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VERY IMPORTANT

During the past two months bills have been mailed to about sixteen hundred subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR. The aggregate amount due on these bills was very large, but the aggregate amount thus far paid is comparatively small.

It is hoped every subscriber in arrears will read this notice, and that he will forward the amount due us at once.

It is unjust to the proprietor to read his newspaper without paying for it—fully as much so as for the proprietor of the paper to eat the farmer's chickens and eggs and then fail or refuse to remunerate him.

We thank those of our subscribers who have paid us, and trust this appeal will not be lost on those who have not paid.

THOROUGHLY DEMORALIZING.

It is a singular thing to hear advocates of the protective tariff object to an income tax on the ground that it would be a demoralizer and tend to a standing temptation to deceit, falsehood and perjury. This is not complimentary to the class of people who would be required to pay an income tax, if it were true, but it is not true.

But suppose it were true, is that a good and logical reason for opposing it? Isn't there a good deal of lying and sometimes some pretty streaked swearing done by people to evade the payment of internal revenue and customs taxes? Isn't the lying they do quite as bad lying as the income tax payer might indulge in? Morally speaking what is the difference between telling a lie and swearing a lie? The difference is that the lie sworn to is the lie emphasized by legal form which makes the man who takes the false oath subject to a penalty if detected by simply lying. The oath is merely put in as a safe-guard against lying and to protect the Government from imposition of that kind by the man of little or no conscience, but who may be deterred from lying under oath from fear of possible consequences in the event of detection.

But morally speaking to lie is as bad as to swear to it, and it is probable that the man who would deliberately lie to defraud the Government or carry his purpose would swear to it if he found it necessary and he thought he could do so with impunity.

To be consistent these opponents of the income tax should move for the abolition of the internal revenue taxes, and tariff taxes, both of which produce more demoralization in twelve months than an income tax would in twelve years. We go further than that and assert that to be consistent they should cease advocating protection, and at once proclaim themselves in favor of its immediate abolition, for it has been one of the greatest demoralizers this country ever saw, and a standing temptation to hypocrisy and falsehood. There is no governmental policy under the sun about which there has been such gigantic, methodical and persistent lying done, nor any which has generated and fostered such a complicated and widespread system of fraud. They who fatten on it and they who speak and write for it that it has become almost a second nature and they have apparently got so far along that they believe their own lies. We do not believe that the world could show today a more thoroughly selfish, unprincipled and unscrupulous body of men than the men who have for years been growing fat and corrupt on this fraudulent, favoring system, which has been perpetuated by deceit and fraud and corruption which has made some of our elections a shameful mockery. They have become so brazen in corruption that for years they have without disguise, and sometimes with disguise when

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that was thought best, contributed immense sums of money for corruption purposes to be used in elections to debauch the voters who could be induced to sell their ballots for dollars. Is falsely swearing to evade the payment of an income tax any worse than that? Is it as bad? The man who under these circumstances falsely swears, hurts only himself and defrauds the Government out of the amount of taxes he owes. That's all. But the man who contributes his money to corrupt voters and thus carry elections, makes an assault upon the ballot box, turns our elections into burlesques, defeats the will of the people and perverts the Government to his own uses, by putting his tools into power to do his will and not the will of the people to whom the Government belongs and for whose welfare it was established. The false sweeper is an innocent man along with the man who steals the ballot box and destroys the people's highest court of appeal. No advocate of a protective tariff can consistently oppose an income tax on the ground that it is demoralizing, while supporting the most thoroughly demoralizing system this country ever saw.

MINOR MENTION.

The Fayetteville Observer of last week calls attention to the fact that samples of the tea grown by Mrs. Smith, who lives within a couple of miles of Fayetteville, had been sent by Prof. Massey, of the State Agricultural Department, to Mr. George M. Ramsey, of Cloxey, Pa., who seems to be an expert, to test the quality. The following reply gives the result of the tests made:

April 30th, 1894.

DEAR SIR:—Your favors, including tea, of the 21st ult., duly received. I have delayed a lengthy test, the quality of the tea, and find it absolutely good. In 1893 we paid foreigners for tea nearly fourteen million dollars. Oh! Let us have American-grown tea, and coffee, too.

Very truly yours, GEO. M. RAMSEY, Cloxey, Pa.

