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MAYOR McNICH CALLS MEETING OF BOARD ALDERMEN

City Fathers will Consider the Ordinance Governing the Sale of Milk and the Inspection of Cattle, Passed at Last Meeting of the Board.

Dr. I. W. Faison, Chairman of the Health Committee Issues a Statement in Which he Declares the Law a Good One Aldermen will Meet Friday.

Mayor McNinch has called a meeting of the board of aldermen for Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, at which time the ordinance governing the sale of milk and the inspection of cattle will be discussed.

No law that has been put on the city records has caused quite so much talk as this ordinance. Some believe there are errors in the law and many think that modification should be made.

In an interview with Mayor McNinch this morning that official said: "I have called a meeting of the board of aldermen for Friday at 3.30 p. m., so as to hear all the complaints and consider all advice which may be offered concerning the workings of the new milk inspection ordinance."

"The aldermen understand that in a new department like this which is so far-reaching that an ordinance is likely to have errors, and they expect to be called on to correct some and will gladly do so when such errors are pointed out."

"I understand that the health committee through Dr. I. W. Faison, chairman, have several changes which they desire to be made in the ordinance."

"I am sure the board of aldermen had no intention of interfering with the sale of milk in large quantities, and that they expected only a modest change would be made for inspecting cattle. I am sure that they were favoring the larger dairymen in preference to the smaller ones. If such a condition is shown the board will gladly change it. All interested are invited to be present at the meeting of the aldermen Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock."

Dr. I. W. Faison, chairman of the health committee, issued the following signed statement today:

Statement From Dr. Faison.

To the Milk and Butter Consumers and Producers:

From the articles on the pure food bill that are appearing in the papers it seems to me that it is now time for me to say something that may tend to set things right.

Where and how did this movement originate?

From reports that come to me all sorts of evil reports are in the air as to special interest as with veterinary surgeons, and with the milk producing association.

These and all other such assertions or insinuations are absolutely false. First, I want to say this to the consumers and to place the responsibility where it belongs. The cry came from you. It was heard by your several family doctors. They, as they always do, heard the cry in the true spirit. They met at the Academy of Medicine, discussed it, and passed resolutions petitioning the board of aldermen to pass an ordinance regulating the milk and meat supply. This petition came before the board of aldermen and was referred to the health committee for action. I happened to be chairman of that committee.

I want to say that I was in full accord with the movement in the Academy of Medicine and took up the measure as chairman of the board of health in good faith and determined so far as practicable to pass an ordinance that would insure good, wholesome milk for you and your children.

I am glad to say to the good people of Charlotte that the entire board of aldermen is in full sympathy with the measure, and the cry to repeal the ordinance will not be heard by this board. In all candor I must say with the lights before them if they should repeal or any one of them vote to repeal it, in all kinds of ways and to say that such an one vote directly against the best interests of the people they represent.

To the producers—I know that you who write and talk against this ordinance as it is to be finally passed, either do not know what you are talking about or the desire in you to make money is at the cost of sickness and death to your neighbors and friends, or perhaps kindred or, and nearer, your own families, is too strong. We have grown to be a large city. We are dependent upon the milk and butter you furnish. We have the right to protect ourselves against such things and we must do it.

This ordinance as it is to be finally passed will be in keeping with the march of higher civilization and no man or set of men can afford to get in the way.

There will be a meeting of the board

of aldermen at the city hall Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Each and every one of you are now cordially and especially invited to attend and consult over this matter.

Very truly,
I. W. FAISON,
Chairman Board of Health.

NEGLIGENCE CAUSED WRECK.

Coroners' Jury Finds Operator Guilty of Negligence Not Criminal

By Associated Press.
Canyon City, Col. March 27.—The coroners jury which has been investigating the Denver and Rio Grande wreck at Adobe on March 14, yesterday returned a verdict saying: That the collision was due to carelessness and negligence of S. F. Lively, operator at Swallows; that said negligence was not willful or malicious; that night operator Vandusen should not have deserted his post of duty; that no criminal prosecution should lie against Lively or the railroad by reason of said collision.

TACKLED WRONG CROWD.

Would-Be Murderer at Waynesville is Shot to Death.

Special to The News.
Asheville, N. C., March 27.—A special to the Gazette-News from Waynesville says that early this morning Samuel Ray was shot and instantly killed just below the depot by one of a party of three men, Policeman Henry Able, Dr. Able, his brother, and Policeman Davenport.

