

**GOV. ANSEL LAST NIGHT.**

Makes a Strong and Earnest Plea to Young Men for Improvement.

Ex-Gov. Martin W. Ansel, of South Carolina, who arrived in Concord yesterday, made an address at the First Presbyterian church last night, this being the fifth in the Chautauqua series.

Gov. Ansel took as the basis for his remarks the words, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" His address was made especially to the young and it was a strong, earnest and impressive plea for higher and better living on the part of our young women and young men.

Never, said he, has there been such great interest taken, both by the world and the Christian church, in the welfare of the young. Our greatest asset as a nation is our young men and women. "Young men are you safe in your thinking?" he asked in a most impressive manner. As a man thinketh, so is he. He spoke of the necessity of reading good books, and of the importance of a library in every town, to feed properly the minds of the young and to build up strong characters in them.

Make the most you can of your heart, said the speaker. Cultivate in it all the splendid graces that adorn character. He spoke also of the need of physical exercise, which should not be neglected.

The world is calling on every side for young men who can do something. It is giving you opportunities on every side. Are you ready to grasp them?

Gov. Ansel left this morning for his home. While here he made many new friends by his pleasant manner. Quite a number of our citizens who formerly lived in South Carolina already had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

**In the Cotton Belt.**

Charlotte Chronicle.

Reports from the cotton belt where planting has been retarded by drought indicate that conditions have been improved. In its report of the weather and the crops. The New Orleans Picayune says that the fine rains of the past week have undoubtedly put an end to all complaints of lack of moisture in the cotton belt. The rains extended all over Texas and the central belt, were general in the Mississippi valley and pretty fully covered the Eastern and Atlantic section, so that there is now no further reason to complain of insufficient moisture to permit of planting operations. In Texas, which State has suffered so severely from drought in recent years, the rains have been practically beneficial, districts having received adequate moisture which have not been so favored in a long time. According to all reports, there will be a general and extensive increase in acreage over the entire cotton belt. The purchase of fertilizers show a marked increase over last year and there has also been a big demand for mules and agricultural implements. Planting has already been begun in the more southern portions of the belt and cotton is up in parts of southern Texas, as well as in Louisiana and other Gulf States.

**Alabama Town Wiped from Map by Tornado.**

Mobile, Ala., March 30.—Gainesville, Ala., was practically wiped out by the tornado that passed over that city Monday, according to belated news that reached here today. The cyclone cut a path of ruin 200 feet wide through the settlement. There were no casualties there, but many persons were hurt by flying timbers from wrecked houses. The reports tell of tremendous property damage. Fields were swept clean of new and growing crops, forests were leveled, while hundreds of farm buildings were torn down by the threshing wind. The area of the storm sweep is remote from railroad and telegraphic communication.

**Two Clubs Chartered.**

A certificate of incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State Thursday by the Outing Club Company, of Salisbury. The authorized capital is \$100; paid in \$25. J. R. Mize, E. L. Mize and N. E. Eamhardt, all of Salisbury, incorporators.

The Trading Club Company, also of Salisbury, was chartered, with an authorized capital of \$3,000; paid in, \$400. J. C. Trazler, S. W. Potent and J. L. Mowery, all of Salisbury, incorporators.

**Music Programs for This Evening.**

The following will be the music programs at the First Presbyterian church this evening:

By Trovatore. Arr. by Don Dietz—Forever With the Lord. Gounod. Mr. Newman and Mrs. Womble. Quartet—One Sweetly Solemn Thought. Ambrose (Spickler). Messrs. E. Sherrill, Newman, J. B. Sherrill and McKay. Flower Song. Lango.

See The Times for Job Printing.

**A CHILD LOST.**

After an All Night Search the Little One is Found Safe and Sound this Morning.

"My little girl, Martha Faggart, is lost," was the message Chief of Police Boger received last night from Mr. Charley Faggart, who lives near the Crowell roller mill. The chief and two of his men immediately began a search. The officers were reinforced by friends, neighbors and relatives and every possible clue was ferreted out to the end and still the search proved futile. The little girl attends school at graded school No. 2 and yesterday when school was dismissed she told some of her comrades that she was going to the home of Mr. Roberts until it stopped raining.

The officers and searchers traced the girl to this home but here again they were doomed to disappointment, as they were informed that the child had made her departure. The officers were then at a loss as to how to proceed but urged on by the pleadings and entreaties of distracted parents, they continued the relentless search far into the bleak and windy night but all to no avail.

But this morning the hopes of the fond parents were realized and the efforts of the police partly repaid, for the little girl was found, and no harm had come to her, as she had spent the night in the warm comfortable home of one of her little playmates and friends.

**Will Do "Stunts" at Kannapolis.**

Charlotte Chronicle.

