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NEGRO WOMAN'S HOUSE BURNED.

Emma Palmer Loses Her Home and \$100 in Cash by Fire.

The dwelling house of Emma Palmer, colored, was destroyed by fire Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock. The house was located near the plant of the Atlas Table Co. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is the opinion of the owner that her home was set on fire. There was no one in the house at the time the fire was discovered. It was reported that a lamp had been left burning and that this exploded, causing the fire but the Palmer woman denies this. There was no insurance on either the house or its contents. The woman had just had an addition finished Saturday evening and intended having the property insured Monday. Besides the loss of her home the woman had seventy-five dollars hid under a carpet in the house. This money was burned, as was \$25 belonging to Minnie Goss, who was visiting the Palmer woman.

Hurt in a Runaway.

Mr. R. B. Thompson, of Tyro Shops, and one of the most prominent citizens of Davidson county, was very seriously hurt at Spencer late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Thompson, who had been spending Sunday in Salisbury, was returning home and had reached Spencer when the shafts dropped, frightening the horse. The animal immediately plunged forward and reared. He then ran, the buggy struck a tree and Mr. Thompson was thrown out. His right leg was broken, his head badly mashed and his body bruised in various places. The injured man was immediately removed to a nearby house and physicians were summoned. His brothers, Messrs. F. M. and P. H. Thompson, of Salisbury, were notified of the accident and hurried to his bedside. This morning Mr. Thompson was taken to his home at Tyro.—Salisbury Sun, 5th.

Fire At High Point.

High Point, N. C., Oct. 2.—The machinery room of the High Point Mantel and Table Company's plant was destroyed by fire last night about 12:30 o'clock. The fire started in the drying houses, close to the machinery building, which were also destroyed. Prompt work on the part of the local firemen saved further destruction. The loss outside of insurance is estimated about \$10,000. Enough factory property in close proximity was saved by the firemen, which otherwise would have burned, to pay for the water-works several times over. The burned district will be rebuilt at once.

6,000 Men At Work.

Capt. O. W. Loving, of the Southern Railway, informed The News this morning that 25 miles of the new double track of the Southern between Manassas and Alexandria, was used last night by his train, No. 39.

Capt. Loving says the roadbed is fine and one would scarcely know that it was a new track so carefully has it been constructed. The big force now at work on the double track continues to put in 24 hours a day. There are 4,000 on the day shift and 2,000 on the night shift.—Charlotte News.

Subscriptions.

These friends have our thanks for recent remittances in payment of subscriptions to The Dispatch: B. W. Watts, H. C. Rothrock, Wiley Hedrick, J. T. Yarbrough, Lewis Brown, Jno. H. May, D. K. Young, O. C. Hedrick, N. H. Newsom, Jas. H. Crofts, Wesley Waiser, Mrs. Mary L. Queen, W. A. Hinkle, B. F. Lanier, C. L. Lomax, Lowe Gallimore, C. L. Long, J. T. Sink, Peter Bean, G. L. Crook, Mrs. D. M. Webster, N. B. Orrall, M. P. Murphy, D. H. Black, Japha Clodfelter, G. N. Sowers, M. W. Bean, H. E. Beck, J. W. Richardson, Jesse W. Morris, J. E. Wrenn.

DEPARTURE OF THE CARNIVAL.

Tents Torn Down and Crowds Departed Sunday Night.

The carnival is a thing of the past. After a week's stay in Lexington the Jones Carnival Company pulled up stakes, tore down their tents and left for Winston-Salem, where they will exhibit this week at the fair. The company enjoyed a fairly liberal patronage here. The shows on the average were good. Of course there were some bum features, but this was to be expected out of so large an aggregation, there being possibly over a hundred people connected with the show. The most attractive feature of the carnival was the Ferris wheel and Prof. Danton's high dive. The latter was especially good. A ladder ninety feet high was erected in the middle of the street and from this ladder Prof. Danton would make two dives every day into a tank containing only four feet of water. The Lexington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer collected the following data in regard to Prof. Danton: "Of all the varied attractions of the carnival the most daring and hazardous is the 'fire dive,' which was performed twice during the day and evening. A. S. Danton, the man who performs this daring deed, is a native of Bardeaux, France, has been but one year in this country. He claims to be the only 'fire diver' in this country. He practiced his profession for several years in Europe before coming to the States. He has performed the 'high dive' at the Imperial Circus at St. Petersburg, Russia, and at the King's Circus, in Belgium. This is his first year to make the 'fire dive.' He uses common coal oil on his clothes and gasoline on his tank, the latter is ignited with 'spit fire.' The ladder from which he leaps is 90 feet high. Just before he dives he looks intently at the trees by which he sees the effect of the wind, and as soon as a perfect calm occurs he leaps. This is very important, as a strong current of air could easily change his course and he would strike the edge of the tank.

