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## TALKS TO THE CHILDREN

### DREW LESSONS FROM ANIMAL LIFE

Evangelist Browning last night taught the boys and girls lessons from the lives of the Ant, Spider, Grasshopper and Rabbit—Special Service for Colored Folks Next Sunday Afternoon—Mr. Kidder to speak tomorrow night—Special Trains from Kings Mountain and Lincolnton.

At last night's service at the tabernacle Evangelist Browning again preached to the children, of whom there were a large number present. He had announced that his subject would be "The Ant, the Grasshopper, the Spider and the Rabbit." From the lives of these humble dumb animals Mr. Browning drew some exceedingly impressive lessons. The illustrations he used drew home some splendid lessons in each instance and the children learned things that will no doubt remain vividly with them throughout life.

From the ant the speaker drew the lesson of thrift and perseverance. "Did any of you children ever see a little ant resting under the shade of a blade of grass fanning himself?" asked the speaker. "No" responded a chorus of little voices and Mr. Browning then told them how the little ant is always at work, tireless and unceasing. From the life-history of the ant he brought home the lesson to his hearers that thrift and unceasing work are necessary in the Christian life.

"Can a grasshopper stop a train?" he next asked and the children readily responded "No." He then told them how, a few years ago, out in the Rocky Mountains, there was a pest of grasshoppers, millions of them everywhere. Swarms of them gathered on the railroad tracks. As the wheels passed over and crushed them on the track, the rails became slick and the wheels slipped and turned but the train stood still. From the incident he drew the lesson of organization and co-operation. He told the children that, if they had given their hearts to God, they should join the church of their choice at once and let their efforts for the cause of Christ be combined with the efforts of all the other people in the church. Thus they could accomplish something. If they remained on the outside and tried to work alone they could accomplish but little of anything.

The spider-builds in high places. From the life and habits of this little animal the speaker impressed upon the children that they should have high ideas and high ideals. The rabbit, he said, is not as big as a dog and could not whip him. The rabbit, however, is wise and when the dog starts after him he runs to a place of safety. So with boys and girls, men and women; when the devil of temptation gets after us we can run to the Rock of Ages and there find sweet refuge from the snares and temptations that assail us.

Last Friday and Saturday night the services were especially impressive. A large number of people went to the altar on each of these nights and many were converted. There is a growing spirituality in the meetings and the hearts of many people are being touched and warmed by the preaching of Evangelist Browning. As a preacher he is logical and convincing. He makes plain the words of the Scripture and his arguments for living the Christian life are unanswerable. He is a master hand at giving illustrations and relating incidents bearing on the subject he has under discussion. Often he has his congregation in tears and at other times he as easily makes them laugh. No more direct, powerful and convincing preaching has ever been heard here, according to the opinion of many who have heard him.

Next Sunday afternoon Mr. Browning will preach a special sermon to the colored people of the city.

Tonight a large delegation of Kings Mountain people, probably 250 or 300, will be here for the service. Thursday night a special train will come from Lincolnton bringing several hundred people for the service.

On tomorrow night Mr. Charles D. Kidder, the pianist, will have charge of the meeting. Mr. Kidder was converted under Mr. Browning's preaching at Newbern a year ago. He was rescued from a life steeped in sin. At tomorrow night's service he will tell of his life and experiences and he is desirous that the young men of the city especially come out to hear him.

### Souvenirs of Meeting Issued.

A booklet souvenir of the Browning-Stapleton Tabernacle meeting has just been issued from The Gazette press and contains 24 pages, the efforts of Mr. Charles D. Kidder. The booklet contains pictures of Messrs. Browning, Stapleton, Kidder and others connected with the meeting. It also contains a biographical sketch of Evangelist Raymond Browning and some selected parts from his anvil. Five of the most popular songs sung in the meeting are also included in the booklet as well as other interesting information. The books can be had for a nominal charge, which is small.



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## WILL HAVE BASE BALL

### GASTONIA ENTERS WESTERN LEAGUE

Agreement Reached Monday at Statesville Meeting—To Be Strictly Amateur Players—Season Will Last Ten Weeks and Will Be Divided Into Two Halves—Gastonia, Statesville, Kannapolis and Morganton Comprise League—Fast Ball Promised.

Gastonia is to have baseball this summer.

