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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The undersigned have purchased THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN. Costly improvements and additions will be made to the plant, and we shall seek patronage on merit. After this issue we hope the improvement will be noticeable. It is, we suppose, hardly necessary to say that the paper will be Democratic. It shall be our highest ambition to make the paper the instrument for good to its people and its section that it was under the management of the lamented Mr. Bruner.

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THE CAMPAIGN ON.

Hon. Jno. S. Henderson opened the campaign in this district in a magnificent speech at Lexington Tuesday.

Those who heard it, say it was a great effort and won many votes for Democracy.

TURNED OUT A GOOD JOB.

The county convention Saturday did its work well. The ticket nominated is a strong one and will be elected by a handsome majority. The emphatic endorsement of Hon. Lee S. Overman for United States Senator was a merited recognition of the claims that gentleman has upon the people of his county whom he has served so faithfully and with such distinguished ability whenever called upon.

JUDGE CONNOR EXPLICIT ENOUGH.

We don't suppose there can longer be any doubt about Judge Connor's position on the use of his name for the Association of the Supreme Court by the confusionists. He has just published a card in which he says that if he should be elected he would not qualify. His declaration at the outset was explicit enough to satisfy any fair-minded man that he was a Democrat and that he refused the nomination of the confusionists. Maryann Butler and his fellows, however, saw proper to ignore the declaration. This is not to be wondered at because they found it necessary in order to render their ticket respectable to nominate two Democrats on it and if these withdrew the only claim the ticket has to respectability will be destroyed. We are not surprised, therefore, that they have insisted upon Judge Connor's name remaining on it.

A WELL KNOWN republican from the Western part of the State, in re-arranging the State convention, told a WATCHMAN reporter that the Democrats would carry the State by 50,000. He also said that the office seeking element of his party had endorsed that ticket but they would have a hard time delivering the goods. A substantial farmer from this county who went off with the People's

Hon. W. H. Boyer opened the campaign in the 8th district at Morganton Tuesday, meeting R. Z. Linney, the confusion candidate, in joint debate. Mr. Boyer fairly skinned Linney and the prediction is freely made that he will run him off the stump before the election.

THE confusionists were bragging of what they were going to do in Arkansas. The election came off Tuesday and the Democratic majority was 25,000. Alabama went Democratic last month by 26,000. It seems therefore that 25,000 is about the tune to which Populism is being buried in all their strongholds.

WE ARE SORRY to see that the Democrats of the 4th Alabama district did not re-nominate that brilliant young Congressman, Hon. Gaston Robbins. Mr. Robbins is a North Carolinian and has made a fine record during the term he is now serving in Congress. We confidently predict his return to Congress at no distant day.

AND still the list grows. Capt. S. A. Ashe, late editor of the Raleigh News and Observer last week issued a card announcing his candidacy for the Western Senatorship. On Monday the Democratic convention of Surry county endorsed Judge J. F. Graves. The Legislature will not suffer for want of material out of which to make a Senator for this section of the State.

IN THIS issue we publish the call for the organization of Democratic clubs issued by Col. J. S. Carr, the president of the State Association. In accordance with this call quite a number of clubs have already organized in different parts of the State. We trust that the Democrats of this section will begin the work of organization at once. At no time has thorough organization been more needed. We hope to receive reports of the organization of a Democratic club at every precinct in Rowan county.

The Commercial Reports.

New York, Aug. 31.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: The activity which came with exhausted stocks and the pressure of delayed fall demands, and certainty about the tariff, has continued, with heavy entries of foreign goods since the bill becomes a law. But the people who know best are saying "improvement will come" rather than "improvement has come." The gain is not what has been expected, and business, is good in comparison with years preceding. Presumably there has not been time to feel the full effects of the change, and a gradual gain will be more healthy and encouraging than a spasmodic result, but the expansion of commercial loans has suddenly ceased, prices of manufactured products show weakness rather than strength, and there has been a reaction in the stock market. August has ended, but the interior demand for money still merely balances the receipts of superfluous currency from Eastern points, although crops are moving quite freely. The recent material increase in demand for commercial loans appears to have been due to payments for sugar imports, for whiskey taken out of bond and for imported goods taken out of the custom houses, and has dropped off sharply. The unavoidable conclusion is that the desired increase in domestic distribution has not yet reached such proportions as to influence the loan market. The mills are not running full time, though the stoppage at Fall River looks every day more like an effort of the operators to

State News.

R. R. Wynn a prominent citizen and Methodist of Elkin, died Saturday.

A dwelling owned by A. A. Shuford was destroyed by an incendiary fire at Hickory Monday night.

Col. W. A. Albright, a prominent Republican and ex-postmaster of Durham died at that place last week.

Ex-sheriff J. G. Neal has been appointed Deputy collector for the counties of Burke, Caldwell and McDowell.

Mrs. Sallie Pharr, an aged and respected lady of Concord died Monday of paralysis. She was 85 years of age.

The Morganton Asylum authorities refused to receive Hoke Secrest, pronouncing him sane. He has been lodged in jail at Marion and will doubtless swing.

