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THE LARGEST PAID SUBSCRIPTION OF ANY PAPER PUBLISHED IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

GREAT DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED

Immense Area Affected by an Explosion of Powder

THE DAMAGE ABOUT \$1,500,000

The Forts and Within a Radius of 100 Miles—Blasted Village Was Wrecked and Town Four Miles Distant Was Almost Demolished. Fire From the Church

Pleasant Prairie, Wis., March 11.—Fire was still burning this morning in the powder magazine of the Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company which blew up last night killing at least one person, injuring nearly 100 others and causing damage of perhaps \$1,500,000 within a radius of one hundred miles.

While officers of the company assert that all the employees except E. S. Thompson, a foreman, were accounted for, three of the men could not be found after the explosion.

Pleasant Prairie is ten miles west of Kenosha, Wis. The powder mill is a mile north of the village which has a population of about 700.

The force of the explosion completely demolished the houses on the Geneva road which were nearest the mill and every house in the village was wrecked. Almost equal damage was done in Bristol, four miles west.

The force of the explosion was felt more than a hundred miles in every direction and that only one man was killed and one dangerous fire injured is said by officials of the powder company to be a little short of miraculous.

The fire makes it impossible to search the ruins. Several attempts were made by Sheriff Andrew Stahl, but on each occasion he and his deputies were driven back by explosions as the fire reached packages of the powder.

The last attempt just before daybreak was stopped by the heaviest of the following explosions and the sheriff said then that the fire must die out before the ruins could be approached. At that time Sheriff Stahl asserted that he was far from satisfied that but one body was in the ruins.

"There are eight carloads of loose black powder in a building still standing," said Sheriff Stahl.

"It may let go at any moment."

There is a hole one hundred feet deep in the ground where the dynamite house stood.

Hickory Shed.

Large numbers of Hickory shed are being caught in Pamlico river now by the fishermen.

Have you seen the pictures that are being shown at the GEM THEATRE? If you haven't you're surely missing interesting and of the clean sort that



Big Display of CLUETT and MONARCH SHIRTS

IN A LARGE VARIETY OF CHOICE PATTERNS
Prices \$1.00 to \$1.50

James E. Clark & Co.
THE HIGH-ART CLOTHIERS

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS SWEEPS NEVADA

Goldfield, Nev., March 10.—With a known death list of eight, a property loss of half a million dollars, 3,000 miners idle and mills and mines at Tonopah, Goldfield, Silver Peak, Pioche, Las Vegas, Fairview, Winnemucca and other towns down because of the havoc wrought by the storm, southwestern Nevada is in the grip of a blizzard, which, during the last 48 hours, has raged more severely and destructively than any storm in this region in many years.

According to telephone advice, an avalanche of snow, earth and rock swept down upon the plant of the Hydro-Electric Power Company at Jordan, fourteen miles from Reno and just across the line in California, completely demolishing the power plant and killing eight men who had gathered in the buildings for shelter.

The snow has drifted in some places 20 feet deep. A force of line-men trying to keep electric lines clear were attacked by half-starved mountain rats in the White Mountains and were compelled to fight off the rodents.

Another Opera.

Home Talent Considering Its Presentation in Early Spring.

The home talent is considering seriously the presentation of an opera here during the early spring. One of the latest and popular operas will be selected.

Washington's musical talent compares favorably with any town in North Carolina and the Daily News feels sure that if the rumor is correct its success will be assured.

Gem Theatre.

Judging from the crowds that visited the Gem last night they are certainly making a reputation of their excellent service they are giving the public.

Never before has the people of Washington had the opportunity of witnessing the class pictures as the management has given for some time they are elevating and nothing is shown that any critic could possibly render a decision only of the very highest praise.

Judging from their program that appears on the front page of this paper they have another bill tonight that will appeal to the public; both young and old. Any one desiring to spend an odd hour could not find a better place than this. The music they are rendering is the very latest, and together with the convenience the public has no kick.

New Coco-Cola Plant.

A new Coco-Cola plant has been opened on Water street in the Susan building. The very latest fixtures have been installed.

Rev. W. A. Davis was here today.

being shown at the GEM THEATRE. A treat for they are wonderfully interesting and of the clean sort that

Just drop in today or tomorrow and see these pictures—they're worth your while.

ANNIE—Imp.
A TOUGH TENDERFOOD.—Western Drama.
ONLY IN THE WAY Drama

ESCAPED CONVICT CAPTURED

He Enjoyed His Liberty For Fifteen Years or More

WAS CAPTURED IN KENTUCKY

Was Serving a Sentence of 20 Years in the State Prison for Murder. Was Arrested at Lexington, Ky. Has Accumulated Considerable Wealth in His New Home.

Lexington, Ky., March 11.—After being at liberty for sixteen years T. B. Whitson, who on February 27, 1894, escaped from the state prison at Raleigh, N. C., where he was serving a sentence of 20 years for murder, was arrested here today and will be taken back to North Carolina to serve out his term.

Reading in Letcher county, Ky., as "Samuel Jones," he amassed a comfortable fortune. He was sentenced to death March 19, 1893, for the murder of C. C. Byrd at Baker'sville, N. C., but on a second trial he was given 20 years imprisonment.

When arrested Whitson admitted his identity and declared he was willing to return to North Carolina. Whitson said for ten years after he shot Byrd he escaped prosecution, his trouble having occurred 23 years ago.

He charges his arrest to an enemy he made by assisting in the release from an asylum of a man with whom this enemy had had trouble.