To this Prof. Massey adds that he undertook to sell Mrs. Smith's tea for her, that it netted her, he thought, 80 cents a pound, and that every one who bought it speaks of it in the highest terms. He, speaking for himself, says it is the finest he has ever used. In commenting upon this the Observer expresses surprise that "the culture of tea is not entered upon systematically on a large scale in this section." The only way we can account for it is that when people get into a rut it is hard to get them out of it, and then when they begin to get out they all want to get out at once, and soon get into another rut. It took the people of North Carolina ages to discover that tobacco could be successfully and profitably cultivated outside of a few counties in the Piedmont section, while now it is cultivated to a greater or less extent from the seaboard to the mountains. Farmers are the slowest people in the world to catch on to new ideas or to branch out in the field of experiment. The practicability of the successful and profitable culture of tea has been demonstrated by the success of Mrs. Smith in Cumberland county and it has also been demonstrated in South Carolina where there is a tea farm, established several years ago, which is in successful operation. But the idea is not a new one, for tea was grown in a small way in that State before the war and in this State, too, we believe. Here is something the Farmer's Alliance might turn its attention to with profit and do a little practical experimenting in for the benefit of its members.

The two principal reasons assigned by Bradstreet, in his trade report for the past week, for the continued depression in trade are the labor troubles and "renewed tariff uncertainty." Merchants are buying cautiously, limiting purchases to their present needs, because they don't know what the result is going to be, whether prices will be up or down, as these will be governed by the action taken on the tariff. Of course this has a depressing influence on the manufacturing industries and forces them to curtail their output to prevent overstocking themselves and being compelled later to sell at a sacrifice. This is the price the country is paying for the haggling over the tariff by a handful of kick-in-the-pants Democratic Senators and by the burlesque obstruction that Republican Senators are putting in the way of a settlement. But it is one of the evils inherent in the protective system. While that lasts it will always be a subject of contention and while it is a subject of contention it will always be a menace to trade. While these agitations are going on neither the manufacturer nor the merchant can calculate with any degree of certainty on what is before them, and they must, if they move at all, move in the dark and take the chances of success or failure. If this affected but few people, or a few industries it would be bad enough, but when it affects all the people directly or indirectly and all the industries of the

injury it inflicts on this country is simply inestimable.

Vice President Stevenson was a little too sharp for Senator Quay Friday when the latter, who is leading the kill-time contingent in the Senate, slipped in his bill to establish a new municipal code for the District of Columbia. The Vice President caught on to the programme before the reading had proceeded far and gave the cue, and promptly the "object" came, and the gentleman from Pennsylvania was laid out with his little bill. When the hour came on to resume the consideration of the tariff Mr. Stewart, Populist, delivered a speech on the demoralization of silver, and Mr. Dolph, Rep., of Oregon, who had the day before just finished up his ponderous seven-section effort on the tariff, killed some more time in replying to him. Mr. Stewart has become so deeply immersed in silver that there is nothing else in this world which occupies so much of his thoughts, and hence if he makes a speech at any time, or in any place, or on any occasion, we may surely look for a silver speech. He isn't thinking any more about the tariff than he is about the watermelon crop in Georgia. But all this by-play of Quay and Dolph will force the Democratic Senators to call a halt on this Senatorial courtesy business and take some action to put an end to this burlesquing, and bring the Senate down to business. They will either have to sit down on these trick men or throw up the sponge and acknowledge themselves whipped.

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SUNDAY FISHING.

A story in which a Bishop was a prominent character. Harper's Magazine has an amusing story about the visit of a number of gentlemen to the mountains of Colorado some years ago, a Bishop from an Eastern State being one of the party. Fishing was the sole occupation and amusement of the visitors; so when Sunday came, as there was nothing else to do, the laymen of the party got out their rods, preparatory to casting a line. But they were in a quandary as to what to do. They did not want to hurt his feelings by leaving him behind, nor did they want to offend his religious principles by inviting him to go fishing on Sunday. Finally one of them plucked up courage and told him of his dilemma, whereupon the good man said that he would tell them a happening in his earlier life which he thought rather amusing.