Saturday night of this week, a dozen or so members of the physical department of the local Y. M. C. A. are going to Kannapolis, where they are going to give the people of Kannapolis a gymnasium exhibition. Several numbers that were given in the exhibition here last Friday night, will be repeated at Kannapolis.

The object of this exhibition is to see if it will not be possible to increase the interest in physical work at the Kannapolis Association. A few of the members are after physical work, and it is to be hoped that after they see the Charlotte "bunch" do a few "stunts" a larger number of the members of the Kannapolis association will be strong for physical work.

The fellows that are going will leave here on the 3 o'clock train, and after meeting the directors and the fellows at Kannapolis, they will be seated to a lunch that will be prepared for them, after which the exhibition will be given. After the exhibition a bowling team will be picked from the Charlotte delegation, and they will try conclusions with the strongest bowling team of the Kannapolis association.

**Threaten Editor Varner.**

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Lexington, March 30.—Quite a bit of excitement was aroused yesterday evening, when a crowd of people were seen gathered around the office of H. B. Varner, publisher of The Dispatch. Three different men made threats to beat, maim and disfigure Mr. Varner, becoming offended at their names being mentioned in certain connections in this week's paper.

One man was reported out in a fight Saturday night at a questionable restaurant. Another was offended because his place of business, a near-beer saloon outside the city limits, was criticised, and another for a reason not given.

It seems that they all happened to arrive at the same time. A policeman was finally summoned and the proceedings ended.

Mr. Varner has a large Colt pistol on his desk today in easy reach and in full view of all callers. He says he is going to open fire on the next belligerent caller as soon as he opens the door of his office.

**Six Prisoners Escape from Greensboro Jail.**

Greensboro, March 30.—Six prisoners, all negroes, escaped from Guilford jail sometime before daylight this morning. So far none of them have been recaptured. The six were confined in one cell together on the back side and made their exit by tearing away about a cubic foot or two of brick at the side of a window. The jailer did not find out his loss of guests until breakfast time. Those who escaped were: Hill Hood and Rich Par, Rockingham prisoners; George Sherrill, Joe Brown, Clarence King and John Grady. All of them were charged with minor infractions of law.

**Justices of the Peace for Cabarrus.**

The following Justices of the Peace for this county were appointed by the recent Legislature:

No. 8 township—H. G. McAllister, L. B. Sherry, L. A. Lips.

No. 10 township—B. L. Hartwell, Sr.

No. 11 township—Walter Thompson.

No. 12 township—J. N. Brown.

**FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Effort Being Made by Woman's Betterment Association to Reestablish the Library Here.

The Woman's Betterment Association, through its literary department of which Mrs. L. D. Coltrane is chairman, is making an earnest effort to reestablish the public library for Concord. A library association has been formed and the ladies are now soliciting members. The dues for membership in the association is \$1.00 a year but voluntary contributions are being eagerly sought. The books formerly used in the library here are stored away at the graded school but these will be removed to rooms up street and a librarian secured as soon as the plans have materialized. The library will probably be located in the rooms formerly used as democratic headquarters.

The group is committee is also doing some effective work and right at the present time they are waging a campaign in an effort to annihilate the dandelions that are now flourishing in the yards and on the edge of the sidewalks. They advocate that all property owners and the city officers destroy the plants now before they go to seed and it will result in their becoming extinct.

**The Chicken Law.**

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person in the counties of Cleveland, Cabarrus, Currituck, Bladen, Pasquotank, Alamance, Graham, Guilford and Turnersburg township, in Iredell county, Edgecombe, Mecklenburg, Wayne and Surry counties, where the stock law prevails, to permit any turkeys, geese, chickens, ducks or other domestic fowls to run at large after being notified as in section 2 of this act on any lands that may be cultivated in any kind of grain or feedstuff, or used for gardens or for ornamental purposes.

Sec. 2. That any person so permitting his fowls to run at large, after being notified to keep them up, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding five dollars or imprisoned not exceeding five days; or if it shall appear to any justice of the peace that after two days' notice, any person persists in allowing his fowls to run at large and fails or refuses to keep them up, then said justice of the peace may order any sheriff, constable or other officer to kill said fowls, or said justice of the peace may, by his discretion, deputize the complaining party to kill fowls when so deprecating.

Two freight trains collided head-on at Old Fort, on the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, Thursday afternoon, as a result of which Engineers James and Smith and their firemen, W. A. Harrison and Joe Richardson, were all painfully injured. It is said all will recover. The cause of the accident is said to have been a lapped train order.



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**MR. MINTER TEN SPEAKERS.**

Popular Young Pastor of Lincolnton Church to Make Address at Presbyterian Church this Evening—Dr. Rice Here on Sunday.

