

ALL THE NEWS WHILE IT IS NEWS.

THE HICKORY DEMOCRAT

THE BEST JOB PRINTING OF ALL KINDS AT THIS OFFICE.

VOL 9

HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY MARCH 21, 1907.

Building Occupied by the Augusta Chronicle was Reduced to Ashes

Fire at Augusta Early This Morning Completely Destroyed The Chronicle's Office and Office of Western Union

Union Ticket Office Also Destroyed. Loss is Estimated at Near \$100,000. Origin of Fire in Job Office.

Augusta, Ga., March 19.—Fire broke out this morning in the building occupied by the Augusta Chronicle and the Western Union Telegraph Co. By 4 a. m. the building was completely destroyed and the fire was spreading to adjacent buildings, among which is the Chelsea Hotel.

Immense property loss is probable unless the fire is controlled.

Extent of Damage. The office of the Augusta Chronicle was ruined and the main office of the Western Union and Union City Ticket office were also destroyed.

Eight Linotype machines in the Chronicle were wrecked and the presses were badly damaged.

The losses are estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000, with a partial insurance.

The fire started in the Chronicle job office, owned by Murphy and Billings, located at the rear of the Chronicle building.

After the blockaders. Still Destroyed But the Operators Had Disappeared—Mr. McElwee Injured.

COLLISION IN TUNNEL

Trains Came Together Head-On in Swannanoa Tunnel.

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., March 19.—A head-on collision between a freight train and a work train, which came together in the middle of Swannanoa tunnel, caused a bad wreck yesterday morning and delayed traffic on the Asheville-Salisbury division for 12 hours.

The accident occurred at 10:05 a. m. and not until 10 p. m. was the track reported clear so that traffic could be resumed.

Extent of Damage. The office of the Augusta Chronicle was ruined and the main office of the Western Union and Union City Ticket office were also destroyed.

Independent Telephone Meeting. Sioux City, Ia., March 19.—The Iowa Independent Telephone Association, which has a large membership throughout the State, began its eleven annual meeting here today with headquarters at the Garretson Hotel.

To Banquet Bryan. Chattanooga, Tenn., March 19.—Tonight's banquet of the Bryan Club of this city in celebration of the birthday of William Jennings Bryan promises to be a most notable affair.

Illinois Laundrymen. Peoria, Ill., March 19.—Members of the Illinois Laundrymen's Association to total of nearly 100 gathered in Peoria today for their annual convention.



A FEW SPRINGTIME OBSERVATIONS.



A FEW SPRINGTIME OBSERVATIONS.



A FEW SPRINGTIME OBSERVATIONS.

Mis-trial Of Hasty Case

On Account of Defendants Illness Judge Boyd Orders Mis-trial. Sentence to be Passed on Many Persons.

Greensboro, N. C., March 19.—When Federal Court opened this morning a certificate was read from Dr. Chas. Roberson, attending physician on J. V. Hasty, the ex-revenue officer, on trial since last Monday for alleged false reports of destruction of stills, that it was impossible to state when he would be well enough to leave the hospital.

Judge Boyd ordered a mis-trial, and discharged the jury. The case was set to be tried again at the opening of the court Monday, April 1st.

The following are the parties convicted or who plead guilty: Ex-revenue officers G. W. Samuel, R. H. Hardin, A. S. Patterson, L. E. Davis, Z. C. Davis, and illicit distillers and alleged co-conspirators with the officers, W. S. Smith, Cal. Eller, T. V. Bell, James Eller, W. R. Combes, James M. Combes, James Ennis, Polly Halfer, Andy Forster, Garfield Forster.

Small Piece Swallowed Long Ago Taken From Man's Shoulder. Derby, Conn., March 19.—Thirty years ago Henry Lasch, of New London, then 29 years old, swallowed a small piece of glass which broke from a fruit tumbler.

Miss Shonts to Wed Duke. Washington, March 19.—While Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts could not refuse to affirm to the fact that their daughter, Miss Theodora and the Duke Albert de Luyne de Chaulnes of de Picquigny are engaged, it is known that a definite date has been set for their wedding.

St. Louis, March 19.—A test balloon ascension was made Sunday by J. K. Campbell in the interest of international balloon races to be held here in October under the auspices of the Aero Club of America.

MORE ABOUT THE SOUTH & WESTERN

Rutherfordton, N. C., March 19.—A bill was passed by the legislature just closed giving the South & Western Railway Company the right to purchase the Southern (old Three C's) railroad from Marion to Shelby and the Seaboard Air Line (Carolina Central) from Rutherfordton to Shelby also. The first news of the passage of this act greatly excited our people, as it was thought that the South & Western would discontinue the roads they had been given the right to purchase, and instead of having two roads as we already have, with fair chances of the third in the South & Western, that we would have only one and possibly a branch line, as it has been generally understood that the South & Western would go down Broad via Bostic and leave Rutherfordton out. But since the provisions of the bill have become known the excitement has somewhat subsided.

