MR. TUCKER BADLY BURNED.

The Mosquito Net Caught Fire and Then the Rest of the Bed-Mr. Tocker in Trying to Get Out of the Bed Caught Fire and Was Nearly Barned to Death-A

A LAMP EXPLODES NEAR HIS BED.

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 merble dealer. He came here to place a monument at the grave of Mr. W. W. Pegram. 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 \$ 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 10 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 bed on fire, and the net in a blaze. He sprang from the bad, made a grab for tried to get the door open, so he could out from under the get, caught fire himself, and as he had some trouble in filled with smoke, which prevented

asleep between 14 and 12 o'clock. A few minutes after 12 he awoke to find the his pants in which was his money and escape. He had, however, in coming getting the door open, the room being him seeing just where the key was, the flames were pretty night enveloping him when he tushed from the room out on to the balcony overhanging the street. He made no outcry, but was stood on the balcony. Dr. McCombs ing. was sitting in his room in the Brown building, opposite, and saw the fright ful scene; air. 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. Vebor Asbury and several other boys were playing chess in the Hunt building-these all saw the mar rush out, a living flame of fire. Mr. Webb rushed toward the stairway and fell just inside the door. He got up and although hurt himself, ran up the steps, there he found another men who, in Flying to get to the burning The Observer one of his best and finest man, had fallen, Mr. Webb jumper over non- I rumed un to the last cony, Mr. Vebor Asbury and another gentleman, who had heard the eries there's a man on fire," "Put the man followed him, Mr. 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 on-he haddon only his underclothes. When Mr. Webb reached him he was panting for breath and had nearly given up. Quick viork by the gentlemen named and others who had come up, got the burning clothog off Vr Webb's hands were painful's burned in the effort he made to save the man. People who were passing thought the hotel was o: fire. Policemen Farrington and Ctar n · gham, who were at the square thought so, and turned in the alarm. The key went in the box all right, and the whistle blew, but the ball did not ring. The Neptunes responded, but the

In the meantime Mr. Moore, pro prictor of the hotel, had put out the bed which was blazing bright'y; physicians had arrived acd 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 sku hung from him as big as one's hand. His feet and ankles were frightfully burned, also his hards and his side. The burn is the side is the most dangerous. The blood was oozing constantly from this wound. A grain and a half of morphine was accommistered but had no effect The man's sufferings were so great that it took three men to hold him b bed. The doctors say he is seriously burned. They couldenot 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 blaze 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 enosquito 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. He 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 handsomest meauments 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 Eaptist 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 Grabam 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 womon. Miss Graham spent her vacation in Canada. She will continue to edit The Chronicle, the college maga-

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 treat ment helped for 20 years. Then Buck-ien's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin erupticas. Best pile cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Burwell & Dunn Co., druggist.

Down Hill and Up Hill Busine Gathering.

-Receipts yesterday 65 bales -Mail Carrier J. H. Harris is sick. -The new compress is to be tested

-Rev. Mr. Conrad is in Greensboro on -Mr. DeRossett Moore is gaining ground and strength readly.

-Mrs. T. T. Smith is quite sick at her home on South Myers street.

-Mr. John O. Alexander says the cotton will amount to a half a crop.

-The fall creeps on apace. Soon the chrysanthemum will displace the rose. -The back lot trading has not opened up yet. The horse drovers haven't come in.

-The union services of the Methodist churches begin at Tryon Street church

-Elizabeth College opens for the fall term to-day. Many girls have aiready

registered. -Lumber is being hauled to the Pitcher mile, for the putting up of several buildings.

-Mr. Louis Schwend will make his home at Mr. Hayden's, his partner, on South Church street. -Mr. W. H. Torrence yesterday sold for Brown & Co., a lot on East First

street, to Mr. E. L. Keesler. -Jo Orr found his show case yester day. It had been removed just for fun by a neighbor, while Jo slept.

-Mr. W. E. Moffatt and wife will get in their handsome new house in Dilworth in the course of three weeks.

-Abbott & Stephens yesterday sold Mr. H. G. Link a lot on East Seventh street-part of the Wilkes property.

-Mr. Lucian H. Walker takes the eller's duties and window at the Charotte National Bank on the 20th inst. -Messrs, Addison Brenizer, Charles Norman and Arthur Buchanan have entered the Bingham School at Mebane. -The Quicksteps are winning fresh

aurels in South Carolina. They are beating Yorkville on Rock Hill soil. -Sheriff Wailace is back from Concord, where he went to take J. W. Wa fighting the fire with both hands as he gener, while, wanted there for retail-

> -Sharon's cotton was damaged by the recent storms. The cotton is wedged so tight in the bolls that it is hard to pick.

