TO AVOID SCHOOL FIRE MORE CHANGES RECOMMENDED

Monthly session Hear Report on School Bullings—Doses Are Reing Made to Open on the Outside—Outside Stairways Badly Needed at the Belsmont School and the Heating System at the Dilworth School a Menace to Safety—Will Ask Aldermen For Money to Make These and Other Changes—Pay of Absent Teachers Again Discussed.

There can be little of the Inapropos

in characterizing the monthly meetof the school commissioners last ight by the same adjective which which immediately preceded it—unspential, though not for that reason,
unimportant. There was nothing
even approaching the sensational, no
filibustering, no playing to the gaileries, no talking for buncombe, no
forensic sparring. Nothing there
was except the same and orderly discuselon of routine business. In the
absence of the mayor, Mr. D. B. Smith
guided the body's deliberations.

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 necommendation of Fire Chief W.
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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 stampede of panic-stricken children by a stubborn door which, though unlocked, would refuse to allow egress. The sum of \$200 was appropriated by the aldermen and about \$225 will

Mr. Sexton called attention to other needs in this cirection. The heat-ing system at the Dilworth school is the very height of unsatisfaction. 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 combus-

The building at Belmont, too, is nre trap, being of two stories and with but one winding three-foot stair-case by which children can be delivered from the upper stories to the ground. In case of fire in the centre of the building, the only method of escape available would be to jump from the windows to the ground. It is highly desirable to build outside stairways from the second floor to the ground. Wooden stairways can be built for about \$200, while for iron about \$375 would be required. This matter came up later and was referred, along with some other matters, to the building and grounds

committee, to secure estimates and ask the board of aldermen then for appropriations to do the work. ABSENTEES PAY DISCUSSED. Commissioner R. 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 wed-ding. Consequently he introduced ding. Consequently he introduced some provisions which he asked be

referred to the by-laws and rules committee. This was done. The rales provide that when a teacher is absent on account of sickness she shall be paid one-half price and the substitute \$2 a day; in case of death in the family, two days at full pay are sllowed; when an absent teacher's pupils are placed in the care of another teacher that other will receive no extra pay unless she teaches more hours than she is required by the by-laws to each. All teachers absent for other purposes receive no pay and the substitute teachers will be paid by the board.

The night school committee reported that two or three schools were in operation but thus far requisition has been made for but \$12 of the \$500

Superintendent Graham reported an increase of 17 in the enrollment during the month. The attendance was very good and there has been no epidemic worthy of the name this

It was proposed that along with other precautions, fire extinguishers be placed in all the rooms and this was approved. The superintendent said they siready had quite a number. One day they thought they had a fire but none of the teachers were strong enough to pull the thing out. But there are other makes which it is thought pedagogic strength can pre-

WANT SCHOOL IN FOURTH WARD Mr. Sexton proposed that the city property in the Fourth ward be fitted up as a school building and a school operated there next year, with lower grade features at least, in order to accommodate the people of that ward who have small children who are forced to walk the length of the town to get to school. The cost is not expected to be large. This was included in the referring to the committee on schools and grounds which mittee on schools and grounds, which will in due season request the board of aldermen for a sufficency of the coin of the realm to bring this to pass, if it seems to them practicable after due investigation. There will be, it is argued, no increase in the number of teachers required, since the number will be correspondingly decreased at the schools from which the smaller number are taken to re-

transforming paint.

The matter of earlier opening of ers.

school during the last month of school was brought up. It has been the custom, it was said, to open school at \$:30 instead of 2 o'clocs, so as to diese earlier in the afternoon. The close earlier in the afternoon. The teachers are already there, hence no hardship will be worked on them. The children will not be marked tardy if they are not there by 8:20, but the understanding will be that school is to start at that hour. This was ap-The board then stood adjourned till the first Tuesday night in May.

Death of Mr. Robert H. Hand.

Intelligence was received in the city presented by the death at Hot Springs, Ark. of Mr. Robert H. Hand, a former citizen of Charlotte, and a brother of Mr. William Lee Hand, Misses Ida and Eliz Hand, of No. 216 North Brevard street. Mr. Hand had gone to Hot Springs several years ago in search of health. It is assumed that ath resulted from pneumonia with mplications, as it had been pre-ously stated that Mr. Hand was suf-

ng from grip. Ir. Hand was 40 years of age. He sell remembered by scores of Char-te people, whose friendship he had e people, whose friendship he had by his sterling qualities of char-er, his open, frank generousness of position and his loyalty. The re-ins may be brought to Charlotte interment in Elmwood.

