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NO. 95.

BLEW SAFE AT MT. HOLLY

YEGGMEN ROB THE P. & N. STATION

Safe-Blowers Secure Over \$100 by Blowing Safe in Interurban Station Last Night—Evidently Work of Professionals—No Clw as to Perpetrators of the Deed.

Between the hours of mid-night and daylight this morning robbers entered the office of the Piedmont & Northern station at Mount Holly and blew the safe open. They secured for their trouble \$23 in cash and checks amounting to about \$80. Nitroglycerine was used and the job had all the appearances of having been perpetrated by professional yeggmen. The door of the safe was blown off and it was very badly damaged by the explosion. Entrance to the offices was probably made through a window.

Agent J. F. Cloud left the station at his usual time, about midnight, after closing and locking the safe. So far as can be learned no suspicious characters were seen in that locality during the day or early part of the night, though on account of the large holiday travel it was altogether possible for the plotters to have been around the depot without attracting any attention or arousing any suspicion. No attempt was made, so far as has been discovered to rob any other places of business in Mount Holly. The safe-blowers made good their escape and left no tracks. There is no clew at all as yet to their identity.

RAILWAY MEN BANQUET.

Gastonia Railway Efficiency Club, First Organization of Its Kind on Southern System, Holds Business Session and Delightful Banquet—Several Officials From Out of Town Present.

The Gastonia Railway Efficiency Club, composed of employes of the Southern and Carolina & Northwestern Railways, enjoyed a banquet at the Falls House Tuesday night. A business session of the club was held in the offices in the freight depot prior to the banquet. The offices had been attractively decorated with flowers for the occasion.

President M. C. Thorn called the meeting to order and the address of welcome was delivered by Mr. O. F. Mason, counsel for the Southern Railway. The purposes and object of the club were explained by Agent G. C. Andrews. After the reading of the minutes of the last business meeting Messrs. H. H. Troutman and W. H. Gatchell were proposed for membership and were elected. The topic for discussion at this meeting was "Economy" and brief talks were made by several members. At the suggestion of Mr. Mason a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of President W. W. Finley of the Southern, which event occurred Tuesday morning. Messrs. Mason, Clary and Wetzell were constituted a committee for this purpose.

At 8:30 o'clock the club members and invited guests were asked to repair to the dining room of the Falls house where the banquet was held. Mr. G. C. Andrews acted as toastmaster, presiding in a graceful manner. The following gentlemen were called on for speeches: Mr. J. G. Carpenter, local counsel for the Southern; Mr. A. L. Bulwinkle, local counsel for the C. & N.-W.; Mr. E. F. Reid, general freight and passenger agent for the C. & N.-W.; Mr. McCormick, master mechanic Southern; Spencer, H. L. Hungerford, division superintendent Southern, Greenville, S. C.; Mr. C. E. Carpenter, local counsel Southern; Dr. J. M. Sloan, local surgeon for both roads; Mr. O. F. Mason, division counsel for Southern; Mr. R. S. Loughridge, yard conductor; Mr. M. H. Gatchell, superintendent of agencies, Washington, D. C. The banquet hours were from 8:30 to 10 o'clock.

Messrs. Hungerford, Gatchell, Reid and McCormick left Tuesday night on No. 30.

The Gastonia Railway Efficiency Club is the first organization of its kind on the entire Southern system.

THERE are more honest men, by far, than dishonest. When you loose an article the chances are greatly in favor of its return if the finder knows where to find the loser. A Gazette Want Ad will tell him.

WAS A QUIET DAY HERE

THANKSGIVING DAY HAD NO TRAGEDIES

National Day of Thanksgiving Was One of Rest and Good Cheer in Gastonia—No Serious Accidents or Tragedies to Mar It—Mr. Robert Craig Has Toe Shot Off—Much Visiting.

Thanksgiving Day was a quiet restful one in Gastonia. No tragedies occurred to mar its peacefulness and the people generally enjoyed the holiday to its fullest extent. Many people went out of town to visit friends while others entertained friends from out of town. In the morning quite a large number of Methodists went to Charlotte to hear Bishop McCoy who is presiding over the sessions of the Western North Carolina Conference and who preached a Thanksgiving sermon at Trinity church. Numbers went to the Davidson-Wake Forest football game at Charlotte and a few went to the Virginia-Carolina game at Richmond.

There were no special Thanksgiving services at any of the local churches, all giving way to the evangelistic services at the First Presbyterian church. Most of the business houses of the city closed and the people generally attended services at that church.

