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## THE GREAT FIRE.

We have but little heart for work to-day. The scenes of Sunday and the ruins we have looked upon with such painful emotions are not calculated to qualify us for labor. Sabbath afternoon a little after 2 o'clock the alarm of fire was sounded. The wind was very high-almost a gale. A steamer on fire had landed near the wharf of Mesers. Kerchner and Calder and in a very short time their large store and the building adjoining that had just been erected by Mr. Kerchner, were in a blaze. The fire then raged from house to house sweeping in a Northeasterly direction until it had de voured probably sixty buildings, some of them of much value. The particulars will be found elsewhere The loss is probably not far from a half million dollars, we suppose. But great as the loss is it cannot be estimated by dollars and cents. Not only is a great blow given to business enterprises of different kinds, suspending if not stroying them altogether, in some instances probably inflicting losses that can never be recovered from, but it turns out of employment many persons, thus increasing the calamities and inflicting losses upon those who were not reached by the fire. But great as is the loss in a business point of view, the most distressing feature is to be found in the misfortunes that have overtaken so many families, who have not only been rendered homeless, but who have lost all of the accumulations of a life-time in furniture, and household comforts, and also the thousand and one little articles of adornment and utility, as well as souvenirs and memorials that were precious by reason of hallowed associations, that can never be replaced.

The calamity that has fallen upon Wilmington is very great. It not only leaves bare and hideous a large area-five or six squares-but it comes at a time of great trade depression and pecuniary stringency. It inflicts a terrible and sudden blow from which it will take years to recover. It is the occasion for active sympathy and benevolence. It is the time when our men of mental resource and will should work together for the good of the community, and when such measures should be devised if possible as shall enable Wilmington to begin as soon as possible the work of rebuilding and re-

Writing on Monday morning our remarks are general, and there is no attempt at accuracy of estimate. A public meeting will be held an account of which will appear in its proper place. Our people are of course stunned by the shock, but great as the loss is it could have been very much greater, and more than once it looked as if the fire might sweep clean across the city until there was nothing left to feed upon. Most fortunately it exhausted itself at the Nutt residence on Red Cross street. If it had turned up Mulberry as it once threatened to do, or if it had continued up Red Cross and swept over St. John's Church it would not have stopped short of the farthest northern limit. Great and distressing as is the calamity the people of Wilmington have very great cause for thanksgiving to Almighty God that it was not greater. The violation of the Sabbath caused the whole destruction.

THE BLAIR BILL ON TRIAL AND NOT THE STAR.

The Wilmington STAR opposes the bill on the ground of unconstitutionality, but it accepts hundreds of thousands from the Government, for the improvement of the Cape Fear without a grimmace, and it fair-ly bubbles over with delight at the prospect of the spending of a hundred thousand or so in a queenment building at Wilmington
—Charlotte Observer.

The STAR has shown in more than one editorial the grounds upon which it favors an appropriation of money for "Government purposes" in improving certain great waterways, and it gave the decision of the Supreme Court thereon. If the Government itself had no interest in developing important rivers, and millions were to be voted merely to benefit communities then no strict constructionist could possibly favor such appropriations. As to public buildings they are owned by the Government. Right or wrong, the Government has charge of the mails and has had charge from the beginning. It has to provide a place for their handling. It ha been paying very heavy rents in Wilmington for a long time. It has erected in small towns like Raleigh a large and costly building for Federal purposes strictly. As it must either rent or build in Wilmington, and it is proposed to build, the STAR has asked

ing as Raleigh bas, and one that will not only meet the demands of business now when Wilmington has 20,-000 inhabitants, but when it has grown into a much larger place and has 50,000 or more inhabitants. The STAR would never have asked for an appropriation even for Federal uses if it had not been the immemorial custom and policy of the Government to erect such buildings. As long as it controls the mails and holds courts it must provide a place for them. If the Observer can see inconsistency in this then it has indeed "optics

But what if the STAR is inconsistent? That fact, if established most conclusively, could not prove that the daugerous Blair bill was constitutional or that it was good policy for the Federal Government to turn universal pedagogue and go into the school teaching business on grand scale. Let the Blair bill be discussed upon its merits - with reference to its constitutionality and far reaching policy - and not as to whether this paper or any other pa per is consistent or not in defending or opposing it. Try the bill by the plumb and square of the Constitution and then see if it will stand-if it has any other foundation than hav and stubble.

The bill is either right or wrongconstitutional or unconstitutional, and no real or supposed inconsis tency of any newspaper affects it in the least. The Observer is no doubt consistent. It has favored measures that were more Republican than Democratic-like the Blair, Tariff and other bills - if we are not mistaken. We will not insist upon this as we have never been an attentive reader of the editorials of the Observer, except its locals, and would not make a positive assertion without more knowledge of its deliverances. But some how we have got a notion in our head that it has not been Democratic on several important measures, and has to say the least, "wabbled" or "wired in and wired out." If in error we will be pratified to make the correction.

