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THE CITY Arrival and Departure of Trains.

RICHMOND AND DANVILLE AIR-LINE. RICHMOND AND DANVILLE AIR-LINE.

No. 50— Arrives at Charlotte from Richmond at 250 a.m. Leaves for Atlanta at 3:00 a.m. No. 51—Arrives at Charlotte from Atlanta at 4:45 a.m. Leaves for Richmond at 4:55 a.m. No. 52—Arrives at Charlotte from Richmond at 12:35 g.m. Leaves for Atlanta at 1 g.m. No. 58—Arrives at Charlotte from Atlanta at 6:10 p.m. Leaves for Richmond at 6:20 p.m. Local Freight and Passenger Train leaves for Atlanta at 5:30 a.m.; arrives from Atlanta at 8:30 p.m.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA Arrives from Columbia at 6:10 p. m. Leaves for Columbia at 1 p. m. C., C. & A.-A., T. & O. DIVISION. Arrives from Statesville at 10:45 a. m. Leaves for Statesville at 6:35 p. m. CABOLINA CENTRAL.

Arrive from Wilmington at 7.30 a. m.; Leave for Wilmington at 8.15 p. m.

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Leave for Shelby at 8.15 a. m.; arrive from Shelby at 5.40 p. m.

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Richard Moore-Removal. Weather Indications.

Middle Atlantic States: Fair weath er in interior, clearing weather on coast, northerly winds becoming variable, warmer weather. South Atlantic States: Light local rains, partly cloudy weather, no de-cided change in temperature except in northeastern portion, where the temperature will rise slightly, varia-ble winds, generally easterly.

A GREAT DISASTER.

FALL OF A THREE STORY BRICK BUILDING.

Lives Saved by a Timely Warning-The Debris Takes Fire and Terror Added to the Scene --- The Incidents of Yesterday's Destructive Accident.

The large three story brick struc-ture, occupied by Hammond & Jus-tice, hardware merchants, on Trade street, two doors east of the Central Hotel, yesterday morning collapsed and tumbled to the earth with a shock that was felt for blocks around. The accident occurred at half-past nine o'clock in the forenoon, and was the must startling event that has been known in this city for many years, while the scene presented is without a parallel in the history of Charlotte. a parallel in the history of Charlotte.

It was a terrible catastrophe, involving the loss of thousands of dollars of property, and, though no lives were lost, the escape of fifteen or twenty persons from being buried beneath the ruins was miraculous. The fallen building had a frontage of thirty five feet and was about one hundred and twenty feet deep and toward saveral twenty feet deep, and towered several feet above the adjoining three story house on the east, owned and occupied by Mr. Wm. J. Yates, editor of the Home Democrat. It had a handsome, substantial front, and was regarded as one of the best buildings in the city. It was owned by Dr. John H. McAden, and was occupied on the first and on a portion of the first and on a portion of the second floor by Hammond & Justice, hardware dealers. Gen. Thomas F. Drayton, insurance agent, occupied a front room on the second floor, and several young men occupied rooms on the third hoor. At the time the crash came no one was on either the second or third floors of the building, and the first floor had been A Large Stock of Cleared by the timely note of warning given by the tumbling of a portion of the rear side wall just before the collapse occurred.

HOW IT CAME TO FALL. The collapsed building adjoined the building of Schiff & Co., which, with the building of Mr. H. C. Eccles, oc cupied by Wm. Wilson & Co. and Reese & Co., druggists, was destroyed by the fire of Saturday morning, February 31st. This fire left the wall of the McAden building apparently uninjured, and arrangements were at once made by Messrs. Eccles and Schiff to rebuild. It was decided to excavate for a cellar under each of the new buildings and the work was let out by contract to Mr. Will Phifer. The cellar for Mr. Eccles' building, next to the Central, had been finished and the walls for the new structure built up about eight feet

ing, next to the Central, had been finished and the walls for the new structure built up about eight feet above the surface level, and the work has been progressing rapidly upon the excavation for the cellar to the Schiff building, Mr. Phifer's instructions being to cut the east wall of the cellar to within three feet of the foundation of the McAden building. This was considered by many to be a rather dangerously small margin, but Mr. I'hlier was working according to contract, and by sundown Wednesday evening had completed the excavation. The dirt was cut away to exactly within three feet of the foundation of the west wall of the McAden building, and the brick layers were notified that all was in readiness for them to commence work. Early yesterday morning they commenced laying brick in the cellar foundation of the new Schiff building, but the sound of their trowels rang out for but a brief time. Mr. Phifer noticed that the wall in the McAden building, which towered seventy feet above the bricklayers, had cracked, and he et once warned them to get to a place of safety. At this same moment the

