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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

MR. G. W. LITZ SEVERELY INJURED

Assistant to President of Ritter Lumber Company in Hospital Here Suffering From Internal Injuries That May Prove Fatal—Has Chance of Life—Two Others Injured When Motor Cars Collided.

As a result of a head-on collision between two railroad motor cars near Collettsville on the C. & N. W. Railway Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock, Mr. George W. Litz, of Columbus, Ohio, assistant to the president of the W. M. Ritter Lumber Company, lies in a very critical condition today in the City Hospital here while Mr. Gus Branch, section foreman on the railroad has a broken leg and Mr. H. E. Cobb, an employee of the lumber company, is suffering from minor injuries. The three men were brought to Gastonia on a special train Wednesday arriving shortly after noon.

Dr. J. W. Long, a prominent surgeon of Greensboro, and Dr. Pryor, of Chester, S. C., had been summoned by wire and reached Gastonia Wednesday night. Realizing Mr. Litz was internally injured and in a very serious condition, Drs. Long and Pryor, assisted by Dr. J. C. Moore, of Mortimer, and local physicians, operated on him after midnight Wednesday night. It was found that his intestines had been badly bruised and perforated and that peritonitis had set in. Since then he has been holding his own, having recovered nicely from the effects of the operation, and while his condition today is considered very grave his physicians say that he has a chance to live. Dr. Scott, of Bluefield, W. Va., arrived on No. 37 at noon today and Dr. Charles H. Hamilton, a noted surgeon of Columbus, Ohio, has been summoned and is expected to reach Gastonia some time today. All that medical skill can do is being done to save his life.

Among those of his family and friends who are here at his bedside are his wife, Mrs. Ethel W. Litz, and little girl, Helen, of Columbus, O., who arrived on No. 37 today accompanied by Judge James French Strother, of Welch, W. Va., and Dr. Scott, of Bluefield; his brothers, Mr. B. H. Litz, of Morristown, Tenn., A. Z. Litz, wife and daughter, Miss Georgia Litz, of Tazewell, Va., Joe F. Litz, of Tazewell, Va.; his sister, Mrs. T. H. Smott, of Tazewell, Va.; Mr. S. M. Wolfe, division superintendent of the Ritter Lumber Co., of Asheville; Mr. R. L. Hooker, local superintendent of the Ritter plant at Mortimer; W. E. Weakley, traffic manager of the company, Columbus, O., and Mr. Landon C. Bell, assistant general counsel of the company, of Columbus. All these are guests at the Armington.

As nearly as the facts can be ascertained it appears that Mr. Litz and party left Lenoir for Mortimer early Wednesday morning, expecting to reach the latter place before the section crew went out. Some trouble on the way, however, delayed them a little. On a sharp curve near Collettsville they met and collided with the motor car of the section crew in which were Mr. Branch and others. Mr. Litz was thrown from the car and hurled against some object, sustaining internal injuries. He was apparently not bruised externally and it was some time before it was realized that he was, in reality, dangerously wounded. He and the other injured men were then brought to Gastonia as quickly as possible on a special train.

Much sympathy is felt here for the injured man and his family, whose waiting and anxiety over the outcome of his injuries causes them much suffering. Those who know Mr. Litz say that he was an unusually careful man and was, in reality,

AGREE TO CLOSE EARLY

MERCHANTS TO GIVE CLERKS MORE REST

Twenty-Eight Merchants and Business Men Sign Contract Stating Early Hours of Closing—Came as the Result of Recent Meeting of Ministers and Business Men—Hardware and Furniture Stores Will Close at Nine O'clock on Saturdays—Dry Goods and Grocery Stores Will Close at Ten—Drug and Fruit Stores Will Close an Hour Before Midnight.

As a result of a recent meeting of the business men and ministers of the city for the purpose of considering the feasibility of closing the stores and business houses at an earlier hour than heretofore, the following petition has been drafted and signed by those business men who believe that their clerks need more time for rest and recreation:

"We, the undersigned merchants and business men of the city of Gastonia, realizing that we and our clerical help need, and are justly entitled to more time for rest and recreation than we now have, and believing that we can shorten the hours of labor without doing any injury either to ourselves or our patrons, mutually agree that the hours suggested below for closing will be fair, just and reasonable to all persons concerned, and hereby pledge ourselves to close our places of business not later than the hours indicated in the following schedule:

"Dry goods, clothing, men's furnishings and shoe stores to close every day not later than 6 p. m. except Saturday and then not later than 10 p. m.