The arguments of Senators Coke Saulsbury, Beck, Morgan, Maxey Wilson, Butler, and perhaps one or two others among the Southerners, and of Ingalls and others among the Northern Senators, including Minister Pendleton, when in the Senate, and we think also Secretary Bayard, if our memory is not at fault, in which the Blair bill was opposed upon Con stitutional grounds, show very plainly that the ablest men in the land hold very different views from those now put forth by the friends and advo-

cates of the Great Grab bill, Then there are such able Constitu tional lawyers as Curtis in the North and Sage in the South who are discussing the bill with a learning and power that many editors and lawyers can searcely understand much less answer. Then the very ablest Demceratic papers in the North-with but few exceptions-are fighting this unconstitutional and unwise bill. In the South, with but few exceptions, the whole press is united in a strong pull and long pull for "the old flag

and a big appropriation." We suppose that there is not man who has any claims to intelli gence who does not know what great lawyer the late Judge Black The lawyers who spoke before the Supreme Court on the occasion of his death, and our Senator Vance among them, conceded his grandeur and greatness, and many of the speakers gave him the first place among American lawyers. Now it is impossible that any one who has read Judge Black's masterly discussions can doubt where he would be to-day, if living, on this Blair bill. He would oppose it with all of his tremendous powers and wide learn ing. We feel warranted in saying this from the whole tenor of his life -from his known opinions and devotion to the Constitution-from his common sense wisdom, pure and unselfish patriotism and constant reference to law. The student of his published writings will find in many places utterances that authorise the belief that if living to-day he would strike such blows as only Jerry

what Judge Black thought of a strict grammatical construction of the Constitution of the United States. A Serious Charge. Zsch Boone, colored, was arrested yeserday charged with committing a criminal assault on Eliza Hardie, a young white and Dock streets. Boone was committed to jail to await an examination before Justice Millis to-day. It is alleged that Boone broke into the house on the night of February 8th last and assaulted the woman. He has hitherto been considered a respectable person, is married, and lives in the southeastern part of the city.

Black could strike, with that keen

and ponderous battle axe of his that

but few men in all the world could

have lifted even, for the Constitution

of the fathers of the Republic and

against a bill that proposes a grab

game of the most remorseless kind.

We may show from his writings

The Wilmington, Columbia and August Railroad and Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Companies, to encourage sufferers by the recent firs who expect to rebuild, generously offer to contribute twenty-five per cent. of the freight on all building material transported over their roads for that purpose from this date to Reptember 1st, 1866.

- The steamer Racelstor, Capt. J. Thornton, will take the place of the burned that the appropriation be large enough to give Wilmington at least as substantial and commodious a buildA TERKIBLE FIRE

A Large Portion of the Business Part of the City Laid in Ruins-Two Steamers and a Schooner Burned-Hairoad Freight Depots in Ruins-Many Valuable Residences Swept Away-Scenes and Incidents of the

This city was visited Sunday afternoon last by the most disastrous geonflagration, probably, ever known to its history. It has inflicted immense loss upon business men and others, and laid waste large portions of its busiest and most thickly settled thoroughfares. It is a calamity from which we fear our lair city will be long in recovering; but it should be a consolation to know that beyond the distress and suffering that must necessarily ensue to many, there has been no loss of life and no serious personal injury to any one.

The fire began about 2 o'clock, on the steamer Bladen, which had just arrived from Fayetteville, having on board a cargo of cotton and naval stores. The boat was within an hundred and fifty yards of the foot of Chesnut street when the fire was first discovered, in bales of cotton on the lower deck near the boiler. The steamer was at once headed for the shore, but before she reached the nearest wharf-that of the New York (Clyde) Steamship Company-the flames had enveloped the whole forward part of the boat, had reached the upper deck, and driven the seven passengers back to the stern of the vessel. Fortunately, several boats were sent to the assistance of the burning steamer from vessels across the river, and the passengers were assisted into these and safely landed. The passengers on the Bla den were Miss Erambert and Mrs. Hunley and child of Fayetteville, Mr. A. J. Harmon of Bladen, Mr. Robert Lee of Wilmington, Mr. Dodson, a commercial traveller, and two other gentleman whose names could not be learned. They all made a parrow escape and lost all their bag

Meantime, the blazing steamer had se fire to a lighter filled with wood that was alongside, and to the wharves and sheds of the Clyde Steamship Company The wind was blowing almost a gale from the southwest, and the flames spread with great rapidity-sweeping up the wharves, and to the yards, warehouses and offices or Water street. Oil, tar, rosin and spirits turpentine in yards adjacent were ready fuel for the devouring flames, and in a very short time the whole river front from Chesnut to Mulberry was ablaze, and the stores and offices on the west side of Water street for the same distance, were enveloped The firemen fought manfully and determinedly, but their efforts were futile; nothing could stay the progress of the flames, which leaped and roared like a demon, sending aloft showers of sparks and burning brands, that the high winds carried and hurled on the roofs of buildings squares away from the raging conflagration. To add to the difficulties that the fremen had to contend with, a dense black smoke filled the streets to the leeward of the fire, rendering it almost impossible for any effective work to be done in that quar-

The fire pressed steadily onward along the river front, burning wharves and sheds and quantities of naval stores and other merchandise. The schooner Lillie Holmes, lying at the wharf beyond the steamship wharf was soon wrapped in flames and consumed; the men escaped, but saved nothing of their effects. And the steamer River Queen, with cargo, just from Pay etteville, suffered a like falo.

On Water street the fire spared the building on the west side occupied by Messrs. Smith & Gilchrist, but swept away the stores and offices of Messrs. Kerchner & Calder Bros., S. P. Shotter & Co., and A. H. Green, and on the east aide from the store of Mr. M. J. Heyer, (which was badly damaged) including a dozen other brick stores and tenements to Mulberry. The flames then crossed that street to the large warehouses and offices of Messrs. Worth & Worth and Paterson, Downing & Co., which rapidly succumbed Sweeping on ward, the flames next attacked and devoured on the west side of Water street the premises of Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, Mr J. A. Fore's saw mills, the Champion Cotton Compress, and the two large freight warehouses of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta and Wilmiogton & Weldon Railroads, with about a dozen box care la den with miscellaneous freight. After attacking the large brick building occupied ov Messrs Worth & Worth and Paterson, Downing & Co., the are crossed to the east side of Water street, and swept away everything from the corner of Mulberry to the railroad, including the large merchant mills of Mr J. G. Boney and Mr. C. B. Wright and the block of brick stores extending from Mulberry to Walnut streets.