ONLY ONE ACCIDENT.

So far as can be learned there was only one accident of a serious nature and that did not occur in Gastonia but in the Point section. Mr. Robert Craig, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Craig, of Gastonia, had the misfortune to shoot off the middle toe of his left foot while out hunting with Mr. Will McLean. The accident occurred about 11:30 in the forenoon and Mr. Craig was brought to the City Hospital and his wound dressed. He was removed to his home last night and today is resting comfortably. Mr. Craig was resting the end of his gun barrel on his foot when, in some way it was accidentally discharged.

METHODIST MINISTERS HERE.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon four P. & N. cars reached Gastonia from Charlotte loaded with Methodist ministers and their wives who are attending conference there. They came as guests of the P. & N. They remained in the city only ten or fifteen minutes and consequently did not get to see much of the town. No notice had been given Gastonians that they were coming. Had such been the case and a little longer wait had been provided these visitors would have been taken a ride over the city in autos.

Fire Prevention Convention Resolutions.

At the last session of the Fire Prevention Convention, held at Philadelphia, a resolution was adopted advocating the enactment of strict National and State insurance laws relative to the licensing of agents, brokers, and adjusters and the use of a plain phraseology in insurance policies.

The resolution is as follows:

(a) The several states, territories, and provinces should not only assure that permissible fire insurance is stable financially, but that the form of contract should be as clear, brief, explicit, and sound as possible, and as nearly as may be uniform in form and substance in all these jurisdictions—to the end that all such policies permitted to issue throughout the country may equally and adequately protect all citizens, including the careless, ignorant, and inexperienced; and:

(b) Said jurisdiction should as nearly as possible adopt uniform regulations governing:

1. Issuance of fire policies on property as to amount and conditions, and to the end that only reasonable insurance will be permitted on property, thus discourage arson, and that only men of sound character will be admitted to the business of writing fire insurance, and adjusting fire losses, thus discouraging complicity with fraudulent losses.
2. Licensing of fire insurance agents and brokers, and
3. Licensing of fire insurance adjusters.

Paper Half Dollar.

Springfield, Tenn., Nov. 21.—A paper half dollar made by the state of North Carolina in 1778 and brought to this county in 1806 by John Harper, a great grandfather of Sam Haroor, county court clerk of Cheatham county, is being exhibited here by R. C. Williams, of this city. The half-dollar was printed by Jas. Davis, state printer of North Carolina, August 3, 1778, at Hillsboro and has across the face this inscription: "Death to Counterfeit" and at the bottom of the bill in large type, "Behold a New World." The bill is in a good state of preservation.

Charged with shooting Ernest McAbee, his wife's cousin, at Moore, S. C., near Spartanburg Tuesday night, Elmore Wright, paroled by Governor Blease after serving three years of a life sentence for killing a man named Kirdondali, was committed to the Spartanburg jail Wednesday.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST TWO DAYS

Opening Session of Western North Carolina Conference Marked by Unusual Demonstration—Bishop McCoy Preaches Special Thanksgiving Sermon of Great Power—Ministers and Delegates Made Special Visit to Gastonia as Guests of Piedmont & Northern.

The Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, convened in Trinity Church, Charlotte Wednesday morning at nine o'clock with Bishop James H. McCoy, of Birmingham, Ala., presiding. After devotional exercises conducted by Bishop McCoy, the organization of the Conference was entered upon by electing Rev. W. L. Sherrill secretary, a position which he has held without interruption for about 20 years. Messrs. Harold Turner, W. F. Sanford, J. F. Kirk, W. A. Newell, J. B. Carpenter and W. F. Ury were chosen as assistant secretaries.

After appointment of standing committees the hours for holding the business sessions of the conference were fixed from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Reports were then called for from the presiding elders of the eleven districts composing the conference. In making his report of the work of the Winston district the presiding elder, Rev. Plato T. Durham, started such a demonstration of religious fervor as could probably occur only in a conference of Methodist ministers. For half an hour or more business was suspended while the members gave way to their feelings in hand-shaking and songs of praise. Bishop Kilgo, who was present as a visitor, was then called upon and spoke for half an hour on the great mission of the church and the unparalleled opportunity of the present day.

At 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. A. Newell, president of Weaverville College, preached to a large audience in Trinity church a powerful sermon on the great problems that face the church. Wednesday night was given over to the consideration of the work of the Epworth League and Sunday school, the principal address being delivered by Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of Nashville, Tenn.

