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SALISBURY POST OFFICE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Fire Occurred at 3:30 a. m. And the Origin is Unknown.—Outfit Included Linotype Machine and New Press.—About \$1,000 Worth of Paper Destroyed.—Loss Is About \$10,000. With \$4,000 Insurance.—Paper Will Be Printed at Spencer at Present.

A telephone message from Salisbury yesterday morning brought the news that the office of the daily and weekly Post in that city was destroyed by fire about 3:30 a. m. that morning. It is not known how the fire originated, and when it was discovered it had gained such headway that the efforts of the fire companies to save the building and contents were unavailing. They managed to save the surrounding buildings, but however, before they were considerably damaged.

The Post had about a year ago put in a fine new press, and also owned a Mergenthaler linotype machine. These, together with the entire printing outfit and all contents of the office were destroyed. The paper had only a few days ago received a car load of news print paper, and the loss on this item alone is about \$1,000. The office was situated on Main street in the old opera house. The loss is about \$10,000, with only \$4,000 insurance.

The Tribune office shipped the Post a lot of paper on train No. 36, and also a lot of type was sent to them on No. 12 that evening. The paper will be printed for the present in the office of the Spencer Crescent.

THE SALISBURY FIRE.

Meroney Theatre Building, in Which Were Located Several Firms, Totally Destroyed.

In the fire yesterday the Salisbury Post lost not only its complete printing plant but also all subscription and advertising books, mailing lists, etc. The Post job plant, owned by J. B. Domb, was also a complete loss. It was valued at \$4,000 with \$1,000 insurance. These plants were on the second floor as was also Mr. Grubb's private office, with furnishings valued at \$1,000, with \$600 insurance and a club room managed by J. M. Woodside, with furnishings and stock valued at \$400 with no insurance, and an office of W. A. Fogleman, in which were valuable records and supplies of the State council Daughters of Liberty. His loss is \$150, with no insurance.

On the first floor M. L. Jackson's meat market was totally lost, valued at \$4,500 with \$2,500 insurance. An adjoining building occupied by Thomas Smith's barber shop and owned by Mr. Grubb, who also owned the equipment, was also destroyed with loss only partially covered by \$1,000 insurance. The next building owned by Myrtle Bros., was damaged \$1,000, covered by insurance. Other buildings damaged by scorching and breaking of plate glass were several owned by D. L. Arey, adjoining the burned building, and also on the opposite side of the street. This with no insurance.

The Evening Post will issue from the Spencer Crescent office for the present, but hopes to soon install a larger and up-to-date plant. The job plant will take over temporarily the splendid outfit of Livingston College.

This is H. Clay Grubb's third big fire within a little over one year. Last May his fine St. John's mill property burned and in August his country mansion in Davidson county was entirely destroyed.

The entire loss is around \$40,000. The Southern Bell suffering considerable damage and their patrons much inconvenience by the destruction of a large cable which runs near the burned building. Nine hundred phones were put out of business. A number of linemen were put on the job and the trouble will be remedied in a few days.

Whiffle-Whaffle Tomorrow Evening.

The Young Peoples' Mission Band of the First Baptist church will have a "whiffle-whaffle" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones, 224 N. Spring street, Friday evening, May 31, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Everybody is most cordially invited to attend. An evening full of fun is promised to all. There will be recitations, "Jabbernaek march," photographs gallery and other attractions. Silver offering.

Norfolk Southern Officials Here.

Messrs. J. M. Cook, B. L. Bugg and Mr. Potter, of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, are here today. They are here for the purpose of looking over Concord's industrial enterprises and gathering data concerning the city for the purpose of determining whether the new road will come here or not. Mayor Wagoner showed the party over the city this afternoon, making the trip in an automobile.

SOCIAL MATTERS.

Handkerchief Shower Wednesday.

One of the most delightful of the many charming social events in honor of Miss Ruth Coltrane, who will become the bride of Mr. Charles A. Cannon June 5, was the handkerchief shower given Wednesday morning by Miss Laura McGill Cannon at her elegant home on North Union street.

