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TALKED TO THE CHILDREN

TOLD THEM WONDERFUL BEAR STORY

Evangelist Browning Preached Great Sermon to the Little Folks Last Night—His Apt Illustrations Kept Their Interest on Keen Edge Throughout Service—Special Sermon to Men Sunday Drew Immense Crowd—Meeting Progressing Nicely.

Last night's service at the tabernacle was especially for children and there were several hundred of them present, a large number of them occupying front seats. Mr. Browning had announced that he would talk to them about "Bears" and the little folks were naturally very much interested. His discourse was based on the story of David. Briefly reviewing the remarkable manner in which God, through the instrumentality of Samuel, selected David to succeed Saul as king of Israel, the speaker dwelt upon the course of training and preparation through which God had to put David before the latter was fit to fill the lofty position for which he had been chosen. Recounting in an exceedingly vivid and realistic manner David's encounter with the lion, the bear and the giant Goliath while yet a mere shepherd lad and his victory in each case, Mr. Browning showed the children that each and every one would have to meet the lion of temper, the bear of selfishness and the giant of temptation and win victories over them as David did over these enemies in the physical realm before they could be real, strong men and women and true Christians.

Mr. Browning exhibited a remarkable insight into child life and nature. His illustrations and questions were of such a character as to drive home convincingly the abiding truths which he was endeavoring to put before the young people. Throughout the entire sermon he kept the undivided and undiminished attention not only of the children but of the grown-ups as well. At the close of the sermon he made a proposition asking every child who wanted to be a Christian and who wanted the prayers of the Christians that they might become such to come up and shake hands with him. Several hundred responded.

SERMON TO MEN.

Sunday afternoon Mr. Browning preached a special sermon to men and boys. There were about 2500 in the congregation and it was an inspiring service. He discussed briefly several things that keep men from coming to God, such as dishonesty, greed, etc. He devoted the major part of his sermon, however, to a discussion of impure living which keeps more men away from God than all the other things combined. He used plain language and forced many terrible truths home in a most convincing manner. Selections by a male quartet, composed of Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Fred Wetzel, Mr. Chas. Adams and Mr. R. T. Padgett added much to the occasion.

A feature of the services which lends a great deal not only to the pleasure but to the profit being derived from these meetings by the public is the music. Mr. Kidder is an expert pianist and his playing, together with the singing of Mr. Stapleton and the large chorus choir is most pleasing and uplifting.

MOTHER'S DAY STRIVINGS.

Sunday morning was observed as Mother's Day at the tabernacle. At each entrance there were stationed two or more young ladies, members of the Senior Philaetha Class of Main Street Methodist church. They were provided with an abundance of roses and each man or boy entering the tabernacle had one pinned on the lapel of his coat—a white rose if she were dead, a red rose if she were living.

Mr. Browning based his sermon on the 39th chapter of Genesis beginning with the first and second verses, "And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man." He said Joseph was a model character for young men. Once a slave at the age of twenty he became ten years later overseer of all the land of Egypt. "What made Joseph great?" asked Mr. Browning. It was not that he was a prodigy but it was due to the intensity of a few homely virtues. He was a plain, every-day business man and God was with him. At first he was a dreamer. A man who never has any visions rarely amounts to much. You never rise higher than your purpose in life. If you are aiming high you will be and do something great. If you aim low, the chances are that you will hit low. It all depends upon what you have in your heart. If you ever go to hell it will be because of a purposeless life.

Joseph's was a busy life. He succeeded in every place because he resisted temptation. Because he was faithful in a few things, God made him ruler over larger things. At all times he was wonderfully busy. In character he was as pure as the lily of the valley.

Mr. Browning shouted out: "Thank God for clean men. When it comes to living a godly life, I place them beside any woman I know." He said there was a mighty tidal wave of impurity sweeping over the land. If there was a hideous di-

RECEIVES GOLD WATCH

CEREMONY AT P. & N. OFFICES HERE

Mayor Armstrong Presents to Agent D. K. Jackson of the P. & N. Railway Gold Watch Won by Latter for Largest Increase in Business for Three Months—Mayor Gives Electric Road Credit for Much of Gastonia's Progress—Visiting Railroad Men.

