

Scraps and Facts.

Rural credits legislation, said to have the approval of administration officials and proposing to create a farm credits department as a part of the present farm loan system, was introduced simultaneously in the senate and house Wednesday by Senator Lenroot, Republican, Wisconsin, and Representative Anderson, Republican, Minnesota. The two bills, similar in most particulars, would make available for farm loans a total of \$6,000,000 distributed equally among the twelve farm loan banks. The present government subscription to the twelve banks totals only \$12,000,000. The bills would be authorized to reduce counts from paper having a maturity of from six months to three years.

The Irish Free State is now a reality. The Irish constitution became law on Tuesday by a practically unanimous vote of the British parliament, only a few "last ditchers" refusing to give it their sanction. The king on Wednesday issued his proclamation putting the act of parliament into effect and Timothy Healy appointed just before the issuance of the proclamation is now the governor general. Healy is a native Irishman, a noted parliamentarian and a lawyer of wide repute. He is said to be the first untitled subject to be appointed governor general of a British dependency. All British troops are to be withdrawn from Ireland as soon as possible and before the end of the present year. The new Irish government is now working on a representative basis.

Clara Phillips, the Los Angeles, California woman who was last week sentenced to ten years imprisonment for beating another woman, Alberta Meadows to death with a hammer, escaped from the Los Angeles jail last Monday night. The bars of her cell had been sawed through and the indications were that she had crawled out of a window and dropped to the roof of a small house below. She is said to have been seen in another part of the city on Tuesday morning; but after that all trace of her was lost. Her husband, Armour L. Phillips, appeared at the police station Tuesday and denied any knowledge of or connection with the escape. He told the police that he was prepared to account for his whereabouts in such manner that there could be no question of the fact that he was not there. She is believed to have escaped into Mexico.

A precedent established early in the history of the republic was broken by President Harding Tuesday when he failed to deliver his annual message to congress which was convened in regular session. It has been the custom for the chief executives to deliver their messages on either the first or second day of the session and, according to officials at the capital, the only time this practice has been broken heretofore was in 1855 when President Pierce deferred his message until the last day in December because of the inability of the house to organize. At that session it required 133 ballots for the white house to elect its speaker. At the White House it was stated that the president probably would deliver his message Thursday or Friday. It was understood that the executive, having sole responsibility for his recommendations to congress was weighing carefully the program he would outline. Pressure of public business was believed to be in part responsible for the delay but there were also intimations that the president because of recent official discussions, felt it would be the part of wisdom to give a few more days' study to certain questions.

Despatches from Lausanne indicate that the Turks are at the point of hesitation whether they shall join with the Allies or the Russians. It is pretty well understood that if the Russians have not already reached an understanding with the Turks, they are more than anxious to do so with the least possible encouragement. But another striking development of the situation is that the Americans who are supposed to be at Lausanne as somewhat "silent observers," are really a very dominating factor. When the Turks made known their intention to deport all Greeks from Constantinople, the American representative yesterday took the floor and read the following: "The American delegation is not in accord with the proposals for next compulsory movements of populations unless it is clearly shown that good purposes will be served as might be the case in the exchange of prisoners, or of populations whose exchange is necessary to serve humanitarian ends. Without discrimination between the parties to the negotiations for exchange, the American delegation is unable to approve the movement from Constantinople of the Greek population of that city, particularly under conditions which will send an alien people, used to artfulness and commerce to a rural district. We will not hesitate to express in permanence of our legitimate humanitarian interests, our protest at any such displacement of human beings."

