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COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS.

Interesting Account of What Is Going on at the Various Schools of the County.

Alamance Has Two Teams.

It has been suggested by the superintendent that the exhibits of drawing brought to the County Commencement by the various schools contain some drawings of objects of local interest. Among these objects there should be the school house, the local church, any homes of historic interest, or any manufacturing plants. One little boy of the Shoffner School has already drawn the monument that marks the Alamance Battleground.

The Country Life Club of Woodlawn held a meeting Saturday night. Superintendent Robertson gave a practical talk on "Adaptability." An interesting feature of the meeting was a spelling match between twelve of the school children and twelve citizens of the neighborhood. At the close of the contest the score stood 17 to 18 in favor of the school.

The play given by the Friendship High School at Swepsonville last Saturday night was interesting and well rendered.

The Bethany School had a box party last Wednesday night and made $17.89 for the school improvement.

The debates instituted by the two literary societies of the State University were represented in Alamance county by the following meets: Graham High School met Burlington and Jamestown, the latter of Guilford; Burlington met Graham and Jamestown. The Graham debaters won in both meets and will go to Chapel Hill to meet the other successful teams of the State. The Sylvan High School teams won two from the Liberty High School teams and will also go to Chapel Hill. Thus Alamance will have two schools in the finals at the University.

Miss Myrtle Ezell has spent the past ten days superintending the improvement work that is being done at the Mahan School.

Glenwood and Hawfields are improving their yards by leveling them and making good walks.

The Salary Question Again.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I read with interest the article which recently appeared in The State Dispatch in regard to "The Salary System" for the County Officers, and was surprised to know that our county officers had not given this information to the public. I think that they shold give the citizens and taxpayers of the county a full and complete statement showing what amount of salary that has been paid to each county officer. Also what revenue the county has derived from each—in other words a full and complete statement. I have just read in this week's Burlington News an editorial headed "County Politics Warming Up" and I quote from same:

"The fact that the county officers are on a salary basis and that these salaries are not big enough to offer any special inducement for a fight will prevent many from wanting to serve the dear people. In fact, we believe that on this account the contest for county offices will be rather tame, as the present incumbents are not so anxious to hold on as to wage a very bitter fight to keep possession."

Will the News be kind enough to tell the people that when the State Dispatch was fighting for this "Salary System" that the News opposed it. Also that every county officer—ridiculed this measure and stated on every stump that they personally favored salaries because they would get more than they were then getting from the fee system; but for the good of the taxpayers of the county they opposed the bill and but for the strenuous fight put up by the Dispatch the old fee system would still be in force. We are anxiously awaiting for the News to give us the much desired information and we trust that the News will give it in full and in detail.

CITIZEN.

Some misfortuntes make the world akin. But after a man has strained his back working hard all day, you can't expect him to shed tears because some other man broke his arm while cranking an automobile.

GRADED SCHOOL PRIZES.

The John Benners Gibble Medal and Other Prizes and Scholarships to Graded School Scholars.

Well Worth Trying For.

Rev. Mr. Gibble, rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, has established The John Benners Gibble Medal in the High School Department of the City Graded Schools. This medal is open to all students in the High School of our city. Mr. Gibble formally tendered the medal Tuesday morning at chapel exercises. It is a beautiful gold medal with clasp for the name of the winner and from the clasp suspended by golden chains hangs the body of the medal with this inscription on the front: "The John Benners Gibble Medal, Burlington, N. C., 1914." On the reverse side are the words: "Excellence in Debate, City Graded Schools." The final contest for the medal will take place during commencement.

PRIZE ESSAY, SUBJECT, "ORAL HYGIENE."

This prize is a gold medal awarded by the Tuesday Afternoon Club of our city. It is open to pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. The length of the papers are not to exceed six hundred words and are to be handed to teachers by April 15, 1914. Teachers of above named grades are to select six of the best papers to be submitted to judges, appointed by a committee named by the Tuesday Afternoon Club. Papers sent to the judges are to be marked with letters of the alphabet instead of with the writers' names. The judges are to write their decision on slips of paper put in an envelope, seal and band to the Superintendent of the School. The paper receiving the largest number of votes will receive a gold medal from the Tuesday Afternoon Club.

READING CONTEST, PRIZE A $10 GOLD PIECE.

