

STATESVILLE FIRE-SWEPT

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION THIS MORNING.

Several of the Best Buildings in the Town Totally Destroyed—The Loss, It is Believed, Will Reach \$75,000.

From members of the Old North State orchestra, who came up from Statesville yesterday to furnish music for the Wallace-Whitlock wedding this evening, it is learned that Statesville suffered this morning the most destructive fire in the town's history. The fire started about 3 o'clock, and before it could be gotten under control had destroyed some of the best property in the town.

The buildings burned were: Carolina hotel block, with four stores; C. W. Grob's jewelry store; the Patterson building, occupied by Thomas & Co., hardware, the armory of the Iredell Blues and the Old North State orchestra; opera house building, two stores, occupier by W. S. Phifer and Stinson & Anderson's drug store. The members of the orchestra lost \$500 worth of instruments.

The cause of the fire is not known. The loss, it is believed, will aggregate \$75,000. It has been only two weeks since the town had a very destructive fire.

ABOUT GAMBLING.

Chief McDowell Has Nothing to Say of Mr. White's Charges.

THE CITIZEN asked Chief of Police McDowell if he had anything to say regarding the sermon of Rev. J. L. White at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, in which, referring to gambling in Asheville, the minister charged that the officers of the city were remiss in their duty. The Chief replied that he had not read the sermon as printed, although he had heard some talk about it, and said he had nothing to say to it.

Patrolman Triplett, however, said Mr. White did not do the policemen justice. "It is known," he said, "that considerable gambling is going on in Asheville, but believing in the fact and securing evidence that will convict are two widely different things. The police suspect certain places, and I know of several instances in which members of the force have, by the aid of ladders, climbed to windows of rooms in which gambling was believed to be done, and, again, we have gone to the roofs of the 'suspected' houses, trying to glean through scuttles something upon which we could base a case. But we have never succeeded in securing evidence sufficient. Suppose we did make a raid? The men would 'play mum' as they did in the criminal court some time ago, and nothing could be made of the cases. As I said before, there is a great difference between thinking there is gambling and getting evidence that will convict."

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Services at Trinity Church Last Evening.

The service at Trinity church last night, celebrating St. John's Day, was an exceedingly interesting one, but the inclement weather prevented the anticipated attendance. The pastor, Rev. McNeely DuBoise, was assisted by the Rev. George H. Bell, who delivered a most practical sermon to the Masonic fraternity. The musical portion of the service was a number not often enjoyed in Asheville, the anthem "O, Sing to God" being especially good; the solo parts were rendered by Miss Mariella Davidson and Mrs. Prof. T. J. Peacock in a most creditable manner. The chorus work showed careful training, and the final chorus was simply inspiring. The choir is to be congratulated on being able to render such acceptable music.

REV. J. H. BOGGESS.

His Lecture, "On the Heights," Friday Evening.

The next lecture in the course of the Southern Business college will be delivered in the hall of that institution Friday evening, December 30, by Rev. J. H. Bogges, a lecturer of much reputation. His subject will be "On the Heights." Of him the Woodstock, Ill., Sentinel says: "The lecture last Friday night by Rev. J. H. Bogges was all that had been anticipated, and more, too. Indeed, the remark has been made by several that it has not been surpassed by any of the popular lecturers, such as Swigg, Thomas and Tilton. The finish of the lecture and the effectiveness of its delivery stamp him an orator."

CHANGE OF FIRM.

G. A. Shank Retires from the Business of Hill & Shank.

On the first day of January the partnership that has existed between W. M. Hill and G. A. Shank, under the name of Hill & Shank, butchers, will be dissolved. Mr. Shank retiring, the business, which has grown to splendid proportions, will be continued under the style of W. M. Hill & Co., an interest being purchased by Messrs. W. H. and P. M. Smith, of Oak Grove, Tenn. Mr. Shank may remain with the firm for a few months, but the business will be conducted at the old stand in the market.

Hotel Arrivals.

Glen Rock—A. S. Herron, Seattle, Wash.; P. N. Wilson, A. E. Wilson, Morganton; W. A. Griffin, N. C.; M. D. Lusk, Savannah; T. Holt, Savannah; W. L. Kincaid, Dillsboro; W. Ketcham, Tenn.; W. S. Nast, Dayton, O.; Mrs. A. A. M. Collins, N. C.; Mrs. M. S. Johnson, Mr. L. I. Fletcher, H. T. Comming, Ora Lee Johnson, Hendersonville, W. M. Lewis, Columbia, S. C.; L. S. Medlin, L. L. Gailiard, S. C.; Mrs. M. A. Bradford, Ky.