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"GET OUT, IT'S FALLING!" His warning cry was heard and Mr. Justice, Mr. Hammond, the clerks and one of two customers came rushing pell mell out the do rand the crowd that had gathered at the first alarm surged back from the building. They were none too soon, for failing bricks covered up their feotsteps, and the large structure came down to the large structure came down to the carth with a mighty crash. The walls fell in a heap and the tin roof came down over the whole like an immense targaulin, almost completely hiding the debris. The crash was terrific and created a genuine panic on the streets, the first thought of all being, of course, that someone was caught under the ruins. A dense cloud of dust rolled heaven ward, and hing over the ruins and in the streets so densely as to envelope everything in a veil that for a few minutes was impenetrable to the gaze His warning cry was heard and

of the frightened crowds. Inside stores on the opposite side of the street, the dust was so blinding that a clerk standing in the middle of the room could not see to the front door; but this state of things lasted but a few minutes. When the dust cleared up a

THIN VOLUME OF SMOKE was seen rising from the ruins of the fallen building, and the alarm of fire was sounded. The entire fire depart-ment turned out and five streams men: turned out and five streams were soon playing on the ruins. The fire originated among the debris, near the front of the store and was caused by the overturning of a stove in the office that had been occupied by Gen. Drayton. The firemen were not long in getting the flames under control, but their work was an exceedingly difficult one, the fire being low down in the debris and protected by the roof which lay over all, and by the roof which lay over all, and turned the water. A rumor that

there was a large quantity of dynamite and powder in the wreckage became circulated and there was a falling back of the crowd to places of safety, but the firemen stood their ground well. Thomas Garibaldi, white, and Philo Reed, colored, distinguished themselves by working tinguished themselves by working on the roof, cutting holes, directly over where the dynamite and powder were supposed to be located. The firemen worked well and did a fine piece of businsss in confining the flames to a very small portion of the wreck. After the fire was out, general relief was expressed by everybody as the fact became known that

NO LIVES WERE LOST. It was at first feared that some one might possibly not have been warned in time and had failed to escape from in time and had failed to escape from the building, but before noon every individual employed about the building or having any connection with it whatever had been accounted for, and it was positively known that not a life was lost. There was general rejoicing over this fact. The character of the wreck was such that had a human being been caught under it, even if not killed outright, he would have been suffocated by the smoke and dust hours before a rescue would and dust hours before a rescue would

have been possible. THE MELTING WALLS. When the rear and side wall of the hardware building tumbled to the ground, it was attended with a noise that drew hundreds of people to the scene. This was the first signal of danger, and on getting in sight of the building the crawdsaw that its southwest end had fallen out. The towering west wall remained apparently. west end had fallen out. The towering west wall remained apparently firm, and stood so for the space of fully ten minutes, when it fell. It was this fortunate lapse of time that enabled everybody to escape the impending disaster. Watching the tall wall with an apprehensiveness that a calamity was near at hand, the excited multitude saw it tromble faint cited multitude saw it tremble, faintly at first, but gradually growing more violent. Then an undulation seemed to run the length of the wall, seemed to run the length of the wall, and it appeared to melt down into the ground. At the start not a brick toppled from its place, but the entire house came straight down, roof-and all, as if it had been put upon a prop and the prop suddenly knocked from under it. As the building came down it left exposed to view and standing perpendicularly, but badly cracked and strained, the west wall of the Yates building, which had formed the dividing wall of the two structhe dividing wall of the two structures, and a

