

SCHOOL FIRES

MOORE CHANGES RECOMMENDED.

Board of School Commissioners... Monthly Session Near Report on School Buildings—Doors Are Being Made to Open on the Outside—

There can be little of the inappropria characterizing the monthly meeting of the school commissioners last night by the same adjective which described the aldermanic meeting which immediately preceded it—

Chairman J. L. Sexton, of the committee on buildings and grounds, made report about the improvements which are being made on the various school buildings in accordance with the recommendation of Fire Chief W. S. Cox and the appropriation for that purpose by the board of aldermen.

The doors are being changed so as to open outward and not inward, thus rendering impossible the blocking of a stamped door which, though unopened, would refuse to allow egress.

Mr. Sexton called attention to other needs in this direction. The heating system at the Dilworth school is the very height of unsatisfactoriness. It being necessary in order to secure a comfortable degree of heat to make the furnace so hot as to give rise to a possibility of spontaneous combustion.

The building at Belmont, too, is a fire trap, being of two stories and with but one winding three-foot staircase by which children can be delivered from the upper stories to the ground.

Commissioner K. Blair brought up the question of the pay of teachers when they are absent from school for various reasons. A case or two had arisen which he knew not how to deal with under the present by-law, for instance, the case of a teacher who wanted to go to another's wedding.

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HACKMAN HEAVILY FINED.

In Two Cases Flies Amounting to \$35 and Costs Placed on Will Hendrix—Insulted White Girl at Passenger Station.

Thirty-five dollars and costs. Will Hendrix, a negro hack driver, charged with insulting a white girl at the passenger station, was heavily fined.

This, briefly told, was one of the most interesting cases before the recorder yesterday morning, the occurrence having taken place late Monday night. The young woman, who had been at work in a cotton mill at Mooresville, and who was waiting at the passenger station for a train to take her to Converse, S. C., where her father had lost an arm, apparently did not divine the serious nature of the repeated insults offered her, though she was much annoyed and had the negro arrested.

The man told her, approaching her in the ladies waiting room that a young man wished to see her in his carriage; the third time he said the man had gone with instructions that she should follow. The fine in this case was \$20 and costs.

Mr. Hendrix was looking for him on the complaint of Alderman W. S. Shelor, who had gone down to the station to employ a former servant of the family. Hendrix came up, butted into the conversation and swore profusely, as a result of which Mr. Shelor telephoned for officers. An appeal was taken.

Ministers and representatives of the Episcopal Church in Mecklenburg, Union, Anson and Richmond counties will meet this evening and to-morrow at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Dilworth, in what is known as the Mecklenburg District Conference.

The program is as follows: 7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon by Rev. Charles Fetter. Thursday, 10 a. m. Roll call and organization.

Thursday 11 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and holy communion. Preacher, Rev. R. H. Phelps. Thursday 3 p. m. Conference reports of ministers, treasurers and other church workers.

Thursday 8 p. m. Evening prayer and three addresses—"Mission in Georgia," Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt; "The Laymen's Missionary Movement," Mr. Morgan B. Spier; "Missions in the Convocation," Rev. Charles Fetter.

Member of City Fire Department Secures Bride in South Carolina—Young People Well Known and Popular.

Mr. John Randolph Erwin, of the Charlotte, N. C. department, and Miss Fannie Lee Powell, of Rockton, S. C., were married yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. Erwin has been a member of the city fire department for the past eight months and is extremely popular. He is a very energetic and capable man and has many friends. Mrs. Erwin is a native of South Carolina and is quite well known.

Doctors Hold Regular Meeting. At a meeting of the Mecklenburg Medical Society held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to inaugurate a custom of having an informal smoker about four times a year for the purpose of securing a better attendance. There has been a falling off in attendance recently through gradual processes that is not calculated to work good to the organization.

At a recent meeting of the faculty of the North Carolina Medical College the regular schedule of examinations was made and the date fixed for commencement. The examinations will begin April 15th and the commencement exercises will be held on Sunday, May 10th.

At a meeting of the Association of Episcopal Mission Workers which also be transferred to the Holy Comforter.

Information has reached the city of the burning at 2 o'clock Sunday morning of Hoover's cotton gin, located on the South Carolina line in lower Steele Creek, in the black-jack section of the county. A number of bales of cotton were destroyed in the flames. The loss is over \$1,000. Origin unknown.