"To be able to show the greatest increase in revenue on the Piedmont & Northern Lines for three months in succession is a pleasure, indeed, but to be given such a magnificent present, in addition, is more than I could ask," said Mr. D. K. Jackson, station agent for the P. & N. Railway Company in Gastonia, at the conclusion of a ceremony yesterday afternoon presided over by Col. C. B. Armstrong, mayor of the city.

The present referred to is a solid gold, 23 jewel Waltham watch, which bears the legend:

Awarded to D. K. Jackson by the P. & N. Railway Company For highest revenue increase in Agents' contest May 1, 1916.

The first of the year the P. & N. instituted a contest, for its station agents, offering a flag to the agent making the greatest increase in revenue for one month, and offering a watch to the agent who could retain the flag three consecutive months. In the first division or Class A, as it is called, there are several towns, Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C., and Gastonia and Charlotte, N. C. In February, March and April Mr. Jackson's record showed a larger percentage of increase in revenue over the same months the previous year than any other agent, hence the watch.

The watch was presented for the company by Mayor Armstrong who said it was a pleasure to be called to perform such a duty, a pleasure because Mr. Jackson is a citizen of Gastonia and a pleasure because of the work of the P. & N. for Gastonia, what it has done and what it will do. He paid Mr. Jackson a pretty tribute as an employee of the company and as a citizen.

"I understand," said the speaker, "that those present are soliciting freight men. I wish some of the other agents might be here. I would speak of rules, and their effect. It is not always possible to make the hard and fast rule work. Therefore it is necessary some times to make the rule fit the man and the specific case. I know a case where a shipment was tendered a railroad, where it was found that the covering was not securely fastened. The bill of lading showed the shipment received in bad order. The shipment was sent to another road, the agent saw its condition, and instead of making the bill of lading as the other agent had done, he sewed it up, and sent it up in good order. That made the last road thousands of dollars in freight charges. The first man was within his rights. But the last man was more efficient."

"The P. & N. has electrified this whole country. Gastonia is growing like it never grew before. Within three weeks four new cotton mill companies have been organized, we have arranged for two new school houses costing \$25,000 each, have just completed a \$75,000 school building, and the end is not yet. I want to give credit to the electric road for assisting in building a bigger and a better city."

"We are glad Mr. Jackson won this watch especially in view of the fact that we were in competition with Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg and the village of Charlotte."

After paying a tribute to Mr. Jackson as a man and employee, Mayor Armstrong presented the watch, following which Mr. Jackson expressed his thanks to the mayor and to the company and thanked all those who had assisted him in making his record.

A number of general office officials from Charlotte and Greenville came to Gastonia on a special train for the occasion. Among them were Auditor T. L. Black, Commercial Agent Jennings, Trainmaster Paul Thomasson, Roadmaster Richburg, Freight Claim Agent Gill, of the Charlotte office; General Freight and Passenger Agent Allen, of Greenville and Commercial Agent King, of Spartanburg.

MT. HOLLY SCHOOL CLOSES.

Miss Kathleen Lineberger Wins Medal in Recitation Contest.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MT. HOLLY, May 14.—The Mt. Holly graded school closed Friday with some theatrical performances. For two nights previous there had been drills, contests, recitations and an address by Mr. John A. McRae, of Charlotte, whose subject was "Preparedness," but not military preparedness. The recitation contest, in which a medal was given, Thursday night, was awarded to Miss Kathleen Lineberger.

The school has been well conducted by Ray Funderburk and his corps of 10 teachers. The term is nine months, and there are 11 grades.

This is the first year a trial has been given domestic science and arts. The enrollment has gone beyond 367. Three young ladies were given diplomas, the presentation speech being made by Mr. Henry A. Rhyne.

