

A Terrible Disaster

Ford's old theater building at Washington gives in with nearly 500 persons in it and a large number was killed and injured. This old building has become historic in calamities. In it John Wilkes Booth killed President Lincoln in 1865. On the 10th inst. near five hundred persons, mostly employees of the government, were engaged in their duties. The top floor gave way, or half of it, and with a sudden crash all went down together. Those who were on this part of the floor were either killed or injured. This building was used in connection with the office of the Surgeon General. It was condemned years ago, but had been repaired, propped up and renovated from year to year. This is a most appalling disaster and has brought great grief to many homes, and besides it will cost the government a vast amount of money to pay for the lives lost and the injuries received by these unfortunate government employees. On account of the history connected with this old building it has been spared more as a relic than utility, and by this ungodly move lives were lost. It appears that a great deal of carelessness has been manifested in occupying this hull of a building. There is another coincidence brought to mind by this tragedy. The great tragedian Booth, brother to John Wilkes Booth, the man who killed Lincoln, died near the time of this second great calamity of the Ford theater. A great number of the war records on both sides as well as many of the pension records were stored away in this old building and much loss in these records is anticipated. There has been already twenty-four bodies taken out of the ruins mangled in a terrible manner.

Hon. W. H. Bower sends us the following from Washington, bearing the date of June the 9th, and we give it to our readers, hoping that no blame may rest on Mr. Bower for not having fourth-class post-masters appointed with greater dispatch. He says: "I have just had an interview with Mr. Maxwell, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, and he adheres to the rule established some time since, to wit: To remove no fourth-class postmasters except for cause and upon charges preferred. To this rule there has been and will be no exception. Congressional influence amounts to nothing whatever towards modifying or suspending it, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. There has not been a single exception to it in our State, if Mr. Maxwell is to be believed. I can do nothing more than call upon the Democratic Executive Committees and democrats generally of the various counties to prefer charges against those who are obnoxious and whom they may wish to replace with democrats. I am anxious to serve my constituents in this regard and will remain in Washington some time, ready and willing to prosecute any charges that

may be instituted. I desire the responsibility for any delay in filling the post-offices to remain where it justly belongs. It is not with me."

W. W. Scott, the gifted and successful editor of the Lenoir Topics, has been appointed Chief of Division in the Treasury Department at Washington. This appointment causes us to again ask why there is so much criticism on Mr. Cleveland's administration. He has done well so far and we are of the opinion that our State is being well recognized, for nearly every day brings information of the appointment of our friends. To mention a few that we now possess, we can name Kitchin, Camp, Sambaun, Lorill, Bell, Robbins, and last, but not least, Brother Scott. These appointments have recently been made, and offices are on the state and will soon be reported, and who knows but what official lightning may strike us before long. The only question is, will we be able to stand it? We believe, as we have heretofore expressed, that President Cleveland will do right if he is given time, and every thing will work out finely. It takes time to appoint 180,000 of fee holders, and at the same time run such a country as these United States. Be patient, for the day of your appointment is near at hand, provided you are to get any, otherwise you will be left.

There is a paragraph in the National Democratic Platform favoring the repeal of the ten per cent tax on State bank notes. Now the question arises will the democrats in Congress carry out this by voting to have the tax taken off? Some, we are sorry to learn, are opposed to taking off this tax, and in all probability there will be enough of the Northern democrats who will vote against it, with the combined republicans both North and South to defeat the bill. The Western and Southern democrats are all for the repeal of the law taxing State banks.

The Sheriff of Forsythe county, N. C., and the editor of the Republican at Winston had a fight a few days ago and the editor got the worst of it. Editors ought not to fight unless they are able to whip, for if it is found out that they are easily whipped many of them will get it. We wish to state, however, that our fighting weight is on an average 240 pounds.

It is now believed that the Rev. Dr. Briggs will set up a church of his own. He has many able men who will follow him, and no doubt the name of Briggsism will often be referred to from the pulpit and by the press.