"Grocery stores to close every day not later than 7 p. m. except Saturday and then not later than 10 p. m.

"Fruit stores to close every day not later than 10 p. m. and on Saturday not later than 11 p. m.

"Hardware and furniture stores to close every day not later than 7 p. m. and on Saturday not later than 9 p. m.

"This schedule is to take effect Saturday, July 15th."

Harry-Baber Company.
Swan-Slater Company.
Robinson Shoe Company.
J. M. Belk Company.
The Efrid Company.
Ideal Grocery Company.
Columbia Tailoring Co., Otto C. Duncan, Manager.
John Farris.
George Knuckley.
Farris Noster.
Howell-Groves Shoe Company.
Sweetland, Chris P. Leventis, Manager.
Torrence-Morris Company.
McLellan Stores Company.
Sherman Bros., A. R. Sherman, Manager.
Standard Hardware Company.
Stowe-Baber Company.
A. B. O'Neil.
Gastonia Furniture Company.
Morris Brothers.
H. Schneider.
Elite Grocery Company.
D. & L. Lebovitz.
Rankin-Armstrong Company.
Gastonia Hardware Company.
H. M. Van Sleen.
Thomson Mercantile Company.
P. P. Leventis & Company.

It was impossible for the committee to communicate with the proprietors of two of the drug stores, but it is thought that they will readily agree to the terms of the schedule. Two of the drug stores agreed to close but withheld their names in order that the petition might be submitted to the managers of the other drug stores.

This is an excellent movement and is only in keeping with the progressive steps taken by other towns in the State.

always opposed to closing on these railroad motor cars as he was frequently called on to do when visiting any of the plants of his company.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

DIRECTORS ADOPT LARGE PROGRAM

Directors of Chamber of Commerce Hold Big Meeting and Adopt Program of Constructive Work—Big Town Meeting to Be Held This Month—Recommendations of Secretary Roberts Are Adopted.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce held last night a program of constructive work was adopted, and every member of the board expressed the opinion that the work of the chamber for the balance of the year would be more successful than at any time heretofore.

Included in the program adopted by the chamber directors are plans for a well-arranged advertising campaign which is destined to bring more capital, farmers, residents and industries to Gastonia county. In connection with this campaign, the chamber immediately begins the publication of the Gastonia Magazine, which is to be published under the direction of the Greater Gaston Association. This magazine will reach all the people in this county and others throughout the country.

In order to facilitate the development of Gastonia county, and following the suggestion of various citizens in the county, the chamber starts a move to organize the Greater Gaston Association, the purposes of which will be to promote the industrial, agricultural, educational and social interests of Gastonia county. The plan of this organization is brief as follows:

There is to be a unit of the organization in each township of the county, the president of each township unit to be a member of the board of the Greater Gaston Association. The president and other officers to be elected at the annual meeting, the first of which will be held at Gastonia about September 5th. In connection with this meeting each year will be held a farmers congress and county merchants convention. A strong program is being arranged for this meeting and for the entertainment of the farmers and merchants and their families in Gastonia county. It is expected that arrangements will be made to entertain from 6,000 to 8,000 people. Special features will be arranged for the women. There is an organization needed and its sole purpose will be to assist the towns in the county and the county as a whole. Institutes will be conducted in every school house in the county. Roads will be improved and conditions in general improved through this organization. The temporary officers of the organization are president, Mr. Frank P. Hall; secretary, C. W. Roberts. The officers will be elected at the meeting held in September.

The Chamber of Commerce with the assistance of the Woman's Betterment Association will establish in Gastonia a rest room where farmers' wives, their children and others may have a place to rest when coming to Gastonia to shop. This room will be provided with a cot, baby's bed, comfortable chairs, water, light, gas, toilet and other necessities. An attendant will be in charge and children may be left there while the mothers shop, or baggage left, and it will be a place for the shoppers to go instead of having to loaf around the stores waiting for trains. This feature will make shopping in Gastonia a pleasure.