The current report is that Policeman Able fired the fatal shot. The trouble grew out of the arrest of Wiley Ray, a brother of Sam, yesterday afternoon by Policeman Able.

Early this morning Sam Ray went out with his Winchester rifle, saying he would kill Able. He fired several shots at Able's house and then went toward the depot where the three were standing. He opened fire and they responded killing him. An inquest is being held.

MRS. ALICE WEBB DUKE AGAIN.

Counsel Will Not Oppose Granting Decree in Suit for Divorce.

By Associated Press.
New York, March 27.—Counsel for Mrs. Alice Webb Duke in the supreme court announced that in accordance with his agreement he would not oppose the taking of an inquest and granting of a decree in suit for divorce brought against her by Brodie L. Duke.

He said, however, at a later date he might move to reopen the case.

THE OLD OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED

Prof. Geo. B. Hanna Again at the Head of the Inter-State Y. M. C. A. Work. Rev. G. C. Huntington Again Named as Inter-State Secretary.

Special to The News.
Charleston, S. C., March 27.—The Y. M. C. A. convention for North and South Carolina, which has been in session in this city for the past two days, came to a close last night.

Never in the history of Charleston has there been gathered together such a number of Christian workers among the young men. It is very evident that the gathering here will be productive of much real good. Sunday a number of the pulpits of the city were filled by delegates to the convention. At the Citadel Square Baptist church Rev. Plato T. Durham, of Charlotte, preached a wonderfully smart sermon. Among other things, Mr. Durham said:

"We stand today at a period of great transition. Men are restless to move to a still higher plane and the conditions of modern life demand and advance. The marvelous progress in the industrial world, the advance in the intellectual world and the complicated social life of today demand a clearer interpretation of the spirit of the Master, and in order to meet this crisis it is necessary for the acknowledged followers of Christ to become imbued with the spirit of Christ."

At the second Presbyterian church a splendid sermon to a large congregation was preached by the Rev. G. C. Huntington, of Charlotte, at the Calhoun street Christian church Mr. H. J. Knebel, of Charlotte, addressed a large congregation.

One of the features of the Sabbath services was an address at the Academy of Music by Mr. C. C. Michener of New York Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Plato Durham addressed a large meeting of the Boys' Sunday Club. At this meeting Mr. H. J. Knebel of Charlotte, presided.

At the meeting yesterday all the old officers were re-elected. They are as follows: George B. Hanna, chairman, Charlotte; M. B. Spier, vice-chairman, Charlotte; Dr. Johnston, vice-chairman for South Carolina, Rock Hill; F. D. Lethco, secretary, Charlotte; George Stephens, treasurer, Charlotte.

Mr. G. C. Huntington, of Charlotte, was elected inter-state secretary and Mr. A. C. Bridgman, assistant state secretary.

Governor Pattison Improves

By Associated Press.

Columbus, March 27.—Governor Pattison continues to gain strength. His friends are greatly encouraged and some declare he will recover.

VETERANS UNITE AND PAY HOMAGE TO LAMENTED DEAD

In Atlanta Veterans of Civil and Spanish American War Gathered To-day. Wheeler's Daughters Guests of Honor at Speaking in Opera House.

Big Parade Prevented by Drenching Rain that Began at Dawn. Thousands Hear Distinguished Speakers. Memorable Occasion.

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., March 27.—The memorial exercises in honor of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, prepared by Camp A, Wheeler's Confederate Cavalry, were held here today.

Representatives of veterans of the Civil War and the Spanish-American War, in both of which General Wheeler took a large part, united to do him honor and to speak tenderly and reverently of his deeds.

A splendid military parade was planned to precede the addresses, but a drenching rain, which continued from early morning, made it necessary to omit this part of the program.

The Grand Opera House, where the exercises were held, was decorated appropriately with the national colors. Boxes were occupied by daughters of General Wheeler, honored guests of the day, Misses Annie, Lucy and Carrie Wheeler, and Mrs. Julia Wheeler-Harris, sister of the lamented General. Other boxes were filled with prominent members of the Daughters of the Confederacy and similar organizations.

