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## THE LIGHTNING'S PLAY.

Greensboro House Struck—Narrow Escape of Inmates.

A Greensboro dispatch of the 15th says:

"During a heavy thunder storm here just before night lightning struck the residence of Mr. J M Bandy in Carr street and almost demolished the ten-room building, the dining room and kitchen, forming a wing, alone escaping. The chimney was torn down, and the weather boarding all over the house is drawn out by the nails as if a giant charge of gun powder had shaken it apart. Furniture in every room was broken or shattered and paper in one bureau drawer, was set afire. There are two large holes. In one room it goes from the plastering outward as if made by a cannon ball, in the other room the stroke seems to have come from the outside. The whole building is a wreck, though standing as if nothing had happened except for the breaks referred to and the toppled chimney. Mrs. Bandy and her daughter were in the house alone, and were stunned. Their escape from death is a marvel. Mrs. Bandy says that the full force of the electricity came down the chimney in a great flash of fire, and that what seemed to be balls of fire played in all parts of the house that she could see. As soon as she could stir, the smell of burning paper caused her to go up stairs, and a bureau drawer which had been stricken half open had a pile of patterns burning."

## McKinley Memorial Falls.

The promoters of the McKinley memorial have abandoned hope of raising the amount originally fixed as the cost of the monument to be erected to the memory of the dead President.

At first it was thought \$1,250,000 could be obtained in popular subscriptions. The money came slowly, however, then the amount to be raised was fixed at \$1,000,000. That was cut down to \$650,000, and it is probable the estimate will have to be cut down to \$400,000.

The subscriptions to date do not exceed \$350,000.—Cleveland O., Dispatch, 13th.

## Mrs. James Goodman Dead.

Mrs. James Goodman died at Forest Hill Friday night at the age of 57 years.

She was a member of Organ church and the remains will be taken there Sunday for burial by the side of relatives. She leaves a sorrowing husband and four children.

Miss Irene Ridenhour and niece, little Miss Laura Ridenhour, are visiting Mr. Will Ridenhour at Kings Mountain.

## Which is Better—to Carry the Child or the School?

If good schools cannot be brought to the children of sparsely settled areas, cannot the children be taken to such schools? The experiment has been tried and it is found to be practicable to unite the weak schools of a scattered country settlement into one strong, well-equipped, well-conducted central graded school by conveying the remote children to and from their homes at the public expense, and that too at a total cost less than that of maintaining a number of isolated and inefficient small schools. New York has a statute authorizing the consolidation of weak schools at the discretion of the trustees of district schools. Wisconsin has about 20 such "consolidated" schools, and a somewhat similar statute is pending in the Maryland Legislature. For 30 years Massachusetts has had a statute which authorizes local authorities to raise money to provide "for the conveyance of pupils to and from the public schools."

"For 18 years," says the report of a rural district of Massachusetts, "we have had the best attendance from the transported children. We have saved the town at least \$600 a year. All the children attend well-equipped schoolhouses at the center. The schools are graded, and everybody is converted to the plan. There is no way to bring the country schools up but to consolidate them."—Baltimore Sun.

## Farmers' Meeting.

The North Carolina Farmers' State Association is called to meet in this city Wednesday, September 3rd. The Post has already published the call and urged the importance of the meeting. We venture to suggest to our State cotemporaries—always foremost in good works and in promoting a good cause—to call attention to the meeting and urge their farmer friends to meet at the dates mentioned therein and select large delegations to the State meeting.—Morning Post.

## The Reformer Being Reformed.

The New York World tells the story of one Rev. Robert Robb who walked into a bar room Sunday morning and bought and drank a glass of beer, then went off and had the barkeeper arrested for violation of the law. The minister invited the barkeeper to an interview in which he became completely trapped. A detective was placed in hiding and heard the defendant bribe the minister for \$50 not to appear against him. Now the latter is being reformed in jail.

