

MR. TUCKER BADLY BURNED.

A LAMP EXPLODES NEAR HIS BED.

The Mosquito Net Caught Fire and Then the Rest of the Bed—Mr. Tucker is Trying to Get Out of the Bed Caught Fire and Was Nearly Burned to Death—A Distressing Affair at the Charlotte Hotel.

One of the most distressing affairs recorded in the city in some time occurred last night at the Charlotte Hotel. Mr. H. A. Tucker, of Wilmington, was the unfortunate victim. A lamp exploded in the room in which he was sleeping, setting the bed on fire, and burning Mr. Tucker so badly that it is feared he cannot recover.

Mr. Tucker is a stone cutter and marble dealer. He came here to place a monument at the grave of Mr. W. W. Perran. He finished his work yesterday, and intended returning to Wilmington this morning. Last night he paid his hotel bill, and told the clerk to call him in time for the 6 o'clock train, as he was going home. He occupied room 16, on the second floor of the building, in the corner next to the city hall. Before going to his room Mr. Tucker stepped into the bar to say good-bye to Mr. Dan Troutman, whom he had known for 19 years. He did not take anything to drink, as he is not a drinking man. After leaving Mr. Troutman he went to the hotel office and asked for a lamp. One was given him that had no chimney on it. He took it and went to his room. He put the lamp on the corner of the mantel piece, and after undressing, turned the lamp down, but not out as he wanted a light when he got up at 5 o'clock.

There were two beds in the room, and Mr. Tucker got in the one over which there was a mosquito net. He fell asleep between 11 and 12 o'clock. A few minutes after 12 he awoke to find the bed on fire, and the net in a blaze. He sprang from the bed, made a grab for his pants in which was his money and tried to get the door open, but he could not escape. He had, however, in coming out from under the net, caught fire himself, and as he had some trouble in getting the door open, the room being filled with smoke, which prevented him seeing just where the key was, the flames were pretty near enveloping him when he rushed from the room out on to the balcony overhanging the street. He made no outcry, but was fighting the fire with both hands as he stood on the balcony. Dr. McCombs was sitting in his room in the Brown building, opposite, and saw the frightful scene. Mr. Alex. Webb, vice president of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company of Raleigh, and Mr. Baxter Ross were leaving the city hall, where they had been to look on at the German; Mr. Veber Asbury and several other boys were playing chess in the Hunt building—these all saw the man rush out, a living flame of fire. Mr. Webb rushed toward the doorway and fell just inside the door. He got up and although hurt himself, ran up the stairs, where he found another man who, in trying to get to the burning man, had fallen. Mr. Webb jumped over the railing and ran to the balcony. Mr. Veber Asbury and another gentleman, who had heard the cries "there's a man on fire," "Put the man out," followed him. Mr. Webb took off his coat, and threw it around the burning man. At the same time he, Mr. Asbury, and others began pulling the man's clothes off. The bed on only his underclothes. When Mr. Webb reached him he was panting for breath and had nearly given up. Quick work by the gentlemen named and others who had come up, got the burning clothing off. Mr. Webb's hands were painfully burned in the effort he made to save the man. People who were passing thought the hotel was on fire. Policemen Farrington and Cunningham, who were at the square, thought so, and turned in the alarm. The key was in the box all right, and the whistle blew, but the bell did not ring. The Neptunes responded, but the wailer department did not hear the whistle.

In the meantime Mr. Moore, proprietor of the hotel, had put out the bed which was blazing brightly; physicians had arrived and the sufferer was taken back to his room and given quick attention. Those who saw him turned away with a shudder. The sight was horrible. Pieces of skin hung from him as big as one's hand. His feet and ankles were frightfully burned, also his hands and his side. The burn on the side is the most dangerous. The blood was oozing constantly from this wound. A grain and a half of morphine was administered but had no effect. The man's sufferings were so great that it took three men to hold him in bed. The doctors say he is seriously burned. They could not tell last night whether he would recover or not. His brother, Mr. Robert Tucker, who lives in Wilmington, was wired for and will come on the first train.

LAMP EXPLODED.

When Mr. Tucker retired he left the lamp burning. As it had no chimney, the wind blew the flame down in the lamp, causing it to explode, and set the bed on fire. The lamp was broken into bits. If there had been no mosquito net, Mr. Tucker would probably not have caught fire. He thought the net fell on him, but others think he caught fire when getting out of bed. Mr. Tucker is an Englishman by birth, is about 35 or 40 years of age, weighs probably 225 pounds, and is a strong, large man. He is a fine workman and has put up some of the hand-somest monuments in Wilmington. He is steady and reliable, and last night proved that he has fine nerve.

THE SECOND VICTIM.

It is rather singular that Mr. Tucker is the second man who has been burned in the same room. Fifteen years ago, a man was burned to death in that room. Sergeant Orr was on duty at the time, and recalls it vividly.

Preacher from Winston Arrested.

Rev. A. S. Williford, known here as a Baptist minister from Winston, was arrested last night on a telegram sent by Lawyer W. O. S. Cox, of Winston, charging him with the misuse of funds belonging to the book-sellers whom he represented as agent. Williford was arrested by Officer Roberts, and in accordance with telegraph instructions, was required to give a \$275 bond.

Miss Graham Returns to Elizabeth.

