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Many Children Thought To Have Perished In Great Conflagration

dren , id to Have Been Burned live in Fire Building.

Scores of Others Were the Spartanburg Savings bank. Seriously Injured-Big Force of Men Busy It is understood that the company Searching for Bodies of and operations resumed. Flame's Victims

ly Associated Press.

in the Lake View public school most approved type. ilding at Collinwood, a suburb, is morning and a frightful pame Municipal Campaign llowed among the 400 or 500 childon in the structure. is reported that between 50 and

children were burned to death. Scores of others who escaped from e building were injured. The structure was burned to the

work searching for the bodies. Vivid Story of Fire.

In the fire, which completely destroythe common school building in Colmight to have lost heir lives.

There were but two exits to the build- lic works. n, who madly dashed for the open dates to be announced later.

Those who fell in the doorway were simpled upon by those behind and Special to The News. al other means that could be found.

al not retard the fire.

minutes the lower story fell. musting scores of children to the t, among burning embers. The Jout the building was heart-

spread throughout the vil- eaped. are and hundreds of parents were The ling about the building in search

In a few minutes 20 bodies were tak a from the ruins. Plainly, writhing

arby factories dismissed their men is instructed them to assit in the res 10. They braved the fire and made proje efforts to save those not dead. 25 Bodies Recovered.

At 11:30 25 bodies had been recovcred. Many children rescued are beleved to be fatally injured. Scores of children were taken to the city hos-

Pulled Child's Arms Off. A man named Dorn, who arrived upon

cene early, discovered his little girl among the mass of injured and He caught the girl by the

by the of hie exits being closed. The women layed in reaching the other party.

It is sall that as a result of this stambut alone scores of children lost their

Reports as to the number of the dead The first estimate places the The at 250. Reports are conflictthis time, but it is safe to say perished. All but two of the is are accounted for. 71 Bodies Recovered.

At 1:45 o'clock 71 bodies had been tor. returned, including that of one of the At that hour a list of the ing numbered 108.

List Grows Fast. Cleveland, Ohio, March 4 .- At 2:25 b m. 146 bodies had been taken out In it is believed there are still more

Fearful Scenes. Fearful scenes were enacted around

the hurning school house. Fathers mothers raved, cursed or prayed lany tried to break through the Turds and some got so far as to there will be no further balloting for deal towards the flaming doorways.

The Ormond Beach Races

It Associated Press.

ond Beach, Fla., March 4.—But the event is scheduled for today in he automobile tournament on Ormond hom's invitation race. There are six be vlosed. Chicagis. The weather conditions were riomly early today, although indicawere that the skies would cear By Associated Press. harr, will be run off.

Beti n 50 And 75 Chii- Furniture Plant Sold At Public Auction

Special to The News.

That Des red School Lion Furniture Company's plant was sold at public auction under a foreclos-Lion Furniture Company's plant was

> The price paid for the plant was \$10,-00, while the stock of lumber and

eleveland, O., March 4.-Fire broke try, all of the machinery being of the

To Soon Open in Union

Special to The News.

Union, S. C., March 4.—The municipal campaign has opened. The first candidate is out, this being Mr. James G. Long, Jr., now alderman from Ward A force of men has been put to 1, and who has been acting mayor pro tem and who wishes to be promoted to the mayor's office.

Up to this afternoon Mr. Long is the only candidate who has so far officially myood, a suburb, 75 children are announced himself, though it is under stood that there are several aspirants The fire started by an overheated fur- for mayoralty and aldermanic honors. It is just two months today until the The flames quickly spread, but panic city primary election will be held, s caused when the building quickly when the democratic voters of Union With smoke and 400 children at will nominate the man for mayor, for aldermen and one commissioner of pub-

available. One of these exits was The registration books for this demfreely by the children, but the ocratic primary will be open five days soon became choked with childuring the month of April, the exact By Associated Press.

Death of iLttle Child.

Shelby, N. C., March 4.-William, the Frightened and panic-stricken chil- four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John in turned to escape by the windows R. Dover died Monday. The child has never been well, and lately was taken scape was cut off by the flames which, to Charlotte for an operation, but it this time, had spread throughout was not found necessary to perform one. The boy was a particularly bright be building was of brick, yet this child. The funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday afternoon.

