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\$80,000 Fire At St. Pauls Last Night

Tobacco Warehouse and 600 Bales
Cotton Burned—Terrific Explosion
Shook Near-By Buildings—Warehouse Was Large Brick Secueture
and Cotton Was of Good Grades—
Origin of Fire Not Stated.

A discrete fire visited St. Pauls

A disastrous, fire visited St Pauls last night, destroying the St. Pauls tobacco warehouse and 600 bales of cotton. The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock, when a terriffic explosion shook buildings all about the ware-house. One side of the warehouse was blown out by the explosion. The loss is estimated at around \$80,000. There was \$60,000 insurance on the cotton, the larger part of which was owned by the St. Pauls Cotton Mill Co. It has not been learned what insurance was carried on the building, which was a complete loss.

The warehouse was a large brick structure and cost several thousand dollars. It was one of the largest and best equipped tobacco sales warehouses in this part of the State and had been used two seasons. It was owned by a stock company. The cotton burnedawas all good grades, largely strict and good middling.

As nothing was stored in the build ing to have caused an explosion such as occurred, it is thought that the heat and smoke caused it. The explosion was heard far away and buildings in St. Pauls were shaken by it. It is thought the fire had been burning for some time before the explo-

Near Barnesville.

barrels were found about the still ty. s had left the still when

ing them in locating the plant.

down when the officers arrived.

and the beer poured out.

Best Cotton Market In Many Years

Much Cotton is Being Sold Here-200 Bales Sold Yesterday at 20 to Two hundred bales of cotton were sold on the local market yesterday, the price ranging from 20 to 21 cents Correspondence of The Robesonian. the pound. Practically all the cotton which is unusually good, this resulting from the dry weather of late. on the market here. .

"Glare Screen" for Autos. Mr. T. A. Ramsauer of Lumberton and give his assistance. has secured a patent on a "glare screen" which he invented. The invention is a screen for preventing the glare of lights on an automobile line snort term notes have occur at the glare of lights on an automobile line snort term notes have occur at the glare of lights on an automobile line snort term notes have occur at the driver of at par on the New York market at tion of the State, and not entitled to blinding the driver of at par on the New York market at tion of the State, and not entitled to the Federal the screen is used on the windshield 5.95, according to a telegram received take its petition to the Federal courts. No answer has as yet been at Raleigh yesterday from State courts. No answer has as yet been at Raleigh yesterday from State courts. and while it protects the driver of at Raleigh yesterday from State the car upon which it is used from Treasurer B. R. Lacy, who went to the blinding effects of the light, on New York Monday to confer with another car meeting him, it does not bankers over the loan, states today's obstruct the view of the road. Mr. News and Observer. The loan is Ramsauer expects to place the screens without strings and will be deposited on sale in the near future.

boro Express Office Robbery

of robbing the express office at stitutions, etc. Bladenboro, was arrested here yesterday by Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policeman Ed J. Glover. Bill Hester, wanted on the same charge, was John A. McReady, test pilot at Mcarrested yesterday at Cheraw, S. C., Cook field, today shattered the arrested yesterday at Cheraw, S. C., Cook field, today shattered the year the real estate valuation in the St. Pauls Monday, 30 at Fairmont it is said. Shaw was the fourth man world's altitude record, attaining a county is \$29,283,084, the tax levy Tuesday and 20 at Red Springs last arrested in connection with the rob- height of 40,800 feet in the same La being 70 cents. officers today.

Mr. J. W. Rice of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town Tuesday.

A Boll Weevil Fighting Machine

Many Farmers and Business Men Witnessed Demonstration of Cotton Dusting Here-Machine Sprays, Calcium Arsenate, Which Poisons

R. J. Fresbe had charge of the demon-stration, the machine used being a

to do the spraying at night and one General. Copies of the complaint have T. W. Thompson and family last machine will spray 30 acres per night. been served upon the sheriffs and tax. Thursday night while on their way to Cotton should be sprayed from three collectors in the counties involved. to five to tring a season, de-pending largely upon the weather. The Two Stills Captured morning and in this way gets enough document of 58 pages setting forth Dandy Outfit Warm From Recent
Operation Found Near Shannon—
mended by the U. S. Government to road. Gasoline Drum Outfit Captured those growing cotton under boll / The Coast Line bases its attack weevil conditions.

of the finished product was found, boro, and Mr. Craven, county farm laws as a secondary offense.

60 gallons of beer and 5 empty beer demonstration agent in Bladen county.

Pay Franchise Tax,

g them in locating the plant.