"Some years ago," he said, "when I had charge of the man of a parish, was awakened about 2 o'clock one morning, and upon inquiring who was there, heard a man's voice reply that he was there with his wife, and that he wanted to get married. I reasoned with him about the untimely hour, but to no avail; he meant to get married right then or never. He was dressed in his nightgown, and went downstairs to the marriage service. Everything went along as dictated in the service till I asked the man, 'What time take this woman to be wedded with?' and he replied, 'What 'm I here?' " They waited for the Bishop.

A Very Narrow Escape.

Mr. Wm. Ernest Kyle, of Fayetteville, general freight and passenger agent of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., came near being killed last Thursday in New York city. The Sun, of the 10th inst., giving an account of the accident, says: William E. Kyle, a railroad man from North Carolina, who is staying at Hotel Waldorf, was crossing Broadway in the Fifth Avenue Hotel at 10 o'clock last evening, when he was run down by cable car 28. The gripman was able to stop the car just as the wheels struck the passenger.

Death of Mr. J. H. McGarity.

"A good man gone" was the remark made yesterday when it was learned that Mr. J. H. McGarity was dead. He died at his residence on South Front street, at six o'clock a. m., after a lingering illness. He was an old and highly esteemed citizen, having come here from Baltimore about thirty years ago. Most of the time since then he was engaged in the mercantile business. He was a life-long member of the Hibernian Benevolent Society.

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MEMORIAL DAY.

SERVICES AT OAKDALE CEMETERY. Oration by Mr. Julian S. Carr of Durham. Imposing Services at Oakdale Cemetery. The Memorial services yesterday at Oakdale, as usual, were well attended, and the day was observed almost generally as a holiday. Most of the public offices, the banks and many business, houses and stores were closed, and early in the afternoon people went out to Oakdale cemetery, where services in honor of the Confederate dead were held.

At 9:30 o'clock p. m. a detachment of the Naval Reserves placed a howitzer in position near the entrance to the cemetery and fired minute guns until the proceedings were opened in the cemetery by the firing of the cannon. A procession at the Lodge under the direction of Chief Marshal J. L. Cantwell and his assistants. The procession marched from the Lodge to the Confederate enclosure in the order as published in the programme, the Second Regiment Band in the lead and the Wilmington Light Infantry and Naval Reserves following.

DEATH OF M. LONDON, ESQ.

The Oldest and One of the Most Prominent Members of the Bar of Wilmington. Mr. M. London, the oldest member of the Bar of Wilmington, died yesterday at his home in this city, after a lingering illness, aged 81 years.

Mr. London was born in Wilmington December 29th, 1812, and with the exception of a few years spent elsewhere at intervals, had lived his whole life in this city. For some years after attaining his majority he was a clerk for the late Alexander Anderson, and at that time possibly the leading merchant of the then town of Wilmington. He was admitted to the bar in 1840, and from that date, with unvarying success, continued to practice his profession until a few years ago, when failing eyesight enforced his retirement.

He was eminently a practical practitioner, combining with his knowledge of the law, and studious reading, a rare amount of common sense which he steadily applied in the conduct of his cases. He pursued no special line of practice, but was an all-around lawyer of the old school, and with his death passes away the last of a line of attorneys who made the courts and circuits of this State distinguished in other days. Then transportation was difficult, and principally by private conveyance over "county roads," and the young men of the profession, and especially still extant among the experiences of those days. They related to the journey, the county inn, the club house and the people of the different counties, and no one among us is left to tell these stories with the zest, the side illustration and passing criticism of men and measures as did Mr. London.

He had appeared in many celebrated cases and in his prime was a power, the varied phases of his acquirements leading often to startling surprises to the opposing counsel and resulting generally in their discomfiture, and of these many amusing instances have been told. He was withal a gentleman of especial disposition and characteristics, but always of kind heart, and no one was more generous or gave his services more freely to the poor, the needy, or the unfortunate. Although he retired from active practice several years ago he had a great friendship for the younger members of the profession, and to the last his advice was eagerly sought and freely given upon many a knotty point of the intricacies of the law.

Mr. London was twice married, his first wife being Miss Rachel Trott, of Columbus county, whose father, also a distinguished lawyer, was for thirty years Solicitor of the Judicial Circuit. Of this marriage Mrs. Thos. M. Jones at present resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mr. Alex. T. London, a prominent lawyer of Birmingham, Ala., Mr. John London, also of Birmingham, and Mrs. A. R. Campbell of this city, are now living. The late Capt. Robert London, of the Fifth United States Cavalry, was also a child of this marriage.