Your correspondent has contended from the beginning that the South & Western would come via Rutherfordton as he still thinks so. We learn that the South & Western has been trying to purchase the old Three C's from the Southern for some time and that it was only recently that the deal or understanding was put through.

Representative Gallert during this last term of the legislature introduced and passed a road law for Rutherfordton similar to the Mecklenburg law. The new law takes effect the first of April and provides for the working of the public roads by taxation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Burgin have moved here from Charlotte. Mr. Burgin becomes manager of the Western Union's telephone office at this place.

Reports Exaggerated. Copenhagen, March 19.—The first reports were exaggerated. Only one workman was injured and there was no loss of life.

Doings at The State Capital

Mr. Cave of Charlotte Elected President of State Laundrymen's Association. Material for Jamestown Exhibit.

Raleigh, N. C., March 19.—The North Carolina Laundrymen's Association, which just closed its annual session here, elected P. M. Cave, of Charlotte, president; W. S. West, of Raleigh, vice-president; and J. W. Morton, of Asheville, secretary-treasurer.

Official announcement is made that the competitive examination for scholarships in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis will be held at Wake Forest College by Prof. J. B. Carlisle, March 26th instead of April 9th, the final nomination to be made by March 31.

Dr. Geo. W. Long, of Graham, will deliver the address for the fifth annual commencement of the medical department of the University of North Carolina at Raleigh, the exercises to be held at the University, Chapel Hill, on the evening of May 9. There are 11 members of the class.

Elaborate preparations are being made for a convention of Wake county teachers to be held here March 21-23, during which one of the principal addresses will be by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of the chair of history, Richmond College.

There was shipped today from the State museum here the first car load of material for the North Carolina exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition and four other carloads are to follow within the next ten days.

A mother thinks its queer that she can't teach her daughter to avoid the things she could never be taught to avoid herself.

The Thaw Case May be Given to The Jury by Next Friday Evening

MR. GLEVLAND 70 YEARS OLD TO-DAY

Princeton, N. J., March 18.—It would require a bushel basket to hold the letters, telegrams and other messages of congratulation received today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland on the occasion of the seventieth birthday of the ex-President.

It is to these regular hunting and fishing trips that Mr. Cleveland attributes in no small measure his robust health at the age of three score and ten.

It is interesting to note that of the twenty-five men who have served as President of the United States, eight of the first twelve who filled the office lived to be 70 years of age or older, while of the thirteen who followed in the office of chief executive of the nation there were but four who lived to the age of seventy—Presidents Fillmore, Buchanan, Hayes and Cleveland.

Stock Breeding Discussed. Fort Worth, Texas, March 19.—The programme of this, the second day of the convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, was replete with interesting features that kept the visitors busy through the greater part of the day.

Springtime Again. Winter is passing into spring. No matter what troubles may accumulate, winter ever passes into spring, summer into autumn, day into night, death into life.

Louisiana Sunday Schools. New Orleans, La., March 19.—Several hundred delegates representing all parts of the State are attending the twenty-first annual convention of the Louisiana Sunday School Association, which opened in this city today with headquarters at the First Methodist Church, South.

Charged With Grafting. New York, March 19.—National Guard circles are much interested in the trial by court martial of Captain Louis Wendel of the First Battery, National Guard, against whom charges of grafting were made some time ago.

Stock Exchange Again Thrown Into Flurry. New York, March 19.—Prices crumbled away during the first hour of trading in the stock market and the precipitancy of the decline recalled the market of last week and gave rise to renewed uneasiness.

The Gist of the Evidence in the Famous Thaw Trial was Concluded To-day. To Begin The Summing Up.

Dr. Jelliffe Testified To-day. His Testimony. Evelyn not to be Called Again. Case Likely Reach Jury Friday.

By Associated Press. New York, March 19.—Unless all signs fail today will see the completion of the evidence of the long drawn out trial of Harry Kendall Thaw and on Friday the case will go to the jury after nine full weeks before the court.

Jelliffe's Testimony. "In your answer to the hypothetical question," began Jerome, "did you interpret the question in the light of the facts which are outside the question?"

As to Kind of Insanity. Jerome produced a book edited by Jelliffe and attempted to induce the witness to admit the classification of insanity contained therein.

Charged With Grafting. New York, March 19.—National Guard circles are much interested in the trial by court martial of Captain Louis Wendel of the First Battery, National Guard, against whom charges of grafting were made some time ago.

Stock Exchange Again Thrown Into Flurry. New York, March 19.—Prices crumbled away during the first hour of trading in the stock market and the precipitancy of the decline recalled the market of last week and gave rise to renewed uneasiness.

Charged With Grafting. New York, March 19.—National Guard circles are much interested in the trial by court martial of Captain Louis Wendel of the First Battery, National Guard, against whom charges of grafting were made some time ago.

Stock Exchange Again Thrown Into Flurry. New York, March 19.—Prices crumbled away during the first hour of trading in the stock market and the precipitancy of the decline recalled the market of last week and gave rise to renewed uneasiness.