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PREACHER FINED \$10 AND COSTS FOR STEALING SUGAR.

Rev. W. P. Perkins, Colored. Attempted to Get Away With Five Pounds of Sugar and Was Caught in the Act by Mr. Fred Maness.

Probably the first instance where a preacher was fined for petty larceny happened in Recorder's court yesterday morning. Rev. W. P. Perkins was fined \$10 and the costs by Judge Lemmond for stealing five pounds of sugar from Mr. F. B. Ashcraft's store. Late Tuesday afternoon the colored parson walked into Mr. Ashcraft's store and told Mr. Fred Maness, the only clerk in at the time, that he wanted 25 cents worth of oats for his mule. There are two rooms connected by a doorway to the store and Mr. Maness entered the room where the oats were kept, leaving the preacher alone in the other. It seemed to Mr. Maness that the Reverend acted somewhat suspicious and this led him to peer out of the door of the room he had entered and as he did so he saw the spiritual adviser step from the other room and proceed to his buggy where he shoved something under the seat.

"What was that you placed in your buggy?" Mr. Maness enquired of the black minister as he handed him the oats. "Oh, I just went out to look for a sack," was the reply. "Let me see if I can find one," remarked Mr. Maness as he proceeded toward the negro's buggy. Under the lap robe he found a five pound sack of sugar. The officers were informed, the preacher was arrested and yesterday morning arraigned in Judge Lemmond's court to answer for his sins, where he was fined \$10 and the cost. Rev. Perkins gave notice that he would appeal the case to Superior court but later paid the fine and cost. It is pointed out that Perkins may belong to the class of preachers who told his congregation "Now, don't do as I do but do as I tell you to do."

Whether Perkins' flock will forgive and forget, or whether they will excommunicate him and employ a parson who doesn't require so much sugar for his coffee remains to be seen. Since the above was written the police have learned that Perkins at one time made an attempt to sell the Southern Cotton Oil Co. 200 pounds of rock for cotton seed and almost got away with the stunt. He drove up to the office of the oil company, the police are informed, with a load of cotton seed. The seed was weighed and the negro was told to drive to the shed and empty them. Unseen by Perkins an employee of the company watched the parson throw several heavy rocks from his wagon. He had been careful to see that the seed concealed the rock. When confronted with his deception Perkins explained that the rock had been lying in his yard and that his wife had placed them in the wagon telling him to throw them beside the road somewhere. "And I forgot all about it," he concluded.

RECENT STATE NEWS.

The Latest Political, Social, and Other Happenings in North and Oth Carolina

Under a plan now being worked out, free meals for every soldier who attends the 30th division reunion is assured. The reunion will be held in Greenville, S. C., September 29 and 30. According to official estimates from 10,000 to 15,000 ex-soldiers will attend and it will be necessary to entertain many of the visitors in private homes.

On Friday night, Ed Hunsinger, a returned soldier of Forest City, shot his father-in-law, Dock Crawley, five times in the legs and hips. Family troubles seemed to be the cause.

Hickory grammar school teachers will hereafter receive a salary of \$80 and high school teachers \$85 per month. This step was found necessary in order to retain competent teachers.

Construction of eight great cotton warehouses in the Carolinas with a total capacity of 300,000 bales is proposed by the Union Warehouse Co., recently organized in New York. In this state houses will be built at Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro.

A mysterious shooting affair occurred in Kings Mountain Monday morning. Arthur Taunt and Ed Gilbert were walking down the road when a .22 calibre bullet struck Taunt in the back and went almost through him. Neither of the boys heard the report of a gun and no clue has been found as to who did the shooting.