Stock dividends totalling \$91,500,000 were announced Tuesday by seven large industrial corporations and banks of New York, bringing the total stock dividends declared in the last few months to more than \$1,500,000,000. These sums in virtually all cases have been provided for out of undivided profits, apparently in anticipation of unfavorable tax legislation in the next congress. The Standard Oil Corporation increased its capitalization \$175,000,000 by declaring a 25 per cent stock dividend. Directors expected the customary annual 10 per cent dividend would be continued. The Yonkers Oil company distributed \$15,000,000 of surplus in the form of a 200 per cent stock dividend transferring \$15,000,000 from the surplus to the capital stock. The William Wylie,

Junior company declared a 10 per cent stock dividend of \$1,500,000 to common shareholders. The Bank of Manhattan company, one of the oldest in the country, increased its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by capitalizing surplus and declaring a 100 per cent stock dividend. The Equitable Trust company announced plans to increase its capital from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000 one-half of which would be a 33 1-3 stock dividend and the remainder a new issue of stock to which holders of the bank stock might subscribe. The E. I. DuPont de Nemours company declared a 50 per cent stock amounting to \$20,000,000. The Whitman Mills of New Bedford, called a stockholders' meeting to consider a stock dividend of 50 per cent, by increasing the capitalization from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

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While some York county farmers have for years been giving more or less attention to the spraying of their fruit trees, the practice is not general. Now is the time for spraying trees and the work should be attended to. Peaches simply won't do any good on unsprayed trees, and the lime-sulphur mixture properly applied always returns many times the cost expended on material and labor. It is not much trouble and it does not take much time to look after the fruit trees. The point is to attend to the matter and attend to it now. That's all.

Eamonn DeValera, head of the so-called Irish Republic, is still irreconcilable to the Free State idea. He insists on absolute independence for Ireland and has sent proclamations warning the people of South Ireland especially, that those who pay taxes of any kind for the support of the Irish Free State will have to pay again to the Irish Republic. The Free State government is doing what it can to run DeValera out of the country, and while it may succeed in the end, the probability is that Ireland is in for quite a lot more trouble before peace and prosperity are established.

While for a time it looked as if Great Britain, France and Italy could have pretty much what they wanted at Lausanne, it does not look that way any more. It is now clear that Russia and Turkey are in full agreement to have what they consider to be their right or know the reason why. Turkey claims sovereignty over the straits, and although she says she is willing for the free passage of commerce, she does not propose to stand for any warships—not large ones anyway. Russia feels the same way about it. She says that the admission of warships will give domination to the nation that has the most powerful navy and she will not have that. The understanding is that Russia has told Turkey that if she, Turkey, will stand her ground as to the straits, Russia will back her to the limit. And in view of general conditions in Europe it is now likely that the European powers will act now as they would have acted a few years ago.

Now that calcium arsenate has become as important a factor in cotton production as is commercial fertilizer, the producers of this community are beginning to form combinations to bleed the farmers out of all that the traffic will stand. Last year at this time calcium arsenate could be bought for 5 1-2 cents a pound and now the dealers are asking 10 1-2 cents a pound. Calcium arsenate consists of a combination of white arsenic and lime—40 per cent arsenic and 60 per cent lime. The cost of the lime, of course is negligible. Where last year the mixture was sold to dealers at \$92 a ton, the present price is \$400, and it may go higher. The government standard prohibits the presence of more than three-fourths of one per cent soluble arsenic in the mixture, as more than that burns and withers the plants to which it is applied. Reports from over the state last summer evidence the fact that much inferior stuff had been sold to the farmers. But the great question is that since calcium arsenate has now become a necessity in cotton production and the increase in the price from \$92 to \$400 a ton indicates wholesale robbery, is there not some way in which to secure reasonable protection?

Almost like one crying in the wilderness, General Pershing continues to plead for a greater, sterner and more permanent American army establishment. To those who blindly preach that there will be no more wars, he points out that during the entire history of our people, as an independent nation, there has been serious and important employment for our armies on an average of once every eighteen months, and to those who cite the Titanic achievements of the United States in preparation for the world war on such a short notice, he points out how this effort cost us many times more than it ought to have cost, or would have cost had we been keeping ourselves in a reasonable state of preparation all the while. Then too by way of illustration, he cites the case of the Chinese nation, potentially the most powerful nation on earth, im-

