

Speaks Without Shoes or Hat

UNUSUAL SCENE AT HIGH POINT.

Scantily Clad Street Preacher Delivers His Message to High Point—Is on His Way to Birmingham, Ala.

High Point, Nov. 18.—Early yesterday morning there was an unusual scene on Main street.

A man bareheaded and barefooted stood at the corner of Main and Washington streets preaching. While other people stood around shivering in their wraps and overcoats he did not seem to mind the weather.

He said he was delivering a special message. The Lord had told him to go barefooted into Birmingham, Ala., by next April, preaching the word all the way. The "preacher" was not giving any word of warning specially, but the point he was trying to make was that baptism came before conversion. He talked fluently and held the attention of the people while he talked. The writer had a brief interview with the man after he quit and he said that he was only delivering his message; said he had no home, his parents lived at Ontario, Canada, but but he was a wanderer. He passed on down the street barefooted with his shoes under his arm.

FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Prompt Work by Fire Department Saves a Number of Buildings—Mr. John Turner's Barn is a Complete Loss.

At about 6:30 o'clock last night the fire department was called to the home of Mr. John Turner on Front street where that gentleman's barn was in flames.

Before the department arrived the flames had gained a good headway, in fact the structure was a mass of flames and about all that could be done was to save the surrounding buildings.

Several times these caught from the flying sparks but the flames were soon extinguished. A small barn located near that of Mr. Turner caught fire several times and on one occasion the flames made considerable headway before they were subdued.

Mr. Turner's barn was comparatively new and it cost him about \$500. Only a short time before the fire was discovered he had taken his horse out of the barn and hitched it to a buggy, Mr. Turner was sitting in the vehicle in front of his residence when informed that his barn was on fire. The flames had then made considerable headway.

There was \$300 insurance, carried with the Statesville Realty and Investment Company. A small quantity of feed, hay and grain, was burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.

DECLARED A DIVIDEND.

Stockholders and Directors of the Statesville Realty and Investment Company Have Meetings and Find Affairs of the Company in Excellent Shape.

The stockholders of the Statesville Realty and Investment Company held their annual meeting at the office of the company on Center street Tuesday night.

The meeting was largely attended and developed the fact that the affairs of the institution are in excellent shape.

Before the regular meeting of the stockholders, the directors held a meeting and declared a dividend of six per cent.

Mr. John A. Parker, secretary and treasurer, made his annual report and there was a general expression of satisfaction at the condition of affairs under Mr. Parker's management.

Directors were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Prof. J. H. Hill, F. A. Sherrill, W. A. Thomas, R. B. McLoughlin, J. G. Shelton, John W. Guy, C. M. Steele and John A. Parker, all of Statesville, and Mr. R. J. Mebane of Greensboro.

The new board of directors will hold a meeting on Nov. 23 at which time the election of officers will take place.

Itching piles provoke profanity, but profanity won't cure them. Dean's Ointment cures itching, bleeding protruding piles after years of suffering. At any drug store.

Plot to Kill the Kaiser

DYNAMITE FOUND ON TRACKS.

Police Believe That an Attempt Was Made by Anarchists Who Are Eager to Take Advantage of the Popular Feeling Against the Emperor.

Berlin, Nov. 19.—All Berlin is stirred over a report from Frankfort-on-the-Main yesterday that an attempt to kill the kaiser was planned while the emperor's special train was en route from Donaueschingen to Berlin for his conference with Chancellor Van Buelow.

A prominent officer of the Royal Administrative railway announces that both on Sunday and Monday a dynamite cartridge, powerful enough to have blown the kaiser's train to pieces, was found carefully placed on the tracks between Frankfort and Helm. It is pointed out that in view of the postponement of the kaiser's trip from Sunday to Tuesday the finding of the two cartridges is significant.

The secret police of the empire are active and developments are likely within a few days.

The police believe that an attempt was made by anarchists, who are eager to take advantage of the popular feeling against the emperor which was intensified by his repeated delays in replying to the "suggestions" of Chancellor Von Buelow who, in this case, was the mouthpiece of the Reichstag.

The imperial "note," which was printed in the official gazette yesterday, following the kaiser's conference with the chancellor, has not greatly relieved the tension. That the kaiser has yielded in spirit and accepted the rebuke of the Reichstag is not enough. The people at large looked for a more decided declaration of his intention to cease "personally conducting" the foreign affairs of the empire—a final pledge that the day of absolutism is absolutely dead.

The feeling in the financial world is an indication that the people do not regard the incident as closed. Trading on the Bourse showed no material improvement as a result of the kaiser's message. The operations were conducted with the same timidity that has marked the Bourse since the delicate situation developed. The announcement that Von Buelow would be retained accounts for what little steadying there was.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE.

