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## FIRE IN NEW TOWN.

### Three Houses Burned Early Saturday Morning.

On last Saturday morning about 1 o'clock some of the citizens of our town were awakened from their peaceful slumber by the fire signal in that part of town occupied by the negroes and called "New Town." During the period of good times we have been having for the past few years the inhabitants of this section have made a great many worthy improvements, and now there are some really creditable buildings in New Town. Among them are churches, school houses and dwellings.

The fire Saturday morning was first discovered in a two-story building belonging to W. P. Evans, and was only a small blaze in the roof. The fire signal was given, but owing to the time of night and the distance from the boys, but few of them heard it until the fire had gotten under headway. As soon as a member learned of the fire he at once responded to the call, but everything seemed to militate against the fire fighters. In some way the hydrant wrench had been moved from its accustomed place; then there was no light in the hose company's house, which made it very dark, and when they did get in shape to fight, the hydrant was found to be an unusually great distance from the fire, necessitating an extra amount of hose. Thus, before the work of properly plying the water could be really begun, the fire had a fine lead, and before it was finally arrested it had destroyed two dwellings and a school house. The school house was the public school house, and worth some \$200, with no insurance, while the dwellings belonged to W. P. Evans and were worth some \$1,500, with about \$900 insurance.

Heroic work on the part of the boys saved the Baptist church, the main building of the colored Institute and other adjacent buildings.

This fire plainly demonstrated the necessity of two things: Another hydrant in New Town and the negroes having a reel of their own—which is to be kept in New Town. In saying this, we do not want to be understood as criticizing the City Fathers, for we are not; we know they are doing as well as rapidly as the funds at their disposal will allow; but we do hope they will soon be able to add those needed protections to the property in town.

Another thing that ought to be looked into at once is the matter of lights at the hose house. This would not cost much, and it should be attended to at once. A small incandescent in the house would do lots of good on a dark night, and it should go there at once. Then the wrench should always be in its place. When the boys grab their reel and start, they should do so knowing that everything is in working order, and that without looking to see; they should be kept in working order, and it should be a crime for any one to interfere with this order.

If any other person or department wants and needs a wrench, let it get it, but by all means leave the fire-fighting outfit intact.

It also appears to us that at least half the members of each team should have a key to the reel house, and thus be enabled to go right in when he arrived in response to the alarm, and not have to wait to get a key before doing so, as is now the case. Dispatch is a necessary qualification in fighting fire.

Lastly, the boys are justly complaining at not having anywhere to dry their hose after using them. At an expense of from \$3 to \$5 the town could erect a frame work, slightly slanting, that would easily cause the water to drain from the hose and thus protect them from rot, and at the same time enable the boys who are so unselfishly laboring to protect the property of the people in town, to dry their hose without having to climb over the sky-scrapers in order to get the proper elevation.

These are little, almost trifling things, but they count—and count for much, too! Let's all

pull together to remedy our defects, and then when the next fire comes, be better prepared than ever to "beard it in its den."

## Governing Board of Argyle Club Meets.

On Friday afternoon there was a meeting of the governing board of the Argyle Club in Dr. C. W. Regan's office. This meeting was called for the purpose of electing a member in place of Mr. F. L. Bundy, resigned, and for the further purpose of electing additional four members provided for in the charter. Messrs. A. L. James, E. H. Gibson, John F. McNair and Chas. M. Fetter were elected. So the governing board now consists of the above named four gentlemen and Messrs. A. F. Blue, D. K. McRae, C. W. Regan, W. H. Weatherspoon, with Messrs. J. P. McRae, W. D. McLaurin and G. F. Avinger, ex-officio members, making a total of eleven men on this board. Steps are being taken to fit and furnish the hall as soon as it is ready, and if Mr. Tucker continues the work of erecting the building with the same dispatch he is now employing, this won't be long.

## A Correction.

Following information given us but not by its representative, we stated in a local last week that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was going to move its office away from Laurinburg. We are glad to correct the mistake and say that its office, under the control of Mr. J. M. Moore, is still here continuing the excellent business which it has been doing among our people, and has had no intention of leaving us. However, the office has been moved from the Fields building into the new building which Dr. Everington has just completed. We offer this as a correction and an apology to its splendid representatives.

## Wake Forest Glee Club

The Wake Forest Glee Club and Orchestra filled its engagement here Thursday night, giving their performance to a large house. The audience was delighted from the start. Every piece was encored, and that with a genuine enthusiasm. The work of each member was well done, but that of Mr. H. M. Potent deserves especial mention. He is a genuine artist. The show was highly complimented, and our people will gladly welcome its re-appearance.