BACK AFTER 35 YEARS

CHERRYVILLE MAN VISITS OLD HOME

Mr. Dewitt Erwin Finds Many Changes in His Native Section—Mr. Carl Beam Tires of Army Life—The Pan Handle Has Many New Autos—Personals and News Notes From the Northern Section of Gastonia.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, May 15th.—Mr. C. P. Stroup and little daughter, of Altamont, are visiting in town.

Mrs. J. S. P. Carpenter and children, Harold and Evelyn, left Friday evening for Boston, where they will join Mr. Carpenter and make their home. Mr. Carpenter has a government position inspecting foreign cotton.

Mrs. J. C. Houser, of Lincolnton, spent last week here with her sisters, Mesdames Jane Moss and E. A. Whitesides, and brother, J. H. Harrison.

The following persons here have purchased automobiles: Stephen and Matthey A. Stroup, C. A. and P. U. Mauney, Dr. R. J. Morrison, E. E. McDowell, Vernon Harrison, Monroe and Edgar Brittain.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McDowell motored over to Spartanburg Sunday.

Memorial services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday. Attorney Matthew A. Stroup delivered an address in the forenoon and Rev. J. A. Hoyle, of Maiden, spoke in the afternoon.

Mrs. Dr. Howell was brought home from the Presbyterian Hospital Saturday. She is still not able to be up and little hope is entertained for her recovery as she is so much afflicted with cancer.

Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Abernethy, of Rutherford College, and Prof. E. J. Abernethy, of Ansonville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. David P. Dellinger. Messrs. J. J. George, D. R. Mauney and Ernest Miller are spending today in Charlotte.

Messrs. Frank Carpenter and Sydney Dellinger have opened a fruit and cold drink stand in the Dellinger store room. Mr. Carpenter will also operate a bottling plant in the rear of the room.

Two dwellings were destroyed by fire southeast of town last week. One on Friday about 11 o'clock belonging to Mr. Andy Sellers and the other Saturday about 10 o'clock belonging to Mr. Cullen Pruett.

The Cherryville Roller Mills, Inc., have improved and painted their buildings, which adds much to their appearance.

Miss Vera Howell is attending commencement at Davenport College this week.

Messrs. Lander F. McBrayer and J. S. McKnight, of Shelby, are spending today in town.

Mr. Carl Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Beam, is expected home this week. About 18 months ago Carl decided to try army life and enlisted and was sent to the Hawaiian Islands. This spring his parents and himself decided to buy his release, so he came to San Francisco and for the past two months has been in California and Texas.

Mr. Dewitt Erwin is visiting in this section after an absence of 35 years in the West. His father and mother, two brothers and one sister have died since he left this country. The only members of his family living are Mesdames W. F. Sisk and J. T. Irvin, Waco, and one brother, Rev. Ira Erwin, of Murphy.

Revival services will begin at the Methodist church next Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. O. C. Fortenbury, will be assisted by Rev. J. F. Moser, of Belwood.

Rev. B. D. Wessinger, pastor of the Lutheran church, will deliver the Luther League address at Lenoir College commencement Sunday.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, May 15.—Mr. Kelley Simmons left Saturday for Maiden to visit Rev. J. D. Moore and family.

Mr. F. J. Guin and wife moved to Hickory Monday.

Mrs. Kate Watts was shopping in Gastonia Saturday.

Messrs. Charles and John Austin, Russell Kell and C. F. Gregory and Misses Julia Carpenter and Essie Rumbelt were among the people from here who were shopping in Gastonia Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Webb spent Thursday in Gastonia with his daughter, Mrs. G. P. Abernethy. Prof. Webb finished his first singing school at Spencer Mountain Friday night and commences his second singing school there tonight.

Messrs. H. K. and H. L. Roberts, of Salisbury, motored over Sunday to see their brother, Mr. Will Roberts, who is quite sick.

Mr. J. E. Hovis and Miss Julia Philman were married here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. David Vipperman.

McAdenville and Spencer Mountain crossed bats Friday at Spencer Mountain. McAdenville won by a score of 11 to 6.