> Safe Crackers Successful Haul. By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., March 4.—Safe chackers robbed the Mount Oram bank, of Quanty the news of the terrible ca- Mount Orab, Ohio, of \$3,000 and es

Big Meeting Of Democrats

By Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb. March 4 .-- The advance guard of the democratic state convention, which meets in Omaha tomorrow, By Associated Press. began arriving today.

State officers of the Bryan volunteers are in the city seeking to extend the island of San Lorenzo. The evothe propaganda of that organization, lutions wil be witnessed by pupils of which is expected to take a prominent part in the coming national convention. Bryan will be the central figure at tomorrow's convention and his influ-officers of the flotilla. Various dinand in his frantic efforts to ence will dominate the spirit of the ners and entertainments have been sive her, pulsed her arms from her platform, which is expected to reflect arranged for the American visitors to a certain extent the ideas he will The greatest loss of life was caused present to the national convention. The convention is considered, for

No Senator Elected

Special to The News.

Columbia, S. C., March 4.—The general assembly met in joint session today to elect a United States sena-

Two ballots were taken without an election, the vote resulting in F. B. Gary getting 62 votes on the first ball of Charlotte filled 39,645 whiskey pro lot, and L. G. Walker, 41, with 65 scat- scriptions. These called for 25,011

On the second ballot, Garey got 61 beer. and Walker 39.

The number necessary to elect is A motion to recede from the ballotting was opposed by Gary's friends, nual liquor license of \$100 each, or a but carried by a vote of 75 to 72, and tota lof \$1,400. Averaging the cos

senator until tomorrow at noon. This afternoon the legislature will elect an insurance commissioner.

Seaboard Offices all Open.

Norfolk, Va., March 4.—At the office new nine-hour law affecting the railroad telegraphers, and that none is expected. It may also be stated that no

Dividend of \$5 a Share.

Boston, Mass., March 4.-The direc-Tomorrow the star tors of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Mrs. J. A. Pickard left last night for Grent of the tournament, the 228-miles Company today declared a quarterly Greensboro to spend two weeks with train pulling into Wawaka for the tion at St. Peter's Hospital yesterday, convention elected would be in-Soldiers are on their way to the dividend of \$5 a share.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 4.—The

The property was bid in by R. K Carson, attorney, representing the Fidelity Loan and Trust Company and

unfinished goods brought \$1.976. vill be reorganized at an early date

The Lion Furniture Company was organized several years ago and for a while was remarkably successful. The plant is one of the best in the coun-

White Hand"

Would-be Assassin of Chicago's Police Chief Was One of Camp Followers in Parade-Two Suspects Arrested.

of Police Shippy and was himself called upon Corporation Counsel Brundage several weeks ago to secure perployed." This permission was denied because it was believed it would bring about a clash between the "reds" and

ber of the regular committee that accompanied Dr. Ben L. Reitman to the city hall but was a sort of "camp fol- horn, at the Watauga house. Suspects Arrested. Charles Yaniatis and William Stadleweiser, alleged anarchists, were ar-

ed assassination of Chief of Police White-Hand Society. A complete list of suspected Ital ian anrachists, now residents in the city, has been furnished by the White Hand society and further arrests are

rested in connection with the attempt

Will Entertain Fleet.

Lima, March 4.—The American tor pedo boat flotilla will go through a the navy school. The director of the school will give a dinner tomor transport Iquitos in honor of the during their shore stay here.

these reasons to be of especial importance. In this manner they ance, particularly to the democratic 39,645 Scripts Hilled In 1907

By General Assembly One Physician Filled3,997 —Total Number Of Quarts 35,011, Besides 419 Dozen Bottles Of Beer.

> During the 1907 the drug store quarts and 419 dozen bottles of

This, in brief, is the amount o whiskey business done in Charlotte of whiskey at \$1.25 per quart or \$6 per gallon, makes a grand total or \$43,760 the drug stores received for whiskey alone. The sale of 417 dozen bottles of beer will increase By Associated Press.

this amount to near \$50,000. the physicians, not all Charlotte phy-ceived a letter postmarked New of the general manager of the Sea-board Air Line here it was stated that sicians, however, received an aver- York city, in which \$750 is demanded no trouble had been occasioned by the thorn control to a second brought from the town within two weeks.