Messrs. J. Flem Johnson and J. Mack Holland returned from Statesville last night where they met with representatives of the several towns in the Western North Carolina League yesterday and an agreement was reached whereby Gastonia was given a berth in the association. The exact terms on which Gastonia accepted a place in the league have not been fully announced, but it is known that the towns of Statesville, Morganton, Kannapolis and Gastonia are to comprise the circuit.

Beginning June 19th the season will open and will continue for ten weeks, ending some time the latter part of August. The season will be divided into two halves of five weeks each. The winner of the first half is to play the winner of the second half. At the end of the season the winner will probably play the successful team winning out in the Eastern Carolina League on some neutral ground. That, however, has not at this time been definitely decided upon but will be at some future date.

The Western North Carolina Baseball League is the official title of the organization with Dr. Carlton, of Statesville, as secretary and treasury. A president and other officers are to be named later. Only amateur players shall be allowed to participate in any of the games and it is understood that this rule will be strictly adhered to. The promoters of the Gastonia club will put forth every effort to secure a winning team. A fast, snappy class of ball is promised and it is useless to say that Gastonia fans will give their loyal support to the team.

This action brings to a close negotiations which have been carried on with the towns which last year composed the Western Carolina League, and no doubt the hearts of many rooters of last year's fame in baseball will be thrilled with joy at the glad tidings.

Don't miss "The Target" at the Broadway today.

Fire in Durham Sunday night destroyed the Brian building, causing a loss of \$10,000.

Marguerite Clark in "Mollie Make Believe," Ideal Friday.

Fire at Rutherfordton early Sunday morning damaged the Southern Hotel at that place to the extent of \$6,000.

Mr. T. M. Brockman and family returned Tuesday from a two weeks vacation spent with relatives at Marshall.

**WAS TROUBLED AT NIGHT**  
Painful, annoying bladder weakness usually indicates kidney trouble. So does backache, rheumatism, sore, swollen or stiff muscles or joints. Such symptoms have been relieved by Foley Kidney Pills. Henry Rudolph, Carmi, Ill., writes: "Since taking Foley Kidney Pills I sleep all night without getting up." J. H. Kennedy & Co.—Adv.

## JAMES J HILL PASSES

### EMPIRE BUILDER OF THE NORTHWEST

Notable and Conspicuous Figure in American Finance and Politics Passes After Illness of Few Days—Rose From Lowly Position to Place of Usual Power—Was Great Railroad Builder.

A dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., to yesterday afternoon's papers says: James J. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist and most widely known figure of the northwest, died at his Summit avenue residence at 9:30 o'clock this morning as the result of an affection due to bowel trouble.

Mr. Hill was unconscious for nearly 12 hours before he died. Dr. Herman M. Biggs of New York and Dr. Stanley Seager of Rochester, Minn., together with members of the immediate Hill family, were at the bedside when the end came.

James J. Hill discovered "the breadbasket of the world" in the Great Northwest; he led in its development from a wilderness into what now comprises six wealthy States dotted with 400,000 farms; and he blazed a trail for transportation which reached eventually from Buffalo to Asia, with a total mileage of rail and steamship facilities that would nearly girdle the earth.

That but roughly spans the story of his achievement.

Near Guelph, in Ontario, where James (Jerome) Hill was born in 1838, the son of an Irish-Canadian farmer who died when the boy was 15, there stands a tree stump labeled: "The last tree chopped by James J. Hill."

It marked the lad's resolution to go to the United States. He had been prompted by an odd incident. According to the story that is told, a strange traveler had stopped at the Hill farm to take dinner, and left his horse at the gate. Young Hill saw the animal was tired and he carried it a pail of water. The stranger was pleased with the lad's thoughtfulness and as he drove off he tossed him a newspaper from the United States, and called out gravely:

"Go there, young man. That country needs youngsters of your spirit."

Hill read the paper carefully. It contained glowing accounts of opportunities in the States. He resolved to investigate, for himself. It was the next morning that he chopped his last tree.

As a mere roustabout lad of 18, he toured from Maine to Minnesota. When, in 1856, he disembarked from a Mississippi river packet at St. Paul that place was a frontier town of 5,000 inhabitants. At the sign of W. J. Bass & Co., agents for the Dubuque & St. Paul Packet Company, he found a job as both stevedore and clerk.