Tow is Captured.

Will Towe, the man who has achieved considerable notoriety by running a blind tiger in Lexington, was arrested by Sheriff Dorsett one day last week and is now confined in the county jail. Things were getting pretty warm in these parts for Towe and a few weeks ago he moved to Spencer to wait until matters quieted down. Last week he got on a drunk and decided to pay Lexington a visit. Officers heard of him being here and nabbed him at once. Towe was arrested on an old warrant, but it is probable there will be several new ones against him before our next Superior court convenes.

Reduced Rates to Greensboro.

On account of the fair and reunion at Greensboro next week, the Southern Railway will sell reduced rate tickets from points along its line. The fare from Lexington and return is \$1.55, and this includes a ticket of admission into the fair grounds. Reduced rate tickets will be put on sale Monday, Oct. 12th, and are limited to return until Saturday, 17th.

The Shop Enlargement.

Work will probably not begin on the new building at the Spencer shops of the Southern Railway before January 1st. The scarcity of material is largely responsible for the delay but it is quite certain that the enlarged shops will be completed by spring. The Spencer shops are now doing quite a good deal of work for other divisions.

Dispensary Wins in Raleigh.

An election was held in Raleigh Monday, and after January 1st the twenty-four saloons in that city will go out of business and a dispensary will take their place. The advocates of a dispensary carried Monday's election by 194 majority.

KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

Isaac Hill, a Young Man of Enterprise, Killed Monday.

While at work cutting timber in Reedy Creek township Monday, Mr. Isaac Hill was killed by a large tree falling upon him and crushing him to death. Mr. Hill lived near Enterprise, but was at work in Reedy Creek getting out timber preparatory to building a house. He had cut a large tree and stepped to one side to pick up his coat, which was hanging near-by, when the tree fell in an entirely unexpected direction, catching Mr. Hill and causing his death almost instantly. Deceased was about twenty-five years of age. He was a married man and is survived by a wife and one child. The funeral and burial took place at New Hope yesterday.

Wrecked Engine Goes to Spencer.

Engine No. 1192, of the fast mail which plunged from a trestle north of Danville Sunday a week ago, wrecking the train and killing ten people, was extricated from its position in the creek Saturday afternoon, and passed through Lexington yesterday en route to the railroad shops at Spencer. In order to get the engine out of the creek a spur track had to be laid from a siding to the scene of the wreck. With the help of two other engines the big monster was hauled safely into Danville. The engine will be overhauled and placed again in commission.

A Good Example.

In having the streets and back lots thoroughly cleaned up this week the town authorities are setting an example that should be speedily followed by every citizen of Lexington by cleansing their own premises. Especially should all hog pens receive attention. Numerous cases of malaria and typhoid fever are reported this week. There is a cause for these diseases being here, and the chances are that this cause is filth, either around your own or your neighbor's premises.

Lawyer Shoots Saloon Keeper.

Greensboro, Oct. 6.—In an altercation at 6 o'clock this afternoon, opposite the court house, on Main street, while Federal court was in session, Mr. T. J. Murphy, a prominent young lawyer here, shot John R. Coble, a saloon-keeper. There was only one shot, the ball taking effect in the leg, just below the knee. Coble walked off limping to a drug store and Murphy walked over to a magistrate's office, a few feet away, where a warrant for an affray was served upon him. Coble is not seriously hurt.

Murdered in a Still.

Reidsville, Oct. 5.—A telephone message from Yanceyville gives particulars of a murder in Caswell county, Saturday night. E. E. Pierce, a white man about 35 years old, was found in an unconscious condition about 8 o'clock Sunday morning and died that day at noon. Pierce was a native of Iredell county and had been living in Caswell county for a number of years. He was sleeping at Pruitt & Siddles' distillery, located about two miles from Gatewood, N. C., near the Virginia line. Unknown parties entered his room and dealt him a murderous blow over the temple with a broken chair post, pillaged the premises and made good their escape. The object was robbery, as Pierce has recently disposed of fifty or sixty gallons of corn whiskey, and was supposed to have had the money with him. He had deposited \$250 in a Danville bank on October 1st.

