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## 21 DEAD AT CUMNOCK

### EXPLOSION YESTERDAY EVENING

WESLEY CLEGG ONE OF THE KILLED

Explosion Occurred in Mine in the Afternoon—Supposed Cause—Second Great Disaster at Mine—Surgeons Working Over the Injured—The Dead and Dying. Many Wounded Cannot Live—The Telegram Has a Man on the Field.

Another awful explosion occurred in the coal mine at Cumnock in Chat-ham county at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a miner opening his lamp and thus igniting the gas of the mine.

Seventy men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, and the number of dead is unknown.

At three o'clock this afternoon twenty-one dead bodies had been taken out, together with a number of wounded. Large crowds of people from Sanford and adjoining towns have hastened to the spot, which is nearly one mile from the main line of the old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley track.

Any news is exceeding hard to obtain. The morning papers had only a line about the disaster, though it occurred yesterday afternoon.

The Telegram sent a man down on the first train leaving here, but up until 5 o'clock had not been able to get any message from him. The telegraph facilities are very poor.

The dead number both whites and blacks. One of the men killed is Mr. Wesley Clegg, a brother of Mr. "Billie" Clegg, and a cousin of Mr. W. F. Clegg, both of this place.

The crew of the afternoon train which came by Cumnock at about 3 o'clock report that big crowds are hurrying to the scene of the disaster, and that scenes of the utmost horror prevail. Such surgeons as can be obtained are working with the wounded.

This is the second great disaster that has occurred at this place, in which a large number of persons were killed.

#### Spinsters Coming.

The spinsters are coming. If you want a good laugh, see them at the Academy of Music Friday night. Sister Florence Goodhope, of Liberty, will make a ringing speech on "Woman's Rights" in the Spinsters Convention which meets in the Academy of Music Friday night. Don't fail to hear Penelope.

The compromise in the case of the United States against the property of W. O. Couch has been accepted by the commissioner of internal revenue.

#### Makes Brilliant Flames.

People who live on the New England coast like to use ocean driftwood as fuel in open fireplaces. It is impregnated with copper and ocean salts and when burned gives out the most brilliant colored flames. It is asserted that a New Bedford dealer has orders for the wood from all parts of the country, and even from Europe, and ships hundreds of barrels of it yearly. Various attempts have been made to imitate this wood by artificial process, but without success. Long submersion in the sea water is necessary to produce the brilliant flames.—New York Tribune.

#### Limits to His Gratitude.

"I feel that I ought to make some acknowledgment to the people who were so kind to us during my late wife's last sickness," said Mr. Phroogle, "and I would like to have you insert this card of thanks in a prominent place in this week's paper."

"We are obliged to make a charge for these notices," replied the editor of The Weekly Blizzard, looking over the manuscript, "and this will cost you \$1."

"Then you needn't publish it," rejoined Mr. Phroogle. "I am not quite as grateful as all that comes to."—Chicago Tribune.

### AT THE A. AND M. COLLEGE.

Addresses by Mr. Peeler and Mrs. Dudley—Graduating Exercises Tonight.

Reported for the Telegram. Monday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. S. A. Peeler delivered a very able address before the Y. M. C. A. and Y. P. S. C. E. of the A. & M. College. Rev. Peeler is a very impressive, pleasing and forceful speaker. We feel safe in saying every one present was benefited by hearing such an excellent address. The speaker emphasized the necessity of one's learning how to think in order to maintain his place in world.

Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Electric and Collegian Literary societies had their closing exercises. The main feature of the program was an address by Mrs. James B. Dudley, of Wilmington. Mrs. Dudley spoke on "Literature" and handled her subject in an eloquent manner, showing the necessity of blending with knowledge of agriculture and mechanics the knowledge of the literature of the world. The address was brilliant and interesting from beginning to end. Mrs. Dudley may very properly be called one of the great women of the race. The advice given to students and others present, if carefully considered, will be productive of much good.

