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## BIG DEAL IS CLOSED.

**Salisbury Car Line and Electric and Gas Plants Pass Into New Hands.**  
Salisbury Post, 23rd.

Official announcement is made today by Mr. W. F. Snider, of the purchase by the Piedmont Street Car Company, a local corporation, of a controlling interest in the Salisbury-Spencer Electric Railway Company and the Salisbury and Spencer gas and electric plants, of E. N. Dean & Co., bankers, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. While the consideration is not stated the amount involved is necessarily large since the Dean properties are among the most valuable of their character in the State. They have a monopoly of the street car and lighting facilities for both Salisbury and Spencer, the plants are in fine condition and the service of a superior character. With no likelihood of competition so long as the present excellent service is maintained (and assurances are given that it will be improved) the Piedmont Company takes over one of the biggest and best propositions in Salisbury.

The directors of the Piedmont will not meet until June 1st and in the meantime the old officers W. F. Snider, president; T. H. Vanderford, vice president; T. J. Jerome, secretary, and W. F. Snider, T. H. Vanderford, Sr., T. J. Jerome, M. L. Jackson and T. D. Maness, the latter of Concord, will officer the company, with Mr. H. W. Frund, who came here with the Dean people, continuing as general manager.

Two big things are planned by the Piedmont. The gas mains both in Salisbury and Spencer are to be extended, giving a service not now enjoyed by some of the most important residential sections of the two cities, and the interurban line between Salisbury and Concord is to be pushed to early completion. The Concord line, which will be finished in a short while, is also owned by this company.

## Danville's License \$1,500.

The Common Council of Danville, after a lengthy session has adopted an ordinance fixing the liquor license in the city.

The license for a retail liquor establishment was fixed at \$1,500, for a wholesale liquor house, \$2,500; for a retail house with shipping and express privileges, \$3,000, and for a wholesale malt dealer, \$1,000.

The city license is in addition to the State and Federal license, which will make it very expensive to go into the liquor business there.

The Common Council fixed the opening hour for saloons at 6 a. m. and the closing hour at 8 p. m.

The same restrictions in force in Danville several years ago, forbidding screens, tables or any amusement features were adopted. The action of the Common Council will have to be concurred in by the Board of Aldermen before becoming effective.

## Bitten by a Copperhead.

Salisbury Post, 23rd.

Hugh Miller, 14 years old, was bitten by a copperhead snake near his home in Providence township yesterday afternoon and for a while his condition was serious. The lad was in pasture when the snake, unseen by him, struck him just above the right ankle. He hurried to his home but before he arrived the poison from the snake's fangs had begun to take effect and the limb swelled rapidly. An old-fashioned remedy was resorted to and relief was obtained. A young chicken was killed and its warm body placed over the wound. The swelling soon began to subside and when the chicken was removed the part applied to the bite was black.

News from the young man today is that he is considered out of danger.

## Dr. Broughton Declines Call.

Atlanta Constitution, 23rd.

Dr. Len G. Broughton will remain in Atlanta to continue his work in the establishment of a great church institution.

He made this announcement to the members of his congregation at the Baptist Tabernacle last night in a sermon, which left his audience in suspense to the last minute.

When the climax came and he made the statement that he intended to decline the call from Christ church, London, he broke into tears, and all the members of his congregation were visibly affected.

Albemarle, North Carolina, has the unique record of doubling its population nearly ten times in fifteen years. It has grown from a village of 400 to a city of more than 7,000 in the past six years. Its known as the "Brick Town" its entire business district being solidly built of this material. A \$5,000,000 electric generating station eight miles away on the Yadkin River will soon eliminate all need of other manufacturing power in the big cotton, textile and other mills of this young industrial giant of west central North Carolina.