During the progress of the fire on Water treet, the high winds carried burning rands far and wide, setting fire to many buildings squares away, even so far as Fifth and Hanover streets, where a square and a half of wooden houses occupied by colored people were burned. Before the fire had crossed Mulberry street on Water, burning brands also set fire to the residence of Hon. Geo. Davis, on Second between Walnut a. d Red Cross streets. This house vailable to ave it until it was too late.

turned slowly, but there were no means The First Methodist church, on Front street at the corner of Walnut, caught fire in the large wooden belfry on top from sparks borne by the winds from the burn ng merchant mill of Mr. C. B. Wright, and soon the whole interior of the large

edifice was in flames. Soon after the whole square, consisting of esidences, bounded by Second and Front on the east and west and Walnut and Red Cross on the south and north, were burning, until nothing was left unconsumed on the square but the Methodist parsonage, in rear of the church on the corner of Wal-

nut and Second streets All the buildings on the west side of woman living on Twelfth between Market Pront street, from Walnut to Red Cross and Dock streets. Boone was committed were also burned, including the offices of were also burned, including the offices of the Atlantic Coast Line, in the large building on the corner of Front and Red Cross

> After burning the square on the west side of Second, the fire crossed Red Cross street and destroyed the residence of the late Henry Nutt: This was the last ouilding burned; the further progress of he fismes being stayed by the wide gap caused by the railroad excavation just beyond, in a northeasterly direction.

The scenes in and around the burning district were heart-rending. Many of the esidents of the burned buildings and those discent removed their furniture and house sold goods, only to see them burned in the treets, others were removed to places of safety; but by far the larger part of the ufferers were unable to cave anything, of ither furniture or clothing. 000 and valued at \$7,000.

Early during the progress of the fire it | was seen that the Fire Department of the city was unable to cope with it, and the Mayor attempted to open communication with Goldsboro for assistance, but all the poles and wires of the Western Union Company were burned idown along Water reet, and also the wires of the Wilming-& Weldon Railroad Company it was impossible to do so Mr. Clem Brown, manager of

Western Union, however, succeeded after while in making connection with the wires beyond the burned district, and soon onened communication with Goldsbo and also with Florence, S. C. The call for ssistance was readily responded to from both these places, and the fire company from Florence with their apparatus soon arrived and assisted in extinguishing the flames. Toward nightfall the Wilmington Light

Infantry were requested by the Mayor to ssemble at the company's armory, and as special policemen, post sentinels in and around the burned district for the protect tion of property exposed on the streets The company turned out with thirty five muskets, which number was swelled during the night to forty-five. Under the command of Capt. W. C. Jones, the company performed efficient service, in several nstances driving off pilferers and stopping disturbances among knots of dranken men gathered on the streets. They were relieved seven o'clock Monday morning.

Many of the firemen were also on duty broughout the night, extinguishing the burning debris and preventing other fires. They worked heartily and faithfulls throughout the progress of the fire, and although their efforts seemed to be ineffectual, they really prevented a more disastrous conflagration. They fought the flames in front and tear unfalteringly and on the fire's flanks, all along the line, with the grim determination of veterans. Their water supply was insdequate. They were cut off from the river, except in the rear of the fire, and had to rely elsewhere entirely on the Water Works, and although these were working to their full capacity, the great drain upon it from steamers and every hose that could be attached to fireplugs, greatly weakened the force of the

The fire in "Brooklyn" began on the eof of St. Barnabas scho l house, corner of Fifth and Hanover streets, and erected by St. Marks' (colored) Episcopal church. It caught from burning cinders carried by the winds from the fire raging on Water street. Being a wooden building it was quickly destroyed, but not before the flames had spread to other houses. nearly all occupied by colored people. The store of Mr. M. Rathjen, corner of Sixth and Swann streets was burned, the proprietor saving but little of its contents. and the colored Methodist Church on corner of Seven h and Bladen streets. Several other buildings were burned on this houses in that section of the city were destroyed, the inmates losing the greater

part if not all of their household goods. The following is a partial list of the sufferers by the fire-so far as we have been able to ascertain them.

Mrs. S. R. Bunting, dwelling; no insurance. Furniture saved Hon. Geo. Davis, dwelling; insured. Furniture saved.

Col E R Brink, dwelling and furniure; part of the latter saved Insured. Brick dwelling house belonging to the estate of the late Henry Nutt, occupied by Mrs. W. L. Parsley, H. Emerson, and Dr. J H. Durham. Partly insured. ON RED CROSS STREET

Two brick dwellings belonging to Mr. Sol. Bear; one occupied by Mr. Wm. Aldridge and the other by Mr Bear. In-

Two frame houses owned by the Messrs. Chadbourn and occupied by Mr. S. P. Me-Nair and Mrs. Winston. Insured.

ON PRONT STREET. Large brick dwelling occupied by Mr. Smith, recently from Burgaw, who saved

Mrs. B. Flanner's residence. Insured. Frame house owned by Mr. J. Alves Walker. Insured. The occupants saved part of their furniture. Frame dwelling owned by Mr. P. Donlan; insured. Front Street Methodist church; partly

Frame house opposite the church, belong ing to Mr. D. L. Gore and occupied by two families; insured. Brick dwelling belonging to Mr. James

Madden; insured. Frame house occupied by Mrs. Pridgen, whose furniture was partly iosured. Brick building, offices of the Atlantic

Coast Line; no insurance.

ON WATER STREET. Messrs. S. P. Shotter & Co , naval stores; found safe and books all right and were fully insured.

Mesers Smith & Gilchrist, grocers and commission merchants, loss small, fully insured. Building owned by Kerchner & Calder Bros.