The Chamber of Commerce will undertake the development of a system of playgrounds in the city, the first one to be started as soon as a suitable site has been selected. The assistance of the municipal government will be solicited for this feature.

The program as adopted by the chamber calls for a permanent exhibit of manufactures and farm products produced in Gastonia county. This exhibit will be collected and established in a prominent location in the city where it will be seen by every person visiting the city.

At a date to be named later, a big town meeting will be held, probably in the armory at which all the citizens of the city will be invited to attend including the ladies. The Chamber of Commerce and Woman's Betterment Association will have charge of the meeting. And every man, woman, young lady and young man is expected to be present. It will not be a dry meeting of speaking, but entertaining features will be arranged and refreshments served.

The civic committee will start a campaign to have all store fronts remodeled, repainted and improved in a modern way, and to encourage well-kept windows, and well-lighted at night. This committee also hopes to get the merchants whose stores run back to the railroad to have the rears cleaned up and not to allow any signs or posters of any kind tacked on them, or allow old boxes and trash to accumulate in the rear of the stores.

The industrial committee of the chamber starts out with a systematic campaign for industries. Information on several industries is now being collected by this committee, and the chamber is getting in touch with competent men who may become interested in them. At least this department is going after desirable industries in a business-like fashion, but will not go factory

THE BUGS WIN FIRST

CLIMBERS LOST TO MORGANTON THURSDAY

By a Score of 6 to 2 the Morganton Outfit Runs Away With First Game—Evans and Staunton Hit the Opposing Moundmen—Martin and Evans Feature With Home-Runs for the Visitors—Umpire Dawson's Decisions at Times Were Exceedingly Rank—A Double Bill Slated for This Afternoon.

Gastonia lost the first game of the series with Morganton at Lory Park yesterday afternoon in a rather slow game by a score of 6 to 2. The Bugs managed to score three in the first frame when Billings singled, stole second and scored on Burke's single. Martin, next up, hit out of the park scoring Burke ahead of him.

Staunton, for Gastonia, who had been selected as the slab artist, now settled down and held the visitors scoreless until the seventh inning when they raced two more across as the result of Holding's three-base hit, a sacrifice fly and Billings' two-base hit which scored Hodgk who had been given first on a batted ball which all but floored the umpire. Morganton's sixth and last tally came in the ninth as the result of Evans' circuit clout over left field fence.

Gastonia's first run was made in the fourth when Arnold doubled to centerfield, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Haun's single. In the seventh inning the Climbers lost an excellent chance to put the game on ice but the so much desired hit was conspicuous by its absence. Haun beat one out to first, advanced to second on Cox's single, both runners advanced on Staunton's short single to left field. With three men on, Evans was unable to find the platter and Acton was given a free pass which scored Haun. Doyte, whiffed for the third out.

Umpire Dawson came in for his share of the rooting at yesterday's game, but the rooting was at him and not in his favor. The fans were indignant as were the Gastonia players and there can be no doubt as to the justifiability of their objections. At times his umpiring was erratic and savored of the can. Whether or not he was honest in his decisions makes absolutely no difference, inasmuch as an error in good faith hurts just as much at a ball game as one that was premeditated. Gastonia fans are asking for relief and should have it, while it remains to be seen whether or not their requests will be granted.

A double bill is staged for this afternoon and Gastonia fans are expecting to annex both affairs.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Morganton... 300 000 201—6 6 1
Gastonia... 000 100 100—2 8 1
Batteries: Evans and Lewis; Staunton and Carver.

A double bill was divided by the Gastonia Climbers and the Morganton Bugs on Tuesday afternoon at Morganton. Taylor sustained a fracture of the nose in the fourth inning of the first game but continued in the game for the other five innings. The following special to The Charlotte Observer tells how the games were played:

In a splendid double-header here today, Gastonia and Morganton split even. Evans pitched a shut-out game in the first, with Thompson doing the same in the second. Evans never gave the visitors the slightest chance to score and Thompson was in danger only once, but pulled out with ease. In the first game, Taylor finished pitching the game and secured two hits after having had his nose broken in the fourth by a foul ball.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
Gastonia... 000 000 000—0 4 6
Morganton... 022 001 00x—5 9 2
Batteries: Taylor and Carver; Evans and Lewis.

