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LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Quite an Extensive Fire. Gaddy the Negro Murderer Probably Located.

Lexington Dispatch, Dec. 11th.

Last night a few minutes before 12 o'clock fire broke out in the store of the Taylor-Mendenhall Company and raged fiercely for two hours. The big stock of merchandise was completely burned and the store building gutted. The origin is not known. The adjoining store of the Lexington Drug Company also caught in the roof and second story, but not so much damage was done by fire. The water, however, ruined a good deal of goods. The next store, that of Geo. A. Adderton & Co., also suffered damage by water, although not much.

The losses cannot be stated exactly at this time, but will be somewhat as follows: Taylor-Mendenhall Company, \$12,000 to \$14,000 stock, insurance \$9,000. This was a splendid new stock and the store was filled. The Lexington Drug Company, stock about \$10,000, insurance about \$7,800. All the new Christmas goods were displayed here and were soaked with water. George A. Adderton & Co., insurance only \$1,200, but the damage is small, being only from water.

The buildings occupied by the drug store and the Adderton firm, owned by the B. B. Roberts estate, were insured for \$8,200, but only the drug store was damaged by fire, and it is not so very much. The corner store, owned by R. H. McRary, is the worst damaged. He carried about \$2,500 insurance. The walls may be used again. New fronts would have been put in two of these buildings in the spring.

The town and telephone company also suffered damage from the wires burning in two, and there were narrow escapes when the light wires fell, charged with electricity. As a result of this break in the lines, The Dispatch was put out of business, having no electric "juice," and this accounts for the delay in getting out this week's paper.

The 13th district of the Odd Fellows held their district meeting last week with the Lexington lodge. Nine lodges compose the district, in which there are over 600 members. W. R. Bean, of Salisbury, presided over the meeting. Grand Secretary Woodell, of Raleigh, was present and gave an interesting talk. Rev. Edward Suits, of Lexington, and Prof. Peden of Salisbury, also addressed the meeting. The initiatory degree was conferred by the Lexington lodge. After business was over, the visitors were invited to the cafe where all enjoyed a banquet and refreshed the inner man. In Secretary Woodell's speech he stated the entire membership of the order numbers 1,750,000. The next meeting will be held in Salisbury in March.

This being the first holiday season since the rate law went into effect in North Carolina, there is a curious state of affairs. Under the arrangements, holiday rates were figured on a basis of 3 cents per mile. Now, however, the usual reduction would be more than the present rate, so there will be no reduction for the holidays on tickets in the state, but inter-state tickets will be sold for one and one-third plus 25 cents, as has been the custom heretofore.

Sheriff Delap has received a letter from the chief of police of Lynchburg, Virginia, stating that he is pretty certain that the negro, Gaddy, who murdered Foreman Dubanks, at the railroad camp near town months ago, was in custody in Campbell county, Tennessee. Sheriff Delap turned the letter over to Mr. Beall, of Lane Bros., of Thomasville, and they will take the matter up. The chief of police mentioned says that the negro arrested answers the description of Gaddy even to the twisted thumb, which would seem to show that the negro is really the man so baldly wanted.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

A Remarkable Performance by Father and Child. A Cutting Scrap.

Stanly Enterprise, Dec. 19th.

Superintendent Fred Gaddy is confined at his home, nursing some serious wounds. A very unfortunate accident occurred at the knitting mill Friday evening just as the mills were closing, in which young Thurman Mabrey used a pocket knife with disastrous results. Mabrey is alleged to have been quarreling with a young man named Melton, and when S. T. Gaddy sought to stop the trouble Mabrey is said to have turned upon him. The affray was an ugly one from any standpoint and was one in which the suit before court will be required to get the facts straight. As it was reported to us, the Gaddy brothers were endeavoring to serve as peacemakers when the fight was turned on them. Blows were passed, Mabrey doing the cutting while he was down and as he was released by Mr. Gaddy. The principals are bound over to next term of court for trial.

