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THE FIRE FIEND AGAIN

ANOTHER BLOCK IN THE TOWN OF KINSTON WIPED OUT BY THE FLAMES.

IT WAS OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN.

Only One Store and One Residence in the Whole Block Saved -- The Entire Town in Danger of Destruction --The Loss is About \$30,000, and the Insurance Only \$10,000--Legislature to be Asked to Amend the Charter

so Water-Works May be Put In. Special to the News and Observer.

KINSTON, N. C., March 5. Kinston is again the victim of the fire fiend; another block is destroyed, with the exception of two houses on each corner, one a dwelling owned by Dr. John

A. Pollock and the other a double store brick building occupied by J. B. Cum-mings and W. S. Fields. The fire broke out about 1 o'clock and

at 3 it was under control. At one time it was thought the whole town would be destroyed, but the wind settled down and by hard work the fire was quelled. The finest work ever done in Kinston was done in the saving of the Cummings building and the Pollock mansion.

The fre is thought to be incendiary. The following are the losses: V. L. Hicks, Col. G. E. Kornegay, Chas. Dunn, Col. O. R. Hicks, Col. J. O. Beeton, David Walsh, Dawson Bros., R. C. Hay, Mrs. Matilda Cummings, W. F. Moore, F. N. Nunn, Col. Nat. Humphery, Dr. Jno. A. Pollock, (office.) Lewis Grady.

The loss is about \$30,000. Insurance about \$10,000. Buildings across the street were damaged. This fire was on Main street, as was the fire, last Thurs-

day. The town is still here and ready for business. Our people are not discouraged.

Water-works will be erected if the Legislature amends the charter so we can

levy a special tax for that purpose. The following is a list of insurance companies, and the losses sustained by them in last Thursday's fire: Vir-ginia State, \$3,900: Georgia Home, \$10,525; Hartford, \$12,750; New York Union, \$5,850; Atlanta Home, \$4,800; Rtna, \$4,650; Virginia Fire and Marine, \$7,100; Phœnix Home, \$1,000; Britannia, \$3,000; Insurance Company of North America, \$5,250; New York Home, \$9,750; Carolina, \$1,500; Agricultural, \$1,000; North Carolina Home, \$400; Continental, \$1,780; American, \$4,300; Western, \$7,600; Greenwich, \$700.

WANT IT TO ADJOURN.

Men of all Parties Declare They are Disgusted With the Legislature. Special to the News and Observer. WINSTON SALEM. N. C., March 5

Two Lives and \$400,000 of Property Destroyed by a Gas Explosion.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 5. - The most destructive natural gas explosion in the history of the Indiana gas belt cccurred here at four o'clock this morning. A \$75 000 business block on the the court house square was blown over all the central part of the city. In the building were the When Clothing stores, Prathers' shoe store, Hadley's drug store, and a large number of business offices

and hall on the upper floor. Fire followed the explosion which was like an earthquake and the remains of the debris began burning fiercely. The entire fire department was called out and prevented the fire from touching the new court house.

Attorney Ballard and County Commissioner Metcalf lived in rooms above the When store, and it is feared they have perished.

The loss on the building and contents is total and will reach \$400,000. The fronts of all business houses in the neighborhood of the explosion were demolished, paved streets ripped open, and telephone cables torn down.

DISCUSSING THE BOYCOTT.

Prest. Hoffman Confident the Courts will Decide in Favor of his Line.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 5.-President R. Curson Hoffman, of the Seaboard Air Line, left this evening for Norfolk, Va., for the purpose of meeting Vice-President St. John and discussing with him the boycott which has been declared against the Seaboard by the Southern whose nomination was thus foreshad

ern & Atlantic and Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, restraining them from joining the boycott, is set for next Saturday at Atlanta.

President Hoffman said to day that he felt confident that the court would de cide in favor of his line, in which event the boycott will be practically useless, as without the co operation of those lines the Southern Railway and Steamship Association could not make it effective. Half Rates on the Seaboard.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 5 --- The Sea-

board Air Line is making the boycott very hot for its opponents. To-morrow it will cut the passenger rates from Atlanta and other places along its line throughout the South to northern points half in two, tickets being good for thirty davs.