Mr. C. B. Wright; merchant mill a total loss; insured for \$10,000 on mill and \$6,000

Mr. A. W. Watson; loss \$1,500; no in-Mr. H. W. Bryant, grocer. Loss \$3,000;

insurance \$1,000. Mr. Owen Fennell, 86 bales of cotton burned; fully insured

M. J Heyer, grocer and commission merchant, damaged principally by water. Loss about \$10,000; fully insured. Building owned by J. C. Heyer; insured. Mesars. Worth & Worth, commission

merchants and grocers; loss \$75,000; fully Mr. C. H. Wessell, grocer; loss \$3,000;

insurance \$1,500. Mrs. Bryson (Mariners' Hotel); loss \$6,-000; insurance \$2,000. Mr. John G. Oldenbuttel,

ings \$3,000; insurance \$1,200. Martin O'Brien, three brick stores and stock a total loss-\$7,000, One wooden building, insured. Champion Compress Company, \$50,000

loss; insurance \$27,000. Threee thousand bales of cotton burned; insured. New York Steamship Co.'s wharf and sheds, owned by Kerchner & Calder Bros., G J Boney; C B Wright, 300 on hay; heirs

The officers of the Atlantic Coast Line estimate that company's total loss at \$30,000. They have purchased the residence of Mr. Wm. Calder, corner of Front and Mulberry streets, which will at once be fitted up for the company's headquarters. The Southern Bell Telephone Company

lose \$300; American Bell Company, \$700. No estimates of losses were obtained from Messrs, Paterson, Downing & Co., Alex. Sprunt & Son, and Kerchner & Calder Bros. which were large, but fully insured. Messrs. Sprunt & Son's loss was stated by other parties at \$120,000. The steamer Bladen was insured for \$5,-

to the water's edge. She was valued at \$30,000 and uninsured.

The insurance companies doing business in the city furnish the following list of

their liabilities With Northron & Hodges: J M Forshee, \$1,000 on mdse; heirs of Henry Nutt, 800 on frame store; heirs of Henry Nutt, 400 on shed and office; Robt Robinson, 1,800 on frame building; Samuel Bear, Sen, 990 on mdse; J G Oldenbuttel. 200 on frame building; Champion Compress, 2,000 on building; Sol Bear, 2,300 on furniture; Charles Wessell, 1,500 on stock; Bladen Steamboat Co. 2,000 steamer: W H Sprunt, 200 on horses and harness; James Sprunt, 175 on horses and buggies; Alex Sprunt & Son, 1,500 on wharf structure; M Bear & Bros, 400 on frame building: N Giles & Co. 1,000 on rice in the W & W R R warehouse; estate of John McRae, 1,000 on saw mill building; all in the Phonix, of Hartford.

Samuel Bear, Sen, \$636 on mdse; Worth & Worth, 4,080 on cotton; all in London and Lancashire, of Liverpool, Eng. M J Heyer, \$1,000 on stock; D G Worth and estate of N G Daniel, 1,500 on frame sheds; Champion Compress Co. 2,500 on building and machinery; N Giles & Co,

Bear, 3,500 on dwelling house; Hall & Pearsall, 387 on cotton: all in the Home, of New York. Champion Compress Co, \$5,000 on build ing and machinery; Alex Sprunt & Son, 2,500 on building and office furniture; Front Street M E Church, \$3,000 on build

2.500 on rice in W W R R warehouse: Sol

ing and furniture; all in Royal Insurance Company, of Liverpool. Front Street M E Church, \$1,800 on pipe organ; Hall & Pearsall, 2,193 on cotton; all in Georgia Home, of Columbus,

Worth & Worth, \$4,000 on merchandise Champion Compress Co, 5,000 on building and machinery; all in Lancashire, of Man-

Champion Compress Co, \$5,000 on build ing and machinery; Worth & Worth, 4.185 on cotton; George Davis, 3 000 on dwelling; Kerchner & Calder Bros, 2,500 on building; John C Heyer, 2,000 on building; all in New York Underwriters

Worth & Worth, \$5,400 on merchandise John R Turrentine, 11,500 on merchandise; Mary A Winton, 1,200 on furniture; all in Germania, of New York.

Bladen Steamboat Co. \$2,000 on steamer Charles Wessel, 1,500 on building: J. G. Oldenbuttel, 5,000 on frame building Champion Compress Co, 5,000 on building and machinery; J W Taylor, Agent 1,500 on saw mill machinery; all in West ern Assurance Co. of Toronto, Conn.

Hall & Pearsall, \$1,032 on cotton; Hall & Pearsall, 1.72 on cotton; all in Norwich Union of Norwich, England. With Jno W Gordon & Smith

Jno C Heyer, \$3,000 on building; M J Hever, 2,000 on stock; E R Brink, 8,750 on dwelling and furniture; Hall & Pearsall, 4.750 on cotton: P Donlan, 1,600 on dwelling and furniture; Mrs S A Flanner, 3,000 on dwelling and furniture; C B Wright, 2,500 on building; Kerchner & Calder Bros, 3,000 on sheds; F A Newbury, 500 on building; Alex Sprunt & Son, 4,000 on brick building and sheds; M Rathjen, 1,200 on building: J W Taylor, 1,000 on machinery; all in Liverpool & London &

naval stores: C S Love & Co, 2,000 on paval stoies, Worth & Worth, 2,000 on naval stores: Christine Oldham, 500 on furniture; T B Henderson, 1,000 on merchandise; Hall & Pearsall, 344 on cotton; S P Shotter & Co , 6,500 on naval stores; all in Hamburg Bremen, of Hamburg.

