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FIRE IN GREENVILLE.

Half the Business Part of the Town Burned.

Caused By A Broken Lamp.

TWENTY-THREE BUILDINGS NOW IN ASHES—LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$150,000.

About 2 o'clock Sunday morning the people of Greenville, N. C., were aroused by the cry of "Fire," and rushed from their homes to witness the most disastrous conflagration that has ever visited the town.

The fire originated in the barber shop of Herbert Edwards, next to the corner, in the opera house block.

About a quarter to 2 o'clock policeman Murphy noticed the barber shop full of smoke, and before he could give an alarm flames burst through the front of the shop.

From the barber shop the fire spread rapidly in three directions. Loss estimated at \$150,000.

DAVID COX, JR., B. E. ARCHITECT and ENGINEER, Hertford, N. C.

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DENTIST Edenton, N. C.

COUPER'S MARBLE WORKS, 111, 113 & 115 Bank St., Norfolk Va.

Auctioneer. Having been appointed County Auctioneer and given bond therefor, all persons are forbidden to exercise the virtues of that office under penalty of law.

DEAD, AGED 128 YEARS.

Oldest Man on Earth, Remarried at 124.

The New York World says: "Hiram Lester, supposed to be the oldest man on earth, is dead in the Henry county, (Ga.) poorhouse at the age of 128.

"There is no question as to his great age, as he leaves a son 92 years old, who is an inmate of the same institution, and a daughter, who lives in Heard county, and is 95 years old.

"Uncle Hiram, as he was familiarly known, came from long-living ancestry. The old man claimed to have enjoyed the hospitality of George Washington for three days, and spoke fluently on the subject of the official acts of Jefferson, Madison, and Jay.

The National Alliance Organ. The Progressive Farmer published at Raleigh, which for years has been the organ of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, is to become the organ of the National Alliance.

Hall's Hair Renewer contains the natural food and color matter for the hair, and medical herbs for the scalp.

A New Party. A new national political party has been started at Omaha, Neb., by two hundred laboring men.

Alive. After a trance of thirty days Miss Hattie Benedict, of Marengo county, N. Y., awakes. She awoke in a cold sweat and a shock of horror, and exclaimed in an almost inaudible voice: "I am alive. Please don't bury me."

St. Paul Docked. The steamship St. Paul was successfully docked at Newport News last Friday. She does not appear to be much damaged as to her bottom.

The Proper Time. When the most benefit is to be derived from a good medicine, is early in the year. This is the season when the blood is purified.

The champion chump has broken loose in Lexington, Ky. This one is the banana-eating champion, who, in a recent match, ate sixty-four bananas against his opponent's sixty-one.

The American hen turned out last year \$135,000,000 worth of eggs and didn't do an extraordinary amount of cackling, either.

MARDI GRAS.

The Annual Carnival of the French in New Orleans.

ARRIVAL OF KING REX.

Monday was the beginning of Mardi Gras, the annual carnival season of the French in New Orleans, and never in its history has the gathering been so large.

Rex, the King of the carnival, arrived on a steamer at the foot of Canal street at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The King was welcomed by the large crowd and upon disembarkage the procession took up its line of march for the City Hall.

Upon arriving there the usual ceremonies were observed and the keys of the city were turned over to the King by the Mayor.

During the heavy gale in Washington, D. C., last week a grand elm tree that has stood at west entrance of the circular driveway leading to the White House for nearly a century was uprooted and fell.

Dr. Fritjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, sends word from across the frozen waters of Siberia that he has found the North Pole. The report is not credited by those in this country, who are equipped to pass an opinion upon the probability of the statement.

Mrs. Sarah Williams, relict of the late Alfred Williams, died at her home at Raleigh last Saturday, aged 86 years. She was Miss Jones, of Edenton, and first married David W. Stone, then President of the Bank of Cape Fear. In 1869 she married Mr. Williams, who died last month.

It is rumored that high officials of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company have recently bought an extensive tract of iron ore lands in Ashe county, N. C., upon which there are heavy deposits of rich magnetic iron ores.

There are ten saw mills now in and near Washington, N. C., all at work, except one planing mill, which is being enlarged to double its present capacity.

