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PLANS OF NEW DEPOT.

Now in Hands of Contractors for Bids.—To Be 127 x 30 Feet, And of Brick and Stone.—To Be No Shed, No Steam Heat, And We Want Both.—Now is the Time For the People to Speak.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. Leonard Brown, of the contracting firm of R. A. Brown's Sons, a representative of The Times had the opportunity this morning of inspecting the plan of the new depot for Concord. The plans are now in the hands of the contractors and bids will be called in January 20th. R. A. Brown's Sons are among the bidders.

The new station will be 127 x 30 feet and will be constructed of red brick and stone. It will contain two waiting rooms, the white waiting room 30 by 45 and the colored waiting room 22 by 30. Between the waiting rooms will be the ticket office, 35 by 16. The ticket offices will have two windows on both sides. An operators table will also be in this office. Adjoining the colored waiting room will be an express room 15 by 16 and a baggage room 15 by 30.

The white waiting room will contain a ladies' rest room 12 by 9. Both waiting rooms will contain toilet rooms. The walls of the waiting rooms will be plastered above the wainscoting, which will be three feet high. A wall fountain in each waiting room will take the place of the old, antiquated water cooler.

The plans do not call for a shed. The eaves of the roof, however, will extend about six feet out. This will prove quite a disappointment to the people here have confidently expected the Southern to build a train shed when the new depot was erected. Another disappointing feature to the new station is the fact that the plans do not call for steam heat. This is another convenience that the people have been hoping for.

There is also some doubt as to whether the size of the building is in keeping with "Concord's size and importance as a city." Those who are familiar with the depot at Statesville can get a fairly correct idea as to the kind of station to be erected here as the plans for the Concord station are very similar to the one at Statesville. The Statesville people failed to get steam heat by reason of the fact they did not ask for it until the plans had been made and the bids for the work received.

If the new station is to be in keeping with "Concord's importance as a city," which was the promise made to Mayor Wagoner by the officials of the Southern, steam heat and a shed must yet be added to the plans. If the people here want the station equipped with modern conveniences to the traveling public that other towns have, they should make their wants known now before the bids are made, as it would be an injustice to the railroad to make requests after the contracts have been awarded.

Big Demand for Fuel.

The cold weather that has held this section in its grasp for a week has caused a heavy demand to be made on the supply of coal and other fuel of the local dealers. The big snow that fell Friday night has greatly increased the demand. But an inquiry made by The Times this morning shows that the supply is ample. Several dealers have an unusually large stock and the reports that there is imminent danger of a coal famine here is absolutely groundless. Those ordering coal can do the dealers a great favor by placing your order early in the morning. In this way they will have more time to deliver it and will not keep their teams and drivers out after night.

Young-Hartsell Mill Elect Officers.

At the January meeting of the stockholders of Young-Hartsell mill the following officers were elected: W. W. Flowe, president; A. J. Yorke, vice president; J. L. Hartsell, secretary and treasurer; A. J. Yorke, Dr. R. S. Young, Dr. W. C. Houston, W. H. G. Belt, C. B. Wagoner, J. W. Cannon, P. B. Fetzner, B. C. Ely, Jr., W. W. Flowe and J. L. Hartsell, directors.

Judge Montgomery Improving.

A telephone message from Charlotte this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock brings the information that the condition of Judge Montgomery, who has been in the Charlotte Sanatorium for several days, is better. He has been sitting up today, and his physicians are encouraged regarding his condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Craige have returned to their home in Winston-Salem, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Allison for several days.

MERCURY CLOSE TO THE ZERO MARK.

Coldest Weather Here in Years.—Business Much Affected.—Bursting of Water Pipes and Exploding of Ranges.—Plumbers' Harvest.