Robert Long, a negro youth of Charlotte, had his heart pierced by a knife in the hands of a negro boy, and was immediately rushed to the Good Samaritan hospital where Dr. W. E. Wishart sewed up the heart between throbs. Dr. Wishart had experience of this kind while with the army in France.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Methodist church, at its annual session at Lake Junaluska, unanimously voted to build a \$75,000 Sunday school building in which to hold its annual training institute for Sunday school teachers.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Breece who live near Fayetteville, was drowned Tuesday morning in a peculiar manner. The carriage in which the child had been left sleeping was blown by the wind down a hill at the rear of the house and into a creek at the foot of the declivity.

At the annual convention of the N. C. Bar Association which met in Greensboro Wednesday and Thursday, Judge W. P. Bynum was elected president for the ensuing year.

EMBARGO IS PLACED ON ALL FREIGHT EXCEPT FOODSTUFF

Seaboard Agent J. A. Douglas Receives Orders to This Effect—Freight Engines Pulling Passenger Trains—Car Cleaners Return to Work.

The acuteness of the strike situation was shown here upon receipt on Wednesday afternoon by Mr. J. A. Douglas, freight agent, of orders placing an embargo on all freight except food stuff for human consumption, food to be accepted subject to delay.

The orders received by Mr. Douglas read as follows: "On account of labor conditions the Seaboard embargoes all freight car load and less car load, from all points to all destinations, except foodstuff for human consumption, which latter will be accepted only when B. L. and wbs. are endorsed (subject to delay)."

The effect of the strike of the shophmen, who walked out last Friday night upon receipt of orders from union officials, is apparent in the passenger service. Most of the trains arriving here are invariably late. In several instances freight engines have been employed to pull through passenger trains. A troop train spent several hours standing on the yards and was then pulled out by a switch engine ordinarily employed upon the yards, it is said. This was made necessary by the fact that engines usually pulling passenger and troop trains were out of commission for want of repairs. Information obtained is to the effect that there are several engines tied up at the roundhouse here in need of repairs. It is presumed that this is the condition at other terminal points. Railroad men state that it is only a matter of time until the strike will cripple the passenger service.

The only workmen among the fifty who walked out last Friday night to return to work are two car cleaners. It developed that they were not included in the strike orders received and therefore they decided to return to work.

ORGANIZATION OF A \$20,000 CORPORATION UNDER WAY

Stock to the Amount of \$6000 Has Been Subscribed—With Headquarters Here Wizard Lighting Company Will Cover Eastern Parts of Carolinas.

Stock to the amount of \$6000 in the Wizard Lighting Company, Inc., a \$20,000 corporation, has already been subscribed and the work of completing the organization of the company goes on apace. Application for a charter is expected in a short time.

With headquarters here the company will act as agents and distributors of the Wizard kerosene lighting system over the eastern part of the two Carolinas. Mr. R. Sams will head the business.

Mr. Sams came to Monroe a number of months ago and formed a partnership with local interests to engage in the distribution of the Wizard system. The efforts met with such success that in order to keep pace with the demands it was found necessary to increase the capital invested and therefore the new corporation, Mr. Sams came to Monroe from Charlotte and is a business man of ability and integrity.

To secure ample space for offices and storage room for the new company it is planned to have local men erect a building for that purpose. It is thought that this building will be erected on the lot on Haynes street just south of the store of H. G. Nash & Company. It is understood that negotiations with this view are now under way with Mr. J. R. Shute.

Capt. G. H. Meares and family left this morning by automobile for a trip to the mountains.

Dr. Funderburk will open his dental offices in the Sikes-Blair building on Main street Monday. Dr. Funderburk recently graduated from the Southern Dental College at Atlanta.

Mrs. E. A. Horn, B. A. Horn, Jr., Mrs. G. F. Horn and Mrs. C. M. Burns of Wadesboro, left this morning for Lake Junaluska.

"GATES SHUT AND GATES OPEN."

A Sermon by Rev. S. L. Rotter.

(Editor's Note:—The Journal considers itself fortunate in being able to secure Rev. Mr. Rotter, Rector of the Monroe Episcopal church, to contribute a weekly sermon to its columns. The sermon will appear in each Friday edition.)

