

FAIR TONIGHT AND LOCAL SHOWERS SUNDAY. WINDS MOD-ERATE.

Smith Shirt Plant and Tar River Hosiery Mill Building Both Burned

THE LOSS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$20,000

AM'T INSURANCE NOT KNOWN

Blaze First Seen In Hosiery Mill Bld'g Which Was Not Occupied. Fire Department Handicapped By Scarcity Of Water. Many Thrown Out Of Employment

The M. A. Smith Shirt Manufacturing Factory, and the Tar River Hosiery Mill building located on Market Street, were entirely consumed by fire this morning and at one time due to the scarcity of water and the inability of the Ocean Fire Company to secure sufficient hose, several other buildings adjacent seemed to be doomed. Mr. M. A. Smith, proprietor of the shirt factory states that his loss will be approximately about sixteen thousand dollars and the loss estimated for the hosiery mill building, including the boiler and engine, will add at least three thousand dollars more to the loss.

The fire was first discovered by the employes in the shirt factory about nine thirty o'clock, and when first seen was issuing from the vacant second story.

The building was unoccupied as the machinery excepting the boiler and engine had only recently been moved to Robersonville. The building and boiler and engine was the property of Mr. J. E. Kennett, of Raleigh, N. C. Whether he carried insurance or not is not known at this writing.

Immediately after the blaze was discovered the alarm was given and the fire department responded promptly.

Due to their being only a four inch main located in that section of the city, and being three blocks away water adequate to the demands of the Ocean engine was not coming and for some little time the department was at a standstill.

Upon investigating the cause of the delay in securing water the Daily News man was informed there was water, although the pressure was low, but the main cause of the delay was due to the fact that the Volunteer Hose Company refused to assist the Ocean Company in loaning them sufficient hose to reach the fire. The Ocean engine was on the job and at the hydrant ready for work but lacked sufficient hose in

order to reach the blaze. If the Volunteer people had connected their hose to that of the Ocean a stream would have been the result much earlier. Whether this contention caused the delay the paper will not under take to say—but one thing is assured there was delay and the fault lies at the door of somebody and the consequence property was damaged that might have been saved.

By the time a stream was put on the Hosiery Mill building it was too far gone and the shirt factory building was doomed. After it was seen that both buildings were a prey to the flames efforts were made to save what machinery and material there was in the shirt factory and the adjacent houses. At first it was decided to raise the building the property of Mrs. W. L. Laughlin-house next to the shirt factory and work toward this end was begun but soon after the fire department kept it well flooded with water. The building belonging to Mr. J. H. Jolly and Mr. Thomas Hardison's residence caught but were extinguished without damage.

Both the shirt factory and hosiery mill are a total loss and in consequence of the fire over sixty women, employed in the shirt factory are for the time being thrown out of employment. This mill was running on full time and crowded with orders. Its burning is a severe blow to the working class of people as well as to the entire city and Mr. Smith has the entire sympathy of the community.

The building occupied by Mr. M. A. Smith, was the property of Mr. David W. Bell and was partially insured.

Not only did the fire department work faithfully but a large number of citizens aided manfully. Due to the extreme heat several were overcome. This is the largest fire to occur in the city for quite awhile.

The greatest drawback to fighting conflagrations in Washington is there are too many bosses.

Free Will Offering Will Be Given Evangelist Bridges

"The Unpardonable Sin" will be the subject of Rev. Luther B. Bridges, the evangelist, at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The prospects are now that on Sunday night the series of meetings may close yet there is a possibility of its continuing longer. Last night after the invitation was extended for penitents a large number crowded around the chancel and several made an open confession.

Last night the auditorium was crowded again to hear the gifted speaker deliver the truth. The discourse as has been everyone delivered by Mr. Bridges, was thoughtful, convincing and argumentative. He preached in a way to hold his hearers from beginning to end. On Sunday morning and Sunday night there will be a free will offering made for Mr. Bridges and Mr. Bird, both of whom have labored so faithfully

our midst during the past ten days. Envelopes for this purpose were distributed last night. It is to be hoped that a generous offering will be made on Sunday. One of the features of the meeting last night was a duet beautifully rendered by Evangelist Bridges and Professor Bird.

On account of today being Saturday there were no morning services neither will there be any services tonight. All are cordially invited to all the services tomorrow. Seat free and a welcome awaits all.

JAMES TAYLOR BRISTOW DIES AT BETHEL N.C.

James Taylor, the 18-month old son of Mrs. Sadie Bristow, after an illness of a few days, passed sweetly away at the home of his mother in Bethel on Thursday last at 11:30 o'clock. This sweet and interesting little fellow, the sunshine and happiness of a devoted mother's heart, was committed to God's chamber

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The Democratic House Gives Good Roads Movement A Flying Start

Special to the Daily News. Washington, May 25.—The Democratic House of Representatives has given the Good Roads Movement a flying start.