Intense cold attended by stinging wind caught Concord in its grasp Saturday and Sunday. During the early evening Saturday the mercury began to drop and in the night it did stunt in the revision downward process that will even cause Democratic Congressmen to marvel. During the night the thermometer descended to such depths—as to cause the "oldest inhabitant" to fear lest he should be unable to produce a parallel back in 18—

Business was paralyzed. The usual large throng of Saturday shoppers hovered around the firesides and only during the morning and early afternoon did any considerable number venture forth in the shopping section. Overshoes and leggings proved the chief article of commerce and the demands for them reached enormous proportions. At the time the usual Saturday rush is at its height a prosperous business man of the city said: "Boys, we might as well close and save light bills." Many adopted this course and by 9:30 the streets were practically deserted, only a few of the owl brigade being in evidence. They loitered in the few open stores and only ventured forth to take a peep at the mercury. By 11 o'clock everything was closed. At 11:30 the mercury hovered around 8 degrees and only the forms of two heavily clad policemen could be seen beating the cement down the dreary, deserted looking streets. A short time after this the thermometer dropped to 7 degrees. Here it ceased its downward flight.

The absence of the Saturday night crowd was also marked with the absence of the Saturday night drunks. Only one young man fell into the clutches of the "cops" and lodged in the bed chamber of Concord. He was well fortified, however, against the elements, but his fortress could not withstand the pressure of the fortifications. He banked on John Barleycorn to furnish him warmth and comfort but overindulgence made him trod the beaten path that leads only to the city hall. He was found lying across the fence at All Saints' Episcopal church. His pockets contained four pints of liquor and from his condition it is safe to state that his system contained a like amount. The timely arrival of the police in all probability saved his life, for in a short time he would have succumbed to the intense cold.

Sunday was a day of broken water pipes and blown out ranges. Servants failed to come and in many households there was no method of drawing water or preparing food. The churches were visited by sparse congregations and the Sunday schools hardly mustered enough to keep the organization of classes intact.

Ranges were practically demolished at the homes of Mr. R. E. Gibson, J. F. Dayvault and W. B. Sloop. Fortunately no one was injured by the explosions, although considerable damage was done to the cook rooms. Scores of water backs were blown out and the floors flooded. Plumbers are working day and night and the number who followed the trade here has been greatly increased by an army of the "heads of the household."

Today dawned brighter and warmer and there is strong indications that this section will be greatly relieved of the intense cold.

An Explanation.

Mr. Alonzo Blackwelder, the alert correspondent of The Times at Mt. Pleasant, phoned this morning stating that his correspondence in this paper in reference to the telephone service in regard to Mr. Fisher's condition in Salisbury, was in no way intended to reflect on the service rendered by the Concord Telephone Co. Mr. Blackwelder stated further that Mr. Fisher's relatives in Mount Pleasant were indebted to the operators of the Concord Telephone Co., at Mount Pleasant, Concord and Salisbury for the information they received concerning the injured man.

The next great event in Raleigh is the convention of the State Anti-Saloon League to be held on the 26th, 27th and 28th of January. It has been customary to hold these conventions in Raleigh bi-annually in January.

Mr. J. B. Alexander, of Mooresville, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alexander.

MOUNT PLEASANT APPEALS TO CONCORD.

Mont Amoena Seminary Must Remain in the Cabarrus Town, And Concord Will Help to That End.

Mount Pleasant appeals to Concord for aid. The appeal is being made on behalf of her daughter, Mont Amoena Seminary. The institution has been a child of that good community since its infancy and under the support of the loyal citizens there grew and flowered forth into such an institution as to be a source of pride to the entire section. An unavoidable misfortune visited the school a short time ago and struck a blow that for a time appeared almost fatal. While suffering from the distress caused by a fire that converted the school building into a heap of ashes and ruin, another community reaches forth and demands that the institution be placed under its care.

Almost immediately the citizenship of Mount Pleasant formed a solid phalanx to protect what was theirs by every right and heritage. Help was asked, and never did any community make a more ready response. A neat sum was raised and the canvass is still being pushed.

Mr. Ed. Crowell, of the committee to raise funds for rebuilding the institution at Mount Pleasant, is canvassing the local field. He started Saturday and met with hearty encouragement. He will continue this afternoon and by tonight hopes to have \$1,000. He will be aided by a committee that will come out from Mount Pleasant this afternoon. A thorough canvass will be made and when the committee goes to the Synod at China Grove tomorrow they hope to have the above sum from Concord.

