

NEW YORK'S CAPITOL IS GUTTED BY FIRE

Albany, N. Y., March 29.—The interior of New York's magnificent \$27,000,000 capitol was ruined this morning. Fire started in the assembly library and spread through almost the entire building, destroying priceless records, books, documents, etc. The fireproof doors proved no obstacle to the flames. The entire fire department after five hours of hard fighting, subdued the flames.

Ornate hangings and rich mahogany furnishings were food for the flames. The million dollar ceiling of the western staircase, considered one of the finest examples of mural art in the world was destroyed, and falling stones and chips from the marble pillars and walls endangered the firemen.

The assembly library was gutted, destroying valuable papers, some dating as far back as 1776. All documents and codes of the judiciary committee of the present session were destroyed. The flames destroyed all the English Colonial records. There were many valuable collections in the State library.

Fifteen firemen were overcome by smoke, when part of the north roof fell in two hours after the fire started. The loss to the building is about \$6,000,000. This doesn't include the costly furnishings, paintings, contents and library, more than half of which cannot be replaced. A defective electric wire is believed to be the cause.

A great scandal attended the progress of the construction of the building since the first excavation was started in 1867, charges of graft often being made, but despite the numerous investigations nothing was uncovered.

JUDGE J. S. ADAMS DIED SUDDENLY LAST SUNDAY

Raleigh, April 2.—The remains of Judge Joseph S. Adams of Buncombe county were here between trains this evening en route from Warrenton to Asheville, this state and much esteemed member of the North Carolina superior court judiciary having died suddenly of apoplexy this forenoon. He concluded the Warrenton superior court Saturday and was to all appearances in his usual health this morning and partook of breakfast heartily.

Judge Adams was elected to the superior court bench for the fifteenth district in 1905, succeeding Judge J. D. Murphy of Asheville, who was appointed in August of that year by Governor Glenn to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Fred Moore, deceased. The news of the death of Judge Adams brought deep sorrow to many friends here. A number of the members of the Raleigh bar and judges of the Supreme Court were with the remains at the union station here.

Southern Railway Promotions.

In accordance with their policy of promoting their men in line the Southern Railway announces the following promotions effective April 1st, 1911:

Mr. W. H. Parnell who was Ticket Agent at Winston-Salem, N. C. for a number of years, and who succeeded Mr. R. H. DeButts as Traveling Passenger Agent Raleigh, N. C. April 1910, Mr. DeButts having been promoted to Traveling Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C. will be transferred to Norfolk, Va. as Traveling Passenger Agent for Southern Railway and Chesapeake Steamship Company.

Mr. J. O. Jones who has served the public in Raleigh as Union Ticket Agent at the Raleigh Union Station and as City Ticket Agent, Raleigh, for four years will succeed Mr. Parnell as Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. M. M. Schell who has been stenographer in the City Ticket Office, Raleigh, for the past year will succeed Mr. Jones as City Ticket Agent, Raleigh.

Mr. R. A. Garvin of Burlington, N. C. will succeed Mr. Schell as stenographer.

DEATH OF AGED WOMAN REVEALS VAST FORTUNE

New York, March 26.—A little old woman, who lived alone in a bare and dingy East Side room, was found dead last night with bank books in her hand bag showing deposits of more than \$25,000. Hemmed in her petticoat were bills totaling \$311. Two trunks, locked and strapped, which the bluecoats brought to light from the dusty depths of a spacious closet, are believed to contain other valuables. Her fortune is estimated at \$72,000 by the janitress of the building, who claims that the reclusé confided in her.

The dead woman was Mrs. Augusta A. Freitag. For two years neighbors say no visitor has crossed her threshold. She has kept the two rooms for five years and until two years ago her husband lived with her. They separated and he went no one knows where. A chair, a bed, a table and an oil lamp, all of the cheapest make, were the only articles in the room.

DURHAM DISTRIBUTING STATION SITE SECURED

Durham, March 31.—The location of the distributing station of the Southern Power Company has been announced and a four acre lot bought from Brodie L. Duke will be the place. The consideration was \$5,000.

This isn't the quarter million station that is to be made into a steam emergency plant when the power company fails elsewhere. It is to be the general distributing point for all current that comes to town. There will be other points, of course, several sub-stations and these will be scattered over the community. Available for the company there will be found something like 20,000 horse power. What proportion of this the new corporation will receive is not known. It is expected that many of those mills and other businesses that run by their own electricity, and those furnished by the Durham Traction Company will use the new power. The date of its coming hasn't been announced.