Lutheran Synod is Now in Session at Bethel Church With Rev. W. A. Lutz in Attendance.

Rev. W. A. Lutz, pastor of the Lutheran church in this city, left Tuesday for Newton where he has been visiting relatives.

This morning he was to have arrived at the Bethel church, four miles from Salisbury, to attend the Northern conference of the North Carolina Synod which convened this morning and will last through tomorrow.

The program includes the following:

Sermons: The Church to Contend for the Faith, Rev. E. A. Shenk; Beneficiary Education, Rev. J. W. Strickler; The Church's Duty to the Young, Rev. C. B. Cox.

Topics: The Ideal Pastor—(1) His Call and Character, Rev. V. R. Stickle; (2) His Qualifications and Responsibilities, Rev. C. R. Pless; (3) His Duties—(a) In the Sanctuary, Rev. B. S. Brown; (b) In the Home, Rev. M. M. Kinard; (c) In Conference and Synod, Rev. F. M. Harr. The Ideal Pastor—(1) Its Location and Limits, Rev. W. B. Aull; (2) Its Resources, Rev. G. H. L. Lingle; (3) Its Duties—(a) To the Pastor, Rev. C. M. Fox; (b) In Local Affairs, Rev. T. C. Parker; (c) In the General Work of the Church, Rev. J. C. Morgan.

Fishing on Fourth Creek.

A party of well known gentlemen left here yesterday for the "Stratts" on Fourth Creek, where they have a camp, for a couple days of fishing.

Among those in the party were Messrs. L. C. Wagner, C. J. Jones, R. V. Brawley, D. F. Jenkins, D. J. Williams, Will M. White and D. M. Colner.

They have recently had a "bungalow" built on the banks of the stream and are fixed to enjoy all of the comforts of camp life.

An Airship on a Rampage.

TAKES FRENCH LEAVE TO FLY.

Rev. Mr. Crawford-Frost's Machine Don't Like The Idea of Being Anchored in Back Yard—Preacher Says Evolution Proves His Idea About a Safe Descent.

Baltimore, Nov. 18.—The airship which Rev. W. A. Crawford-Frost, rector of the Chapel of the Redemption, has kept tied down in his backyard at Walbrook, like a prisoner decided to take a flight without its owner's consent in the windstorm late the other night.

Not only did the ship soar into celestial space, but it smashed a shutter off the rear of the ceryman's house and broke the propeller shaft.

On Tuesday workmen had been engaged in the back yard. To reach a spot on the ground on which the airship rested they released the machine from bondage and removed it to another site. After they had finished their work they did not secure the airship and forgot to place it where they had found it.

When Mr. Crawford-Frost went out in the yard at night to make an inspection before retiring he too neglected the fastenings. He walked around the machine, decided that all was well, went in the house and retired.

Then the gentle zephyrs began to blow stronger and stronger. The wind began to whistle through the trees, and Mr. Crawford-Frost little thinking that his airship was conspiring a treason, turned and went to sleep. The airship, which rests on wheels, began to roll playfully from one fence of the yard to the other. At length the saucy ship determined to make its initial trip into the air, unknown to its owner.

The strong puff of wind for which it is supposed the airship had been longing came at last, and the machine attempted to fly. The first effort was unsuccessful as it came into violent contact with an old apple tree in the yard. Other supposed attempts at flight were equally failures. The airship was not to be foiled. A strong puff of wind came along and, as gracefully as a bird, the airship soared into the clouds and gave a few twists of scorn toward the peaceful rectory.

A neighbor of Mr. Crawford-Frost chanced to see the unscheduled performance and shouted, "There goes the airship!" But the airship heeded not the alarm. "Am I awake or asleep thought the neighbor, as he saw the invention leaving home for aerial quarters.

While he was thus meditating and craning his neck and peering into the sky to view the disappearing airship he was startled when the car turned and bore down toward its quarters. Suddenly out of the night it crashed into the back porch and a shutter fell off with a bang. Window panes were annihilated in the maneuverings. The airship discovered that it could not fly without a guide, so it fell, rather disgracefully, to the ground topsyturvy. In this undignified position it remained until morning, when the owner made a survey of the damage. The airship landed about 50 feet from its starting point.

The damage to the house was slight. A shutter and a part of the window sill were torn off, while several windows were smashed. A steel shaft, from which the propeller, was suspended, was severed. Otherwise the airship was undamaged.

"This unarranged flight proves that my machine will not fall down heavily when the power is turned off," commented the owner. "This preliminary trial has proved that my theories are true. The average machine would have fallen heavily and been smashed."

In a few days the motor will be installed and the shaft repaired. The second, or authorized flight will probably be attempted toward the end of the week.

Mr. Gilbert at the Key.