Col. Thompson H. Jones, chairman of the local committee of Wheeler Cavalry, introduced Rev. Joseph M. Terrell, who made the address of welcome, and introduced the first speaker, Hon. John D. Mattox, representing Wheeler's Cavalry; Gen. Clement A. Evans, representing the United Confederate Veterans, in the absence of Gen. Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the organization; "Corporal" James Tanner, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Major Charles R. Miller, of Cleveland, Ohio, speaking for the Spanish war veterans.

COAL OPERATORS AND MINERS.

Will Report a Disagreement to This Session This Afternoon.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, March 27.—The joint scale committee of the Baltimore Coal Operators and Miners of the Central Competitive District decided to report a disagreement to the session of the Joint Conference of Miners and Operators to be held at two o'clock.

Texas Bank Closes Doors.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 27.—The comptroller of the currency has been advised that the first National Bank of West, Texas, closed its doors today.

TILLMAN DISCUSSES CAMPAIGN MONIES

Whatever Doubt as to Existing Law and Insurance Companies There is None as to National Banks, Railroad Discrimination.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 27.—Senator Tillman presented in the Senate the daily communication on the question of railroad discrimination to meet the request of Mr. Scott as he explained.

The letter in this case was from Samuel Kinzy, of Curriek, Pa., President of the Pittsburg Standard Coal Company, who made the complaint that the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad refuses to afford accommodations to his company's mines, 31 miles west of Pittsburg.

In the same connection, Tillman referred to his resolution concerning contributions of National Banks to the Campaign Committees and make it a basis for a reference to the difference between District Attorney Jerome and Judge O'Sullivan as to the applicability of the existing law to the liability of insurance companies for the same offense.

Whatever doubt might exist as to insurance companies, there could be said, he believed constitute malfeasance in office and call for punishment under law.

Introduction of testimony in the proceedings against Senator Smoot was concluded. Argument will be made next week. The hearings have extended over three sessions of congress.

The House considered the urgent deficiency bill.

Williams addressed the house on the tariff question commenting on the letter which passed between McCall, Mass. and Payne, N. Y.

COMING TO BIG CELEBRATION.

Wadesboro Veterans Will Be Here—Large Sales of Guano—No Need For Tigers.

Special to The News.

Wadesboro, March 27.—Criminal court convenes in Wadesboro April 16. Judge Moore will preside. The docket is very full, there being two murders if not three. J. V. Johnson, who killed his father-in-law last December and whose case was continued the last term of the criminal court till April term. Walter McBride, colored, charged with killing Mr. Mike Williams last January, and Monroe Scales, colored, who brutally murdered his brother in February. Scales is at large. He is represented as being a dangerous negro. This is a pretty good showing for Anson.

Sunday was a bitter cold day. There was not a very large attendance in the different churches.

Mr. J. T. Patrick is having his lot in front of his residence, decorated with a new iron fence.

Mrs. Andrew Farrelly, of Georgetown, S. C., is visiting in Wadesboro.

Nine barrooms and two distilleries in the town! No need of blind tigers. An immense amount of whiskey is shipped from this place daily. Most of the stuff goes to South Carolina by express. It takes the express wagon three trips daily to the station to supply the wants of the lovers of the ardent in that State.

Acree in cotton is cut down in this county, but heavy fertilizing is the order of the day, and it is thought a full crop will be the result.

There has been the heaviest sale of labor-saving tools in this county this season since the war. This looks like prosperity. But, alas! the same teams that carry these machines home are loaded with meat and corn. This tells the tale.

Guano sales in this section has been immense, probably the largest since the war. Our people are still hauling the stuff. We hope their anticipations will be realized.

Mr. Henry Little will, at an early day, commence the erection of his new store on Green street. This structure will be of brick and when finished will be the largest store in Wadesboro.

Many of our veterans will go to Charlotte to attend the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Independence. General Carr will be there and the boys will follow Jule let him go where he will.

It makes no difference what the color of The News may be, it will always be read by this scribe.

Candidates are plentiful in this section. Hand-shaking and inquiries as to the health of the good wife and children by the fellows that want your vote is now in order.

WATER COMPANY MUST PAY DAMAGES

Liable for Damages Sustained in Fire in Which the Water Pressure was Insufficient. Mrs. Smoot Prostrated. Other Notes of Interest.

