HE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

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BUSINESS SECTION HAS LARGE FIRE

The Blaze Started Last Night (Mondo y) at Eleven O'cleck is the Bredie L. Duke Office Building and Soon Spread Very Rapidly.

made.

walls are standing. The lower flour

of this building was occupied by the

Baldwin's Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Store, and the Woolworth. The fifth

So far us can be learned at chi-

time all of these escaped, for the

alarm was given in time to notify

them before much headway had been

The other three floors were used by

offices of all kinds, and every record,

The firemen at 1 o'clock were mak-

ing an effort to save the building oc-

their efforts on the stairway between

the whole of that section was heated

almost to inflammability. The two-

story building occupied by Rawls &

Sons, dry goods store, and the Dur-

ted. Not a dollar's worth of their big

On Parrish street, just north of

T. M. Stephens Company will be a

At this time the firemen are mak

which is occupied by a negro insur

With every building on either

former, a negro newspaper.

ously damaged by the fire.

completely surrounds it.

street for the time being.

on fire.

that time.

direction.

The south side of Main street seems

been so intense that the show win-

At 1:15 o'clock the fire was spread-

Block of building at that hour were

The Lloyd Hardware Stores, Her-

The Baptist Church at 1:15 did not

The postoffice building was being

At 251: fire in the Main street block

corner of Main and Corcoran; Perry

The fire spread across Parish stree

to the buildings corner Farrish and

it was occupied by a clothing stere

on the ground floor and an insurance

negro paper, on the second floor. Their

The firmes at 2:15 had appendment

in the buildings on Orange street

where the fire was checkedene

Woolworth. damage \$20,000.

The following business houses

R. At Baldwig, damage \$20,000.

Rawle Department Store, damage

Pritchard Bright Clothing Comp-

loss is complete.

\$40.000

fared a complete loss:

cupied by the Pritchard Bright Cloth-

large number of young men.

completely destroyed.

stock was saved.

complete loss.

THE WATER MAINS GIVE WAY ing were completely gutted. Only the

As the Fire was Burning Rapidly and The Firemen Doing All They Could floor was used as a dormitory by a the Mains Burst and Leave the Adjoining Building at the Mercy of the Flames and Wind.-The Loss Will Amount to More Than a Million Dollars, Partially Covered by Insurance.

THERE IS NO LOSS OF LIFE.

The Fire Was Under Control at 1:20 with the City in Darkness except

the Glare from the Fire.

Durham, March 24.-Much of the business section of Durahm today is in ashes. The worst fire in the istery of the city, entailing a property loss of not loss than \$1,000,000, he ke out in the Brodie L. Duke Building at Il o'clock last night and, fanned by a stiff wind, spread rapidly.

Shortly after the fire started the water mains burst and for more than half an hour the firemen were belpisse. During this time the flames gained rapidly and soon it was seen that Durham was face to face with the greatest configuration in her his-

ER the buildings adjoining the Dake ory structure fell one after another a prey to the flames and then the flames jumped across the streets and fell upon business houses located on Parrish, Orange, Mangum and Cor-

At 3:20 the fire was under control. The loss is stated at approximately \$1,000,000 with 50 per ce nt insurance.

The Duke Building, the handsomest in Durham and standing five stories high, was the first to go. In it were located the 5 and 10 cent store of Durham and some 200 offices. The building was completely gutted.

When the fire broke out the flames quickly swept up the elevator shaft and while the entire fire fighting apperatus of Durham was soon on the cene the firemen were practically helplezs to check the spread of the Cames by reason of a broken water main. There was no water for fully haif an hour, and in the meantime the fire completely enveloped the offrom the Duke building to adjoining Bellamy's Shoe Store, Perry Grocery any more.

At 12:15 the whole of the Duke Building has been gutted, and all buildings in the block are on fire.

There seems little hope of saving any of the buildings unless it be those on the extreme ends of the block on the corner of Mangum and Main and Screeran and Main Streets.

A heavy wind blew the flames cross the block in a northwesterly filled with stock from burning buildfraction, and great sporks and parts the berning roofs were cropped ings at 1:15 o'clock and was in serious danger. all that section of the town.

The pressure, however, was internittent and at times when the water was about under control, with the has needed the worst, it failed utter- burning of Blacknal's Drug Store,

The big pump at fire station No. 2 Grocery Company have all stock out se started as soon as the alarm was of their store and Christian & Howurned in from the heart of the busi- ard have much of their lighter stuff, ses section, but immeditely the ad- but it is believed that these buildings ditional pressure on the pipes caused will be saved. break in the main on hiangum

Thousands of people roused them Orange streets. One building in that lives out of bed and are now watch- block was completely destroyed,

the progress of the flames.
The whole town is lighted up and is impossible to get within 100 feet office and the Durham Reformer, a dithe burning office building.