It is only natural that any community would work for and welcome such an institution as Mont Amoena Seminary. Concord would welcome her with open arms, and if it was decided to build the school in some other place Concord would make a strong bid for it. But because a misfortune happened to visit it in Mount Pleasant is no reason why it should be removed therefrom. And most certainly no one can bring the charge that it has not been loyally and faithfully cared for there.

Mount Pleasant has proved herself worthy of her trust. Not a talent has she buried and she is only asking for what has been and what is justly her own.

GLADDEN NOT GUILTY.

Jury Refused to Believe Evidence of Negro Convicted of Murder of John Dixon.

Shelby, Jan. 13.—Frank Gladden, on trial here for last three days on the charge of being an accomplice of John Ross, who was committed the first of the week of murdering John Dixon and his wife, prominent farmer of this county, was acquitted by the jury tonight after eight o'clock.

The evidence on which Gladden, the white man, was indicted and tried was chiefly furnished by the convicted negro—and the jury refused to believe his testimony. The jury was out about two hours.

It is understood that Gladden will be kept in jail and later placed on trial for the killing of Mrs. Dixon. But the evidence will be the same, practically, then as now, and it is doubtful if any jury would convict him.

Train Freezes to Rails; Rare Railroad Incident.

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 14.—A rare incident in the history of railroading in Virginia occurred on the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Lynchburg today, when the Washington-Chattanooga fast train actually froze to the rails. Stopping in a swag, the dripping water from the pipes caught the wheels and the temperature being below zero, the train was locked so securely in the ice that it required the use of three engines to move it, bumping from the rear being resorted to.

It was two and a half hours before the train could be moved and it arrived here seven hours late.

Will Look Into Moose Matter.

Washington, Jan. 13.—First Assistant Postmaster General Grandfield notified Representative Doughton today that he would look into the protest against the appointment of W. B. Moose, postmaster at Albemarle. Citizens of Albemarle have protested against the appointment of Moose on the ground that he is not competent.

Mr. W. C. Correll is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

A CONCORD FIRM'S GROWTH.

Julius Fisher & Co. Move Into Hand-Some New Store.—To Have 5 and 10 Cent Store in Room on Corner.

"From little acorns big oaks grow."

Nothing emphasizes the growth of Julius Fisher & Co., more truly than the above old and true adage. The firm started business in February of 1910, in one of the small storerooms in the Phifer building. The stock was small but well selected. From the start the business grew, and nurtured by the business-like hand of the live manager, Mr. Julius Fisher, it soon spread into larger quarters. A new home was fixed up in the store room formerly occupied by the Concord Drug Co. Here the business continued to prosper, growing strong and healthier each day until it branched out with a flourish. Today, lacking a few years since the beginning of business, two years ago, Mr. Fisher is having his stock moved into the large and commodious storeroom in the Morris building. The new store room is furnished with modern equipment and contains ample floor space. The notions, ready wear and millinery departments all have ample and attractive quarters there. "Fisher's" has truly grown into sturdy mercantile oak and bide fair to grow larger and larger and continue to bear bargains for years to come.

In the storeroom now being vacated by "Fisher's" a new firm will launch out into the sea of merchandise and at the masthead will fly the flag of "The Crescent 5, 10 and 15 Cent Store." The firm is incorporated and all the stock is owned by local boys. The officers are: Julius Fisher, president; A. F. Goodman, secretary, and Luther Sappenfeld, manager. The new store will begin business about February 20th. Mr. Sappenfeld has resigned his position at the Cannon mill and will be actively engaged in conducting the new business. The young men are all capable hustlers and start their new enterprise with the most encouraging prospects.

Warmer Weather This Week.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Relief from the intense cold which has prevailed the past few days is promised during the coming week.

"The general pressure distribution as shown by the weather map of the Northern hemisphere during the last several days," says a bulletin issued tonight by the weather bureau, "is such as to indicate a general reaction to normal temperature conditions over the Eastern half of the country by the middle of the week and to temperature above the seasonal average in Western districts throughout the week."