WELDON OFFICERS ARRESTED ON BENCH WARRANTS

Weldon, March 30.—On a bench warrant issued by Presiding Judge J. S. Adams of the Halifax Superior Court, Chief of Police S. M. Dickens and his brother, Policeman Lonny Dickens, both of Weldon, were arrested and taken before the court today to answer to the charge of assaulting and causing the death of George Jones an old citizen whose friends say he was inoffensive. Judge Adams held the chief under \$5,000 bond and his brother under \$2,500 bond for the next term of court. The arrests caused a big sensation and the court room was crowded.

Millinery Openings.

The beautiful millinery openings of Jos. A. Isley & Co. and Mrs. Mattie Dorsett Friday and Saturday attracted much attention by the mothers and fair daughters of our city. The decorations for the occasion were evergreens and ferns which presented a very inviting appearance to the spectator. The head wear which is composed chiefly of White and Black Miland, Tuscan shapes, Black Neopolitan, Hemp Braid, Lace hats, Maline trimmed in black chiffon and lace are classy, hobby and very attractive giving a smiling appearance to the beautiful complexion they shade. The Flexible hat should not be omitted as you can double it and stick it into your pocket if pockets you wear.

The early spring hats are made of jumbo in circumference and not the kind that make the ladies sit in a separate part of the church by themselves. While we are told by those who know as the summer comes on and the days get hotter the circumference will increase and the flower beds will bloom.

MUST FORGET RACE PREJUDICE, SAYS PREACHER

Washington, March 30.—In order to deal successfully with the Chinese, Japanese and negroes we will have to forget race prejudice, declared Rev. Dr. J. O. Spencer, of Baltimore, at tonight's session of Baltimore Methodist Episcopal conference, which is in session here. Dr. Spencer was the only speaker of the evening and he dealt with the race question throughout.

At the morning session the amalgamation into one great congregation of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Church and the Maryland conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was discussed with optimism. Several noted members of the conference made speeches advocating the proposed merger. The various district superintendents read their reports at the afternoon session, all of which made a favorable impression.

REMARKABLE CASE OF SKIN GRAFTING

Richmond, Va., April 1.—The old story of Isaac and Rebecca was recalled by surgeons at Memorial hospital when they extracted skin from the back of Rebecca Coleman and patched it on the side of Isaac Summerville, a young negro from Warrenton, N. C., who was severely scorched by lightning several months ago, near his home in the Old North State.

Summerville was brought to the Richmond hospital about a month ago, by Dr. Peet of Warrenton, and since that time several skin grafting operations have been performed by the surgeons in an effort to place him on the high road to recovery.

It appears that after the lightning seared and burned his left side, the wound did not heal as rapidly as Dr. Peet would have preferred, and so he brought his patient to Richmond, hoping that by the process of skin grafting better results might be obtained. Several patients in the hospital voluntarily gave up sections of their cutaneous anatomy, Rebecca Coleman, a colored woman, being the last part with a section of her skin.

Although believing that he was a victim of the wrath of God, and therefore could not possibly recover, Summerville is now more hopeful and shares the opinion of his doctors that he may yet return to the cotton fields of his native State and ply his vocation as of yore.

The doctors say that the case is a most remarkable one and it is a wonder to them that the man was not killed instantly when the electrical bolt bore him down.

An unusually severe electrical storm passed over the Warrenton section the day of the accident to Summerville, and if reports be true more than one person was killed.

Broken Into Sunday Night.

Six or eight revolvers and a number of flash lights were the articles missed by our clever and congenial friend Mr. E. T. Horne which mysteriously disappeared during the night Sunday night. Entrance was gained through the window the door opened which was left unshut.

Died at Durham.

Mrs. Callie Andrews died Saturday night at her home at Durham. The remains were brought here and carried to Providence Christian church for burial Sunday. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Mr. Cox of Durham. She leaves three sons, and was the sister of Mrs. Patterson and Jas. W. Long.

Mr. Hoffman spent Thursday and Friday at Raleigh demonstrating and explaining the merits of the Dan. F. Co. Northern capitalists.