## MUSICIAN DEFRAUDS PEOPLE.

**Blind J. M. Massey Works the Fake Check Racket.**

The Monroe correspondent of the Charlotte News has the following concerning the doings of "Prof." J. M. Massey, who is known in this section: "The case of J. M. Massey, a blind music teacher of Monroe, is exciting much interest throughout this section of the country. Massey has defrauded people in Union, Anson and Mecklenburg, and it is expected that his bogus checks have not all been heard from. His plan of operation is to have an accomplice draw a check dated ahead of time, on some bank of this section, and forge some fictitious name. Massey would then proceed to have the checks cashed. So far seven of these fake checks have been protested, and the endorsers are kicking. The checks were all dated within two weeks of each other, and about ten days ago, the time when he knew the first one would be protested, Massey skipped out for Virginia. Chief of Police Laney, of Monroe, has traced him by letter throughout Virginia, and has finally located him at Henderson, N. C., where he is in jail in default of a \$50 bond. Chief Laney has wired the Henderson authorities to send Massey to Monroe as soon as he is tried there. The chief of police stated that he had seen seven of Massey's checks which have been protested. These checks are for amounts varying from \$20 to \$35, and are dated from May 1 on. Mr. Laney stated that another worthless order was cashed by Massey in Raleigh, and that the biggest check of all that Massey is known to have drawn, for \$125, has not yet been heard from.

"Massey is said to be a good musician. He came to Monroe several years ago and engaged in the business of touring the country and giving musical entertainments and recitals. He is known as "Professor" Massey. Chief Laney said that since he has been chief of police, he has received no less than fifty letters from three states, complaining that Massey had "done" the writers. From some he had obtained money, from others he had taken violins and what-not, pretending to make repairs.

"There is another side of the case from which sensational developments are expected. Massey had an agent to write the checks for him, for he is blind, and could not do it himself. The police here know who this person is but no arrest has yet been made. The reason for this, it is reported, is that the person who drew the checks for Massey was fooled into it and did not know that a crime was being committed."

## Durham Doesn't Want Bishop Kilgo to Move Away.

Durham Dispatch, 23rd.

The return of Bishop Kilgo from Asheville, where he attended the conference, naturally gave rise to the question of his residence in the future, and in answer to such a query this afternoon Bishop Kilgo said: "For the present I am concerned about Trinity college commencement being on hand and the closing of the year being upon us. As for my future residence, I cannot say anything now. That matter hasn't been decided and won't be for some time yet."

While other places in the state are putting in their claims for the newly made prelate's residence, Durham people haven't brought their minds to the view that Dr. Kilgo will leave Durham. He likes no city better than this, and it is not supposed that any other municipality would like him better than Durham.

## Death of Mrs. L. O. Hubbard.

Rev. T. W. Smith received a telegram this morning stating that Mrs. L. O. Hubbard, mother of Mrs. Smith, died this morning. Mrs. Smith received a message yesterday morning saying that her mother was very ill, and she and Miss Sadie Smith left on the morning train for Clinton.

Mrs. Hubbard was 86 years of age, and is survived by seven children: Messrs. L. H. and T. L. Hubbard, of Clinton; W. L. Hubbard, of Virginia; Moseley H. Hubbard, of West Virginia; and C. M. Hubbard, of Fayetteville; Mesdames T. W. Smith, of this city, and J. D. Kerr, of Clinton.

Mrs. Hubbard had several times visited Mrs. Smith here, and had a number of friends in Concord, among whom she was greatly esteemed.

## Eclipse of Moon Last Night.

Those who sat up late enough last night were well repaid by seeing a total eclipse of the moon. The comet in the earlier part of the night had lost interest to gazers as it was hardly large enough to see. The total eclipse began about 12 o'clock, and lasted about two hours. The eclipse was visible all over North America.

Senator Dick will have no opposition within his own party for reelection to the Senate. Ohio must be feelings its Democratic oats this year.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

**Deeply Chagrined at Mistake Made in Sending Greetings to Methodist Conference.**

Despite the protest that the action might hinder union with some other church the Southern Presbyterian church in General Assembly at Lewisburg, W. Va., Monday afternoon adopted an optional form of conveyance whereby future donors may be assured that their gifts will remain forever in that organization.

The committee on marriage and divorces submitted reports. No action was taken upon them.

Whether a church may take favorable action on prohibition in a regular election, must be acted upon by the assembly. Upon recommendation of the judicial committee the assembly organized a commission of 27 to hear the complaint of Rev. W. I. Sinnott against the Northern Alabama Presbytery. That Presbytery is charged with having taken action under such circumstances.

The assembly is deeply chagrined at a mistake which is said to have crept into the greetings sent to the Southern Methodist Conference at Asheville. In the message the assembly referred to Isaiah 52-7 as expressing its sentiments. Instead of the brotherly passage about the message from the mountains being cited, it is understood the reference when it arrived at Asheville, was Isaiah 53-7. This passage tells about "lamb led to the slaughter."