Special to The News.
Greensboro, March 27.—Federal Court Clerk Trogen today received the mandate of the United States Supreme Court affirming the decisions of the State Supreme Court and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the suit of B. J. Fisher and others against the Greensboro Water Supply Company. The mandate declares that "the judgment creditors are entitled to priority of payment over and above the liens of the mortgages set out in the proceedings and pleadings in the action," and directs that the receiver, R. D. King, pay over to Helen G. Brown \$2,200 and \$1,800 to B. J. Fisher, \$25,000, with interest from January 14th, 1901, and the costs in the State and Federal courts.

These judgments were obtained in the Superior Court here on suits against the water company for alleged failure to have a sufficient supply of water, on account of which the old Rainbow (now Guilford) Hotel was destroyed by fire, and buildings belonging to three other complainants. The city of Greensboro later bought the water company and now owns the plant.

By deciding that a private water supply company is liable for damages for an insufficient supply of water in case of a fire, but that a municipal company is not, because one cannot sue himself, the courts have given a great impetus to the proposition so generally advocated everywhere now, that a municipality should own its water supply, and incidentally to the general doctrine of municipal ownership of all public service utilities, such as lights, sewers, local car traffic, etc.

Deputy Marshal Chandley went over to Alamance Sunday and had a tough experience with the weather on a mission for the arrest of Sherman Pinnix, accused of running an illicit distillery. Pinnix was found and gave bond for his appearance this afternoon before United States Commissioner Hall at Burlington.

Clara Boyd, colored, employed in the Benbow Hotel steam laundry, had her arm broken and badly mangled by being caught in a clothes mangle this morning.

Mrs. Alice Smoot, the lady in jail here awaiting trial in the Federal Court here next week on a charge of counterfeiting, is reported quite sick from nervous prostration. Her husband was placed in the same cell with her Saturday night on request of Col. Morehead. The lady seemed quite "pert" Sunday, but seems to have entirely lost her nerve today.

MYSTERIOUS MOVE BY ATTY. JEROME AGAINST INS. MEN

Jerome Finally Serves Subpoenas in Blank Before Magistrate and will Endeavor to Produce Evidence Upon which Warrants Might be Issued.

Is John Doe Proceeding and no Information is Given Out. Can Insurance Officers be Prosecuted for Making Campaign Contributions?

By Associated Press.
New York, March 27.—District Attorney Jerome today applied to Magistrate Moss for warrants against several persons in connection with the recent life insurance investigation.

The warrants were not issued, the magistrate taking the ground that it would be necessary first for the District Attorney to present evidence that crime had been committed.

Jerome thereupon agreed to present depositions upon the question to the magistrate later and it was reported late this afternoon this would be done tomorrow.

As a result of Jerome's conversation with the magistrate subpoenas in blank form were issued and it was announced "John Doe" proceedings would be begun at once in an effort to procure evidence upon which the warrants might be issued.

District Attorney Jerome declined to say for whom the warrants had been issued. His action in asking for warrants is believed to be the outgrowth of a sharp discussion between Judge O'Sullivan of the Courts of General Sessions, and himself last week over the question whether officers of insurance companies could be prosecuted for making contributions to political parties.

Assisting District Attorney Kresel, accompanied by Vice-President Darwin P. Kinsey, of the New York Life Insurance Company, appeared before Magistrate Moss and Mr. Kingsley made a deposition. Several subpoenas in blank, were then issued by the magistrate for a John Doe proceeding.

None of the court officials concerned in the proceedings would say what their proceedings were.

Up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon no official statement as to the insurance warrants could be obtained. At that time it was reported a decision had been reached to make a test of the case against George W. Perkins.

The program was said to be that Perkins will appear in court tomorrow when a warrant will be served on him and legal points involved will be passed on by the court.

According to this report if the case against Perkins holds, others connected with insurance contributions to campaign funds will be prosecuted.

Afterward Mr. Kingsley and Edward D. Randolph, Treasurer of the New York Life Insurance Company went to Jerome's office at his request to make an affidavit, it was reported, as to the payment of political contributions by officers of that company.

IN AUSTRIAN RIOT OVER 300 WOUNDED

At Bucharest the Roumanian Nationalists, Were Making Demonstration Against Use of French at a Theatre. Troops Fire on Crowd.

By Associated Press.
Vienna, March 27.—Severe rioting at Bucharest last night culminated in a conflict between rioters and troops, two men being killed, and over three hundred wounded.