A whiskey still of 60-gallons cana.

The demonstrations were given at polls last November.

city and three barrels of berr were the instance of Mr. O. O. Dukes, fruits of a raid made by Sheriff R. county farm demonstrator, and Mr.

terday. The still was located in a entimologist, witnessed the demonswamp, near Barnesville, and was stration Tuesday and upon the invi-set up and ready for operation. The tation of Mr. Dukes made a short talk. \$67,800. It objects to the five-year still had been in operation a short Mr. Leiby said that it was estimated time before the officers reached it, that the cotton crop in Robeson could but the operators had gone. The still be reduced 20 per cent, as a whole was hot, the fire having just gone next year by the boll weevil alone. On some farms the loss will be as It was a gasoline-drum outfit, well- high as 75 per cent. while on others equipped for turning out "something the loss would be less than 20 per to drink". The plant was destroyed cent., but taking the county as a cent. He recommended the use of all State basis, with the resultant variameans that would help in cutting down tion of standards that has sent tax the destruction the boll weevil will rates up an average of 104 per cent." cause if left alone.

> SPECIAL MEETING LUMBERTON POST MONDA YEVENING

vice Men Are Urged to Attend.

All ex-service men are urgently reoffered is grading strict middling, quested to attend a called meeting of ing of the case in the court, but it is the Lumberton post of the American understood that it will be heard be-Legion next Monday evening, Octo- fore Judge H. G. Connor here. Under Many declare that Lumberton has a ber 3rd, at 8 o'clock. At this meeting the Federal statutes, three judges better market this year than in many plans for Armistice day telebration are required in such cases—two other years and much cotton is being sold will be discussed. We should feel it Federal district judges. Similar arour obligation to arrange some form rangements are to be made for the of celebration on this day, and it is hearing of the injunction action Mr. T. A. Ramsauer Has Invented the individual duty of every World brought in the Western district by War veteran to attend this meeting the Southern.

STATE NOTES SOLD AT 5.95 Five million dollars of North Caroin North Carolina banks subject to Arrested in Connection With Bladen will be apportioned among the several building enterprises now in prowanted in Bladen county on the charge various educational and custodial in- mile, a total of \$4,089,288, exclusive

Altitude Record Broken.

bery, which occurred several weeks Pere biplane used by Rudolph C. ago. Shaw was turned over to Bladen Schroeder, who set a record of 38,180 eral court at Greensboro October 6 feet on February 28, 1920.

> Mr f. V. Hooper of Fayetteville is a Lumberton visitor today.

Coast Line Wants Taxes Reduced

Seeks Injunction in Federal Court to Prevent Collection of Taxes Levied Upon it in Counties in Which it is Operated in N. C.

ton during a season and sells for \$290. nue Commissioner, the State Auditor, stricken parents. Mr. Fresbe stated that it is best the State Treasurer, and the Attorney

Values Down, Rate Up. Decrease in the values of real procost of the calcium arsenate amounts perty aggregating 26.11 per cent, to from \$1 to \$1.25 per acre, each which increase does not apply to the spraying When asked why it is best property of the complainant, and an to spray cotton at night, Mr. Fresbe increase of an aggregate of 104 per stated that it was best to spray when cent in tax rates in the thirty counthe dew is on the cotton leaves. The ties, which does apply to the property weevil drinks the dew early in the of the complaintant, is alleged in the of the poison to end its life. The ma- the grievances of the petitioner. The

chiefly upon the alleged discrimina-It was a dandy outfit for making A small hand spraying machine was tion worked against the company the "stuff". Officers captured a also demonstrated by Mr. Fresbe, through horizontal reductions in real whiskey still of around 40-gallons ca- This machine costs \$18 and will take estate values in the several counties, pacity in the Big marsh, near Shan-care of from 5 to 7 acres of cotton and contends that the reductions, apnon, Tuesday afternoon. The still was during a season, it is said.

plying only to certain classes of prophyling only to certain classes of probuilt in a brick furnace and had been Among those from a distance who perty, is a violation of the constitu-operated a short time before the offi-witnessed the demonstration Wednes, tion of both the State and the United cers reached the scene. In fact, the day were Mr. E. W. Gather, district States. The complaint cites the alleged ady morning. Mr. Thompson hired a still had not cooled off. While none farm demonstration agent, of Golds- violation of the interstate commerce car, and all returned home Friday at

Pay Franchise Tax, While attacking the franchise tax the officers reached it and no ar- yesterday were favorably impressed ern in its fight begun a week ago, with the work of the strayer and the Coast Line agrees to pay the tax Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. many farmers will probably purchase under protest and await the judgment Prevatt and Rural Policeman W. A. sprayers for use next year. Mr. Fres- of the court. No mention is made in Smith made the raid, several citibe stated that in many instances the the complaint of the income tax proton platform, caused by the mules zens of the Shannon community assist- proper spraying of cotton increased vision incorporated in the constitution of the suddenly moving up, throwing Mr. tional amendments ratified at the Jenerigan out backwards, and a bale

The complainant fixes \$39,054,784 as the rightful value of its property E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Frank Gough of Lumberton.