potent because of its neglect of its obvious military duties all along. The Chinese, like the United States, felt that their numbers and resources were such they need never have any fear from a possible enemy, and neglected their army. Because of this neglect, schisms developed within and in the course of time the country was so torn by dissensions as to be at the mercy of the neighbors whose actual power was contemptible in comparison. But General Pershing has in mind other than purely military advantage in proper preparation. Past experience has demonstrated that, left to themselves, our youth are inclined to fall into physical degeneracy; that the recent conscription showed a larger per cent of unfit who were unfit simply for lack of the kind of training that goes into the making of soldiers, and proper measures of preparedness will take care of all this. The general does not want war and he does not seek war; but he wants it thoroughly understood of all men that the best way to get what is yours without war is to be prepared for war. That General Pershing's doctrine is sound throughout, there is very little question but because of the seeming inconvenience involved and the seeming interference with complete liberty to do as we please all the while many of us are opposed and disinclined to do what is obviously best for us to do.

Thanksgiving. Although this editorial might have been more appropriate a week ago, it is no less timely now than it would have been then.

The American people have more to be thankful for than any other people on the face of this earth, and we of this section have as much to be thankful for as have any other people in America.

Almighty God has poured out his blessings on our people to an extent that no other people—not even his own chosen Israel—have ever known.

We have been blessed with peace and plenty, with health, with protection for life and property, with revelation of scientific mysteries, with facilities to educate our children, with opportunity to hear the word of God and to join in his worship, with opportunity and ability to feed the Savior's sheep, and all the best that temporal life can afford, is easily within our reach.

Surely none who were cognizant of the events of the late war, have remained insensible of the obvious partiality that the Almighty God showed to America throughout it all—how he guarded our transports on the deep and kept safe our American boys where others were allowed to go down to watery graves—and how, although in battle he allowed some to sanctify the cause with their blood, those boys as well as we who were at home know that God himself was there sword in hand establishing the invincibility of American arms and spirit.

It is known of all men, and testified to by the leaders of all the Allied hosts, that individual American soldiers performed the most superhuman feats that have been recorded in all the annals of war, and in doing what they did these soldiers themselves tell us that they were only humble instruments under the direct guidance and protection of God.

The question is, not what we are for which to be thankful; but what can we do to show our gratitude for the incomparable blessings that God has poured out upon us?

We have Moses and the prophets, and more than that we have Jesus Christ the son of God, with the message of eternal life. All that God has ever asked of the human race is obedience to his revealed laws. To whom much is given, much is expected. What a terrible accounting will America have to make if she fails to measure up to what God requires!

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Cash and Carry, Wyche Elder, Proprietor—Buy your Christmas goods early and buy them from Cash and Carry. Peoples Bank and Trust Co.—Members of the 1922 Christmas Club. Yorkville Enquirer—Shop early so as to get the best. Kirkpatrick-Belk Co.—Some few suggestions for Christmas. James A. Barrett, Administrator—Notice of application for final discharge. G. W. Knox and J. C. Boyd—Notice to trespassers. W. W. Barron—Philadelphia Diamond Grid Battery. The Star Theatre, J. Q. Wray, Manager—Respectfully to Morey, in the "Sea Rider," today. Sam M. and S. E. Grist, District Agents—"We bond you." Carroll Brothers—Red Rust Proof Wheat at \$2. The City Pharmacy, Clover—Value all ready understood. Ferguson & Youngblood—Antonio, the "very best." Mackorell Drug Company—Magazines. York Drug Store—The time is Pink-sule time. L. W. Callender and others—Notice to trespassers. J. W. Shesley, Principal—The Venetian, trio at Sharon. M. L. Ford & Sons, Clover—Shop early. Nivens Brothers, Clover and York—Christmas fruits and nuts at our two stores. A. M. Grist, W. M.—Regular meeting night, December 12.

Mr. I. L. McCarter, of Clover No. 1, left some second crop June apples at The Yorkville Enquirer on last Tuesday.

The First A. R. P. church of Gastonia, N. C., has extended a call to Rev. Ernest Orr, of New Albany, Miss. Rev. Mr. Orr has not yet indicated whether or not he will accept. The pastorage of this congregation was made vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, who has since died.

