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BLAZED FROM AN ENGINE.

The Terrible Experience of Fireman Montgomery.

Ed Montgomery, fireman on the Richmond & Danville road, was blown from his engine, near King's Mountain, last night. He is alive today and has a chance for recovery...

Local Notes. Mr. Harvey Henderson returned this morning from a visit to Selma and Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Patsie Morris, daughter of the late G. C. Morris, returned to Peace Institute this morning.

There will be divine service with Holy Communion at St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church next Sunday morning beginning at 11 a. m.

Chief of police Dick Ma on now wears a stylish police cap of the regulation pattern. It was presented to him by the members of the force.

Esquire D. G. Maxwell today received a check from the State auditor for \$100, payable to J. F. Starnes and E. D. Johnston, as their reward for the capture of John Wilson, the murderer.

The fire alarm was turned in at 5 o'clock this morning for a blaze at the coal chute of the Richmond & Danville. A fire kindled by the hands ignited the timbers of the structure. But little damage was done.

Mr. J. A. Ingram, of Henderson, Texas, was married in this city today, to Miss Katie McCormick, of Richmond county. The ceremony was performed by Esquire D. G. Maxwell, at the residence of W. L. Harmon, 217 East Trade street.

The News is indebted to Rev. J. R. Carpenter, pastor of the Church street Methodist church, for a pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, held at Asheville, last November. The pamphlet is edited by C. G. Montgomery, the secretary, and is very ably prepared.

The King's Mountain News says: The old Lincoln paper mills were sold on last Monday to satisfy a mortgage of the First National Bank of Charlotte, N. C. The property was bought by Mr. Robt. Owen, of Charlotte, N. C., for the sum of \$11,000. A new company is to be formed and the property much improved in various ways.

New Advertisements To-Day. Cottage for rent. Norton yard. J. E. Carter. For rent-Baxter Davidson. A sewing sale-Rogers & Co. Tooth powder-A. B. Reese & Co. Barbers wanted-Wm. Wedlock. Shoes for the Million-A. B. Reese & Co. A diabolical intrigue-Jas. Harrison & Co.

HOFFMAN & ALEXANDER'S TOOTH POWDER AT A. B. REESE & CO. 25 Cents a Box.

Young Men's Day.

Tomorrow will be young men's day in Charlotte. At the request of the devotional committee of the Young Men's Christian Association the pastors of the city will preach special sermons to young men, the subjects being as follows:

"Is the young man Abelism safe," 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. D. Ausage, at the Trade street Baptist church.

"The young man whom Jesus loved," 11 a. m., at the A. R. F. church, South Tryon street, by Rev. C. E. Todd.

"A great opportunity," 11 a. m., Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D. Second Presbyterian church, North Tryon street.

"What is true manhood?" 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. R. Carpenter, Church street M. E. church.

"A special sermon suited to the young man of this rustling, bustling age," 7:30 p. m., Rev. W. K. Creasy, D. D. of Tryon street M. E. church, at Y. M. C. A. Hall.

"The legion of the body," 11 a. m., Rev. Frank D. Hunt, Graham street Presbyterian church.

"True manhood," 7:30 p. m., Rev. G. A. Page, at West street M. E. church.

"A special sermon to young men," 7:30 p. m., Rev. A. G. McMannaway, D. D. Tryon street Baptist church.

On account of the illness of Dr. Rowman, of the Lutheran church, communion service has been postponed several weeks; it will be observed tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and the doctor will preach a sermon to young men at a later date.

Mr. W. R. Gales, of Winston, assistant State Secretary, will give a special talk to men at the Rally at the Young Men's Christian Association at 4:30 p. m., to which men are cordially invited. Mr. Gales gives a good talk and those who heard him before will wish to hear him again. The Rally was interesting and enjoyable and the parlor was crowded last Sunday at Dr. Creasy's talk.

Have You Heard From Old Nick.

Nearly everybody in Charlotte received circulars through the mails today, giving a certain brand of whiskey. The circular gives the price of the truck and contains a lot of testimonials. The latter are unique. Here is a sample:

A prominent lawyer and editor writes:

N. C., Feb. 26, '90. Gentlemen: I enclose rates of advertising. Old Nick was an old friend of the writer years and years ago when a student at "Log Town," Judge Pearson's Law School. Would like to sample some of the same old stuff. I will take pleasure in giving prominence to ad. by local references and personal appeals to personal friends and dealers. I frequently tell my wife a little of the "ere'er" helps my throat. I shall expect the ad. and a sample.

Yours Truly,

Weekly Bank Statement. Reserves increase 5,814,900. Loans increase 1,543,300. Specie increase 5,519,300. Legal Tender increase 2,348,200. Deposits increase 9,010,000. Circulation increase 27,700.

Mrs. Sallie Haughton and Miss Patsie Stinson, two Mecklenburg ladies who recently settled in Colorado, write home that for the past few weeks, the snow on their ranch has been 15 feet deep on a level. They are in good health, though, and seem to enjoy life out there.

TALKS ABOUT DEAD FAIRS.

CHARLOTTE'S FAIR DIED THE DEATH.

But the Poplar Tent Fair was a Good Match for It—What a Newspaper Reporter's Story of a Bull Fight Did—A Day When Oats were in Demand—Where the Public Marriage at Fair Originated.

The party around the stove in the drug store last night, some way or another got to talking about county fairs. "I wonder if we will ever have another one in Charlotte?" one of the party mused. "No, sir," promptly spoke up another, "for the last fair died the death. I never saw a thing die in more earnest. The best thing about the whole business was the action of the board of directors in awarding a silver pitcher to the reporter who had boomed and bolstered the fair in the local daily. The pitcher was awarded him on the ground that he was a capable and meritorious stretcher of the blanket."