Second game.
Score by innings: R. H. E.
Gastonia... 100 000 020—3 4 2
Morganton... 000 000 000—0 4 6
Batteries: Thompson and Arnold; Ellis and Lewis.

New Realty Development.

Marietta Heights is the name of a new real estate development in the colored section of the city. It is owned and is being put on the market by the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co. It consists of 40 or more lots, situated on North Marietta street. This property is splendidly located and has excellent drainage. It promises to be developed into a high-class colored residence section.

Broadway Today, Cleo Madison In "When the Wolf Howls."

Paramount Ideal Today.

Injured This Morning.

Carolina & North Western passenger train No. 10 smashed into a dray wagon this morning at the crossing on East Main avenue, throwing Mr. E. M. Hughes who was driving the wagon to the ground. He was carried to the City Hospital where an examination was made and it was found that he had suffered no broken bones, but was slightly injured by the fall. One wheel of the wagon was demolished, there being no other damage done. The wagon was going down Main avenue towards the Avon mill and had all but cleared the crossing when struck by the train.

Dock Grier, a Mecklenburg negro, was sentenced to 29 years in the State's prison Wednesday by Judge Justice in Superior Court at Charlotte for the murder of Bob Harris, an aged negro, on June 3rd.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life. If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excited; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions. It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength. Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

—COMING AND GOING—



BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Twelve pages again today.

—Read Efrid's big two-page advertisement in this issue.

—Family reunion at the home of Mrs. Mary G. Rhyme, near Dallas, tomorrow.

—Ice cream supper at the Ozark tomorrow night under auspices of the Ozark Betterment Association.

—Little Miss Margaret Reece, of Scranton, Pa., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Stein.

—Mr. Lloyd Ross, city engineer, spent the week-end at Wialhalla, S. C., visiting friends.

—Mr. Kendall Parker will leave tonight for Hopewell, Va., where he will engage in business with his uncle, Mr. Clinton Green.

—Mrs. Harry Hand has returned to her home in Charlotte after spending several days here as the guest of Mrs. Frank Stein.

—Mr. D. R. LaFar and family left this morning in their car for Montreat, where they will spend several weeks.

—There will be special services at St. Michael's Catholic church on Sunday, July 16, at 10 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. Fr. Melchior, O. S. B.

—Mr. J. Craton Sevier, a former resident of this city, spent two days here this week. Mr. Sevier is now traveling representative of the Proctor & Gamble Company.

—Mrs. R. J. Sifford, of Wialhalla, S. C., is expected to be in the city next Tuesday and Wednesday as the guest of Mrs. D. E. McConnell at her home on West Second avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. White Ware and child left yesterday for Wrightsville Beach, where Mr. Ware goes to attend a meeting of automobile salesmen.

—Messrs. Theo Labry and George Kerekos, of the Southern Fruit Co., Charlotte, were visitors in Gastonia Wednesday, the guests of Mr. P. P. Leventis.

—Miss Mary Shuping, who has been the guest of Miss Lucy Jordan, has gone to North Wilkesboro where she will visit friends before returning to her home at Morganton.

—Miss Prue Thomason and Mr. W. H. Thomason left Wednesday for Kinston, where they will visit their sister, Mrs. J. B. Meachem, and family. Before returning home they will also spend several days at Morehead City.

At the High School Conference which is being held all this week at the University of North Carolina, Mr. H. A. Query, superintendent of the Belmont public schools, this county, delivered an address Tuesday on the subject, "How a School Paper May Be Published." During the past year the students of the Belmont high school, under Mr. Query's direction, published The Clarion, one of the best high school papers issued in the State.

Paramount Ideal Today.

Dr. Clark to Preach.

Dr. J. M. Clark, of Oklahoma, who is spending the summer at Montreat, will fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, who is taking his vacation. Dr. Clark will also preach at the union service at the tabernacle Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

CLEO MADISON Broadway Today.

Gastonia Auto Sales Company.

Mr. J. White Ware and associates who recently sold the Gastonia Garage to Mr. J. R. Dellinger as noted in these columns, have organized the Gastonia Auto Sales Company. This concern will deal exclusively in the sale of cars, their principal machines being the Maxwell, Chandler and Oakland.