Judge Peruffey has been receiving a stream of letters from all over the state since the recent announcement of his proposed retirement from the circuit bench. They come from his colleagues on the bench, from prominent lawyers in every section and from laymen—all expressing deep and sincere regret at his determination in the matter. Some even go so far as to beg him to reconsider, if possible, notwithstanding the reason he has assigned for the step he has taken. His honor has been very much touched, so much so perhaps, that if he had realized as now the full extent of the confidence and esteem in which he is held, his decision in the matter would have been even more difficult than it was.

As previously announced, the Christmas edition of The Yorkville Enquirer will appear next Friday, December 15, and it will consist of not less than twenty-four pages. The principal features out of the ordinary will be pleasing and instructive Christmas reading, and numerous illustrated advertisements. Besides the entertainment it will furnish in the home this edition will be of especial value to intelligent shoppers who know pretty well what they want before they leave home, and who desire information as to where to find it. Numerous business concerns will be represented in this issue most of them in a very attractive manner, and in many ways the paper will be of unusual interest and value to all our subscribers. There will be more than three thousand copies of the edition.

From time to time The Yorkville Enquirer has heard of more or less local hostility to the oil mills in the county, mainly in the shape of derogatory talk and unfriendly accusations; but why this talk and why these unfriendly accusations it is difficult to understand. All of the York county oil mills are independent corporations, owned by our own people, and having no connection with the big corporations that dominate the business not only here but throughout the south. Take for instance the oil mills at Yorkville, Clover and Rock Hill. All of them are of invaluable service to the farmers of the county and the economic life of this whole section. So far as the Yorkville Cotton Oil company is concerned there is not an institution in the town or county that is of more indispensable material value to the town and surrounding country. There are people who say that it fixes the price of seed, meal and hulls. It does not. The prices of these commodities are fixed by the general market, and the Yorkville Cotton Oil mill buys its share in competition with the big combinations, giving the farmers a better price than if it were not here. The small gineries over the county are useful and all right, and get along without the slightest friction or account of the larger gineries; but without the larger gineries, where would we be? Would it not be awkward right now, as for some time past, if the ginery of the Yorkville Oil company were not here to take care of the bag end of the crop, and does anybody think that any small private ginery could afford to remain in commission at this time for the little bit of work this ginery is doing, to say nothing of the fewer number of bales that would be coming from the smaller gineries' immediate territory? This big concern is frequently turning less than half a dozen bales a day. And as to cotton seed meal, are the people generally aware that the home consumption of cotton seed meal is hardly 10 per cent of the output of this concern, and unless the product could be sold abroad the establishment could not live? Well, that is true and it is also true as to hulls—as true of both as it is of oil. No, we have not been asked to plead the case of the oil mills. So far as we know they are not asking any favors. We are quite sure that the unfriendly talk and accusations to which we have referred are not general. Most York county people have too much intelligence and too much sense; but because of the tremendous usefulness of these institu-

tions, it gives us especial pleasure to call attention to the facts.

FOR BENEFIT OF TEACHERS

Plans to institute a study center for teachers of York county to be held at Clover, are now being worked out by Superintendent of Education John E. Carroll and other educational leaders of the county. Dr. A. P. Bourland, head of the extension department at Winthrop College was in Yorkville Wednesday for a consultation with Mr. Carroll relative to the study center. Mr. Carroll by the way was a student under Dr. Bourland at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., many years ago when Dr. Bourland was an instructor there. The plan is to hold about twelve sessions of the study center for teachers at Clover during the present school year. The extension department of Winthrop College will detail two of its instructors to go to Clover and instruct the teachers from all sections of the county who will gather there. To all intents and purposes the study center will be just like a summer school for teachers, according to Mr. Carroll. All of the details in connection with the plan have not yet been worked out.