The trouble arose over a demonstration of Roumanian nationalists against the use of the French language in a performance at the National Theatre.

TELLER DEFUNCT BANK.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, March 27.—Thomas W. Harvey, former paying teller of the defunct Enterprise National Bank of Allegheny for whom a warrant was issued yesterday, jointly with five others, alleging conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of the bank, surrendered himself and gave \$5,000 bail.

Sixteen charges have been preferred against him. Edward P. McMillan, another of the accused, also furnished \$5,000 bail.

There are eleven charges against him.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert M. Gibson said the transactions disclosed by the investigation so far made involve close to \$1,000,000 and may go over that.

—Mr. Egbert Hunter is quite sick with erysipelas at his home, No. 601 North Pine street.

NORDICA IN SALISBURY.

Will Surely Be There, May 26.—Negro Boy Killed—Big Granite Contract.

Special to The News.

Salisbury, N. C., March 27.—A distressing accident occurred at the home of Kitcher Anderson, a well known country negro, three miles from Salisbury yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Walter, a 14-year-old son of Anderson, was shot and instantly killed by his brother, Jim. The latter is 13 years old. The boys were handling an old "unloaded pistol," when it was discharged with the above result. The bullet pierced young Anderson's heart. The mother of the boy is almost a full-blooded Indian.

Nordica comes to Salisbury on May 26th. Miss Lena Meroney, one of the proprietors of the theatre, yesterday made the positive announcement of the coming of the great singer.

On Thursday morning, the 5th of April, in St. Paul's Methodist church in Goldsboro, Miss Margaret Goddins, of that city, will be married to Dr. J. M. Smoot, of Spencer. Miss Goddins is one of Goldsboro's most popular young women and Dr. Smoot is a Rowan man who is liked by all who know him.

Mr. Walter George Newman, of New York, spent yesterday at Gold Hill, on a tour of inspection. He came to Salisbury on a special train last night and returned to New York.

The Salisbury and Spencer councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. will hold a joint meeting with the Spencer council tonight. Whitehead Klutz, Esq., and Editor John M. Julian will address the gathering.

Mr. Guy E. Miller, the noted Colorado Socialist, has issued, through Mr. J. J. Quantz, a leading resident of Spencer, a challenge to any one to meet him in debate here on April 6th or 6th.

The First Baptist church of this city has extended a call to Rev. R. E. Neighbors of Georgia to become its pastor. It is expected that the call will be accepted.

The Ballou Company, at Granite Quarry, this county, has the contract to furnish the granite for a mausoleum of pink stone for the late Congressman Hall of Chicago. The contract amounts to \$15,000.

President C. C. Moore of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association will be here on Thursday of this week and will address the farmers of Rowan.

The new camp of Woodmen of the World will be organized in this city tomorrow night with 35 charter members.

QUESTION OF LINE BETWEEN STATES

State vs Barrington Argued in Raleigh. Defendant Says he was Arrested in South Carolina. Other Important Cases Heard by the Court.

Special to The News.
Raleigh, March 27.—In the Supreme Court this morning there was argument in the case involving the line between North and South Carolina, the title being State vs. Barrington, Union county. Barrington was arrested for assault and set up in defense, that although the place where the assault was made had always been considered North Carolina territory, a running of the state line recently, by a commission appointed by the Governors of the two states had shown the place to be really South Carolina territory. The Court below held that for purposes of prosecution the location of the fight was North Carolina territory despite anything shown to the contrary by the line just run. Attorney General Gilmer argued for upholding ruling of the lower court and J. J. McLendon for the defendant.

In an other case State vs. Thomas, from Union county the right of a mayor protem of a town to issue warrants for the arrest of persons violating town ordinances is involved. Mayor Pro Tem Davis Armfield of Monroe had issued a warrant for Thomas while serving as mayor pro tem, thereby raising this question. The trial judge held to the contrary and the state appeals in this case.

The North Carolina Society for the prevention of Cruelty to animals was incorporated today by the Secretary of State with principal office at Greensboro. No capital stock; principal incorporators, W. C. Hammel, W. B. Streeter, Marion Cobb, and others.

The purpose is to see that the laws against cruelty to animals are enforced in all parts of the state.