SECOND CALAMITY WAS THREATENED. The side wall of the hardware store The side wall of the hardware store bulged slightly outward in falling, and the entire three floors dropped down, the sills being pulled clear trom their supports in the wall of the Yates building. Everything came down as if smoothly cut from the east wall, whose whitened sides shone up above the debris of the fallen store with vivid distinctness. Clinging to the stripped wall were two mantles, with grates in the fire places. Near with grates in the fire places. Near one mantle a hat rack hung uninjured to the wall, and on the other mantle stood two neatly framed pictures. The top of this wall had crumbled off, and along the front of the Yates building, next the corner where it had joined the fallen structure a hig rept appeared extending where it had joined the fallen structure, a big rent appeared, extending from the top to the second story win dow. The Yates building is three stories in front and two in the rear, and the roof over the latter part was crushed in by the weight of brick that had fallen upon it. The large wall from front to rear seemed to be ready to fall at any moment, and everybody anticipated a second calamity, for had this fallen, the Yates building would have come down in a heap the same as had the hardware store. Up at the top corner of the third story hung a mass of brick wall encasing a window that had failed to come down with the tumbling house, and it was believed that when this came down the wall of the Yates building would come with it. Later in the day the threatened wall was braced, and a rope being attached to this overhanging mass it was pulled out, and to the relief of all the wall remained standing. This seemed to lassen the danger, and competent judges gave the opinion that the wall may stand if properly braced.

properly braced. HELD UP BY THE DEBRIS. The wall is fifty feet high, and on the outside the debris from the fallen building is heaped against it up to the second floor. This serves

moving out. A long line of drays were quickly pressed into service by Mr. Moore, and within five hours his stock of goods were transported to the Ninnescah bridge with material, and no engineers being on hand, Mr. George N. Bauman put his daughter Bessie, a school girl, in charge of the engine furnishing her with a fireman, and she did her work nobly, handling the throttle and guiding the iron steed as well as the best man on the road.

The sight of a fine, large structure tumbling—in chaotic ruin to the ground is a new one for the residents of Charlotte, and one of which no appreciation can be given through a written description. The tons of brick and sand and plaster, mingled with the masses of timber that protrude from them in matchless disorder and confusion, the huge roof, with its rear end high in air, held up by the elevator at the back of the store which still maintains its upright position, and its centre lost in the debris, the intricate masses of flooring, sills, laths and splinters, all matted together in one great heap, must all be seen to be fully appreciated. The wreckage of the burned buildings, so recently removed, is now succeeded wreckage of the burned buildings, so recently removed, is now succeeded by one more direful to behold than both the others put together. Schiff's newly excavated cellar is filled to the top with a mass of wreckage, and the ruins of the hardware store tower up in a compact mass from ten to twenty feet high. It will be a task of weeks to clear away the debris.

A GAPING SPACE. Previous to the fire of the 21st of last February the south side of Trade street, from the Central Hotel corner to College street, was one splendid block of handsome buildings, but now only three houses remain on that side of the block. These are the Central Hotel, the Yates building, and the corner building, owned by B. R. Smith. The gap from the Central Hotel to the Yates building gives that portion of the city the appearance of partial annihilation. Primarily, the cause of all was the fire of last February. Previous to the fire of the 21st of

NO INSURANCE TO BE PAID. As yesterday's wreck was of an accidental character, the insurance policies held by the parties interested will not secure them from loss. On all policies issued is the clause that whenever a building collapses, and a fire results after the building falls, no insurance money will be paid. The fire in the wreck yesterday occurred after the fall of the building, and under circumstances that relieves the inder circumstances that relieves the insurance companies of their obliga-tion to cover the losses. Dr. J. H. McAden, who owned the building. loses on the structure \$9,000. Mr.
Yates' building is already injured to the extent of \$2,000, even if no further damage results to his house. Hammond & Justice have a stock valued \$24,000 lying under the wreck, but, of course, their loss cannot yet be estima ted. They have an insurance on their stock against fire to the amount of \$11,000, but will probably receive no benefit from it. Their entire stock

bly half of it in a comparatively good condition. GEN. DRAYTON IN BED. Gen. Thos. F. Drayton, whose room was located in the building, was among the crowd collected at the scene after the first section of the wall fell. When the big crash came, Gen. Drayton was overwhelmed in the surging crowd, falling to the pavement under the heels of the stampeders. He was very severely injured, though during the excitement of the next half hour he did not notice it. Later he had to take to his bed, and was assisted to his room in the Central. His arms and legs are badly bruised, and it is feared that he has received internal injuries. Gen. Drayton anticipated injuries. Gen. Drayton anticipated an accident of this character, and had decided to move his office. He had rented a room over the Merchant's & Farmer's Bank, and was to have moved into 16 Wednesday afternoon, but met with some delay. This was unfortunate as the Gener. This was unfortunate, as the General lost a valuable library, several fine pictures, some highly prized historical mementoes and all his business and private papers, all of which would have been saved had he been able to have moved Wednesday as he had intended.