Hall & Pearsall, \$86 on cotton; estate of John McRae, 1,000 on mill; C B Wright, 3,000 on stock; S P Shotter & Co. 600 on office furniture; all in Phœnix Assurance of

E K Pridgen, \$280 on furniture; Hall & Pearsall, 869 on cotton; Louis J Poisson, 150 on furniture; all in the Rochester Ger man, of Rochester, NY.

M Rathjen, \$900 on stock and furniture James I Metts, 900 on furniture; Hall & Pearsall, 129 on cotton; all in the Virginia, Fire and Marine, of Richmond. J W Taylor, \$750 on machinery, in Als bacte of Mobile, and 750 on machinery, in

the Citizens, of Mobile. With Atkinson & Manning: Pembroke Jones, \$5,625 on cotton ties; M J Heyer, 2,500 on stock; Mrs A M Parsley, 1,500 on building; Worth & Worth, 13,200 on build ing and stock: D G Worth and estate of N G Daniel, 10,950 on building; Hall & Pearsall, 28,300 on cotton; George L Arp, 2,000 on guano; J G. Oldenbuttel, 500 on building; Samuel Bear, Sr, 4,325 on dwelling and furniture; C B Wright, 5,500 on building and stock; Mrs C R Gause, 300 on furniture; Bagley, Stewart & Bagley, 1,000 on steamer River Queen; St Barnabas School House, 1,500; H R Kuhl, 1,000 on

dwelling house; Thomas Rivera, 300 on dwelling. These amounts are divided between the following companies: Queen, North British & Mercantile, Hart-

ford, Phonix, Atna, Commercial, Union Fire Association, City of London, Hibernia and North Carolina Home. With DeRosset & Northrop:

Worth & Worth, \$12,500 on mdse Smith & Gilchrist, 1,000 on mdse; Blader Steamboat Co, 1,500 on steamer; M J Heyer, 1,000 on stock; CB Wright, 2,500 on building; Champion Compress Co. 2,500 on building, machinery and all in North America of Philadelphia; J M Forshee, 1,000 on stock, in Springfield Fire and Marine, of Springfield, Mass. With M 8 Willard:

Owen Fennell, \$3,000 on cotton; E Lilly. ,600 on cotton; A. H. Greene, 2,500 on cot ton; D L Gore, 1,000 on cotton: Kerchner & Calder Bros, 1,000 on frame warehouse W I Gore, Son & Co, 1,000 on mdse; Smith & Gilchrist, 50 on cotton seed; heirs of H Nutt, \$1,800 on brick stores; M J Heper, 2,500 on stock; Alex Sprunt & Son, 1,500 on spirit barrels, &c; James Madden, 2.200 on brick building; GJ Boney, 6,000 on machinery and 2,000 on stock : Mrs E H Newkirk, 1,500 on brick building, occupied by of H Nutt 4,300 on brick dwelling; Mrs Emily Gerhardt, 350 on furniture: Alex Sprunt & Son, floating insurance. These amounts were divided as follows: \$8,000 in Continental: 10.250 in Fire Insurance Asso ciation; 1,800 in German American: 4,950 in Sun; 5,195 in Northern; aggregating

30,195. With Wm L Smith & Co: | | Delia Bryson, \$2,000 on brick hotel: M . Heyer, 1,000 on stock; H W Bryant, 1,000 on stock; all in Scottish Union & National. Kerchner & Calder Bros, \$2,500 on brick building; Bladen Steamboat Company. 1,000 on steamboat; J H Durham, 800 on furniture; J A Walker, 2,100 on dwelling; all in Connecticut Fire.

C Stevenson, 500 floating policy; C B Wright, 2 500 on mill building; all in

Crescent Insurance Company.

In the Germania Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Louis J Poisson, agent: the walls of burned buildings on Water, M J Heyer, furniture, etc. \$500; Kerchne

Nutt and Front streets. & Calder Bros, mdse, 500; L C Kerchner. building 2,000; M J O'Brien, 700; E J The linemen of the Western Union Com pany were busy as bees in straightening out Pennypacker, compress, 1,000; Geo I he tangled wires, replacing burned poles, Arp, 1,000. and getting everything in their line in good

HOPE STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO. The Hope Steam Fire Engine Company of Florence, which so gallantly came to our rescue at the fire Sunday evening, re turned home vesterday afternoon at pentine, 77 casks; rosin, 10,165 barrels; tar, o'clock. The company did gallant service 1,128 barrels; crude turpentine, 139 barrels. while with us They were on duty all night at the railroad warehouses, extinguishing the flames and preventing the fire from spreading. The company was com-manded by Captain J. Jellico, and has street between Mulberry and Walnut. like a good many others not actually in the thirty-five members. They responded promptly to the appeal for aid and in twenburned district, suffered loss. In the removal of his furniture some of it was badly smashed, and he lost three fine framed picfrom Mayor Hall were at the depot in Flotures. His house caught fire on the roof reace with their engine, and three hours afterwards were in Wilmington ready for three times, but was not seriously damaged.

A public meeting was held at the rooms of the Produce Exchange at 12.30 o'clock On motion Mayor Hall was called to the chair, and J. I. Macks, Esq., was requested

On motion of F. H. Darby, Esq., a committee of five was appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting.; Cols. J. W. Atkinson, W. L. DeRosse Messrs. F. H. Darby, Samuel Bear, Jr., and J. D. Bellamy were appointed on said

On motion, the Mayor was requested t close the bar rooms of the city for the next twenty-four hours about \$8,000. The special committee, through Col. J. W. Atkinson, offered the following pream

A fearful disaster has befallen our city by the fire which rendered homeless s many of our citizens, and destroyed vast mounts of property; and it seems right on shall be taken promptly to alleviate the distress that must ensue this calamity: therefore be it

Resolved. That a committee of lifteen b

appointed by the chair to solicit subscriptions for the relief of the destitute and to collect and turn over the same to a special committee of five, to be likewise appointed who shall be fully authorized to distribut he same according to their best judgment Resolved, That the thanks of the entir ommunity be extended to the Fire De partments of Florence, S. C., and Golds-boro, N. C., for their prompt response to the request for assistance which was sent by our Mayor to the authorities of these towns, and that the Mayor and authorities of our city be requested to tender to the fire companies of the same towns reim-

bursement of their expenses incurred i oming to our relief.

