

POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES

TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION WHICH ALARMS THE CITY.

Fires in Colored Graveyard Reaches the Powder Magazine of Yorke & Wadsworth Co. and it Explodes—Nothing Left to tell the Tale—Hundreds of Lights Broken in Brown Mill and Other Buildings—Other Damage Done.

Last Tuesday afternoon about 3:10 o'clock a tremendous explosion was heard, the concussion shaking the largest building of the city and shattering many window lights all over the town.

Hiram Alexander, colored, was burning some brush in a field a short distance from the powder magazine of the Yorke & Wadsworth Co., one and a half miles south of the city, and the grass caught fire in the old field and soon got beyond his control. The grass and brush being very dry, the flames soon swept down to the powder house. Only a few people realized the danger and they were powerless to prevent the explosion which soon occurred.

It was first reported that the boiler at the Cabarrus mill had exploded and excitement ran high. In a few moments the streets were thronged with people, crowds flocking out of stores, offices, workshops and residences, to make their way to the mill to view the wreck of the disaster. In a short time the cause of the explosion was determined and as the news spread over the city that it was not the boiler at the mill the people breathed a sigh of relief.

Crowds hurried to the scene in carriages, automobiles, on horseback and on foot, and in a short time the whole hillside was covered with a multitude of people. The road leading out by the depot was lined with people and crowds were swarming out every street leading out of the city in that direction. It looked as if the inhabitants of the city were fleeing from some terrible disaster.

The powder house was constructed of brick and galvanized iron and when the explosion came small fragments of these materials were scattered in every direction. It appeared for a time as if it was raining small particles of brick and sand, the depot, Cabarrus mill and other houses near them being covered with small atoms. Fortunately the explosion was of such tremendous force the brick and iron were broken into many thousand little atoms and when they descended they amounted to nothing more than the particles of dust raised by the multitude.

The powder magazine was about a mile and a half from the town between the Brown Mill and the Young Hartsell mill, and only a short distance from Silver Hill. The explosion caused the people in this section much more damage than here in the city. Practically every light in the Brown Mill, on the side toward the powder magazine was shattered by the explosion. The plate glass window in the store of the Missouri City Mercantile Co. store was broken and many window panes in the houses all over the Brown mill hill were broken out. Fifty or more lights were broken in the power house of the Brown mill, near the depot. A number of lights were broken in the No. 2 graded school building. The glass front in Furr & Bost's store was shattered. The glass in the front door of Dr. Pemberton's residence was shaken out, falling to the floor with a crash. A chandelier in the dining room of Mr. J. C. Willeford was also broken by the shock. A glass 14x25 inches in a front room at Mr. V. L. Norman's residence was knocked out, falling to the floor. Mrs. H. P. Deaton was sitting at the window, almost directly under the glass when it fell. Window lights in the home of Mr. G. W. Means, at the extreme end of Union street were broken. Mr. W. H. Heglar, rural mail carrier on route 6, was passing the house a few seconds before the explosion. He was warned by someone of the danger and it is said that he broke the speed records of Uncle Sam's fastest mail train. A number of negroes on Silver Hill thought the tail of Halley's comet had struck the earth. One old negro woman exclaimed to a newspaper reporter: "Bless God, Mister! I was sitting at my machine sewing and the first thing I knowed the machine blew over in my lap and I says 'surely to the Lord the comet has hit the ground.'"

Mr. Goodson, of the Yorke & Wadsworth Co., says that he does not know the exact amount of powder that was in the house. He said it was their custom to order five hundred pounds and wait until the stock was practically exhausted before buying more.

Rev. J. J. Paysour, a number of years ago pastor of the Baptist church here, is now pastor of a church at Edmonds, Wash.

MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

Mr. L. R. Crooks went to Gold Hill last week to accept a position in the sash and blind factory there.

The young infant of Mr. W. A. Overcash died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at the Charlotte Sanatorium.

A temperance entertainment will be given at Sunderland Hall next Friday night. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. J. A. Saunders, of No. 9 township, brought to Concord recently about \$300 worth of gold which he washed out from some ore on his farm.

Mr. J. F. Misener, of Mt. Pleasant, now has charge of the Kimball piano sale in the rear of the Surprise Five and Ten Cent Store.