Rev. Mr. Buck, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of our city, offers a ten dollar gold piece to the best reader of Scripture selections. The selections for the final contest are to be made from selections that have already been named by Mr. Buck. This contest is open to all students of the High School Department. The final contest is to take place during commencement week and the prize awarded to the successful contestant at that time.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Superintendent has in hand six scholarships open to graduates of the Senior Class and good for the year 1914-1915. These scholarships are from leading educational institutions of North Carolina and Virginia. Two of the six are from Universities. These are excellent opportunities for those who win to continue their studies in college or university.

PRIZE ESSAY, SUBJECT "THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA."

The Chamber of Commerce of our city offers Ten Dollars in Gold for the best article, not to exceed 2,000 words, written by a High School pupil in the City Graded Schools.

The teachers of the High School Grades are to examine all essays submitted and select three of the best to be read on Contest Evening of the Commencement.

All papers to be submitted to the High School teachers for examination must be in the hands of the Superintendent not later than April 15, 1914.

Judges for the final contest are to be appointed by the Chamber of Commerce or by the president thereof. The Chamber of Commerce is to have the use of the paper that wins for publication, without cost, if they so desire.

This is a nice prize and should draw forth some excellent articles about our City that will do good at home and abroad.

It is a good thing on the part of the Chamber of Commerce thus to encourage home talent and at the same time to have told some of the good things about Burlington and the opportunities it offers.

(The Twice-a-Week Dispatch will publish in its columns the three winning essays, if allowed this honor by the winners.—Ed.)

A. & M. COLLEGE HAS FIRE.

Magnificent School Building of A. & M. Went Up in Smoke Early Wednesday Morning.

The Textile Building Burns.

Raleigh, March 26.—At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning the magnificent Textile Building of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina was discovered to be on fire by students of the nearby dormitories. Within an hour the building and contents were almost a total loss. Three lines of hose were turned on at the beginning by the College boys, the water being supplied by the college tank. When the city steamer and hose wagon arrived these lines were cut off and the entire pressure turned into the city main. Still efforts to check were or no avail.

The building, fronting on Hillsboro road on the northern edge of the campus, between the Administration Building and the new dormitory, was erected in 1901 at a cost of $30,000. The machinery in the building cost at least $45,000. Ninety-five per cent. was donated by manufacturers of cotton oil machinery. The well equipped dyeing laboratory and supplies, text books, classroom equipment, etc., was worth at least ten thousand dollars. This building was in charge of Prof Thomas Nelson. When asked of the value of building and contents, he almost choked, thinking of the labor of love it represented.

At 3:30, the entire structure, with the exception of the southwest corner had been gutted by the fierce flames.

The efforts of the students were heroic. In bathrobes and bedroom slippers they manned hose lines and crept up within the breath of the flames and turned on what feeble streams were at the command of the depleted mains. The other students looked on with an expression almost heart-rending.

The fire originated on the third floor in the southwest corner, in which was located a small office used by Prof. R. Moore Parker. From there its pread rapidly over this floor, which dropped in a few minutes to the floor below and soon flames spouted from every window on every side save the east. In the southeast corner of the basement the firemen and the college lads were fighting against hope to stop the flames before the acid tanks of the dyeing department were reached.

AWE INSPIRING SPECTACLE.

With the tall tower a mass of red tongues to its very top, standing like a beacon over the campus, the sight was indeed a spectacular one. On all sides stood groups of cadets, many of them clad only in bathrobes, nearly all bareheaded. In every face was written sorrow. Apart from the boys stood President D. H. Hill and Prof. Thomas Nelson in silence that spoke volumes of sorrow. This building was one of the show places of the college and held a place very dear in the hearts of all the boys, whether of the textile department or not.

FLAMES GAINED HEADWAY.

When the shrill whistle of the boiler house gave the alarm to the students and citizens of West Raleigh the flames had already enveloped the western part of the building, and, with the feeble water supply through the college hose furnishes no hope of saving the structure and contents. The call to the Raleigh fire department was given as soon as possible and the steamer was carried with hose wagon to the scene. When the two streams of strong pressure was turned on the roaring building the fire was at its height. The high tower, upon which many baseball and football scores had ben painted, soon caught. The firemen aided by students who used the college hose turned their attention to saving the extreme end of the building and some of the machinery. After burning about an hour part of the western wall collapsed and there was no probability of saving any of the walls. What part of them do not fall during the day will certainly not be of any use in the rebuilding.

WATER PRESSURE BAD.

The firemen had one more struggle with the problem of poor water pressure and without the use of the engine the streams would never have reached the second story. The high elevation of the campus and buildings, though, is the direct cause of the lack of proper pressure. It was said during the fire that the top of the entrance door of the main building is on a level with the stand pipe. The engine gave the desired pressure, however, and had the fire been discovered during its beginning the building could have been easily saved.