Dr. L. M. Archey was elected county physician by the commissioners of Cabarrus Monday, succeeding Dr. R. S. Young who has filled that position for a number of years.

At the Republican state convention last week fusion was accomplished and the ticket named by the Populist party endorsed. Eaves was set down on and A. E. Holton elected state chairman in his place.

The Republican congressional convention for this district meets in Statesville to-day. It is of little concern who is nominated as they will be badly beaten.

The Third party people of Cabarrus nominated the following ticket, Saturday: House, A. F. Hileman; sheriff, John A. Sims; Register of Deeds, Wm. Weddington; treasurer G. Ed. Keestler; county surveyor, L. P. Earhardt; coroner, J. P. Hamberckle. No nomination was made for clerk of the court.

Marion is moving to get the female college which Concord Presbytery contemplates establishing somewhere within its bounds, and offers the large, uncompleted hotel structure there for the purpose.

One hundred new white pupils will be received this fall into the Asylum at Raleigh for the blind, to take the place of the one hundred deaf children sent to Morganton.

D. A. McDougald, whose sensational trial for the murder of his uncle Simeon Conley some three or four years ago, is still fresh in the minds of the public, was waylaid and shot near Laurinburg Monday night. His wounds are painful but not fatal.

Important to Farmers and Cotton Growers.

News and Observer.

We are informed through a circular letter sent out to cotton buyers all over the State that in consequence of very heavy losses sustained last season by the excess in bagging on cotton bales, the Liverpool Cotton Association has adopted a measure which prohibits the use of side pieces and double headings. The rule is mandatory, and all bales not conforming thereto will be subject to reclamation. Cotton buyers have been specially charged to exercise great care in the examination of each and every bale for excessive bagging, and not to purchase any cotton with side strips or double bagging. They are also directed to give preference to bales weighing 500 pounds and above, as nearly all charges are by the bale, and heavy weights are alike preferable to producer and consumer. Compliance with the above requirements on the part of farmers and consumers will prevent friction, and preclude the possibility of loss arising from this cause, otherwise the producer or seller will have to bear heavy losses. It will be well for the cotton producers of North Carolina to give this matter their attention.

A TALE OF SHAME.

A NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S DISGRACE. Charles M. Glasscock, formerly of Statesville but of a late resident of Washington City, has brought suit for divorce from his wife, Carry Brady Glasscock, charging her with adultery with Senator Stewart, of Nevada. Mrs. Glasscock has published a statement in which she acknowledges her guilt, but claims that Senator Stewart admitted her to his bed.

BURNED ALIVE.

Hundreds Dead and Thousands Homeless.

THE HORRIBLE WORK OF FOREST FIRES IN THE NORTHWEST.

HINCKLEY, Minn., Sept. 3.—A gentle rain is falling to-day and quenching the burning embers of the immense forest fires that made so much damage in this city Saturday afternoon and night. The blackened ruins of two or three brick buildings are all that remain standing of the once prosperous town of Hinckley, with its 1,700 people, and its busy railroad and lumbering interests. This is to-day a place of mourning, and the charred and unrecognized bodies of the hundreds of victims have saddened the survivors even more than the disaster itself.

The fire was so overwhelming in its immensity that none could in the first terror of the moment realize how great was their loss. Each was so intent on saving his own life that little thought was given to the disaster in general by most, although many cases of heroism have been reported. The bodies thus far recovered have been placed in rough pine boxes for burial and the majority of them have been buried without there being any knowledge of their identity.

IN THE PATH.

IRONWOOD, Mich., Sept. 3.—Tremendous forest fires are prevailing throughout the upper peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin. The district between Watersmeet and Bessemer, over 50 miles, is a mass of seething flames, and homesteads are making desperate efforts to escape. Gorgebic has been destroyed and it is expected that Wakefield will experience a similar fate. Ironwood, Bessemer, Hurly and Saxton are surrounded by fires. There is very little water and thousands of men are out with picks and shovels and succeed in keeping the flames back only by throwing dirt upon the burning stumps and brush.

A GODSEND OF A RAIN.

ASHLAND, Wis., Sept. 5.—The excitement felt at Ashland for the safety of northern Wisconsin towns was somewhat easy to-day by reports of rain at nearly every locality where the fires have been worst. It has been a Godsend to this country. The northern Wisconsin towns that have been burned are as follows:

Benoit, Polar, Merougo, partially; Highbridge, partially; Ashland Junction, scorched; City of Washburn, scorched; Bessemer, scorched. Every possible source of information has been closely watched for details regarding loss of life but nothing can be said with certainty. Large numbers of people, panic stricken, flocked to it for safety. A number of box cars were coupled on and filled and covered with men, women and children. In all there was a motley crowd of about 450 or more people. The train pulled out just ahead of the fire and succeeded in ultimately reaching Duluth.

This circumstance while fortunate in a degree that cannot be estimated has made the confusion greater for it is not known who escaped in this way, and many people are reported dead who may be in safety. Had not this number of people, largely women and children, left the doomed city when they did, the loss of life would have vastly increased.