The boys prayer meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock Friday night. "Opportunity of the Day" will be the subject, and Harry Isenhour, Fred Peck and Clyde Propst will read selections.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the W. N. C. Conference will meet at Reidsville in June. Mrs. A. S. Dayvault has been elected a delegate from the society of Central church, and Mrs. W. C. Houston alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane gave a dinner yesterday in honor of the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Mrs. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia. Those present besides Mrs. Garrison were: Mr. L. D. Coltrane and family, Mrs. Murrow and Miss Howe.

The condition of Mrs. J. F. Harris, who has been critically ill in the hospital at Salisbury, is reported very much improved. A message from there this morning stated that she rested well last night and that her recovery is expected.

The spring session of Concord Presbytery convened in Spencer Tuesday. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth, of Morganton, who acted instead of the venerable moderator, Rev. J. M. Wharey, who died since the last meeting of the Presbytery.

Mrs. Jno. M. Craven and children, will leave next Friday night for Union Springs, Ala., where they will visit relatives for a while before going to their new home at Birmingham. They will remain there until Mr. Craven joins them. He does not know yet when that will be.

News was received here Monday of the serious illness of Mr. G. Linn Bernhardt, at his home in Lenoir. Mr. Bernhardt suffered a stroke of paralysis several days ago, and is now seriously ill. He married Miss Lucy Richmond, daughter of Mr. G. G. Richmond.

Mr. B. L. Umberger has leased the room in the Allison building, formerly occupied by the Concord Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., and a large warehouse adjoining it. Mr. Umberger will move his offices in this room as soon as the room can be thoroughly renovated and a number of improvements made, which work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

All of the smallpox cases at the pest house have been discharged and the county authorities have discharged the keeper of the house. It is very probable that there will be no more cases this year, as the people have been very careful in taking the proper precautions to prevent it and the disease is always bore prevalent in the latter part of the winter and early spring than during the summer.

Officer John Braswell left Tuesday for Fort Meyer, Va., with Lester L. Miney, the young man he arrested Sunday night at his father's home for deserting from the army. Miney will be turned over to the commanding officer at the fort, according to the instructions received by Mr. Braswell at the recruiting station in Charlotte. He will receive a reward of \$50 and all necessary expenses for arresting Miney.

Salisbury Post: Apropos of the announcement made by Editor J. P. Cook, of the Uplift, a paper printed in the interest of the Jackson Training School, near Concord, offering three prizes to school children of the State of \$50, \$30 and \$20 for the best essays concerning the counties in the State, Chairman P. B. Beard, of the Rowan county commissioners, makes an additional offer of \$5 to any scholar, white or colored, in Rowan who will write the best essay on Rowan county.

Six Southern Railway engineers were summoned to Lexington Tuesday to answer to the mayor to the charge of having exceeded the speed limit of six miles an hour imposed by the aldermen on all trains passing through Lexington. Upon their submission the mayor imposed no penalty but payment of costs. About the same time the aldermen held a special session and modified the law so that trains may run at usual speed save at the station and at Cotton Grove crossing, where all must slow down to six miles an hour.

Mr. Geo. L. Fisher is having a new residence erected on Academy street.

Jim Boger, colored, now has charge of the blacksmith shop of the stable of M. J. Corl & Son.

Mr. William R. Foreman, formerly of Charlotte, but now of Lynchburg, Va., will be married April 23rd to Miss Margaret Lee Myers, of Lynchburg.

A chater has been issued for the Stanley Union Warehouse Company, Albemarle; capital \$25,000, by C. C. Miller, J. W. Fink and others for general farm product storage.

Mr. L. L. Cranford, who works at the Gibson Mill, had the misfortune to get one of his fingers caught in the machinery at the mill, causing a compound fracture of the bone. His injury is not serious but very painful.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Central Methodist church will meet at Reidsville in May. Mrs. A. S. Dayvault has been elected delegate from the society here, and Mrs. W. C. Houston alternate.

The five months old infant of Mr. Thomas Biggers, of Bost Mill, died Monday night. The funeral was held Tuesday at Center church, conducted by Rev. Mr. McGhee, after which the interment was made at Center church cemetery.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the 12th Judicial district in Charlotte, on Monday, April 19th, for the purpose of fixing a time and place for holding the Judicial Convention of the district. Hon. M. B. Stickle, of this city, is a member of the committee and will attend the meeting.

