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### BIG BLAZE SUNDAY NIGHT

The Warehouse of High Point Furniture Company, Dry Kilns Full of Lumber and Some Lumber on Yards Burned--Other Damage.

The large warehouse and finishing rooms of High Point Furniture Company was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, together with its contents, which included manufactured goods and supplies. The fire also extended to the dry kilns connected with the machinery rooms, entailing considerable loss there. If it had not been for the heroic work of the firemen, the main building would have burned. Soon after the fire was discovered the building was in a light blaze and burned very rapidly. The firemen soon saw that saving the building was out of the question and they centered their efforts in a direction to keep the fire from spreading, which they accomplished admirably.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss as best as can be estimated is about \$25,000 with \$6,600 insurance. Mr. Wrenn, the proprietor, was engaged at the time of the fire putting up a large brick warehouse to take the place of the old one.

### Operation Performed.

Drs. Long and Stanton performed an operation Sunday on Frank Blair at Progress, for appendicitis. Walter Blair informs the Enterprise this morning that the case is a very serious one.

### Death of Mrs. Boling.

A telegram Monday morning from Cap. Boling, engineer on the A. & A. railroad, announced the death of his mother at New Hill, Wake county. Mrs. Boling was an aunt of Messrs J. W., J. L. and John Sechrest, of this place.

### THE FIRE LADDIES.

They Did Good Work at Last Night's Fire--A Thought for a Would be Censurer.

Not every man, and especially the one that censures would risk his life and limbs for protection of another's property as does a member of a fire department. He leaves his home and loved ones at all times of the night, through all kinds weather and hurries off to battle with devouring flames. The fire laddies deserve all praise and this brings us to the point in question.

At last night's fire the two fire departments of the town worked heroically and saved untold loss of property without expecting one cent remuneration for their laborious work, for the High Point fire companies, as is the case in other towns, are not paid organizations. Their time, money and all is given unstintingly to the cause.

All praise to the fire departments of the city. May they never have to fight fire in the hereafter!

### Sold His House.

J. D. Oldham has sold his residence on Main street to Mr. W. D. Burgess, proprietor Peerless Machine works. Mr. Oldham moved here a year or so ago and went into the trunk business. He will probably return to Whitsett and go into business.

### Attracting Attention.

Mr. H. W. Fraser received a letter from Mr. Brimley at St. Louis Monday saying that the furniture there was attracting much attention. The desk that the Myrtle has on exhibition has received compliments from people all over the country.

### Water for Our Country Friends Essential.

Editor Enterprise:-- Our city is now inviting trade from the country and our country friends are seeking our town, but many have complained to me, and justly I think, that we have no accommodations for them, as to hitching lots, etc. We need and ought to have public watering places for horses on each side of rail road, furnished by the city, free to all. The stables and other private places have to pay for their water from the city and we think it unjust to force them to water all the stock that comes to our city, and it is cruel to keep stock all day without water. John W. Wilborn.

We have great faith in a passenger depot by spring.

### TRAGEDY AT KERNERSVILLE.

Luke Carmichael Kills his wife Slashes his Daughter with Razor and kills Himself.

Special to Enterprise.]

A horrible tragedy occurred at Kernersville this morning. Luke Carmichael, a citizen of that town, early this morning cut his wife's throat from ear to ear, slashed his step daughter across the breast with a razor and then shot himself through the throat, causing instant death.

Carmichael had not been living with his wife. He told her that if she did not consent to live with him he would kill her Monday. He called again this morning and on being refused again carried out his threat as related above. His step daughter who was sick in bed got up to defend her mother when her irate father slashed her. It is thought that she will recover.

The horrible tragedy has caused great excitement in our neighboring town.

### KILLED INSTANTLY.

A Young Man While Assisting His Sweetheart to Alight From Train Falls and is Instantly Killed.

Special to Enterprise.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 26.—While alighting from a car today to assist his fiancee to ground, R. M. Pearson, of Sumter, S. C., fell on his head and was instantly killed. The body was shipped to Sumter for interment accompanied by fiancée, Miss Lena Westendorff, whose grief is intense. They were to have been married tomorrow.

### KNITTING MILL.

#### New Industry for High Point.

Mr. J. H. Millis has given the contract for a large brick building on the lot adjoining the overall factory, which will be for a knitting mill. The company has been organized with Mr. J. H. Millis as principal stockholder.