Mrs. Minnie Gibson and Mr. D. K Pope learned yesterday of the illness of heir sister, Miss Maggie Pope, in Paris,

-There was an education rally yesterday at Hickory Grove. Superintendent Hunter and Mayor McCall made Speeches.

-Mr. George Sadler does not let a niclon season go by without sending

family back here, yesterday, from Spencer. They are living on West Sev-

-Mr. Christian, of Durham, came here yesterday, on the suggestion of Prof. Holmes, to get a pattern of the winter quarters for the convicts.

-After this week the freight depots will have more room in them, freight will not remain in them as long as before charges of storage began.

-The Eelectrical Manufacturing the South to establish an office, and will in all probability select Charlotte.

-The Mt. Holly bridge, over the Caawba, will be up before spring is gain at the door. The order has been given and the work will be pushed when started.

-Mr. Will Pritenett was bruised considerably yesterday by colliding, while wheel-back, with a push cart on Elizabeth avenue. He hit the grit with no uncertain sound.

-Dr. H. C. Henderson bought three houses and lots and one vacant lot on East Seventh street yesterday from Mr. H. D. Duckworth. Brown & Thomas negotiated the sale.

-Mrs. Ed Henderson entertained at tea Wednesday night: Misses Sara Lily Wolfe, Rena Jugram, Lilian and Julia Smith; Messrs, Glenn, Davis, Thompson and Henderson.

-The excursion which left here over the Seaboard for Atlanta, Tuesday, got back yesterday. Every one was pleased with the trip. A night and a day were spent in the Gate City.

-The Mecklenburg Iron Works is placing a stamp mill and constructing plant at the Geissenhamer mine, 17 miles below here. The mine has recent y been christened Le Chat Noir.

-Miss Georgia Swisher has a unique ling in the way of a watch chain. It is nade of Mexican coins, about the size of a dime, each beautifully cut and arved. Her father got the chain in Mexico.

-A great deal of the credit of running the pistol thief down, belongs to Mr Graham Weddington. It was his etective ability that located the man. The arrest followed. The negro was

yesterday bound over to court. -Mr. Preston Lewis Gray, principal of the Bingham School at Mebane, who has been in the city for several days, returned to the school last night, He takes back with him several of Charlotte's bright boys. Mr. Gray married Miss Bingham.

-Miss Lucy McAden has a birthday dinner to-morrow at her home at Mc-Adenville. Misses Fannie McAden, Alice Holland and Adele Wittkowsky; and Messrs. Summey, VanNess and 'arson are among the guests.

-Dr. Faison yeserday received a leter from his brother, Captain Sam. L. Faison, United States army, who is in Manila with his regiment. The captain says the weather there during the day is very hot, but that he has slept under a blanket every night since he has been there. He wrote at 9'oclock one Sunday night-10 o'clock Saturday mornng here.

-Rev. Mr. Davis and wife, who came tere Wednesday night from Granite, where they had been visiting, go from here to Rockingham to see their son. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are ideal types of the country preacher and his wife. A quainter looking couple could hardly be magined. Mr. Davis is a Baptist creacher-good, clever, honest and perfectly ingenuous. His wife is a fit companion piece. They attracted no little attention at the station,

To be Warried Next Month.

Mr. H. A. Kutz, who travels for the Geiser Manufacturing Company, Waynesboro, Pa., is to be married early next month to Miss Lucy Hix, of Henrietta. Mr. Kutz travels this territory and is well known.

TO CURE LA GRIPPE IN 1WO DAYS Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. MR. CHILDS FUNERAL

Remains and Funeral Party Arrived Here Last Right—Go to Lincolnton This Morn-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 parts' proceeded on its way to Lincolnton, where the body will be placed in a vault by the side of the parents of deceased. Those accom-

panying 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 Beile Martin, of Columbia; Messrs. W. G. Childs, Columbia; L. D. Childs, Chester, S. C.; Chas. Childs and D. W. Rob inson, Lincolnton; and Dr. Boozer and Mr. LaMolle, representatives of the K. of P. lodge to which deceased be-

aged . Mrs. Childs and children and the ladies in the party spent the night at

Col. H. -. Jones'. Mr. Childs' death was very sudden. without premonltion 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 nelp, leaving Mrs. Childs with her husband. When she got back, bringing assistance, the doctor said he had been dead some minutes. In accordance with in 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 Cotembia. 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. Chreitzberg went there to preach. They were devoted friends, and it was with sincere grief that Dr. Chreitzberg learned of his friend's death. He will accompany the funeral party to-day to Lucolnton. The kinsmen of Mrs. Childs-Messrs. Springs Meyers, Hunter, Scott and Beall-will also accompany the remains to their last resting place.

