fiddle, for second best lead fiddle, for second best second fiddle, and a booby prize for the poorest fiddler contesting for the best lead fiddle. All are requested to meet at the court house at 3 o'clock Jan. 9th, where we will organize for convention at the opera house. COMMITTEE.

Attend the Meetings. Please allow us space to again call the attention of the farmers to the farmers' co-operative and demonstration work which is being conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture. We want every farmer in the county to get in touch with this work as early as possible. It means increased crops at less cost of production. Attend the meetings as advertised for this week and learn about the work.

T. J. W. BROOM, Special Agent. C. R. HUDSON, State Agent.

Important Change of Schedule Board Air Line Railway, Effective January 5th, 1908. The Seaboard will change schedule January 5th, 1908, and trains will depart from Monroe as follows: No. 133 at 9:15 a. m., for Charlotte and Rutherfordton; No. 45 at 11:45 a. m., for Charlotte; No. 39 at 12:30 a. m., for Charlotte; No. 33 at 9:10 a. m., for Atlanta and Birmingham; No. 41 at 12:25 a. m., through train for Atlanta; No. 53 at 11:45 a. m., local for Atlanta; No. 28 at 5:10 a. m., for Portsmouth-Norfolk, connecting at Hamlet with No. 40 for Wilmington; No. 44 at 5:55 p. m., for Wilmington; No. 32 at 9:50 p. m., for Portsmouth-Norfolk, will not connect at Hamlet with No. 84 leaving that point at 10:25 p. m.

For further information call on C. S. Compton, Ticket Agent, or write to C. H. GATTS, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by English Drug Company.

Nice Things at Parker's. Just received a large lot BEST PATENT FLOUR for sale cheap, and a lot of other nice things. Prices below: 3-pound canned corn 10c. 3-pound home canned tomatoes 12c. 3-pound home canned beans 12c. 6 bars Light Town soap 25c. Grated coconut 10c. Best grade stick candy 10c. French mixed candy 12c. Keg soda 3 cents pound. Best package soda 4c. Lump starch 5 cents. Fresh loaf bread 5c. Fine salt mackerel cheap. Apples, oranges, bananas and nuts always cheap. Fresh butter, chickens and eggs kept regularly, and Don't Forget we sell you the nicest pork, beef, sausage, lard, fish and oysters. J. D. PARKER.

Jos. G. Brown on Advertising. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens' National Bank of Raleigh, has contributed to the Bank Advertiser an article which is reprinted in American Banker, devoted to the subject of newspaper advertising which will be of interest to all newspaper men. The article is exhaustive, in a sense, and would make two or more columns of newspaper matter, the writer citing some concrete instances which have come under his own observation, where bankers have profited through the judicious and constant use of printer's ink. We direct attention to the three concluding paragraphs of Mr. Brown's letter:

"You hear people say 'so and so is a good advertiser, now why is it?' It is because they cannot pick up their paper without seeing 'so and so's' advertisement. He has always something to say, and they have become interested in his advertisements—interested enough to talk about him and his advertisements. Believe him; look upon your advertising as an investment, plan it carefully, judiciously and thoughtfully, and then regard the business you get from it as the surplus. No investment in the world pays like good advertising. Continually cultivating the crop in the growing season makes a bounteous harvest possible. Cultivate good advertising and get a harvest of deposits."

"The fact that the newspapers which contain the most advertisements are the papers that sell the best, is proof positive that newspaper advertising is the kind that pays, and the sort of advertising matter that the people pay to read. You reach intelligent people through the newspapers because the newspapers are the educators of the masses. People who do not read them are those who do not place their deposits in the banks."

"The banker depends for his patronage upon people who are thinkers; therefore, an intelligent advertisement will set intelligent people thinking. A medium which enters the home and is looked forward to each day, or week, is the medium in which to convey your arguments to the people. Is it the hand bill, the advertising scheme, or the newspaper? Judge others by yourself—you read the papers, you read the advertisements in the papers, you patronize the merchants who advertise, so let your light shine through the columns of the newspaper—it pays."

Bankers everywhere should give heed to this good advice, and go and do likewise.

Three Killed in a Battle. Morganton Special, 26th, to Charlotte Observer. News reached here today of a battle to the death at Collettsville, a small town in Caldwell county, ten miles from Lenoir, yesterday in which three men lost their lives. Two brothers named Clark and two brothers named Rader became involved in a difficulty and both sides used knives with deadly effect. The two Clark brothers and one of the Raders made his escape after the encounter. He was not seriously injured. News of the affair is meagre, but it is said that all parties were drinking.

Stronger Than His Oath. They were cross examining in a Chicago court a bookmaker who had been caught in the toils for playing some other game than his own. The third subordinate district attorney was intent upon a conviction, however, and was doing his best, none too successfully, to shake the testimony of the defendant. "You're sure of that?" he yelled as the bookmaker stuck to an assertion that did not suit the case of the state.

"Sure! I am certain," came the answer. "You remember that you are under oath?" "I do that."

"And you'd swear to this statement of yours?" "Swear to it? Why, Mr. Lawyer and judge, your honor, I'd bet a hundred on it any day."—Saturday Evening Post.

A Whistler Snub. Walter Crane gives a characteristic anecdote of Whistler, the painter. The "Butterfly" as Whistler was called, was not inclined to be cordial when, disguised as a Spanish cavalier in black, with a big sombrero, at a fancy dress ball he found himself alongside of Mr. Crane as Cimabue, all in white. Crane says, "I had met him previously at one of his own private views and said to him by way of greeting that I thought I had had the pleasure of meeting him before, but he only said dryly, 'Very likely,' and 'I didn't get any further.'"

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