A \$200 DIAMOND IN THE CHICKENS CRAW

Richmond, Va., April 3.—W. B. Davis, who lives on the Petersburg turnpike, has a brood of handsome Rhode Island chickens. Also he has a handsome daughter, Mollie. Mollie has a handsome diamond ring, or rather she did have it, up to last Sunday. The stone was valued at \$200.

Last Sunday Mollie went out to feed the chickens. Mollie is not afraid of chickens and the chickens are not afraid of Mollie. They will peck grains out of her hand. Mollie was allowing her chickens to feed right out of her hand when she felt a sharp peck on the back of her fourth finger. She turned it over hastily and lo! where once the \$200 diamond flashed from its setting was a hole. A chicken had pecked out the diamond, in mistake for a bright piece of gravel.

Mollie looked around to identify the thief, but all the chickens were grouped around her and they all look alike. Farmer Davis, is still figuring whether it is cheaper to have a surgical operation on all the chickens, cut their heads off and clean their craws or let the diamond stick in the craw of the thieving chicken.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE O'GORMAN SUCCEEDS DEPEW

Albany, N. Y., March 31.—Supreme Court Justice James Aloysius O'Gorman, Democrat, of New York City, was elected United States Senator tonight by the Legislature after the most protracted struggle over this position ever held in the Empire State. On the final ballot, the final ballot the sixty-fourth, he received 114 votes to 80 cast for Chaucey M. Depew, whose term expired March 4.

The result was in doubt almost to the minute of recording the votes, owing to the uncertainty as to how many of the Democratic insurgents, who for over two months had prevented an election because of their opposition to William F. Sheehan, would enter the second caucus which had been adjourned from day to day since Monday.

As the close of a day of almost continuous negotiations the insurgents capitulated and Justice O'Gorman was elected. A few minutes before the ballot was cast Justice O'Gorman's resignation from the bench was filed at the office of the Secretary of State, as a constitutional provision would have prohibited his election while holding the office of Justice of the Supreme Court.

Wild applause marked the end of the long contest and the legislature, driven from the State Capitol by Wednesday's fire, quickly adopted a resolution adjourning until April 17.

Daisy Hosiery Mill Robbed.

Early Monday morning, when the fireman at the Daisy Hosiery Mill went to start up his heat he heard some one in the office and after arousing some one who lives near it was found that the combination on the safe had been worked and the safe robbed of between \$41 and \$42. On Sunday three strange men were in town with a camera taking views and made some views near this place. Where they came from and how far they went, remains two mysteries, if they are the guilty parties.

Will Be Here Tuesday.

Why be bothered with inferior glasses when you can get first class spectacles and eye glasses correctly adjusted at a moderate price from Dr. Rappert at Dr. Morrow's Dental Office, Tuesday April 11th.

Mr. H. C. Foster was given a surprise birthday dinner Sunday. Today will be his fifty-fourth birthday. By way of the fact that the children could not all get together Friday it was decided to give the dinner Sunday.

GROUND BROKEN ON LOWER END OF THE INTERURBAN

Belton, S. C., March 30.—At exactly 2:15 o'clock this afternoon ground was broken for the first time on the roadbed of the lower end of the Piedmont and Northern Railway. The work was begun about two miles below Belton and by nightfall the work began to look very much like a roadbed in course of construction.

For several days hundreds of men together with several carloads of mules, road scrapes, wagons, traction engines, and other road-building paraphernalia have been coming into Belton, but it was only this afternoon that work was really begun. Mr. W. T. Lee, chief of the engineering crew, and W. S. Sheler, who has the matter of rights of way in charge, handled the first wheeling of dirt. The two miles will be built into Belton and then the line will be graded onto Greenwood.

SIX NEGROES ESCAPE FROM GUILFORD JAIL

Greensboro, March 30.—Six negroes made their escape from the Guilford county jail early this morning by sawing an inch rod of Bessemer steel with a spring taken from the bottom of a shoe and by digging through an 18-inch brick wall with a 30-inch steel bed slat. The negroes, in escaping from their cages, crawled through a 9x12-inch hole made by sawing the steel rod. The jailer discovered the escape when he made his usual rounds at 7 o'clock this morning.

The leader of the gang was George Sherrill, an escaped convict, who was brought to the jail some five weeks ago with a leg full of buck shot received when he was captured, and he had complained continually of the pain, his complaints being especially noticeable yesterday. None of the prisoners have been retaken.

