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BIG FIRE.

THE LAURINBURG COTTON SEED OIL MILL BURNED.

On Monday afternoon, between 5 and 6 o'clock, the alarm of fire was sounded, which as usual caused considerable commotion in our quiet town. It was not many minutes until the fire was located and crowds of people—some walking, some running, some on horseback and others in buggies—were soon on their way to the Cotton Seed Oil Mill, which was shortly enveloped in flames. The fire is supposed to have caught from a spark from the gin. There was very little seed cotton in the mill at the time. About four hundred tons of cotton seed, amounting to \$5,000, were destroyed; also about ten or twelve bales of cotton. Four other buildings belonging to the oil mill were also consumed. The depot and Mr. J. A. Medlin's residence had a narrow escape. The railroad track in some places caught and the iron was so badly warped that the freight and passenger trains were delayed some time before they could run by. The fire was a large one and had the wind been blowing much in that direction the destruction of other property would have been certain. The loss is said to be about \$20,000; insurance \$2,000.

It is quite a heavy loss to the owners of the mill, and it comes much heavier at this season of the year, just as the fall business was getting under headway, besides it knocks our farmers out of a place to have their cotton ginned. It will soon be rebuilt.

BAD RUNAWAY.

"BLACK'S" OLD BAY DASHES OFF AND BREAKS UP THE BUGGY.

On Wednesday morning, between 9 and 10 o'clock, young Weinstein, a Russian Jew stopping with Mr. M. Scholnick, hitched up "Black's" old gentle bay horse to the top buggy for the purpose of delivering a peck of onions to the Central Hotel, only a couple of blocks up the street, the horse got frightened and dashed down Main street, smashing "Black's" top buggy until it resembled one of the Spanish war ships in Manila Bay after Dewey completed his job. It is not known what was the real cause of the runaway, but it is supposed that it was the contempt that the horse had for the Russian on account of being hitched up to haul such a small quantity of onions such a short distance. Another theory is, that "Black" was off on the excursion to Portsmouth enjoying himself and Weinstein thought he would try and keep time with him, and the old bay got mad because he was not allowed to rest during "Black's" absence.

We have a first-class mailing machine which we will put in operation soon. The label will tell when you started and when your time expires for subscription.

Helped to Rob His Own Roost. Southern Farm Magazine.

It is not often that a minister has a chance to assist at the robbery of his own hen roost. Such things have happened in the humorous columns of newspapers, to be sure, but that fact ought not to spoil the amusement involved in the experience of a minister.

The minister's own white. He was from a personal duties, when a noise occasioned by the flapping and cackling of the chickens in his hen house caused him to direct his attention to that quarter. As he approached he saw a lame white boy whom he knew limp away from the hen-house and scamper off noiselessly. The minister, with equal caution and discretion, silently took the place the boy had been occupying at the half open door of the hen house and waited. In a few seconds a pair of pullets was handed to him.

he was lighting a half dozen of his own chickens, which the party inside was benevolently bestowing with a free hand.

The minister concluded that half a dozen of his chickens were quite as many as he could conveniently hold, so he said, "I think I have enough for this time." The remark brought the party inside to the front in precipitate haste when, to his great surprise, the minister recognized a member of his own congregation, a brother who bore a fair reputation for piety. It would require a good deal of reputation, however, for a brother to stand up straight in such a predicament. The minister mildly chided him for disturbing the slumber of fowls, bade him return to the roost, and told him to go home and pray for forgiveness.

It is thought, however, that this will not be the end of the adventure. Many things in and about the village have been missed. Other people have lost chickens. This particular henroost brother is reported to have sold as many as seventy spring chickens in one day, though he was not raising them on his own premises. Some neighbors' cows have been "going dry" unaccountably, until the owners put them up at night, when they become fresh again. These petty depredations have been

going on for a long time with industry and to such an extent that the villagers began to suspect that they were the work of organized depredators. The depredator is the brother of the minister. It is thought, however, that the nigger in the mill has been coming that

RYAN'S WINNINGS.

I practically became so busy preparing for the Republican party for grand election that I did not have time to defend people charged with the larceny.

I want to see the rep. open so that every man into the world will be coming to hope for.

This Republican system of private money is condemning the young to a perpetual clerkship.

If the Republic they continue you will be poor until you do holler "enough."

The poor man's furnish sons for the army but the contractors and the exploiters will reap the profit.

HOT TUBS.

Several hot tubs were destroyed while last night.

We are in a bad way this week, as the postmaster went missing Monday, and no mail has been delivered since.

We will not go to the seashore this season. The alligators in the mill pond keep it churned up so it looks almost as lively as the ocean.

Billville's only missionary to China has just returned home for the benefit of his health. He says the climate there doesn't agree with him.

The Billville guards will not go to China; but they feel that they have done their day, having lunched the three Chinese laundrymen who lately did business here.

The Scotland News has declared itself decidedly in favor of Hon. C. M. Simmons for the U. S. Senate and we intend to stand by him clear through to the end of the chapter. We believe it is the duty of the Democrats of North Carolina to elect Simmons in preference to either of the other candidates.

As usual the Republicans are wrong again. They say "Trade follows the flag." Truth is: "Trade follows the ad."

The negro woman's union in Michigan want the wife of postmaster Baker paid \$40,000 by the government and a resolution passed by congress providing for the expulsion from the Union of any State that permits the lynching of negroes.

Some of the Northern papers are facing the music like men and admit that the mob spirit is the same North or South.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has been granted leave of absence and is on his way home from Cuba.

SOMETHING NEW!

COME TO SEE IT!

We have just fitted up the prettiest Jewelry and Silverware Department ever in Laurinburg, next door to the Post Office. Just opened Sept. 1st. Our stock is large and complete. Don't buy until you're seen and priced it. The goods were bought for spot cash and will be sold at the smallest possible profit. If you want variety and quality, we can give it to you. No trouble but a pleasure to have you look through, whether or not you want to buy.

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