In the fifteen years that followed he seized every opportunity to study the whole problem of river transportation. He gathered no end of experience and a little capital with which he launched his own firm of Hill, Griss & Co., which promptly displayed its initiative by bringing the first load of coal that had ever been seen in that section into St. Paul. Two years later, with a flat bottomed steamer he established the first regular communication with St. Paul and the Manitoba ports of the fertile Red river valley.

About that time St. Paul was having its first experiment in railroad building. Eighty miles had been laid to St. Cloud, 316 miles to Breckenridge, both of which terminals were at the southern end of the Red river valley, and there were about 100 miles of track "which began nowhere and ended in that same indefinite spot." This venture ran up a debt of \$33,000,000 and collapsed, with its only assets being "a few streaks of rust and a right of way."

Hill had had sufficient success in the region to be seized with a consuming desire to purchase the defunct property. After five years of financial dickerings, including the sale of all his other interests, which netted a fortune of \$100,000, he and a syndicate of three others—Sir Donald A. Smith, George Stephens and Norman W. Kittson—obtained the St. Paul, Minnesota and Manitoba Railway was formed to operate the property, with Hill as general manager. When in 1883 Mr. Hill was elected president he undertook the extension of the road from its Dakota and Minnesota homestead to the Pacific ocean. He was confronted by three great competitors to the south, each of which had received big bonuses as government aid, whereas the "Manitoba" or the Great Northern, as it came to be known, did not have a dollar of government subsidy or an acre of grant to forward its progress from the Minnesota boundary to the sea.

In this light, Hill's plan was widely deemed pure folly, but he pressed it to conclusion by building and populating as he built. For several years he laid the rails westward at the rate of a mile a day, and at a cost of \$30,000 a mile, and as he went he left a trail of embryonic farms by the roadside.

With the line to Puget Sound once laid, he turned empire builder. He introduced the live stock industry into vast areas of bunch grass plains, and developed them by importing blooded stock; he sent demonstration

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## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. J. Lon Thomason, of Kings Mountain, spent Sunday in Gastonia.

—Another much-needed shower fell last night. It was needed.

—Ninth installment of "The Strange Case of Mary Page."

—Mr. Thad P. Clinton, of Clover, spent Saturday here on business.

—Mr. C. F. Harry, of Grover, is a business visitor in town today.

—Mr. Fred S. Wetzell, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with home-folks.

—Mr. Locke McKenzie, of Salisbury, spent Sunday here with friends.

—Mrs. J. A. Estridge spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Seaboch, at Hickory.

—Miss Evelyn Frew, of Rock Hill, is visiting her sister, Miss Mary Frew.

—Miss Madge Webb, after spending several days as the guest of Miss Katharine Mason, returned Monday to her home at Shelby.

—Mr. Robert White, who holds a responsible position with a shoe store at Statesville, spent Sunday here visiting relatives.

—Miss Daisy Howard, of Lincolnton, arrived in the city Monday afternoon to be the guest for several days of Miss Prue Crowder.

—Messrs. W. R. Armstrong and Robert McLean motored to Spartanburg Sunday, returning home Sunday night.

—Messrs. Wilson McArver and Theodore Morris, who have been attending A. & M. College at Raleigh, returned home for the summer last week.

—Because of the crowded condition of our columns on Fridays we have changed our weekly trade-at-home page to Tuesdays issue, beginning with this week.

—Miss Myrtle Rhodes, of Wilmington, who has been the guest for the past fortnight of Miss Ruby Spencer, returned home Monday afternoon.

—Mr. A. G. Myers returned home Sunday morning from Durham, where he attended the funeral Saturday of the infant son of his brother, Mr. C. C. Myers.

—Miss Cora Clark left Saturday for Lincolnton on a visit to friends, and from Lincolnton she will go today to Dandridge, Tenn., to spend the summer with Mrs. M. C. Fain.

—Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wellman left this morning for Nebo, where they will spend several days as the guests of Mrs. Wellman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson.

—Recently Messrs. R. Hope Britton & Co. have added ice to their wholesale business and are now operating ice wagons over the entire town. Read their advertisement in today's Gazette.

—Miss Stella Munday, of Denver, spent Sunday in the city with her sister, Miss Jamie Munday, en route to her home from Monroe, where she has been teaching in the public schools for the past year.

—Mr. Henry Rankin, son of Mrs. R. P. Rankin, left Sunday for Raleigh to attend the commencement exercises of A. & M. College. Mr. Rankin is a member of the graduating class in the department of electrical engineering.