The burning of the textile building yesterday morning was the second big fire in the history of the college. About 12 years ago, Watauga Hall, a dormitory, was destroyed, entailing a loss of $27,000. As was the case this morning students played a good part in the work of fighting the flames.

WILL NOT SUSPEND STUDIES.

President Hill stated while the fire was in progress that the work of the textile students will not be interrupted and arrangements will probably be made with some of the cotton factories in the city for help in the continuation of the machinery work. There are 43 textile students in college.

There will be no plans in regard to the rebuilding of the structure until the meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees, when the question will be formally discussed. Dr. Hill thought, though, that there would be no delay in the rebuilding and the new building will probably be ready by the opening of school in the fall.

A meeting of the board of trustees has been called for today at 12:00 o'clock to consider plans for rebuilding the burned structure.

The building and contents were insured for $6'. About thirty-five per cent of this amount can be collected.

Latest estimates of the value of the building and machinery range from sixty to seventy-five thousand dollars. The building will be replaced in time for next session.

Textile classes yesterday were held as usual, some of them in the Pullen Building and some in the Engineering Building. Not a single class was missed.

NEW GROCERY ORGANIZED.

Buy Out the McLamb Company and Will Enlarge the Business. $10,000 Capital Paid In.

The Standard Gro Co.

The Standard Grocery Company is the name of a new grocery firm recently organized in our town with a paid in capital stock of $10,000. The firm has been organized by Mr. T. L. Sellars and has the following stockholders: Messrs. T. L. Sellars, Dr. J. H. Brooks, Gilbert Amick, Charles Amick, Sam and Ed. Moore and L. H. Aldridge. The new firm has purchased the entire stock of goods from McLamb Company and has taken over their entire business. The new organization will begin business on April 1. The officers of the company will be elected at a meeting to be held in the near future. The stockholders are among the best business men of our town and county.

Inquiry Being Made About Rumor of Mishap to Roosevelt Party.

New York, March 23.—After waiting all day in vain for further advices regarding a report of an accident to the Roosevelt exploration party in Brazil, the American Museum of Natural History tonight cabled to the American Consul at Para asking for the information:

"Can you obtain any information concerning the Roosevelt party? Wire Santarem. Advise by telegraph at earliest possibility. All expenses guaranteed."

Santarem is the town in the State of Para from which Anthony Fiala on Sunday sent his brief message that the Roosevelt party had "lost everything in the rapids."

Nothing to supplement Fiala's dispatch was received here during the day. Colonel Roosevelt's friends and family expressed no anxiety about his personal safety but were eager to learn more about the mishap. They did not know where to address their inquiries.

BANDIT "FALLS DOWN."

Wounds Cashier and a Patron of the Altoona Union National Bank and Escapes with $2,500.

Frightened By Officers.

Altoona, Pa., March 23.—In true Wild West fashion a lone bandit entered the Union National Bank at noon today, when only half the clerical force was on duty, shot the cashier, A. P. Rupert, 58 years old, and a patron, W. E. Blackburn, 40, assistant foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad Air Brake Shop; stuffed $2,500 in bills into his pockets, ran out, jumped into a taxicab at the door and made his escape. The two persons wounded will recover. No clew to the robber has been found by the police.

The bandit arrived at the bank in the taxi, which he had stolen from the front of the home of R. C. Mays, an automobile dealer, fifteen squares away. The last patron was walking our as he entered. He carried a satchel, in which he evidently intended to carry away his booty, but which he didn't have time to use.

Walking up to the first window, behind which stood C. C. Burket, the teller, he pushed a big automatic pistol through the grill work and commanded: "Hand out what you got in there." Burket dropped beneath the counter.

The banking room is separated from the lobby by a bronze partition, seven feet high. Quick as a flash, the man began to climb over the partition. Rupert was sitting at his desk near the big safe, and Mrs. Oscar Shaver, the book-keeper, was bending over her ledger. They heard his demand for money, saw his revolver and fled toward the door leading to the cellar. Mrs. Shaver reached the cellar in safety, but as Rupert reached the door the robber fired and the bullet ploughed a ten-inch gash along the wall of his stomach. The wound is not serious unless complications develop.

Helping himself to the packages of money, while Burket continued to crouch under the counter, the bandit opened the wicket and jumped off into the lobby. Firing a couple of shots to terrorize the bank employes, he started for the door.

Blackburn came into his charge, and the robber shot him in the left thigh. The bullet is still in the leg, but the wound is not considered dangerous.

