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FIRE AT GOLD HILL.

Cooper Company's Building Burned—President Newman and Party Have Narrow Escapes.

Salisbury, July 20.—Fire at Gold Hill to-day destroyed the company building of the Gold Hill Copper Company, of which Mr. W G Newman is president. Mr. Newman and a party of guests were dining in the building at the time. The fire was caused by a child playing with matches in a store room in the building, which was filled with excelsior, and the blaze immediately spread. Mr. Newman and the guests had barely time to get out of the building. There were no means of fighting the fire and the destruction was complete. It was erected before the civil war and has always been used as the residence of the company officials and for storage purposes. The loss is estimated at \$5,000 or \$6,000.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

THE EXPERT PRINTER.

"May I print a kiss on your cheek?"
he said;
She nodded her sweet permission.
So they went to press
And I rather guess
He printed a large edition.

New Buildings in Business Portion of City.

At present there are two new buildings going up in the business portion of the City, the Cannon & Fetzer Co's. store and the Pythian building, and before many weeks the carpenters and masons will be at work on three more, these are the Emigration Company's building, at the corner of Corbin and Union street, the City Hall, on Depot street just in rear of the Concord Drug Company and the Wadsworth building on North Union street between the Litaker store rooms and the Postal Telegraph office.

Surprise Birthday Reunion.

Sunday, the 20th, was the birthday of Esq. Geo. E Ritchie. On Saturday morning he was doing some work on a new granery with little thought or care what took place 62 years ago, till ten children and seventeen grandchildren swooped down upon him and his honored companion with a surprise as delightful as it was complete. Soon a table was made under the shade trees and there was spread a sumptuous feast with ice cream and watermelon dessert and lemonade to the fill.

Mrs. William Propst, Mr. Ritchie's only sister, was let into the secret and was there as a guest of honor.

The day was pleasantly spent in jolly reunion festivities.

It was a glad day and memories will cling with pleasure to it till superseded by many more which all hope for him.

TERRIBLE FLOODS ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

Seven Hundred Square Miles of Bottoms Submerged—Crops Promising One Hundred Bushels of Corn per Acre Totally Ruined.

The floods now on in the north west are the worst ever known in that region. About Keokuk and Quincy, Ill., the Mississippi has spread over 700 square miles of bottoms, teeming with corn that a few days ago promised 75 to 100 bushels per acre. It is now a total loss.

The river is still rising at the rate of six inches per day and the end of this great destruction cannot be foreseen.

A map of the country now would show a lake, 70 miles long where before the rich land waved with luxurious crops.

The loss is immense.

Prof. Aull to Hickory.

Mrs. N E Aull of Newberry, S. C., is at Prof. A G Kirkpatrick's and will go to Hickory where she will be matron of the girls dormitory of Lenoir college. Mr. Aull who has been editor of the Newberry Herald, will be professor of mathematics at Lenoir college next year. Prof. Aull has completed two years out of three for his Ph. D. degree at Johns Hopkins.—Gastonia News.

Dead Man Found.

Sunday on the roadside between Greensboro and Browns Summit an unknown dead man was found. He was an Italian and to all appearances a tramp. He was lying in a clump of bushes, his head resting on a root and the vultures had mutilated the body. No marks of identification could be found and it was decided the poor vagrant had died a natural death. He had been seen walking towards Greensboro on Wednesday night. The people of the locality in which he died gave him a decent burial.

Attention Veterans.

Camp No. 212 U. C. Vs.—The time for our annual meeting is on Tuesday the 12th day of August. At the Court house at 10 a. m. It is to be hoped there will be a full attendance as it is the day for the election of officers and other business of importance. It is also the day for the reunion of Co. F 1st N. C. Cav. and other companies. Camp No. 212 will also have a target practice on that day at 2 p. m. The veteran making best shot is entitled to free transportation to the State reunion at Greensboro, Aug. 10th.

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Camp No. 212.

We cultivate our misery at the expense of our capacity for happiness.

GREAT STORM AT BALTIMORE.

Eleven People Killed and Hundreds of Houses Damaged—The Residence Portion of the City and the Water Front Suffered.

A terrific hurricane struck Baltimore at 1:30 p. m., Sunday coming from the southwest resulting in the death of eleven people. It was in the residence portion of the town that it blew down and unroofed hundreds of houses and boats were capsized on the water front leading to the above casualties within about 15 minutes duration.

Wishes \$1,500 for Finding Merrell's Body.

Salem, Ore., July 18.—The remains of David Merrill, the escaped convict, have been delivered at the Oregon penitentiary, after being brought here by Mrs. Mary Waggoner, who found the body near Chehalis. Warden James of the Oregon penitentiary and one of the prison guards readily identified the dead convict. The casket was interred in the prison cemetery without ceremony. Mrs. Waggoner made formal demand upon Sheriff Lee for the reward of \$1,500. Mr. Lee declined to pay it, offering her \$500 for her trouble and expense, and explaining that the reward could only be paid for the capture of the convict, and that she had merely found his dead body by accident. Mrs. Waggoner refused the amount offered and made a formal written demand for the full reward to be presented to Governor Geer.

The Old Yankee Blue.

The long established blue uniform for the American soldier is to be doffed and he is, after 1902 to don a suit of olive green. Much of beauty is to be sacrificed for the safety of the men wearing them. Next to the British red coat the American blue makes a good target and makes the maneuverings of troops on the field most easily detected. The new color is said to be the least conspicuous color known. For the sake of our soldiers primarily and a deep-seated dislike for the Yankee blue secondarily we are delighted with the change. We won't have to struggle against the disposition to hate the blue clothes.

Lost His Life at Beating the Train.

A man supposed to be Henry Fisher from Salisbury was fatally hurt at Asheville last week and died. His identity as a citizen of Salisbury was not established, however, and it seems a mystery as to who he was. He was beating a ride with another man and on attempting to get off the train at Asheville in a rather drunken condition lost his life.

Muslin = Underware Sale!

Beginning today we take this stock and cut the price on every garment. This week is the last week of our great pre-inventory sale and our very best values will be laid out. If values count for anything this will be the largest week of the sale, as every department will contribute liberally.

We understand that some competitors say we are selling goods too cheap—cutting the life out of the mercantile business. However, we have yet to learn of any customers who are offended with us because we sell them goods for less than value.

This Muslin Underwear reduction lasts all of this week and at the price we expect to close out practically every garment.

1.25 and 1.48 Gowns, sale price	98c
All of the fine Underskirts at 1.48 and 1.25 better be quick	98c
75c Muslin Gowns	58c
1.00 Gowns, different patterns, sale price	87c
50c Muslin Drawers	39c
Muslin Drawers with hemstitched cambric ruffle or tucks and hamburg edge, big 25c values,	19c
Ladies' plain tucked Drawers	10c
A few dozen 48c Drawers that are soiled now	25c
Ladie's lisle threat 25c Vests now	15c
Long sleeve Gavze Vests	25c

Ribbon and Millinery Values.

White Liberty Ribbons, No's. 80 and 100, very wide, worth 40 and 50c, unheard of price 25c

All Sailors, shapes, etc., greatly reduced.

Snap in Umbrellas.

Fifty ladies' Black Taffetta Parasols, guaranteed fast black. Beautiful handles of German silver, look like very fine goods. These have been our best 1.50 retailers and for this weeks sale take your choice for 98c.

H. L. Parks & Co.