It is reported that President Cleveland will appoint Major Wm. M. Robbins, of Statesville, to be Consul General at Havana. We are indeed glad to hear this and hope it is true.

The Federal Court at Chicago has decided that the gates of the World's Fair must be closed on Sundays. An appeal has been taken from this decision.

Fargo, North Dakota, has had a very destructive fire. The losses are reported to reach the enormous sum of \$5,300,000.

Cadet Howell, of North Carolina, graduated at West Point first in his class. A very high distinction and one of which the State should be justly proud.

R. B. Glenn, of Winston, will be District Attorney for the Western District, and it is also given out that Kope Elias, of Franklin, Macon county, will be the Collector of Internal Revenue. This appears to be the compromise made. It is further stated that Mr. Gidger, whom Senator Vance has been pressing for the Collectorship, will also get an appointment, but it is not yet stated what it will be.

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For The Democrats: It seems that our generation ought to be sufficiently intelligent at this, the closing period of the nineteenth century, to abandon the conjurer's art for the much more practical methods of science of agriculture, medicine, etc. In the old (pay) days of fortune telling and witchcraft, superstition swayed the minds of the people, and the conjurer revelled in the satisfaction of knowing that the people were grossly deceived while his whole study was directed towards forming plans to keep them in ignorance of the truth. The old conjurer knew well enough that if the truth was known his profession would be scoffed at, and himself obliged to seek honest employment. It was not a big job at that time to keep the populace blindfolded because every one was well charged with superstition and regarded the matter as a reality, but thanks to science, it has gradually shown in upon the minds of mankind and dispelled most of the dark mists of superstition. Yet I am sorry to say it is not entirely banished from our midst.

Not long ago an old woman gave advice to some boys who had purchased a dog. She told them to take a measure of the dog's tail and put it under the doorstep, and then the dog would be sure to stay with them.

Some people advise to sow cabbage seeds at evening after sun down or in the morning before sun up in order to keep bugs, etc., from eating them. Some are very particular to keep the cobs of their seed corn from being burned. They say if the cobs are burned the corn will "fire up" in the fall.

Various means of conjuring diseases are still resorted to, though the practice is not receiving much support at this day. Some pretend to swap warts and corns for thorns, though they have to be particular and go to the thorn bush the first thing in the morning before they speak to any one and say to the thorn bush, "I want to swap you a corn for a thorn," and then they must break off a thorn for every corn they wish to swap, and stick the thorns under the lapel of their coat where it will be out of sight, then turn their backs on the bush and go away, being careful not to look back. Phthisis, or asthma, is cured by getting a sowerwood stick and measuring the sufferer with it, then lay the stick where it will keep dry; also by measuring the child to a very thrifty bush. These and many other conjuring tricks are secretly practiced to-day. The people are a little ashamed to practice such absurdities openly, but if they happen to attain their object, then they exultantly tell their friends of their good luck. In my opinion there is no virtue in a sowerwood stick, though it is laid away very carefully in the dry, and all the balance of the conjurer's artifices are equally as

absurd. There is not an element of reason in the whole practice. That old reliable rule of "cause and effect" will not apply to any part of their relic of black superstition.

But there is a means of reaching the ends sought by the conjurers. More substantial methods remedies that will remove the causes of these evils are accessible, and must be employed before any substantial results can be hoped for. Take science and it will guide you aright, for it appeals to reason. Take the conjurer's course and you will be led astray and tangled in the intricate unreasonable tangle of superstition.

WILLET S. MILLER.



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J. F. SPAINBORNE, Commissioner.

Administratrix' Notice

The undersigned having qualified as administratrix on the estate of M. Hodges, do hereby notify all persons owing said estate to come forward and make settlements within 12 months, and all persons holding claims against the same are notified to present their claims duly authenticated by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This May 17, 1893. SARAH HODGES, Administratrix.

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