The Biblical Recorder says that Superintendent Leazer, of the State's prison, is to be congratulated. He has come nearer solving the penitentiary problem than any other man, if he has not actually done it.

The wagon will soon make its appearance. Watch for the wagon.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Mrs. Leaze is reported to have abandoned politics and will take to the pulpit.

There is a bill in the New York Legislature that prohibits the erection of sky-scraping buildings. The highest cannot be more than 150 feet.

Nearly ten thousand of the twenty thousand dollars needed has been subscribed for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building at Chapel Hill.

A fatal boiler explosion occurred Thursday at J. R. Plummer's saw mill, ten miles southwest of Ashboro, N. C. Three workmen were killed and three fatally wounded.

The Cleveland Leader says that one of Senator Allison's biographers says that "after he was born he grew up." That may sound strange, but it is true.

Georgia has produced an anomaly in the shape of a man who has struck a streak of luck at 60, and is going around hunting up and settling accounts which have been standing from ten to forty years.

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It is thirty miles from Washington, N. C., to Plymouth, and the citizens at Washington are hopeful that the rumored report of the W. N. & N. road extending its line from Newbern to Washington, this would give a through line from Norfolk to Washington, a distance of about 230 miles.

Governor Carr has pardoned Alice Traves, a negro woman; and William Webster, white, out of the penitentiary, on account of their health. They are both consumptives, and have short lease on life. Both from Guilford.

W. S. Keener, convicted of murdering two young women, his cousins, was executed at Clayton, Ga., at 1 o'clock last Friday. His neck was broken by the fall and he was pronounced dead in twenty-four minutes.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

HALL'S CATARRH CURE is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

It was reported that Judge Daniel Russell, Spier Whitaker and M. L. Wood were at Washington City in conference last week with Senators Butler and Pritchard and Dr. Mott. Their whereabouts were kept very secret. It is said they were trying to bring about reconciliation between Senator Butler and Mr. Wood in order that they can work along fusion lines harmoniously.

GAS EXPLOSION.

In a New Castle, Colorado, Coal Mine.

FIFTY MEN PERISH.

SMOKE RUSHING FROM THE MINE PREVENTS THE WORK OF RESCUE BY THOSE ON THE SCENE.

A gas explosion occurred in the Vulean mine at New Castle, Col., Tuesday when there were between 50 and 60 men in the mine at work. At the shaft mouth a hole 100 feet square was blown out.

Ed. Welsh who was just at the mouth of the tunnel when the explosion took place was blown to atoms.

Smoke is rushing from the shaft in dense clouds which prevent entrance to the mine. The fans were the only means of supplying air to the workmen and as these are completely demolished, the last hope of any one being found alive is cut off.

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The men fled, but the negro was captured and put in jail at Bryson City. There is a reward of \$200 each for Baker and Rose. Baker was a deputy marshal under the last administration.

Take Simmons Liver Regulator now. Its just the remedy for the Spring of the year to wake up the liver and cleanse the whole system of the accumulated waste of the winter.

An original sentence was given lately by a western judge. A man who did not know how to read and write, convicted of a slight offence, was sentenced to imprisonment until he had learned to read. Another offender, who had a good education, was sentenced to keep him company until he had taught him to read.

Much of life's misery is due to indigestion; for who can be happy with a pain in the stomach? As a corrective and strengthener of the alimentary organs, Ayer's Pills are invaluable, their use being always attended with marked benefit.

PRETTY GIRL SHOOT HER LOVER

She Then Puts a Bullet Through Her own Brain, Dying Instantly.

At St. Louis, Barbara Kossel, a pretty German girl, about 19 years of age, Monday night shot and killed John Rohlfing, her lover, and then, with the same weapon, a cheap revolver of 32-calibre, fired a bullet into her own brain, dying instantly.

About 10 o'clock when Henry Rohlfing was returning to his room at Olive and Third streets, he stumbled over the dead body of his brother John stretched out on the stairs. He was shot through the head. In his room lay the body of Miss Barbara Kossel. She also was dead. A pool of blood from a wound in her head and a revolver tightly clenched in her hand told the story of her death.

