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FRIDAY, OCT. 18, 1907

JOHN CHARLES McNEILL

Sadness is borne to many hundreds of hearts in North Carolina and in other States to day by the press dispatches which tell of the death at Laurinburg, Scotland county, of that gifted and promising young writer, Mr. John Charles McNeill, of The Charlotte Observer staff.

To one who knew this talented young Tar Heel and who came in contact with him in his work, as did the writer of these lines, the news is most distressing; it is the loss of a personal friend. A similar feeling bids with many who knew him not in the flesh but who had learned to know him through his writings.

Still a young man, Mr. McNeill had reached the vestibule, as it were, of a promising career and we cannot help but believe that, had longer life been vouchsafed to him, the world of literature would have profited greatly thereby.

McNeill is dead; 'tis a sorrowful message indeed to thousands over the State who had learned to love him and to appreciate his work. The Observer has sustained a great loss; his place will be hard to fill.

BONDS SOLD.

Citizens National Bank Buys Entire Issue of \$75,000.

The Citizens National Bank today purchased the entire issue of municipal bonds voted by the citizens of Gastonia on July 2nd.

It is not stated at what price the bonds were sold, but the act which called for an election provided that they should not be sold for less than par.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Glenn have returned from a trip to New York and Providence, R. I.

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MRS. WALTER C. DAVIS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Bride of Few Hours Sustains Wounds in Terrible Wreck Near Greensboro which May Terminate Fatally—Mr. W. C. Davis and Bride, who was Miss Mary Benton, of Winston Salem, Met with Tragic Accident at Beginning of Honeymoon—Three Others Killed, and Twenty Injured in Head-On Collision Last Night—Fast Passenger Dashes into Open Switch.

As a result of a fearful wreck at Ridd, a small station four miles north of Greensboro on the Southern Railway, last night at 10:20 o'clock, when fast passenger train No. 34 dashed into an open switch and collided head-on with a freight train, three persons are dead and twenty or more injured, the most seriously wounded being Mrs. Mary Benton Davis, wife of Mr. Walter C. Davis, of Gastonia. Mr. and Mrs. Davis had been married only a few hours, the wedding having taken place at Winston-Salem at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A long-distance telephone message from The Greensboro Telegram to The Gazette at noon stated that Mrs. Davis' condition was extremely critical but that hope for her recovery had not been abandoned. As near as can be learned at this writing her wounds consist of three fractures of the leg and some very severe bruises on the head and breast. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are in St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, where all of the wounded were taken immediately after the wreck.

Mr. W. C. Davis and Miss Mary Benton were married yesterday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Benton, in Winston-Salem, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. H. B. Christy. The ceremony was witnessed by about two hundred of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Accompanying the groom from Gastonia were his sister, Miss Maudie Davis, and Mr. J. Lean Adams. Mr. Adams returned to Gastonia last night on No. 35, coming by way of Mooresville. Miss Davis stopped at Mooresville and this morning she and Mr. W. C. Cook, a brother-in-law of the injured man, left for Greensboro.

THE DEAD. Following is the list of the dead: Mr. R. Allen Bryant, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. J. P. Thomas of Danville, Va. and J. A. Brady of Spencer, fireman on the freight train.

Mr. Bryant is known to a number of people in Gastonia. He is a travelling representative of the Richmond Paper Manufacturing Co., of Richmond, Va., and has been coming to Gastonia several times each year for the past several years. He is well known over the State and his friends everywhere will learn of his tragic death with regret.

A G. Leonard, of Lexington, a brakeman who is held responsible for the wreck, has disappeared and so far has not been located. It is presumed that he has run away.

Mr. S. A. Kindley, of Gastonia, was also among the injured and was taken to St. Leo's Hospital at Greensboro. A telegram from him to Mrs. Kindley this afternoon stated that he is not seriously injured and will be home to-morrow.

—Don't forget the big auction sale of lots to-morrow.

same community the hunters being W. N. Davis, Rush Foy, Jim Falls and John Anthony. They started about 4:30 o'clock and bagged a grey fox about 9 o'clock. The pain in Ma's head is gone. She's as happy as can be. Her health is right, her temper bright. Since taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea at night, Adams Drug Co.

