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A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Lexington Hardware Co. Losses Heavy—Net Loss Will Exceed \$10,000.

Tuesday night of last week at about 1:30 o'clock, fire was discovered in the new three-story building of the Lexington Hardware Company.

The fire was a spectacular one. It lighted up the whole town and for a time it was feared that the whole block would go.

The damage was heavy. The new building, three stories high is almost a complete wreck.

The company carried insurance on the building of \$35,000. The stock in the new building was insured for \$3,500 and the stock in the warehouses was insured for \$3,200.

Mr. T. H. Lamb, the insurer, lost all of his tools and a considerable amount of finished work, as well as a good supply of stock.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. J. H. Greer, secretary and treasurer of the company, believes that it started from the electric motor that operated the elevator.

SHOP TALK.

The Bank of Lexington urges you to take advantage of the opportunity to start that savings account right now, on their new Christmas Club plan. See their ad.

The Old Reliable, J. B. Smith Co., present in their ad this week "Something Worth Reading." Do not fail to read it.

Note Messrs. & Shockley's specials for Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Housekeeper, take a look at the Penny Grocery Company's ad. Those cash prices are attractive.

For hardware that will stand hard wear, go to the Manning Hardware Co.

The Fred Thompson Co. will conduct one of their famous remnant sales Friday. Note the ad.

Do not miss the new year's greeting of the Lexington Ice & Coal Co. They make a candid statement of their business policy.

Teaching at Linwood and Wesley's Chapel.

Rev. J. W. Ingle, pastor of the Linwood circuit of the M. E. Church South, asks the Dispatch to call the attention of the people and of the public in general to the services at Linwood and Wesley's Chapel next Sunday.

He will preach at Linwood at 11 o'clock a. m. and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, he will preach at Wesley's Chapel. All are urged to attend these services.

COMMISSIONERS MEET.

They Vote Appropriation For County Farm Demonstration Agent for 1915.

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FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

Views in Brief of What Was Going on in North Carolina During the Past Week.

Allison Hodges, a farm-borne was near Dunn, Harnett county, was found dead by the railroad tracks in that county a few days ago. Foul play is suspected.

A negro named Henderson exhibited a roll of money in the presence of two strange negroes in Warren county last week. Later Henderson's dead body was found but no money.

At Vanceboro, Craven county, the day before Christmas, Paul Jacobs, 12 years old, was shot and killed by Charles Bright, 15 years old. The boys were hunting and it is claimed the shooting was an accident.

D. V. Krimmlinger of No. 11 township, Cabarrus county, exhibited a box in Concord last week that weighed 90 pounds and measured five feet eight inches in length and six feet three inches around the girth.

J. R. Rousseau, the Wilkesboro man who was appointed deputy by Marshal Webb, without consulting the senators and Representatives, and whose appointment caused some commotion, will be allowed to hold on to his job.

The Salisbury Post says the little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Fisher of Faith, Rowan county, died Monday as the result of a peculiar accident. Some time ago she swallowed a part of an acorn and this is said to have finally settled on her lung and caused an abscess.

The country home of Dr. T. P. Chesborough, two miles from Asheville, on the Swannanoa river, was burned last week. Loss about \$15,000, half covered by insurance. The house was occupied by care-takers and they escaped from the building in their night clothes.

A. R. West stood in the cold rain for two hours on Christmas Eve to get a train on the Murphy branch of the Southern railway and prevent it from running into a big boulder that had fallen on the track. West deserves a medal. His service probably prevented a disastrous wreck.

The Graham Gleason says that revenue officers last week seized 22 kegs of liquor at the home of H. Goodman, near Haw River. Goodman, says the Gleason, is a well-to-do farmer and he maintained that he had bought the liquor to distribute among his friends for Christmas presents.

Mrs. Minnie Evans, who killed her husband, Bud Evans, in Haywood county last week, was discharged by the coroner's jury. It was in evidence that Evans, who was a had man and had previously attacked the woman with a knife, was after her with a club when she shot him.

The One Nation That Is Specially Blessed.

Herbert N. Casson in Associated Advertising for December.

"What is the matter with the United States?" As I have been residing in London since the beginning of the war, I have been hearing this question asked on all sides. I have never heard any satisfactory answer. No one seems to know.

Why are the American factories not running night and day? Why are the railroads not opening up new territories and getting ready for the millions of immigrants who have already made up their minds to leave Europe as soon as the war is over?

Why are there not fifty American drummers in London right now, trying to sell \$200,000,000 worth of American goods in place of the goods that were bought last year from Germany and Austria?

Why have advertisers become quitters, just at the time when their advertisements were most needed and most effective in cheering on the business forces of the United States?

From the European point of view, the United States is a haven of peace and security and prosperity. It has no troubles that it dare mention to Belgium or Austria or France or Germany or Serbia or Great Britain or Russia.

Every tenth Briton has enlisted. Every tenth Frenchman is at the front. Every tenth Belgian is dead. What does the United States know of trouble?

