

## Mitchell's Paper Suffers Disaster.

The Carolinian office was nearly destroyed by fire on Monday night. The fire originated in an old closet under the steps, in the editorial office, where a pile of old papers had been thrown. The cause of the blaze was evidently due to a rat, and a match. The flames gained considerable headway, and the work of putting out the fire was rather difficult as it was quite hard to locate the exact position of the flames. As the smoke flew and eked its way through the eaves of the house, it was thought at first that the fire was in the music room upstairs, where Miss Joyner conducts a music school. One of the pianos was damaged by falling timber, but the other of the two in the music room was taken into the Albemarle laundry next door.

The firemen did excellent work and but for their united efforts great damage might have resulted. A large crowd gathered at the sound of the alarm and as the smoke was quite dense it looked as though a big blaze was likely.

The Carolinian subscription books, advertising books and contracts were all saved, and though the paper will miss the issue of the present week, the editor, Mr. Mitchell, informed a reporter that the paper would in no wise cease publication; but on the other hand would be the equal if not the superior of its old self. The Carolinian carried sufficient insurance to cover its losses, which are under \$300, according to Mr. Mitchell.

The type suffered a drenching, which may damage it to some extent, and the general havoc, possibly lost a portion of the type. The type cases and office furniture, books etc., were considerably damaged.

The building was owned by the Dr. Paleman John estate, and the loss, at a guess, must be \$500. The music school property was also damaged considerably. However everything was fairly well insured.

Perhaps the Carolinian suffered the greatest inconvenience, and the editor was no little disturbed, as every preparation had been made to leave the city on the early morning train on an important, Washington trip. The fire prevented Mr. Mitchell from leaving, and it will give the compositors no little trouble re-arranging the type which was thrown into confusion by the hose stream.

Sundays Raleigh Post prophetically referred to the editor as the boy on the burning deck, referring to editorial utterances, but the thing came true literally, and the burning deck possibly prevented a column or two of Mr. Mitchell's Roosevelt opposition paragraphs from making an appearance this week.

The Tar Heel extends its sympathy to its co-laborer in the journalistic field.

The Concord Tribune takes a vigorous fall out of Charlotte's latest trial thus: "We believe that if a canvass of the State were made nine hundred and ninety-nine people out of every thousand would hoot at the idea that Bishop got one-half what he should have had. We have yet to hear an expression other than one of disgust over the result of the trial. If the object of the trial was to convict and punish the slayer of Wilson, then it was clear akin to a farce; if it was to free Bishop regardless, then it came about as near being a success as could be expected."

Under the caption—"The passing of the Gallows" the Greenville Reflector laments in this funeral manner:

"What's the matter with North Carolina juries? Is hanging going out of fashion? Is an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth lapsing into disuse? What is the law of the land coming to, when murderers need no longer fear death as a punishment for their crime? The North Carolinian of today may well ask himself these questions, for it

seems that a man can no longer commit a hanging crime in this State. We either turn our murderers loose or take care of them for a few years, or in the severest instance imprison them for 15 or 20 years or for life. It is too often the case that a murderer's money or his friends' and influence save his neck. Of course it is right that jurisprudence should recognize degrees in murder as in every thing else, but if we can't convict a man of murder in the first degree, we ought to repeal our law which authorizes hanging. It is our opinion that in several instances of late happening far from exact justice has been executed in the imprisonment of men whom almost all people believe to be guilty of nothing less than murder."

Says the Greensboro Record: "Dr. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, has introduced a bill in the House to close all barrooms at eight in the evening. The committee voted to report it favorably. They are a long time about it, but the pace set by Greensboro long years ago is being emulated, though Dr. Alexander's bill beats us by two hours."

### OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

Raleigh, March 2.—The pay of the legislators ends with the close of this week, but the present session of the General Assembly will not come to a close before the middle or latter part of next week, if all the business that demands its attention is attended to—and it will be, provided a quorum of the solons can be kept here on no pay for a few days.

The average legislator gets mighty "home-sick" about the time his pay stops, though of course there are many unselfish and patriotic of every Legislature who are willing to remain as they are actually needed, which is hardly ever exceeding a week after the expiration of the sixty days. An enormous amount of work has been accomplished during the last two weeks, and this week the Senate is at work on the Revenue bill, as it came from the House. The Code Commission bill is passed, and Messrs. Thomas B. Wake Forest and W. B. Rodman of Washington are elected Code Commissioners. The pay is very meagre—only \$1,000 a year each for not exceeding two years.