The Wake Forest Boys are a jolly, good set of young gentlemen and a deserved credit to their noble Alma Mater.

## A Good Example.

Messrs. Epstein & Bergman are still showing that enterprising spirit that has been characteristic of their business since they came into our town. They have not only fitted up the prettiest store fronts in the county, but they have now put in a local street sprinkler and are daily sprinkling the streets in front of their stores, thus protecting their handsome line of goods from the effects of dusty streets. Don't you think it would pay merchants to make use of a similar device?

## Rev. Charles Fetter Goes to Wadesboro.

The following item is copied from the last issue of the Messenger and Intelligencer, and will be read with regrets by our people. During his stay with us Mr. Fetter has greatly endeared himself to our people, and as Wadesboro, regardless of denominational lines, is delighted to have him, even so do we regret to give him up.

"All of Wadesboro, regardless of denominational lines, will be delighted to learn that Rev. Charles Fetter is to return here, he having accepted a call to the rectorship of Calvary Episcopal church for two Sundays in each month. Mr. Fetter was rector of this church several years ago, and he is greatly beloved by the entire community. He will also serve churches at Rockingham, Hamlet and Laurinburg, but will reside in Wadesboro."

## DATES FOR PROHIBITION SPEAKING.

The central committee for Prohibition met Friday afternoon in the court house. The campaign and situation in general were discussed, showing that the prospects were encouraging and afforded the opportunity for effective work. The committee proposes before the campaign is over and as early as possible, to reach every nook and corner in the county with a plea for prohibition. If any community in the county wishes to hear prohibition discussed at any particular time, by any particular man, let your wishes be known to Chairman Hector McLean and he will send you the speaker.

At this meeting a part of a month's campaign was planned as follows:

Tomorrow night, April 10th, at the court house in Laurinburg, State Organizer R. L. Davis will speak. Don't fail to hear him—he is a live wire in the campaign.

Saturday, April 11, at 2 o'clock, Mr. Davis will speak at Gibson.

Sunday, April 12, at 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Loch McKinnon and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, at Hasty. Messrs. Hector McLean and W. H. Weatherspoon, at Caledonia. Dr. Nash at Old Hundred, and Mr. L. M. Blue at Mason's Cross.

Friday night, April 17th, at 8 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Dickson at Dickson Cotton Mills, and Jonathan Peale and J. McN. Patterson at McMillan's Mill.

Sunday, April 19th, at 3:30 o'clock, Mr. E. H. Gibson and Prof. A. A. McMillan, at Milton's Chapel; Mr. L. M. Blue, at Tabernacle church; Messrs. Hector McLean and W. H. Weatherspoon at Springville, at 5 o'clock, and Mr. M. L. Johnson at Ida Cotton Mill at 3:30 o'clock.

Friday night at 8 o'clock, April 24th, Rev. W. H. Head and R. E. Warwick at mound cotton mill.

Sunday, April 26th, at 3 o'clock, Mr. Hector McLean at Smyrna Church.

We will inform the public each week through the local columns as to appointments before the succeeding issue.

## DEATH TO THE RAVISHER.

There is nothing which arouses the elemental passions of the Southern white man like that which touches the virtue and chastity of our women. There can be no more sacred cause. Even if the woman is herself to blame, our juries absolutely refuse to convict the man who slays the seducer of his wife, sister, or daughter. And where it is the foul hand of a brute which is laid in force upon an unwilling victim, the pent of reason, religion nor law can withstand it. Lynching is wrong because it fails to secure the end it aims at. The orderly execution of the law will do far more to check the dread evil. But death, the most terrible death that impassioned vengeance can conceive, is none too bad for the destroyer of virtue. It is our verdict. So say we all.

I charge that the saloon robs more women of their virtue than all other causes combined. The black fiend whose works makes our hearts stand still only to leap again with the terrible cry of "Kill, kill," are without exception the product of the saloon, and in almost every case are fired to the hellish deed by whiskey. And sadder far, those whose shame is infinite deeper, whose loss for time and eternity, "our worse than dead," can trace their downfall in almost every case to that which makes men beasts and women weak.

What say you, men and brethren, shall the destroyer of our women, the ravisher of virtue, live and ply its hellish trade by your connivance? Will you for the paltry bribery it offers support it? Or will you, because it is inconvenient to leave farm or factory or store fail to strike it a blow on May 26th? In the name of God and of virtuous womanhood, I charge you to drive out the saloons.

