

THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE.

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The origin of the fire is mysterious. Brush piles were being burned several hundred yards below the barn late in the evening, and some think it caught from sparks, while others believe the fire was the work of a band of thieves who infest the city. It having occurred so early in the night, though, this latter suspicion is hardly probable.

There was no insurance on the buildings and Mr. Winecoff's loss is estimated at about \$1,000.

REMINISCENCES

At the first tip of the bell the department was out in full, with the reel and wagon both, and were but a few minutes in reaching the scene. The reel company, however, were of no service, as the hose would not reach the fire. But they could have prevented a spread. The colored people with the hooks and ladders did all in their power. The barn was well nigh consumed when the department reached the spot; and the fire had a good headway when discovered.

Two very important meetings were broken up by the alarm. Prayer meeting was in progress at all the churches and was dismissed without ceremony. Fortunately, for the people, the churches were not crowded so as to precipitate a calamitous panic.

The ward primaries were suspended until excitement died down and every man was sure it was not his home burning and then proceeded with, not however with as large attendance as was at the opening.

Mr. Winecoff was fortunately blessed in having his fine team of mules hired out.

Ham That Wasn't Ham.

Wednesday night when the fire alarm sounded and everybody was on the move, some sneak thief took chances and swiped one of those large sample hams that hang in front of Warren Coleman's store. The thief was disappointed, however, as the inside of the canvass was not ham, but sawdust. It was only a sign. After discovering his mistake, the stuffed canvass was layed on the step leading to the front door of Jim Galloway's home, in rear of "Squire W J Hill's" shop, where Chief Boger recovered it.

Concocting a Plausible Explanation

They were determined to concoct an explanation that would exonerate the clerk, and thus, if possible, keep the blame off the Fusion party. But this was a big contract, and they floundered around looking for a plausible explanation. At last they found it. Listen:

Mr. Pearson's contention is that the Speaker and Lieutenant Governor never signed the bill that has caused such consternation, but that covering of another bill, which was signed by the two presiding officers, was slipped on this bill by some one, and it thus became a law. "I have a great bill to swallow, but I can't swallow that." Mr. Pearson's evidently talking through his hat.

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NEWS THAT IS NEWS

FOR 1 YEAR—

SEND US 1 DOLLAR

SO IT IS—SEE?

Another Blunder of the Legislature—What They Would Have Spent Had They Known How.

A law was passed by the last Legislature providing for the election of three additional magistrates in each township, their terms to commence on April 1st, 1895. Few, if any, of these magistrates have qualified, and they can now do so. The offices created are vacant because of the failure of the persons elected to qualify before the term began.

The power to appoint magistrates, to fill vacancies caused by failure of those elected to qualify, is vested in the Governor by chapter 288, Laws of 1895, and he appoints for the full term of six years.

It is too late now for any clerk to qualify those appointed, and if they attempt to qualify them their acts will be illegal.

The failure of the newly elected magistrates to qualify in time rids the people of the burden of 3,600 unnecessary magistrates, and of about \$25,000 for the purchase of books, etc., for the new magistrates, which the legislators intended to spend if they had known how.

The people will have to thank the Lord, and not the Legislature, for ridng them of this burden which the Legislature voted upon them.—Raleigh Observer.

The Lucky One Gets It.

An interesting contest is going on in the city between two charming sisters, between the ages of 16 and 45. It is in this way: The family is possessed of a cow that is kind of hairloom, and is to become the property of the one who first marries. It is a red muley cow.

Sad Death at Coddle Creek.

Mr. Martin Barnhardt, the clever young man who carries the mail between this city and Coddle Creek, handed us the following item, telling of the sad death of a favorite creature:

"The good old family cat (Jake) of Mr. J O Witherspoon died Saturday night. He is much missed at Coddle Creek by those who knew him."

An Object Lesson in Miscegenation.
The Wilson Mirror prints a statement that a white man has been arrested in that county for marrying a negro woman. If it was proper for his Legislature to adjourn in honor of the negro who married a white wife, is it not persecution to arrest a white man for marrying a negro wife?

The Big Five have not yet asked the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature to relieve the white miscegenationist. There ought to be no discrimination in favor of the dead negro over the live white man.

The white miscegenationist is a tenant on the land of one of the leading Populists in Johnston county, and his landlord makes no objection to the open practice of miscegenation on his place.—Raleigh Observer.

We hear considerable complaint about the street lights not burning after the moon goes down. This should be seen into, for should we have another fire and no lights, a collision could hardly be avoided.



LIST TAKERS AND ASSESSOR
Appointed by the County Board of Commissioners Last Monday.

THE ORIGINAL BILL
And the Bills Amended by Reformer Hileman, of Cabarrus.

We print a fac simile of the entries made on the bill. It will be seen that it is House bill No. 1018, and that it never went to the Senate at all. It was introduced by Mr. Smith, of Stanly, and passed first reading February 20th and was referred to the Finance Committee.

"Fav. (favorable) report" was the entry from the Finance Committee, but the favorable report was accompanied by an amendment of which more later.