"The week will be one of generally fair weather east of Rocky Mountains, except that a short period of rains in Southern and snows in Northern States will attend a disturbance which will appear in the Northwest Tuesday, cross the middle West Wednesday or Thursday and the Eastern States about Friday. Precipitation will be above normal in the North Pacific States."

To Make Dry States Dry.

Washington, Jan. 14.—A sub-committee of the House judiciary committee a bill "to prohibit interstate commerce in intoxicating liquors in certain cases," or "to divest whiskey of its interstate-commerce character in certain cases." Several bills are being considered, one introduced by Representative Sheppard, of Texas, and another by Representative Webb, of North Carolina, are receiving more attention than any others.

The purpose of these bills is to protect prohibition territory from liquor dealers as far as the law will go.

The Anti-Saloon League is behind the bills. Mr. Webb was appointed on a committee by the league to frame a bill. His bill, which is now before the House judiciary committee, may be adopted. It goes as far as the constitution will permit, he thinks, and is a step in the right direction, the conservatives temperance people say.

Three weeks ago the Monroe Enquirer reported that 220 marriage licenses had been issued by Register of Deeds Stewart of the year 1911. Now comes the Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer, The Gastonia Gazette and the Lexington Dispatch claiming that Anson, Gaston and Davidson counties are way ahead of Union county in the marrying line and are trying to make The Enquirer ashamed that it even mentioned the number of marriage licenses issued in that county.

THE COTTON SITUATION.

Market Continues to Display Strength—Large Crop Figures Gradually Losing Their Influence.

New York, Jan. 13.—The latest report of the census bureau places the ginning to January 1 at 14,332,756 bales, or 573,000 bales for the period from December 13 to the end of 1911. This is a pretty generous showing and when the detailed report by States is considered a crop of more than 15,000,000 bales is clearly indicated. It looks now as if every State would exceed the government estimate. Already Alabama, Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas have passed the official figures by from 13,000 to 63,000 bales, while Texas is within 345,000 of the estimate for that State. Although of bearish import the market effect of this report was but temporary as the trade generally have for some time granted the probability of a crop in excess of 15,000,000 bales, and from a price standpoint a few hundred thousand bales more or less naturally should make no lasting impression on values. As a matter of fact the bearish effect of this year's record breaking crop seems to have pretty well spent its force, and the impression in conservative circles is growing that unless the promise of better home trade conditions fails of fulfillment prices have seen their lowest for the season. This has been indicated in these advices for some time past.

There is little in the news from Lancashire from which to deduce an opinion of the probable duration of the lockout, but despite this, and the report that there is danger of a national strike of coal miners in the United Kingdom, the Liverpool spot situation is decidedly strong and the mill takings of American cotton continued undiminished. As a matter of fact our exports now are almost 1,000,000 bales greater than a year ago and it would appear more than likely, all things considered, that the total for the season will approximate 10,000,000 bales. Last year was a distressingly poor one from a domestic trade standpoint, home mill consumption amounted to 4,434,420 bales and it is reasonable to suppose in view of the high prices which prevailed that the stock of raw cotton carried over by the manufacturers was exceedingly small. Starting the new season with the prospect of a demand for goods better than for a long time past, and the price of raw material lower than at any time in over three years, American mills, it would appear can safely be counted upon to increase their consumption very materially. Under the circumstances it is not surprising that middling uplands at New York are quoted at 9.65 with an advancing tendency and that the large local spot interests are advising their New England customers to acquire their supplies without further delay. The reason becoming apparent: despite this season's unprecedented supply it looks as if an extraordinary amount of American cotton would be necessary to fill world's needs, and when the demand is satisfied and the season's balance struck, instead of meeting the next crop with enormous supplies on hand, the carry-over at best will be only normal proportions. We can only repeat therefore what we have frequently stated, that the people who have adopted the policy of bearing cotton day in and day out by reason of this year's bumper yield are likely to be disappointed with the final results. It is perhaps well enough to take advantage of the smart spurts to sell for a turn; but it is becoming more evident as the season advances that cotton is gaining more friends—and rightly so.

HENRY CLEWS & CO.