At 8 o'clock p. m. the College Colloquy, "What of the Race," was rendered. There were a number of students representing the various departments of the college and each one performed his part well.

Today at 2 o'clock the class day exercise of the senior preparatory department took place and at 8 o'clock this evening will be the graduating exercises of that class. The public is cordially invited to attend all these exercises.

#### The Lady and the Teeth.

"I was called one day to a certain hotel to give chloroform to a young woman who was about to undergo a slight surgical operation to remove a morbid growth in the ear," said a physician. "The patient, as it developed on my arrival, had been married only a few days before and was in the city with her husband on their bridal tour. Although quite handsome, she was no longer exactly in her first youth, and she was very much averse to having her husband present at the operation. However, he insisted, and she finally agreed that she should stay, but I noticed that she seemed very nervous and preoccupied.

"The operation, as I said before, was trifling. She took the chloroform easily and all went well until she was just regaining consciousness, when she opened her mouth, and out fell a set of false teeth. She had said nothing about that detail, and the truth was that she had hoped, poor woman, to pass through the ordeal without the fact of her wearing such things being known to her husband.

"But the effect on that individual was entirely unexpected. He gave one horrified glance and then rushed at the old surgeon and seized him by the throat. 'You infamous scoundrel!' he yelled. 'You have broken my poor darling's jaw!'

"At that stage of affairs I beat a retreat. I never did learn exactly what the husband thought had happened or what sort of explanation was offered."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

#### Origin of the Boat.

Only lately has the original boat been found in use and among the savages of the south sea islands. There the natives take the stump of a tree whose roots offer a good seat, and, launching this primitive craft, they paddle around as contentedly as if there was no such thing as a European steamer, and, to tell the truth, they do not suspect its existence.

There can be no doubt whatever that in this stump boat we have the original method of transportation by water. Accident certainly contributed to this discovery.

A tired swimming savage found a log floating near him. He grasped it and found that it held him above water. He mounted his log and used a floating branch to propel the log.

It was but a step from the log to the more comfortable root of a tree and another step from the branch propeller to a shaped paddle.

#### Well Equipped.

She—You used to call me an angel.

He—Yes, I remember I called you "my angel without wings."

She—But you never do any more.

He—No, I've begun to believe that you have wings, after all. It's so easy for you to fly into a passion.—Catholic Standard and Times.

### AN UNIVERSAL EDUCATION.

#### THE ONLY HOPE OF SALVATION.

Prof. Smith's Eloquent Address at the High School Reunion Last Night—The Question of Taxation by no Means Settled—The State Demands That Her Children be Educated—Schools the Greatest Producers of Wealth—Wonderful Growth of the Greensboro Schools.

The friends of public education in Greensboro turned out en masse last night to witness the reunion exercises of the former graduates of the High School and listened to an eloquent address by an alumnus of the institution.

The exercises were opened by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, who read the 67 Psalm and offered prayer.

"Spring Song" was charmingly rendered by Misses Elsie and Lillian Weatherly, after which Miss Mozelle Andrews sang "The Spring Morning."

Miss Nellie Glascock, the bright young president of the class of 1900, welcomed the former graduates in a few well chosen and happily expressed words.

The speaker of the evening, Prof. David B. Smith, principal of the West End Graded School, Winston, was introduced by Prof. E. B. Broadhurst, who took occasion to speak of the great educational awakening in North Carolina. He presented Prof. Smith as "the best fruit of the Greensboro Graded Schools system."

Prof. Smith is one of the many students of the Greensboro Graded Schools who reflects credit and honor upon his alma mater and native town, and who is winning distinction in his chosen life work. Those who heard him last night could but feel pleasure in the thought that he was a Greensboro boy. Prof. Smith said:

"Seven years ago, from this rostrum, I received my diploma from the hands of your most excellent Superintendent. Since that time I have not been permitted to return here at your annual festival occasion, which marks the closing of your school, and it is double pleasure to be here at this time and to speak for a little while to my old schoolmates and fellow alumni."