Soon after the guests assembled a guessing contest was started. Each guest was given a few words of some familiar expression and invited to finish it. The contest abounded in fun and merriment and when it closed Miss Ashlyn Lowe won the distinction of being the most successful and was awarded the prize, a handsome fan. The guest of honor was presented with a lovely bouquet of sweet peas. Following the contest the hostess opened a pretty pink parasol just above the bride-elect and she was showered with many dainty handkerchiefs. Elegant refreshments were served by two very charming little misses, Nannie Lee Patterson and Bary Branson Coltrane.

Miscellaneous Shower in Honor of Miss Ruth Coltrane.

Miss Blanche Brown entertained a number of friends Tuesday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower at her home on North Union street in honor of Miss Ruth Coltrane. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion and the event proved a most charming and delightful one. After the guests had assembled they were invited into the dining room, which was lovely in decorations of daisies, pink roses and sweet peas. Here a most pleasing surprise awaited the honoree. She was given a seat of honor and presented with a magnificent bouquet of pink roses. Then came the surprise in the shape of a collection of dainty boxes. One by one they were opened by Misses Laura McGill Cannon and Elizabeth Coltrane, each one containing a lovely as well as useful gift. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening. Twenty-five guests were present.

Mrs. Cline Gives Reception in Honor of Mrs. Sanders.

The home of Mrs. R. E. Cline on South Union street was the scene of a delightful reception yesterday afternoon given by Mrs. Cline in honor of Mrs. R. S. Sanders.

Mrs. D. L. Bost welcomed the guest at the door and presented them to the receiving line composed of Mesdames R. E. Cline, Mrs. Sanders, E. H. Brown and Misses Ethel Hamrick and Freeman Garrett, of Gaffney, S. C. The guest were escorted to the dining room by Mrs. G. L. Patterson, where delicious refreshments were served by Misses Ashlyn Lowe, Myrtle Pemberton and Maudie Brown.

The room was lovely in decorations of daisies, the effects being carried out in the refreshments, ice cream in the shape of triple daisies being served. From the dining room the guests were shown to punch room by Miss Olivet Cline and delicious punch was poured by Misses Louise Means and Blanche Brown. Eighty-five guests called during the receiving hours.

Miss Frances Craven will entertain a number of friends Friday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Maude Beatty, of Tarboro.

Miss Maude Brown will entertain the Bridge Club Friday at her home on South Union street.

Mrs. P. M. Lafferty will entertain a number of friends Thursday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Rosalie Philpot, of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Petrea—Hedrick.

A marriage that will be quite a surprise to the people of this section was solemnized at Lexington Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, when Miss Lettie Hedrick became the bride of Mr. C. A. Petrea. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents and was performed by Rev. V. Y. Boozer, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Petrea will arrive in Concord today and will visit the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Petrea, at St. John's for several days, after which they will return to Lexington to live.

Charlotte Mint to Remain.

Washington, May 29.—The Charlotte mint is now certain to be continued for another year. This was assured today when Senator Overman had the appropriation necessary for the maintenance of the office carried in the legislative executive and judicial appropriations bill which has just passed the Senate. Mr. Webb, of the Ninth district, made the fight in the house and had the house make the appropriation in the lower branch of Congress.

Swat all flies!

ROOSEVELT GETS ALL NEW JERSEY DELEGATES.

Wilson Gets 24, While 4 Are Uninstructed, Probably for Clark.—Taft is Bewildered.—Wilson is Happy Over the Result, Because He Says the People Have Endorsed the New Regime in Politics.

Trenton, N. J., May 29.—Complete reports today of yesterday's primaries give Roosevelt the entire delegation of twenty-eight and Taft none. Wilson gets twenty-four and four are uninstructed, probably for Clark. The Taft forces are bewildered. Wilson made the statement that he is happy over the result because it was the people's judgment of the new regime in State politics.

Colonel Roosevelt's indicated plurality on the preferential vote is ten thousand. Senator La Follette made a showing in every county but his vote indicates that he did not get more than two per cent. of the total.

Roosevelt Delighted.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 29.—Roosevelt is obviously delighted over the New Jersey victory. He declined to make a lengthy statement today. "I believe I have said on previous occasions all that could be said now," he concluded. When asked if he now believed he had enough delegates to insure his nomination on first ballot, he said: "My experience as a hunter has taught me not to divide bear skins until the bear is dead." Roosevelt is now turning his attention toward the battle with the politicians and the Taft leaders to control the temporary organization of the Chicago convention.