N. H. D. W.

## HASTY ITEMS.

Mrs. E. R. McCormac has returned home after several days pleasant visit with relatives and friends at Red Springs, N. C.

Miss Annie Saupson's school closed last Friday. The address was made by Mr. S. C. Cameron. The handy-pulling was something grand, and the tacky-party that night at the home of Mr. Will Jones was up to "now."

Mr. Ed. McCormac, of Laurinburg, was in town a while Sunday p. m., en route to McColl, S. C.

Miss Mary V. Thompson, of McColl, S. C., visited friends in our city from Saturday until Monday, but never heard of a girl's going off and losing her hat before. "I think your head was in a whirl."

Mrs. Lucy Hasty returned to her home Saturday night, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Walters, from Antioch.

Miss Nannie Hasty is visiting her cousin, Miss Florence Jones, at Red Springs, N. C.

John Station is on a "boom" now. They have a skating rink. Don't forget to lay up your pipes next time you start skating—or don't "fuss" because you have to pick up the pieces.

Mrs. John Henderson, of Rowland, spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Overstreet. Her health is much improved, and she is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. Syd McLaurin, at McColl, S. C.

Mr and Mrs. J. W. Jones and little son, Walter, spent Friday with Mrs. J. Medlin.

Hasty is coming. They have a "Roust-about" club—Woodmen of the World and Odd Fellows—those that are turned down, the others are Odd Fellows. They hope to soon have a "hoop" here, if they can pull it off.

Mrs. Carmichael, of Johns River, was in town a few hours Saturday.

There was a singing at the Hasty Union church, Sunday night, and it was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Next Saturday and Sunday will be sacrament of Smyrna services, beginning on Saturday at 11 a. m.

Mr. Willie Thompson, of McColl, S. C., spent Sunday at Hasty with friends.

Will Overstreet is all smiles these days. "Us" and "Me."

## Orphans' Concert Tour.

We have been informed that the Oxford Orphan Asylum Singing Class of 1908 will begin its tour of the Eastern section on April 14. This first tour will close about June 20. Near the last of July the Western tour of the State will begin.

The noble institution represented by this Class is rightly held in high esteem by the people of North Carolina. It is now caring for 315 of the homeless orphan children of the State. These children are being trained for useful lives.

Since its establishment in 1872 about 2,450 girls and boys have received its benefits.

The concerts are in themselves attractive indeed. The program this year will certainly be one of the best ever rendered.

We bespeak for this most worthy enterprise the even increased support of all of our people.

## Bleeding the Candidates.

Charity and Children.

The poor candidate desirous of serving the dear people has a hard road to travel. We read the other day that each of the ten congressmen has been held up for a hundred dollars to help the cause of prohibition. We do not know that this is true but we would not be surprised if it is. Everybody with an axe to grind carries it to the candidate's grindstone. The better the salary the stronger the pull. It makes not the slightest difference whether the candidate is in sym-

pathy with the cause or not, if it has the power behind it he must open up his pocketbook and tell them to take—and they take. Not being a candidate now or with the remotest prospect of being one, we can the more fitly lift up our voice in behalf of this oppressed class of our people. Brethren, if your church needs a new coat of paint or your Sunday school some new song books, or your school house some new desks, do not make the poor patriots pay for them because you know he must have your votes. Put yourself in his place. How would you like to be placed under a threat of defeat? We hope the time will come when some man will rise with courage enough to say to those who demand his estate as the price of his service to the county: "No, sir. Not a red cent. If you want my service, here it is, but you shall not have my service and my money too." A man like that would be a treasure in the public service and he would make it possible and agreeable for a poor man to aspire to office. As it is now, the man with the limited resources is sadly handicapped in the race because he cannot answer the clamorous demands of his fellow citizens with churches to build and schools to establish and other worthy objects to foster and advance. Pity the poor candidate, brethren, for his troubles have no end.

## Death of Mrs. W. J. McDougald.

On Sunday morning, at 12:15 o'clock, Mrs. McDougald, 37 years of age, wife of Mr. Will J. McDougald, breathed her last. About six weeks ago she suffered a severe attack of la grippe, from which some organic heart trouble developed. This was the immediate cause of her death.

She was a truly devoted wife and mother; and the fact that three small children are left to survive her, makes the sadness more intense.