J. Luther Sides died Tuesday at his home on Wicasset Hill. He had been suffering for several months, and had been unable to work for quite a while. Mr. Sides was a good man and a splendid citizen. He is survived by a wife and several grown children. He was about 45 years of age. His remains were interred yesterday in the Salem church cemetery under rites of Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges.

Advertisers will please get their copy to us early for next issue. We will have our paper at its normal size next week, with possibly an increase in reading space.

A charter has been granted the New London Development Company to make yarn, cloth, etc., and do a general real estate business. Capital stock \$100,000.

The year old child of Charlie Weaver accidentally fell into a well twenty feet deep with water about three or four feet deep. Fortunately the mother was near and her screams brought the father who immediately jumped into the well and rescued the child. It was not injured in any way and in a short time was restored.—Locust Correspondent.

Jamestown Show May Open Again.

A meeting has been called for Tuesday of next week in the Norfolk board of trade rooms, in which the business men of tide-water Virginia are asked to participate to launch a movement having for its object the reopening of the Jamestown Exposition for four months next summer.

Chairman George F. Adams, of the reopening committee, states that he has \$75,000 of the needed \$200,000; that the appropriation from the government for Federal participation will be secured, and that the main object of the gathering is to start a boom for the reopening. He declares that the entire \$200,000 can be secured.—Norfolk Dispatch, 2d.

This is a reward of about \$250 for Gaddy.

The North Carolina Chair Association met Tuesday afternoon in the rooms of the Piedmont Club in Thomasville in this state and throughout the south. All members present believed it will open up brighter after the holidays and that the coming year will be a record breaker in the chair business. At night the association was banqueted at the Thomasville Hotel.

The negro, Charlie Roberts, who secretly assaulted Will Sechrist last week, is still in jail, but the trial will be held as soon as Mr. Sechrist is able to attend. He is getting along very well. His escape was a very narrow one. The physician says that had the blow landed an inch higher up it would have broken the skull, or had it been an inch lower down it would have disjointed the neck.

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

A Surprise Wedding at Enochville. Bale of Cotton Stolen.

Concord Times, Dec. 10-13.

C. M. Bost, of No. 10 township, had a bale of cotton stolen from Garmon's gin last Saturday night. Durand Furr, who was returning from the Woodmen meeting about 1 o'clock that night, met a wagon and team with a bale of cotton, but there was no driver. This was undoubtedly the stolen bale of cotton, but no clue has so far been obtained as to who the thief was, though every effort has been made.

Mrs. Daniel Heglar, of No. 5 township, died yesterday morning at her home, aged 56 years. Her death was the result of a complication of diseases, with which Mrs. Heglar had been affected for some time.

S. J. Luck died Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock at his home at Forest Hill after a lingering illness of consumption.

Rev. A. W. Plyler, the new Presiding Elder of this district, was here last Saturday and held the first quarterly conference for Epworth Church that evening.

V. L. Norman, proprietor of the St. Cloud-Normandy Hotel, tells us that he cannot secure enough eggs on this market to supply his table, and he is now using eggs shipped to him from Iowa.

The Corral overall factory has been closed down for 80 days, and possibly longer. This is made necessary by the decreased demand for the goods, owing to the financial stringency.

The N. C. Christian Advocate has the following in regard to the new pastor of Mt. Pleasant circuit: "Rev. B. F. Hargett writes that under the strain of double work for the past year he has had a serious spell of sickness since conference which required him to go to the Salisbury hospital for a surgical operation. He is now better, but compelled for a time to give up his work."

On last Sunday Harry Melchor, of Charlotte, and Miss Florence Smith, daughter of R. Lee Smith, of near Enochville, were married. Mr. Melchor took dinner at Mr. Smith's on Sunday, and in the afternoon he and Miss Smith took a drive. They went to the home of the Lutheran minister, Rev. Brown, where they were united in marriage in the presence of a few witnesses, the parents of the young lady not even being aware of their daughter's serious intentions.

Ransom C. Blackwelder died at his home in Mt. Pleasant last Saturday about 2:30 o'clock, of pneumonia, having been confined to his bed with this disease since Thanksgiving day. His life for several days had been hanging by a thread, and his death was not a surprise. Blackwelder was 77 years, 4 months and 3 days of age.