McAdenville and Cooleemee played ball at Cooleemee Saturday. The score was 5 to 4 in favor of McAdenville.

Mr. M. C. Pain, of Taylorsville, was the guest Sunday of J. C. Poole.

Mary Pickford in Hearts Adrift, Photoplay Magazine Free, Ideal Friday.

GASTON AT CHAPEL HILL

BOYS GATHER ROUND FESTAL BOARD

Sumptuous Banquet Given in Honor of Cherryville Baseball Team Which All But Won State High School Championship—Prof. Nixon, Long and Others Make Addresses—Mr. Rankin on the Work of the High Schools—A Big Time.

Special to The Gazette.

CHAPEL HILL, May 15.—Gaston county loomed big on the campus of the University Saturday night, May 13th, when fifty of her royal sons gathered around the festive board in Peabody building and enjoyed a sumptuous banquet given in honor of the Cherryville high school baseball team. The spread was given by the members of the Gaston County Club.

President J. A. Capps was called away at the beginning of activities and Mr. Ray Armstrong acted as toastmaster. Mr. Armstrong, in a brief but appropriate speech, welcomed the members of the Cherryville school to the University and extended to them an invitation to come again.

Prof. Joe R. Nixon, on behalf of the Cherryville boys, said they had been given a royal reception by the Gaston county students and they would ever remember the many kindnesses done them during their stay on the "Hill." Mr. Nixon also spoke of the wonderful achievements that the people of Gaston county were doing along educational and industrial lines. "Gaston county," concluded Mr. Nixon, "is the best county in North Carolina and we should be proud of her."

The next speaker was Mr. Edgar Long, instructor of English in the University. Mr. Long spoke of the rapid progress Gaston county had made along educational lines during the past few years. "It is wonderful," said Mr. Long, "that so many changes have taken place within such a short time." In his speech Mr. Long recalled many incidents of the Gaston county of 15 and 20 years ago by way of contrast with the Gaston county of today. He stated that although he had spent the past several years in another State he still believed in Gaston county and her people.

Mr. E. R. Rankin was the next speaker, being introduced as "the busiest man in the University," and the man who has done more for our high schools of North Carolina than any other man." Mr. Rankin made a brief talk on the work of the high schools over the State and what the University was trying to do for them. He congratulated the Cherryville boys on the excellent record they had made this season and expressed regret that they lost out in the final contest.

Short talks were made by other members of the club following which officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, E. R. Warren, of Gastonia; vice president, J. F. Pearson, of Gastonia; treasurer, E. E. Groves, of Gastonia; historian, F. M. Arrowood, of Bessemer City; orator, B. W. Sipe, of Cherryville; secretary, M. D. Abernethy, of Gastonia.

ARMY OF 206,000 MEN.

This for Peace Times—Could Be Expanded in Time of War to 425,000—Conferees Agree on Bill—A Triumph for Preparedness.

Washington, May 13.—A standing army of 206,000 fighting men, capable of being expanded in an emergency to 254,000, and backed by a Federalized National Guard of 425,000, as a reserve, finally was agreed upon today by the House and Senate conferees on the army bill. The agreement will be reported to Congress early next week and the measure, the first of the administration "preparedness" bills, is expected to be before President Wilson for his signature soon afterward.

Advocates of an adequate national defense regard the conference agreement as a triumph. The compromise between the House and Senate measure was effected after weeks of struggle against an insistent demand from House conferees for a standing army of only 140,000 men.

The minimum enlisted strength would be attained under the conference agreement within the next five years, and it is stipulated that at no time shall the total be less than 169,000.

The conference report also provides for government nitrate manufacturing plants to cost not exceeding \$20,000,000, for vocational education in the regular army and for establishment of military training camps for volunteer citizens whose transportation, clothing and subsistence expenses while in training would be paid by the Federal government.

The training camp feature as finally approved is regarded as compensation in a measure for the Federal volunteer reserve of 261,000 men which Senate conferees were forced to abandon on insistence from the House.