## Rock Hill, S. C., Storm Stricken.

A Rock Hill special of the 15th to the Charlotte Observer says: During this week Rock Hill has been visited by three terrific rain and electric storms. The first occurred last Sunday afternoon, at which time Mr. Wm. Mitchell's and Mr. Frank Hull's homes were badly damaged. Both Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hull being badly shocked. But the storm Sunday did not compare with the one that visited this place on Wednesday night. It was the severest rain and electric storm this county has known in many years. A bolt of lightning struck Mrs. M L Hall's home, and her two daughters, Misses Lizzie and Roberta, barely escaped death. The bolt descended through the front flue of the house. The house is very badly damaged, and many of its contents ruined. During the same storm Lawyer W J Cherry's house, in Oaklark, was struck, and although some of its occupants were badly frightened, no damage was done with the exception of a great many of the shingles being torn from the roof. Telephone messages report that a hail storm, in addition to the electric and rain storm, occurred near Catawba Junction, a point not far from this place, and that great damage was done to the crops. It is believed that 50 per cent. damage has been done to the crops on account of the terrible storms. Last night another storm almost as violent as the one the night before occurred in this city, but as yet no damages have been reported.

## Counterfeiter in Limbo.

Avery G. Dawson, the young man who was brought here from King's Mountain Thursday by Chief of Police G W Kendrick, of that place, on the charge of altering a bill, received a preliminary hearing yesterday morning before United States Commissioner D G Maxwell. The evidence was that Dawson had changed a \$2 silver certificate to make it appear that it was a \$5 bill. It was a clumsy effort, however, and was in court as evidence against him. Several witnesses who were examined testified that Dawson had tried to pass the note off on them. After the evidence was all heard Commissioner Maxwell bound the prisoner over to the Federal Court. In default of a \$1,000 bond Dawson went to jail.—Charlotte Observer.

When You go into a Drug Store to get a bottle of Painkiller, examine it carefully to see if it is made by Perry Davis, and don't be persuaded to take something "just as good" because it is a few cents cheaper. There is only one Painkiller, Perry Davis'. Large bottles 25 and 50c.

## NEWS CULLINGS.

John Hill a white man, a farmer, of Orange county, about 70 years old was killed recently by the kick of a horse at the Mt. Lebanon camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fair were killed in Paris on the 14th by their automobile. It is said Mr. Fair was a reckless rider. They were preparing to return to America. Their bodies were embalmed and will be shipped home.

Mrs. J H White, of Philadelphia, foiled an elopement between her husband and pretty Miss Bessie Raymond on the 15th. She came up with them on the Black Diamond express and with the aid of passengers held them and turned them over to the police.

William Spillman, of Yadkin, in a drunken carouse, after destroying much of his household goods and frightening his wife and child away attempted to commit suicide on Friday. He shot his whole chin away only and ran back and forth screaming. He can hardly live and his condition would not be inviting to life.

## Our First Bale of New Cotton.

Jim Ellis, the faithful old time negro cropper for Capt. J M Odell, had a bale of cotton ginned and he put it on the market today (Saturday the 16th.) It was ginned at the oil mill and weighed 335. It was bought by Mr. D P Dayvault at 9 1/2 cents a pound. Jim secures the watch offered by Mr. W C Correll.

## Tragedy By Jealous Lover.

The news circles record a tragedy near Mt. Airy in which Charles Midkiff beat Miss Lorre, his former sweetheart, with intent to kill her, giving her the chance to marry him or die.

It appears that her affections had been won by another man; a drummer, who took her to a picnic in a carriage. Midkiff waylaid them as they were returning at night and under cover of a pistol forced her to get out of the carriage to ride with him. Her drummer lover drove off and later her screams were heard by others and she was saved from being beaten to death with the pistol. When she was revived she told the dreadful story. Midkiff fled.

The smallest promise in our casket is too much for us to deserve; yet the most magnificent promise is not too great for the King of kings to bestow.—C H Spurgeon.

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