The buildings will be 60x100 and 30x40, two stories.

### Dr. Lash Building

Dr. W. A. Lash of Greensboro is to erect the factory for Pittsburg Plate Glass Co The Pittsburg Company never owns real estate.

### Mr. Ecker's Building

The Glass factory for Mr. Ecker, being erected by Mr. O. N. Richardson is going up rapidly and will soon be ready. Mr. Ecker is anxious to begin work here as soon as possible.

### Moving Along.

One hundred and thirty houses have been erected here this year and there are contracts out for many more. With all of these we need a dozen eight room houses.

### Will Build Two Houses.

Mr. J. E. Marsh will soon build two houses on South Main street. The Enterprise understands that both are to be very nice houses in every way.

### Offices to Close.

The post office at Freemens Mills will be discontinued September 30, and that at Westminster, Oct. 15.

### Arm Broken.

Alston Clark fell while trying to walk a wire Thursday and broke his arm.

Mrs. H. F. Stamey and daughter Miss Maud Stamey left Wednesday for a visit to relatives in the western part of the State.

Miss Edna Mathews, of Kansas City, is visiting her sister Mrs. V. V. Horney.

### Mr. Holt's Condition.

The Enterprise called to see Mr. J. R. Holt this morning and found him resting well. His general condition, however, is not very much improved. He is yet helpless, one side of his body being affected.

### CALLED HOME ON SAD MISSION.

Brother and Sister of Prof. Geo. H. Crowell Accidentally Poisoned.

Prof. George H. Crowell, superintendent city schools, received a telegram this morning from Albermarle summoning him to the bedside of his brother and sister who were accidentally poisoned a day or so ago by eating fish. The telegram stated that they were growing worse all the time and were not expected to live. This is a most deplorable occurrence and the sympathy of our people will go out to the family. Prof. Crowell left on the 2 o'clock train for Albermarle and it is the sincere hope of all, that there may be some change for the better in the condition of his brother and sister by the time he arrives. It is not known whether the poisoning was from fresh fish or canned goods.

### HORSES AND DRIVERS IMPERATIVE

The Fire Companies Should be Supplied with These at Once for the Protection of Property.

Without any further waiting the fire departments of the city should be furnished horses and drivers so as to enable them to make quick time to the fires. It is to the interest of the town and the manufacturers especially that this necessary equipment should be furnished at once. The reason is plain to every one.

Sunday night the fire could have been confined to the warehouse if the boys could have gotten their apparatus there quickly. In the language of General Joe Wheeler at Santiago "my experience is that all battles are won by the army that gets there first with the most men."

Just so with the fire companies—they should be fixed so they could get there first—quicker.

### Special Excursion Days.

J. J. Farris spent Saturday in Washington where he arranged for a special railroad rate from Chicago and other points west to High Point on certain days in October and November. He was able to secure an exceedingly low rate and hopes to have quite a number of visitors to High Point from that section each month. The object in securing this low rate is simply to give those people an opportunity of visiting a model Southern town, self made, independent, broad and liberal in its views and rich in its resources. It is not a money making scheme, on the other hand there is some money to be spent in putting this opportunity before the people we desire to reach. We hope to be able to announce the first train for October 11th.

### Lost All.

Mr. Junius Wrenn has our sympathy for two reasons and account of his loss Sunday night. In the fire he lost all his wife's wedding presents, furniture and his clothing. He had his effects packed away in the warehouse preparatory to moving here in a few days when the fire occurred. He lost all.

### Horrible Accident.

Late Wednesday afternoon a horrible accident occurred at High Point Trunk & Bag Company. Causey Jarrett, a 14 year old boy, who works upstairs in the factory, was caught in the pulley while under the second floor and whirled several feet. One of his arms was jerked off at the elbow and otherwise torn which necessitated amputation at the first shoulder joint. The operation was performed by Drs. Burrus and Stanton.

It is not known what the boy was doing around the pulley.

He is the youngest son of a widow, two of her sons having worked here for her support. The condition of the boy today is satisfactory to his physicians.

### A Card.

W. K. Teague and family return their sincere thanks to their neighbors and friends for their sympathy and kindness during the sickness and death of their dear daughter.