"And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there."—Revelation 21:25. It is the New Jerusalem St. John is writing about. The gates shall never be shut, he says. No night in the great city of the future. So no darkness. No fear of enemies. The light shall have overcome the darkness. And the gates may remain open all the time. All shall be free to go in and out as they please. There is to be light and freedom in the New Jerusalem.

That is one of the marks of the heavenly city as described by the author of Revelation writing out the vision seen by him in his old age on the Isle of Patmos. He has been telling several things about the city that the angel showed him, several things that marked off the holy Jerusalem from earthly cities, and this mark of the always-open gates was the final one. It may be called the top rung of the climax of the good times to come—the highest and best and greatest of the steps that men and women are to climb in the ascent to the promised land of the Bride of the Lamb.

That is to be a land without night, where all is light, where no gates are to be shut, where there shall be perfect freedom because there is to be no darkness. A city where the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of the Lamb, freed from the things that kept the gates shut.

In the darkness of the night that was before the dawn of creation God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Then there was life and growth, the living world, and all that therein was, and all that it meant. But there was darkness still. There was the night as well as the day.

And man was made. And God quickened him with the life of his own light, and man became a living soul. But there was the shadow of darkness on man as well as the spark of light in him. He sinned. And he kept on sinning from generation to generation. All the while God was revealing to him gradually more and more of the light that he wanted man to have, the light to show him the way through the crooked paths of sin-twisted life, the light to make him free. For still there was darkness. Finally came the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. The angel told it to the shepherds dazzled with the outstreaming glory of the Lord that seemed to envelop them as in a mantle of light and barking to the choir of heaven's host took up the strain of glory that was echoed on earth as peace and among men as good will. The wise men saw it in the star that blazed their path across the deserts from the east as they came to pay homage to the infant that was to be the light to lighten the nations, and to be the glory of Israel.

And that light shone in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. Not all of it, that is, and upon the some that did there sat on that day of Pentecost cloven tongues like as of fire. The fire of the Holy Spirit was upon them, and they burned with his inspiration. They bore the light with their might and started relay upon relay of torchbearers that have lighted countless dark corners during nearly two thousand years as the blaze passed from falling hand to fresher grasp, rising brighter with each passing life.

And the last survivor of the apostles, in the last days of his life, sees a new city where there shall be no darkness and no shutting of gates, where there shall be the greatest light of all, the light of the Lamb.

But there is still darkness on the earth. There are still gates that have to be shut, for there is still night here as well as day. In proportion as the light that is of Christ has opened the understanding of men, gates are being opened. Liberty follows the light. Freedom begins to come in by the open gates. It is hardly correct to speak of liberty enlightening the world. Rather it is that light liberates the world. Look at Russia, claiming liberty without light, and getting something akin to anarchy. Light is the true source of liberty. Enlightenment is the sure way to freedom. Liberty without light is lawlessness and not freedom in the highest sense at all.

The stone obeys the law of gravitation and has only the liberty of staying where it is until something moves it. The tree obeys the higher law of vegetable growth and so overcomes the law of gravitation, rises superior to it, overcomes it, clearing the earth with more liberty than the stone. The animal obeys still higher laws than the tree and so has still more liberty. So in man, the laws of reason and self-consciousness overcome the laws of animal instinct, being higher laws, and so man obeying the higher laws of his human nature has still more freedom than the animal. The higher the laws one obeys the greater liberty will be have. And when the higher laws are obeyed the lower ones are obeyed, too. The tree, the animal, and the man obey the law of gravitation, too, but they obey something better besides, and so the lower law, instead of holding them down, helps them up. True freedom comes through learning the higher laws and obeying them, but the higher laws cannot be learned without the foundation of the lower ones. Liberty is the liberation from the lower law that comes with the learning and obedience of the higher law. The grades of liberty are determined by the scale of laws which one is obeying.