Lively Chase Given "Daddy" Sikes.

Loafers and awalting passengers around the Southern station were given a little pleasurable diversion yeserday afternoon when a white man rom Lowell, J. S. Smith, by name, trested by "Daddy" Sikes, broke some from the officer, and gave pursers a lively chase for a few blocks, is was finally captured and landed the city station. A pletol was sund on his person, for which he cill have to give explanation to the call authorities before he is taken to reall, where he is wanted for faine Lively Chase Given "Daddy" Sikes,

HACKMAN HEAVILY FINED.

35 and Costs Placed on Will Hou-rix—Insulted White Gir! at Pas-

irty-five dollars and costs. Will endrix, a negro back driver, the fendant; Recorder W. M. Smith, e judge: Miss Annie Bennett, a the judge: Miss Annie Bennett, a young woman of 17, the prosecutor; insulting the young lady by insistent requests that she go with him in his carriage to meet a young man whom he said wanted to see her, the charge in one case and swearing at Aiderman W. S. Shelor the charge in another.

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

night. The young woman, who had been at work in a cotton mill at Mooresville, and who was waiting at the Southern 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. Twice the man told her, approaching her in the ladies waiting room that a

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.

At the same time the negro was arrested two officers were looking for him on the complaint of Alderman W. S. Shelor, who had gone down in Ward 3 to employ a former servant of the family. Hendrix came up, butted into the conversation and wore profusely, as a result of which Mr. Shelor telephoned for officers.

An appeal was taken. An appeal was taken.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The Programme of the Mecklenburg District Conference of the Episco-pal Church.

Ministers and representatives of the Episcopal Church in Mecklenburg, Un-ion, Anson and Richmond counties ion, 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 Meckienburg District Conference of the Convocation of Charlotte. This is a part of the missionary field presided over by the venerable Archdeacon E. A. Osborne, of this city.

The programme is as follows:

Wednesday, 8 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon by Rev. Charles Fetter.

Thursday, 10 a. m. Roll call and organigation Thursday 11 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and holy communion.
Preacher, Rev. R. R. Phelps.
Thursday 3 p. m. Conference, reports of ministers, treasurers and other church workers.
Thursday 8 p. m. Evening prayer and

church workers.

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

The public is conducted in the convocation.

The public is cordially invited to

ERWIN-POWELL NUPTIALS.

Member of City Fire Department Secures Bride in South Carolina— Young People Well Known and Popular. Mr. John Randolph Erwin, of the

Charlotte , re 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 in the presence of a few invited friends. Mr. Walter Connell, of the local fire department, accompanied Mr. Erwin and acted as his best man. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin returned to the city last evening and are now at the home of Mr. Erwin's mother, Mrs. John R. Erwin, on

North Poplar street, where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. Erwin has been a member of the city fire department for the past eight months and is extremely popular with his associates. He is ener-getic and capable and has many friends. Mrs. Erwin as Miss Powell has visited relatives in the city on everal occasions and is quite well

Recital at Presbyterian College, The recital given last night by the class of the Presbyterian Colege, taught by Miss Helena S. Wade, was largely attended and the partici-pants performed with uncommon credit to themselves and to the institution. The singing evidenced the thoroughness of the instruction which the vocal students are receiving under she is being furnished spicious to beautify the situation thereasons for development. The interspersions to beautify the situation thereasons of readings from the school of exprestion comes. No hindrance is anticipated to be a spicious to be a second to the second to be a second to the second to be a second to the second t sion, under Miss Schmidt, were hardly less enjoyable than the vocal ren-The occasion was altogether enjoyable.

Making a Difficult Bend.

the smaller pupils are taken to re-cruit the new one. The north school bound and a southbound car on each and the colored school, too, are alike track were stalled, and even the mo-in worful need of a few coats of tormen so far forgot their dignity as to laugh at the plight of the mov-

> Doctors Hold Regular Meeting. At a meeting of the Mecklenburg Medical Society held yesterday after-noon, it was decided to inaugurate a custom of having an informal smok-er about four times a year for the purpose of securing a better attend-ance. There has been a falling off in attendance recently through grad-usi processes that is not calculated to work good to the organization. Dr. J. R. Irwin read an interesting paer at the meeting.

Medical College Commencement. Medical College Commencement.

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 23d and the baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Sunday, May 10th. Commencement exercises will be held the day following. The minister who is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon has not yet been secured. not yet been secured.

No Service at St. Peter's To-Night.