### DEATH OF MRS. A. M. IDOL.

Occurred at Her Home on North Main Street Sunday Afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Idol, wife of A. M. Idol, died at her home on North Main Street Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Idol was operated on at the Sanatorium in Salisbury sometime ago in the hope that an operation would better her condition but the disease had become too deeply rooted and she gradually grew weaker until the end. Deceased is survived by husband, three sons, two daughters and a number of relatives, who with many friends mourn their loss. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Methodist Protestant church of which she was a consistent member. Rev. J. S. Williams assisted by Rev. W. M. Bagby conducting the services.

### WHITE MAN ARRESTED.

Bob Phoenix, Wanted in Winston for Assault, Taken in Custody Here Saturday.

Bob Phoenix, white, wanted at Winston for an assault with deadly weapon, was arrested by Chief of Police Gray Saturday at Pickett's factory, where said Phoenix was employed. He was committed to the toms awaiting the sheriff of Forsyth county, who will come after Phoenix this afternoon.

### Fever at Thomasville Orphanage.

General manager Boone has given out that there is a scourge of fever at the orphanage at Thomasville. Up to this week there has been thirty cases of typhoid fever among the orphans and there is no abatement.

### Mr. Gattis to Speak.

Hon. S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro, ex-Speaker of the House, will speak here at night October 4th. Mr. Gattis is said to be a very entertaining speaker.

### Aycock in New York.

New York, September 23.—Governor Aycock of North Carolina, called on Judge Parker last evening.

He has been campaigning in Maine. He has arranged to give his time from October 25th to November 5th, to campaign speaking and he will be assigned to New York, Indiana, West Virginia and Connecticut.

Governor Aycock started for home last evening.

### Thanks.

The High Point Daily Enterprise is beautiful and bright. It should flourish. Editor Farris has a habit of succeeding at whatever he undertakes.—Raleigh News & Observer.

The High Point Enterprise is now a daily, and a very neat and attractive paper it is, too.—Evening Chronicle

We note that Mr. Farris of High Point, is getting out the Enterprise daily. If J. J. Farris will make his work commensurate with his ability he will make a paper that will "burn the wind". There is no sprightly newspaper man in the State than the editor of the Enterprise.—Raleigh Times

Such as this will cause us to work the harder, brother. Thanks

### The Passenger Depot.

Mr. F. N. Tate, of the Continental Furniture Co., who has taken a great deal of interest in the new passenger depot, had a conversation recently with Mr. Coapman and he was assured that the matter is now assuming tangible shape and the company will soon be in a position to build the station. It is highly probable that it will be built by spring.

### Back from Concord.

Chief of Police Gray returned from Concord Friday on No. 40 where he had been to take Allie Colbertson, colored, who is wanted at that place for various and sundry offenses. The people of Concord gave Colbertson a bad name.

### A RAILROAD DISASTER

Two Hundred Dead and Injured Near Knoxville

### A MOST HORRIBLE WRECK

Five North Carolinians in the List of Injured—Engineer Responsible for Wreck May Have Died Suddenly.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 24.—Two trains on the Southern Railway carrying heavy lists of passengers, came together in a frightful head-end collision near Hodges, Tenn., today, sending 54 people to death and injuring 120, several of whom will probably die. This appalling loss of life and maiming of the living resulted, apparently, from the disregarding of orders given to the two trains to meet at a station which has been for a long their regular meeting point. The claim of failure to see either the station or signals cannot be set up by the engineer of the westbound train, for according to the best information obtainable, he had the orders in a little frame in front of him as his monster of iron and steel rushed by New Market and soon after came upon an east-bound passenger train No. 12, making for New Market.

### CAUSE OF WRECK.

The possibility exists that the ill-fated engineer may have been asleep or that death had suddenly taken the sight from his eyes before New Market was reached. But nothing is known save that the orders were not obeyed. The trains were on time and not making over 35 miles an hour, yet the impact as they rounded a curve and came suddenly upon each other was frightful. Both engines and the major portions of both trains were demolished, and why the orders were disregarded or misinterpreted probably will never be known, as the engineers of the two trains were crushed, their bodies remaining for hours under the wreckage of the monster locomotives.

The greatest loss of life occurred in the east bound train, while in the west bound only the engine crew were killed. Relief trains were dispatched from Knoxville, with an hour and all the physicians in the vicinity of the wreck were doing what they could when the local corps arrived. The first train arrived here from the scene of the wreck at 4:20 o'clock, bringing about 70 of the injured. Six of the injured aboard had died while en route to the city. The next train from the wreck arrived shortly after eight o'clock. It brought the bodies of 43 dead.