Description Beach, the 128-mils gentle- telegraph office on the Scaboard will each individual, one physician alone atoms. filled 3,997 and another 3,691. There were half a dozen or more who sand.

Socitey Busy BROPPED DEAD IN

"THEY COME HIGH, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE 'EM!"

Special to The News.

Lenoir, N. C., March 4 .- Yesterday t noon Mr. James Latham, a well-todo farmer of Ashe county, who was pending the winter in Lenoir with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Seehorn, dropped dead on the street in front of Fraley's estaurant. He was immediately car Chicago, March 4.-Lazarus Aver- ried into the Lenoir drug store for medical attention, but died shortly af-

Last Sunday a week ago Mr. Latham suffered a partial stroke of paralysi from which he has recovered sufficiently to walk about, and his deat was due to another stroke today. He was bout 75 years of age. His remains will be taken to Ashe county for inter-

The deceased is well known in ou cown having spent several winters here with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. See

Store at Colletsville Destroyed by Fire

Special to The News.

was received here today that the store at Collettsville, 10 miles above Lenoir, on the C. & N.-W. railroad, was complotely destroyed by fire Monday night about 12 o'clock.

Mr. Harshaw had a stock of goods the postoffice. The only thing that was contained some registered mail matter and other valuable papers. Mr. Harshaw was not at home and it s supposed the fire originated from a

Mr. Jesse Nix Dead.

Union, S. U., March 4.-Mr. Jesse Nix, one of Union county's oldest and most substantial citizens, died at his him. Their success in the past is an home a few miles east of Union, Sunlay morning at 6:30 o'clock.

The funeral was held Tuesday after noon at Beulah Baptist church several niles east of Union, and the interment will be in the adjoining cemetery.

Negro Arrested For Murder.

Union, S. C., March 4.-As the resul of a letter from Chief of Police George H. Bodeker, of Birmingham, Ala., a oung negro man known as "Kid" Ford was arrested here yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police J. G. Long and committed to jail charged with being implicated in the killing of a negro wo man in Birmingham.

Demand Made On Small Town

Letter Signed "Anarchists" Demands That Indiana Town Send \$750 to Certain Place in New York—A Threat.

Goshen, Ind., March 4.-Wawaka For writing 39,645 prescriptions a town of 300 inhabitants, has re-The letter says if the money is not By delivered to a certain place in New

It is singned, "Anarchists." It has been forwarded to the postal filled between two and three thou-department at Washington and steps are being taken to guard the town.

A vigilance committee is being ornext two weeks.

Mr. Gilreath's

Notable Change in Large Shoe Firm, Which Will be Incorporated Under The Name of The Gil- Bell Should mer-Moore Co.

A notable change in the business world of Charlotte was effected yesterday when Mr. Frank Gilreath, the enior partner of Gilreath & Co., retired from the firm which has conducted one of the leading shoe and trunk houses in this section of the piedmont region for 20 years past. The dissolation is by mutual consent. The busness will be conducted at the same stand by Messrs. Thornwell T. Gilmer and Charles C. Moore under the firm name of the Gilmer-Mcore company,

be taken out at an early date. The present stand of the firm, No. 16 South Tryon street, has been a Lenoir, N. C., March 4.—Information clerks in the store which preceded this Meacham, followed successively by the records as possible. The rumo Wade & Pegram, Gilreath & Co., and now the Gilmer-Moore Co.

Mr. Gilreath by his energy and busness talent has done much toward worth \$1,500 and in the building was building up one of the greatest interests of its kind in the two Carolinas, and has won the right to go into the history of Charlotte as one of its ablest merchantile leaders. He is en-

> Mr. Gilmer is a master of the shoe rade. His long experience and natural ability have made him the peer had given it no serious consideration, of any man in this line of business. and Mr. Moore, who has for many years been one of the most trusted men in the firm, is a good second to later. earnest of what they may be expected to do in the future.