At 12:45 o'clock the firemen had the organization partly under control atthe complete dostruction of the luke Building, owned by Brodie L. tuke; Rawls-Woolworth 5 and 10 est Store, Baldwin's Ladies' Store, hirham Book and Stationery Cominspecupied building, all on Perrisa thet. The total loss to buildings and ske of goods will run near the

any, damage \$35,000. don dollar mark. Lioys Hardwan Company & ware All five stories of the Date Build-

Harring & Elliott, damage \$60,000. Holland Bro.'s damage \$50,000. Blacknale Drug Store, damage \$40,

Bellamy Shoe Store, damage \$25,

T. M. Stephens, grocery, damage **215,000**.

Durham Book & Stationery Com pany, damage \$40,500.

Royal Tailors, damage \$10,000. Chatham Furniture Company, dam age \$25,000.

Durham Reformer, damage \$10,000 These are only estmiates of the stock of some of the largest losers. This is the fire damage only, and every bit of the stock of goods of these

atores was burned. In addition there has been a great loss from water and cracked glasses and damaged gods in other stores on Main, Parrish and Orange streets. This is the third fire that has oc-

all office furniture and fixtures are curred in this block which swept that section clean. The first happened 35 years ago

when the wooden-shacks there were burned. The other happened about 20 ing Store and are now concentrating years ago. The whole of the business section

the Duke Building and the clothing of the city is in darkness except for store. They also had a stream of few gas lamps and the illumination water on the roof of this building for from the terrific fire. The flames have burned all of the

electric feed wires and some of the telephone connections. ham Book Store was completely gut. Hammer Memorial School Wins Both

Debates. The two debating teams of the Hammer Memorial School were victorious Main street and running parallel, the last Friday night in their debates with Liberty. This means that they will el Hill for the debate at that place.

Earl Williams and Algie Newlin reing an effort to extinguish the flames presented the negative of the home on the north side of Parrish street, ground, and D. H. Lashley and Wayne McVey defended the negative at Libance company and by the Durham Reerty. Both debates were of high order and reflect much credit upon the speakers on both sides us well as the completely gutted by the fire the Bille professors in charge of the respective g story structure tocupled by the schools.

Markham-Harris Company, clothiers, We are proud of the fact that Alaon the ground floor, and the law office mance County sends two teams to of Manning, Everett and Kitchin on Chapel Hill, and we are more proud the second at 1 o'clock was not seriof the fact that so many of our boys and girls are interested in the highest The Duke Building from front attainment of education, that of be-Main street to the little building and ling able to think and speak clearly 40 feet back, makes an elbow and and intelligently before large audiences.

Every one of our boys and girls to be out of danger, but the heat has should be encouraged in every manner possible to embrace every oppor dows in all the stores on that side tunity possible for public debating, of the street in the block have been and we congratulate especially the cracked and blistered. Many of them people of the Hammer Memorial have fallen out, but the flames are School of the good work that they being held on the other side of the jare doing at that place.

Where is "The Boy? ing west and the whole of the Green To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Several weeks ago I saw several articles in your paper signed "The Boy." These articles were certainly well written and I have wondered ring & Elliott Furniture Store, Holseveral days with Mr. Somers mother land and Brothers' Furniture Store,

Company, on the corner of Parrish I like these articles and think the and Corcoran streets, and the Chatham Furniture Store, corner Parrian well worth the time and consideration and Orange Streets, next to the First of every man, woman and child in his former pastor, Mr. Church, who the town and ever Church, Church Baptist church, were also burned at Society, Business Man, Chamber of assisted by his friend Rev. J. B Gib-Commerce, and the Graded School to ble. He leaves a wife and six sons think and see if there is not some and two daughters and has been a seem to be in danger, as it is slate way in which we can get this building covered and the wind was in the other in Burlington.

I think the town is large enough for a good Y. M. C. A. and I think there is no town in North Carolina where one is needed any more than here There is plenty of money here to build a nice one and the people are perfect-

ly willing to give it. I would like to hear more from "The Boy" and hope that some day in the near future to see a nice Y. M. C. A. Building with a competent secretary located in Burlington and the good that will be derived from such as "Investment" as a Y. M. C. A. car never been measured this wide of the Immigrant?" "The Great Beyond."

SECOND WARD BOY.

Mr. Lowe at It Again Mr. J. A. Lowe, our R. F. D. Car rier. No. 1. is still in the chicken bus iness and has some very very fine fewls. He raises the Black Minores. and has some of the prettiest fewis we have seen any where.

Monday he received an extremely fine looking cockers? from a Lynchburg, Va., man that won lots of the best premiums in the racet widely exhibited poultry chows in the country with his flock. Mr. Lowe mye he is not raising chickens to eat but is going to key him as a fillementile

BEATH OF G. W. CATES.