St. Johns' policy is to make the war severe and short. He states that the Seaboard will not enter the Southern Railway and Steamship Association until a new manager is elected to succeed E. B. Stahlman. Railroad men predict and compel Commissioner Stahlman

BUTLER'S WHITE ELEPHANT. A WHOLE BLOCK BLOWN UP.

Otho Nominated, but Fifteen Fusionists Smash the Spatter-Board.

The Populist caucus met last night, Hileman in the chair. Resolution offer ed to turn out Captain Roberts as Keeper of the Capitol. This brought Harry Skinner to his feet in one of the best speeches of his life in indignant and eloquent opposition to the monstrous proposition. Before Col. Skinner was through the members began to ask where were they at, and Mewborne got up and said the Populists would stand by berts, and take whatever burden that went with it. Under the spell of Skinner's words, the vote was put and was for Roberts to a man.

Skinner Saves the Soldier.

The doors were then opened for a while to admit Russell and his Wilmingtoh cohorts in behalf of the change of that city's charter. Russell's jowls oscillated with down east convictions, until the roof of his white hat had several holes in it. But the matter went over and Russell went out. Bagwell, member from Wake, moved

though there are others who do declare that the vote was 21 to 19 against. But this is simply a matter of small arithmetic which however sank deeply into thehearts of Fowler and fifteen more arithmeticians who added his way, and in a high dudgeon they left the caucus in a body swearing against the Seaboard by the second of the se for Otho. He was followed by Bagwell, who nominated Otho, while McCaskey put Kitchin in nomination.

Otho Nominated.

The vote resulted thus: Wilson 32, Kitchin, 9 and the Gideonite was declared the nominee. Two votes were cast for Graham from Warren. An ugly hubbub followed and wicked words against Wil-son and murmurs against Distators. The speeches were rough, but Butler had left and was spared the hearing of them. Next came Code Commission. To be short, the Republican demands were conceded. Spier Whitaker was thrown overboard Guthrie was chosen, and given the selection of a clerk, while the other two were given to the Republi-

Butler's Endorsement of Otho.

cans.

But about another matter: it so hap pens that there is a letter in the wind, written within two weeks from Butler to a Robeson county man in which the Senator is said to have expressed the opinthat the Seaboard will whip the boycott ion that Otho was not fit for the place, that he was a white elephant, that he either to declare it off or it will break up would do less harm as Railroad

THE BATTLE ROYAL FIGHT AGAINST STATE AID TO

HIGHER EDUCATION COMES TO A FOCUS.

STRONG SPEECHES YESTERDAY.

President Winston, Dr. Columbus Durham, Maj. W. A. Guthrle, Judge Committee

The fight against State aid to higher education which has been spread over the State for many months came to a focus yesterday in the State Library, when the Educational Committee adjourned the evening before, things were at fever heat. Dr. Winston, President of the State University, and Dr. Dur-ham, leader of the fight against State aid, had engaged in a heated debate in Bagwell, member from Wake, moved to go into the election of Railroad Com-missioner Hileman put the vote and announced 21 to 19 in favor of election, colleges and proselyte them to the University. Dr. Durham had replied that the statement was due, and he was prepared to read a letter in Dr. Winston's own hand-writing to prove it. And in the midst of all this the committee ad-

journed. When it reastembled at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the room was crowded by persons interested in education, and anxious to hear the matter fully dis cussed.

Dr. Winston was the first speaker.

In opening he referred to his colloquy with Dr. Durham before the committee Monday. He said that he regretted it exceedingly, and thought that no personalities should be allowed to enter into this discussion; but as it had been per mitted and charges had been made reflecting on him personally, he would take this occasion to deny them em phatically and unequivocally. He declar ed that he had only answered letters, and done his best to conduct the institution of which he was in charge in a proper manner. And even if the charges had been true the committee were not the proper persons to take them under consideration; all such matters, he said, should come under the supervision of the 80 trustees of University. The question, he added, and the only question before this committee was whether North Carolina would have a University, and if so,