The two were lovers and had evidently quarreled. From the appearance of things John Rohlfing had begun to descend the stairs when a bullet from the revolver in Miss Kossel's hand stopped him. She then evidently retired to the room and made an end to herself.

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STEAMER COMMODORE.

Sails From Wilmington, N. C., Presumably for Cuba.

With Arms and Ammunition.

HER DEPARTURE NOT INTERFERED WITH BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The steamer Commodore which went to Wilmington last Summer from New Haven, Conn., with clearance papers showing she was bound to Cartagena, was seized by the United States Marshal, on complaint of violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, and subsequently released by order of the United States District Court left her wharf Friday night shortly after eleven o'clock, for Charleston, S. C.

At ten o'clock Friday morning smoke was seen issuing from her smoke stack and all through the day provisions were being made for an early departure. At eleven o'clock Capt. Samuel Hughes in stentorian tones, gave the order to cast off, and the supposed Cuban filibuster slowly backed out into the stream and when in position and in answer to the pilot's bells, with full steam, started down the river. Not until then had the crowd any idea of her speed, and a cheer burst forth from the small gathering of enthusiastic well-wishers who had assembled to witness her departure.

The crew is composed of twelve Wilmington and three officers who went there to take charge of the vessel. They are all picked men. Mr. Jeff Smith, the assistant engineer, figured in the war between the States and was an engineer on the steamer Nietheroy of the Brazilian revolutionists.

The Commodore cleared for Charleston, S. C., but at the same time without it being really necessary, as she took out a coastwise license and surrendered her register, which naturally admitted her to travel on the high seas. There is a universal hope, says the Wilmington Star, that she may go through to Cuba and land her valuable cargo in the hands of the "Spanish slayers."

Does This Mean You?

Some people seem to think that their credit is good for an indefinite length of time. It is almost a criminal offense to expect a business man to trust you, not for a few weeks or a month and to allow your debts to go unpaid for six months or a year. Business men have to meet their obligations promptly. The big firms will not carry them over a certain length of time and their customers cannot expect any greater latitude to be given them. It is surprising how many well-to-do people allow their bills to go unpaid until the dealer, much against his inclinations, is forced to send the obnoxious dun and thereby perhaps give mortal offense.

"Hateful old thing," we heard a merchant called the other day who had dared, pressed by his own sharp necessities, to dun my lady. "Of course I expected to pay the bill some day."

But it is the same day, dear sir, and dear madam, to which you put off paying for your groceries, your dry goods, your shoes, your furniture, or your drugs that sends so many business men to the wall. True, it is not always convenient to pay at once and the accommodating business man will tell you your credit is good, but in the name of heaven keep it good.

Don't let your bills go unpaid a day longer than you can help and above all things don't make it a point to forget whether you have paid them or not.—Ex.

Hard Times Fertilizers. To meet the present demand for the best fertilizer, we have prepared a special fertilizer...



THE BEST SPRING MEDICINE. IS SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR. Don't forget to take it. Now is the time you need it most to wake up your liver.

For Rent. One nice dwelling situated on Hertford road, 1/2 mile of Edenton, with four rooms and several out-houses. Apply for terms to J. H. PERRY.

For Sale Fine Seed Potatoes. I have for sale about fifty barrels of fine seed potatoes (Irish) fall crop, at reasonable prices; will sell in any quantity desired. Apply to J. H. PERRY.

Posted. I have this day posted Strawberry Hill and the Lewton lands. All persons are forbidden to trespass in any way upon either of these tracts. J. H. PERRY.



Have You Ever Seen It?

If you have not, you shall see it at once. Why you should see it at once, is because it is the wonder of the age. The Newest, Latest, Best, Most Useful, Most Cleanly, Most Convenient and above all the most fascinating and interesting Novelty for every home.

Ladies!

See it, and please tell me how you can afford to be without it. You can fill your lamps in your parlor if you should so desire, or on your breakfast table without fear of soiling your fine damask.

WE HAVE TWO SIZES OF THEM.

Wonderful Cans!

A two gallon size, at \$1.00; a five gallon size, at \$1.50. We can supply your wants now. Ednton Oil Can Co., E. S. NORMAN, Mgr.