In 1870 Mr. London married Miss Emily Jones, of Virginia, a sister of Capt. Pembroke Jones, and this lady and her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Cronly, of this city, survive him. Mr. London passed away yesterday afternoon peacefully, quietly and consciously to the end, surrounded by his family, all saving his daughter in New Mexico having been enabled to be with him at the last. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 8 o'clock at his late residence, thence to Oakdale cemetery.

Group is Organized.

Bacteriologist Herman M. Biggs, of New York, has made a report to the Board of Health of the result of his investigations into 288 cases of so-called "membranous colitis." He says that his observations justify the conclusion that the disease is nothing more or less than larval diphtheria. He recommends that membranous colitis should be put on the list of contagious diseases, concerning which reports from physicians to the Health Board are required. It is said that the recommendation will be adopted.

THE TRUCKERS.

Bain Comes in Trains—Still, They Are Already Seriously Damaged. Late as it was, the rain which started yesterday afternoon, says the News and Courier, has probably saved the truck farmers many thousands of dollars. The drought had been an extraordinary long and disastrous one, and the farmers were beginning to despair of making any crops at all. Some of them who were seen yesterday morning said that in their opinion unless rain came in considerable quantities this week the potato crop in this section might be declared to be a failure. It had, they said, already been severely injured, and a few more days of such weather as they had been having for some time past would have ruined it completely.

They spoke especially of the potato crop, because it is the largest and most valuable, as well as the most generally cultivated, of any of the crops of this section. It had not suffered alone, however. There was, they said, none of the other crops that had been so severely injured. The drought had fallen disastrously upon all of them, and no one could estimate how much it had cost the Charleston farmers. Beans, peas, tomatoes, potatoes, fruits and smaller truck had all suffered. The extent of the damage varied with the localities. In dry sections there were crops which had already been ruined by the drought, and which could not be re-planted, while in other sections, where there was a veritable down-pour, while on the lower lands where the earth was usually more moist the plants have held out manfully, and might yet be saved by a good rain.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION AT DALLAS. Session of Officers—The Convention Session on A. D. Anderson of 2,000 People Present—Committee Reports Considered. By Telegram to the Morning Star. DALLAS, TEXAS, May 12.—The Southern Baptist Convention was completed by choosing Doctors Lansing Burrows, of Dallas, and Oliver Fuller Gregory, of Baltimore, secretaries; Mr. George Norton, of Louisville, Treasurer; Rev. William Patrick Henry, of Louisville, Assistant Secretary.

The Convention session, delivered by Dr. Kerfoot, attracted an audience of 8,000 people. Every inch of the Tabernacle was packed. It was one of the finest public efforts ever listened to in the South. After the devotional exercises this morning the Convention proceeded to the consideration of committee reports, which took up most of the morning hour. A collection was taken up to build a church at Paso del Norte, Mexico, for a Catholic priest who had become a Baptist.

Wednesday morning the excursion for Mexico will leave over the Texas and Pacific route at 9 o'clock. The Western Recorder, and Dr. Nicholas, of Dallas. Between one hundred and two hundred delegates will go. At El Paso the excursionists will visit the City of Mexico and other points of interest, including the ruins of the Aztec empire. Rev. John Jumper, a Creek Indian, is in attendance.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

An auxiliary of the Baptist Church, met at the First Baptist Church, on Tuesday morning, and after religious exercises conducted by Mrs. S. Wilson, of Georgia, and the reading of the minutes by Miss W. H. Gentry, of the State of Tennessee, reports were read, the following being the delegates: Miss Broadus, Kentucky; Mrs. McLeod, Louisiana; Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. K. R. Maryland; Miss M. M. South Carolina; Mrs. A. M. Mississippi; Mrs. Johnson, Missouri.

The Central Committee was introduced by Miss M. E. McIntosh, of South Carolina, followed by a general discussion. These discussions were limited to a five-minute speech from each participant, thereby tripling the number of women's ability to express much thought into a very limited amount of time. It also brought to the platform women of many States of different types, the wisdom of an expression, followed by a sister who tempered her seriousness with the gift of humor. They also demonstrated their earnestness by raising an unbroken roll of names, whose other sister would call out: "Louder."