I could afford it. I would charter the Mauretania and Lusitania and convey a party of 5,000 American advertisers to Europe for a trip of education. I would give them a week in London, a week in Paris and a week in Antwerp.

I would let them look at the United States from the scene of war. I would give them a look at real trouble. I would let them see trains, ten at a time, five minutes apart, packed with the maimed and the dying.

Now go back and appreciate the United States. Realize your opportunities. Don't start digging trenches when nobody is firing at you. Don't fall down when you have not been hit. Don't be blind to the most glorious chance you have ever had in your life.

Go back and advertise. Get ready for the most tremendous business boom that any nation ever had. Build your factories. Train more salesmen. Borrow more money. Go ahead, and thank God that you are alive and that your family is alive, and that you are living in a land that is at peace, at a time when nearly the whole world is at war.

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PERSONALS.

Misses Etta and Sallie May Snider and Mr. W. H. Snider, of Healing Springs, left Monday for Sylva, N. C. where they are attending school.

Mr. J. D. Owen, of Cotton Grove township, was in Lexington Saturday and gave us a subscription to The Dispatch and Progressive Farmer.

Misses Gene Burns and Ruth Blacklock, who have been guests of Misses Frances and Lois Williams, have returned to Randolph-Macon institute.

Mrs. C. E. Seneaman left Tuesday for her home in Atlanta, Ga., after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clodfelter.

Messrs. Y. F. Cecil and H. M. Perryman, and a number of other gentlemen from Abbotts Creek township were in Lexington Saturday on business.

Mr. John C. Hunt, a veteran "knight of the grip" spent the holidays here with his family and again hit the road Monday selling tea and coffee.

Mr. A. J. Hedrick, of Raleigh, is spending several days here with his little child who is very sick with pneumonia. A trained nurse is also in attendance.

Mr. J. A. Hartley, of Yadin College, was in town last Friday on business and reports that the roads are "something fierce" between here and Yadin College.

Mr. Henry C. Tysinger, of Denton, was in Lexington Monday on business. He said everything was moving along very nicely around Denton except that the roads are very bad.

Mr. H. B. Varner spent yesterday in Raleigh attending a meeting of the directors of the State's Prison and looking in on the general assembly, which is now in session.

Mr. W. L. D. Surratt, of High Rock, was here Monday and called to see The Dispatch, and renewed his subscription for this paper and The Progressive Farmer for a year.

Miss Mary McCrary returned yesterday to Charlotte to resume her studies at Queen's College, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCrary.

Mr. Howard P. May, of Conrad Hill township, was in Lexington Thursday and renewed his subscription and had the paper sent his son, Mr. B. J. May, who is at a school at Whitesett institute.

Mr. J. H. Hall, a prominent druggist of Salisbury, was in the city Monday on his way to Raleigh to take up his duties as representative of Iredell county in the General Assembly. While here he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Lee V. Phillips.

IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Mrs. W. G. Perry is in Baltimore. Miss Alice Earnhardt spent Friday in Spencer.

Mr. Alton Lambeth, of Newsom, was here Monday. Mr. W. T. Harris, of Denton, was in town last Thursday.

Mrs. F. L. Hedrick visited relatives in Salisbury last Thursday. Mrs. Arthur Neese spent Christmas with her parents in Burlington.

Mrs. J. H. Leonard has returned from a visit to relatives at High Point. Mr. Frank Morris, of the Nokomis village, is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. A. W. Shirley passed through here Sunday enroute to Churchland. Miss Helen Shell, of Lenoir, was here last week, enroute to Chapel Hill.

Mr. Owen Leonard, of Statesville, spent the week-end with Mr. Leonard Swaim. Mr. A. M. Snider, of Healing Springs township, left Monday for school at Wake Forest.

Mr. H. M. Loftin, of Alleghany township, was in Lexington last Friday on business. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hall, of High Point, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clodfelter.

Miss Linda Clement, of Mocksville, visited Mrs. Z. I. Waiser at Hotel March last week. Mr. William A. Hunt, cashier of the Citizens Bank, of Henderson, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Paul Neese has returned from Spray, where she spent the holidays with her parents. Messrs. H. S. Fletcher and O. W. Freeman, of Denton, were here yesterday on business.

Mrs. James Adderton returned Friday evening from a visit to relatives at Matthews, N. C. Mr. C. S. Payne, of Thomasville township, was in Lexington last Wednesday on business.

Miss Jessie Willeford, of Concord, returned home yesterday after a visit to Miss Mary McCrary. Miss Elizabeth Lazenby, of Salisbury, visited her cousin, Miss Carabelle Swaim last week.

Mrs. Percy Grimes and children, of Salisbury, visited at the home of Mr. J. D. Grimes last week. Judge M. T. Phillips, of Fairview, Hopedale county, is visiting his son, Capt. Wade H. Phillips.

Miss Paul Waiser, who has been visiting Miss Helen Judson, of Thomasville, has returned home. Mr. J. H. Clodfelter spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clodfelter.