New York Delegates Not for Roosevelt, Says Barnes.

New York, May 29.—That the New York delegates to the Republican National convention will not climb on the Roosevelt band wagon, despite the Colonel's success, was the emphatic declaration of William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the Republican State committee, today.

Our Graded School Superintendent.

It is needless to say that the action of the school board Monday night in re-electing Prof. A. S. Webb superintendent of the public schools of the city will meet with the general approval of the people.

Prof. Webb has been superintendent of the schools here for two years and his work has been highly satisfactory. He does his work in a quiet, dignified manner and is ever diligent and watchful in the care of the institutions. Not the slightest friction has ever cropped out during his administration and he will, no doubt, meet with continued success the coming session.

Street Car Jumps the Track.

On Monday afternoon, about 3:30 o'clock the street car jumped the track while turning the curve at the corner. The accident was caused by the track being propped up temporarily by the track force, who are putting in another curve there. Quite a crowd of curious ones gathered to see the car put back on the track. As usual the wise guys were there in large numbers. They handed out suggestions to the men who pulled down good checks every Saturday afternoon as freely as the chronic kicker tell an editor how to run his newspaper. The advice, of course, was not heeded, for if it had been it is likely the car would be there yet.

Odell—Patterson.

Invitations as follows were issued today: Mr. and Mrs. John K. Patterson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Grace to

Mr. Arthur Gould Odell Wednesday evening, the twelfth day of June one thousand nine hundred and twelve at eight-thirty o'clock Central Methodist Church Concord, North Carolina.

Woodmen to Observe Memorial Day.

The annual memorial exercises of Elm camp W. O. W. will be held Sunday afternoon at Oakwood cemetery. The monument to the late Sovereign J. Milton Howard will be unveiled. Speeches will be made by District Deputy Charles, of Charlotte, and Rev. S. N. Watson. All Woodmen are requested to meet at the lodge room Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. They will march in a body to the cemetery at 4:30 o'clock.

Mr. E. C. Potter, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway, was in Concord yesterday getting facts about our city. He was given one of the leaflets just issued, "What Concord Has," from which he was able to see what a live and growing city Concord is.

WILBUR WRIGHT IS DEAD.

Death Occurred of Typhoid Fever at 3:15 This Morning.

Dayton, Ohio, May 30.—Wilbur Wright, the noted aviator, died of typhoid fever at 3:15 a. m. today at the family home here. All the family were at his bedside. Mr. Wright returned from a business trip through the east on May 2, and complained of illness. He blamed his illness on the fish and clam broth eaten in Boston. He was obliged to take to his bed on May 4. Two nurses were secured and the physicians held a consultation May 22. The doctors declared it was typhoid fever.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Wright was given up, but was better yesterday. He rallied at midnight, and took nourishment and then sank rapidly towards the end.

JAPANESE PAPERS HOWLING.

Bitterly Criticize Action of House in Favoring Free Passage of American Vessels Through Canal.

Tokio, May 30.—Japanese newspapers bitterly criticize the action of the House in favoring the free passage to American vessels through the Panama Canal. Asahi declares in addition to being unjust it is in violation of pledges contained in the Anglo-American treaty regarding the canal. They charge that the bill is the result of the influence of "corrupt politicians who hope to obtain subsidies and then establish a new line."

HONOR TO THE NATION'S DEFENDERS.

Immense Crowd at Arlington Cemetery.—Floral Monument to Maj. Butt Unveiled.

Washington, May 30.—The national and civic authorities paid tribute to the dead defenders of the nation today. Congress adjourned and all federal activities were stopped. President Taft and Senator Smith, of Michigan, delivered memorial orations to an immense crowd at Arlington cemetery. Flags were placed over forty-five thousand graves and a parade proceeded the ceremonies. At Mount Vernon a wreath was laid on Washington's tomb. A floral monument to Major Archibald Butt was unveiled by Mrs. John Hays Hammond and other women collectors of the Titanic fund.

Claude Allen Denies That He Shot Judge Massie.