During the absence from the city for a couple of days of Manager C. J. Jones of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Mr. W. L. Gilbert of the Atha Chair Company is in charge of the office.

Elopement of a Millionaire

HE MARRIES A SOUTHERN GIRL.

Pittsburg Man But It is not a Chorus Girl This Time and He Wouldn't Even Let Bride's Picture be Put in the Papers—Parental Forgiveness.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—The son of a Pittsburg millionaire and a girl known in the south for her beauty eloped from the Pennsylvania city were married in Dixie-land and came to Chicago Tuesday to break the news to the young man's parents over the long distance telephone.

This they did, and, after receiving the parental blessing, the husband, William B. Scaife, son of C. C. Scaife, was told by his mother to "bring Sallie home." Sallie is the former Miss Sallie Hill, of Bolivar, Tenn.

The telephoning was done from the Auditorium Annex, where the couple registered in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Scaife spent the day seeing the sights of the city and after dinner went to the theatre.

They scarcely had got settled in their room when Mr. Scaife was summoned to the door by a group of newspaper men. He was surprised, but smilingly replied:

"You'll have to excuse me for I have nothing to say."

After he had given the same reply to several questions he was asked if he didn't care to see the telegrams from Pittsburg concerning his marriage and he replied, "No."

"Will you give us a picture of your wife?" came next.

It brought Mrs. Scaife running forward with the expression "No, no." "Is it true that your wife was a chorus girl?" was ventured, but the question was answered with a slam of the door. The couple showed vexation.

The marriage is an alliance of Pittsburg millions with one of the "old families" of the south, for Miss Hill, of Tennessee, is the youngest daughter of Colonel Jerome Hill.

TWENTY-NINE DEEDS.

Big Job for the Register of Deeds Office is Furnished by Myers Brothers—Some of the Documents are Fifteen Years Old.

Deputy Register of Deeds Armfield is a busy man these days. It was on last Monday that Mr. L. Myers of New Hope township brought to the office twenty-nine deeds and mortgages to be recorded.

This is the largest number of documents to be filed at a single time by a private party since Mr. Williams has been in office.

They represent the transactions of Mr. Myers and his brother R. M. Myers, in real estate in New Hope and Union Grove townships and some of them are 15 years old.

In this connection it will be of interest to know that Mr. Williams' office has been otherwise unusually busy during the past two weeks. Many deeds are being brought there for registration, which fact shows that there is "something" doing in real estate and that business must be "picking up."

When Mr. Cowles Begins.

It has been asked at this office and over the phone when Mr. Cowles' term as congressman begins.

His term begins March 4th, 1909, at which time he is supposed to take the oath, and the term ends March 4th, 1911. He will not sit in congress as a member until the December session of 1909, unless a special session is convened between the 4th of March and that time. He will not be a member of the session which convenes this next December.

It is seen by this that a congressman is elected over a year before he has a chance to spell, spout or legislate for the "dear peepul."

Bought Big Lot of Shoes.

Mr. R. M. Knox of the Knox-Poston Company returned from Winston Salem yesterday where he made one of the largest purchases of shoes ever made by a firm in this city.

By the merest good luck he discovered a chance to buy over 1,000 pairs at a fifty per cent discount. The lot includes shoes for men, women and children, all kinds and sizes, and will soon be put on sale by this firm.

Suit Against the Ice King

FOR MONEY ALLEGED TO BE DUE

Suit is Brought in Connection With the Morse Divorce Proceedings in 1903—Edward M. Bracken Claims That \$40,000 is Due Him on Contract for His Part in the Affair.

New York, Nov. 19.—Edward M. Bracken, the confidential agent of the Dodge-Morse divorce tangle, has turned up in the nest of lawyers formerly handling the private affairs of Charles W. Morse.

Mr. Bracken promises to lift the lid from the whole scandal for he has brought two suits in the supreme court of New York—one against Mr. Morse for \$40,000, balance alleged to be due under a contract entered into with the "ice king," some time in 1903, and one against Judge Edward P. Coyne, 25 Broad street, for \$4,000, claimed as balance due from a sum of \$7,000 said to have been deposited with the lawyer to be paid over when a certain work had been concluded.

A. Edward Woodruff of No. 165 Broadway, has been retained by Mr. Bracken to prosecute both suits. The action against Morse is on the calendar, while Gifford, Hobbs, and Beard, counsel for Morse, have asked for a bill of particulars in the Morse suit which Bracken must furnish within 10 days.

Here is the backbone of Bracken's allegations against Morse:

1. That in 1903 Morse and his present wife entered into an arrangement for a divorce, and that Mrs. Morse went to live in Slouss Falls, N. D., where she engaged a firm of lawyers and prepared to establish a legal residence.

2. That Morse used the assumed name of Wyman, which is his middle name—Charles Wyman Morse—in all his transactions with Abraham Hummel.