One of Alamance County's Most Aged Burlington Loses to Jamestown and and Progressive Citizens Passed - into the Great Beyond.

Funeral Service Monday.

Death of a Good Man.

This morning, Sunday, March 22, Mr. G. W. P. Cates, postmaster and ed School Friday night. The query men who lived and fought with the North Carolina should be so Amended great roll call. His death was the re- endum should be State Wide in Opsult of paralysis of which be was stricken 8 days ago.

At the age of 18 Mr. Cates joined Carolina Troops. He remained with B. Way. Lee through the bloody battles of 1861-65. Shortly after the surrender, Mr. Cates was married to Miss Jane Crawford, of Orange county. To this union were born nine children of which only one survives, Mr. C. P. Cates, of Altamahaw.

Mr. Cates was a deacon in the Baptich Church here. It was through his zealous efforts that the church was founded.

Uncle George, as he was known by his most intimate friends, was always looked upon as a true Christian pure and noble hearted man, with influence always for the good.

The town realizes that a good man has left us, and no doubt many beauhave the opportunity of going to Chap- tiful floral designs and hosts of friends will, on Monday, accompany of Elon Conege, and Dr. 11. Don't from noise and ruscian, but friends will, on Monday, accompany Chapel Hill, were waited upon by the is none the less thorough. This steadinterment will be made at the old Cane Creek Cemetery.

His record both as a soldier and as a man is one that others should pattorn after and the state of the

passed by his record as a Christian. The town, the community and the Baptist Church knows that one who we can truly call a Christian man is gone, but he leaves behind that influence that will never die. He was o enemies.

It is true that he has left this world but he served his time and did his duty, so that when:

The voice at midnight came; He started up to hear: A mortal arrow pierced his frame He fell but felt no fear.

At midnight came the cry. To meet thy God prepare, He woke, and caught his captain

Then strong in faith and prayer, His spirit with a bound left its cumbering clay

And now while eternal ages run, He rests in his dear Savior's day.'

Death of Mr. Albert Long.

Mr. Albert Long died Wednesday at his home and was buried the fol-Pina Hill Cemeters Funeral services were conducted by resident of our town for 28 years. He was a good honest citizen and leaves many friends who regret to learn of his death.

Doings at the Christian Church.

The subject to be considered at the Prayer Meeting of the Christian Church on Wednesday eve of this week at 7:30 will be "The Story of the Immigrant Maiden," and all who attend are requested to read the book of Ruth.

The following topics will be dis cussed: "What Ought the Church to Do for

"What Qught the United States to

do for the Immigrant? That of Value Does

grant Bring to this Nation? What of Peril Does the Immigran

Bring to this Nation?" At the Sunday morning services the astor is giving a series of sermons on the Psalms. Next Sunday morning the Seventh Psalm will be considered. The theme for the evening will be, "Is the Word Growing Better or Worse?"

The public is cordially invited to all

A. B. KENDALL, D. D.

Sarters Embroblety Sale Saturds nd Mornay.

THE TRIANGULAR BEBATE.

Fraham. The Boys World Good Speeches But Outelrused.

Graham Wins Both.

Quite an interesting crowd attended the triangular debate at The Gradone of the fast disappearing body of Resolved, That the Constitution of infmortal Lee, answered to the last as to allow the initiative and Refereration. The negative side won-Messrs. Coltrane and Ridge, of James town, represented the negative, while the army of Lee, being assigned to the affirmative was represented by Company K, 44th Regiment, North Messrs. Graham Faucett and Charles

> Graham, March 21.-The represent tatives of the Graham High School won a two-to-one decision of the judges in the debate with the Burlington High School, which took place in the Auditorium of the Graham Graded School building, and the representatives that were sent to James town won a unanimous victory ove he local speakers there.

The speakers at Graham represent ng both sides of the subject did credit to themselves and their instructors. Immediately after the last speaker rejoinder, the judges, who were J. I. Foust, of Greensboro; W. C. Wicker, slip of paper and carried to the rostrum, where they were opened by ly discussed progressive movement Mayor W. I. Ward, president of the class, and read sloud in favor of There have been certain disclaimers, lis record as a soldier is only sur-the phone that the decision at Jamestown went in favor of Graham also. This means the Graham representatives will go to Chapel Hill for the final decision.

The Graham speakers are: Affirm ative-Michael Holt Kernolde and Miss loved and esteemed by all for he had Flonie Elsie Cooper. Negative— Misses Myrtle Gates and Myrtle

Secretary, Miss Conley Albright; timekeeper, Coy Williams.