"The occasion which brings you together this evening is significant and full of meaning and promise for the future perpetuity and usefulness of your institution. For in this modern day of rush and hurry and stern competitive endeavor no institution, whether it be of a public or private nature can hope to succeed unless it can marshal in its aid every friend and supporter."

"The question of taxation for public schools in the cities of North Carolina is by no means a settled question, and I daresay there are men in town, perhaps in sight of this school building, men of means, men of property and of influence, men whose children come here day after day and derive the benefit of its training and culture, who would not hesitate one moment to reach forth their hand and strike this institution to the ground. In those times of crisis, when the question of school opportunities for all the children will be raised and must be answered, and answered successfully, who can better present the claims of your school system, who can better oppose its common enemy, who can do better battle in its behalf than the one hundred and forty alumni, faithful men and women, who have received the beginnings of their training here. And it will be successful. I absolutely refuse to see any other outcome. Give me one hundred and forty devoted men and women, men and women with one purpose in view, and who will know no defeat; and let me send them out in this town, and I can accomplish anything. Unite your one hundred and forty alumni into one solid, aggressive band; let them rally as one man to the support of your school system; let them join hands and form a magic circle about this institution here, and they may deride and laugh at the destroying attempts of the violator. And as one of your members I bid you godspeed in your work and congratulate you that it is beginning with the greatest educational revival that has ever visited the southern section of this continent."

"Forty years ago the old Southland, with its caste distinctions, lay serenely dependent upon the black slave labor; the two extremes of aristocrat and serf; gentleman and slave

me, there being no middle class, no trained skilled toiler. In the North the two extremes mentioned were not found, and every man belonged to the middle class. Every man was a skilled laborer. Since statistics show that the average toiler can produce six times as much wealth as the average untrained toiler, it easily follows that the North developed six times more rapidly than did the South. In 1790 the group of free states and the slave states were about equal in population and wealth. In 1861, or 70 years later, those same free states had four times as large a population, and the difference in wealth was even greater. While we in the South were gaining one thousand in population the north was gaining four thousand, and while we were making one thousand dollars, they were making more than six. Why was this difference? Was it because the people of the South were less energetic and less industrious? Was it because a weaker blood flowed through their veins? Was it because they were a debased type of the Anglo-Saxon race? Certainly no one will for a moment contend that they were lacking in any of these things. Certainly the men who bore the brunt of battle on a thousand battle fields, who poured out their blood like water, were not deficient in courage, industry or natural ability. Then why this great disparity in the development of the two sections? The answer is simply this—education. On one side of Mason' and Dixon's line was an army of trained, skilled, educated toilers. On the other side was an army of ignorant, untrained and unskilled toilers. The trained labor is six times as productive of wealth as the untrained, hence the South, possessing the untrained labor, fell behind in the race. The contest came, the shock was received and borne and returned, but at last we were defeated, and the old South lay crushed and mangled and bleeding, all besmattered and smeared in the blood of her heroes. In every village and hamlet, in every home and by every fireside there was weeping and mourning and anguish, and Rachael refused to be comforted.

"Upon the necks of the 5,000,000 of white people of the South, defeated, crushed and impoverished, there rested the weight of 4,000,000 brutal, vicious ignorant, freed negroes.

"In addition to this came the carpet-bag rule, and our people, discouraged and disheartened, were forced to neglect all else in order to repair the ravages of war, were compelled to till the farms which heretofore had been tilled by negroes; and as a result school houses were neglected; the children were allowed to grow up in ignorance; the per cent. of illiteracy increased and the old South, under the accumulation of its misfortunes, and North Carolina went down, down, till it stood at the very bottom of the list. For the last thirty-five years the Southern people have been falling further and further behind their brethren of the North in the race for wealth. A solution of the difficulty has been earnestly sought, and only recently have the leaders of public thought and public sentiment found the only true remedy, viz: Universal Education.