They All Stole From The Populists.

The Populists have decidedly the best of the argument in platform stealing. We all remember how Colonel Walter Henry lambasted the Democratic party, a few years ago, for stealing the Populist outfit, bag and baggage, and how the Democrats could not deny it. Then comes Colonel Bryan with his oft-repeated charges about Roosevelt stealing his thunder—thunder, by the way, which he boldly pirated from the Populists. Now comes Tom Watson, who hits off the situation exactly. He says:

"Roosevelt makes motions like a Populist, and Bryan accuses him of borrowing his ideas, but Bryan and Roosevelt, as well as Senator LaFollette, Governors Folk, Comer, Glenn and Hoke Smith, have appropriated those principles for which you and I contended in days that tried men's souls."—Charlotte Chronicle.

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SENSATION AT A FUNERAL.

Supposed Dead Boy Appears on the Scene, Having Heard of His Death.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 18.—A curious sensational situation suddenly developed at a funeral in Camden yesterday, when a neighbor, Mrs. Orre, appeared at the home of a Mrs. Langley to pay her respects on account of the death of Wilbur Lewis Langley, a son of Mrs. Langley who had been killed by a live wire while working in Camden for a carnival company. At least Mrs. Langley and her children and relatives and neighbors had been mourning the dead boy as her son for several hours. Mrs. Orre, however, as soon as she went to theasket and glanced at the face of the dead youth, recognized Lewis Sowell, her own son by a former marriage. Mrs. Orre screamed with grief and the attention of others being drawn more closely to the body it was recognized that Mrs. Orre was correct. A few hours later Mrs. Orre's discovery was confirmed by the appearance on the scene of young Wilbur Lewis himself, who returned home from the country where he had been at work, surprised to find himself being mourned as dead. Preparations were then had for the funeral of young Sowell, which was had at Douglass, near the county seat. Beside his mother young Sowell is survived by two brothers and a sister.

Young Sowell's death was caused by a shock he received while attaching a globe to an ordinary incandescent bulb. He was standing on the damp ground at the time. There have been several deaths in Columbia in the same manner until a method of rigging up these sort of fixtures was hit upon which obviates this danger.

The Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention, which was held in Wilmington last week, passed off quietly and resulted in much pleasure and profit to visitors and hosts. Among many important transactions we copy the following resolution on prohibition, which is of some interest to our people just at this time: It is as follows:

"We wish again to declare our uncompromising hostility to the liquor traffic as the great enemy of the peace and good morals of the people, the well-being of the home and the work of the gospel among men. We congratulate the people of North Carolina on the splendid progress made in temperance in the last ten years and on the rising tide at this time to drive the traffic out of the State. We extend our encouragement to the people now engaged in their efforts to vote the traffic out of the several cities and towns in the State where it is now being carried on, and to the anti-Saloon league in its work. Believing the traffic in intoxicating liquors to be inherently wrong we emphatically declare ourselves in favor of the principle of State prohibition. Further, we favor the enactment of such laws by Congress as shall prohibit the shipment for purposes of traffic by inter-State carriers of intoxicating liquors into prohibited territory. We urge upon our people to continue the great campaign of education and law enforcement against the sale and use of intoxicating liquors until this great curse shall be reduced to a minimum in our State."

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles, by all druggists. 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

MINCE MEAT.

Sweet Porticles of Various Kinds of News and Comment for our Readers.

Roosevelt has done just what Grover Cleveland got a cursing for doing—issued bonds. There was little excuse for the present issue; abundant calls for the Cleveland issue. Time has fully demonstrated that Grover Cleveland was wiser than his day, and his mind saw ten years ahead. Had he have had successive terms and a Congress to fully support him, we are of the opinion that the country and its financial institutions would have learned ten years earlier all of the lesson that has taken the present crisis to teach.—Stanly Enterprise.

Oscar II. King of Sweden, died Sunday morning, December 8th, aged 78 years. He was succeeded by his son Gustav V. King Oscar was a noted ruler in Europe, one of the best of the constitutional monarchs. "Our dear old king's death," is what the people said when the news was told. King Oscar was called the ablest ruler of the 19th century and the most democratic king that ever lived.