PROSPECTS FOR A LAWSUIT. Where the responsibility lies for yesterday's work of ruin is likely to be a case for the courts to settle. Mr. Schiff was digging upon his own ground, yet it caused Dr. McAden's building to collapse. The matter will have to be settled between Dr. McAden and McAden and McAden with a settled between Dr. McAden and Mr. Schiff. Neith reparty will receive any insurance money, and the loss to Dr. McAden is a clear o.e. Dr. McAden's wall, the one that fell, was built upon Mr. Schiff's wall, which was originally two stories high, and built forty wears ago.

RECOVERING GOODS. A large party of workmen were engaged all yesterday afternoon in burrowing through the debris in search of goods, and several wagen-loads were recovered. From the best investigation that could be made yesterday, it is likely that a considerable part of the hardware stock of Harmond & Justice will be recovered, but as a general thing it will be in a damaged condition. As the goods are recovered from the ruin they are carted to the building of Mr. T. H. Gatther, on College street,

INCIDENTS OF THE COLLAPSE. Mr. C. J. Fox, one of Mr. Moore's clerks had a close shave. He was at the desk in the rear of Moore's store when the walls of the adjoining building fell, and his first intimation of danger was a shower of plaster from overhead. Charles was spry, and it did not take him long to get out. Just as he cleared the room, one or two bricks came through the roof, and then the whole room was

the best man on the road. has frequently run the engine about the yard, but never before made a trip on the road. We don't knew of any other road having female engin-He Was Too Sedentary,

LOCAL RIPPLES.

- Ex-Solicitor James E. Boyd was in the city yesterday. The bicycle races at the fair grounds will commence at 4 o'clock this after

-The Columbia excursionists arrived home at 10:30 o'clock last night in good trim, and all safe and sound. —The programme for May 20th has een completed and is an excellent been completed and is an excellent one. It will be published tomorrow

— United States Marshal David Settle, who claims to be a direct de-scendant of the man who killed Goliah with his little sling, was in the city yesterday, to remind us that we have a Democratic administration -Miss Lillia Miller yesterday pre-

sented us with a quart of large straw-berries from her garden. The berries were not only well ripened, but were the largest in size that we have ever seen raised in Charlotte, nearly all of them being over an inch in length and proportionately thick.

The delegates from the Episcopal church in this city to the convention of the Diocese of North Carolina, to be held in Asheville, on May 27th, were yesterday elected by the vestry. The delegates are: Thos F. Drayton, John Wilkes, H. C. Jones and P. D. Walker. The alternates appointed are: C. M. Etheredge, M. A. Bland, J. S. Myers and Jos. G. Shannon-house.

-Commissions were made out on the 12th inst. to the following new postmasters in this State-Duncan C. Murchison, Gulf; Geo L. Krump, Jonesville; Geo. B. Caddell, Jonesboro; Lucy A. Christian, Mt. Gilead; James P. Cook, Scott's Creek; Starkey S. Daniel, Winton; John H. Rice, Woodleaf.

Salem Female Academy

The commencement at Salem Fe male Academy opens on June 7th, at 10 a. m., with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte. The seminary essays will be read on June 9th, 7:30 p. m. Art exhibition, Wednesday, June 10th, from 2 to 4 p m. Concert, Mendelshon's Athalie, Wednesday 10th, 7:30 p. m. Commencement, Thursday June 11th, 9 a. m. Orator, James H. Carlisle, L. D. The diplomas will presented by Governor A. M. Scales.

Mr. Gather Prestrated.

We regret to learn that Mr. Thos II. Gaither has been confined to bed for three weeks past, suffering with his leg which was injured in the Air his leg which was injured in the Air Line accident, several years ago. He has been suffering the most intense pain, and the physicians think that his foot will have to be amputated unless more favorable symptoms set in soon. Mr. Gaither's foot has been in soon. Mr. Gaither's foot has been in soon. will be damaged more or less, but it is believed that they will save probain his knee, the swelling has been equally as great. He has not been able to leave his bed for three weeks past, but yesterday he was reported as being in a slightly improved con-

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Owing to the rain causing a heavy track Messrs. PRINCE and MORGAN will g ve another attractive afternoon's sport, Bloyce vs. Horses, at the Carolina Park, Charlotte, Friday, May 15th, at 4 p. m Those persons holding postponement tickets will be admitted to the grounds free, Admission 25 cents. may 13

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