Must Take Out License.

Under the new bird and game law for North Carolina every non-resident hunter who comes to the State to hunt must take out license. The funds arising from the license fees are turned over to the State Audubon Society to use in enforcing the bird and game protective laws.

A SAD DEATH.

Young Spencer Surratt Dies After a Short Illness.

Mr. Spencer Surratt died last Friday night at 10 o'clock after an illness of only two weeks with typhoid fever. Deceased was about 23 years of age. He clerked for J. W. Finch & Son, coming to Lexington from the county some three years ago. Mr. Surratt was a member of Macedonia M. E. church and he was buried in the graveyard at that place last Saturday, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. D. Arnold. Mr. Surratt was a quiet, unassuming young man and was highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a wife and one child, together with a number of relatives.

Obituary.

Spencer Surratt died at his home in Lexington on Oct. 2, 1903, after an illness of about two weeks of typhoid fever. He was the son of M. C. Surratt, of Fairmont. He joined the church at Macedonia about four years ago and has lived a consistent Christian life ever since and stated repeatedly during his illness that he had no fear of death. He was loved and honored by all who knew him. He was married about three years ago to Miss Daisy Michael, daughter of M. S. Michael, of Fairmont, who, with one little babe, survive him to mourn their loss. He was buried last Saturday evening from Macedonia church, the funeral being conducted by Rev. J. D. Arnold, assisted by the writer. The large concourse of people attending the funeral showed the esteem in which he was held in his old community. May God in His mercy comfort and care for the friends and loved ones left behind. D. P. TATE.

Dealing With Hoboes.

There is an ordinance against jumping on or off moving trains within the corporate limits, and the town officers have been giving hoboes a warm reception during the past week. Half a dozen or more have been carried before Mayor Moyer. Five dollars and costs is the penalty usually given these offenders.

One Cause for Wrecks.

The cause of so many wrecks on railroads continues to be a theme for discussion among the newspapers. One thing can be put down as quite true, that work demanding two tracks has been done or tried to be done on one line. But the real cause is fast running. Some engineers can run like smoke, slowing up and exercising due caution over bad places, while others, imbued with the sole idea of "getting there," lose sight of these things and disaster follows. Some men are nervous and excitable and when once they get to flying along the road they forget there are stumps in the road. The excitement is too much for them; they lose their heads and away they go. On average runs they do not become excited over trying to "get there."—Greensboro Record.

120 Miles An Hour.

Berlin, Oct. 6.—The world's speed record was broken again today on an electric railway near here when a ninety-five ton car, carrying twenty persons, made 120 miles per hour over a twenty three mile track. Experts say experiments have proved the safety and practicability of such a railway. The sole disadvantage will be the double fares necessary to cover the increased cost. Charles Mudge, an American engineer, drives the car when tests continue Thursday.

Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News. Even an amateur organist can play a wedding march that is entirely satisfactory to the girl in the case.

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STATE NEWS.

The trial of Ernest Haywood, a leading Raleigh lawyer, for the killing of J. Ludlow Skinner, a prominent business man, last February, began in the Superior Court there Monday morning.

John Hailey, a white man of Durham, was cleaning his pistol and his little son stood by an interested spectator. The pistol was discharged of course and it is doubtful if the boy lives.

Capt. Thos. Blair, the railroad conductor killed in the wreck at Danville, Va., September 27th, had just taken out his first life insurance in three policies, aggregating \$3,500.

A Gaston county man made much grape wine. A year or two ago he died and now his widow has on hand 700 gallons of wine, two and a half years old, that she is anxious to sell, but the Gazette says the Gaston county prohibition law does not allow the sale of wine in the county. Now the owner of 700 gallons of wine is trying to find a purchaser in non-prohibition territory so she can make the place of delivery the place of sale.