Greensboro Won . Charlotte, Mar. 20,-The high school School and the Greensboro High School took place tonight. The query was: "Resolved That the Constitution to Allow the Initiative and Referen-

dum in State-Wide Legislation." Greensbore the negative. Greensbore and Robert Boyd.

Pieasant Garden Has Not Lost in Five Years.

Pleasant Garden High School, which won in both contests last Friday in debate has not lost a debate in five years. The teams representing that school met and conquered Jamestown, Cary, Pittsboro, Carthage and Dur-

The Millinery Openings.

Friday and Saturday are set apart by the milliners of the town as the days when they will have their Spring openings. They are extremely busy at the present time making preparation for the beautiful display of the Spring hats and headwear which they will show.

Misses Morrow & Bason have with them Misses Thurston, V. M. Rogers, Nina Seymour, Byrd McClure, and Little Miss Mary Holt. Messrs. J. D. & L. B. Whitted have Misses Ponand Mrs. John Woods. J. A. Isley & Bro. Co., have in the millinery department Misses Evie Gross, Nellie Wynn and Mrs. Burrs. I. J. Mazur will have this season Miss is Cora May, Espie Clapp, Bessie Barton and Miss Huntley Miss Alice Boland is assisted by Misses May McAdams and Julia Fogleman. Miss Olive Kemp will have charge of this department at S. A. Thomy's.

To Cure a Cold in Our Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO Openion. It is Cough and Heavache and was not the

PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

The Progressive Movement in North Carolina From a Progressive

Standpoint.

Kicks Old Ring.

The Progressive Movement in North Carolina Democracy.

Washington, March 21 .- A stiff fight was in progress between New Orleans and San Francisco for the honor and profit of giving the Panama Exposition. Every vote in Congress counted. A New Orleans friend went to Charles F. Murphy for help. Mr. Murphy was grieved beyond words; he had pledged every Tammany vote in Congress to San Francisco save three. Mr. Murphy pressed an electric button. A messenger responded with an electric promptness. A message was sent to the three unpledged members of Congress, and they were told to cast their vote for New Orleans. The New Orleans man experienced several emotions, but that of amazement predominated over gratitude. He had never dreamed of political discipline being reduced to an art quite so fine and thoroughgoing. With Mr. Murphy, it was a mere detail, quite in a normal day's doings.

The impression is growing that on the negative side had finished his North Carolina is being bessed pretty much the same way. In the State it is being done with a Plattlike freedom from noise and fustian, but it ily growing impression accounts, in a very marked measure for the broadrecently inaugurated in the State. and some of those whose names have ben rather unwisey used in the public prints, have emphasized the desire to keep the movement divorced from all factional alignments, but neverheless a good many very thoughtful citizens have an interest in that movement.

Nor would it speak very well for a Wilson Democratic party if they did not feel such an interest. A good many of these gentlemen feel that the party doorplate is being stolen under their eyes. Months ago this paper declared that if certain appointments were made in North Carolinadebate between the Charlotte High appointments essentially political in character-the State's governmental affairs would inevitably be turned over to a patronage heirarchy, with Tory of North Carolina be So Amended as or reactionary leanings. All this is to Allow the Initiative and Referenquite generally understood now. Members of the House are as a rule per-Charlotte had the affirmative, and mitted to name the postmasters, always provided, of course, that a cerspeakers were W. M. Boyst and W. tain degree of tenderness is shown S. Johnson; Charlotte, Algernon Gillis fort hef eelings of the eral powers, andp rovided reasonable care is ex-At the conclusion of the debate ercised in seeing to it that lese mathe judges decided in favor of Greens- jeste is not committed. For the rest, cope but the master's voice is heard when the federal jobs are of sufficient importance to attract the attention of the master.

Maniey McDowell was taken down into the sub-basement of the Capitol and told that he might have a job under the collector at Statesville, in lieu of the position of marshal which he says had been promised him. State Chairman Webb was given a position with which he never will have much affinity, and he would have been given nothing at all had not the State's new supervisor of things political takent hep esition that Mr. Webb must have some recognition that would have the effect of nullifying the Craig-Simmons influence, should any opposition arise to the re-election of Senator Overman. Senator Simmons' former secretary had undertaken to re-elect Mr. Overman, and all the patronage had to be shaped to that end. Friendships of a life-time, solema promises, loyalty to wilson it all went by the board under the master's lah Petty, Aiva Hardee, Ola Evans, hand, just as legislation, and more especially progressive legislation had been smothered and conventions have ben controlled, in the good old days.

Of course the disposition of these federal tobs may not be important in themselves. They are important, however, as symptoms, as bringing men to a realization of the fact that North Carelina is more thoroughly bossed today than is New York, where the friends of the Fresident are slowly but surely removing the hand of Murphy from the helm. People have said some bitter things about E. J.

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