Resolved, That we desire to express ou igh appreciation of the efficient and unelfish services rendered by our own gallan

Resolved, That we appreciate the valuable services of the Wilmington Light Infantry Company, acting as special guard and popresence in maintaining order and quiet among the large number of people assem bled on the streets during the entire night The resolutions were unanimously adop On Subscriptions-Messrs, J. W. Atkinson, F. Rheinstein, H. C. McQueen, Ger W. Kidder, H. Vollers, J. D. Munds, F. H. Mitchell, Samuel Bear, Jr., H. A. Bagg, A. H. Green, J. H. Currie, B. F. Hall, D. G. Worth, F. W. Kerchner, R. M. McIntire. On Distribution-Donald McRae, G. W. Williams, Roger Moore, Clayton Giles, W

. Gore. On motion, the committee having in charge certain funds raised on a previous ccasion for the relief of the cyclone sufwere requested to turn over the same to On motion, the Secretary was request

o furnish the press of the city with the proceedings of the meeting and that copies of the resolutions be sent to the cities of About \$1,000 was subscribed at the in addition to four hundred dol-

lars in the hands of the Merchants com-On motion the meeting adjourned.

Contributions for the Fire Sufferers. Mr. W. T. Walters, of the Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore, telegraphed to the Fire Relief Committee to draw on him for the sum of \$250 for the benefit of the sufferers by the recent fire. The guests of the Orton contributed the

following amount for the sufferers: Proprietor of the Orton, \$10; W. A. Kimberly, New York, \$5; John C. Hiss, Baltimore, \$5: Gideon Lamb, Baltimore, \$2: R. T. Burton, "The Orton," \$5; Thos. W. Cash, \$1.75; J. D. Church, Charlotte, \$2; J. S. Fleming, New York, \$2; C. M. McNet, Washington, D. C., \$2; L. H. Clark, Baltimore, \$2; D. Hoffman, Philadelphia, \$2; G. L. Schuyler, New York, \$5; Walter G. Wilson, Philadelphia, \$10; Geo W. Gates, Oshkosh, Wis, \$5; Mrs. Kingsbury, Brooklyn, \$5; Mrs. MacKay, Brooklyn, \$5; Lister's Agricultural Works, Newark, N. J. \$5. S. Risabam Raltimora \$2. J., \$5; S. B. Bispham, Baltimore. \$2; Marion Faucett, \$2; H. W. Woed, Balti-more, \$2; Editor Morning STAR, Wilmington, \$2; Wm. Alden Tmesa, \$2.

The Public Building Committee. The Public Building Committee, appointed at the recent meeting of citizens to consider this matter, have not forgotten the important trust confided to their care. Yesterday they sent the following telegram to Senators Ransom and Vance and Represen tative Bennett:

The recent fire should induce a full appropriation for a public building in favor of Wilmington. Such patronage would afford much needed relief to the suffering and destitute.

F. W. KERCHNER. E. D. HALL, A. M. WADDELL, JAS. SPRUNT. D. G. WORTH, D. MCRAE.

The Fire Relief Committee-Offers Assistance from Abroad Declined. The relief committee appointed at the recent meeting of citizens held in the rooms of the Produce Exchange have promptly extended relief wherever it was needed, by sufferers from the recent fire. They have received liberal offers of aid from all sections of the Union, and while appreciating the many proffers of assistance, have thank fully and respectfully declined to accept any contribution outside of this community. feeling that it is abundantly able to care for Among others, the Rt. Rev. Catholic

Bishop of Charleston, S. C., H. P. Northrop, offered a very liberal contribution to the relief committee, which was respectfully

Col. A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia his sympathy for suffer ers by the recent fire, and tenders assistance. Col. McClure is one of the most distinguished journalists in the country, and has always manifested a most kindly feeling towards the people of

Mr. W. H. McRary, who is in New York, telegraphed to Mayor Hall to draw on him for five hundred dollars for the relief of sufferers by the late fire.

Railroad Bridge Repaired. The bridge over the Northeast river at Hilton, one span of which was knocked down by a derailed car last Friday, has been repaired and trains passed over it yesterday evening. All trains are now running on schedule time, on both the Carolina Central and the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroada. The through Pullman Sleeping-car Service to Charleston, Aikeo, Savannah and Jacksonville has been resumed.

Large numbers of workmen were ployed yesterday in clearing away the debris in the streets.

Mr. R. Morrison's residence, on Front

in the Kerchner building which was well-

Most of the "burned-out" merchants are

un-stairs; Messrs. Sprunt & Son are in the

ng, at the foot of Chesnut street.

treet, lost \$1,000 on stock of beer, &c.

timore Steamship Company.

covered were found uninjured.