Have You Tried Clinchfield Coal? Lovers and waiting passengers around the Southern station were given a little pleasurable diversion yesterday afternoon when a white man from Lowell, J. S. Smith, by name, arrested by "Daddy" Sikes, broke loose from the officers and gave pursuers a lively chase for a few blocks. He was finally captured and landed on the city station. A pistol was found on his person for which he will have to give explanation to the board of police before he is taken to jail, where he is held for trial.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULES.

Service Between Charlotte and Columbia Notably Affected by the Discontinuance After Sunday of Trains Nos. 33 and 34.

Announcement is just made of radical changes to become effective in the schedules of the Southern next Sunday, particularly of concern to the points between Columbia, S. C., and this city. Trains Nos. 33 and 34, between Washington and Columbia, will be taken off on that date, and other schedules altered to meet the condition arising from this curtailment.

Trains Nos. 11 and 40, discontinued several weeks ago, will be reinstated to accommodate traffic which has all been going on Nos. 33 and 37, the New York and New Orleans Limited. No. 40 will, after Sunday, arrive here at 11:15 p. m.

No. 25 from Columbia, will arrive here at 7 p. m., instead of No. 34, which arrived at 5:55. Going northward No. 13 will leave here at 1:15 instead of No. 34, which has been leaving at 6:05. This train will carry to Washington sleeper to be coupled to No. 33 at Danville, Va.

No. 12, from Atlanta, Ga., will arrive here at 5:45 p. m., as at the present, but will remain here until 7:15, to catch passengers from No. 33 from Columbia.

No. 11, from Washington, will arrive at 11:55 a. m., instead of No. 33, and will leave at 12:05 p. m. The service between Charlotte and Columbia, which is notably affected, will be as follows under the new regulations:

No. 35, for Columbia, will leave Charlotte at 6:30 a. m. No. 27, for Columbia, will leave Charlotte at 4:45 p. m. No. 29, for Columbia, will leave Charlotte at 10 a. m.

No. 28, from Columbia, will arrive in Charlotte at 9:50 a. m., connecting with the main line No. 33 at 10:05 a. m. No. 28, from Columbia, will arrive in Charlotte at 7 p. m.

No. 29, from Columbia, will arrive in Charlotte at 1:15 a. m., giving through service from Augusta, Ga., Charleston, S. C., and Jacksonville, Fla., to Charlotte, all three connections being made at Columbia. No. 10 will leave Charlotte at 1:30 a. m., for Washington.

No. 35 will, after Sunday, carry a local Charlotte and Atlanta sleeper. There will be no change in the time of arrival of No. 37, the New York and New Orleans Limited, but No. 28, northward, will be discontinued in Ga., about 25 minutes later than at present, arriving in Charlotte about 15 minutes later.

These changes have been made in connection with others, not affecting Charlotte, unless an inspection by the officials of the road, and a subsequent conference, when it was decided that further curtailment was absolutely necessary. Change after change has been made within the last few weeks for the sole purpose of reducing the operating expense of the road, and the curtailment of passenger service has come hand in hand with reductions in every other department.

POLICIES ARE VALID. Judge Moore Renders Important Decision in Suit to Test the Case of a Corporation Insuring the Life of an Officer.

Judge Fred Moore has rendered his decision in favor of the defendant in the test case argued before him to ascertain whether a corporation could insure the life of an officer, the case being brought by Mr. E. M. Vetter, in behalf of the stockholders of the Louise and Chadwick Mills against the Travelers Life Insurance Company, and Messrs. E. A. Smith and P. Wilson. This is an exceedingly important decision, covering a point of law which the highest tribunal of the State has never passed upon previously. The case will, of course, be appealed to give the Supreme Court an opportunity to render a decision.

It was a friendly suit, brought at the instigation of the defendants themselves, who wished to find out if the policies for which they were paying were collectable in case of their decease.

That Music Festival. The dates for the old-time music festival have been fixed on May 7th, 8th and 9th. Four organizations will participate. Mecklenburg Camp, United Confederate Veterans, will be represented by Messrs. H. D. Duckworth and W. M. Smith; the Children of the Confederacy by Messdames E. C. Reister and J. L. Sexton; the Daughters of the Confederacy by Mrs. I. W. Faison, and the Y. W. C. A. by Miss Dixie Alexander. Many instruments will be used.

DEATH WAS ON HIS HEELS. Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call at the spring of 1884. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared I was dying, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and in a few days I was after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 50c. and \$1. trial bottle free.

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PRIVATE SANITARIUM. MRS. ROSA F. MONNISH, M. D. DISEASES OF WOMEN. At an adjourned session yesterday of the board of county commissioners, tax assessors were elected for the year, and an order was passed requiring that all persons list their properties for taxation during the month of June. The assessors are as follows:

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