On an Organizing Trip.

Geo. H. Burnham, State councillor and also Deputy National councillor and organizer of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, left this afternoon for Raleigh, Goldsboro, Wilson and Newbern, in which cities he will organize councils of his order. Mr. Burnham is a member of No. 6 council of Asheville. There are three councils of this popular order in Asheville, all large and in a very flourishing condition.

The "Haversack" Suspends.

This week's issue of Joe Roby's Haversack is the last one of that publication. Editor Banks prints a valedictory in which he attributes the suspension to a lack of support, "instead of making money," he says, "we have created a few debts." Those who have paid for the paper for a year of six months are to be reimbursed by Mr. Banks.

G. M. Carter, Chester, S. C., writes: "A negro boy here had a bad case of scrofula. The doctor said it would kill him. I got him to use Botanic Blood Balm. He took a dozen bottles and is now well. He has not used any of it for four months and continues well."

AROUND TOWN.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Thursday.—Generally fair; northwesterly winds, becoming variable; slightly colder Thursday morning, probably followed by rising temperature.

Gen. E. R. Hampton, of Silva, is in the city today.

General and Mrs. R. B. Vance were in the city today.

Local revenue collections yesterday were \$8,264.72.

J. B. Lawson, of Williamson, W. Va., is at the Swannanoa.

J. Wiley Shook came over to the city from Clyde yesterday.

Recorder Miller's fine account was blank in his court this morning.

Chas. H. Shull and E. C. Baker of Shelby are at the Grand Central.

J. Reece Lewis, of Waynesville, and Dr. George Hipkiss, of Dillsboro, spent yesterday at the Swannanoa.

The Sunday school of Riverside M. E. church, South, will hold its Christmas celebration in the church this evening.

The First Baptist church is being handsomely decorated for the members' reception to be held there tomorrow between the hours of 11 a. m. and 10 p. m.

People who were out in the snow yesterday noticed something rarely seen here—that almost every snowflake that fell was formed into a perfect and beautiful star.

The cold weather has interfered with the work of the bill posters in displaying the paper of the Little Bernard Chase company, which comes to the Grand tomorrow evening. In several instances the paste was frozen before the paper could be put on securely.

Alderman Leonard did not go to Lincolnton yesterday as he had intended. After getting to the depot he heard that there had been about six inches of snow blown that way, and not caring to take so much of the "beautiful" in his decision that he would remain at home.

Contractor Kelly has completed the portion of the new pipe line in Haw creek. The line is now finished to the gap in Beaumont, only a few hundred feet between the gap and the standpipe remaining to be put in. Mr. Kelly says he expects to finish his contract next week.

Another snow fall here yesterday afternoon, although it was a light one. Last night was the coldest of the winter, the lowest temperature being 25 degrees above zero. The sun has been shining today and altogether the day has not been a disagreeable one.

One of the most enjoyable societies of the winter was the Leap Year party given last evening at the residence of Miss Penland, on Penland avenue, by the young ladies of the Social club. About fifty young people were present, and spent the evening pleasantly. Supper was served at 11 o'clock.

AT THE GRAND.

Hettie Bernard Chase comes back to Asheville tomorrow, Thursday, evening, and will present her great success, "Uncle's Darling." She is a bright actress, has many friends among play-lovers here, and is sure of a good house tomorrow evening. A street parade will be given tomorrow afternoon. The Springfield Republican says:

"Hettie Bernard Chase captivated a Springfield audience last evening. She appeared as 'Little Dar' in 'Uncle's Darling,' and her manner was charming throughout. She takes a rollicking part and in it she appears to splendid advantage. The support given her by the rest of the company was of the best, so that last evening's performance was one of the most pleasing that Springfield people have been privileged to enjoy. The songs and dances of Hettie Bernard Chase were very pretty and the audience called her back many times. The specialties were all of the most pleasing character and the play itself, rendered as it was by this company, was almost beyond criticism."

IN THE REALTY WORLD.

What is Transpiring in the Way of Dirt Transactions.