Other salient features of the measure provide for a board to investigate the advisability of establishing government munition plants and a board to recommend mobilization of industries. Authority is given to the government to seize and operate private munition plants in time of war.

50,000 MEN ON BORDER

TROOPS READY FOR QUICK SERVICE

Major General Funston Has Under Consideration Plan for Reorganizing Border Control so as to Guarantee Protection from Mexican Raiders—Mobilization of Militia Completed.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Antonio, Texas, dated the 14th and appearing in yesterday's papers says:

Major General Funston began today the consideration of a plan for the re-organization of the border patrol. Having under his direct control almost 50,000 men he outlined to his staff a re-distribution of forces that he believed would guarantee the protection of American residents from Mexican raiders.

Already forces at border stations have been strengthened and it was indicated today that before the end of the week the greater part of the regular troops and militia that have been sent into the three border States would be prepared and in position for quick service along the international line.

It is improbable that more troops will be sent to Colonel Sibley in charge of the little expedition that crossed into Mexico near Boquillas as a result of the raid at Glenn Springs and Boquillas a week ago. Four troops of cavalry and a machine gun detachment are now operating close to the line, scouting through a limited territory south of the border, but there never has been any intention of sending forward at that point a punitive expedition that would compare in size to that of General Pershing in the State of Chihuahua. If the cavalry that is operating south of Boquillas fails to locate any bandits within a few days its return to stations north of the line is probable.

Army officers here are deeply interested in the efforts the Mexican troops were reported to be making to run down the bandits who raided the Big Bend district and who yet hold as prisoner Jesse Deemer, an American storekeeper. It is regarded here as not impossible that the Mexican troops may have cut off the retreat towards the interior of the bandits and force them back within reach of Colonel Sibley's cavalry.

Reports from General Pershing today were said to deal with routine matters only. His entire column of more than 14,000 men is now almost a compact unit.

With the exception of the Thirtieth and Third Infantry, one battalion of the Third Field Artillery, and one company of coast artillery, all the additional troops ordered to report to General Funston have arrived. Four of the 11 companies of coast artillery brought here have been sent to border stations. The remainder have been mobilized at Fort Sam Houston.

The militia mobilization at Douglas, Columbus and here was completed today.

The mustering into the regular military establishment of the militia-men will be begun Tuesday. Medical officers who have been examining the men estimated today that the percentage of those who would be rejected was almost negligible. A slightly greater percentage of those who do not care to be sworn in "for the term of their enlistment" is expected, but Major Stevenson, adjutant of the brigade, said that investigation indicated that at least 85 per cent of the guardsmen would take the oath without hesitation.

It is not expected that any of the militia will be placed in stations of great responsibility for some time, possibly for weeks. In the meantime the work of drilling them and hardening them will be conscientiously looked after. Light work was commenced today.

Hansel and Gretchel at the Broadway Thursday.

LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WEST GASTONIA, May 15.—Mr. W. V. West and family spent the week-end with relatives at Tucapau, S. C. They made the trip in their machine.

Miss Ferrie Hamilton, of Charlotte, has returned home after spending a few days with Miss Madge Dalton.

Mr. Carr Dalton, of the United States Navy, is visiting home folks here.

Mr. Henry Stephenson, of Thrift, visited friends here last week.

Rev. C. A. Hendrix, of Long Shoals, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. John Corn left Sunday for Glendale, S. C., where he will spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dalton are visiting relatives in Spencer.

Mr. T. Lockman and wife visited relatives in Bessemer City Sunday.

Mrs. M. Scruggs is spending the week with relatives at Gaffney, S. C.

Miss Mattie Turner is spending a few days with relatives at Gaffney, S. C.

Mrs. Jeff Watts, of McAdenville, was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. James McKinney spent a few days last week with relatives at Glendale, S. C.

Mary Pickford in Hearts Adrift, Photoplay Magazine Free, Ideal Friday.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Seventh installment of "The Strange Case of Mary Page" today.

—Mr. Judson Shannon is assisting The Gazette at present as local reporter.