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Broadway Today, Cleo Madison.

—Miss Lucy Jordan left today for Durham where she will be a member of a house party given by the Misses Rogers. From there she will go to Virginia Beach.

—Secretary C. W. Roberts of the Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Roberts moved today into Mr. W. M. Morris' residence on West Airline avenue where they will keep house. Their phone is No. 13-L.

—Miss Julia LaFar, who recently returned from Charleston, S. C., where she spent the winter with relatives, left this morning for Connelly Springs, where she will spend the summer.

—Among the new dentists just licensed to practice by the State Board of Dental Examiners is Dr. F. R. Wilkins, of Rutherfordton, a brother of Dr. T. A. Wilkins, of Gastonia. He will locate for the practice of his profession at Forest City.

—Mrs. T. J. Lancaster and little daughter Pearl left yesterday morning for Gaffney, S. C., to visit relatives for a few days. From Gaffney they will go to Spartanburg to spend several weeks with Mrs. Lancaster's mother, Mrs. F. J. Zimmerman.

—Captain A. L. Bulwinkle, who returned home a few days ago from Camp Glenn for the purpose of opening a recruiting station, has already enlisted six men and they have reported to headquarters at Camp Glenn.

—The name of Dr. George R. Patrick, of Lowell, is included in a list of 96 who were licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners Wednesday. Dr. Patrick has not announced where he intends to locate.

—Mr. J. J. O'Brian, of Mayworth, and Mr. Henry M. Rankin motored to Asheville on Monday in Mr. O'Brian's car. Because of the bad condition of the roads the car was left at Asheville and Mr. O'Brian went on to Waynesville. Mr. Rankin returning home Tuesday.

—Friends of Mr. Will Nolen, of Spartanburg, S. C., a son of Mr. W. M. Nolen, of Gastonia, will be glad to learn that he is recovering nicely from the effects of an operation for appendicitis which he underwent Wednesday at Steedly's hospital in Spartanburg.

HAD SEVEN GALLONS LIQUOR.

Two Catawba County Men Arrested Last Night by Sheriff Davis With 14 Half-gallon Fruit Jars Filled With Whiskey—Were Brought Over to Superior Court This Morning.

Two white men, W. F. Talent and Ernest Costner, both of Catawba county were tried before Magistrate J. H. Green this morning and bound over to the August term of the Superior Court on the charge of transporting whiskey into Gaston county.

Talent and Costner were arrested by Sheriff Davis and deputies Aderhold and Kendrick last night about 10 o'clock in the woods near the Arlington Mill. When captured the men were sitting around a fire and more than seven gallons of blockade corn whiskey were found near a wagon owned by the two men. In order to transport the liquor without being arrested, the men had placed it in one-half gallon fruit jars which in turn were put under a layer of eggs in egg crates.

Two boys, Lemuel Propst and Ed Yancey, also from Catawba county, and who were camping near Costner and Talent, were held as witnesses but were not charged with handling whiskey. Talent, it is stated, plead guilty to a charge of blockading at the last term of Federal court in Statesville.

Old Files Show Interesting Figures.

One of Torrence Drug Company's windows is filled this week with a score or more of their old prescription file books and some interesting facts have been gleaned from the prescriptions which represent a business that extends over a period of 31 years, the first ones being dated in 1885. During this period of 31 years a total of 180,685 prescriptions have been compounded. Figuring their average length at six inches and if they were laid end to end they would make a paper path over 17 miles long, reaching from Gastonia to Lincolnton. If laid side by side and end to end they would cover Main street for one and one-half blocks, and if they were stood upright end to end the total length would be 170 times higher than the Washington monument. Allowing five minutes for the filling of each prescription it has taken a total of 15,057 hours or 627 days or one year and 262 days.

Thin-haired readers of this issue should begin using Parigian Sage and thus escape baldness. J. H. Kennedy & Co. sell it on guarantee to stop falling hair and cure dandruff and itching scalp or money back—Adv.

BASEBALL

STATESVILLE

VS

GASTONIA

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

17th., 18th., 19th.

4 P. M. LORAY PARK