OVER FIFTY YEARS

J. N. McMill and Mary Wylie, of Hickory Grove were married, March 17, 1870. They have four living children: Lula S. McMill married John K. Allison. They have five living children. Thos. P. McMill, of Greenville married Miss Osceola Wilkie. They have two living children. Emma J. McMill of McCormick, married Rev. Leon T. Pressly. They have one living child. Nixon M. McMill, of Chester, married Miss Margaret Cheyne. They have one child.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hand.

An event of interest to a wide circle of friends was the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hand of the Clay Hill section, which was celebrated Monday. Present for the occasion were all of the children, many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, as well as a number of intimate friends. Among the latter were four who attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hand, 50 years ago, these being Mrs. J. M. Digger, Mrs. Ella Suggs, Mrs. Partlow and Miss Sue Mason. Not the least enjoyable feature of the day was a sumptuous dinner, consisting of turkey, boiled ham, cakes, custards, puddings and other savory viands.

WITHIN THE TOWN

—Cora Rainey, colored woman of Yorkville, dropped dead at her home in "Johnson Row," a colored suburb of town last Tuesday and was buried yesterday. The woman's death is said to have been due to a fit of anger aroused as the result of a quarrel with some of her neighbors.

—Funeral services for Dr. Asbury Coward who died in Helena, Montana last Sunday will be held from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will follow in Rose Hill cemetery. It is expected that the body of the late Dr. Coward will arrive here tonight.

—Perhaps the most unique trade made here last Monday which was Tuesday for December occurred in one of the back lots when one trader swapped a "possum" for a mule. It seems that the possum was a pretty fat specimen while the mule had seen his best days. The "possum" cost its owner 35 cents and boot of 50 cents was given in the exchange for the mule, making the entire cost of the mule 85 cents.

—Marked improvement in the influenza situation has been noted since Tuesday, according to information obtained yesterday from the various physicians of the town. While there are still numerous cases of the malady, still at the present time none of the patients are regarded as being in a serious condition. The three Blalock children who have been quite ill with influenza and pneumonia at the Lockmore Mill are reported as recuperating rapidly.

—The annual bazaar given by ladies of Trinity Methodist church was held in the Bratton building at the corner of South Carolina and East Jefferson streets yesterday. The ladies served dinner from 12 m. to 2 p. m., yesterday afternoon and supper from 6 to 8 o'clock last evening. There were many diners at both meals and the meals the ladies served were all that could be desired. In addition to meals there was a large and attractive stock of fancy-work, homemade candies, and other articles on sale and a goodly sum for the benefit of the church was derived from the sales. Mrs. P. W. Patrick was chairman of the committee promoting the bazaar and she was assisted by many of the ladies of Trinity congregation.

PUNTS AND PASSES

Fort Mill High plays Gaffney High a game of football in Spartanburg this afternoon. If Fort Mill which was declared the champion team of the Catawba High Athletic Association wins from Gaffney, she will play the Thorwell Ophelasma team for the Up-state championship. Gaffney is "hoped" to win from Fort Mill in Spartanburg this afternoon.

executive committee of the State High School Athletic association which ousted Douglas Nims, star player of Rock Hill. The committee disqualified Nims because it was proved that his board was being paid by football enthusiasts while attending school in Rock Hill. At a meeting of the Rock Hill board of education held in that city last Tuesday the board adopted the following resolution: "Resolved—That the Rock Hill school board use every effort available to clear Douglas Nims of all charges of playing for consideration as the board believes there was no intention in his mind of playing for valuable consideration as construed by the executive committee."

Johnny Logan's Rock Hill "Bear Cats" want to arrange a game with Monroe, N. C., high. In a communication published in the Charlotte Observer yesterday morning, Coach Logan writes: "We would like to extend through The Observer a challenge to the Monroe High school football team for a game of football."

"We extend this challenge for various reasons. Monroe defeated Shelby. We defeated Chester and Shelby defeated Chester. We would like to play this game just to decide which one of us has the better team."

"Monroe has been eliminated from the High school championship race of North Carolina by her defeat at the hands of Asheville. We have been eliminated from the South Carolina high school championship race by a technical ruling established by several South Carolina school officials whose teams had met defeat at our hands."