what kind of University. Dr. Durham next addressed the committee. He said that the committee of which he was chairman, had agreed never to come before a legislative committee or any other. They had decided to fight it out before the people if it took ten years. But on Monday he had been called out by questi apidly a body s from men the committee. In reference to the colloquy with Dr. Winston, he that the charge that he trying to tear down the said was University was absolutely false, and no honest man would say otherwise. He declared that he was fighting the sentiment that there was no pl ce in the educational system for denominational schools. He believed that the wisest policy was to separate the University in toto from the State, give it a self-perpetuating board, let its friends throughout the whole country come to its rescue and endow it and stop forever this row before each recurring legislature. "To impress the State with numbers seems to be the idea of the present management of the University. A certain system of scholarships has been devised, and in this way the number is increased. "The President of the University says he has not solicited pupils from other institutions to attend the University. say that he has. I have here the proof. He then read an extract from a pamphlet issued by the University, saying that any one, whether in school or not, is invited to correspond with any of the professors in regard to any educational matters. He also read a circular, saying: "A limited number of rooms with service are provided free." "That means a nigger to wait on you," said Dr. Durham. "Isn't that an inducement? Suppose ten boys are thus induced to leave Trinity College at which they pay \$70 tuition, that would be taking away \$700 from the institution."He also read a letter dated Sept. 5th, in which Dr. Winston told of the free scholars hand the advantages of the Universi (Dr. Win-.nswer to a ston says this letter was "I h "e heard of letter of inquiry). more than fifty such letters h the State," said Dr. Durham. He also read the statement published in the two Raleigh dailies and signed by Dr. Winston, in which twenty University students made a statement of their personal condition. He said: "These twenty students are the worst off in the University, and out of these only four receive scholarships; that's not the class that get the scholarships. If we could receive the names of the holders of scholarships we would find them sons of the most well-to-do-citizens of the State." He said Georgia is perhaps the greatest in the South, and the same question had been debated there. The presidents of all the colleges in the State were invited to address the legislature. The legislature ceased to help the University, and it doesn't receive one single dollar of help from the State. They say we are trying to tear Mr. Stevens. The child may die from down the University. There is not a her injuries. Jordan is a white man solitary word of truth in it. "When our motives are called in question and we what we mean. If the appropriation is a law breaker. Now I am a poor sinner,

withdrawn the descendants of the men a poor lobbying member, and a member who have graduated at Chapel Hill for of a despised church, a church that some a hundred years will come to its rescue. of its enemies say has little to do with

freeze these men who are doing the same to do with politics. grade of educational work out of the field. * * * What have you done for the public schools? You have not done anything as yet. A larger and better foundation work in public schools would here are around with the hat to colstitutions of the State. We are told that the constitution demands that the State said we didn't have to take any oath and Russell, Rev. Dr. Skinner, Messrs. Peele, Caddell, District Attorney Aycock and Rev. Leak Speak--Hot Debate Before the Joint Educational he quotes has not been there in twenty-seven long years. * * * I have spoken on this subject in thirty counties, and I expect to speak in every county in the State, and we mean to talk to every community in North Carolina until some-thing more is done for the children. * * * I am a friend to the University. In pursuing this course of State aid you cannot centre the affections of the peo-law of the State that they should be pursuing this course of State aid you cannot centre the affections of the peo-ple on the institution. No institution kept separate. If the Constitution has ever been made a great University while it had its hand in the Treasury.

I do not think I will ever speak before a Legislative Committee agaiu. It is an accident that I am here now. We won't appear before the Legisla-

ture, but we will go to the people." Mr. Ewart here interrupted: "Was that question agitated in Wake county

in the last election." Dr. Durham: "Yes, sir, it was." Mr. Ewart: "Were not the Democrats understood to favor the appropriation and the fusionists to oppose it?'

Dr. Durham: "I believe so."

Mr. Ewart: "How did you vote?"

Dr. Durham: "The straight Democratic ticket, as I always have done." Mr. Ewart: "Then you didn't vote as

you shot?" Dr. Durham: "A Democratic lawyer now living in Raleigh sent to me through Mr. W. N. Jones, a threat that if the agitation of this question was carried so far as to defeat the Democratic candi dates, they would scratch Charley Cooke, because he was a Baptist, and Charley Cooke was the worst beaten man in North Carolina, I shot as I saw fit.'