Mrs. H. B. Shoaf, who, along with her husband, stands charged with cruelly mistreating the little Fields girl at Thomasville, has been released from jail at Charlotte, having given the bond of \$500. Her husband is yet in jail, but expects to raise his money soon. Mrs. Shoaf has gone home.

The ginners' report issued yesterday shows that 8,838,554 bales have been ginned up to this time. This would indicate that the total crop will be in the neighborhood of 11,000,000 bales. On the strength of this report cotton went off 6 points in New York, but the price on the local market remained the same, 11 1/2 cents.

A charter has been issued to the New London Development Company at New London, Stanly county. The objects are to do a general real estate business; to purchase, construct, operate electric lighting and power plants, etc. The authorized capital is \$100,000, with \$15,000 subscribed for by F. A. Silver, Greensboro, 191 shares; C. W. Mason, Altoona, Pa., 69; E. M. S. McKee, Altoona, Pa., 20; C. E. Brinkerhoff, Washington, D. C., 20.

E. W. Swenson killed his former wife and her husband and then committed suicide near Smithville, Texas, Friday night. Following her divorce from Swenson the woman married J. Jacob First, a farmer. With her husband she was in Smithville on a shopping trip and they were returning to their home when they met Swenson.

Senator Tillman has introduced resolutions directing the committee on finance to investigate the recent proceedings of the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with the financial crisis and also to make inquiry concerning clearing house certificates. The resolutions were presented in two series, the first dealing with the operations of the Treasury Department and the second with clearing house certificates.

A Fugitive Arrested.

Spencer, Dec. 11.—Charged with an assault with deadly weapon, J. Carl Maynard, a Southern Railway brakeman, was arrested at Spencer last night by Chief of Police John R. Cruise, and in default of bond was lodged in Rowan county jail. Ten days ago, while drinking, it is said, Maynard assaulted J. M. Brown in the latter's restaurant in East Spencer with a knife cut sixteen gashes in his body and face and fled to parts unknown. He returned to Spencer at 11 o'clock last night and ten minutes later was in the custody of the officer. He is also under a \$1,000 bond for an alleged assault at Lexington some months ago. Brown was treated by a physician and is now at his place of business again.

DEAD MAY REACH 500.

Rescuers Working Hard in West Virginia Mines. Over Fifty Funerals in One Day.

There was a fearful explosion in Mines Nos. 6 and 8, of the Consolidated Coal Company, on opposite sides of the West Fork river, on Monongah, West Virginia, last Friday, Dec. 6th. The dead in all probability will number as many as four hundred men. After 56 hours of work at rescuing the imprisoned miners, 58 dead bodies had been taken out. The mines worked about 1,000 men, 500 on the day and the same number on the night shift.

Monongah, W. Va. Dec. 11.—Steadily and almost uninterruptedly mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal Company are giving up the victims of last Friday's explosion. When tonight's force of rescuers went on duty there had been a total of 225 bodies taken out, most of which have been buried. Others were brought out in groups of two and three at short intervals.

A number of the bodies brought out today did not bear the brass checks used in the company's system of records and accounts of a majority of its employes, thus substantiating the statements of Monday that a large number of men and boys in the mines were not included in the checking rolls upon which estimates of the dead were largely based. This has also almost dispelled the hope of dead had been over-estimated. There is reason to believe tonight that the number will not fall short of 500.

A canvass of miners' homes will be completed tomorrow and this together with a list of hundreds of unclaimed letters in the post-office will furnish data for a new and probably more accurate estimate.

Conditions outside the mine tonight are much improved through the freezing soil of the mud, making the work much easier.

An opening between the two mines was completed tonight and it is believed that within 48 hours all the bodies found will have taken to the morgue.

Over 50 funerals were held today. On each casket there was a bunch of American beauty roses or white carnation. The source of the flowers remained secret until late in the day when it was learned that Miss Elizabeth, daughter of S. L. Watson, treasurer of the coal company, had ordered them.