Probably 200 people left town on foot or on vehicles plunging into the woods to the north across the Grindstone river, which skirts across the town on the north. They were literally fleeing before the pursuing demon of fire. Over the hill that rises behind the Grindstone is a swamp and to this most of the people with teams headed, but it proved no protection. The fire gave them no opportunity to go farther. Some abandoned their teams and into the lower portion of the morass, but the fire sought them out. Not one was left to tell the tale, and there yesterday morning in a space of little more than four or five acres, were counted over 130 corpses. There were families of five, six and seven, they lay, the men generally

and another season would have been the same. The company has but about 12,000,000 feet of timber remaining which is so located that it can be sawed to better advantage at other points than by rebuilding here at a probable cost of from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The total loss of life will never be definitely known. There were scattered through the woods settlers, clearings and lumber camps, with their watch, and many people were undoubtedly burned, whose bodies were completely destroyed and will never be found.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 3.—A correspondent of the Pioneer Press, at Hinckley, says:

The latest verified reports of the number of dead do not materially alter the former estimates. In fact that estimate is proving remarkably exact, considering the confusion of the first day. One element that makes close figuring very difficult, is the fact that bodies seen in the woods and along the track are not infrequently reported to two points and sent out from each as among its dead.

Then, too, the tendency of the occasion, had as it is, to exaggeration. However, eliminating these doubtful elements as far as possible, from its approximation, the Pioneer-Press is convinced that the total is as nearly exact as possible. The number of dead at Hinckley is placed at 200. The Pioneer-Press correspondent has actually counted 194 of these and the margin allowed is about all that is necessary. The figures are as follows: Hinckley 200; Sandstone 62; Miller 12; between Skunk Lake and Miller 12; Poke Gama 28; in lumber camps and scattered estimate 50. Total 364.

Yard Master David Williamson, of Duluth received a message from Miller Duluth last night which said: "There are 150 people at Sandstone without food or shelter. For God's sake get them out of there." Within an incredibly short time an engine in charge of Yard Master Williams was on the way to Sandstone. The entire road after the burned district was reached was patrolled and the engine kept up a continual whistling, so that any persons who were near by would come at once to the track.

When the train arrived at Sandstone Junction, or Miller, as it is generally called, it was met by nearly the entire population of Sandstone and Miller. The depot platform at Miller had been burned and there was not a house left standing anywhere in view.

About 170 people were taken aboard and a messenger was sent to Sandstone who informed people of arrival of the of the train. Very few remained but those with loved ones lying dead. There was no attempt to care for the dead who lay scattered with irregularity through the streets of the town. Everything inflammable at Sandstone was destroyed and to-day's investigations brought the number dead at that place up to 62, with 21 missing. The scene at Sandstone was heart-rending. The streets of the town were only lines of sand between heaps of ashes. Within these lines lay 40 bodies, scattered at random, and 22 more were found dead in the outskirts of the town and in the hollows and marshes toward the river bank. The bodies were lying, exposed to the sun and rain alike, and were rapidly becoming decomposed. They were identified as far as possible and will be buried to-morrow.

SICKENING TALES.

Pine City, Mich., Sept. 3.—When the forest fire reached Hinckley, an eastern Minnesota train from the bers of persons are missing, but it is known that there were many avenues of escape open to them and they are believed to be in safety at some point. It will take several days to get the exact details. The numerous clearings and small lakes are being utilized by refugees and a great number are packed up along the railroads. Arrivals from Glidden tonight say that the city is out of danger and confirm the statement that the reports were the result of the nervousness of the operator at that place.

It has been discovered that incendiaries are at work completing the destruction of the flames. They aroused great indignation.

The News says that Henry C. Lazell is to move his compression

Firemen's Tournament.

Winston Sentinel August 31.

The Firemen's tournament to-day was a winner from the start. Cherry street was lined on either side with thousands of anxious people, many of them being from the country. It was after ten o'clock when the first race was run. The contest opened with a hand reel race between Salisbury and Greensboro companies. The rules governing the race allowed each team sixteen men and a foreman. Each reel was required to carry not less than 148 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose. The judges were Roddic, of Fayetteville, J. W. Hanes, of Winston, and Barringer, of Newbern; timer, E. G. Parmele, of Wilmington; starter, John W. Fink, of Concord. The distance run was 300 yards. Salisbury was the victor, making the race and throwing water in 45 seconds—thereby winning the first prize of \$40 in money. The Greensboro company were the fastest runners and only lost by their hose jumping off the hydrant nozzle. They reached the hydrant in 21 seconds. They received the second prize of \$20 in cash.

The grab reel race was both exciting and interesting. The distance was 100 yards. Salisbury made the first race in 32 seconds. Greensboro went her one better, her time being 26 seconds. The first prize was a nickel-plated nozzle, the gift of a New York manufacturing company, and the second a fireman's nickel-plated lantern, presented by another New York company. Salisbury and Greensboro were also the only contestants for the beautiful championship belt presented by the State Firemen's association. The distance run was 300 yards—200 below hydrant and 100 above. Salisbury's time was 1 minute and Greensboro's 50 seconds. The latter of course, were declared the champions and winners of the prize.

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