Mr. Ewart: "I've no doubt of that." Dr. Durham: "The man who would'nt stand by that is no more fit to be a citizen of the State than Josephus Daniels is to run a newspaper."

And then the great orator and statesman and sometime minister of the gospel sat down.

Mr. W. J. Peele was the next speaker. He said he was a trustee of the University and if Dr. Durham wanted to make any complaint against Dr. Winston the place to make it was before the University Board of Trustees who would hear him patiently. He read the two sections of the Constitution relating to the University, and said that the Constitution pledged the State to the support of the University. Scientists say that the more

* * But shall we by legislation religion, and a church that has nothing

harmonize all the higher educational in- lect the votes he asked me if I wanted to

versity question you are treading on thin ice. I am sorry to see in this fight ministers of the Gospel, followers of the Prince of Peace, who went about doing good. I am sorry to see this cloud rising. It was intended by the founders of this government that allowed it and I was a member of this General Assembly I would vote to make an appropriation to Wake Forest College.

Dr. Durham: "We wouldn't take it. The history of the Church for five hundred years is against taking money from the State.'

Maj Guthrie: "Then why play the dog in the manger and refuse to the University what you will not have. You now propose to blend religion and politics. The Senator from Macon said, if he could put the responsibility on the Populists and Republicans to destroy the University, he would do it as a matter of party policy not of patriotism. The Republican party has a record concerning the University, which I, as a Republi-can, am not proud of. You do not want to commit political suicide. The party that undertakes to tear down this insti-tion will find the found tution will find its friends in every township that will denounce the party. If you want to make it an issue why not offer it as a constitutional amendment. If it is made a square fight I will be found fighting for the University though only a corporal's guard is left. I can say with Webster: "If I have not the spirit that makes martyrs I have none of that which drags angels down." I will stand by the State University and the Constitution under which we live."

Dr. Skinner : "I thought Maj. Guthrie was a Democrat."

Maj. Guthrie : "You never made a greater mistake in your life. I am first of all a North Carolinian."

Dr. Skinner : "I don't believe the University will be hurt by taking away a part of the appropriation. Can't we have some economy in this matter ? This prejudice against denominational coleges nestles in the heart of a certain class that have no denominational college of their own."

Mr. Ewart : "I understood this gentleman to say that if this Legislature did

A letter from Vienna township, this county, says that l'emocrats, Republicans and Populists in this section are disgusted with the present Legislature and will be proud of the day for its adjournment.

During his sermon Sunday, one of Winston's leading pastors remarked: "Look at our present Legislature! It is a laughing stock to the whole country.'

A State division of the Travelers' Protective Association was organized in Winston to-night.

Sheriff McArthur carried Joe Sapp to the penitentiary yesterday. He is the only man sent to the pen during the re-cent term of court. He gets five years for ineest.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of oue of Winston's popular daughters, Miss Carrie Briggs. She will wed Mr. Eugene T. Kapp, of Baltimore, who was the Republican candidate for sheriff during the last campaign.

The Winston Aldermen decided last night to contribute \$25 monthly to the Twin-City Hospital Association toward the running expenses of the hospital.

Winston shipped over two hundred thousand pounds of manufactured tobacco during the past week. The stamp revenue collections aggregated \$13,-784.07.

OFF FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

The President and His Party Now Hunting in the Sounds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.-The President left Washington this morning on the light house tender Violet, which is to make her regular tour of inspection in the light house district, including the Sounds of North Carolina.

The President was accompanied by Dr. O'Reilly, his physician, Commander Geo. DeF. Wilde, Naval Secretary of the Light House Board, and Commander Benjamin P. Lamberton, inspector of the light house district. The cruise of the Violet will cover about the same territory as was oovered on her former trip with Mr. Cleveland. The trip is likely to last for a week or ten days.

Earthquake Shock at Winston.

Special to the News and Observer. WINSTON, N. C., March 5. A distinct earthquake shock, lasting

several seconds, was felt at ten o'clock last night. Buildings were shaken but no damage was done.

Earthquake in Virginia.