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Hamburg Edging, Laces, Ribbons, Towels, the 10c Towel for 8c. Suspenders, Fancy Hair Pins, Crepe Paper, Ladies' and Children's Hose as low as 7c pair. Men's 1-2 Hose most all grades. Men's Heavy Work Shirts 39c. Fancy Dress Shirts, the 50c kind, cut price 38c. Large line Men's Skin Gloves. Ladies' Long Silk Gloves 84c. Black Sateen Underskirts. Lap Robes, Blankets, Spool Cotton 1c spool, Underwear for men and Women.

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We have some nice suits in both men and boys. Lot Men's Overcoats just in, can sell as low as \$4.00. Good line Men's Pants to select from as low as 75c, worth \$1.25. Men's and Boy's Hats and Caps. New lot Men's Hats just in. Tinware, Cooking Stoves, Enamelware few Chairs and other pieces Furniture, Hardware, Plows, Disk Harrows, Shovels, Rakes and Plows. Crockery and Glassware.

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9 lbs roasted coffee \$1.00. 10 lbs. green coffee \$1.00. 10c cake buttermilk soap 4c. 10c cake electric soap 4c. Gloss starch 4c lb. Green coffee 10c lb. We carry full line Groceries and will sell at cut price all but meat, lard and flour.

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REV. C. H. SHUTE RESIGNS.

Principal of Colored Graded School Accepts Chair in Biddle University—His Successor Not Yet Elected—New Teacher for Central School—Fifth Grade Overflow Provided For.

An important meeting of the board of school commissioners of the city was held yesterday morning at 8 o'clock in the offices of Mr. R. P. Rankin in the Citizens National Bank building, all the members being present except Mr. Rankin. This board is composed of the following gentlemen; R. R. Rankin, J. H. Separk, J. E. Page, S. N. Boyce and J. P. Reid.

The resignation of Rev. C. H. Shute, principal of the colored graded school, was accepted, to take effect as soon as the board can procure a successor for him. Principal Shute has accepted a position on the faculty of Biddle University at Charlotte and will take up his duties there as soon as he is relieved here. He has been head of the colored graded school here since its establishment seven years ago and has given eminent satisfaction. It is understood that the board accepted his resignation with regret.

Supt J. S. Wray, of the city schools, was authorized to rent a room near the Central school and employ an extra teacher to accommodate the overflow from the fifth grade. He was also authorized to use his own discretion in closing the necessary grades in the city schools in order to allow the primary teachers to attend the annual meeting of the State Primary Teachers Association at Asheville on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Miss Florence Hill, of Concord, was elected a member of the graded school faculty to have charge of the fifth grade, succeeding Miss Dobbins, resigned. Miss Hill has already arrived in Gastonia and took up her duties this week.

Supt. Wray recommended that the double desks be removed from the Central school building to the colored graded school and single desks substituted therefor, this measure being to gain more room. The matter was referred to the purchasing committee.

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—Big auction sale of lots in North Gastonia to-morrow morning beginning at 10 o'clock. Carriages will start from the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co's. office on Main street. A big crowd will be on hand. Nearly 200 lots will be for sale.

—Mr. S. S. Morris, organizer for the Junior Order United American Mechanics, went to Belmont last night to institute a lodge of this order. There were in the neighborhood of forty charter members.

—Many Gastonians heard with regret of the death of John Charles McNeill, which occurred yesterday afternoon at his home in Laurinburg. A sketch of Mr. McNeill's life will appear in Tuesday's Gazette.

Percy G. Fonville was acquitted Tuesday at Greensboro of the charge of aiding and abetting Frank H. Jones, in embezzling the funds of the Charlotte National Bank.

Seven huge powder mills constituting the plant of the Dupont Powder Company at Fortsnac, Indiana, exploded Tuesday morning and entirely wrecked the town, killing fifty people and injuring six hundred or more. The force of the explosions wrecked houses two miles away.

On Southern Railway train No. 34 Tuesday afternoon Charles Wetters, colored, stabbed Walter McDonald, also colored, killing him instantly. The murderer then leaped from the moving train near Pineville to escape arrest at the hands of the conductor, and escaped. Officers at Pineville are now on the lookout for him.

One man was killed, six persons dangerously injured and 25 others slightly hurt when an electric car went over a 20-foot embankment in Cincinnati, Ohio, Wednesday.

Church Notice. St. Michael's Church. Mass at 11 A. M. every second and fourth Sunday and services every Sunday at 3 P. M. Rev. Father James, O. S. B., Pastor.

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