—The second quarterly conference for the West End and Franklin Avenue Methodist churches will be held at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon of this week at Franklin avenue church. Rev. J. R. Scoog, of Shelby, will preside.

### SHE TOLD HER NEIGHBOR

"I told a neighbor whose child had croup about Foley's Honey and Tar," writes Mrs. Rehkamp, 2404 Herman St., Covington, Ky. "When she gave it a couple of doses she was so pleased with the change she didn't know what to say." This reliable remedy helps coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. J. H. Kennedy & Co.—Adv.

## BURTON GETS TEN YEARS

### AT HARD LABOR IN STATE'S PRISON

Aged Slayer of Bessemer City Lad Convicted of Second Degree Murder—Judge Orders Mack Page Taken in Connection With Negro Murder Case—Judge Frank Carter Completes Term in This District—Number of Minor Cases Disposed of.

The May term of Gaston Superior Court was concluded Saturday morning, at which time Isaac Burton, an aged white man of Bessemer City, was sentenced to ten years in the State penitentiary at Raleigh for the murder of Buery Hardin, a young white boy. Burton was convicted of murder in the second degree. The killing occurred the night of May 10th on the streets of Bessemer City. Burton, it is stated, was tried in Kings Mountain about ten years ago for the murder of his brother, but was acquitted.

Della Page, colored, and her 12-year-old son, Willie Page, who are charged with the killing of Della Farris on Saturday night, May 6th, were arraigned Friday morning. Judge Carter ordered a mistrial of the case. Mack Page, husband of Della Page, who appealed from the recorder's court on a charge of assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon, and who was out under a \$200 bond, failed to appear for trial when called. A reward of \$25 is offered by Sheriff Davis for his arrest.

With the May term of court Judge Carter completed his sitting in the fourteenth judicial district, of which Gaston county is a part. During Judge Carter's stay in Gastonia he has made many friends because of the excellent manner in which he runs the court. His court is orderly at all times and the docket is disposed of with dispatch.

The following cases were disposed of:

No. 9, T. E. Leroy, practicing medicine without license. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

No. 27, Lee Stowe, keeping whiskey for sale. Nol pros.

No. 40, Joe Ramsey, larceny. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

No. 48, Otto Rupp, false pretense. Defendant having made full compensation and paid all costs. Judgment suspended.

No. 53, Page Ballard, burglary; bill changed to forcible trespass and defendant plead guilty; Judgment continued upon payment of costs.

No. 57, Melvin Glenn, larceny. Four months in jail.

No. 58, Melvin Glenn, carrying concealed weapons. Judgment suspended on good behavior.

No. 71, Adrian Hoover, slander. Judgment suspended upon payment of one-half the costs.

No. 11, Chevis Wells, assault. Defendant required to give bond in sum of \$100.

No. 51, Walter Brittain, nuisance. Judgment suspended on payment of one-half costs.

No. 56, E. L. Jenkins, appeal from recorder. Nol pros.

No. 63, Henry Adams, larceny. Nol pros.

No. 64, John Edwards, c. c. w. Fined \$10 and costs.

No. 67, Ben Chase and Roscoe Gullick, larceny. Judgment as to Gullick suspended upon good behavior for three years; Chase suspended upon payment of costs; must show good behavior for three years.

No. 68, Ben Chase and Roscoe Gullick, injury to property. Judgment as to Gullick, 3 months on roads. Judgment as to Ben Chase suspended upon payment of costs.

No. 69, John Henry Craig, bigamy. One year on roads.

No. 74, Will McGinnas, Joe Fronberger, Sid Fronberger and Hill Smith, affray. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

No. 86, Esther Richardson, c. c. w. Nol pros.

No. 36, J. P. Carpenter, aiding and abetting in assault. Judgment continued upon payment of costs.

No. 37, Bud Lay, abandonment. Nol pros.

No. 52, Robert Barron, c. c. w. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

No. 70, Oscar Tate, assault with deadly weapon. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

No. 8, Sip Adams, assault. Judgment continued upon payment of costs.

No. 82, Esther Richardson, assault. Six months on roads.

No. 85, Campbell Lell, Tom Propst and Mrs. Alonzo Moses, affray. Nol pros as to Moses; not guilty as to Propst, guilty as to Lell. Judgment suspended; insolvency admitted.

