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## TWENTY-ONE MINERS KILLED.

A Disastrous Dust Explosion in a Mine of the Lost Creek Fuel Company—Pitiful Scenes When the Dead, All of Whom Were Married Men, Were Brought Up.

Oskaloosa, Jan. 24.—As the result of a terrible mine disaster at Lost Creek this afternoon, 21 dead are in an improvised morgue, and eight are in a temporary.

The explosion occurred at the noon hour and was what is known as a "dust" explosion. The miners had just fired their noon shots, one of which proved to be a fizzle. The burning powder ignited the gas and the explosion followed. Smoke and debris were blown out of the shaft 200 feet high. Part of the top works was torn away and the fans and cakes were partially wrecked. This made the work of rescue very slow and it was 3 o'clock before volunteer parties dared to venture into the east entrance, where the explosion occurred.

When they fought their way in, a horrible sight greeted them. The dead and injured were terribly burned and mutilated, some of them almost beyond recognition. Fire, which at first was feared would prove destructive to the entire mine, had broken out, and this added terror to the spectacle. The flames were finally controlled, and after several of the rescue party had succumbed to the flames all the dead were found and carried to the top of the shaft. At the time of the explosion more than 100 men were in the mines, but all of these, except those in the east entry, escaped with only slight injury. The total property damage will be about \$10,000.

It was nearly dark to-night when the last of the dead were taken out and the scenes of anguish among the families of the men were most pitiful. Nearly all of the men were married and leave families in poor circumstances. The mine is owned by the Lost Creek Fuel Company, of this city, and has been in operation about one year.

## From Our Neighboring Towns.

The following neighboring towns and cities were represented at the Pythian meeting and banquet Friday night, Charlotte (with fifteen representatives) Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Mt. Holly, Huntersville, Mooresville, Asheville, Graham, Lexington, Salisbury and Lynchburg.

## Masonic Notice.

Special communication Stokes Lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M., Monday night Jan. 27th, at 7:30 sharp. Work in first or third degree. W. REECE JOHNSON, Sec.

## THE PYTHIAN MEETING.

A Gathering of Absorbing Interest to the Knights—A Grand Banquet—Superb Menu—A Veritable Baltimore Clover Club.

The Knights of Pythias in district meeting in Castle Hall Friday night was a brilliant and very enjoyable affair.

About 50 members of the order outside of Concord attended.

The program as printed was executed save in two parts.

Mr. F. R. McNinch made the response to Mr. J. C. Fink's address of welcome instead of Mr. J. D. McCall, who did not get here, and Mr. J. Robert Jordon, State Lecturer, took the place of Mr. Geo. H. Royster on the subject of "The Endowment Rank."

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. M. Lyles, District Deputy.

The interests were absorbing, and many of the speeches very fine. Rev. Geo. W. Belk, of Charlotte, was particularly happy in his vein.

Much of social enjoyment interspersed the earnest zeal of the speakers and wit of the diamond-cut-diamond style flowed, giving the exercises a thrilling brilliancy.

The program was only completed in the hall at 12 o'clock when the body repaired to the halls of the New South Club, where a superb banquet was enjoyed.

Mr. George Montcastle, the embodiment of good looks and the soul of wit and humor, was toast master. This was a veritable Baltimore Clover Club for jovial sallies and witty thrusts. The arrows flew straight and the targets were often hit.

The wee small hour of 2 arrived till all had done justice to the menu and had shaken themselves into digestive moods with innocent social merriment.

## Will Get State Aid for These Schools.

The county board of education finds that all the townships in the county but No's. 1, 3, 6 and 9 have enough money to secure a four months free school. As soon as a few reports are secured from some of these a requisition will be made in due form for the necessary amount appropriated by the State to supplement these funds and secure schools of four months.

## Superintendent Boger Called.

County Superintendent Boger is now put to the study about accepting or declining a position in the faculty of Lenoir College. The call has come from President R. L. Fritz, who says the institution is prosperous and additional teaching force is needed to begin early in February. Mr. Boger says, however, that he is not in position to accept the work so soon at least.

## COLOMBIA'S TERMS.

Long Lease, an Annual Rental and Absolute Control by United States.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The character of the concessions which the Colombian government is willing to make to the United States, in order that the Panama Canal may pass under American control, was explained today by Mr. Silva, the Colombian minister in Washington. He is in a position to speak authoritatively even without consultation with his government. Colombia, Mr. Silva explained, is willing to enter into the following treaty arrangement for American control of the Panama Canal: The United States may have actual but not sovereign control over a strip of territory five miles wide through which the canal will pass; the United States must pay an annual rental to Colombia to compensate for certain losses caused by the sale of the canal to this government; the term of lease of the right of way across the isthmus will be 200 years with the privilege of renewal.

Mr. Silva maintained that the right of way concession was a much more liberal one than that made by Costa Rica, which agreed to give only 200 metres, or about a third of a mile on each side of the canal, while Colombia would give 2½ miles. Over this strip the United States will have absolute control so that the canal may be properly policed and protected.

## Cyclone Airship.

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—A W. Vanderston of South Bend, Ind., has notified the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company that he intends to compete for the \$100,000 prize offered in the aerial navigation contest. He writes:

"I shall not ask free transportation, as I propose to make the most successful journey with an airship that has so far been made. I have the advantage over all other aeronauts, both in construction and motive force."

He states that he will require 250x25 feet space. In the operation of his vessel. Mr. Vanderston uses what he terms a "cyclone force." What this is and how it is applied, he declares, will not be made public until the time for the exhibition.

## Important Notice.

All members of Cannonville Council No. 25 Jr. O. U. A. M. are requested to meet at the hall Monday evening, Jan. 27th, at 8 o'clock. Very important business. C. B. ALEXANDER, Sec'y.

"A girl's idea of a swell hat is one a man can't tell from a lampshade."

## The Ribbon and Silk Sale at The Department Store!

The past few days have found our Silk and Ribbon Counters thronged. But next week we expect to do more business because neighbor tells neighbor and the glad tidings travel. Our Silks were great values and the large part of them parted company with us the first two days. There are some here yet and probably just the piece you want. Beautiful Ribbons are something no one ever gets too many of. This is one of the greatest Ribbon Sales from point of value giving that has been pulled off. Here is the reason for this Ribbon selling. On Feb. 1st, just a few more days, and we take stock.

The past three months we have sold more Ribbons than in a whole year, all because of the superior value.

We have many one, two and even five yard pieces and our desire to clean up the remnants has prompted this sale.

Beautiful Silks, the value of 75 and 98c, on one counter priced **50c.**

Silks sold for 40 and 50 cents are on the bargain counter at **25c.**

No. 40 Satin Ribbon, the 25 cents goods, per yard **15c.**

Silk Taffetta Ribbon No. 40, big value, per yard **10c.**

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