The six others who died en route brings the list up to forty-nine, and there are at least five more at the scene of the wreck, none of the bodies of the train men have yet been recovered.

John W. Brown, of Rogersville, Tenn., a newspaper editor, was in the rear coach of the west-bound train. When the fearful jolt came he said, all the seats in the car were torn loose and people and seats were hurled to the front end of the car. When he recovered from the shock he heard the screams and groans of the injured and dying in every direction.

### A FEARFUL SIGHT.

"I left the car," said Mr. Brown "as soon as I could and walked to the main part of the wreck. It was the most horrible sight I ever witnessed. I saw a woman pinioned by a piece of split timber which had gone completely through her body. A little child quivering in death's agony, lay beneath the woman. I saw the child die and within a few feet of her lay a woman's head, while the decapitated body was several feet away. Another little girl, whose body was fearfully mangled, was calling for her mother. I have since learned that she was Lucile Connor, of Knoxville, and that both her parents were killed. I heard one woman, terribly mangled, praying earnestly to be spared for her children, but death relieved her sufferings in a few minutes.

Both engines and all of the coaches of No. 15 were literally demolished, the smoker and baggage car completely so. The sleepers stayed on the track undamaged. Both engines lay to the north of the track, jammed together in one mass of indescribable ruins. The cars which were demolished were piled on the wrecked engines."

Mr. E. B. Craven, of Greensboro, N. C., was one among the killed.

NORTH CAROLINIANS INJURED.  
G. H. Graves, Asheville, J. O. Welch, Swannanoa, Paul Henry, Asheville, Miss Mary Bryan, Hendersonville, Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, Charlotte.

### Later Reports From Wreck.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 25.—The death list as a result of the fearful wreck on the Southern Railway near New Market Saturday has grown to-night to 63, and it will probably exceed 70 before Tuesday, as many of the injured are in serious condition and more deaths will occur at the hospital. To-day there were six deaths at that institution, the last one occurring at 8 o'clock tonight, when M. P. Gantt, a prominent North Carolinian residing at Shelby, passed away. Others who died to-day at the hospital were the two colored firemen, two little girls and Nep Miller, colored, of Johnson City, Tenn. To the appended corrected list of dead there must be added an unknown infant found to-day at the scene of the wreck and two other unidentified bodies.

Among the dead are four North Carolinians: W. T. Ellis, Greensboro, J. R. Plummer, Chapel Hill, Mrs. Green, Clyva, Melvue P. Gantt, Shelby.

Mr. Ralph Montcastle, who was killed in the wreck, was a brother to Mr. G. W. Montcastle, of Lexington, N. C.

### FOUR MEN KILLED

Boiler Explodes at Erwin Mill Scattering Death Broadcast.

Durham, Sept. 23.—By the explosion of a boiler in Erwin Cotton Mills No. 2, at Duke this morning, at 6:55 o'clock four men were killed and one fatally scalded.

The explosion is a mystery. The boiler was the one used in furnishing steam for the cotton gin and the plant was getting ready to start to work for the day. Braswell McLean and Wall were in the room and Superintendent Fowler and Hurst were standing near the door talking. Without warning the terrific explosion occurred, completely demolishing the boiler room and killing the four men instantly. Their bodies were horribly mangled.

### Sale Confirmed.

Commissioner in Bankruptcy, J. E. Alexander held court here Tuesday, in the matter of High Point Upholstering Company and after hearing argument, confirmed the sale of the plant recently made to W. S. Thompson and E. M. Armfield creditors.

Mr. Wm. Partridge has sold his residence on English street to Mr. A. Sherrod and will give possession in ten days. Mr. Partridge left 21st on No. 36 for Baltimore to purchase a house, as he intends to make that city his home in the future.

Mr. Partridge is one of the oldest citizens of High Point, in one sense of that term. He came here when a young man from New York for his health about 30 years ago and went into business. He had one of the most up-to-date shoe stores here ever kept in the State and has always been a valuable citizen.

Personally we regret to lose Mr. Partridge and his family, and will wish them well in their new home. During an acquaintance and friendship of sixteen years he has always impressed us as a high toned gentleman and a true, sincere friend.

All of us will regret to lose "Pat" Partridge.

The old house on the Mose Naylor lot has been moved to make room for two houses to be erected by J. R. Marsh.