Meeting at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for the second day's business session, the conference took up the routine of minute questions, after which Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, the organ of the general conference was introduced to the conference and made a brief address in the interest of that publication.

At 11:30 o'clock Bishop McCoy preached a Thanksgiving sermon, taking as his text Matthew 4:4, "But he answered and said: 'It is written. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'" Under the three heads of man's relations to the material, the human and the Divine, the speaker dwelt upon the perils to the spiritual life which lurk in the rapidly changing conditions of our modern life, and plead for a more loyal devotion to the true righteousness of heart and life which is essential to the solution of the vexing problems of the day. The discourse was a masterly one and was heard by the largest audience which has ever assembled in Trinity church.

No afternoon session was held, but a large number of the preachers and lay delegates took advantage of the invitation of the Piedmont & Northern Railway and came to Gastonia on the two special trains which were operated for their benefit. There were probably two hundred of the visitors in all, and the majority of them were making their first visit to the city. Last night was given over to the anniversary of the Board of Education, a very splendid address being delivered by Dr. Stonewall Anderson, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the General Board of Education.

This Means You.

Every householder should make a personal inspection of his residence and other buildings for the discovery of possible fire dangers.

Look to the chimneys, especially at this season of the year. Has the mortar in the upper parts decayed either from the action of the weather or gases from the fuel used? Defective chimneys are a frequent cause of fires at this time, and are always a menace.

How do you dispose of ashes? Never let ashes come in contact with wood, even though they are apparently cold.

Is there any rubbish lying around awaiting only a spark to start a fire. If electricity is used, examine the wiring.

See that stovepipes do not pass through wooden partitions or come near wood at any point.

These are only a few things to be looked after, but a brief inspection may save your property.

Fourteen thousand employes of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., went on a strike Tuesday. They are not striking for shorter hours or more pay but because two of their number were laid off because of their activity in labor union circles.

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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers.

—Mr. R. A. Jackson, of Clover, S. C., was in the city on business this morning.

—Mr. R. A. White, of Statesville, spent Thanksgiving here with his father, Esquire T. H. White.

—Mr. G. R. Van Dyke left this morning for Newton to spend several days visiting friends.

—Mr. W. B. Puett, cashier of the Bank of Belmont, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. George B. Mason attended the Virginia-Carolina football game in Richmond yesterday.

—Mr. J. W. Timberlake went to Hickory and Newton on professional business the first of the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Page, of Clover, S. C., spent Wednesday in the city.

—Mr. W. Lyle Smith, bookkeeper for the Spencer Mountain Mills, was in the city Wednesday.

—Mrs. J. Y. Miller went to Yorkville Wednesday on a visit to relatives.

—Esquire W. B. Rutledge, of Mt. Holly, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Mr. R. B. Babington, general manager of the Piedmont T. & T. Co., spent Tuesday in Columbia, S. C., on business.

—Mr. A. L. Bulwinkle went to Maiden on business Wednesday. Mrs. Bulwinkle and child are visiting relatives in Dallas.

—Mr. E. G. McLurd has been a patient at the City Hospital for several days, suffering from an attack of La Grippe.

—Mrs. B. W. Hatcher, of Salisbury, will arrive tomorrow to be the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Harper.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jenkins will arrive Sunday from Asheville to spend two or three days with their daughter, Mrs. J. V. Harper.

—Rev. A. A. McLean, pastor of the Clover, S. C., Presbyterian church, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Will Nolen, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent Thanksgiving here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nolen.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Saunders spent Thanksgiving day as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dixon, on route three.

—Miss Bessie Pegram, of the Central school faculty, is spending Thanksgiving holidays at her home in Yorkville.

—Mrs. Charles F. Stowe and children spent Thanksgiving at Lowell as the guest of Mrs. Stowe's sister, Mrs. Osborne Bell.

—Misses Ossie and Ommie Maxwell, of Clover, were in town Wednesday en route to Belmont to visit friends.

—Mrs. B. E. Atkins and Miss Lillian Atkins spent yesterday in Charlotte attending the Western North Carolina Conference.

—Misses Adelaide and Eloise Brown, of Morganton, and Mrs. Henry M. Cleveland, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent Thanksgiving here with Mrs. A. M. Dixon.

—Mr. G. R. Van Dyke, who has been in Birmingham, Ala., for the past several months, returned to Gastonia this week and will be here for some time.

—Miss Mildred Rankin and Miss Ruth Mason left Wednesday for Greensboro to spend Thanksgiving with Miss Elma Rankin, who is a student at the State Normal College.