Miss E. J. Graham, one of the ablest members of the Elizabeth College faculty, returned to her duties at the college yesterday. Miss Graham has charge of the English classes. She is a fine teacher, and a particularly gifted woman. Miss Graham spent her vacation in Canada. She will continue to edit The Chronicle, the college magazine.

RED HOT FROM THE GUN.

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Newark, Mich., in the civil war. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Astringent cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Burwell & Dunn Co., druggist.

MR. CHILDS' FUNERAL.

Remains and Funeral Party Arrived Here Last Night—Go to Lincolnton This Morning.

The remains of Mr. L. D. Childs, of Columbia, S. C., arrived here last night at 8:45, on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta train, and were taken to Tryon Street Methodist church, where they remained until this morning, when the funeral party proceeded on its way to Lincolnton, where the body will be placed in a vault by the side of the parents of deceased. Those accompanying the remains were: Mrs. Childs and son, L. D., Jr., and daughter, Miss Janie; the Misses Childs, of Columbia, cousins of deceased; Misses Barnett Miller and Belle Martin, of Columbia; Messrs. W. G. Childs, Columbia; L. D. Childs, Charleston; S. C. Childs, Childs and B. W. Robinson, Lincolnton; and Dr. Booser and Mr. LaMotte, representatives of the K. of P. lodge to which deceased belonged.

Mrs. Childs and children and the ladies in the party spent the night at Col. H. Jones'.

Mr. Childs' death was very sudden, without premonition of any kind. He and his wife and Miss Barnett Miller had gone for a drive up the mountain at Saluda. When they gained a certain point the driver told them that he could drive no further, and that they could walk on from there to the picnic ground, where they were going, it being a distance only of a quarter of a mile. They started to walk. When they had gone some distance, Mr. Childs was seized with a spasm of the heart, and fell. Miss Miller went back to get help, leaving Mrs. Childs with her husband. When she got back, bringing assistance, the doctor said he had been dead some minutes. In accordance with an expressed wish of his, in life, his body will not be interred but placed in the vault in Lincolnton until Mrs. Childs can have a vault built in Columbia. She will then remove his body and those of his parents to Columbia. Mr. Childs was a strong Methodist. He was superintendent of the Washington Street Methodist Sunday school at the time Dr. Christy went there to preach. They were devoted friends, and it was with sincere grief that Dr. Christy learned of his friend's death. He will accompany the funeral party to-day to Lincolnton. The kinsmen of Mrs. Childs—Messrs. Springs, Meyers, Hunter, Scott and Reall—will also accompany the remains to their last resting place.

THE DERITA ROAD.

A Fine Stretch of Macadam Being Built—The Cochrane Farm.

An Observer representative made the trip to Derita Tuesday with Mr. J. C. Cochrane and noticed with pleasure the good work being done on that road. The road, as known, was macadamized from Charlotte to Mrs. L. C. Johnson's place. It is now being carried on from there to Derita. Within a mile and a half of Derita the road is as straight as an arrow—it is an air line. Mr. Cochrane has a fine farm within 200 yards of the station at Derita. Grain and hay are the main crops produced. Over 1,500 bushels of grain, consisting of wheat and oats, were harvested last season. Besides the hay crop will be large. From one 24-acre field Mr. Cochrane threshed 360 bushels of oats, for which he is now realizing 50 cents per bushel. To grow the oats the land was broken well and harrowed; the seed was drilled in with 350 pounds of acid, kainit and cotton seed meal to an acre. After the crop of oats was cut off the land was sowed in peas and millet, with 360 pounds more of acid, kainit and cotton seed meal. This crop is now about ready for the mower. It will yield two tons per acre and will bring \$12 per ton. Hence, the land will have produced \$44 worth of stuff this year, when the hay is sold. The straw for the oats would almost pay for the fertilizer.

Accident.

Mr. Reid Howze, of Chester, S. C., who is related to Capt. R. A. Torrance's family, was painfully hurt yesterday at the Mecklenburg Iron Works, where he is employed. He got his hand caught in the belt of the machinery and three fingers were cut off.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box. 25c.

Lee's Business College Items

The meeting of the Literary Society last night was, perhaps, the most interesting in the entire history of the society. Mrs. Capt. Smith was present according to appointment, and favored us with three of her most touching poems. "The Story of a Picture" was suggested to the authoress by the famous painting "Breaking of Home Ties." Its rendition was listened to with rapt silence. "The Tomb of Robert Lee" and "The Last Words of Stonewall Jackson" were received with enthusiasm and applause. As long as Southern chivalry lives it will breathe a love and veneration for the noble heroes who fought for the cause that is dead. Next to our veneration for them is the veneration we owe to the women of the Confederacy, the heroines of the same Lost Cause, such as Mrs. Smith, whose prayers and sympathies were ever present to encourage the boys in gray on every battlefield.

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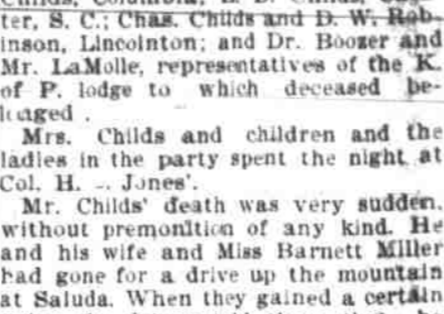
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STINGING REBUKE

TO PRICES. And, my, the way we have opened fire from our port holes on the heights of East Trade street is enough to make a fellow wonder if something hasn't broke loose in Georgia.

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