RIVEMOND, Va. March 5 .-- A Wythe ville special to the Dispatch says : A fifteen minutes to ten o'clock to-night a very perceptible earthquake shock was felt here. Houses shook, windows and furniture rattled and unsteady objects quivered perceptibly. The shock lasted bort thirty seconds.

the Association.

HALLS OF CONGRESS DESERTED

Representatives and Senators Leaving Washington for Their Homes,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5 .- The official statement of the appropriations made by the 53rd congress, and upon which Mr. Sayers, the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations is now engaged, will probably be made public to morrow. Mr. Dockery of Missouri expects to prepare what he calls "A few feeble remarks" on the subject, and Messrs Henderson of Iowa, and Cannon, of Illinois, two of the Republican members or the committee will also give publicity to their views. It is intended that all shall be given out at the same time.

The House chamber presented the usual holiday appearance to-day. A large number of Representatives left the city last night and this morning, and not more than two score of the members of the last House were about the capitol.

Mr. Crisp spent several hours in his committee room bringing up the arrears of his personal correspondence. It is his intention to start South the last of the week.

THE INCOME TAX CASES.

Argument to be Heard Thursday to Determine its Constitutionality.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.-The cases in the Supreme Court of the United States to determine the constitutionality of the income tax law will be argued probably on Thursday of this week

They are three in number-two from New York, in which stockholders of the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, and the Continental Trust Company sue for injunctions to restrain the directors of those corporations from voluntarily complying with the provisions of the law; and one from the District of Columbia, in which John G. Moore, a New York broker, snes for an injunction to restrain Joseph S. Miller, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, from carrying the law into

effect. An imposing array of legal talent will appear, including Joseph H. Choate, ex-Attorney General B. H. Bristow, Jeremiah M. Wilson and Clarence S. Seward, in opposition to the law, and Hon. Jas. C. Carter and Assistant Attorney Gene ral E. B. Whitney in support of the statute.

It is probably that Attorney General Oluey himself, will take part in the ar-gument should his health permit him to

HAVANA, March 5. - Martial law has been declared in the province of Santa and has a wife. He has been arrested Celara as the result of the uprising of two and jailed at Arcadia. Lynching is Clara as the result of the uprising of two and jailed at Arcadia. Lynching is insurgent bands, one of them under the feared. The child is in a critical condi-lead of the notorious bandit Matagas. ead of the notorious bandit Matagas.

Commissioner than anywhere else, that he was a lieutenant who deserved reward, that there was nothing to do but to appoint him. Moreover, the sentiments of this letter here given in substance, were expressed by Butler, it is said, within the past two weeks, to a Raieigh man'who went to Butler's room to protest against Wilson's selection.

Wilson has, it is said, been aware for the last few days of these sentiments, and has been rattled about it. I asked Mr. Butler did he deny writing the letter; he said: "I do not remember it." I asked him did he express such in opinion to the Raleigh man: he replied: "I do not express opinions." These remarks are simply written to jog Mr. Butler's memory: perhaps he can find the letter or recall the party referred to: if not proof of what is stated here can be produced, which no doubt will be satisfactory to him, and if Otho forgets that he has known of the opinion of Mr. Butler, or doubts the truth of it, he, too will be furnished with proof in case of his denial. In other words, denial of the sub-stantial correctness of this charge is challenged from Mr. Butler. Meantime the new commissioner (provided always thathe be elected) will have the solace of knowing that whatever Mr. Butler may have thought of his unfitness for railroad commissioner recently, he nevertheless must have changed his mind with a rapidity that was a mark of nothing less than a brilliant mind, when last night he came forward as the champion of Otho, The Greater, who was once comparatively a mere Glamis of Rhamkatte.

The Pow-Wow of Committees.

The Republican Conference Committee sounded the Populist Committee last night, and the Pop Committee agreed to let the Republicans have 2 Code Commissioners and Judge of the Eastern district, and the Republican members who were the special friends of the Code Commissioners agreed to accept what the Pops. agreed to let them have. The Pops. to take one Code Commissioner, Commissioner of Agriculture, R. R. Commissioner and the "Pen." But there are many Republican members who will positively not submit, and will kick at the Reyublican caucus to be held to-night.

