

A Sunday Blaze.

On last Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock smoke was discovered issuing from a back window in the Meminn House and the alarm was immediately given. In a few minutes the hose wagon was out and on the scene with one line of hose connected with the nearest hydrant and inside of five minutes after the fire was first discovered a stream of water was playing on it.

The fire originated in one of the back rooms of the hotel and as the building was unoccupied and no flue from any other building was near, it seems that it was started either by an incendiary or by the carelessness of some one who had gotten in the house. In fact certain parties were seen to go in the back door on Saturday night and it is supposed that they threw matches or ends of cigarettes on the floor and thereby caused the fire. Three parties are suspected and evidence is being searched for to secure their arrest and conviction. It would be well to make an example of these parties if sufficient proof is obtained, as their action nearly caused the destruction of the most valuable section of the town. As it turned out the damage will not amount to over \$100 on building and furniture.

The usefulness of the Fire Department was shown and its shortcomings were also discernible, but on the whole the quick extinction of the fire was most creditable, there being but one member of the Fire Company present. Sunday afternoon was a bad time for a fire as the majority of our people were out driving or walking.

The benefit of the fire alarm was also demonstrated as many who came out would not have known of the fire had they not heard the alarm and when it is placed on the tower it can be heard all over the town.

Those present will agree with us in saying that there ought to be at least six good firemen's water proof overcoats furnished as it is a surety that the firemen will get wet and they can't stand much water in the winter when it freezes as it falls. Let the Board of Aldermen get a good outfit—the taxpayers were saved several times the cost of the whole outfit last Sunday.

A Hunting Episode.

On last Saturday a party of three of our most prominent citizens and a friend from Asheville decided to go turkey and pheasant hunting. The location chosen was in one of the most inaccessible and thinly settled sections of the county and the mountain sides were covered by a thick and impenetrable tangle of laurel and ivy. After arriving at the scene the party divided, two going up one fork of the creek and two going up another fork agreeing to meet on top of a certain knob. After a long walk of some miles three of the parties met but the fourth was not present, his companion stating that he had left him and gone after a pheasant. The party decided to wait until he returned but after waiting for a long time they became alarmed and instituted a search, calling his name and firing off their guns but no answer was received and their alarm increased. They then decided to retrace their steps and look for the missing man, but they were unsuccessful, and had arrived at the conclusion that he had been seriously injured and that they would secure help and search the mountain side for him. Upon reaching the vehicles, however, they found him seated before a small fire drying his shoes and socks. It seems that he got lost and realizing his position decided to return to the starting place, but knowing no path had to keep close to the creek. This was found impossible owing to the thick undergrowth and he therefore waded the creek for two miles or more and in passing under the overhanging bushes he got wet to the neck. The thermometer was very low, but owing to the quantity and quality of the lunch carried he was warm and refreshed and no bad result followed.

Union Meeting.

Editors Sylvan Valley News:

There will be a union meeting of Transylvania Baptist Association, at Enon, Nov. 27-29, 1903. Following is the programme:

FRIDAY.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. F. M. Jordan.

2:00 p. m.—Organization.

2:30 p. m.—Duty of deacons, Rev. I. T. Newton and Rev. E. Allison.

3:15 p. m.—How may we develop a greater spiritual interest among our churches? J. M. Hamlin and Rev. J. R. Owen.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. W. L. Kuykendall.

SATURDAY.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

10:00 a. m.—The greatest needs of the churches of Transylvania association. How are these needs to be supplied? H. P. Moore, Rev. P. P. Orr, Rev. F. M. Jordan and Rev. W. L. Kuykendall.

10:50 a. m.—The co-operative plan among our churches in calling pastors. (1) Is it best? (2) Is it Scriptural? C. M. Gallimore and E. M. Allison.

11:30 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. I. T. Newton.

2:00 p. m.—Condition of churches. Five-minute talks.

3:00 p. m.—Best methods of church work. Rev. Holtzlow and J. K. Henderson.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. R. Owen.

SUNDAY.

7:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

10:00 a. m.—Sunday school mass meeting and song service, conducted by moderator.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. W. T. Bradley.

The programme will be interspersed with songs by Enon class. Our last union at Cathey's creek was good. Let each church send at least two delegates, and may we all pray that this will be the best meeting of all.

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Lit Conley	Tilden Reece
H C Bat-on	J H Young
James M Owen	Jell C Davis
Lee R Fisher	F G Norton
W L Aiken	John D Garren
M C Thomas	J C Tinsley
W C Hamilton	J F Cisson
George Galloway	W L Maul
H W Tinsley	B J Wilson
Paul Woodfin	H M Miller
M V Breedlove	P C Moore
R W Norton	G M Galloway
E F Kennerly	J Marion Whitmire
Oatus Bryson	T H Jordan
P G Morris	E M Allison
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