Rural Policeman A. R. Pitman yes- Mr. R. W. Leiby, assistant State the basis of its income for the past year. The values fixed by the State Tax Commission for 1920 were \$50,average of earnings taken by the Revenue Commissioner as a basis for fixing the rate, and cites the statement that earnings for 1920 fell \$795,-439 from \$2.087,975 in 1919.

Talk of Confusion. Outstanding in the complaint is the tabulation of the result of returning whole the loss would be twenty per valuation to a county basis from a In the thirty counties included, values of real property have shrunk from \$707,216,601 in 1920 to \$522,401,300 in 1921, and the average tax rate of the 30 counties has doubled. It is contend-21 Cents-Grades Unusually Good. Plans to be Discussed for Armistice ed that the reductions do not apply to Day Celebration and All ex-Ser- the railroad, and that the doubled tax rate does apply, with the result that

taxes are doubled. No date has been set for the hear-

Is State Corporation The first move of the State will probably be to ask that the action be dismissed upon the grounds that

definitely determined upon, since at-toney General James S. Manning is in Charlotte indefinitely on private Sheriff R. E. Lewis of Robeson county is included among the officers

against whom injunction is sought. The 80.89 miles of Coast Line railway Victor Shaw, young white man, gress, road building, expansion at the in Robeson are valued at \$50,553.69 a of depots and other local property in the county valued at \$53,215, In 1920 the assessed valuation of real waged by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county 1920 the assessed valuation of feal property in Robeson was \$48,024,039 health officer. Many children recently have been vaccinated against diphard the tax levy was 34 cents; this theria. Sixty-two were vaccinated at year the real estate valuation in the St. Pauls Monday. 30 at Fairmont

Trial of this case will begin in Fed-

Parkton Paragraphs St. Pauls High

Death of Little Clayton Ross-A Serious Auto Accident-Mr. Jas. Athletic Club Organized-Mrs. L. L. Jenerigan Seriously Injured in a Fall-Cotton Farmers Pleased.

ton Dusting Here—Machine Spraya Calcium Arsenate, Which Poisons the Weevil.

Quite a number of farmers and business men witnessed the cotton-dusting demonstration on Mr. A. W. McLean's farm in the northern part of town Tuesday and yesterday. Leaving one of the brushes out of the machine somewhat interferred with the work of the machine Tuesday, but the same basis adopted by the franchise tax, the Atlantic Coast the Atlantic Coast tube of the Atlantic Coast tube o J. Fresbe had charge of the demon-in which its lines are operated.

Interlocutory injunction against the over with lovely flowers. The little reduct of the Niagara Sprayer Co., collection of any taxes assessed upon fellow was taken ill with diphtheria of Middleport, N. Y. The machine is drawn by two mules and sprays three venue A. D. Watts is prayed for in that could be done for his recovery is supposed to spray 100 acres of cot-served upon the Governor, the Revesious hearfelt sympathy to the heartour hearfelt sympathy to the heart-

> A most serious accident befell Mr. Seven Springs, at 10 o'clock, when Mr. Thompson was driving his new sedan car on the road near New Inn Grove A team of large mules coming down the hill collided with the car. through the wind shield and struck little Jack Thompson in the face, knocking out his teeth and cutting his face very badly. He also suffered a gash in the back of his head, and then striking Mrs. Thompson who was in the rear seat, cutting both eye lids and other bad bruises of her face, causing several stitches. Other memhurt. The negro driver of the team was asleep in the wagon, and is the cause of the wreck, soon came to Mr. Thompson's aid and secured an auto-mobile and carried the wounded ones to the nearest doctor, four miles away, where their wounds were dressed, and who cared for them until Fri-ady morning. Mr. Thompson hired a

noon. The afflicted are resting as well the same basis as does the South. as could be expected and we trust Several Negroes Found Guilty of they may soon be recovered.