"I greet you, my friends, on the dawn of the greatest educational activity in the history of the South. And the South having at last shaken off every evil effect of slave labor, having at last shaken off the last vestige of defeat, stands up and demands that her children be educated, skilled and trained in order to better prepare them for the battle of life and render them larger producers of wealth. And North Carolina has caught the contagion, for last year her Legislature dug down into the public treasury and appropriated \$100,000 for the benefit of the public schools of the State. That \$100,000 would not mean much for the schools as a whole, but to the thinking man is a straw that indicates very clearly the truth of the public thought. This year North Carolina is to vote on an amendment providing an educational qualification in the exercise of suffrage, and the gubernatorial candidate of the great Democratic party is making his campaign on the sole issue of education, and on every stump in the State promises to extend and increase the public schools

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### GREENSBORO MADE THIRD TIME.

The Hand Reel Race Was Won By Columbia—Greensboro Made a Close Run.

Special to the Telegram. Charlotte, May 23—The great event of today was the races. There were three classes of races.

Hand hose reel.  
Horse hose wagon.  
Hook and ladder.  
The first races were by hook and ladder teams, scoring as follows:  
Phoenix of Columbia.....56 1-2  
Charlotte.....53 4-5  
Asheville.....54 1-5  
The hand reel race was won by the Independent Company of Columbia, time 21 3-5. Southside No. 4 of Greensboro made third time at 22.

#### CHEERED WHEN NEGRO SWUNG.

A Mob this Morning Avenged the Murder of Two Little Orphan Girls.

By wire to the Telegram. Pueblo, Col., May 23—A mob of five thousand lynched Calvin Kimblern, a negro who assaulted and killed two little white girls who were inmates of the Pueblo Orphan's home. The lynching occurred at half past one this morning. Women cheered as the negro swung from the telegraph pole.

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Graded School Graduates Effect a Permanent Organization.

At the conclusion of the reunion exercises at the Lindsay Street Graded School last night Superintendent Grimsley requested all the former graduates to remain and assist in organizing an alumni association.

Mr. Thomas A. Glascock was called to the chair and Mr. Hugh Smith was requested to act as secretary. A roll call showed a large percentage of the graduates present. A permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

President—D. B. Smith.  
Vice-President—Miss Elsie Weatherly.

Secretary—Hugh Smith.  
A committee composed of Miss Weatherly and Messrs. Glascock and Ross was appointed to formulate by-laws for the government of the association.

The association will strive to assist the Superintendent in all matters which can benefit the school, and especially in improving the library.

Alumni day will hereafter be an established feature of the Graded School commencement.

#### Catholic Services.

Tomorrow the Catholic church celebrates Christ's ascension into heaven forty days after His resurrection. This mystery took place on Mount Olivet, in the presence of His disciples, whom He blessed as He parted from them. There will be high mass in St. Benedict's church at 8:30 a. m., at 8 p. m. the unveiling of the statue of St. Anthony and benediction of the blessed sacrament. Bishop Haid, of Belmont, N. C., who is considered one of the ablest orators in the State, will preach tomorrow night. He will answer the question "Do Catholics worship images?" Mr. J. Wesley White will sing "Ave Maria," by Gunod, and "Veni Creator," by Mame Decio before the sermon. Public generally invited.

#### Advertisers.

The Moore Optical and Talking Machine Company will play at the lawn party at Lindsay street School lawn this evening.

Cream of wheat, Pettijohn's breakfast food, Silver leaf flour etc. at Shaw Bros. & Co's.

S. G. Hodgkin & Co. are offering special bargains in Ladies' hats, hose and shoes.

The eye of a needle demonstrates failing sight.—Drs. Moore.

J. W. Scott & Co. today opened up a fine line of Chocolates.

#### A Small Blaze.

A small fire occurred between twelve and one o'clock today in the old Peter Doub house on Mendenhall street, now occupied by negroes. Some papers were swept into the fire place, and the wind blew them up the chimney setting the roof on fire.