—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dilling returned Sunday night from Atlanta, where they attended the meeting last Friday and Saturday of the Southern Textile Association.

—A new bulletin board containing the schedule of trains has been placed at the new Southern passenger station at the north entrance to the white waiting room.

—The passenger station and local offices of the Southern Railway are draped in mourning on account of the death of President W. W. Finley.

—Messrs. G. B. Mason, C. E. Carpenter, Foster Clinton and Thad P. Clinton were among the Gastonians who spent Thanksgiving in Richmond, Va.

—Mr. Hugh L. (Lan) Moore has been appointed postmaster at Mayesworth, this county, and the name of the office has been changed to Mayworth.

—Mr. Ralph Armstrong, of Westminster school, and Mr. Robert McLean, of A. & M. College, are spending the Thanksgiving holidays with homefolks.

—Mr. James Campbell, who holds a responsible position with a cotton firm at Camden, S. C., is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Campbell.

—Mr. George E. Marvin is expected to return tonight from Atlanta, where he has been spending the week as the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. L. Langford.

—Miss Marie Goforth, of Blacksburg, S. C., arrived in the city Wednesday to be the guest during the Thanksgiving holidays of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baber.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING

SERVICES WERE ATTENDED DAILY

Dr. J. E. Thacker, in Special Evangelistic Services at First Presbyterian Church, Making a Profound Impression on His Hearers—Large Crowds Attend All Services—Many Business Houses Close for Morning Services—Special Subjects for Sunday.

The special evangelistic services at the First Presbyterian Church which began last Sunday continue to grow in interest. Large congregations are in attendance twice a day. The morning attendance has been very gratifying for a week-day hour, and at night the large assemblage fills the auditorium and overflows into the galleries and Sunday school annex. Thursday morning the attendance was particularly large, filling the church, as it was Thanksgiving Day, and the places of business closed. Dr. Thacker preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, his subject being, "Eating and Drinking." It was a most interesting and eloquent discourse on the humanity of Jesus and the sacredness of all life. A special offering was made to the various church orphanages of the State.

Thursday night Dr. Thacker preached another powerful sermon, his theme being, "Weighed and Found Wanting." It was a clear, logical and forceful discourse, based on the story of Belshazzar, and was heard with the closest attention by all. The preaching in all these services has been of a high order. The sermons are thoughtful, appealing to the mind and conscience rather than to the emotions, and calling Christians and the unconverted to the performance of their respective duty in relation to Christ and His Kingdom. The style is simple and very compelling, the language of the speaker perfect in its rhetoric, and so plain that even the children may follow his thought without difficulty. And there is always that freedom from affectation and the direct earnestness that should characterize one who is bringing God's message to humanity.

The music is attracting much attention and interest, and continues to improve as Mr. Fischer gets the large chorus choir in better shape. It is a joy and a privilege to listen to the choirs and the great audiences as they make the building ring with the Gospel messages in song. Mr. Fischer is certainly a fine leader and knows as few musical directors do how to get the music out of people, while Mrs. Fischer is a perfect accompanist. After the close of the night services many of the congregation linger to hear the singers as they rehearse the pieces for future services. We have never listened to better music of its kind, and it is ministering in large measure to the growing interest of the meetings. No one should miss it.

Dr. Thacker's methods appeal to our people, and many hundreds of the cards which are distributed at each service have been signed, both by church-members and those who are not connected with the church. These cards are to give opportunity to Christians to express their desire for greater consecration, for those whose membership is in churches in other places to move their church connection to some church in the city, and for the formerly unconverted to confess Christ. They are given to Dr. Thacker at the close of the service, and later will be turned over to the pastors of the various city churches. This system thus renders the meeting entirely non-sectarian in character and encourages those using the cards to go to the churches with which they are naturally affiliated.

Great interest is being shown by all the churches of Gastonia in the meetings, and by the city generally. It is expected that the congregations will continue to grow and the interest constantly deepen. Some of the stores have voluntarily agreed to close for the morning hour and put a notice in the door to that effect. It would be a fine thing and a great help to the meeting if all our business men could see their way to doing this. The morning service never lasts more than forty-five minutes, and the time could be spared for this good work which affects the highest welfare of the entire city. Printed cards to place in the store windows or on the doors of offices may be had by those who wish to use them by applying to Mr. J. H. Kennedy, or at the Loftin Printing Co.

The subject Friday morning was "Omissions," and the discourse was intensely practical and helpful. There was a large congregation that filled the church.

The subject for to-night will be "The Supreme Tragedy of the Twentieth Century." Everybody should hear this discourse.