The newspaper man happened to be one of the group, and he suggested that the history of the Poplar Tent fair ought to be gotten up in pamphlet form and preserved to posterity. "Tell us about it," came several voices at once. The newspaper man had not long to tarry, but he consented to sketch in outline, a few facts in the history of a fair whose origin and career were unique.

About 1879, Dr. Columbus Mills and a number of the neighboring farmers of the then prosperous Poplar Tent section had an exhibition of blooded cattle. It was the finest show of the character ever known in the State, and after it was all over, the suggestion for an annual fair was made. All were in for it at once. Grounds were bought and fenced in, buildings erected, and the Poplar Tent fair was ushered into history. For five summers, the fair had a great run, but on the sixth year, it pegged out. I was there at its death, and I think that if ever a thing did die in good style, that fair did."

The farmers didn't bring a thing, not even so much as a tick, but they just stood around chewing tobacco and laughing at the bust. The ladies congregated in floral hall, admired the quilts, helped each other to eat the preserves and pickles, and talked all the time about what a shame it was that the men were so mean. The agent of an agricultural house who had a patent plow in Agricultural Hall (the hall was a shady patch of ground under an oak tree finally drove off in high dudgeon leaving the plow on the hands of the association. The secretary and treasurer and the committee on resolutions met a few days afterwards and fixed up papers by which the Poplar Tent and St. John's fairs were consolidated at Concord, and they now have there an annual fair that is worth going to see."

"About the time the Poplar Tent fair started," continued the newspaper man, "I had just come to Charlotte as local editor of a daily, and I took every advantage to show my loyalty to Cabarrus. To help out the fair, I got up a story of a bull fight that was to take place. I wrote it up in graphic style and the article was copied in the papers from Maine to the Rio Grande. Incidentally, I had mentioned that if any one didn't believe the bull fight would take place as described, they could write to Shake Harris, Shake was postmaster at Poplar Tent. It was an unusual thing for the weekly mail bag to come

even half filled, but a few days after the article about the bull fight was out, the Poplar Tent postoffice was paralyzed. A hack drove up, its springs bent together by the weight of the mail bags. The bags contained letters, circulars and papers from humane societies all over the United States, all addressed to the postmaster and protesting against the bull fight. Shake was in a hurry and he was mad. The postoffice, which occupied a corner of the store, could not begin to hold the stuff, but he packed it away under the counters, filled up the vacant space in the shelving and threw a few sacks up into the garret. From that day to this, that store has never run short on wrapping paper.

The big Poplar Tent drunk 1880 has never yet been explained. In 1879 it rained tremendously all day long and everybody on the hill was drunk. That was the day oats sold high. A fellow was on the ground with a wagon load of oats. You paid 50 cents for a bundle and found a quart of liquor down in the oats. There was a revenue agent on the grounds that day, but he bought as many oats as anybody else.

It was the Poplar Tent fair that originated the idea of public marriage. Capt. Chas. McDonald got up the scheme, and furnished the bride and groom. Col. Thos. Robinson married the couple. County fairs everywhere caught up the idea and no fair was considered complete without a wedding. The win is on the head of Chas. McDonald."

A Marriage Next Wednesday. Cards have been issued for the marriage of Mr. John W. Powell to Miss Hattie Pogram, daughter of the late W. W. Pogram. The ceremony is to be performed next Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Pogram, on South Tryon street.

A Mural Tablet. The ladies of the First Presbyterian church have started a movement for a mural tablet to the late Dr. A. W. Miller, to be placed in the vestibule of the First Presbyterian church. Already quite a handsome sum has been subscribed. All the ladies who desire aid in the movement, can leave their subscriptions at the store of M. P. Pogram, Jr.

The Sunday school will pay a tribute to Dr. Miller's memory in the contribution of a baptismal font. Their Fame Going Abroad. Under the head of Trade Items, the Iron Age of New York, has this to say of one of Charlotte's hardware firms: Brown Waddington & Co., Charlotte, N. C., have recently taken possession of their building on College street, which has been fitted up exclusively for their wholesale department. The building is 50x100 feet, three stories and a basement; and will be in charge of Col. John L. Brown and P. M. Brown. The retail business will be continued at the old stand, under the management of J. H. Waddington. The firm employ four travelling men, and do an extensive business North and South Carolina. The increase in their business necessitates larger accommodations.

The congregations of the First Presbyterian church and Associate Reformed church, will worship together to-morrow morning at the Associate Reformed church, and at night at the First Presbyterian church. The services will be conducted by Rev. C. E. Todd. The collections, morning and night, will be divided between the two churches.

A SWEEPING SALE OF CLOTHES.

The entire Stock of the McDowell Clothing Company was sold to us by the Receiver at a GREAT SACRIFICE FOR SPOT CASH.

We offer this \$15,000 stock of Fine Clothing, Hats, and Furnishings at less than half value.

It is a new clean stock, as the firm was in business only a few months, and it will be sold cheaper than any Clothing was ever sold in Charlotte.

This is a Cash sale.

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Open till 11:30 this p. m. 21 West Trade street.

LADIES \$2 SHOES.

WE have just received another shipment of our Ladies \$2 Shoe. We are now buying these Shoes from three factories. We can't say they are run all the time on our orders; but we keep orders there all the time, and keep the Shoes coming, so that we are able to fit any foot. Come in and see what a handsome Shoe we are hauling out for a two dollar bill or two dollars in silver. Every pair warranted.

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Ladies Cork Sole Button, best Kangaroo Kid, price \$3.50. This shoe is perfectly waterproof, the best stock ever put in a shoe, and will wear as long as two pair of ordinary shoes. We have all kind of footwear, to suit all kind of people. Give us a call.

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