Mr. Childs owned a half interest in the Davidson building, on Trade and Pryon streets.

THE DERITA ROAD.

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

An Observer representative made the rip to Derica Tuesday with Mr. J. C ochrane and noticed with pleasure the good work being done on that road,

The road, as known, was macadamized from Charlotte to Mrs. L. C. Johnton's place. It is now being carried on from there to Derita, which is the county as fine a stretch as can be found in the United States. 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 300 vards of the station at Derita Grain and hay are the main crops produced. Over 1,606 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 960 bushels I oats, for which he is cow realizing 50 cents per bushel. To grow the oats the land was broken well and harrowed; the seed was drilled in with 363 pounds of acid, kainit and cotton seed meal to an acre. After the crop of oals was cut off the land was sowed in peas and millett, with 360 pounds more of acid, kainit and cotton sedd 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

Mr. Cochrane raises mules and horses He has on hand a half dozen colts now hat will soon be ready for the market In a drive of ten miles, in a strictly Special attention given mail rural section, devoted to farming, the writer passed 16 painted houses. Ail were backed by large, well kept farms.

Railroad Spikes,

Mr. T. J. Witherspoon got back from Atlanta yesterday. He was a witness n a railroad case Mr. P. H. Coombs, of the St. Louis

Southwestern Railroad, spent yesterday here, stopping at the Buford. Mr. S. H. Hardwick, assitact general through the city last night, northward

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 n the belt, of the machinery and three fingers were cut off.

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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 fanous painting "Breaking of Home Its rendition was listened to with rapt silence. "The Tomb of Robert Lee," and "The Last Words of Stonewall Jackson" were received with nthusiasm and applause. As long as Southern chivalry lives it will breathe tove and veneration for the noble eroes 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.

The question, "Should Early Marriage Be Encouraged?" was discussed by J. C. Linney and J. Y. Smith on the af-firmative, and C. E. A. Byers, J. D. Stroup and Prof. John Lee on the negalive, and was decided in favor of the

negative. Among the visitors present were Mrs. Col. Bradshaw, Miss Julia Roberts, Miss Pearl Reynolds, Miss Sallie Jane Rigier, Miss Mary Wilson, Mr. J. W. Jenkins, Mr. Howell, Mr. Eccles, all of

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he city, and Mrs. Ray, of Shelby; Mrs.

Murphy, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Capt.

Mary Smith, of Mobile, Ala.

Mr. Vebe Asbury has great expecta-tions in regard to his bike tournament

for to-day week at Latta park.
The Chess Club will meet to-night to perfect its organisation and to get firmly established for the winter. A full attendance of all interested is asked

At the shoot yesterday afternoon the following scores were made: Orr, 41; Sperry, 36; Mrs. Orr. 32; Helvin, 27; Hoffmann, 28; Lucas, 25.

THE SUMMER GIRL



Returning home will find herself deluged with cards left while she was away. These calls must be returned. We furnish 100 furnish handsomely engraved cards for one dollar and goods shipped the day after we receive the order. We also engrave stylish wedding invitations at very low prices. Samples furnished tree of charge.

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We now extend to you, reader, a hearty invitation and a warm welcome to our store. Look in our windows; come in and examine our stock and by your verdict we stand or fall,

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BELK BROS.

As "Uncle 'Rastus" says, it takes a long pole to reach the High Persimmons, but the case with us now is where a short price reaches tall value. Our buyer is certainly spreading himself this season, judging from the goods and prices. Never bought goods so cheap. It is no wonder closing out as he does manufacturer after manufacturer of their entire stock on hand, and by buying in such quantities gives us the power to offer a

STINGING REBUKE

TO PRICES. And, my, the way we have opered 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.

"HOT TIMES"

And still a heating. Yes, with the thermometer waltzing around 100, the rattling of drays, chiscis and hammers at our back door opening up "Hot Stuff" makes hot times. With all this and more the "Big Values Hitched on to Small Prices' creates

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