Alleged Highway Robbery

naking preparations to rebuild at once.

and had two hundred dollars in his posses-

sion, which the barkeeper offered to take

care of, but this offer was refused, and that

the man and woman then left together. In

the absence of witnesses whose testimony

was considered important, the further

At a meeting of the Official Board of

Front Street M. E. Church, held at the

library rooms of the Pastor of the congre-

gation, the following communication was

Rev E. A. Yates, Pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Oity:

REV. SIR-Heartily sympathizing with

you and your congregation in your great loss, the undersigned Rabbi and Directors

of the congregation "Temple of Israel,

hereby offer you use of their Temple, cor-ner Fourth and Market, during such time

and on such days and evenings as you may

need a house of worship, and as will not

conflict with the services of our congrega-

tion, which are held Friday evenings and

WEILL President pro tem.

Fraternally yours,

. M. KATZ.

RHEINSTEIN,

NATH'L JACOBI,

Attest: J. I. MACKS, Secretary.

ing their generous offer:

GREENEWALD

H. H. KASPROWICZ.

In reply to this the Board addressed the

following communication to Rev. Dr.

Mendelsohn and the officers of the congre-

gation Temple of Israel, thankfully accept-

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 24th, 1885.

To the Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, and others,

GENTLEMEN:-At a meeting of the Offi-

Church, held at the parsonage last evening,

Feb. 23rd, your communication tendering

the use of your house of worship, the

"Temple of Israel," to the Front Street

congregation, was read and unanimously

accepted, and the undersigned were ap-

pointed a committee to convey to you and

your congregation the thanks of Front Street Methodist Church, for your sympa-thy and very generous offer in this time

C. L. GRAFFLIN.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 23, 1886.

Front Street M. E. Church.

cooked and tempted many plunderers.

Bear's furniture.

-High Point Enterprise: Mr. Wm The city authorities had a force of fifty hands assisting the firemen in pulling down

Spurgeon, who lives near Abbott's Creek, while here last Saturday, was kicked by a horse and had the bone of his leg broken in

Spirits Turpentine.

fever is prevalent and fatal among the children of Gwaltney's township, Alexander county. We are informed that four or five

- At Reidsville recently Hall's factories were burned. About 200,000 pounds of tobacco stems were burned. The buildings were of wood. The insurance The approximate estimate at the Produce Exchange of some of the merchandise aggregated \$3,700. burned is: Cotton, 2,671 bales; spirits tur-

- The Weekly Herald is the name of a new paper just begun at Webster by Chas. Edward Wilson, late of the Asheville Tribune. Our best wishes attend the enterprise.

- A drove of Mormon recruits from Wilkes passed through Taylorsville, Alexander county, Monday, on their way to Utsh. Wilkes is a gainer by their leaving, the Journal thinks. - Albemarle Observer: We have not yet realized that Mr. Page's departure from North Carolius journalism has created

The residence of Mr. Sam Bear, Sr., on any considerable vacuum-at least it is by no means irreparable. With him the State Front between Chesnut and Mulberry moved on in the even tenor of her waystreets, was in great danger of burning Sunday but was saved. His furniture was without him she does likewise. Surday but was saved. His furniture was insured, but he removed it, and placed it for security in the house of his brother, Mr. Sol. Bear, on Red Cross street. This house was burned and with it Mr. Sam - Rocky Mount Talker: The Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mount Graded School unanimously accepted resignation of Albert P. Southwick as principal of the school, and unanimously elected Prof. E. W. Wilcox to the va-Mr. A. F. Lucas. Front street, next to

the corner of Red Cross, lost all of his fur-niture. Part was burned; the rest was car-ried off and he has been unable since to cancy. The paper commends of the trustrees. -Greensboro Workman: At about do'clock to-day an alarm came from the The agent of the Wilmington Mutual In nterior of the McAdoo House, and screams surance Company declined to furnish par-ticulars as to policy holders in the burnt dis of excited and alarmed females. News came to the outside after some little delay, trict. He states the full amount to be that two of the hotel waiters had come to a Firemen were busy yesterday with hose

misunderstanding, and that one had shot the other. Chief of Police Reese was soon extinguishing smouldering fires in heaps of partially consumed merchandise. Messrs. Kenan & Forshee had a large pile of meat on hand and arrested George Lindsay who, it was understood, had shot Henry Jerrall -both bright mulattoes, and employed as lining room servants. - Hickory Press: Mr. Page's inalready located in new quarters. Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. are at the corner of Water and Chesnut streets, dictment of the mummies is rather indefinite. When he comes down to specifications he fails signally. — Mr. J. C. Blair, a prominent citizen of Alexander county, died on the 12th inst., sged about same building; Messrs. Worth & Worth re over the Produce Exchange, corner of 40 years, — On portions of the mea-dows of Col. Lenoir, Mr. W. P. Reinhardt Water and Princess streets; Messrs. Kercher & Calder Bros. are in the Person build-

and Mr. Walton Yount near Hickory the cranberry grows without cultivation and in The work of rebuilding in the burnt disconsiderable quantities. The cranberry rict has already begun; Messrs. Kerchner has a wide habitat in this State, growing in & Calder Bros. hope to be at their old locamarshes in the mountains west of the tion within ninety days, and preparatory thereto have laborers at work already. Blue Ridge and in swamps near the sea coast. It flourishes in cold climatesand may Mr. L. Vollers has begun work also, at his be found very far to the north of us. place nearly opposite.