The following deeds have been filed in Register Mackey's office:

J. L. Young and wife to Chas. B. Atkinson, 1/2 of 1/2 interest in 638 acres in county.....\$ 212

J. W. Morgan and wife to Chas. B. Atkinson, 1/2 of 1/2 interest in 638 acres in county..... 383

B. P. Bostic and husband to J. L. Murray, lot 75x202 in county..... 50

C. B. Sluder and wife to E. E. Redman, 1-6 interest in tract in Leicester township..... 150

Jno. M. Campbell and wife to J. B. Bostic, house and lot on East street..... 3,200

W. M. Childers and wife to S. E. Davis, house and lot on Seney street, 75x141 feet..... 1,600

D. D. Suttle and wife to J. B. Bostic, lot on Merrimon avenue, 60x131 feet..... 2,000

Asheville Tobacco and Investment Co. to J. B. Bostic, lot near Atkin street, 44x81 feet..... 321

The Nicaragua Canal Job.

From the Morganton, N. C., Herald

If the canal can be built for less than \$100,000,000 why cannot its wealthy promoters build it without calling on the United States government to act as surety to the venture? To financiers of the standing of Warner Miller and his associates, the palsy man mentioned is a mere bagatelle. If they have the proper faith in their engineers they should be able to raise the money in a twinkling. If they have not the ready cash themselves, they have but to convince the investing public of the truth of their statements as to the cost of the canal and the big profits it will earn to cause American capitalists to fall over each other in trying to get hold of their gilded four per cents.

Our Distinction.

From the Washington Post.

In the House of Representatives the man with the longest name is Archibald Henderson Arrington Williams of North Carolina.

To Advertisers.

To insure change of advertisements running on regular contract, copy must be handed in by 10 o'clock a. m.

Most people know and can appreciate a good thing when they see it. See ad. "Home for sale," in another column.

Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

NOTICE—Castle Hill, Pines Lodge, No. 52 E. of P. St. Regular meeting of your lodge this evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Visiting brothers invited. R. M. JONES, C. C.

WHAT THEY ALL GOT IN THEIR STOCKINGS.

Alderman Waddell—A map of Merrimon avenue as far as paved, and a letter from the Joint Board promising to scrutinize every bill sent in.

Advisor Green—A club to be used on people who call him "Colonel."

Alderman McDowell—A life-size painting representing the settlement of the Clark-Lorick election bet.

"Old Ched"—A brand new smile.

Advisor Cummings—An increase of salary as reading clerk to the Board.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—Wheat reaction was due to raising by buyers boxes of receipts were estimated at 25,000 bales, against 37,913 last year.

Stock Quotations.

New York, Dec. 28.—Erie 23 1/2; Lake Shore 13 3/4; Chicago and Northwestern 11 1/2; Norfolk and Western; Richmond and West Point Terminal 7 1/2; Western Union 9 1/2.

New York Market.

New York, Dec. 28.—Cotton futures, December, 9.64; January, 9.66; February, 9.70; March, 9.91; April, 10.05; May, 10.11. Turpentine dull, steady, 30 1/2@31 1/4; rosin, light demand, steady, strained common to good, 1.27 1/2@1.32 1/2.

Baltimore Prices.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Flour, du'll, wheat, easy; spot, 75 1/2@75 3/4; December, 75 1/2; May, 80 1/2; Milling wheat, by sample, 74 1/2; corn, easy, 47 1/2@48 1/2; January, 47 1/2@47 3/4; white corn by sample, 47 1/2@48; yellow corn, 47 1/2@50.

Cotton.

New York, Dec. 28.—Cotton contracts opened steady at 5 points advance, gained 1 1/2 points, fell 4 points, and closed 5 1/2 points above yesterday. Sales, 80,000 bales. The 3-month was on light port receipts.

COAL-SPAR.

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Lost—Raysor & Smith's.

NOTICE—P. C. McIntyre.

