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as to permit effective work with the
hose. A few dashes of the full
stream of water extinguished for
flames entirely.

AE. H. A. Murrill, president and
general manager of the Queen City
Printing and Paper Company, statis
last night that his loss would approximate 130,000. The entire damage resulted from the flood of water that
was kept pouring into the building.
In the bindery department the lost is
complete, except the machinery, consisting of the presses and linotype machines, which were covered by rub
her blankets and thereby savel from
total destruction. All the paper and
binding material is absolutely worthless, the water reducing it to merrefuse. In the office, on the first
floor and facing Fourth street, there
is also great loss. In this department, desks, office furniture of all
kinds and paper and printing articles
were baddy damaged by the water,
hardly a swinge of fire being noticeable. The fact is the fire never came
from the basement. It played about
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The fire originated in the basement, where is stored such stuff as is generally thrown away around a printshop. Boxes of various kinds, all grades of olds and ends of paper, and refuse generally were stored there. The flames were probably conveyd to this material by the furnace, there be-

before them. They were unable to tell immediately to what extent was the hazard of the valuable adjacent buildings, but the vast waves of smoke that issued from every crevice of the building indicated that a wild fire was raging within. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to get inside, but the firemen were driven back, powerless to stand before the belching smoke. After battling bravely and with seeming discretion for a long time, Chief Orr, after a number of vain efforts, succeeded in breaking the basement door and got a ling of hose inside the cellar. Water was poured in after the guage of floods until it finally stood more than two feet deep in the basement. In the excitement of the hour, it was also turned into the office and the second story and ruin was thus wrought in these departments.

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There is plenty of the rough and tumble Western life in the play, bordering at times on the melodramatic. But all the same it was enjoyed and the cast is good. Creston Clarke as Andrew Michael, the beautiful Irene Oshier as Janet Winston, the fascinating Virginia Lawrence as Mr. Carmichael, Harold De Becker as his son, Reginald, and Frederick Bock as Jim Henderson, were all effective.

A COMEDY DRAMA.

Two-Act Play to Be Presented at O'Donoghue Hall for the Benefit of Mercy General Hospital To-Morrow Night.

To-morrow evening at 8:80 o'clock at the O'Donoghue Hall, a two-act comedy drama entitled "Before and After," will be presented, for the play to the cough the cought in the order of the cough the cough the cast is good. Creston Clarke as Andrew Michael, the beautiful Irene Oshier as Janet Winston, the fascinating Virginia Lawrence as Mr. Carmichael, that he same it was enjoyed and tumble Western life in the play, bordering at times on the melodramatic. But all the same it was enjoyed and tumble western life in the play, bordering at times on the melodramatic.

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GREAT CROWDS GATHERED.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock, while the fire was at its worst, great crowds gathered on Eourih street and also on South Tryon, particularly near the spot where the engine stood pumpins tertificially in an effort to stand up to the needs of the occasion. Street sars and traffic generally stopped on Tryon street, lines of hose being extended up and down-across and in its sag fashion, fastened to every hydrant in the neighborhood of the fire. The firemen had prepared for a desperate fight.

The adjacent buildings were undamaged. At times 4t looked as if the building occupied by the Saccipstic Machine Works was in imminent dancer, but, no real hurt resulted at all. There were times, too, when the occupants of all the other buildings that stand in solld line on Fourth street were fearful lest the firemen and to do a general plumbing business that stand in solld line on Fourth street were fearful lest the firemen and to do a general plumbing business. The incorporators are Messay.

L. G. P. and W. R. Hackney. It will be a matter of interest to the building in which they were confined.

MUSCULAR PAINS CURED.

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Prizes Awarded Draftsmen Employed in the Offices of North Carolina Architects at Yesterday's Session of the Association—Next Meeting in

Piedmont Fire Insurance Company.
of Charlotte, \$5,500.

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The Sun Fire Insurance Company. of New Orleans, \$1,000.

The Fire Association of Philadel.

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The Fire Association, of Philadelphia, \$1,000.

The Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, \$1,500.

The Commercial Enjon, of England, \$2,500; on linotype machine, \$2,500.

These policies were carried with the insurance agency of C. N. G. Butt & Co. There are two or three other policies which will run the sum up to approximately \$17,000.

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The meeting has been satisfactory in the way of attendance. Large representations were presentations were presentations were presentations were presentations were presentations were presentations while in the city by the resident architects. A theatreparty and a smoker were given Friday night and the visitors expressed themselves as being eminently pleased with Charlotte from every standpoint.

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A WOOLLY WESTERN PLAY.

A Performance Which Had No Dull Moments Interests and Amuses Fair Sized Audiences at Matinee and Night Performances.

The flames were probably conveyd to this material by the furnace, there being no other plaus'ble theory as to how the flames could have been started. The first intimation that the employes of the establishment had of the fire came when Mr. Frank X. Farnan, who was sitting in the office, detected the odor of the burning paper. He looked around, but saw nothing until he discovered tiny bits of amoke ooxing up the elevator shaft. He at once investigated and found the basement and all its contents after. He turned in the alarm and the fire departments came to the scene even before the gong had ceased sounding.

THE FIREMEN'S FIGHT.

The firemen discovered at once that they had a serious proposition before them. They were unable to tell immediately to what extent was the hazard of the valuable adjacent buildings, but the vast waves of smoke that issued from every crevice.

. Church Calendars Out.

MARRIAGES.

Two High Point Marringes.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, Dec. 28.—Mr. George W. Jenkins and Mrs. Bessie Trotter, of this city, were married Wednesday, Rev. Thomas Carrick officiating. Thursday Mr. W. Eugene Gentry and Miss Annie L. Prim were united in the holy bonds of wedlock.

A CHRISTMAS FAIRY-TALE.

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I know the tale I tell will seem
"The buseless tabric of a dream:"
I tell of one who, Christmas-time,
Displayed a spirit so sublime.
With unfeigned gratitude she took
Three pin-balls, and a needle-book;
Four doilies, and a helrpin case,
And two small trays received with grace.
She recognized without a tear,
The crocheted dolly sent last year
To a clear, absent-minded friend,
Who back again the gift did send.
Without a frown, this angel took
Two copies of the self-same book;
Accepted, with a happy face,
Three hat-pin bottles, trimmed with lace;
She has no scornful thought or hard
For a much-traveled Christmas-card;
And, greatest miracle of all,
As she received her lest pin-ball
Not sven in her heart did say,
"They will be good to give away."

A. G. DAVIES.

WANTED-Two or three rooms furnished for light housekeeping in desirable neighborhood. Address R. T., care Ob-

WANTED-By young couple, two furnished rooms with board, in private family. B. M., care Observer.

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WANTED-Large concern of fligh stand-ling, established over fifty years, desires to open negotiations with reliable, ener-getic man to manage sales office; salary basis of \$1,800 yearly and extra commis-sions on all business, payable monthly. Applicant must furnish good references and have \$1,000 in cash or bankable pa-per. Address Secretary, Box \$25, Bloom-ington, Illinois.

WANTED-Position by Jan. 6th, is gents' furnishing or general merchan disc store. Several years' experience Can give hest of references. Address "Business," care Observer.

WANTED-Salesman to handle mill line spring dry goods specialties; loom to retailer; attractive side line; liberal com-mission. F. C. Relimann & Co., Mfra., Philadelphia.

WANTED-Lady stenographer familiar with Remington typewriter. State experience and salary expected. "F.," care Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

New Year's Resolutions

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You know what it means to have to look up a missing paper. (The lost papers are always needed on the busiest days). The line of office furniture we carry, the Globe-Wernicke line, has no peer in practical utility or in attractive appearance.

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JNO. R. ROSS.

A. W. BURCH.

Received of Mrs. Joe Person twenty-five dollars for the best advertisement of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, as decided by Messrs. Ross and Burch. Thanks for same.

W. M. SMITH.

December 26th. 1207.

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