Hendrix-Williams.

The following invitations were received in the city Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Milton Williams request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lillian Starr to

Dr. Harry Matthew Hendrix on Wednesday evening, April the twenty-seventh, one thousand nine hundred and ten at eight o'clock Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Dr. Hendrix is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hendrix of this city, where he is so well and favorably known, having lived here until a few years ago. He located in China Grove for the practice of his profession, and is meeting with marked success. Miss Williams is well remembered in Concord, having visited here sometime ago.

Closing of Poplar Tent School.

The high school at Poplar Tent, taught by Mr. Charles Andrews, after a very successful session, closed last night, with appropriate exercises. The commencement exercises yesterday afternoon, consisted of a most attractive program by the pupils of the school and the commencement address by Prof. C. E. Boger. A large number of the patrons of the school were present and also many visitors. Two prizes were offered, one for the most improvement in penmanship and the other for the best speller.

A spelling match was held last night to decide as to who would be the winner of the latter prize. After a very spirited contest the judges were unable to decide which contestant should be given the prize, as there were seven of them standing. They finally decided to award each of the seven contestants a prize, which was done.

Fire at Harrisburg.

There was a small fire at the home of Mr. Ed Harris, in Harrisburg, Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock. The fire originated in a closet and it is supposed that it started from a match being struck by a rat as there had been no fire in the house for several days, except in the kitchen stove. A number of the children's clothes were burned and Mr. Harris had his hands severely burnt in extinguishing the flames.

The Government Takes a Hand.

Deputy Collector Miller, of Hickory, spent last Tuesday in the city on business connected with the internal revenue department of the government. Mr. Miller issued papers yesterday requiring Duncan and Charles Cook to pay the license tax of \$25 for retailing liquor, of which offense they were convicted in the Recorder's court here a few weeks ago. It is reported that Deputy Miller will require a number of people to take out the government license or he will issue warrants for their arrest.

Near Beer Stand Here.

Mr. J. E. Cline, of China Grove, paid the \$1,000 privilege tax on near beer, to the city yesterday and under the license he will be allowed to begin the sale of it on the first day of May. Mr. Cline will build a building next to the store of Hahn-Honeycutt Co. and open his establishment there.

MR. HARTSELL RESIGNS

His Position as Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee

Mr. L. T. Hartsell, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of this county, has called the committee to meet on Saturday, April 16, at 2 o'clock, p. m. in his office. The purpose of this meeting is to determine the manner of ascertaining the choice of the Democratic voters for all candidates for State, congressional, judicial, senatorial and county offices.

Mr. Hartsell, who has served as chairman of the committee for the past eight years, at a considerable sacrifice of his private business, finds that he is compelled to resign. He asks that his resignation be accepted at the meeting next Saturday, as he thinks it proper that his successor will have charge of the campaign should have full control during the selection of the ticket.

We regret to know of Mr. Hartsell's decision. He has made a most capable chairman, and has given his time and efforts unstintingly to the work for his party. It will be difficult to find a man who will fill his place as well as he has filled it.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Cotton 14.50. There was a slight frost here this morning.

The Davis Drug Co. has a full line of Huhn's toilet preparations. See new ad in today's paper.

The Dove-Bost Co. have fresh mackerel, extra fine quality. Just the thing for breakfast. Price 10 cents each.

Miss Maude Virginia Brown will assume her new position as operator at the Bell Telephone office tomorrow morning.

The long dry spell of five weeks was broken by a good shower Tuesday night, and since that time it has been clear and much cooler.

Mr. Joe F. Cannon has rented the furnished home of Mrs. H. M. Barrow, on North Union street, and expects to move into it May 1.

If you have forgotten that poll-tax, Mr. Democrat, let this spur you to pay it right away. The time is drawing near, and unless you pay you will disfranchise yourself.

Miss Rosa Burleyson has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, and will begin her work there Monday.

The work of cementing the sidewalk on North Union street, which has been delayed on account of the shortage in cement, will be resumed at once, the city having received a car today.

Mr. W. R. Jenkins returned yesterday from Plant City, Fla., where he had been for two or three months working for the Seaboard Air Line. He is a son of Mr. D. S. Jenkins, of N. 10 township.