There will be no service at St.
Peter's Episcopal church, to-night on account of the assembling of the Meeklenburg District of the Convocation of Charlotte at the Church of the Holy Comforter, in Dilworth, the rector and congregation being expected to attend at the latter place. The meeting of the Association of Episcopal Mission Workers will also be transferred to the Holy Comforter.

Cotton Gin Burned in Lower Steele Creek.

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 hales of cotton were destroyed also in the flames. The loss is over \$1,000, Origin unknown.

Have You Tried Clinchfield Coal?

CHANGES IN SCHEDULES.

ervice Between Charlotte and Co-lumbia Notably Affected by the Dis-continuance 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, other schedules altered to meet the condition arising from this curtail

Trains Nos. 11 and 40, discontinued several weeks ago, will be reinstated to accommodate traffic which has al been going on Nos. 38 and 37, the New York and New Orleans Limited. No. 40 will, after Sunday, arrive here

at 11:55 p. m. No. 28 from Columbia, will arrive here at 7 p. m., instead of No. 34. which arrived at 5:55. Going northward No. 12 will leave here at 7:15 instead of No. 34, which has been leaving at 6:05. This train will carry Washington sleeper to be coupled to No. 38 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 15, to catch passengers from No.

28 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 reg-

ulation: 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, Charlotte at 3:20 a. m.

No. 36, from Columbia, will arrive in Charlotte at 9:50 a. m., connecting with the main line No. 26 at 10:05

in Charlotte at 7 p. m. No. 39, 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. 30 will leave Charlotte at 1:20 a. m., Washington,

No. 25 will, after Sunday, carry ocal 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. 38, northbound, will leave Atlanta, Ga., about 25 minutes later than at resent, arriving in Charlotte about 5 minutes later.

These changes have been made in connection with others, not affecting charlotte, after 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 expenses 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 De-cision in Suit to Test the Case of a Corporation Insuring the Life of an Officer.

Judge Fred Moore has rendered his decision in fayor 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. H. M. Vietor, in behalf of the stock-holders of the Louise and Chadwick Mills against the Travelers holders of the Louise and Chadwick Mills against the Travelers Life Insurance Company, and Messrs. E. A. Smith and J. P. Wilson. This is an exceedingly important decision, covering a point of law which the highest tribunal of the State has never passed upon precisely. The case will, of course, be appealed to give the Supreme Court an opportunity to render a decision.

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

were paying were collectable in case of their decease.

First Laying of Bitulithic Near Au-

It has been definitely agreed that the first laying of the bitulithic pave-Miss Wade, and further the fact that ment will be on the streets approchshe is being furnished splendid talent ing the Auditorium, it being desirable that can interfere seriously with these plans, plenty of time being allowed for the placing of the new water mains and getting all the preliminary work out of the way.

That Music Festival.

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 Measrs. H. D. Duckworth and W. M. Smith; the Children of the Confederacy by Mesdames E. C. Register 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. DEATH WAS ON HIS HEELS.

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Property Must Be Listed For Taxation
During the Month of June.

At an adjourned session resterday
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:
Charlotte township, Soutre H. C.

month of June. The assessors are as follows:
Charlotte township, 'Squire H, C. Severs; Berryhill, S. G., Herron; Steel Creek, T. W. Neely; Sharon, J. C. Beld; Providence, T. O. Ross; Clear Creek, C. P. Mungo; Crab Orchard, W. G. McLaughlin; Deweese, J. Lee Sloan, Jr.; Mailard Creek, John P. Hunter; Lemley, A. F. Lonz; Long Creek, E. L. Roams; Paw Creek, N. A. Cathey; Pineville, R. B. Johnston; Morning Star, J. W. Hoed, and Huntersville, J. M. Knox.

Charlotte Minister Gets Highest Sal-ary in His Church. The elders and deacons of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in session Monday night decided to increase the salary of their paster, Rec. William Duncan, \$300 which now makes him the highest salaried minister in the bounds of the A. R. P. Church. This congregation No. 28, from Columbia, will arrive is now enjoying the best days of its entire history, the membership kaving been more than doubled since .the

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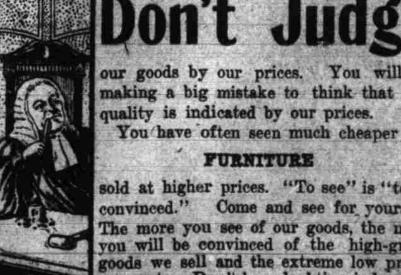
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