Lynching is Feared.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 5.-Yes-terday evening, near Bowling Green, DeSoto county, Fla., Henry Jordan ravished the nine-year-old daughter of her injuries. Jordan is a white man

moves it creates, and according to this Dr. Winston has been moving quite rapidly. The only real question before the committee is whether the University is a monopoly, whether it has a monopoly of higher education. Not one hundredth part of the boys who ought to be in college are there now, and these colleges are fighting over the few that now attend these institutions. Wherever there is a conflict of human interests there is always friction. Wake Forest College is suffering no more than the business interests of the country are suffering. It is due to the financial situation." Mr. Ray asked if Mr. Peele thought

the free scholrships at the University should be abolished. Mr. Peele: "This is so small a matter

that I hardly think it worth the ink and paper it would take to repeal it."

Jim Young, the colored Representative from Wake, stated that State aid was discussed in Wake county, and that the white Baptists did just as the Democrats always did: talked one way and voted another.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Skinner then took the floor. He said: "It doesn't make any difference to me what you do in this matter you can't keep me from loving the University, my alms mater, and I love Wake Forestperhaps a little better. I consider it exceedingly unfortunate that there should be any conflict between these institutions of higher education. Dr. Winston soon after becoming president, met a committee from the Baptist State Convention in my study, and there said some things then that I deeply regretted. It looked to me too much like "hustling" and I greatly regretted it. * * this money were turned into the public school fund it would give new life to the school system, which is lagging far be-hind. * * * I hope this matter may soon be adjusted; there ought not to be any fight between these institutions and no friction. We ought to do all that we can to bring about harmony and peace." Maj. William A. Guthrie was then called upon. He said he had hoped that the time would come when newspaper men wop', edit their newspapers, and preachers fill their pulpits and the county have peace; but it did not seem fast approaching. The University was greater than all parties, the men who origin ated the government put this institution of higher learning in the very Constitution itself. He said he regretted to see these gentlemen attacking the University in this way, trying to throttle it. Why not go openly before the Legislature with an amendment to the constitntion? Why by innuendo try to tear down this institution that we have all

not settle this question some other Leglature will. Will it be made an issue before the people ? How can you expect to have a Legislature opposed to this appropriation as long as you vote against the men who oppose it ?"

Mr. Skinner: "I will not vote for any man who is for taking away the entire appropriation.

Judge D. L. Russell then spoke. He said these ministers had a right to come here, as much as anyone else, and express their views, especially on questions of education or morality "The lightning could not strike this Legislature without seriously thinning out the pulpit. I have seen the time since I left Chapel Hill when I was not especially devoted to it. I have felt that men who held the same views as I did had not quite an equal showing there, but whatever of resentment I may have had, it is all now past. There is nothing of that now, the people of North Carolina have now got the University and can now control it. Chapel Hill is supported by the State not in the interest of any class, it is essentially a popular institution. The time has come when men of all shaees of thought can meet together under her groves. The shades, and shadows and soil of Chapel Hill is sacred in thousands of North Carolina homes The man who seeks to attack that institution and break it down is attacking the old common wealth itself. I would not have the men who rode to victory on this popular movement in North Carolina antagonize the Universi-We are not its enemies but its friends, and we must elevate it, make it higher and better." (Applause).

United States District Attorney Chas. B. Aycock, was called upon. He said he didn't understand this contest. The gentlemen said: "We love the University, God bless it, therefore we will take away the empropriation." They would upbuild ... University by taking away * There is the appropriation. * * * There is no competition in education. Let the State run the University, the Baptists Wake Forest, the Methodists Trinity, and the Episcopalians their own schools. Dr. Skinner: "Where have the Episcopalians a college."

Mr. Aycock: "Let them build one of their own, I know what was in the Doctor's mind, but it shall not find utterance through me. went to the University without relig ion and I came away a Christian and a Baptist. All religions stand on the same footing at the University. It has been forever settled that State and Church are and must be independent and forever eparate."

Mr. J. C. Caddell then spoke. He said this discussion had made him know "more about the University than I ever knew before. If these gentlemen would

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