The passage of the Watts bill, by the combined forces of the Watts and London bills is being followed up by considerable local temperance legislation. The temperance people did not get all they wanted, but the Watts law is a great improvement on conditions.

There is a bill just reported favorable (introduced by Representative Alexander of Mecklenburg) providing for a State law to compel the closing of all bar-rooms at 9 o'clock. This law (a municipal ordinance) obtains at present in Charlotte, I believe, Dr. Alexander's home. There's going to be the hottest sort of fight over it in the House, and in the Senate also this week, if it passes the House. One of the important measures of the session passed the Senate Friday and is now in the House. It provides for a State Literary Loan Fund to build and repair public schoolhouses in the various counties where needed. At present \$200,000 (derived chiefly from the sale of swamp lands belonging to the educational fund) is locked in the State Treasury, practically idle. The object is to loan this fund out to such of the county boards of education as desire to borrow, or to build school-houses. The principal is to draw four per cent interest and to be paid back ten per cent each year. The county board and State Board of Education are made responsible for the loans.

Trinity College authorities consider themselves very fortunate in being able to provide a very interesting programme for next Commencement. The list of speakers follows:

Baccalaureate Address, President John C. Kilgo; Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. S. Parks Cadman, D. D., pastor of Hancock street Congregational church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Commencement Address, Mr. Bliss Perry, Editor of Atlantic Monthly, Boston, Mass.; Alumni Address, Hon. John H. Small, Member of Congress from First Congressional District of North Carolina. At the last Commencement of Trinity the Board of Trustees voted to confer the degree of Bachelor of Law on Bishop Wallace W. Duncan of Spartanburg, S. C., but the degree was not conferred on account of Bishop Duncan's absence. The degree was conferred last Saturday evening by President Kilgo, this being the first time Bishop Duncan had been able to visit the College.

The resolution providing for the immediate payment of \$1000,000 for keeping the public schools open four months has passed the Senate and will pass the House.

Thus far the number of House bills is 1,541. At the session two years ago it ran over 2,200.

The Finance Committees think the new Revenue Act will raise annually \$150,000 more than that of 1901.

An anti-jug law is now before the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The substitute bill of the Senate committee for the "registered nurses" bill passed the Senate Friday night and is now awaiting action by the House. It in no way interferes with any nurse, "trained" or untrained, who does not care to stand the examination for "R. N."

The bills proposing to tax the property of whites and blacks separately, for the maintenance of the schools of each, go by the board, as usual.

Pembroke is giving Lumberton a stiff fight for the county-seat of Robeson county. The bill passed second reading Saturday afternoon in the Senate by the vote of 21 to 14 and is made a special order for Tuesday. It will meet with stronger opposition on final reading, and some predict its defeat.

Authority is given to issue \$40,000 in bonds for new court-house and jail if Pembroke wins at the election. Senator McBryde of Robeson tells me that Lumberton will probably win (if the bill passed) at the election, but he voted for the bill because he thinks the people should be allowed to vote on the question.

The trustees of the University of North Carolina were elected in joint session of the Senate and House at noon Saturday.

There are no new developments in the recent horrible Haywood-Skinner tragedy here. No one except Ernest Haywood and his counsel know the real reason why Haywood killed Ludlow Skinner. The trial promises to be a "cause celebre," and many of the most eminent lawyers of the State have been engaged to defend and prosecute.

### MORAL RIGHTS.

Should Men Engage in Business Which They Should Hide From Their Wives.

To the Editor: We have it in our opinion that no man has any moral right to engage in any business in which his bosom companion might not assist him side by side and not defile her moral character. A farmer, a grocerman, a confectioneryman, a clothier, a fancy-goodsman, a carpenter, a mason, a smith, a factoryman, yes, and many other honorable pursuits of life in which man is engaged that his wife and his daughter of the highest refinement may go with him side by side and yet her moral character is unblemished. But is there a man of character in all this broad land of ours who would

be willing for his wife or his tender daughter to stand with him behind the liquor counter and distribute his goods to his customers? Is there one who would be willing to meet his wife or his daughter in the rabble of the bucket shop? simply because the man has no moral rights to be engaged in such a business.

Is there a man who would be willing for his wife or his daughter to go with him side by side to the liquor counter and when he calls for his drink for her to call for hers and the two to drink to each other's health in such a place? If simply because he has no moral right to visit such a place. But some one may say that custom has made it creditable for man to do those things and for no women but these of very low character to do them. That is true in the eyes of those who wish to excuse themselves own morality, but will that that same man feel willing for us to say that his character must be measured up by that very low-class of women whose social equal he has made himself by his own visits to their social resorts? Think of it gentlemen and if you wish to reply, the editor will doubtless give you space.