"We might play this game therefore, for the championship of the 'limited.'"

"Anyway, we believe that a good football game would result from a meeting of the two schools, and we therefore extend a friendly challenge to Monroe for a game, preferable to be played here in Rock Hill."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Real estate transfers have been indexed in the office of the county auditor as follows: Bethel—A. S. Hand to the First Trust and Savings Bank, 481 1-4 acres, \$12,298.40. First Trust and Savings Bank to A. S. Hand, 6 3-4 acres, \$5 and other considerations. Bethesda—W. E. Ashe to C. B. Abell, 109 8-10 acres, \$1 and other considerations. Geo. D. Pearson to W. C. Pearson, 79 acres, \$5 and other considerations. Bullock's Creek—J. L. Rainey to Coy Jones, 56 39-100 acres, \$846. T. E. McMackin, C. C. C. Pis, to Quinn Wallace, 484 acres, \$1,500. Quinn Wallace to A. M. Erwin, 484 acres, \$3,622.74.

Catawba—H. B. Powell and C. E. Tucker to Jno. R. Williams, 1 lot, \$5 and other considerations. H. B. Powell and C. E. Tucker to Mrs. Pearl J. Goodman, 1 lot, \$5 and other considerations. Eugenia Wright to Kattie Rosales Cook, 1 lot, \$700. W. M. Padgett to Mutual Investment Co., 30 acres, \$5 and other considerations.

Catawba Real Estate Co., to Powell and Tucker, 1 lot, \$5. Isabella W. Wilson to E. L. Barnes, 6 lots, \$2,000. Jno. R. Williams to S. M. Barnett, 1 lot, \$750. C. H. Williams to J. H. Williams, et al., 1 lot, \$1 love and affection. L. F. Dabney to J. M. Estridge, 1 lot, \$1,100. R. L. Stewart to L. F. Dabney, 1 lot, \$300. L. W. Fouché to Jno. R. Williams, 14 acres, \$5. Catawba Real Estate Co., to H. B. Powell and C. E. Tucker, 1 lot, \$5. Thora T. Morrison to W. H. Gladden, 6 lots, \$2,000.

Ebenzer—J. H. Rudisill to Mrs. Jennie P. Rudisill, 2 lots, \$1,150. J. C. White and W. J. Cunningham lots. Jas. M. Starr and J. F. McElwee, to R. E. L. Ferguson, 103 1-2 acres, \$2,638.72. Catawba Real Estate Co., to H. B. Powell and C. E. Tucker, 1 lot, \$5, and other considerations. Ruby C. Hill to S. F. Seagle, 1 lot, \$2,426.

Fort Mill—Leroy Springs and Elliott Springs to W. B. Ardrey, 1 lot, \$750. King's Mountain—D. M. Parrott to J. P. Pursley, 70 acres, \$3,150. T. P. Jackson to George S. Williams, 1 lot, \$500. I. J. Campbell to G. F. Hambricht, 1 lot, \$800. Mrs. Emma Thomasson to J. W. Shillinglaw, 262 acres, \$1. (Right, title and interest.) O. W. Hartness to J. D. Hartness, 45 acres, \$1,200.

ALONG THE WAY

Reports from over the county have it that large quantities of hog meat recently killed is spoiling on the hands of the owners because the weather was too warm at the time the hogs were killed. There are scores of hog owners over the county who have killed some of their hogs; and it is said that the several towns in the county are thick with peddlers of pork who are eager and anxious to sell it at almost any price for fear that it will spoil.

It is reported locally that there is some probability of disbanding the Catawba High School Athletic association because of all the scandal about ineligible players that has been entertaining the newspaper readers of the state. Because of disclosures it is said that there is more or less hard feeling among some of the schools. But of course what is done about it remains to be seen.

It is considered likely that some of the ex-soldiers have forgotten about bringing the papers to the office of the clerk.