TRUSTEE'S SALE—By virtue of a power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed by O. W. Radford and L. S. Radford, his wife, to the undersigned trustee, at the 4th day of June, A. D. 1891, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Buncombe County, North Carolina, in Book 26 of deeds of trust of said office at page 70, default having been made in the payment of the interest as therein set forth, at the request of the Western Carolina bank, the undersigned trustee will sell by public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the court house in the City of Asheville, North Carolina, on Monday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1893, the lands and premises as set forth and described in said deed as therein set forth, and being in Buncombe County, North Carolina, to-wit: A. H. Starves and others, containing eighty-three acres be the same more or less, and for a more definite description thereof reference is hereby made to said deed of trust, registered as above stated as a part of the description hereof, in order to give effect to said deed of trust, as severed by deed of trust dated this 27th day of December, A. D. 1892. L. P. McINTYRE, Trustee.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee, by virtue of authority vested in him by a certain deed of trust executed by J. E. Fonder and wife, dated the 18th day of July, A. D. 1892, and registered in the Register's office of Buncombe County in book of mortgages and deeds in trust No. 30, on page 270, a default having been made in the payment of the money secured by said deed of trust, and the said money being past due, will sell at public auction for cash, at the court house door in the City of Asheville, on the 26th day of December, 1892, at 12 o'clock m., a certain lot of land in the city of Asheville, county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina on the east side of Valley street and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake J. A. Wilson's southeast corner and runs south 19 1/2 degrees 20' east 70 feet to a stake in Swigon's line; then north 84 degrees 20' west 150 feet to a stake, SWIGON'S corner; then north 22 degrees 05' east 50 feet to J. A. Wilson's corner; then south 29 degrees 05' east 150 feet to the 150 feet to the beginning. F. R. GRANT, Trustee.

Postponed. The above sale has been postponed, by consent, until Tuesday, January 3rd, 1893. F. R. GRANT, Trustee.

NOTICE.

After January 1st, 1893, all meats sold out of my meat stall, will be sold strictly for cash to everybody. Friends will not ask credit, and strangers will not expect credit. I mean to lower the price and sell strictly for cash. All choice cuts will be sold at ten cents per pound, and other cuts in proportion. My object for this is to give the people who pay their bills, cheaper meat. Only cash instead of thirty days.

P. C. McIntyre, Stalls No. 1 and 2.

AFTER CHRISTMAS

—AT—

RAYSOR & SMITH'S.

As we did not sell all of our Holiday Goods, we will from now till January 1st, sell at from cost to 10 per cent. below cost. So if you have received and have not given, remember we still have many presents suitable for all ages, at prices way below their real value. Call and price anything you like, and see what we offer. Open evenings till 11 o'clock.

RAYSOR & SMITH, Over Hibernia 17 1/2 Store, No. 21 Patton Avenue.

TIS A BLOT. On home life—the dust, the labor, the back-aches of broom work. CHRISTMAS Will do away with it if it brings the housewife a new style. BISSELL CARPET SWEEPER. We have many other things in our stock which will make nice, useful and durable Christmas presents for either your mother, father, sister or sweetheart.

W. B. WILLIAMSON & CO., FURNITURE AND CARPETS. 16 Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.

WHITLOCK CLOTHING HOUSE. CORNER STORE, EAGLE BLOCK, South Main Street, Asheville, N. C.

We offer winter clothing for men and boys that cannot be equaled elsewhere. Dealing exclusively in men's wear we are able to show larger lines and better styles in sizes to fit any shape. The public is invited to compare our stock with others in the line.

In order to satisfy the clothing buyers the dealer must have practical tailoring experience and proper taste to select such goods as will give general satisfaction. The fact that the best dressed men in this city buy their clothing from us proves that they have found our goods the best.

We carry several hundred overcoats, ulsters, cape overcoats, mackintoshes; all cut in latest designs at right prices.

In addition to our superior stock of clothing we have the largest line of underwear, hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, E. & W. collars and an immense stock of neckwear. To complete the outfit we have hats, the only genuine Dunlap hats and other good makes, always the best and most stylish.

THE WHITLOCK CLOTHING HOUSE. PARLOR SUITES, LATE DESIGNS IN CHAIRS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS! BLAIR & McDOWELL'S, UNDERTAKERS AND FURNITURE DEALERS.

No. 45 Patton Avenue. OPPOSITE CHURCH STREET, ASHEVILLE, N. C. DAY CALL NO. 75—TELEPHONE—NIGHT CALL NO. 65.

C. E. Moody CAN SUPPLY YOU WITH FIREWOOD (ALL KINDS CUT AND SPLIT ANY SIZE READY FOR USE AND DELIVERED.) Kindlings and Charcoal. COKE (FOR RANGES, FURNACES AND GRATES. MAKES NO SMOKE; CHEAPER THAN HARD COAL.)