Another charter is for the Humane Society of New Bern, having a similar object as to these laws in New Bern and Craven counties. Jas. W. Duguid, C. L. Stevens, and others are the incorporators.

SPRIGGS GETS 20 YEARS.

New York Deals Stringently With Negro Abductor of White Woman.

By Associated Press.
New York, March 27.—Robert H. Spriggs, the negro recently convicted of abduction in detaining white women against their will in a resort frequented only by negroes, was sentenced to serve 20 years in the state prison.

Sallie Bennett, who assisted Spriggs in conducting the resort, and who pleaded guilty to abduction, was sentenced to ten years.

STEAMER PLYMOUTH BURNS AT HER PIER ONE MILLION LOSS

Vessel at Longpier in New York. Fire Started Early this Morning and Damaged Other Water Craft and Much Property Along Water Front.

The Plymouth was a Side-Wheeler 367 Feet Long Operated by the Fall River Lines From New York. Several Firemen Nearly Hemmed in.

By Associated Press.
New Port, R. I., March 27.—The Fall River Lines big side-wheel steamer, Plymouth, was burned to the water's edge and the freight steamer, City of Lowell, was damaged.

A long pier shed, hoisting shears, paint shop and old railroad station were destroyed and the paint was scorched off three other steamers, the Puritan, Priscilla, and Naugatuck, by fire early today.

The blaze threatened to wipe out the entire repairing plant of the owners, of the line, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.

Loss is estimated at more than a million dollars.

No lives were lost but thirteen crew members, a watchman and a fireman on board the Plymouth were nearly hemmed in, so rapid was the rush of the flames through the vessel.

The Plymouth was a side-wheel vessel of 2,200 tons net burden. She was built at Chester, Pa., in 1890. Her hull was constructed of steel and her interior and fittings were nearly all wood. She was 367 feet long and valued at nearly a million dollars.

Other losses aggregate about \$50,000.

Later the body of Louis Lemont, a fireman, about 25 years old, was found on the Plymouth.

OVERFLOW MEETING TONIGHT.

At Tryon Street Church by Dr. Shafer.

The Services Today.

On account of the large attendance at the Second church last night, it was announced today that an overflow meeting will be conducted at Tryon Street church this evening by Dr. Shafer and Mrs. Shafer, who will assist in the singing.

The hour of meeting will be eight o'clock, and there will doubtless be a large crowd at both churches.

At eleven o'clock this morning Dr. Pierson conducted services at the Second church before a large congregation.

The general subject of the discourse was on "Prophecy."

Dr. Pierson discussed human methods of foretelling future events, and the divine of prophetic way through inspired men. He declared that the divine was altogether different from the human and that the former was the only prophecy that was to be accepted in history, generally speaking.

Those who heard this talk on the Bible were deeply impressed.

It is now likely that an entire change of program will be followed this week and that Dr. Pierson will have charge of morning and night services at the Second church and Dr. Shafer will be in charge of the Tryon Street church services each night if these are continued, which is likely.

As above stated there will be services at both the Second church and Tryon street church this evening.

FIRST REBATE CASE TODAY.

In Federal Court in Philadelphia Proceedings Instituted Under Elkins Bill.

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, March 27.—The first rebate case to come to trial in this country, in which the defendants are charged with giving and accepting rebates in violation of the Elkins law, began in the United States Court here today. Indictments to be presented to the jury are those against the Great Northern Railway Company, charged with offering rebates to R. D. Wood and Co., this city; C. E. Campbell, its local agent; L. W. Lake, New York agent for Mutual Transit; Walter Stewart and Richard Wood, members of the firm of R. D. Wood Company, and Paul J. Diver, local agent for Mutual Transit Company, who is charged with offering rebate to the National Essence For Coffee Company.

Theatre Burned—Loss \$115,000.

By Associated Press.
Middletown, Conn., March 27.—The Moriden theatre, the largest playhouse here, was burned this morning. The loss is expected to reach \$115,000.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 27.—Fourth class postmasters appointed: Alabama—Mooreville, Mollie Smith; Georgia—Suches, John M. Lunsford; Virginia—Saint Elmo, Fannie B. Clayton; Yards, Charles W. Butt.

—Owing to the Bible Reading, at the Second Presbyterian church Miss Mildred Watkins will not hold her Bible class tomorrow evening at 4 o'clock.