—Miss Edna Clemmer was taken to the City Hospital Sunday for an operation.

—Mr. Perry Wright, of Bessemer City, route two, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Hon. O. F. Mason left Friday night on a business trip to Washington and New York.

—Mrs. J. M. Barkley, of Statesville, is spending a few weeks here with her son, Mr. F. D. Barkley.

—Dr. L. N. Glenn returned last week from spending several weeks in Boston, Mass., in special study.

—Miss Callie Martin, of Catawba county, is the guest this week of her cousins, Misses Gertrude and Florence Martin.

—Mrs. Georgitsa Leventaki returned Sunday from Spartanburg, S. C., where she spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Trakas.

—Mr. Ernest Sipe and Miss Mary Abernethy, of High Shoals, spent Sunday here with Miss Etta Saunders.

—Mr. W. Lyle Smith is building a residence on South street near Fourth avenue. When it is completed he will occupy it.

—Her friends will be glad to know that Miss Annie Aiken, who has been quite ill for a couple of weeks, is improving rapidly. She is now able to sit up.

—Miss Eleanor Moore Reid, teacher of English and expression at Statesville Female College, will return to her home here tomorrow to spend the summer.

—Miss Lucy Boyce will leave tomorrow for Charlotte, where she will be the guest of Miss Mildred Butt during the Twentieth of May celebration.

—Mr. E. D. Atkins left last night for Wilson, N. C., to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I. O. O. F., as representative of Gastonia Lodge No. 188.

—Mrs. W. L. Baber, Miss Jessie Baber and Mr. Luther Baber, of York, spent Sunday here, coming to attend the Browning-Stapleton meeting. They made the trip in their machine.

—Miss Susan Rankin, who has been teaching the past year at Lenoir, spent Sunday here with relatives en route to Chapel Hill to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. L. A. Rankin.

—Mrs. H. B. Moore and two little daughters, Madeline and Frances, left Saturday for Asheville. The little girls will spend some time there with relatives. Mrs. Moore will return home in a few days.

—Dr. Henry F. Glenn and Mrs. Glenn left Friday night for Baltimore, where Mrs. Glenn will undergo an operation at the Union Protestant Infirmary. Mrs. Glenn will be in Baltimore about two weeks.

—Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, of Charlotte, spent a part of yesterday in town en route home from Linwood College where he preached the annual sermon before the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Sunday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Andrews and little son, Cleveland, returned Sunday from New York. They witnessed on Saturday the immense preparedness parade in which about 150,000 people participated.

—Because of the crowded condition of our columns today we are compelled to omit from this issue the usual installment of "Gaston in the Eighties". This will be resumed, however, with next Tuesday's issue.

—Mr. Charles M. Moore returned Saturday from Philadelphia, where he underwent an operation some time ago. His sister, Mrs. Jane Norment, has not yet sufficiently recovered to return home, but will remain in Philadelphia several weeks longer.

—Mrs. A. Brady, after spending several days here with Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig, went to Charlotte yesterday afternoon. She will return to Gastonia the latter part of the week to spend a day or two before leaving for her home at Kansas City, Mo.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brockman and children left this morning for Marshall where they will spend two weeks. Mr. Brockman is being relieved for a two-weeks vacation as manager of the Western Union's local office by Mr. C. M. Gaffney, of Charleston, S. C.

—In the municipal court Friday morning Lee Helton, a young white man who works in the Gastonia Cotton Manufacturing Company, was fined \$10 and the cost on a charge of assault. Helton was charged with striking Miss Fannie Grigg in the face during an altercation which took place in the mill Thursday night.

—The Gazette is requested to state that the communion service previously announced to be held at the Second Associate Reformed Presbyterian church on the third Sabbath of this month has been postponed until the following Sabbath. Preparatory services will begin on Friday night previous and will be conducted by Rev. E. Grier Carson, of Charlotte. Rev. E. R. Caldwell is pastor of this church.

The Horrors of War, Broadway Theatre tomorrow, Wednesday.