The speaker for this evening at the Chautauqua being held at the First Presbyterian church will be Rev. W. S. Minter, pastor of the Lincolnton church. The League having this meeting in charge feels indeed unfortunate in securing Mr. Minter, for he is a speaker of note, a student and traveler. Mr. Minter will speak in the church tonight at 8 o'clock.

Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock Prof. Martin, of Davidson, will address the children and young people. Though specially designed for young people, the address of Prof. Martin will be appreciated by grown people.

Sunday Dr. Theron H. Rice, of Richmond, will preach morning and evening. We certainly hope Concord people will bear Dr. Rice for he will give them something worth while, as a matter of course.

**Oliver Begins Work on Interurban.**

Charlotte Observer, 31st.

The first dirt was broken yesterday between Greenwood and Spartanburg, S. C., for the roadbed of the interurban tracks to be placed between these two important South Carolina centers of trade; this line to become for the present the southern terminal of the interurban now being promoted by the interests in control of the Southern Power Company. The firm of W. J. Oliver & Co. has the contract for grading this line at a cost of approximately \$900,000, and for the past several days the officials of the concern have been shipping equipment into central points on the route for the purpose of getting in readiness for actual work as soon as possible. The fine dirt was removed yesterday near Bolton, S. C., a short distance below Greenville and perhaps half way between Greenwood and Spartanburg. This work will be pushed just as rapidly as possible, the promoters of the interurban insisting on placing in the contract a stipulation that the grading must be done by a certain time. To this the Oliver company agreed through the representatives who met Vice President W. S. Lee in Greenville a few days ago.

A man surprises a widow, not by kissing her, but by the way he does it.

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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. Z. A. Morris is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. Eben Holmes, of Salisbury, is a visitor in the city today.

Mr. Bennett McConnell, of Charlotte, is a visitor in the city today.

Mr. E. S. Wheeler spent a few hours in Charlotte on business this morning.

Miss Margaret Moore, who has been visiting Mrs. J. Locke Erwin, has returned to her home in Yorkville, S. C.

Rev. W. C. Alexander, who has been visiting friends in the city for a week, has returned to his home in Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Edna Correll has gone to Greensboro to visit her friend, Miss Lillie Mann, of Greensboro Female College.

Mrs. S. H. Farrow has returned from Hopewell, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Sample.

Miss Ruth Coltrane will arrive tonight from Greensboro Female College to spend senior vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane.

Mr. M. B. Stickleby has returned from Raleigh, where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the A. & M. College.

**Three Months More of Near Beer.**

Staley Enterprise.

At a called meeting of the board of town commissioners, on Wednesday last week, license was granted to Brandon W. Means, Commissioner Moody, Armfield and Watkins being present. The other two members, Messrs. Groves and Crowell, say they had no notice of the meeting.

The board, at a called meeting on Monday night previous, declined to renew the license of W. W. Love and Lon Morton upon the grounds that these men rested under indictments for retailing, and they could not pass the character qualifications. The law against near-beer saloons goes into effect July 1st, and no license can become effective for a longer period.

**NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.**

Items of Interest from all Parts of the Old North State.

Wilmington's recorder dropped a nine-months road sentence upon a pistol-toting defendant.

The commencement exercises at Bain Academy, Mini Hill, are to be April 8-12. Rev. T. W. Chambliss, of Wadesboro, is to preach the annual sermon.

Arrangements have been made for a special train to carry five hundred people from Greensboro to High Point, April 27, to be known as Guilford County Day at the Sunday School Convention for North Carolina, which will then be in progress there. The convention meets on the 29th and will continue through the 29th.

Captain Wade H. Phillips, of the Lexington Rifle, has been detailed for duty on the Mexican border and will report for service April 6th. He was notified last week and was ordered to take full field equipment, mess kit, and all—everything except a tent, which will be furnished by the army supply department at San Antonio, Tex., where he will report for duty.

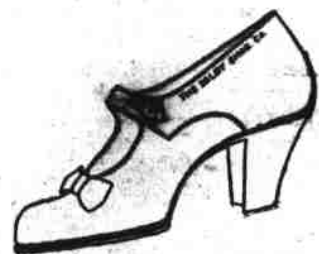
Rev. A. C. Dixon, formerly of Shelby, and for some years pastor of the Moody church in Chicago, has been extended a call to the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, the pulpit made famous by the great Charles Haddon Spurgeon. It is thought that Dr. Dixon will accept the call, and if he does the Metropolitan Tabernacle will again be heard from. Dr. Dixon is not only an eloquent preacher, but a man of great spiritual power and devotion as well.

**Call for Ambulances.**

San Francisco, March 30.—Considerable speculation was aroused in army circles today by a happy order from Gen. Tashler Bliss, commanding the troops at San Diego, to rush 10 ambulances to San Diego as quickly as possible. It is not known for what purpose the order was given.

A new pest is reported destroying cotton in Texas.

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