Messrs. Haar & Tienken, No. 420 Nutt - Elizabeth City Economist: We regret to learn that the venerable L. S. A well posted insurance agent places the aggregate amount of loss at \$600,000, about half covered by insurance. Others, equally well informed, however, place these estimates much higher.
The Clyde Steamship Company will use

Vebb of Windsor, N. C., had his arm roken near the shoulder by a fall on the ice during the late cold weather in that place. — Dr. Speed has returned from Manteo, where he was detained by the cold snap for some days. He reports the talk he wharves formerly occupied by the Balthere, of oysters, oyster packing, oyster gardening, and oyster shucking. Really when Amadas and Barlowe came here over The work of removing safes from the 300 years ago, they landed on the best part of North Carolina, when they landed on debris in burned buildings progressed yes-terday. The contents of most of those reloanoke Island. All Roanoke Island wants is mail facilities and quick steamboat trans The Champion Compress Company are portation, to make it the paradise of North

 Goldsboro Argus: The special A stranger in the city, who gave his name train which started with our fire company for Wilmington made Mt. Olive, 13 miles, as W. M. Walker, was found by a policeman about 4 o'clock yesterday morning speed was being made to the rescue. —
The water works injunction case of this ving unconscious on the sidewalk on Dock city, which was to have been heard before between Front and Water streets, and was Judge Connor in chambers at Raleigh yestaken to the City Hall. It was ascertained terday, has been continued by mutual conthat the man had several severe wounds on ent of the counsel on both sides until the his head, which, it was supposed, were Spring term of our Superior Court. -We are sorry to learn that the butcher of inflicted with a bottle found lying beside him. After the man recovered conscious-ness he said that he had been robbed of by the name of Stronixst, while engaged in killing some hogs yesterday morning, had about two hundred dollars in money, and the misfortune to slip into the large kettle gave further information which led to the of scalding water and got his feet and legs arrest of two white women named Cornelis badly scalded. — To her many friends southern part of the city. An examination nounce the death of Mrs. Susan of the case was begun by Justice E. D. Hall yesterday afternoon, when it was Bryan, which occurred suddenly while reading one of her favorite hymns on Sunshown that at 11 o'clock the night before day morning, at the home of her son in-law, Mr. W. G. Hollowell, in Johnston Williams was at a liquor saloon on North Water street, in company with one of the women arrested; that he was very drunk county. Deceased was 75 years of age.

- Raleigh News-Observer : Wil mington has one reason to congratulate herself on the occurrence of Sunday's fire and that is that the fire swept away the moral plague spot known as Paddy's Hollow. — Saturday afternoon the house of Mrs. Whitley, relict of the late Capt. Michael Whitley, in Mark's Creek town-ship, was burned. All its contents were destroyed. The outhouses, barns, cribs, etc., were also burned. The loss is said to be about \$2.000. There was no insurance on any of the property. — DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 22.—Two fires in two days is Durham's record for the week. The first was the burning of a railroad shanty Friday night; the other was more serious. B this the tobacco bag factory of Mr. J. S. Lockhart was burned about 4a. m. Sunday. Parties first on the ground say it was most clearly an incendiary fire. — The con-flagration at Wilmington was along the riverside and the fire fire department of our sister city had thus an absolutely full supply of water. (It was impossible to use the over on account of the gale and smoke, as we understand. At least, after the fire got good headway. The hydrants had to be d upon and the water supply was short. louses, some costly, would have been saved that cost \$40,000 originally, Front Street Methodist church, Mr. George Davis's resiience-indeed many others would be now

intact if the water supply had been equal - Salem Press: Lee Phillips says horses are dying with something like blind staggers in Moore county. Some 25 have died near Carter's mills. - Gideon Conrad caught since October last 507 rabbits. We regret to learn that Mr. A. N. the ancle on Friday last, by accidently striking it against a stump while driving his wagon. — Solomon Smith died re-cently near Wilson's Store, in Stokes county, aged 91 years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. — A dangerous accident happened on last Thursday. Samuel Lambeth's little son, Johnny, was cutting wood at the wood-pile, and a little two-year old on of Mr. Lambeth started to him, but Johnny did not see him, and struck him on the head with the axe, cutting a gash to the skull bone, across the top of the head, about three inches long. The doctor thinks the bone is not injured. - On last Friday the community around Bethany received the sad intelligence that Mr. Barna Livengood had been killed by accident. As no one was with him at the time the particulars can only be conjec-tured. He was hauling logs to Grimes' saw mill, and while driving along a slant one wheel ran over a stump and turned the wagon over, throwing the log across Mr. Livengood's breast. When found he was

J. W. KING. E. A. YATES, lead, with the log still across his breast. A person hearing his dog howl looked in that direction and saw the horse lying

The Board also received offers of accommodation from Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church; Rev. J, W. Primrose, of the Second Presbyterian Church: Rev. F. W. E. Peschau. of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Fifth Street M. E. Church. For all of which the comwith the assurance that the sympathy and kindly offers were highly appreciated. An invitation was received from the Fifth Street congregation to worship with

them on next Sunday, which on motion of Dr. Yates, was unanimously accepted. All the services of the Front Street congregation will thereafter be held in the "Temple of Israel," corner of Fourth and Market Streets.

Great unanimity of sentiment prevailed as to the necessity of vigorons effort to build

another house of worship. The Board also passed a vote of thanks to the firemen and citizens who labored so effectually in saving the parsonage and

- The steamer Bladen was running on a Sunday schedule. She was delayed in leaving Fayetteville on her last trip, and had a flat in tow.

WISCONSIN. Strike in Boot and Shoe Factories in

down in the road as it had been thrown

lown when the wagon turned over. Mr

Livengood leaves a wife and three chil-

Would be a truthful name to give Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," the

most efficacious medicine yet discovered

for arresting the early development of pul-monary disease. But "consumption cure" would not sufficiently indicate the scope of

its influence and usefulness. In all the many diseases which spring from a derangement of the liver and blood the "Discovery" is a safe and sure specific. Of all

dren. He was a clever young man.

Milwaukee. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) MILWAUKEE, Feb. 24 .- About six hun-

dred employes in six of the largest boot and shoe factories of this city went out on the manufacturers to sign the scale of wages as prepared by the Boot and Shoe Makers' Union. The strikers will be assisted by the Knights of Labor, which now has a membership of five thousand in