Remarkable Old Log House.

There are few more interesting and remarkable buildings in the state than an old log block house, or fort, built long before the Revolutionary war, on the South Fork river in Catawba county, for protection against the Indians—Cherokees—who were very savage and very numerous in the western part of the state. There is no telling how old the house is, but it is certain that it was built before the war mentioned. It is probably more than 150 years old. It is square and of pine logs a foot and a half in diameter. It stands on the brink of a bluff, with level land in front of it. It is on a foundation of rock that is four feet thick and under it is a large basement. In this basement is a cold spring of living water, issuing through a crevice in a huge rock. All block houses were built over springs, because the settlers must have water when besieged by the redskins. The basement also has a place to cook. The house is in a perfect state of preservation and looks to be good for another century. The logs, though dressed with an axe, show not a mark of the blade and the notches where log rests on log were so neatly made that they would "pinch a hair" now. The walls have loopholes. It is a fort no longer, but has long been a dwelling house.

DeWitt's Carbolic With Hazel Salve—don't forget the name, and accept no substitute. Get DeWitt's. Sold by James Plummer and all druggists.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

How a Blockade Still Was Found. Mail Sack in Woods.

Statesville Landmark, Dec. 10-19.

Saturday morning some boys who were hunting on Messrs. Jo and John Stevenson's place, about a mile west of town and near Boston's bridge, found a mail sack in the woods, a short distance from the railroad track. The Statesville postoffice was notified and Postmaster Long and Assistant Postmaster Gouger went to the place and took possession of the sack. It was a canvas sack, a special locked pouch of first-class (letter) mail and contained a number of letters. It is believed that some of the contents are missing, but the pouch contained only one registered package and that was undisturbed.

Deputy Collector J. M. Davis and Deputy Marshal W. A. Wright were in north Iredell the latter part of last week looking after the moonshiners. While climbing along side of one of the Brushy mountains, on the Iredell side of the line, they saw a man driving a steer to a cart loaded with meal, on the side of a mountain across the line in Wilkes county. They immediately put after the cart and followed the tracks of the cart to an illicit distillery, where the meal had been unloaded. The plant was a new one and had evidently just begun business. A new 90-gallon copper still and about 600 gallons of beer were destroyed by the officers. After destroying the plant the officers took up the trail of the ox-cart and followed to a residence in the edge of Iredell. The cart was standing in the yard and the same old spotted steer they saw plodding along the mountain side was in a stable nearby.

There was at least one person in Statesville who felt the need of shoes during the snow storm last Wednesday, and this unfortunate person was Lee Turner, a young white man who boarded with George Church, near the Statesville Cotton Mill. Lee put on a pair of his landlord's shoes and wore them to the depot. When Church discovered that his shoes were gone he went in search of his boarder and finding the young man near the depot he forced him to take off the shoes, leaving him out in the snow barefooted.

A meeting of the trustees of the orphanage which is to be erected by the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, was held at Hotel Iredell, in Statesville, yesterday. Committees were appointed on incorporation, location and publication, and business incidental to the appointment of the committees was transacted. The next meeting will be held at Hickory March 5th, at 9 a. m. Propositions for the location of the orphanage were received from Hendersonville, Lincolnton, Rutherfordton, Union county, Lowell, Gaston county, Connelly Springs and Hickory. The place of location will not be decided on until after the next meeting.

At turnip sowing time J. C. Duulap, of Bethany township, bought a package of what was supposed to be Rutabaga turnip seed and sowed them. Instead of Rutabagas the seed produced turnips built on the plan of radishes, 12 to 15 inches long and some of them a foot or more in circumference. Mr. Duulap says they are what is known as the "Cow Horn" turnip, as they are more in the shape of a cow's horn than the regular turnip.

The Amity Telephone Company has been chartered. J. T. Goodman and others will build a telephone line from Amity and Elmwood to Statesville. The line which now runs from Statesville to these points is owned by the Bell and is the only country line from Statesville which that corporation owns. The new line will put the Bell out of business, as it will be connected with the Iredell Telephone Company.