3. That Morse, upon learning that the woman he intended to marry subsequent to the divorce from his wife, would not marry a divorced man, recalled Mrs. Morse and made plans for the annulment of his marriage.

4. That Morse personally called up Hummel on the telephone, complaining of the delay in serving Mrs. Morse with the summons and complaint in the now celebrated annulment suit.

5. That when Bracken and a witness, reached the Morse residence, at No. 728 Fifth avenue in October, 1903, Morse had his head out of an upper window watching for his coming and that the door was promptly opened and Mrs. Morse was then served.

6. That a fraction of the money used by Morse in keeping himself out of prison, along with Hummel, and to carry through the scheme, is represented in a loan of \$104,000 made by the National Bank of North America at his direction to Captain (Uncle Jim) Morse, which has never been paid.

7. That "Abe" Hummel is now living in Europe upon a substantial income from a fund placed to his credit by his former wealthy client, "Mr. Wyman"—the client preferring to pension a man whose inclinations under any other sort of arrangement might be to return for more.

Stewards of Statesville Circuit.

The stewards of the Statesville Methodist circuit held a meeting Tuesday afternoon in the office of Squire T. J. Conger in the rear of the court house and transacted such business as was necessary to the closing up of the year's work and sending the annual report to the conference at Asheville.

All of the six churches comprising the circuit, were represented. The accounts were audited and the financial affairs of the organization were found to be in splendid shape. All bills, including the pastor's salary, have been paid and the report that was sent to conference was a most flattering one.

Three Loads of Hunting Dogs.

Three truck loads of hunting dogs arrived at the depot this morning and attracted a great deal of attention.

They were consigned to the hunting club at Houstonville which is conducted by northern parties.

Wins a Girl in Dice Game

WAS EMPLOYED AT CIGAR STAND

Millionaire Manufacturer Will Probably Marry the Pretty Clerk Who Sold Him Perfectoes—He is a Manufacturer of Automobiles and Lives in Chicago.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 19.—A romance following a dice game has taken Miss Elizabeth Nichols away from the Hotel Tuller, where she was employed at the cigar stand, and attaches of the hotel expect any moment to receive word from the woman, who has gone to her home in Green Bay, Wis., that she is married to George L. Fish, a wealthy Californian, who met Miss Nichols at the hotel.

Fish first met Miss Nichols about three months ago. Being a manufacturer of automobile accessories and having his main offices in Chicago, he came to Detroit to establish a branch office.

One morning while waiting to fill an appointment Fish sauntered over to the cigar counter. Picking up a dice box he rattled the cubes, and laughingly declared to Miss Nichols that he could beat her for the cigars. The young woman took up the wager and the game was on. Miss Nichols won. Then they shook another game and still another. After that day Fish bought his cigars at this one place, always shaking the dice with Miss Nichols and nearly always losing.

Fish is reputed to be well known among automobile and accessories manufacturers.

WANTED MR. PARKER TO COACH.

Effort Was Made to Obtain the Services of a Statesville Man to Assist in Getting University of North Carolina Football Team in Trim for Next Week's Game.

Although his modesty prevented him from making the fact public it has become known that last week a most determined effort was made on the part of the athletic authorities of the University of North Carolina to obtain the services of Mr. John A. Parker of this city as a coach for the football team that is to play in Richmond, Va., Thanksgiving day.

When seen this morning Mr. Parker admitted that this was true. It seems that for some time it has been the custom of several of the colleges to look among their alumni for suitable men to act as coaches and look after the athletics of the institutions.

During his course at Chapel Hill Mr. Parker not only played on the football team but was a skillful player and prominent among his fellow students.

Mr. Parker was naturally highly flattered by the invitation and regretted very much that his business would not permit of his going away from the city for the length of time required to assist in putting the finishing touches on the team, before its journey to Virginia next week.

A number from here, among them Mr. Parker, are now arranging to be present at the game.

Runaway Yesterday.

As Walter Bullin who is employed by Chester Brothers, the grocermen, was driving the firm's delivery team down East Broad street at about noon yesterday, the horse became frightened and commencing to rear and plunge broke the thills.

It then broke into a run and dashed off down Broad street. Young Bullin, who is but a mere lad, is a plucky little fellow and held on to the reins. When near the First Baptist church the horse ran into a ditch and was stopped.

Young Bullin jumped in time to escape being thrown out and probably injured.

Sold Two Valuable Dogs.

Mr. W. H. Coffee sold two hunting dogs to northern parties the first of the week.

They were thoroughbred specimens, perfectly trained, and he received \$290 for the pair.

A Singing Tonight.

There will be a Christian Harmony singing tonight at the Holiness church, near the Boulevard.

It will be conducted by Prof. E. O. Shaver of Barium Springs.