DUNCOMBE BAPTIST MINISTER DROPS DEAD ON BED

Asheville, April 2.—Walking toward his bed to lie down, Rev. S. C. Owen of Candler yesterday fell out stretched across the bed dead. He had complained of feeling unwell and had remained in his room while other members of the family went to dinner. Hearing the noise of a fall, his wife rushed into the room to find her husband dead. He was a prominent Baptist minister of this county and secretary of the county Farmers Co operative and Educational Union. Surviving are his wife and several children. Death is said to have been due to an attack of apoplexy.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas in His infinite wisdom, the Supreme Counciller of the universe has seen fit to call from labor to reward the soul of our brother, William F. Griffith, and Whereas, the departed brother has, by his cheerful disposition and strict adherence to the right, endeared himself to the members of Purity Council, No. 22, Daughters of Liberty, of which he was a member,

Therefore be it resolved: First: That in the death of this brother, this Council has sustained a great loss, and a seat is vacant which never can be filled.

Second: That we realize fully the loss to the family of our departed brother, and extend to them our deepest sympathy, admonishing them ever to look for consolation and guidance to Him, who errs not, and to Whose will we bow in reverent submission.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Council, a copy be sent to the grief stricken family, and that copies also be sent to the city papers for publication.

J. H. Poon, Rosa (Lillian) O. Mrs. S. W. Stafford, Committee, Purity Council No. 22, D. L.

SOUTHERN CAR COMPANY IS REORGANIZED

High Point, March 30.—Negotiations which have been in progress for several months looking to the reorganization of the Southern Car Company and the infusion of large Northern capital have been consummated. J. B. Duke, head of the American Tobacco Company and the Southern Power Company, which has recently begun the construction of an extensive interurban trolley system in this section and W. G. Brokaw, the New York millionaire, are the leading spirits in the corporation. Others are Abraham Cook and R. W. Morrison, both of whom have been associated with the St. Louis Car Company for many years.

The capital stock will be adequately increased and the plant will be made the largest car factory east of the Mississippi river. In line with these plans the concern has already closed options on considerable adjoining real estate upon which additions to the plant will be erected. The concern proposes building every class of electric car in use. Its product is already in use by many Southern street railway systems. Coupled with the reorganization of the corporation by the Duke interests comes the report that the main shops of the Southern Power Company's interurban line will be located in this city, the central point, practically between Greenwood, S. C. and Durham, N. C., the terminals of the line now building.

JIM TILLMAN IS DEAD

Asheville, April 1.—With only his physician and a young nephew with him at the end, Col. James H. Tillman, once lieutenant governor of South Carolina, died here tonight at 9:45 o'clock. The end came very sudden. He has been here for the past six months and has been apparently getting better. A few days ago he became worse and reached the stage where it was hard for him to take nourishment. Late this afternoon he became much weaker and about 9:30 o'clock had a collapse; the end following almost immediately. For years he was one of the political leaders in South Carolina, rising to the position of lieutenant governor of the state as a follower of his uncle, United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman.

In 1903, following editorial criticism in the Columbia State, he shot and killed on the streets of Columbia the editor of that paper, N. G. Gonzales. A jury later acquitted him of the charge of murder.

The body will be taken today to the old Tillman home at Edgefield, S. C., for burial.

County Sunday School Convention.

The semiannual meeting of the Alamance County Sunday School Convention was held in the M. E. Church at Graham Saturday and Sunday. Rev. J. D. Andrew, President resigned vacancy filled by the election of J. W. Holt. The office of Vice President was made vacant by the death of Thos McVey. Rev. Andrew was elected Vice President and made chairman of the Executive Committee Fair View Church Mortons Township was selected as the place for the next regular semiannual meeting to be held August 27 and 28. The convention was largely attended. After a few words of welcome by Rev. Vickers the following addresses were delivered: Rev. J. D. Andrew "Purpose, Aims and Methods of the Sunday School," John H. Vernon "Adult Men and Women," B. M. Rogers "Large Boys and Girls," Rev. W. C. Wicker "Home Department," Rev. J. D. Williams "The Non-Church Goer," Rev. G. L. Curry "Soul Winning," Prof. W. A. Harper "The Bible Study," Prof. D. B. Carrick "In General Literature and Music," J. Harvey White "The Teachers Training Class," "Rev. E. C. Murray D. D. Teachers' Meetings," Prof. W. T. Whitsett "To the Community," and B. Hoffman "To the Church."