Every being has its own law, its proper mode of living. The power to follow the law of one's own being is the only real freedom. The planter, if he learns and obeys the laws of the forces of nature, profits greatly thereby, himself and others. If he pay no attention to those laws, he falls into trouble. The sailor, disregarding the laws governing water traveling, becomes the victim of the very element that he might have used as a profitable means of transportation.

The light that is Christ is the highest law of all, the spiritual law. It gives the most complete freedom of all when obeyed. It liberates from all the lower laws because obedience to the higher law includes obedience to the lower also, and because the operation of the higher obedience to the lower also, and because the operation of the higher makes unnecessary the bondage of the lower. If we obey the highest spiritual law, to love God and our neighbor, we do not have to be jailed to make us obey the ordinary laws of our being. That must have been what St. Paul meant when he wrote of Christ freeing men from the real law of man.

The real law of man's nature is goodness. Does he know it? Yes. It is certified by the voice of his conscience. Goodness is the only true freedom for man, the only thing that will keep his gates open.

So in the New Jerusalem that St. John sees, the gates shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there. There will be no need to shut the gates. Complete freedom will reign; for the limiting fetters of disobedience to the highest spiritual law will not cloud the inhabitants. They will be enlightened altogether by the light of the all-obedient, all-abundant life.

WORE LADIES STOCKINGS AND DIDN'T BELIEVE IN HELL

Randolph Funderburk, Arraigned for Stealing Ladies Hose Sent to County — If Stockings Had Been Out of Style Then He Wouldn't Have Been in Trouble.

He wore ladies stockings and didn't believe in Hell, although he was a member of the Baptist church and had "been under the water" were declarations made by Randolph Funderburk, 17 year old colored youth arraigned before Recorder Lemmond Wednesday on a charge of stealing a pair of silky, filmy adornments that incase the ladies lower limbs.

Bessie Helms, colored testified that Randolph stole the silky things as they hung on the wire in her yard, and then proceeded a little ways and taking off his shoes pulled them onto his knarled calves. Officer Earnhart was summoned and made the negro do the peeling stunt with reference to the stockings.

Judge Lemmond decided that Randolph should be sent away out in the country where there were few clothes wires with ladies silk stockings hanging on them.

Men who attend Recorder's court regularly said that they had seen negroes up for stealing underclothes, pig and cord wood but that was the first instance that they had witnessed a negro boy up for stealing ladies hose for his own use. Randolph said that he had worn ladies hose from baby hood. He declared at one time that his uncle bought the stockings, displayed before the court, for him at Efford's last Saturday. At another time while testifying he said he bought them. It was suggested that the reason he wore ladies hose and preferred silk ones was that he might be proud of his legs and thus wished to set off their charms.

It occurred to the minds of some of those who heard the case that a number of the Fashion Moguls of the larger Northern cities were fostering a movement to get a decree issued that stockings for ladies were "not the style." These Moguls, it occurred to some at the trial, contend that the ladies stock that its entire removal would not cause much of a stir—in other words, there wouldn't be much gone. In Philadelphia the hotel managers have been asked if they would be willing to receive lady guests who wore no stockings. The managers replied that if it suited the ladies that they didn't care. If thought some at Randolph's trial, the Fashion Moguls had succeeded in putting over their stockingless style several weeks ago, then there might not have been any silk hose hanging on that wire to catch the eye and cause the downfall of the susceptible negro boy. Therefore, they thought, under such conditions Randolph was only a victim of circumstance.

But Judge Lemmond turned his intellect upon the situation and decreed that Randolph should return to the county and where it may be referred to as a case "wherein one was Downed by Ladies Hose."

Thrills That Stir the Soul Abound in "Secret Service."

Thrills that stir the soul are abundant in "Secret Service," William Gillette's famous drama, a Paramount Arterial special picture, which comes to the Grand Theatre next Monday. Major Robert Warwick, who has doffed the khaki and temporarily wears the blue of the Federal and the butternut of the Confederate service in this picture, plays the role made famous by Mr. Gillette.