Mr. T. P. Gillespie, of Cool Spring township, was in town Saturday and told of the remarkable experience of Henry Stimpson, a colored laborer on his farm. One day last week Stimpson was engaged in digging a well for the Cool Spring Academy. He got in the tub and was being let down in the well. Only about four yards of the descent had been made when the rope broke, hurling Stimpson 40 odd feet to the rock bottom with the tub on top of him. Those around thought of course that the negro was dead but after he regained consciousness he sent up a yell for help. He was taken out and was found not to be very badly hurt.—Statesville Landmark.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Following is the summary of the North Carolina weekly crop bulletin, issued at Raleigh, for the week ending Monday, October 5th:

The past week has been very dry with practically no rain whatever except a very small amount at a few widely separated places. The drought is injuring all late crops considerably, especially turnips, fall Irish potatoes, crimson clover and early seeded rye and wheat. Small streams are low, and there is a scarcity of water in some sections. The temperature was slightly above normal, as the days were moderately warm; the nights were generally cool, and some frost occurred in the mountains. While the lack of moisture is affecting late seeded crops adversely, and the ground has become too hard and dry for the continuation of fall plowing, otherwise conditions were very favorable for gathering matured crops and for all farm work. Very little plowing has been done, and only small quantities of winter wheat and oats were seeded during the week.

Cotton is opening very rapidly, with weather conditions favorable for picking; which is progressing rapidly; the cool nights have injured the top crop; in many fields in the south cotton is all open; the estimate is that nearly half the cotton has already been picked, and the yield is undoubtedly short. Gathering late corn has advanced well; some late corn has been injured by lack of sufficient moisture. Tobacco has all been safely housed, except in a few sections in the northwestern part of the State. Digging peanuts and sweet potatoes are underway, with fairly good yields. Most of the pea-vine hay crop, nearly all of the fodder and other forage crops have been housed under favorable conditions. Clover and turnips are being much injured by drought. Some wheat and oats were seeded during the week, but cannot come up without rain. Forest fires are reported in the northeast part of the State.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Tom Taylor spent several days last week in Richmond.

Master Cliff Thompson is confined to his bed with malarial fever.

Mrs. Elmc Pfol, of Winston-Salem, is here on a visit to Mrs. C. A. Hunt.

Dr. and Mrs. Baxter Byerly, of Advance, Davie county, were here Monday.

Mr. C. A. Hanes has accepted a position as salesman with the Farmers Supply Co.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mr. Bascom Harris, who has typhoid fever.

Dr. Joel Hill returned from a trip to Baltimore and northern cities Friday night.

Mr. Stokes Garner, of Snider, has secured a position as clerk for Garner & Moorefield.

Mr. Jno. Hedrick, of High Point, spent Sunday near Lexington with homefolks.

Miss Edith Moore, of High Point, arrived Monday and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore.

Miss Camille Hunt returned home Thursday night from an extensive visit to friends in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Armfield, of Thomasville, were here Saturday and "took in the carnival."

Miss Lillie Watt Penn, who has been visiting Miss Winifred Adderton, left Friday for her home at Reidsville.

Miss Grace Smith, after a few days' visit to Miss Irene Smith, returned to her home Saturday at Linwood.

Mr. W. F. Carry went to Greensboro Monday morning and is serving on the jury at Federal court this week.

Mrs. M. P. Stone and daughter, Miss Lolla, of Reidsville, arrived last Wednesday and are visiting Mrs. M. A. Nooe.

Mr. H. B. Varner spent the past week in New York, Washington and Philadelphia in the interest of The Dispatch.

Ex-County Commissioner C. A. Davis, of Abbott's Creek, was here Monday on business. We were pleased to have him call.

Misses Allie Burton and Genevieve White, of High Point, were here several days last week and were the guests of Miss Edith Greer.

Mr. R. L. Simmons is attending the fairs at Winston-Salem and Burlington this week. He is judge of the poultry department at these fairs.

Mr. Henry Cecil, who had his skull cracked by being thrown from a wagon several weeks ago, is improving and is now able to get out of the house.

Miss Carrie Hege, of Enterprise, has accepted a position as stenographer at the Elk Furniture Company and will enter upon her duties Monday morning.

Miss Frances Burkhead left Saturday for Greensboro to visit Miss Page, one of the G. F. College's teachers. She will go to Raleigh before returning home.

The boys who spent Sunday out of town were Will Moffitt at Greensboro, Roy Williamson at Gibsenville and Wood Dorsett at Thomasville.

Mrs. S. B. J. Stewart, who has been the guest of the Misses Moffitt for the past week, returned to her home at Monroe Friday.

Mr. A. L. Pickard returned from Jacksonville, Fla., last Friday. He was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. R. B. Pickard, who will make North Carolina her future home.

Rev. J. B. Hurley and family left last Wednesday for Fayetteville, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Hurley and children have been here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. B. Leonard since June.