Can a young man feel that he has a moral right to visit a place and engage in a practice where he would not feel justifiable in publicly taking his best girl or his own dear sister, and in visiting her to partake with him? We say that it is a violation of every principle of real manhood to do such things, and yet if young men in our day were to see their best girl visiting places which they frequent and engaging in practices in which they engage they would discountenance them forever.

Why should the character of woman be more tender and pure than the character of man? Is there a woman who stands on dignity of a good moral character who would be willing to enter into a covenant for life with a man whose character is degraded so low as to make him the common associate of drunkards and harlots? If so, let that lady answer through the columns of this paper.

### PHASE NO. 1.

Has any man a moral right to buy goods which injures him in using them and impoverishes his family, taking from that which they have every reason to expect at his hand? If not, has any man a moral right to sell any such goods to the man whose physical health is thus injured and whose family is thus impoverished? Think of it, gentlemen, and answer.

### PHASE NO. 3.

Has the government in which we live a moral right to legalize any kind of business by which its own citizens are injured and impoverished?

The above questions are all open and subject to the strictest criticism. Consider them well and answer who will.

L. H. HARDY, Reidsville, N. C.

### Bits of Storm News.

During the storm of ten days ago a colored man who lives in Camden County had his house blown down on him and was forced to remain under the debris all night.

A white man living near Lilly being annoyed by the fright manifest by wife and children during the storm, took to the barn; but the wind came to administer punishment, and tore the roof from the barn forcing the gentleman to seek the family racket again.

Mr. Joseph Pritchard our "house doctor" has been touring around the track of the cyclone. His first mission was in upper Camden County near Lilly. He has repaired and placed in good shape Mr. Timothy Abbotts house. This house was blown from its pillows turned partially around and much damaged. He also placed in good shape Mr. David Pritchards buildings.

Doctor Pritchards next mission

was at Moyock. Mr. W. H. Creekmoores new house was his first patient then Mr. W. P. Creekmoores furnished him three patients. Mr. Pritchard will have work at Moyock for some time yet. Our friend Thos. L. Jarvis is badly torn up.

### Y. M. C. A. Notes.

At the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D. of the First Baptist Church of Newport, News, addressed the young men of the city on the subject "Thou art the man." A full audience was present. The singing was unusually good. Mrs. L. L. Winder sang two solo's which were greatly enjoyed.

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Duke, of The First Baptist Church will begin a series of three lectures at the afternoon Y. M. C. A. service. The first of these lectures will be "Cain-The Jealous Young Man"; the second "Daniel the Tempted young man" and the third "The moral young man."

The Basket Ball games continue in interest, Friday night marked another signal success for the dry goods team which defeated the Hardware team in a score of 23 to 26.

The twenty seventh annual convention meets in Salem, March 7th, to 10th, inclusive. Elizabeth City will be represented at this convention.

### Was Not Signed.

A communication from Jacobs N. C. was omitted from the Tar Heel this week as the writer failed to sign same. All news letters and communications sent in unsigned will invariably be treated thus.

### Postoffice Improvements.

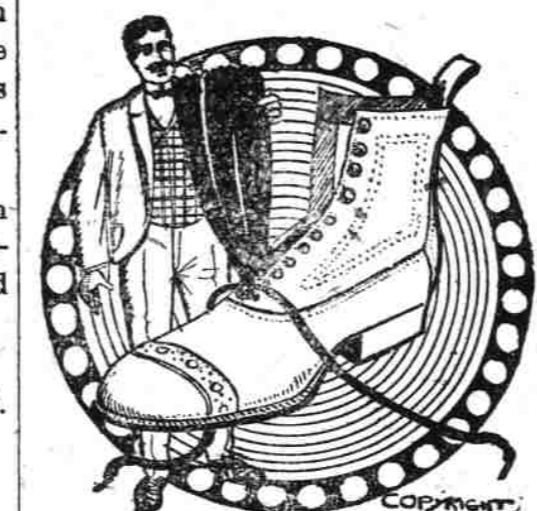
Beginning with the first of the month, the postoffice department of this place will become a depository for money orders. Since Mr. Meekins took charge of the office, the outlook seems brighter for the department than for years. Already a free delivery is assured and the uniform mail carrier will not be long forthcoming; judging from present indications.

### Notice of Administration.

HAVE qualified as Administrator of the late Esby Brite I, hereby give notice to all persons indebted to her estate to come forward and make immediate settlement and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

H. W. BRITE, Administrator.

Feb. 7th, 1903.



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