Caught in a desperate situation, in his efforts to betray Richmond into the hands of the Union Army, the hero is saved by a Southern girl who has learned to love him. This is not, however, a war play with shot and shell flying thickly; but a tense human story of a few people involved in a network as the result of secret service in its most dramatic sense.

In the support cast are found many favorites. Wanda Hawley, beautiful and talented, is Edith Varney, the heroine, playing opposite Major Robert Warwick. Others in the cast are Theodore Roberts, Raymond Hatton, Irving Cummings, Casson Ferguson, Edythe Chapman and Guy Oliver.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sunday, August 10.—Sunday school at 10:30; morning service at 11:30; Men's Bible class at 4:30. Every Wednesday night Litany and address.

—Bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for the purpose of installing a water and electric light system for Marshville were sold Wednesday to Sydney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo, O.

Mr. Lee A. Tomberlin left Wednesday for Detroit, Michigan.

shut very fast still. The light of the spiritual law that brings true freedom is still weathering a blighting blast and must needs be sheltered from the bitterest wind. Real liberty will not come to the world until men get to realize that the law of Christ is supreme, that money and lands and power are not the things of supreme importance even in this world, and then not until that realization is put into practice. In proportion as that is done more and more the gates will open wider and wider and stay open longer and longer. And men and women may pass in and out with more and more freedom to fulfill the highest function of their being, the God-given task of raising the race to higher levels.

FREE PROTECTION

AGAINST

Typhoid Fever!

Every Citizen, white and colored, in Union County should be immunized.

It causes no sores, no loss of time. It is safe, almost certain protection. Convenient, practically painless, and FREE. Typhoid has been practically eradicated wherever vaccine has been used.

VACCINATION A TRIUMPH IN PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.

Since the use of vaccine the Army has reduced typhoid fever among the soldiers 3,500 per cent.

Take your family and get all your neighbors to go to the most convenient dispensary and be vaccinated.

The county which gets the greatest percentage of its population vaccinated will be given a prize—the expenses of the entire campaign.

EVERYBODY, from 3 years of age, to 100, should be vaccinated.

Three treatments, one week apart, are necessary to protect. Therefore be sure to visit a dispensary on the opening date, in order to secure all three treatments.

DATES AND PLACES FOR UNION COUNTY TYPHOID DISPENSARIES.

FERNANDO HELMS' STORE	9 to 11 a. m., Saturday, August 16, 23, 30, Sept 6.
MONROE	1 to 5 p. m., Saturday, August 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6.
WINGATE	9 to 12 a. m., Monday, August 18, 25, Sept. 1 and 8.
MARSHVILLE	2 to 5 p. m., Monday, August 18, 25, Sept. 1 and 8.
WEDDINGTON	9 to 12 a. m., Tuesday, August 19, 26, Sept. 2 and 9.
WAXHAW	2 to 5 p. m., Tuesday, August 19, 26, Sept 2 and 9.
WILSON'S OLD STORE	9 to 12 a. m., Wednesday, Aug. 27, Sept. 3 and 10.
PROSPECT	2 to 5 p. m., Wednesday, Aug. 20, 27, Sept. 3 and 10.
ALTAN	9 to 12 a. m., Thursday, Aug. 21, 28, Sept 4 and 11.
DR. J. B. EUBANKS	2 to 5 p. m., Thursday, Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4 and 11.
OLIVE BRANCH	9 to 11 a. m., Friday, Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5. and 12.
UNIONVILLE	12 to 3 p. m., Friday, Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5 and 12.
INDIAN TRAIL	4 to 6 p. m., Friday, August 22, 29, Sept. 5 and 12.

Be sure to come on the appointed hour according to new time.

THE STATE AND COUNTY BOARDS OF HEALTH.