Waynesville, Va., May 29.—Taking the stand in his own defense, Claude Allen today denied that he shot Judge Massie, for whose murder he is on trial, and declared that he fired only at Clerk Dexter Goad. He did not fire at Goad, he said, until after the clerk had shot at his father.

In order to show the unlikelihood of his having engaged in such a conspiracy as the State alleges, the defense brought out that the young man was making preparations to be married this summer.

The defense concluded its evidence today and after the examination of a few witnesses by the State tomorrow the argument on instructions to the jury will begin.

The Big Auto Race at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, May 30.—Twenty-four of the world's greatest auto drivers started over the 212-mile brick oval for five hundred miles race today for \$75,000 dollars in prizes. Eighty thousand speed fans witnessed the start. The weather is ideal, fair and cool. Bets were made that records of 74.61 miles an hour would be broken.

One Car Makes 82 Miles an Hour.

Indianapolis, May 30.—Cars started on the speed way race at 10:02 a. m. Opel was first to quit. His gasoline tank and connecting rod broke at end of seventh lap. Depalma led in Mercedes, making twenty miles in 14.28 minutes maintaining a rate of 82 miles an hour.

Is Girl Dead or Alive?

Hendersonville, May 29.—Counsel for the defense in the Myrtle Hawkins case here today continued its efforts to show by various witnesses that the body found in Lake Osecola was not that of Myrtle Hawkins. James Edney, of Crab Creek, said he had known Myrtle from childhood, and was positive that the body could not have been that of the missing girl. Ed. Drake, A. F. Drake, his father, and A. C. Justice, all of this city, testified that they had known Myrtle all her life, and that the body was differently shaped, was older and heavier than the missing girl.

Clark Gets All of Kentucky.

Louisville, May 30.—Speaker Clark has 28 additional delegates to Baltimore today. Kentucky's entire delegation was pledged to him by the State Democratic convention.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Alumni Association Formed.—Personal Notes of Interest.

Mount Pleasant, May 30.—On Tuesday of commencement, the graduates of the Collegiate Institute formed an alumni association. Mr. J. B. Moore, student at the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., was elected president; Prof. D. B. Welsh, of the Institute faculty, vice president, and Prof. Z. B. Trexler, also of the faculty of the Institute, secretary and treasurer. The alumni of the Institute number about forty, eighteen of whom were present at the organization. The Collegiate Institute holds a most enviable position among secondary schools in the educational world, and it is the purpose of the alumni to help it along toward greater and better things. A committee was appointed, looking toward an alumni banquet and speaker for next commencement, also securing a full enrollment of all alumni as members of the association. It is the purpose of each alumnus to get at least one student for the Institute for next session, and resolutions embodying this sentiment were unanimously passed.

Mr. Ned Bowers, son of Prof. Bowers, formerly professor of Latin and Greek in North Carolina College, left yesterday for his home at Salem, Va., after spending a week with Prof. G. F. McAllister.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Foil are at home in their new residence on North Main street.

Miss Mary Barringer is visiting her brother, Dr. G. R. Barringer, at Sumter, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. McTyeire-Richardson, of Greensboro, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Frank Richardson returned from Trinity College Tuesday. He was tendered a surprise party by a number of his young friends Tuesday evening.

Prof. S. J. Ludwig is home from Albemarle where he has been engaged teaching in the city schools the past session.

Miss Della Moody, of Albemarle, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Barrier.

Mr. C. M. Cook is spending a few days in Winston.

Roy Webster, Esq., was noted among our visitors Sunday, coming in from Gaffney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wall, of Concord, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. R. A. Goodman is spending a fortnight with relatives at Troutmans.

Dixon Now Claims 600.

Washington, May 29.—Roosevelt's complete victory in New Jersey closed the bitter fight in which Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette have been engaged for the last three months. Campaign Manager Dixon, for Roosevelt, predicted Roosevelt would have over 600 delegates on the first ballot at Chicago, exclusive of contested delegates. Taft's manager, Representative McKinley, said the President's actual delegate strength now was 574, exclusive of delegates at large in Ohio and Texas. McKinley is emphatic in his prediction of Taft's nomination on the first ballot. In practically all the States where direct primaries were held, excepting Massachusetts, Roosevelt won pronounced victories over Taft. Washington headquarters of the Republican candidates close this week and move to Chicago.

