

LOSS IN HOBOKEN PIER FIRE WAS LARGE

Missing Chief Engineer Walks Into Hotel To-day, After Being Given Up

NOT OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Many Longshoremen Jumped Into River, and Many May Be Dead

New York, March 19.—No estimate could be made today of the loss of life in the fire which started last night on the Phoenix pier in Hoboken and it was thought that the number of dead would never be known.

Chief Engineer Scott of the steamer British Queen, is believed to have lost his life on the vessel.

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ATLANTA CREDITS REPORT AS TO S. A. L.

Asheville Dispatch That Seaboard Was Heading This Way Confirmed

(By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., March 19.—Rights of way have been taken for a railroad from Asheville to Rutherfordton, in Rutherford county.

Atlanta, March 19.—The report that the Seaboard Air Line will secure an entrance into Asheville is a rumor which has secured with more or less persistence for five years.

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DEMOCRATS UNITING IN CONGRESS ON SUFFRAGE

Plan to Investigate Southern Restrictions Will Meet With Some Determined Opposition When It Comes Up

(Special to The Citizen.)

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Democrats continue to express strong disapproval of the proposed investigation into southern restrictions on suffrage and the party in Congress is solidifying as it has not done for years.

Another Gift to High School

This One is a Fine Floral Collection From Dr. R. F. Campbell

The city high school is the recipient of another gift from a generous friend.

Dr. R. F. Campbell has offered to the school a fine collection of pressed and mounted specimens of plant life.

There are about 150 or 160 specimens in the collection, which is intended by the donor to be a nucleus for a large collection to be made by students of the school.

The fine flora to be found in western North Carolina will admit of an excellent collection being made, and in a year or two the school may have a collection of a thousand or more specimens.

Dr. Campbell will present the botanical collection in the high school hall at an early date, possibly this week.

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TELEPHONE SOON TO WAYNESVILLE

After Much Delay the Line is Now to Be Rushed to Completion

The telephone service between Asheville and Waynesville, which has been in dispute for some time, will be completed by the middle of May.

The line out of Asheville to Turnpike where it was agreed the Asheville independent line should stop, has been complete for some time.

The Waynesville Independent company has been working on the line and will have it to Turnpike in a short time.

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BITTER CAUCUS FIGHT ENDS AND CUBA WILL GET RELIEF

(Special to The Citizen.)

Washington, D. C., March 19.—The ways and means committee, representing the administration, met the beet sugar enemy at the fifth party conference last night and they are theirs.

After the test vote on ordering the previous majority of the members of the committee to report on the sugar beet sugar amendments were voted down and the ways and means committee's plan providing for a 20 per cent reduction in beet sugar duties was adopted.

No pledge was made that the Senate would not amend it further, and the latter body expects to increase the reduction substantially and probably in the time during which it shall run.

The next step of the leaders will be to bring in a bill to this effect in the House and to propose a similar amendment in the Senate.

Mr. Proctor will be returned from Memphis, Tenn., where he went on business a week ago.

Mr. Proctor, with his brother, H. P. Proctor, and J. Speed of Chicago, Ill., have organized an enterprise in Memphis. They will open the "Southern Electric Telephone Company," a company for manufacturing telephones, switchboards and electric appliances.

Mr. Proctor will retain his position with the Asheville Telephone company.

The joint meeting of the committees from the First Baptist church and the Board of Trade that were appointed to investigate the proposed merger of the two churches was held yesterday afternoon.

The committees were organized into one body and elected a chairman and secretary. J. H. Tucker was chosen chairman and J. P. Howell secretary.

The committee will have charge of the arrangements concerning the convention.

A new enterprise for Asheville is a blacking factory which has been opened on South Main street in the building formerly occupied by the Paris Medicine company.

The new company is known as the Diamond Blacking company and will engage extensively in the manufacture of shoe blacking.

Colonel Allan Davidson

Colonel Allan Davidson, the father of ex-Attorney General Davidson was a caller at The Citizen office today.

Though in his 82d year, he is still quite active and in full possession of all his mental faculties.

Colonel Davidson was one of the early settlers of this western country, and was in the days of the early settlement of the most noted lawyers of the state.

He was a member of the Confederate Congress—possibly the only one now living in this state.

Though he has many interesting recollections of those stirring times, as well as stories of the early days of the west, he has no means lives in the past.

On the contrary, he is very much alive to present day movements, and in the fall of the year he has decided views as to public men and policies.

His friends throughout the state will rejoice to hear of his good health.

HIGHER SOUTHERN DIVIDEND.

The directors of the Southern Railway company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock, payable April 15.

This is an increase of 1/4 of 1 per cent, the rate paid in the past year being 4 per cent.

The directors also declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the common stock.

The revenue tons carried increased 39,065, or 5 per cent, and tons one mile 57,024,954, or 4 1/2 per cent.

COL. BAINEBRIDGE LEAVES.

Col. and Mrs. A. H. Bainebridge and their daughter, Mrs. Alga P. Berry will leave tonight for Kansas city.

Col. Bainebridge and his family have been residents of Asheville for several years, and have made numbers of friends, who will regret their departure.

TALKING IN FAVOR OF THE PARK THIS AFTERNOON

W. J. McGee, Attorney Seymour of Knoxville, Prof. Pinchot and Dr. Ambler There

(Special to The Citizen.)

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