> Again our town and community are in sympathy with Mr. Jas. S. Jeneriof cotton fell and rolled over him, breaking his left hip-and several broken ribs of his right side,

Mr. Jenerigan was taken to the Pittman Gainey hospital at Fayetteville Saturday accompanied by several of his sons, while Dr. Currie, his family physician, was present. His wife, family and numerous friends are much anxious as to his condition and trust he may soon recover. We were advised that he was resting well as could and was taxed with the cost of the be expected, considering his advanced

Mr and Mrs. P. H. Fisher and two children, and Mr. E. B. McDaniel, spent a day or two in Charlotte last week, and report a great time. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Daniel returned home Fisher and Mr. Daniel returned home Jno McAllister, Sandy McKellar, Friday, while Mrs. Fisher and children Charlie Martin, Dave Fullmore and remained over with home folks.

Rev. J. K. Hall and small Johnnie left yesterday for Charlotte, where they will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mr. S. M. Odom and little daughter, Mary, of Hamlet, are in town for a few days.

Messrs. Parnell and Gillis are installing a grist mill in the heart of town. The mill arrived yesterday. Cotton is still on the boom and every cotton farmer is wearing 1918 and 1919 smiles.

Bishop Lambuth Dies in Japan. Bishop Walter R. Lambuth of the Southern Methodist church died in a hospital in Yokohama, Japan, Monday, according to news received by relatives at Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday. Bishop Lambuth was born in Shanghai, China, where his father was a missionary, but was educated in this country. He had been a medical missionary since graduation in 1877 at Vanderbilt. In 1919 he was elected a bishop and for years he had been to get him the next morning between recognized as a leading figure in the world. One of his recent achievements was the location of a Methodist mission in the Congo country, the first of his church in Africa.

Interest is Growing in Campaign Against Diphtheria. Interest is growing in the diph-

theria preventive campaign being Friday.

at the same time and before the same inent Republican lawyers of the State. judges that will hear the Southern has been retained by Governor Mor- itors today. Mr. Stephens reported a city, who underwent an operation railway case. Judge W. P. Bynum of rison to assist the Attorney General short cotton crop in his section owing several days ago, will probably return Greensboro, one of the most prom- in representing Commissioner Watts, to the activities of the boll weevil.

School News Letter

McGoogan Heads Parents Teachers Association—Printing Press Will be Installed.

this year, baseball and basketball. A short series of baseball games is being arranged for the early fall, then this sport will yield precedence to at the court house here October 11th basketball and the indoor sport will and 12th. hold the entire attention of the club until spring. It is hoped that an indoor court can be secured for basket- sanatorium. Mrs. Brisson and son, Mr.

The Parent-Teachers' Association held its initial meeting in the school auditorium Monday afternoon. Mrs. L. L. McGoogan was elected president, to succeed Mfs Mary McLean, of the high school faculty, who has held the position with credit for two The tongue of the wagon smashed years. Other officers for the year ing in Raleigh for some time recently. were elected, after which the new president appointed committees to section spent yesterday and last look after buildings and grounds, and night here visiting friends. Mr. Mcalso a committee to complete the Girt played ball with the Lumberinstallation of a job printing press. ton club during the ball season. He Most of the supplies for this press expects to leave Sunday for Atlanta were purchased by the association dental college.

last year. It is hoped that the compleMessrs. C. tion of this part of the school equip- erecting a double-drive gasoline fillbers of the family were not seriously ment will make possible a small ing station at the corner of Second school paper. There is an expert printer in the senior class, and it is planned for him to teach the work to some of the boys in the Freshman class, in order to make the paper perpetual without the services of an outside printer.

Recorder's Court

Cases.

Ben Blount and Todd Powell, both colored, were before Recorder David Carlyle graduated from the State H. Fuller yesterday on the charge university, Chapel Hill, and passed of an affray. Powell was found not the State board last January. He is guilty, while Blount was found guilty, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle judgment being continued upon good of Lumberton. behavior.

Doug Rogers, Foster Ford and Harrell Evans, all colored, were also Hartsville, S. C., arrived today and before the recorder on the charge of will spend several days in the counan affray Ford and Evans were found ty visiting relatives. Mr. Redick renot guilty. Rogers was found guilty ported the best cotton in Robeson and judgment was suspended upon payment of cost, Evans also was charged with nuisance and was found not guilty. Ford was found guilty of slapping a child belonging to Evans but that is what Mr J. L. Humphrey action.

Sloan Powell, Grant McEachern, Daniel Jones, O. R. Thompson, Henry Gavin, Jno. McLaurin, all colored, were found guilty Monday of violating the sanitary laws. All these were taxed with one-half cost. H. Roper, A. C. Thompson, all colored, were found guilty of the same charge and each was taxed with the cost.