Thousands of dollars will be paid out to members of Christmas savings clubs through York county during the next ten days or two weeks, according to J. H. B. Jenkins, Jr., active vice president of the Peoples Bank & Trust company of Yorkville. Mr. Jenkins said that he was not in a position to say just how much would be paid out through the clubs of the various banks just before Christmas; but it would be a large amount. Among the banks of the county that have conducted Christmas Savings Clubs during the past year are the Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Yorkville; the First National Bank of Clover and the Peoples National Bank of Rock Hill. Mr. Jenkins said that the local bank would pay out about \$7,000 to the members of the club.

Alma Williams, negro woman, has been taken to the state penitentiary in Columbia to serve a sentence of five years' imprisonment. She was recently convicted of manslaughter in the court of general sessions for York county. She killed her husband, Harper Williams, negro of Rock Hill. Her defense was that her husband had repeatedly "sticked" a vicious bull dog on her which chewed her hands and legs. One night a few months ago when her husband put the dog on her and attacked her herself, she killed him with a shot gun. It was expected that the bull dog would be brought into court as a witness for the defendant; but the dog was not in court when the case was tried. It was said that a relative of the dead negro had carried it to Baltimore.

The tribe of local radio bugs continues to increase. A Hickory Grove man who was in Yorkville yesterday made arrangements with a local dealer to buy a radio outfit for his home. The number of Yorkville people who want to "listen in" on the concerts given almost nightly over the radio of W. W. Barron in Yorkville, continues to increase. Lamar Black and R. C. Blackwell using a small radio outfit of their own construction, using the crystal detector, are picking up messages from Louisville, Ky., Pittsburgh, Pa., and other places. Earl Land of York No. 1 and his friends are being entertained by the messages that he is getting over his outfit. Numbers are talking of buying large radio outfits.

COMMON PLEAS COURT

A verdict for the defendant company was returned in the court of common pleas for York county last Wednesday in the case of William A. Anderson of Rock Hill against the Anderson Rock Hill Gas company. Anderson sought damages against the corporation in the sum of \$2,000, alleging that the company had cut off the gas in his home in that city at a time when his children were ill. He claimed also that he had to sell the gas fixtures in his home at a great loss due to the fact that they were no longer of any value to him after the company refused to furnish him with gas. He admitted that he refused to pay his monthly gas bills for three months because he considered that he had been overcharged. The bill, he said, rose from about \$6 a month to something like \$25 a month. He had offered to pay on a basis of a six months average but this the company refused to accept.

Anderson and his wife both took the witness stand and gave their version of their troubles with the gas company about the increased bills. Testimony for the gas company was that the bills had increased because the people of Rock Hill had voted to allow them to increase the rate for gas. Their testimony was that they had given Anderson notice that he must pay his bills by the tenth of each month. After he had failed to pay for three successive months, upon instructions from the home office in Philadelphia, Pa., they had cut off his gas supply. They denied any knowledge of the fact that his children were sick about the time the gas was cut off. J. H. Foster, Esq., represented the plaintiff in the action, while Spencer & White, represented the defendant corporation.

A non-suit was granted Tuesday in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond against the Manchester, formerly the Manchester Cotton Mills of Rock Hill. The plaintiff sought damages in the sum of \$30,000 because of alleged personal injuries when she fell down an elevator shaft in the mill of the defendant company. Testimony was that the plaintiff went on the elevator after she had been warned against such action by the company. The motion for a non-suit was granted on the ground that the mill company was in no wise responsible for the accident of Mrs. Hammond.

A verdict for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$1,500, the full amount asked for, was returned yesterday in the case of J. H. and M. A. Duncan against the Southern Railway. The plaintiffs who own land in the Ogden section, claimed that the defendant company had built a fill across its track near their lands which caused water to flow over their lands, causing damage to the amount stated.

Today the court is engaged in trial of the case of W. L. Hill doing business under the name of Hill & Co., against the Southern Railway. The plaintiff in his complaint alleged that on March 1, 1920, his warehouse was burned as a result of sparks from a passing freight engine of the defendant railroad company. In the warehouse at the time of the fire were 142 bales of cotton, the bales averaging 475 pounds each. The damaged cotton