Champ Clark Carries Montana and Arizona.

Butte, Mont., May 29.—Montana's Democrats in State convention here today, unanimously adopted the candidacy for President of Speaker Champ Clark and instructed the eight delegates to Baltimore to vote for him.

The platform endorsed the actions of the Democratic House on its legislative record, warmly commended the record of Speaker Clark, reaffirmed the Denver platform and referred to the struggle between President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt as a disgraceful episode.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 29.—Speaker Clark carried Arizona in today's presidential primary by a vote of least three to one over Governor Wilson, according to returns received early tonight.

Lutherans at Bethlehem.

Bethlehem, Pa., May 30.—The 165th annual meeting of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States opened here today with a large attendance. The initial session was held in Grace church this morning with Prof. E. T. Horn, of Mt. Airy Seminary, presiding. The proceedings will continue until next Wednesday.

Miss Bess Utley will entertain a number of friends tonight at her home on North Church street in honor of Miss Cooper Miller, who will soon leave for Hickory to live.

PASTOR WATSON'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

To Be Celebrated at the First Baptist Church Next Sunday.

The fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. S. N. Watson, of the First Baptist church, will be celebrated in that church next Sunday. The following will be the program: Morning service 11 o'clock.

Devotional—Choir and congregation. Invocation.

Hymn—"His Loving Kindness." Scripture reading.

Prayer.

Anthem—By the choir. Announcements and offering.

Solo—Miss Sallie Morgan. Sermon—By the Pastor, Text: Romans 1:16.

Prayer.

Hymn—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Benediction.

Night service, 8 o'clock. Address—By Mr. B. C. Ashcraft, of Monroe, N. C. Subject: "Your Mother."

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

LIV' STOCK BOOK ISSUED.

Ready for Distribution in South by Southern Railway Co.

Atlanta, Ga., May 30.—Supplementing the active campaign it is carrying on for the promotion of the live stock industry in the South, the Southern Railway Company has issued a booklet containing much valuable information on the selection and raising of horses, mules, cattle, sheep and hogs, which will be distributed among farmers of the South.

This booklet was prepared by F. L. Word, live stock agent of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Atlanta who for the past year has been endeavoring to interest farmers all over the South in raising more live stock. County and State fairs and live stock associations are suggested as good means for creating rivalry among farmers of different counties and allowing them special opportunity to see and study the best type of breeds.

Mr. Word will gladly assist any farmer living along the lines of the Southern Railway in improving the character and increasing the production of domestic animals on the farm, his services being without charge. The booklet will be sent to anyone addressing him.

Tom Watson Hissed From Pit to Dome.

Atlanta, Ga., May 29.—Georgia's 28 votes to the Democratic national convention will be cast for Underwood until his nomination shall have been secured, according to the instructions given to the delegates today by the State convention.

Tom Watson, one time populist candidate for the presidency, lost his fight to control the Democratic State convention here today, but he won a place on the Baltimore delegation. Even this victory is a doubtful one as the Georgia delegation goes to the national convention bound by the unit rule and controlled by men who are Watson's avowed enemies.

Watson was not treated very courteously by the convention. When he tried to speak in opposition to the election of delegates-at-large by acclamation, he was hissed and jeered at from pit to gallery. "You can't hiss and hoot me down," he defied his opponents.

But they did, Watson giving up the struggle after drowning his voice in the tumult for about fifteen minutes.

Primary in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., May 30.—Rhode Island's ten delegates and ten alternates to the Democratic national convention at Baltimore will be selected in a State-wide primary to be held tomorrow. The primary will be the first of its kind held in the State. The names of Champ Clark, Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon will appear in the ballots.

Stopped at Russian Border.

Eydtkuhnen, Prussia, May 30.—Herman Bernstein, New York traveler, author and correspondent, was stopped today by police, when crossing the Russian border, despite his passport that was used by the Russian consul, General Parish.

Dinner to Confederate Veterans June 3.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will serve dinner to the Confederate Veterans of the county on the court house lawn on next Monday, June 3. All the veterans are cordially asked to be present to partake of this hospitality.

The two reel feature film "The Danites," that will be run at the Theatrum today is one of the best western productions that has been released for some time.