Calls Exchange Gambling Hell

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 4.-After sharp debate in which Senator Tillnan spoke of the New York Stock Exhange as the principal "gambling nell" in the country. The Tillman resolution, directing an inquiry into the for the chairmanship and under no character of the collateral deposited to circumstances would be be a candidate secure loans made by the New York for the place. If Mr. James A. Bell banks, was referred to the committee can be induced to accept the place

Sims Scores Exchange. New York Cotton Exchange were inolerable, and that even the cotton clination and at great personal sacrigrowers of the south had determined lice. He has put the work of the comuse all lawful means to end them. mittee on such a high plane that all epresentatives, advocated the passage had disappeared and it would be of se of the mails, telegraph and tele- be persuaded to remain in the position. the New York Cotton Exchange, "it still a topic of discussion and Mr. rather than to longer tolerate the bad serving under Judge Adams a state Reeffects of its reprehensible practices."

Bryan Off for Omaha. associated Press.

In the list of prescriptions filled by York the town will be blown to Bryan left Lincoln for Omaha today, be apt to succeed Mr. Pope. where he wil attend the democratic state convention tomorrow and deliver an address tomorrow night.

> burg, a well known Presbyterian today. It was a foregone conclusion to the West Virginia National guard ganized and officers will meet every devine, underwent a successful opera- the four delegates to the national for aid in capturing the negro.

Ohio Republicans Think Disfranchisement Of Negro is Un-American

Cotton Mill Stock Was Sold at Auction

Special to The News. Spartanburg, S. C., March 4.-In connection with the merger of the Spartanburg Savings Bank and the Central National Bank, which was made several months ago, valuable cotton mill stocks held by the Spartanburg Savings

bank, was sold at auction yesterday Ten shares of Drayton Mills sold at 95; four shares of Saxon Mills at 125 25 Columbia Trust Company sold at 200; Southeastern Life Insurance Com pany at 70; seven share Fidelity Loan and Trust Company, at 260; five shares of Spartan Mills at 140; five shares of Crescent Manufacturing Company, at 95; five shares Arkwright Mills at 105; 40 shares of Woodruff Cotton Mills at 126; 15 shares of Arcadia at 94.

Carnival And S. School

Special to The News. Union, S. C., March 4.—The carnival will be here at the same time as the

State Sunday School convention. When it was found that the dates would conflict, a strong effort was made to have the carnival people come some other time, but a letter received Retirement from the manager of Smith's Greater Shows, says that he has made out his from the manager of Smith's Greate route for several months, and that it would be impossible to change the dates for Union now.

The carnival dates are Madch 30 t April 5, inclusive, and the convention dates are April 1, 2 and 3.

Mr. Shannonhouse Says Again Put Him at The Head of The County cording to its letter and spirit. Executive Committee.

The rumor has been floating out that

Mr. E. R. Preston and Col. T. L. Kirk patrick were willing to serve their county as chairmen and secretary of for which papers of incorporation will the executive committee of the Democratic party, in case there is any de sire for them to shoulder these tasks. shoe stand for 69 years. Both Mr. It was further said that they were Gilreath, who retires, and Mr. Gilmer, both young men ambitious of futur who goes into the new firm, were political preferment, in an indefinite one-Pegram Co. The first man to way, and that they were anxious to nouse of Mr .John Harshaw, who lives run a shoe store at this stand was Mr. get all the service to their party on By Associated Press. further had it that Mr. Kirkpatrick had a weather eye on the solcitorship of this, the twelfth judicial district, when Mr. Clarkson's term expires two

> Asked in regard to the rumor that ship of the county executive committee, Mr. Preston today declared that he is in no sense a candidate for the office. A number of his friends had spoken to him about the matter but he