Whitson said that he would make a plea for clemency on the upright life he had led since his escape.

Want Your Fortune Told?

You will have a chance to consult Madam Eldon, palmist, medium, clairvoyant, any day next week. She will open parlors in Washington Monday, as announced by advertisements published on the first and fourth pages of this paper. Read the testimonial of a citizen of Charlotte and see what he says. Madam Eldon has visited a number of towns and cities in North Carolina and her reputation is wide-spread.

Making Preparations.

The superintendent of the Washington Public Schools is now making preparations for the forthcoming commencement. The full program, who is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon, the annual address, etc., will be announced through these columns later.

Marriage this Morning.

Mr. William Dawson and Miss Ada Lewis were married this morning between 11 and 12 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector of the Episcopal church. The couple will reside in this city.

Mrs. Phillips Returns.

Mrs. T. W. Phillips returned on yesterday from northern markets, where she purchased the spring millinery stock for T. W. Phillips and company.

Is all Smiles.

Mr. Fenner T. Phillips is today receiving the congratulations of his numerous friends. Mr. Fenner T. Jr., arrived at his home last evening and is a fine boy.



New Edison and Victor Records, for March, just received. We sell Phonographs on easy payments.
Rosa Bros., The Picture Framers

DISTRICT MEETING

The Charitable Brotherhood Hold a Most Enthusiastic Meeting

On last Wednesday the district meeting of the Charitable Brotherhood was held with Lodge No. 1, Bunyan, N. C. The meeting was fairly attended and the session was a most harmonious one from the first to last.

Mr. D. T. Herring of South Creek was elected district marshal; Mr. Gilbert Rumley, treasurer; Mr. W. H. McDewitt, secretary.

The ladies of that section served a most sumptuous repast to the members of the order and one who was present states to a News man that it was one of the very best dinners he ever enjoyed.

The good ladies of Bunyan always know how to do things of this kind and on last Monday they sustained their well earned former reputation.

Streets Finished Monday.

The paving of the streets will be finished Monday. The concluding work under the contract is now being done on Market street. The paved thoroughfares are a vast improvement over the former ones in the city.

Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Rollins announce the marriage of their sister Mary Kathleen Bogart to Rev. H. B. Seagrigh to take place on March 21, 1911.

Enroute Home.

Hon John Latham one of the representatives from this county in the recent General Assembly was in the city last night on his way to his home in Jessama.

MECHANIC HELD GRAVE CHARGE

Feeling Running High in Town of Snow Hill

JEW MERCHANT IS SUSPECTED

Almost the Entire Business District Burned Out and Circumstances Point Strongly Towards J. S. Sugar in Whose Store the Fire Started.

Kinston, March 11.—Fire discovered at five minutes past 12 o'clock Friday morning swept the business district of Snow Hill the county seat of Green county and did over \$30,000 damage. Owing to a lack of equipment for fighting fire the citizens were unable to cope with the flames and the fire virtually burned itself out.

The fire originated in the store of

J. S. Sugar, a Jewish dry goods merchant, and circumstances pointed so strongly to his guilt as an incendiary he was arrested and this morning given a preliminary trial, after which he was bound over to court under a \$500 bond, which he put up in cash.

Among the circumstances pointing to the guilt of Sugar were the facts that he carried \$3,000 insurance on a stock that inventoried only \$2,200; that only on Wednesday he took out additional insurance on his stock and that part of the stock had been removed from the store and concealed in his rooms at the hotel. This was shown after the fire he destroyed. Sugar also refused to allow any one to enter the store after the fire was discovered, and because of this fact he was right badly beaten by two young men, who had property in his store and desired to get it out.

Sugar has been in Snow Hill only about six months, having come to North Carolina from Baltimore. Feeling against him in Snow Hill is very high.

Left Yesterday.

The tug Columbia left yesterday with two barges in tow loaded with lumber. The lumber was consigned to northern markets.

J. K. HOYT | Washington's Greatest Store

Early Showing of Ladies Spring Tailored Hats

ELCLUSIVE MODELS
MADAME LITTLER IN CHARGE. SECOND FLOOR.

MADAME ELDON

World's Greatest Palmist, Medium and Clairvoyant

KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUTURE IS POWER FOR THE PRESENT

She tells your name and also the one you will marry.

Who reads your life from the cradle to the grave, and is known from sea to sea as one of the best palmists in the world. During the Omaha Exposition she read the hand of President McKinley and predicted that he would die by the hand of an assassin, which prediction came true. She it was, who, while filling an engagement in Pittsburgh, traced on the map the famous Beaumont, Texas, oil fields, and located what has since proved to be the greatest oil fields in existence.

Will be in Washington, N.C. During Week of March 13. Parlors Located Over Daily News Office

The Name "ELDON" DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE OF A LIFETIME
The Place 134 Main Street.

New Millinery Store
New Goods Popular Prices Latest Styles

Will open in Madam Littler's old stand with one of the prettiest lines of headwear for ladies and children ever displayed in this town. After 8 years experience, I feel no hesitancy in saying my work as trimmer can not be excelled. Watch for my announcement in this paper next week when I shall be pleased to see those whom I have trimmed for in the past with many others.

Yours for business

MISS HATTIE HEMBY.

SIDE WALK NOTICE!

All Property Where Side-Walks Have Been Paved and Same Has Not Been Paid - Will Be Advertised and Sold

According to Law After Monday, March 13, 1911.

W. B. WINDLEY, City Clerk.