There will be three services on Sunday. The afternoon meeting will be for young people. The hour will be 3:30 p. m. Dr. Thacker said that he meant by young people everybody under one hundred years of age, but a special invitation was given to all those between the ages of ten and twenty. This will be a great meeting and every young person should be present. There will be special music appropriate to the occasion, and the subject of the sermon will be, "The Making of a Man."

The subject Sunday night will be, "Is there a Hell? or Magnifying the Love of God."

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

WEST GASTONIA NEWS.

Messrs. Chandler, West and Riddle Attend Textile Meeting—Rev. J. L. Vipperman Preaches at Baptist Church—Live News Notes and Personals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, Nov. 26.—Miss Bessie Grigg, of High Shoals, spent Sunday and Monday with her mother, Mrs. Lula Grigg.

—Mr. L. E. Dalton has returned home from Spencer where he has been for the past four weeks visiting his daughter, Miss Beatrice Dalton.

—Mr. Stough Mauney spent Sunday in Gaffney, S. C.

Messrs. C. L. Chandler, W. V. West and Will Riddle went to Atlanta Thursday to attend the Southern Textile Association and returned home Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leonard, and son, Herman, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Pink Leonard.

—Mrs. Henry Jordon, of Charlotte, and Mr. Stough Mauney are doing some pipe-fitting at the Loray this week.

—Mr. C. P. Hill was a business visitor at Loray this week.

—Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Spencer, preached at the Loray Baptist church Tuesday night, November 18. The church elected a new board of deacons, the sermon being preached by Mr. Vipperman, and Rev. J. J. Beach, of East Baptist church, delivered the charge. Rev. D. E. Vipperman offered the ordination prayer. Rev. J. L. Vipperman preached a very strong sermon to a large and attentive audience. He was formerly pastor of the East Baptist church of this city, and is always heard with a great deal of pleasure. We hope to have him with us again for a few nights in the near future.

—Mr. Carter Barker, of Lowell, spent Sunday with homefolks.

—Rev. W. M. Green, of Raleigh, one of the representatives of The Biblical Recorder, preached at the Loray Baptist church last Sunday morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. Calle Fite, of McAdenville, spent Saturday and Sunday with the parents of Mr. Fite, at the Loray.

—Mrs. Hammett Simmons and Miss Mary Johnston, of McAdenville, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Moore last Saturday.

—Mr. John Moss spent Sunday in Charlotte with his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Baker.

—Rev. J. D. Moore was a Charlotte visitor Wednesday.

—Mr. Lester Broom has been real sick for the past week but is better at present.

—Mrs. George Taylor was carried to the City Hospital Monday where she will undergo an operation.

—Miss Lizzie Ross, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday with her father, Mr. Kirksey.

—A number of the young people gave Miss Mary Dilling a surprise party at her home on last Saturday night. They all had an enjoyable evening and report a good time.

Hickory Grove News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. HICKORY GROVE, Nov. 24.—Miss Annie Rutledge opened her school last Monday with a large attendance.

—Professor Hall visited Hickory Grove school last Wednesday.

—Misses Lola and Nancy Carpenter spent last Sunday with their Uncle near Lincolnton.

—Miss Ida Kiser, of Bessemer City, spent last week with relatives and friends.

—Miss Bryte Farris spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. A. C. Clark.

—Mrs. Haskel Davis, of Bessemer City, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Clark.

—Mrs. Etta Taylor and sisters, Lucy and Ocie Clark, spent Sunday with Miss Onis Carpenter.

—Mr. Augustus Clark spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. M. L. Poyser.

—Mrs. Della Howe, spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Miller, of Kings Mountain.

—Mrs. G. W. Clark spent Sunday with Mrs. C. H. Blackburn.

—Miss Joanna Stroup spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. John Stroup.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carpenter and little son, of Long Shoals, spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Clark.

—Misses Annie and Ada Beck spent Sunday with Miss Bryte Farris.

—Mr. and Mrs. Marty Carpenter, of Long Shoals, moved into his new residence near Bethel Church last Wednesday. The young people cheered them with a lively serenade Saturday night.

—Miss Essie Biggerstaff has been on the sick list but we are glad to know that she is improving.

—There was communion service at St. Mark's Lutheran church Sunday.

—There was a surprise wedding in this section Sunday evening. Miss Mae Allen became the bride of Mr. Chesley Black, of Cherryville. The bride is the daughter of J. P. Allen. The groom is the son of John Black, of Cherryville.