Lime, Portland and Louisville Cement and Plaster, Artificial Stone Tile and Concrete Works. Fancy Brick and Mortar Color. Agent for King's Windsor Asbestos Cement, Dry Mortar and Knoxville Sewer Pipe Works.

HAY-AND-FEED. Office No. 30 Patton Avenue. Telephone 40. Yard and Warehouse near Depot, Telephone 73.

OUR COW FEED. Is pre-eminently the best article of the kind in the market. It is not only nourishing to a high degree but also rich in milk producing element. CORN CHOP for cattle and horses is a cheap and nutritious feed. FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.

ASHEVILLE MILLING COMPANY. CAVALIER HEIGHTS. To the first tea purchasers who want to build we will sell beautiful lots by the Lookout Mountain (Cavalier Mountain) Street car line at these prices—good only for 30 days:

Choice of 17 lots for \$200. Priced at 00. Choice of 15 lots for \$300. Priced at \$600. Choice of 10 lots for \$500. Priced at \$1000. Choice of 18 lots for \$600. Priced at \$2000. We are now building three fine houses on these lots and will be glad to show you this property and sell to you. We are also agents for our own land and want to stir up slight breeze these dull times. Let us show you these lots.

OTIS A. MILLER. Over Hibernia 17 1/2 Store, No. 21 Patton Avenue.

\$4.50 Jellico Lump For Grates. SINGLE TON ORDERS. \$4.00 Jellico Nut For Stoves.

TELEPHONES 36 & 40. ASHEVILLE ICE AND COAL CO., 20 PATTON AVENUE.

\$8.50 Hard Coal. TRY THE NEW COAL, Gayton Red Ash. \$7.00 "Gayton" FOR FURNACES, Grates, Ranges.

CAROLINA WINE AND LIQUOR STORES, NO. 19 NORTH MAIN AND 7 AND 71-2 COLLEGE STS.

Keep in stock "Mount Vernon," "Canadian Club," and Old Baker Rye Whiskies. The best Wines, Brandies, Beer, Ale and Stout for family use. All goods delivered free. Ale and Porter on draught. Entrance No. 19 North Main and 7 1/2 College streets. Telephone No. 152. P. S.: On and after May 9th I will send statement of accounts by mail to parties indebted to me if not settled by that time. Respectfully,

Frank O'Donnell PROPRIETOR CAROLINA SALOON. WE LEAD: OTHERS FOLLOW.

A Merry, Merry Christmas AT H. T. ESTABROOK'S 2-STORES-2.

All are delighted and made happy by the display of BOOKS bound in Silk, Orchid, Lace and Leather Bindings. Standard Sets, lower than ever. PICTURES AND FRAMES!

In many new styles. Have you seen "Psychic and Nature's Mirror?" Celluloid, Glass and Cedar Novelties, Gold Pens, Silver and Pearl Pencils, Penholders.

WE HAVE THE LARGEST HOLIDAY STOCK IN VARIETY AND QUALITY. A special display of Pictures at our Branch Store. For regular goods we are in the lead and invite every one to visit us, and we will try to please you at 22 and 35 S. Main Street

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I. Contains one third more lithia than any spring in the United States. II. Analysis by R. Ogden Foreman, M. D., LL. D. III. Nearly one half price of Buffalo and Londonderry Lithia.

IV. Always fresh—by special arrangement with Express company obtained at short notice and does not remain for days in heated cars. Uses—Bright's diseases, Stone in the Bladder, Gout, Cystitis, Rheumatism and all conditions of the kidneys, bladder and stomach, requiring an alkaline-lithia treatment. For Dyspepsia it is unequalled, in Chronic Constipation unexcelled.

SOLE AGENTS FOR ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. PELHAM'S PHARMACY. MARBLE HALL.

CLOTHING AND FURNISHING HOUSE, 32 South Main Street. Has made a reduction of 25 cents on the dollar for the next ten days on all

CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, ETC. I have the Prettiest and Largest line to select from in Western North Carolina. Now is your time to treat yourself to a new suit, overcoat or anything in my line for a little money. A trial will convince you that I mean business.

G. WHITLOCK, PROPRIETOR.