This fact is of momentous importance to the people of this nation. Ever since the Constitution was written there has been talk of improving the public highways. It remains for this, the first session of the sixty second Congress, to actually do something toward bringing about that end. It required upward of a score of years to make a start toward stamping out railroad rebating, and the law prohibiting that practice was passed in a month after the start was made likewise. The pure food law lagged for seventeen years until an actual start was made. Within a few weeks after the talking was supplanted by action the law became a reality.

The Democrats in Congress have injected the first breath of life into the agitation for better roads. The House has actually passed a bill, and as the matter now stands it is up to the Republican Senate and President to carry the work along. If they refuse, the people will know exactly where to place the responsibility. Now that the Democrats have taken a definite forward step the issue becomes clear cut.

In all the Democratic speeches supporting the bill for road improvement which was introduced by Dorsey W. Shackelford of Missouri, it was made plain that it is proposed to spend money that is now being wasted in keeping up useless political navy yards and to provide safe

berths for lame duck politicians. At the present time there is in existence numerous government "commissions," such as the Canadian boundary commission, on which former Congressman James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, depends for an annual stipend of \$7,500 of the people's money. These commissions seldom meet, and their only usefulness is to take care of politicians who fall of re-election. The Democrats propose to abolish commissions and to spend the money thus wasted for the improvement of public roads.

"Improve the public roads with money that is now being wasted!" This is the battle cry of the Democrats in Congress, and it is being taken up by the farmers in all parts of the country.

Soaking the Consumer.

Once more the poor old consumer has to dig down into his pocket and pay tribute to a trust. This time it is the coal trust, and the excuse given for this trust's latest scheme to gouge a few extra dollars out of the public is the fact that the coal miners struck.

There is no evidence that the coal strike which was not, strictly speaking, a strike, cost the trust anything except the profit it would have made had the men laid down their tools pending a readjustment of their contracts. But with the weak excuse for a basis, the trust has decreed that there shall be no usual spring discount of 25 cents per ton on coal this year.

Thus the consumer pays not only the loss in profits suffered by the trust during the "strike," but he also pays for the slightly increased cost of mining, due to the small raise in pay granted the miners.

Does anybody pay the miner for the money he lost in wages during the lay off. Well, not that anybody knows of.

McCabe Still on the Job.

George W. McCabe, the Agriculture department underling who pestered and hampered Dr. Harvey W. Wiley until that efficient public servant was driven from office, after 30 years of faithful work, has branched off into a new line of activity. He is now trying to drag down the standard of meat inspection tests, so that the beef trust can sell the carcasses of diseased cattle and hogs as food.

At committee hearings brought about by Congressman Nelson it was testified to that McCabe practically issued orders to the government meat inspectors to let up in their rigid tests, and to pass over those carcasses which were found to be only partly diseased.

How long must the consumers of this country stand for this man menace, arch enemy of the pure food laws of the nation?

Pigeonholed

The standpat Senate, at this writing, has refused to pass the tariff revision downward bills, or the income tax bill upon which action long ago was taken up by the Democratic House.

Thomas Nobles Arm Mangled In Saw Mill At Chocowinity

HANDSOME AUTOMOBILES RECEIVED BY CITIZENS

Messrs Frank H. Rollins and J. K. Hoyt have just received two very handsome and attractive four door automobiles sold by Mr. Caleb Bell of this city. The machines are of 36 horsepower and contain all the very latest appliances and patents. Mr. Bell now has on the way machines of the same for Messrs B. L. Summan, J. P. Cowd and E. Hoyt Moore.

Thomas Nobles aged twenty-eight and a resident of Chocowinity, met with the misfortune Thursday to have his left arm terribly mangled by a saw at the mill of Mr. Lewis Allen Taylor. He was brought to the Washington Hospital where after an examination it was decided to amputate the arm between the wrist and elbow. The operation was successful and the patient is reported as doing nicely. Mr. Nobles is an energetic and popular young man and has a wife and two children. It is to be hoped that he will soon recover.

Mrs. Lonna Hudnell returned home last night from Bethel where she attended the funeral of Master James Taylor Bristow.

Mr. William Dener, of Greenville, is here today on business.

COMING WEEK NEWS AS NOW FORECASTED

Will Be the End of Contests for the Presidential Nomination.

Special to the Daily News. Washington, D. C., May 25.—The coming week will see the beginning of the end of the contests for the presidential nominations, so far as the elections of delegates to the national conventions is concerned. Interest will center chiefly in the presidential preference primaries to be held in New Jersey Tuesday. The contest between Taft and Roosevelt is similar to the contests already fought out in Massachusetts and Maryland, the other two eastern states in which general primaries have been held, and it is the general belief that the victor in New Jersey will win by a narrow margin. On the Democratic side it is a fight by Governor Wilson to secure the solid endorsement of his home state against the strenuous efforts of his opponents to split the delegation.