Shorter Hours Law Precipitated Labor Trouble in Mills. Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 13.—Although there was no repetition today of the violent outbreaks which marked the beginning yesterday of the strike of textile operatives who object to a decrease in their wages incident to the curtailment by two hours of the working week under the new 54-hour law, mill agents and owners tonight are considering the idea of a general shutting down of the affected mills until conditions have become more nearly normal. Mayor Scanlan suggested this step late today. Such a shut-down would affect eight or nine mills, employing upwards of 25,000 persons.

The Parks-Bell Co. are now offering cold weather goods at hot weather prices, as you will see in their ad on page three today. Hats, children's and ladies' long coats go for half price and less. Read the ad and see.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Mr. Trammell Goes to Alta Vista.—Mrs. Petrea Better.—Range Blows Up.—Personal.

Mr. T. P. Moore, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Mr. E. S. Trammell, of Fayetteville, Tenn., spent Friday night in the city with his friend, Mr. W. P. Hurt. Mr. Hammell was en route to Alta Vista, Va., where he has accepted a position as overseer of carding and spinning at the Alta Vista cotton mill.

Mr. W. B. Doan, of Marshall, arrived in the city Friday night and will spend some time with his father, Mr. J. E. Doan.

Mrs. G. W. Petrea, who has been ill for the past week, threatened with pneumonia, is convalescent now, we are very glad to note.

Mrs. Frank Petrea is recovering from a two weeks' spell of sickness.

The present cold spell seems to have frozen its hardest Saturday night and Sunday morning. Judging from the number of water pipes reported burst the plumbers will have enough work to keep them busy day and night for some little time. Mr. Hurt reported the coils in his range burst and declares he used the entire Sunday school hour in bailing his kitchen of water and ice. Such incidents are to be expected when the thermometer is only 7 degrees above nothing.

Only morning service was held at the Forest Hill M. E. church and McGill Street Baptist church yesterday. The congregations were small at this service as nearly all had a strong desire to remain close to home fires.

PREACHER A MOONSHINER.

Sewanee Minister Pleads Guilty to Making Illicit "Oil of Gully."

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 14. Rev. Joseph R. Smith, of Sewanee, was brought to Nashville today after having been bound over yesterday to the April term of Federal court on a charge of making moonshine whiskey. At the preliminary hearing Mr. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge. Mr. Smith has for several months been regular pastor of three small churches near Sewanee. His "wild cat" still was located in the smokehouse a few yards from the parsonage and less than a quarter of a mile from his principle church. The outfit destroyed by the officers was complete and nearly 100 gallons of beer and mash were found.

The "wild catting" parson was caught only after an all-night chase. He claims that he did not know it was a violation of the law to make whiskey but knew it was wrong to drink it. He also stated that he had never sold any of his whiskey but had given some of it to a few of his members for medical purposes.

Kilties Band for Benefit of Concord Fire Department.

On Monday night, January 22nd, Kilties' Band will appear at the opera house for the benefit of the Concord firemen. This band has a world-wide reputation, having traveled over the entire world and giving concerts to the crowned heads of Europe. This is an opportunity that should not be missed by the music lovers of Concord as seldom does such an aggregation of musicians appear in our city. You get your entire money's worth and besides are helping the fire-fighters of Concord. The firemen or some one representing them will call on you Monday, the 15th, and the week following, with tickets for this performance, and you will be helping the firemen by buying from them as the firemen get nothing from tickets sold at the drug store or box office, but only those sold by them or their representatives. First floor 75c and \$1.00. Gallery 25c and 50c.

Four-Inch Pipe Bursts.—Big Damage by Water.

A large 4-inch water pipe burst this morning in the basement of the Morris building, Concord's largest business building, and from it there gushed a big stream of water, flooding the basement. It is not known just what time the pipe burst but when discovered the water was about a foot deep. The basement of Bell and Harris was full of goods. Four car loads of goods, consisting of one each of bed springs, furniture, stoves and iron beds being damaged by the water. In the basement under "Fisher's" new store the Times-Tribune had a quantity of paper and much of this was soaked. The damage cannot as yet be estimated but will reach a considerable sum.