Mrs. McDougald has lived in this town practically all her life. Her husband, she was Miss Maggie Peden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Peden. Besides her husband and children she is survived by a father, mother, and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral was conducted from the home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. Rose, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a loyal and consistent member. Her remains were laid to rest in the Laurinburg cemetery.

The pall-bearers were as follows: W. D. McLaurin, M. L. John, John E. Phillips, T. W. Parker, Dr. C. W. Regan and A. A. Leitch.

## A Live time at Maxton.

Charlotte News.  
Maxton, N. C., April 4.—There was something doing in Maxton Thursday, laying of the corner stone of the Carolina Methodist College by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, an address by Gen. Julian S. Carr, Durham, a public dinner in the flowering park, an auction sale of about 60 town lots adjoining the college grounds, a baseball game between Red Springs and the home team, resulting in a victory of ten to five for the latter, music by the band at appropriate intervals, and withal a jolly good time for home folks and visitors.

The crowd was large and representative, the Masonic ceremonies interesting and impressive, the addresses worthy of the orators, the dinner toothsome and abundant, the real estate sale handsomely remunerative to the seller, Mr. W. S. McNair, and gratifying to the town people, the ball-playing clever and snappy, its special features being the pitching of Carter and the catching of Nunn for the local team, the music musical, and the welcome wide.

Quite a large number of our people went to Laurel Hill church Sunday afternoon to hear Dr. Nash preach on prohibition. Dr. Nash is an able preacher and we all love to hear him.

Mr. J. M. Moore spent the first of the week in Lumberton.

## THE EXCHANGE

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS  
Those Who Come and Go.

Mr. Marvin Beverly spent Sunday in Wadesboro.

Mr. H. E. Mudd, of Gibson, spent Saturday in town.

Mr. T. M. McLaughlin, of Gibson, was in town Saturday on business.

Messrs. W. F. Gibson and S. B. Baxley, of Gibson, spent Monday in Maxton.

Attorney W. S. Thomas, of Rockingham, spent Monday in town on legal business.

Rev. Chas. Fetter returned Monday morning from Wadesboro, where he preached Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tedder are spending a few days in town, visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fields.

Mr. John Forbes, of Robeson county, formerly a citizen of this county, was a visitor in town Saturday.

## Fire in Raeford.

Raeford, April 4.—Today at 1 o'clock the residence of Mr. Jas. A. Blue, a prominent citizen of this town, was burned. The fire is supposed to have been started by a spark from the stove flue igniting the roof. Most of the furnishings were saved, but practically no clothing. The home was one of the most desirable in town and scores of friends regret the loss. The entire loss will be about \$4,000. The insurance is \$2,500.

## Notice to Registers.

The Registration books for the prohibition election open at 9 o'clock a. m., April 24, and close at sunset on Saturday the 16th of day of May. The registrars will attend their voting places with registration books from 9 a. m. till sunset on each day. Those who will not vote at 9 o'clock a. m. on May 23 to avoid low and high challenges.

W. GIBSON, Chairman.

## THE SALOON MUST GO!

BY REV. G. W. BELK.

Rise, ye men of North Carolina,  
Hear ye not the muffled roar  
Of the battle-drum resounding  
From the mountain to the shore?  
Glenn and Pritchard stand together!  
See—the banner floating high,  
Bearing the prophetic symbol:  
"North Carolina Will Go Dry!"

From the piny peaks of Yaney,  
To the sandy shores of Dare,  
Keep the banner proudly waving,  
Press the battle everywhere;  
Strike for home and wife and children;  
Let this be your battle cry,  
As the conflict warms and thickens:  
"North Carolina Shall Go Dry!"

Long have we endured this evil,  
Seen its fruits and felt its curse;  
Tried to check and regulate it,  
But it went from bad to worse!  
Shall we tolerate it longer?  
Let it still our laws defy?  
Help us, God of home and mother,  
"North Carolina Shall Go Dry!"

It has left wives worse than widows,  
Children more than orphans made;  
Blight and ruin, grief and sorrow  
Are its common stock in trade;  
Let it, since it showed no pity,  
Now in vain for pity cry;  
Let your ballot be your answer:  
"North Carolina Shall Go Dry!"

Ho! Ye sons of Carolina!  
Up, and arm you for the fray!  
For the fight is to the finish.  
On the 26th of May!  
Just a long, strong pull together,  
Sunday afternoon to hear Dr. Nash preach on prohibition. Dr. Nash is an able preacher and we all love to hear him.

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