Col. Kirkpatrick was not found by the scribe but he will be looked up

A News man asked ex-Recorder M. Shannonhouse if he were a candidate for the secretaryship of the committee again and he said that that depended on the wishes of the executive committee. He was not in any sense

manship of the executive committee. political prognosticators in connec house was vehement in declaring that again, Mr. Shannonhouse said he would feel it a duty and a pleasure Declaring that the practices of the to support him. Mr. Bell, he went on, had taken the position against his in-Sims, of Tennessee, in the house of political bickering inside party ranks the Burleson bill, prohibiting the immense value to the party if he could

hone service in dealing in "cotton The resignation of Mr. D. Kirby ututres," where delivery and accep- Pope as assayer at the Mint, in order ance of actual cotton is not intended. that he might be able to take up the He said if there was any good left in more active practice of law here, is the New York Cotton Eyebanga "it still a tonic of discussion, and Mr. Mob Surrounds was so overshadowed by the bad as to Pope's Republican friends are commake it desirable to wipe out the good mending him for resigning rather than publican chairman. Mr. Pope has at By Associated Press. tacked Judge Adams along lines similar to those charges which have re- Frank Johnson, a negro murder who cently been made against him. It is took refuge in a barn on the Yates Lincoln, Neb., March 4.-Wm. J. said Col. Pearson, of Morganton, will farm, shot and wounded three persons

Taft Their Choice.

By Associated Press. Topeka, Kas., March 4.-The re-fying arrest is surrounded by over 500 -Rev. Dr. J. M. Rose, of Laurin- publican state convention met here persons. Sheriff Flanigan has appealed

Platform Adopted at Republican Convention Declares for "Political And Civil Rights Of Negro."

With a Resounding Yell The Name of Taft, as Candidate for President, Was Received - Endorsement Unanimous.

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., March 4.-The repub lican convention convened this morr ing. In the plaform adopted, it de Convention on Same Date clares, among other things, for greater merchant marine and adequa navy; liberal appropriation for it provement of waterways and harbor. revision of tariff by a special session of the next congress, along the line of the principle of protection; suc modifications of currency as will provide for the demands of commerce and satisfy the needs of all por tions of the country.

Provision for Negro. One question of the colored race platform declares for: "Civil and political rights of the American negro in every state, believing as we do that his marvelous progress in intelligence, industry and good citizenship has earned the respect and encouragement of the nation and that those legislative enactments that have for their real aim, his dis Be Chairman franchisement, are reasons of color alone are unfair, and repugnant to alone are unfair, and repugnant to

the supreme law of the land. tation in congress and electoral col ege in all states of this union when The Party Ought To white and colored citizens are dis franchised, to the end that the 14th amendment to the constitution of the United States may be enforced ac-The administration of President

> Roosevelt is encorsed and Secretary Taft endorsed as the candidate for the presidency. Congressman Burton read the re port of the committee on resolutions, which concluded with the endorse delegates caught the drift of the

> endorsement, they broke in on the reader with a yell that caused him to pause several minutes. The report was unanimously adopt

ed amid wild applause.

Hartje Case Ended. Pittsburg, March 4.-The Hartje conspiracy case was brought to an abrupt end today when Judge Macfarlane instructed the jury to acqui-Hartje, Welshons and Hooe, the three defendants and place the charges upon the county.

Southern Cuts Forces.

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 4 .-The Southern railway has cut off the union passenger station agent here be sides six clerks and a number of other employes at the freight depot.

Manager of Winston Hotel.

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 4 .ohn A. Tucker, formerly of Greens ooro, is to be manager of the Hote Forsyth, the new hotel to be opened a the corner of Third and Chestnut streets, in this city.

Threatens King's Death.

Mr. Shannonhouse was then asked By Associated Press he was a candidate for the chair-Barcelona, March 4.-Placards hav peen posted throughout Barcelona ar nouncing that an attempt would 1 made upon the life of King Alfon: on his approaching visit to this cit March 12th, but were torn down to day by the police.

> By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., March 4.-The nine-hour law affecting railroad tele

Telegraph Offices Close.

graphers caused about 25 per cent of the Southern Pacific Railroad telegraph offices in Louisiana to be closed Mines May Close Down. By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., March 4.-A com-

plete shut-down of the coal mines in

Iowa, which employ 15,000 miners,

NegroMurderer

Clarksburg, W. Va., March 4.-

at daylight. It is not believed that any were fa-

tally injured. The barn in which the negro is de-