"Married in Haste," a lively little comedy of an unusual sort with a story that develops odd complications and all sorts of fun. "The Village Inventor," a comedy drama, will be run at the Theatorium today.

We ask our friends all over the city to 'phone us (telephone No. 78) any items of news they may have. We want to make this paper "a map of busy life" here, and we ask the co-operation of everyone.

Policeman Braswell returned last night from Fort Meyer, Va., where he delivered Miney, the young man arrested recently for desertion from the United States army. Mr. Braswell received a reward of \$50 for making the arrest.

Seed Corn.

We have a limited amount of fine seed corn, furnished by the Department of Agriculture for distribution for farm demonstrators. We shall be glad to furnish those desiring it as long as the supply lasts.

Yours very truly,
H. C. RIDENHOUR.

Col. Means' Condition.

A phone message from Charlotte this morning stated that the condition of Col. Means was unchanged and that he was gradually growing worse.

The next term of Cabarrus Superior Court will convene the 9th of May. As yet no judge has been appointed to hold this term of court. This term was on Judge Jones' circuit but as he has tendered the Governor his resignation to take effect the 7th of May it is very probable that the Judge to be appointed by Gov. Kitchin will hold this term of court.

H. L. Parks & Co. are going to have a special sale Friday, Saturday and Monday. This sale applies to all lines in their big stores, dry goods, notions millinery, clothing, gents furnishings, shoes, etc. The sixth page of The Times this issue will tell you all about this big sale.

A CLEAR CASE

That Proves Absolutely that Vaccination is a Sure Preventive of Smallpox.

Sometime ago a white woman, whose name is unknown, went to Mr. Luke Kizer's home at the Brown mill and soon afterward she developed a case of small pox. A number of people in the neighborhood thought the disease was chicken pox, as it was very prevalent in the community. As soon as it was determined that the disease was small pox the woman was removed to the pest house and the Kizer family quarantined. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Kizer, Mr. Kizer's mother and two children. The adult members of the family were properly vaccinated, but the children were not vaccinated. It has been eighteen days since the family was exposed to the disease and yesterday they contracted the disease. The three members of the family who were vaccinated have not taken the disease. The Kizer family has been quarantined and every precaution is being taken to keep the disease from spreading.

County Physician Dr. J. W. Wallace says: "This case should be taken as an example by the public and should clearly prove to everyone that vaccination is a sure and effective preventive remedy in small pox."

Married at Last.

Mr. L. C. Morgan and Miss Mary Bailes, of Kannapolis, were married yesterday by Esquire Pitts at his office on West Depot street. This is the young couple who ran away from their homes about two weeks ago and attempted to go to South Carolina and get married, but the father of the girl objected to the marriage and wired the officers at Charlotte to arrest the young lady and keep her until he could get to Charlotte. This was done and the father went to Charlotte and brought the daughter back with him. The young people have evidently secured the good will and consent of the father as he came with them to Concord this morning and secured the license for the marriage. He witnessed the ceremony and afterwards bestowed his parental blessing upon them, the young couple going on their way rejoicing. A number of interested spectators witnessed the ceremony.

Sudden Death.

Mr. Ross Andrews, 16-year-old son of Mr. J. Lindsay Andrews, who lives near the furniture factory, died suddenly of heart failure yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. He had been a sufferer from heart trouble for several years, but retired last night at his usual time in good spirits and showed no signs of illness. He arose at an early hour this morning and complained that he was not feeling well. His father arose and went to his bedside, the young man dying a few minutes after he reached him. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at Poplar Tent church.

Ex-Gov. R. B. Glenn left Raleigh Tuesday afternoon for Washington, after spending two days there calling on the state officials and renewing old acquaintances. He declares that more real enjoyment was never crowded in two days for him. He talks enthusiastically of his work in the mission field, he says he has reserved the month of October for taking a hand in the North Carolina campaign in the interest of the Democratic party. He insists that he is not a candidate for any office.

Mr. R. V. Caldwell, who lives in No. 2 township, was out yesterday afternoon hunting some pigs which had strayed away from their sty, and while going through some woods on his farm found two suits of clothes that are used by the convicts on the county roads. Sunday night four convicts escaped from the chain gang and it is supposed that this is where two of them stopped to change their clothing. As yet only one of the escaped convicts has been captured.