Annie Jane Addison, colored found not guilty of vagrancy.

CLOUD AFTER DRY SPELL IS MR. H. K. IVEY'S HOODOO going to Raleigh.

He Has Lost Three Mules by Death Following a Dry Spell.

Raynham, lost a mule Tuesday night, accompanied by his wife and his fathand that is but the latest in a series er and mother, who had been with of losses Mr. Ivey has sustained this year. Mr. W. B. Ivey, of the same Heron was operated on the day Main's section, who was a Lumberton visitor circus showed in Lumberton. yesterday, says that a curious thing about it is that every time a cloud comes up after a dry spell his brother he came into The Robesonian office suffers some kind of loss.

was hale and hearty, and he ate his get a chance to read it." Since his usual supper, but when Mr. Ivey went 3 and 4 o'clock to go on a fox hunt missionary movement of the Christian the mule was stiff in death. That is the third mule Mr. Ivey has lost livered regularly. If that neighbor this year. The other two were poisoned some time ago-when a cloud The Robesonian to lose a subscriber. . . came up after a dry spell. Also some time ago Mr. Ivey lost a barn, 2 ed: Mrs. B. E. Parnell, R. F. D., Buie, wagons, 60 bushels of corn, a plow underwent a very serious operation and some other things in a fire on last Saturday. Her condition is conone of his rented farms. The usual sidered favorable.-Mr. Clyde Powcloud came up before that happened, ers, R. 1, son of Mr. J. H. Powers,

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 20 1-4 cents the pound Cotton seed 54 cents the

-A fresh coat of paint is being added to the interior of the local

-Mr. E. W. Kinlaw has purchased the grocery stock of Messrs. Bullock Brothers and will conduct a grocery business in the same building.

-Many new residences are going up about town. More new residences are being erected at this time than at any one time in several years.

-State examination for teachers will be given by Prof. J. R. Poole, superintendent of public instruction,

-Mr. I. H. Brisson of Tar Heel is undergoing treatment at the Baker

H. C. Brisson, were here Tuesday to see Mr Brisson. -Miss Murch Raybon has accepted a position with the Robeson Manufacturing company as bookkeeper. She began work Tuesday, Miss Ray-

bon formerly held a like position with this company but had been work--Mr. John McGirt of the Maxton

-Messrs. C. M. Fuller & Son are and Chestnut streets. The building is being erected of brick, the work being

sundown and last through Tuesday. Stores of local Jews will be closed Monday and Tuesday in order that they may observe the holidays. The Jewish New Year has been observed

office Tuesday on the the Carlyle building, West Fifth street, for the practice of law. Mr.

-Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Redick and two sons, Laurie and George, of county anywhere on the route. They made the trip in Mr. Redick's auto.

-Fruit trees in full bloom is an unusual sight at this time of year, and son, Mr. W. P. Humphrey, of the Saddletree section, observed Tuesday at the old Purdie Lowrey place, 5 miles north of Lumberton. The Messrs. Humphrey brought some twigs full of blooms to town with

-Miss Mary E. Powell, who has been doing stenographic work here for the law firm of Johnson & Johnson for nearly a year, has resigned her position with that firm to accept work with Messrs. Jones & Jones, attorneys, at Raleigh. Miss Powell went Tuesday evening to Hamlet, where she will spend a few days with her sister Mrs. B. V. Chamblee before

-Mr. James Heron, secretarytreasurer of the Walter L. Main and Suffered a Fire Loss at Dif. shows, who underwent an operation ferent Times This Year, and Each for pus appendicitis and peritonitis Loss Was Preceded by a Cloud at the Thompson hospital on Septem. ber 3, left the hospital yesterday for Mr. H. K. Ivey, who lives near his home in Worcester, Mass. He was him here since the operation. Mr.

-"You know why I quit taking the paper"? asked a "constant reader" as the other morning. "It was because Tuesday night that mule apparently a neighbor always gets it and I don't subscription expired he had been buying a paper every time and taking it home with him at night, but he decided to try it again and have it dedoesn't subscribe he is liable to cause .- From Thompson hospital, report-

who was so badly injured in a cotton onerated on Tuesday and is getting along very nicely -Mrs. Seth Hester. -Mr. H. B. Stephens and two sons, Bladenboro, was operated on Wednes-Hubbert and Marley, of Cerro Gardo, day and her condition is considered Columbus county, are Lumberton vis- favorable.-Mr. John V. Williamson,

home tomorrow.