"Coming just after the election of seven bishops," the Rev. C. R. Hyde, of Little Rock, Ark., told the assembly, "our Methodist brethren may think us officious." He suggested no more references be included in greetings.

## B. N. Duke Quite Ill.

The condition of Benjamin N. Duke, who is ill at Durham, is practically unchanged, though there is no reason to doubt that he has typhoid fever. The disease isn't unusually malignant, though his temperature has been very high for the early stages of it. He has received a few visitors and from New York there has been a swarm of telegrams to the family. The big papers of the north are sending out instructions to their representatives at Durham to keep them posted nightly as to the tobacco magnate's condition, and it is being done.

The diagnosis has been verified by bacteriologists in the university laboratory at Chapel Hill and in Raleigh.

Benjamin N. Duke is credited with being one of the eight men, or estates, who control the enormous Tobacco Trust through their ownership of a majority of the \$40,000,000 common stock of the American Tobacco Company, the parent company. These eight men or estates, are James B. Duke, Thomas F. Ryan, Anthony N. Brady, Benjamin N. Duke, Col. Oliver H. Payne, the estates of William L. Elkins, of Philadelphia, and William C. Whitney, of New York, and Peter A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia.

## Some Corn.

Mr. J. P. Allison has some corn in his garden that is growing some and then some more. He planted the corn the middle of March and last Saturday he measured some of the stalks. On that day the stalks measured six feet and four inches. Today they measured six feet and ten inches, which is surely growing some. This corn has never been worked with a plow or hoe and at the time it was planted no fertilizer was used.

If Col. Wade H. Harris will come over we will allow him the privilege of climbing one of the stalks so as to get a good look at the comet.

## Suits Against New York Cafe.

The Carolina Bottling Co., H. L. Parks & Co., Gibson Drug Store, G. W. Patterson, A. J. Scott and W. F. Morrison brought suit against James B. Smith, trading as the New York Cafe, for accounts they alleged were due them by the cafe. Smith claimed that he has sold the cafe to the parties who are now operating it and that he was not responsible for the debts. Mr. L. T. Hartsell represented Smith and Mr. W. G. Means the merchants. Squire Pitts rendered a judgment against Smith for \$109.64, the amount of the accounts. Smith appealed the case to the Superior Court.

## Do You Belong?

The Boosters' Club of America, Unlimited, has passed the million mark in its membership campaign. There are no dues, no initiation fees, no assessments, no insurance premiums, no regalia tax. Its one fixed requirement of every candidate is this creed and covenant which packs a century of progress into an instant of hearty resolution:

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"I will Pull—Not Lag.  
"If I must Knock, I will do it with a Booster's Hammer on the door of my town's opportunity."

## PERSONAL MENTION.

**Some of the People Here and Else-Where Who Come and Go.**

Mrs. S. J. Lowe is visiting relatives in Fort Mill, S. C.

Mr. Paul Lady has returned from a trip to Richmond.

Mrs. Ella Willeford Ruff is visiting relatives in Concord.

Mr. Julius Fisher has returned from a business trip to Baltimore.

Mr. V. L. Norman left this morning for Misenheimer Springs.

Mrs. J. E. Smoot has returned from a trip to Asheville and Waynesville.

Mrs. R. A. Brown will leave June 1 for Ohio, where she will spend a month visiting friends.

Mr. T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, is spending the day in the city in the interest of the car line.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garsed and Mrs. E. C. Register, of Charlotte, will spend tomorrow in Concord.

Rev. T. F. Hanev, of Hartsville, S. C., enroute to Belmont, stopped over last night with Col. J. N. Brown.

Mrs. M. S. Ferris, who has been visiting her son, Mr. Jno. Fox, returned this morning to her home in Kershaw, S. C.

Miss Mary Sims, who has been visiting Miss Eva May Brown, returned yesterday afternoon to her home in Charlotte.

Mr. J. M. Hendrix is attending a meeting of the North Carolina League of Building and Loan Associations in Charlotte today.

Mr. J. L. Brown, who is engaged in work on the Misenheimer Springs hotel, spent Sunday and Monday here with his family.