Mrs. Grudup, of Arkansas, told how their State had been the scene of opposition of the brethren. That reminded one that even in good works one has to be very wise and as harmless as a dove. Policy was not to be obtained. The ladies refrained from opening their mouths in public, but worked on the stronger element in private until they suggested that six women should be appointed as a working committee by the brethren, who, of course, were obliged to stand by the sisters whom they had appointed. Mrs. Burdick, of Missouri, brought forward the method of appointing vice-presidents throughout the State, believing that when you find the right woman and the right man, you will find the way to do the work. Other ladies took an active part in the discussion.

One of the Brightest and Cleanest.

The 50th semi-annual volume of the Wilmington STAR was celebrated by enlarging its Sunday issue. The STAR is one of the brightest and cleanest sheets in North Carolina, and we are glad to see the sign of its growth and prosperity. Long live the STAR.

Winston Republican: Deputy Collector W. C. Troy reports the seizure near Liberty, Randolph county, of the registered distillery of J. C. Fox also a lot of whiskey, etc., on account of irregularities.

Mount Airy News: A three-year-old child, near Delk, followed its father, Frank East, to his still house, when he, while drunk, gave it enough liquor to drink to cause its death in a few hours.

Mecklenburg Times: Governor Cameron yesterday visited the Governor of Florida for Ed. Whiteley, the negro who is in jail at Tallahassee, and who is charged with the murder of police officer Morgan here in 1892.

Salisbury Herald: Billy Plaster, of Enochville, and her grandson were in a wagon Tuesday when their horse ran away. Mr. Plaster was thrown out and died in about an hour from concussion of the brain. She was 97 years old.

Jonesboro Progress: A few days ago Mrs. Margaret McNeil, who lives near Broadway, and who is 98 years of age, gave a dinner to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and some of her friends. There were nearly two hundred present and they enjoyed the occasion very much. Notwithstanding Mrs. McNeil's great age, she is in a good health and can go about the house without assistance.

Warrenton Record: Mr. A. D. Alston, Jr., son of A. D. Alston, of this county, died in Atlanta, Ga., last Saturday. We are told by a number of our farmers that more cotton has been planted this year than last. We regret to hear of the untimely death of Mrs. Harriet Thrower, of Sixpound township, which occurred on Tuesday, from pneumonia. Mrs. Thrower was 71 years old last Sunday.

Clinton Democrat: Judson Thomas was severely bitten by a supposed mad dog near Hallsville, Duplin county, some days ago. He was crossing a swamp in the night and met a dog which scolded at him, and he was naturally more bold the plants have held out manfully, and might yet be saved by a good rain.

Tarboro Southerner: Whoever heard of so many fires in the country—so many barns being burned, so many stables destroyed, and so many sorts in the county occurred last Friday night near Battleboro. Mr. Frank Rollins had his stables burned, but in the fire lost not only his feed, but two horses. One of his mules was badly burned, but will probably live. Mr. Rollins' loss is heavy. We have not heard whether he was insured or not. The cause of the fire is unknown, but speculation says it was incendiarism. It seems as if nobody is safe.

Monroe Enquirer: The little daughter of Mr. S. A. Yandle, of Vance township, who was born about five weeks ago, died on the 1st inst. Death was indeed sweet relief to her. For four weeks she suffered the greatest agonies, and was an anxious case to Miss Louise Godin, a maiden daughter of lives near Olive Branch, in New Salem township, went up in smoke a few nights ago. Miss Godin had by good management, and the aid of a neighbor, got her barn with corn, wheat, &c., enough to last for several months, but the torch of an incendiary destroyed in a few minutes the fruits of her husband's labor.

Hendersonville Gold Leaf: Mr. M. B. Prince has just received the painful intelligence of the death of his brother, Mr. William Prince, which occurred February 26th, at Chayanta, Bolivia, South America. What a sad and painful interest to the distressing news is the further fact that Mr. Prince came to his death by foul play. He was a bachelor and lived alone in a small town, but had a number of entertaining friends and strangers in the neighborhood. He was a miner, and had been in Bolivia thirteen years.

COL. BRECKINRIDGE.