Kentucky's 26 delegates to the Democratic national convention will be chosen in Louisville Wednesday. The state convention, which will name the four delegates at large, will be preceded in the forenoon by the conventions of the eleven congressional districts. Speaker Clark is believed to have a good lead among the Democrats of the Blue Grass State and the only question appears to be whether the delegates shall be instructed for him or shall go to Baltimore without instructions.

Other events on the political calendar for the week will include the Democratic presidential preference primaries in Rhode Island, the Democratic state convention at Butte to name Montana's eight delegates to Baltimore, the Democratic and Republican state convention in Texas to ratify the results of the recent primaries, and the Arizona Republican convention to select six delegates to Chicago.

The annual convention of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, which will meet in Washington, and the fourth annual conference on city planning, in Boston, will be among the notable gatherings of the week. Meetings abroad of interest on this side of the Atlantic will be the International Congress of Americanists, which will assemble in London Monday, and the meeting in Milan of the first international technical congress for the prevention of accidents and injury to laborers and for industrial hygiene. The United States will be represented at both gatherings.

The German squadron, consisting of the flagship Moltke and the cruiser Stettin and Bremen, is due to arrive off Cape Henry Thursday. The vessels will remain off the capes until the following Monday, when they will enter Hampton Roads.

The case of Henry W. A. Page, the New York merchant indicted for criminally libeling Chairman Clayton and the members of the House Judiciary Committee, is set for trial Monday in the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

The second annual 500-mile international sweepstakes race, the biggest event of the year in the field of automobile racing, will be decided Thursday over the Indianapolis motor speedway, with prizes offered which total \$50,000. The entries include twenty-seven speedy racing cars, which will be manned by an equal number of famous pilots.

Also of interest to followers of sports and athletics will be annual Eastern intercollegiate athletic championships, which will take place the same day at Purdue University.

CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School will celebrate Children's Day with appropriate exercises. The program will consist of music, recitations and a short address. The offering of the occasion will be for foreign mission. It is to be hoped that every member of the school will be present and all others have a cordial invitation.

DR. HYDE TO PROSECUTE THIRD TRIAL SOON

Is Now Charged With the Murder of Col. Thos. H. Swope.

Special to the Daily News. Kansas City, Mo., May 25.—The third trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde charged with the murder of colonel Thomas H. Swope, is scheduled upon the docket of the criminal court to begin next Monday, but it is quite likely that the State will ask for another continuance, as the special prosecutor, United States Senator J. A. Reed, is still detained in Washington by his duties in Congress. If another postponement is asked for and granted the case will probably not come up until after the adjournment of Congress.

At the first trial, in the spring of 1910, Dr. Hyde was found guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for life, but a new trial was granted, which came up last year. Hyde's second trial ended abruptly when Harry Waldron, one of the jurors, escaped from the marshals. The third trial was to begin on January 2, 1912, but at the request of the prosecution it was postponed until May 27. In the that by that time Senator Reed would be at leisure to give his attention to the case.

Dr. B. Clark Hyde had been under suspicion in connection with the mysterious illness and death in the Swope family ever since the death of Colonel Thomas H. Swope on October 3, 1909. The death of Colonel Swope followed soon after he had suffered a severe convulsion and this convulsion, it was charged by the members of the Swope family, followed immediately after the administration of a capsule given by direction of Dr. Hyde. Dr. Hyde said it was a digestive tablet.

It was proved at the trial that Dr. Hyde had purchased cyanide of potassium in five grain capsules. Dr. Hyde claimed he bought the cyanide capsules to kill roaches in his office.

Two days before the death of Colonel Swope, Moses Hutton, a cousin of the millionaire philanthropist, died at the Swope home following a stroke of apoplexy. Dr. Hyde and Dr. G. T. Twyman of Independence treated Hutton. The patient was bled profusely, it is charged, at the suggestion of Dr. Hyde. Beginning early in December, an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in the Swope household during which ten members of the family were stricken and one, Chrisman Swope, a brother of Dr. Hyde's wife, died.

Chrisman died after taking a capsule given at Dr. Hyde's direction and after suffering a convulsion similar to the one that attacked Colonel Swope. Margaret Swope, Chrisman's sister, was also treated by Dr. Hyde, had a convulsion after taking a capsule, but she was given an emetic at once by Dr. Twyman, and recovered.

In all, Dr. Hyde was indicted on eleven counts, the remaining indictments charging him with trying to murder members of the Swope family by introducing typhoid germs and poisons into the medicines administered by him.

CHAS. MITCHELL IS SERIOUSLY BURNED

Mr. Charles R. Mitchell and Dr. L. H. Mann came near meeting with a serious mishap at the fire this morning and while they were not more seriously hurt is a miracle. Both of these young gentlemen in their endeavor to save what they could in the shirt factory were carrying out several packages of acid and from some unforeseen cause it exploded with the result that Mr. Mitchell was painfully burned about the eyes, arms and lower limbs. Dr. Mann escaped with lighter injuries.

Mr. Mitchell was successfully treated by Dr. Joshua Tayloe and is out this afternoon. It was a narrow escape for both parties.