Misses Grace Sample and Mabel Griswold, who have been teaching at Sunderland Hall, left yesterday for Black Mountain, where they will spend several weeks before returning to their homes in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Agnes King, who is attending Guilford College commencement, will come to Concord to spend two or three weeks before going to her home in Texas. She has been at the Dugham Conservatory of Music.

Monday's Salisbury Post: Mrs. Lee Barnhardt and children, who have been visiting at Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Barnhardt's old home, for the past month, are spending the day here. They leave tomorrow morning for Black Mountain, where Mr. Barnhardt went twelve months ago for his health, and where they will reside.

## Guards Kill a Convict.

State prison guards found it necessary Monday to shoot to death a convict in order to prevent the escape of a number of convicts who had evidently conspired to break away from their squad even at the cost of killing a guard or so. The convict killed was J. L. Fox, who was serving a 12-year sentence for manslaughter from Anson county. He escaped from the prison nearly a year ago by making up a dummy that he left in his cell to fool the guards while he made good his escape over night. The dummy was tucked away snugly in the cell cot. Very recently Fox was recaptured in New London, Conn., and brought back to the prison. He was a comparatively young man and nice looking when dressed in citizen's clothes. He is said to have killed two men and was regarded as a desperate convict.

## Sheriff McKenzie Had Narrow Escape from Death.

Sheriff McKenzie, of Rowan county, had a narrow escape from serious injury Saturday night in attempting to arrest a negro suspected of running a blind tiger. With Deputies Jim Kridler and Lock McKenzie on their way to East Spence, they came upon a negro in a buggy. Finding a quantity of whiskey in the buggy, the sheriff stopped between the wheels to arrest the negro, when the latter whipped his horses furiously and jumped out. To avoid being run over, Sheriff McKenzie clung to the vehicle and was dragged about 100 yards, finally falling the wheels passing over his body. He was severely bruised, but not seriously hurt. Several shots were fired at the fleeing negro, but without effect.

## Lascelles' Body Cremated.

The body of Sidney Lascelles, who died eight years ago in Asheville, charged with being the bogus "Lord Beresford," a bigamist 16 times over and a forger as well, was cremated in Washington Saturday and much mystery surrounds the disposition of the ashes.

The body was shipped from Asheville on Friday. Lascelles' wife No. 1, said to be a woman of a prominent New York family, is said to have ordered the cremation, but any efforts to fix her identity have been futile.

ROLL PAPER for adding machines always on hand at The Tribune office.

## Old Cotton is Scarce.

Charlotte Observer.

A diligent search into the outhouses on the farms of Mecklenburg county and in the warehouses of the city would perhaps disclose the fact that there is less cotton in possession of the farmers now than at any similar period in a number of years. One prominent farmer of Providence township sold a large lot last week and it is understood that he was one of a very few who have held their cotton so long.

Of course, it is seldom the case that any except the larger and best-to-do farmers in this section hold on until so late in the year to bring a large proportion of their crop to the market, being driven by the mere force of circumstances to sell at an earlier date in order to meet their obligations, if not for the reason that the price is as attractive in mid-season as later on. Until, however, a few weeks ago, considerable cotton was scattered over the county, but this has to a very large extent been disposed of now at prices little if any advance of what was offered early in the season.

There was some indication of fabulous prices being offered during the spring, on account of conditions attendant upon the closing of the season and also on account of reports from the new crop which generally become a potent factor in influencing the

market during the time of spring planting. These usual circumstances failed, however, to give the market any extraordinary boom and the price has clung around the figures which were prevalent during the entire marketing season.

## Getting Around a Difficulty.

A friend of mine, who was once county clerk, of Des Moines, Iowa, told me of an experience he had while holding the office, with a woman who made numerous calls upon him, in company with a man who was always in a state of intoxication. The purpose of their visit was to secure a marriage license. As a matter of course, the clerk each time refused the request.

The last time the woman appeared as usual leading in her drunken friend, the clerk, in a most impatient mood, exclaimed:

"My dear woman, why do you always bring this man here to get a license when he is drunk?"

"Because," said she naively, "I can never get him to come along when he is sober."

"The world is growing better," says John D. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller should be immensely gratified that it is so, in view of the fact that it is largely his world.

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