No. 73, Bell Page and Willie Page, murder. Mistrial.

No. 3, David P. Dellinger, soliciting insurance in unauthorized companies. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

No. 26, Will Black, abandonment. Three years on public roads.

No. 52, Robert Barron, c. c. w. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

No. 61, Claud Ramsey, abandonment. Prayer for judgment continued; defendant to pay into court for the use of his wife \$2 per week.

No. 79, I. J. Burton, Murder. Convicted of murder in the second

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

#### ATTENDING LUCAS-

WILLIAMSON WEDDING.

Misses Lavinia Hunter and Nellie Rose Sloan left Monday afternoon for Florence, S. C., to be present at the marriage of Miss Ruth Williamson to Mr. Marion Lucas, which will take place Thursday evening, June 1st. Misses Hunter and Sloan will be bridesmaids in the wedding. They expect to spend several days away from home visiting and will return to the city Sunday morning.

#### TREAT FOR GASTONIANS

##### TOMORROW NIGHT.

One of the most interesting events of the season will be the recital to be given tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock by Miss Pearl Miller, soprano, and Miss Amy Childs, reader, in the Central school auditorium.

These young ladies won much applause and admiration from a Gastonia audience on a previous occasion and their return is looked forward to with pleasure. Miss Miller has a soprano voice of unusual beauty and power and is also endowed with attractive personality and artistic temperament.

Miss Childs possesses great skill at entertainment and decided genius in the art of expression. She has mastered her art to the extent that the years of training seem to be forgotten when she appears before an audience, so completely does she give herself over to her characters and so clever is she in her impersonations.

Miss Childs recently gave her graduation recital at Brenau, presenting an entire play, and won great praise.

All lovers of song and story are invited to hear these young artists, and a treat is in store for all who attend.

#### M'LEAN-M'KENZIE

##### WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

Misses Marie and Lols Torrence entertained the Original Thirteen Club with a prettily appointed breakfast Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at her home on South York street in honor of Miss Clara Armstrong, whose marriage to Mr. W. L. Wetzell will take place the 6th of June.

The house was artistically decorated with baskets of pink roses and ferns, the color scheme being pink and green throughout. The dining room was especially attractive. The table was festooned with the chandelier to the place-cards with pink ribbons twisted with Dorothy Perkins roses. The centerpiece represented the sea of matrimony and was an oblong mirror banked with pink roses and smilax, upon which sailed two small boats paddled by Cupids. Concealed in the chandelier among the smilax were two surprises that became known when each guest was told to draw the ribbon at her place. As the ribbon was drawn a dainty shower of handkerchiefs for the bride-elect fell from the end of Miss Armstrong's ribbon and attractive souvenirs were found upon the guests' ribbons which were little Cupids holding an engagement ring bearing the announcement of Miss Nell McLean's engagement to Mr. William Locke McKenzie, of Salisbury, in October. The announcement came as a complete surprise, the breakfast being given for Miss Armstrong, who was supposed to be the only bride of the occasion.

When the announcement became known a beautiful corsage bouquet of Killarney roses and valley lilies was brought in on a silver tray and presented to Miss McLean from the groom-elect. Miss McLean is a member of the Original Thirteen Club and quite a social favorite. The announcement of her engagement will be of great interest to her numerous friends. She is the youngest daughter of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean, and has made her home in Gastonia until recently, when she moved to South Point. Mr. McKenzie is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKenzie, of Salisbury, and is a popular young business man of that city.

The only guests at the breakfast other than the club members were Miss Ethel Miller, of Goldsboro, who is visiting Miss Maud Rankin, and Miss Madge Webb, of Shelby, the guest of Miss Katharine Mason.

Wallace Reid and Cleo Ridgely, Paramount, Ideal today.

A. H. Twichell, president of the Clifton and Glendale Mills, South Carolina, died at his home in Spartanburg Sunday; aged 75 years. He suffered a stroke of paralysis 10 days ago.

Mary Miles Minter in "Lovely Mary," Cozy Today.

The Lakeview Mills, Inc., is a new cotton factory just chartered for Cliftonside. The capital stock is \$200,000.

A flour mill is being built at Cliftonside.

Don't miss "The Target" at the Broadway today.

degree and mercy of the court recommended.

No. 81, William Champion, Will Huffstetter, Will Petty, burglary. William Champion given 15 months. Huffstetter given 12 months.