The Women of Kentucky Up in Arms Against Him—A Lively Time Expected at the Meeting to be Held Monday. By Telegram to the Morning Star. LEXINGTON, May 12.—The city was full of people from this and surrounding counties to-day to attend the races, and a careful investigation showed that Col. Breckinridge will have more opposition to him than was at first supposed. When W. H. Gentry, one of Fayette county's prominent farmers, is working up in the ladies' anti-Breckinridge mass meeting to be held here Monday afternoon and he said in an interview to-night: "There will be a great deal of opposition to Breckinridge since he delivered his speeches and attacked the preachers of the Gospel." The women are not only up on the stand against him, but the better element of our farmers condemn him. You will see one of the biggest meetings Monday you ever saw. It will be preceded over the city, but the best of the district, but I am unable to give you his name. The resolutions will be written by one who can set forth a state of facts arising from whom, and they will be something remarkable. Our women will turn out in force, all our college professors will be present, a number of the leading business men will be on the stand, and the result will be some sensational things said."

IRISHMEN IN SESSION.

President Withers Says it is the Duty of Hibernians to Fight the A. P. A. OMAHA, NEB., May 11.—After the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution had been read to the delegates at the National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians this morning, National Delegate Withers read his annual address.

His judgment, brethren, it is our duty to fight this un-American order and its professed principles with every weapon with which American freemen should fight—against the accused party on a higher and intolerance, which should and no place under free institutions, but which, unfortunately, runs riot through our country at the present time."

Sign of Spring—Look out for the paint.

—Harper's Bazar.

Winston Republican: Deputy Collector W. C. Troy reports the seizure near Liberty, Randolph county, of the registered distillery of J. C. Fox also a lot of whiskey, etc., on account of irregularities.

Mount Airy News: A three-year-old child, near Delk, followed its father, Frank East, to his still house, when he, while drunk, gave it enough liquor to drink to cause its death in a few hours.

Mecklenburg Times: Governor Cameron yesterday visited the Governor of Florida for Ed. Whiteley, the negro who is in jail at Tallahassee, and who is charged with the murder of police officer Morgan here in 1892.

Salisbury Herald: Billy Plaster, of Enochville, and her grandson were in a wagon Tuesday when their horse ran away. Mr. Plaster was thrown out and died in about an hour from concussion of the brain. She was 97 years old.

Jonesboro Progress: A few days ago Mrs. Margaret McNeil, who lives near Broadway, and who is 98 years of age, gave a dinner to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and some of her friends. There were nearly two hundred present and they enjoyed the occasion very much. Notwithstanding Mrs. McNeil's great age, she is in a good health and can go about the house without assistance.

Warrenton Record: Mr. A. D. Alston, Jr., son of A. D. Alston, of this county, died in Atlanta, Ga., last Saturday. We are told by a number of our farmers that more cotton has been planted this year than last. We regret to hear of the untimely death of Mrs. Harriet Thrower, of Sixpound township, which occurred on Tuesday, from pneumonia. Mrs. Thrower was 71 years old last Sunday.

Clinton Democrat: Judson Thomas was severely bitten by a supposed mad dog near Hallsville, Duplin county, some days ago. He was crossing a swamp in the night and met a dog which scolded at him, and he was naturally more bold the plants have held out manfully, and might yet be saved by a good rain.

Tarboro Southerner: Whoever heard of so many fires in the country—so many barns being burned, so many stables destroyed, and so many sorts in the county occurred last Friday night near Battleboro. Mr. Frank Rollins had his stables burned, but in the fire lost not only his feed, but two horses. One of his mules was badly burned, but will probably live. Mr. Rollins' loss is heavy. We have not heard whether he was insured or not. The cause of the fire is unknown, but speculation says it was incendiarism. It seems as if nobody is safe.

Monroe Enquirer: The little daughter of Mr. S. A. Yandle, of Vance township, who was born about five weeks ago, died on the 1st inst. Death was indeed sweet relief to her. For four weeks she suffered the greatest agonies, and was an anxious case to Miss Louise Godin, a maiden daughter of lives near Olive Branch, in New Salem township, went up in smoke a few nights ago. Miss Godin had by good management, and the aid of a neighbor, got her barn with corn, wheat, &c., enough to last for several months, but the torch of an incendiary destroyed in a few minutes the fruits of her husband's labor.