In a ten inning game of ball yesterday at Athens, Ga., Trinity defeated the University of Georgia by the score of 3 to 2. Claude West, Trinity's star shortstop pitched his first game of college ball, allowing the Georgia sluggers only four safe hits and won his game by scoring his brother from second on a single in the tenth inning. Sam Gant, one of Trinity's regular pitchers, was injured in a game at Spartanburg and returned to Durham, leaving Trinity with only one regular pitcher on the Southern trip.

There will be a game of ball tomorrow afternoon at the Locke Cotton mill park, between Concord and Mt. Pleasant. Cline will be on the mound for the locals, with Rogers receiving. The game will be called promptly at 4 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

MT. PLEASANT DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY H. M. FAGGART.

Mr. C. D. Cobb, of McLeansville, visited Capt. Jonas Cook Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. C. G. Lents had his hand right seriously burned this week.

Dr. J. C. Rowe preached an excellent sermon at the Methodist church last night.

The commencement programme of the Institute has been perfected, and an order has been placed for invitations.

Professor G. F. McAllister spent Monday in Salisbury, attending a meeting of the Sunda School Normal Committee.

Revs. J. I. Long, of South Carolina, and C. R. Pless, of Concord, were pleasant visitors in our town Monday.

The congregation of the Methodist church has purchased a new upright piano to be used in the Auditorium of the Church. This purchase has been contemplated for sometime and the congregation is glad to make this addition to the church.

Mr. M. J. Barringer, one of our rural mail carriers, had the misfortune of having two run-aways last week. His horse was frightened by Dr. Moore's automobile both times. Mr. Barringer had a narrow escape from being seriously hurt in the first run-away. He was thrown from the buggy and dragged some little distance. Fortunately he was not in the buggy the second time the animal was frightened for the vehicle was totally demolished.

One of the best entertainments of the year was that given by the expression classes of the Institute and M. A. Seminary last week. The play, "Oak Farm," was thorough-enjoyed by the audience. Each one played the role well. Considering the limited time for practice, this performance reflect much credit upon the direction of the expression department.

The Literary Societies of the Institute selected marshals for commencement at their meeting Friday afternoon. Representing the Gerhardt Society are: D. L. Ridenhour, chief; J. L. Yost, I. L. Hoffner and H. M. Faggart, representing the Ludwig Society are: D. L. Ridenhour, chief; and H. M. Taylor.

There will be held a contest in extemporaneous debate in the Auditorium Friday night the 15th. Any student of the Institute is eligible to this contest. That debater who, in the judgment of a committee, makes the most effective argument will be awarded ten dollars in gold. This promises to be an interesting discussion as both Societies will be well represented.

The cadets and faculty of the Institute, and friends in town, responded with a full delegation to the reception given by M. A. Seminary Friday evening. The Seminary parlors were tastefully and appropriately decorated, a delightful program rendered and the occasion enjoyed to the fullest. Misses Carraker and Smith stood in the receiving line and this initial reception made all feel that it was good to be there. The numbers which followed in the program were no less enjoyable. At the proper juncture, the guests were invited to the spacious dining hall, which had been bedecked profusely with pennants, banners, and other timely decorations, white and blue being the prevailing colors. A delightful salad course, followed by cream and cake, was served. It goes without saying that the guests appreciated very highly their evening which was so full of enjoyable feature, and all acknowledged themselves debtors to the faculty and young ladies for the rich treat.

Work on County Roads.

A contract has been let by the county for the completion of the road from where it was completed by the chain gang at the three mile limit to where the macadam begins again in front of the home of Mr. George Barnhardt, on the Mount Pleasant road. When this road is completed there will be a five mile stretch of macadam road towards Mount Pleasant. The contract was let yesterday by the county for two bridges, one across big cold water creek, and the other across Chamber's branch, near Mr. Rufus Clien's place.

Shot up the House.

One of the prominent storekeepers of No. 3 township, had quite an interesting experience one night this week. He was sleeping in the store, and during the night dreamed that a burglar had entered the store. He thought he was grappling with him, and following out his dream he secured his pistol and actually fired three times. One of the balls entered the ceiling, one the wall and the other the floor. By this time he was about half awake, and lighting a lamp looked around the store for the supposed burglar. He soon fully waked up, and crawled back into his bed.