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It is also stamped "Tabled, March 12th, 1895." As a matter of fact the bill was tabled on March 11th.

This fax simile tells the tale of the whole bill, and shows that there was something rotten in Denmark." The following is the original bill, and shows the hand Reformer Hileman had in it:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That all conditional sales, assignments mortgages or deeds in trust which are executed to secure any debt, obligation, note or bond which gives preferences to any creditor of the maker, shall be absolutely void as to existing creditors, except those given to secure cash advances at the time of the execution of the same, or to secure advancement for farming purposes.

See 2. That all laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

See 3. Thus set shall be in force from and after its ratification.

On the bill is this entry:

"The Finance Committee report this bill favorably with the following amendment recommended by the committee.

(Signed) HILEMAN."

Amend by striking out in Section 1, all after the word "creditors" in line five of said section.

Why did Hileman want to strike out that portion of the bill excepting "those given to secure cash advances at the time of the execution of the same or to secure advancement for farming purposes?" Did he do this at the suggestion of Northern merchants? or was it changed of his own motion? Why did he amend it by prohibiting all mortgages? What was he driving at?

The reunion of the United Confederate Veterans' Association and the United Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet at Houston, Texas, May 22, 23 and 24.

The Enrolling Committee Vouch for it.

After enrolling the bill the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House did not sign it until it was certified to them by the committee on enrolled bills that it was a correct copy of the bill.

The members of the committee who signed this certificate, which was in these words: "Examined and found correct," were:

From the House—J A Walker, Populist, of Rockingham county; Z Taylor, Populist, of Cumberland county, and E V Cox, Republican, of Pitt county. From the Senate—O A Starbuck, Republican, of Guilford county, and J M Moody, Republican, of Haywood county.

Observe: Not a Democrat on the committee certified, "Examined and found correct." Observe further:

Not a single solitary Democrat was employed in either the Principal or Enrolling Clerk's office. If any body paid anybody to forge the bill through, no Democrat was in a position to be involved. Somebody forged the bill through. Who did it?

And who are the sworn and paid clerks who did it or connived at it?

Senator Fortune, Republican from Cleveland, wasn't far wrong when he suggests: "There is something rotten in Denmark."—Raleigh Observer.

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He says he cannot understand how it was ratified, upon any other hypothesis. That is to say, he cannot discover any other hypothesis consistent with shielding some Republican or Populist clerk in the office of the Principal Clerk or the Enrolling Clerk. But why not make them prove their honesty?—Raleigh Observer.

Did You Ever See?

A lazy man who had time?

A young man who didn't know?

An old man who didn't remember?

A pretty girl who didn't look saucy?

A town go forward rapidly when part of its people pull against the other part?

Any kind of weather over which somebody did not grumble?

A man who did not know exactly just how every other business ought to be run except his own?

A mother who felt that her boy was to blame for anything?

A candidate who did not think he was the man until after the election?

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The English ministry has decided to support Mr. Gully for the speaker-

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Contractor Caldwell is building a platform and steps in rear of D J Bostian's store.

Mrs. J W Foil, who has been quite sick for some time, is much better, we are glad to learn.

An office has been erected on the lumber yard near the depot, on West Depot street.

A barn is being built on the property of Mr. P M Morris, just below the depot, where a stock and dairy farm will soon start.

Miss Maggie Johnston, who has been teaching school at Paw Creek, in Mecklenburg county, is home.

Charlotte is to have another Methodist church, steps preliminary being taken Friday night by several prominent members.

At the meeting of the Knights of Pythias Friday night, Messrs. Geo. L Patterson and J C Fink took the degrees of Grand Orient, and on Mr. R Dick was conferred the second degree of pythianism.

Dr. Sam Montgomery had quite an experience with a little child, of Sallie Gaines. The little girl had gotten a button up her nose, and it was a very difficult job for the doctor to get it out.

The preacher of the Methodist church during last year at Mt. Pleasant is spoken of thus by the Newton Enterprise: "Rey. Calahan, wife and daughter of Taylorsville spent some time in town this week, the guests of Dr. F D Moser."

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A committee of three was elected from each ward as an election committee, and will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the court house, to elect a permanent township Democratic executive committee. The meeting then adjourned.

MORRISON NOMINATED.

TOWN CONVENTION FRIDAY NIGHT THE LARGEST ATTENDED EVER HELD IN CONCORD.

The Democratic convention Friday night for the ratification of the nominees of the ward primaries held Wednesday night last for aldermen and school commissioners and for the nomination of a man to run for the office of mayor for this city, was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting of Democrats ever held in the town of Concord.

In the absence of Mr. Frank L Smith, chairman of township executive committee, Mr. W R Odell presided. After stating the object of the meeting, the names of the nominees of the ward meetings were presented in rotation, which were unanimously supported.

Mr. H McNamara having withdrawn from the race for mayor, the name of Ex-Sheriff L M Morrison was put in nomination and was elected the nominee by a unanimous rising vote. No other name was suggested.

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