The bank is at Eighth Avenue and Twelfth Street, the most prominent corner on the East Side. More than 2,000 Pennsylvania shopmen pass by there on their way to and from lunch every day between twelve and one o'clock. At least 200 persons were within a square of the bank at the time of the shooting.

They pressed forward just as the robber ran into the street. He fired right and left, and they fled to cover.

Springing into the taxi, the motor of which was still running, the bandit dashed off down Eighth Avenue. Several persons rushed out of John P. Butler's Drug Store, across the street, to see what the excitement was about and were met with a fusillade of bullets. The plate glass windows were shattered, and the show cases inside damaged, but no one was struck.

The bandit drove at breakneck speed to Fifteenth Street, then to Fourth Avenue, then to Ninth street, where the automobile was abandoned in an alley. Ten minuets later the police found in, with the motor still running.

The only clew was obtained from a woman. She saw the robber run down Ninth Street, where all trace of him was lost. Half a dozen suspects were arrested, but all proved their innocence and were released.

The police believe the job was the work of a professional thief. The County Commissioners have offered a reward of $100 for his capture.

It is reported that $200,000 of the school funds were kept in the safe near which the cashier was sitting when the bandit entered. If he knew of the presence of this fund, he did not have time to get it.

A merchant cannot omit his advertising without the fact being noticed—to his disadvantage. If he could, he could also close his store for a while now and then, to "save expense."

ROBS BANK KILLS NO.

Negro Institution Entered by Man Who Demands That the Safe be Opened.

Real Wild Style.

Atlanta, Ga., March 25.—An unsuccessful attempt to rob the Atlanta State Savings Bank, 200 Auburn avenue, a negro institution, was made here today by a lone bandit. The police have arrested a white man giving his name as Ed. Rhynata, 30 years old, on suspicion of having attempted to hold up the bank. Rhynata, who is married and says he is an actor, denies any knowledge of the affair.

J. C. Ross, 32 years old, negro book-keeper in the bank, was the only officer present in the bank when he was confronted shortly after 5 p. m. by the robber who pointing a revolver at him, demanded that he accompany him into the vault, the doors of which were standing open.

"Get into the vault and get in there quick," was the bandit command according to Ross.

Both men entered the vault the robber demanding that Ross open the doors of the safe containing the bank's funds, which was locked. The negro refused and the bandit struck him over the head with a piece of gas pipe and inflicted a severe scalp wound. The book-keeper then grappled with the robber, finally escaped from the vault and into Auburn avenue giving the alarm. The robber rushed from the bank. James Tate, a negro post-office clerk, attempted to stop the robber, the latter drawing a revolver and firing wildly at Tate.

Tate and others took up the pursuit of the robber which turned into Houston street where he attempted to board a car, he conductor forcing him off. Th bandit drew his revolver and fired twice at the conductor, both shots going wild. The conductor returned the fire but failed to hit the fleeing man.

From Houston street the hunted bandit turned into Peachtree street, which he followed to Cain street, where he forced a negro, at the point of a revolver to make room for him in his buggy. Keeping the revolver levelled at the negro he made him whip his horse into a gallop and turn into Williams Street. Here the robber jumped from the vehicle and fled.

William Wooten, a negro, told the police a few minutes later that he had seen an excited man go into a house at 30 Williams street. The police found Rhynata in the house, lying in bed. His wife was with him. He told the police he had been ill and in bed the entire day. His wife told a similar story.

The arrested man says he has been in Atlanta about three months. The police assert that he has been identified by several persons, who were in the crowd that pursued the robber.

The chase of the robber covered, a distance of about 12 blocks before he jumped from the buggy and fled. Rhynata tonight was identified by Ross, the book-keeper as the man who confronted him, according to the police. The accused said his home was in Denver, Col., and that he had been in Atlanta for about three months. The authorities said he told them that he had not been working for some time.

Special Sermons.

For the next three Sabbaths, both morning and evening, the sermons at the First Street Methodist Episcopal Church, will be of more than usual interest. The sermons will be illustrated with colored charts and diagrams, showing the wonderful progress of Christianity among the nations of the earth. The pastor, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, believes in a Church membership that has a world grasp on human needs, and a Faith that accepts and applies the Gospel of Christ as the best solution of those needs.

DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED.

The Date of the Meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committe Changed to June 4.

Raleigh, March 25.—The State Democratic Executive Committee voted to change the date for the State Convention from June 17 to June 4 in order to avoid conflict with the North Carolina Medical Society that will be in Raleigh June 16-18.

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