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Fire destroyed the mayor's office and lockup at Taylorsville Saturday morning.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A. Attorney W. B. Gaither, of Newton, was in the city Monday.

The military company will return from Morehead Friday.

Dr. Biddix spent Sunday at Connelly Springs.

Uncle Mose Abernethy, is in the city. He is not very well.

Miss Lizzie McComb is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Ramsay.

Mrs. E. B. Morton who was ill last week is better.

Mrs. Raymond Hefner has been ill.

Grayson Cole, of West Hickory is visiting in New York State.

Mrs. Alma Whitener spent Sunday in Lenoir.

Mrs. Gray, mother of Mr. C. R. Gray returned last week from South Carolina.

Mr. F. D. Wolfe, of Spencer, is visiting his parents in this city.

Mr. Jacob Doll expects to go to Charlotte Saturday to join his sister on a visit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hugges, Sunday evening, a fine girl.

Miss Lavice Chambliss, of Charlotte, is visiting Misses Mary and Louise Allen.

Miss Maude Eckard spent a short time at Catawba Springs Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Knox Henderson is the guest of Miss Nannette Rudisill in Lincoln.

Mr. A. A. Miller will spend the latter part of this week at Blowing Rock looking after his farm.

Mr. W. A. Hall spent several days with his people in Caldwell county this week.

Mr. Leander Townsend left the first of the week for Blowing Rock with a load of melons and fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, of Iredell county, spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. L. H. Warlick, on Eighth avenue.

Miss Nita Wolfe, of Rural Hill, and Miss Mamie Houser, of Hoover, Neb., are visiting Mrs. J. Wolfe this week.

Mr. W. T. Sledge and daughter, Miss Lucy, are visiting Mr. Sledge's sister, Mrs. T. H. King, in Mount Airy, this week.

Miss Adelaide Johnson has returned after a two months visit to Richmond and Ashland, Va., and Winston-Salem.

The county teachers institute opened in Newton Monday. Profs. Staley and Whisnant are attending.

Misses Lillian and Nannie Abernethy and Mr. Joe Hunter, of Charlotte, are the guests of Misses Myrtle and Lucile Little this week.

The singing class of the Goldsboro Orphanage Asylum will give a concert Friday night, August 2, under auspices of the Odd Fellows.

About 55 U. S. cavalrymen from Lincoln volunteer company passed through Tuesday morning on their way to the mountains for annual encampment.

Mrs. T. L. Cline, of Asheville, spent a few hours in the city Wednesday enroute to visit her parents at Stanley Creek. While here she was the guest of Mr. A. W. Cline.

Mr. Regnis, of Atlanta, who with Mrs. Regnis, is visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Geitner, sang in the Presbyterian church choir Sunday. He has a beautiful baritone voice.

The Young Peoples' Missionary Society and the Light-Bearers' Society of the Methodist Church will serve ice cream and cake on the lawn of the park between the stores and the depot, Friday night. In case of rain it will be given in the store building next door to the Grand Theatre.

Mrs. Chas. Chalker and her sister Miss Della Chalker, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived in the city last Friday and will spend the summer visiting friends and relatives. They are stopping with Mrs. Chalker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilfong, on Tenth Ave.

Mr. A. S. Miller, the popular school teacher, brought the Democrat this week an enormous double tomato which he grew on his farm. Out of it projects two small tomatoes. He said the big one was Woodrow Wilson and the two little fellows Taft and T. R. Mr. Miller is an independent in politics but he is a warm admirer of Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Parke W. Marshall and two children, of Gadsden, Ala., arrived in the city last Friday and are stopping at the Marshall Hotel. Mr. Marshall is a very prominent business man of Gadsden and is here for his health, also to visit friends and relatives, this being his native home. It has been about nineteen years since he left here and settled in Alabama.

On last Friday evening Mrs. Lewis Gwin entertained a number of young friends in honor of her little niece, Miss Hazel Hayes, of Fitzgerald, Ga. A number of games were played on the delightful lawn and rosery of the Gwin home. Among other features of the evening's fun, the Boston terrier proved that he could be just as much fun in the "Rebel" stronghold of Hickory as anywhere north of The Line. Master Thomas Henderson proved his "cuteness" by coming nearest to getting the canine's tail in the place where it ought to have been, and then proved his gallantry by giving the prize, a lovely little fan, to the guest of honor. Master John Miller won the booby prize, an all-day sucker, for getting the narrative nearest the sky line. All the young folks enjoyed the ice cream and other refreshments, and left hoping that Miss Hazel will soon return to Hickory and her Auntie will give her "another one of the same."

Catawba Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Winecoff spent Saturday in China Grove.

Mr. C. R. Sarrel of Wake Forest spent a few days last week at Catawba with Mr. Coit Sherill.

Miss Novella Lennard who has been visiting relatives in Statesville has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Cline of Asheville were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. George Lowrance of Memphis, and Mrs. Wade Cline of New York are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cline.

Mr. and Mrs. Minish of Conover spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walker.

Mrs. Marian Creech of Whitesburg, Tenn., has returned home after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Rufty.

Mr. and Mrs. Fr. nch Reeves, of Statesville spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adderholt near town.

Mrs. John Cline and twins Misses Florence and Helen of Asheville have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cline.

Mrs. T. W. Long of Newton, spent the past week end with relatives.

Miss Emma Pitts has returned from Salisbury where she underwent an operation far appendicitis.

Little Miss Helen Davis Long who has been right sick, is improving.

Methodist Church News.

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church held their regular monthly meeting last Thursday afternoon at the parsonage. Cuba was the study of the hour. The monthly business meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon, July 30, at 3 p. m., with Mrs. A. M. West.

Rev. D. M. Litaker returned Monday from District Conference at Mooresville. Mr. Litaker occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church there Sunday.

Professor Smith, of Catawba College, filled the Methodist pulpit at both hours last Sunday.

"Resolved that schools are a more powerful evangelizing agency than Hospitals" was the subject of an interesting debate at the Epworth League meeting Tuesday night. The Judges decided in favor of the negative.

New York Police in League With Gamblers.

Hermal Rosenthal, a notorious gambler, was murdered by an automobile full of other gamblers a few nights ago in New York. It is thought that the motive was that he was about to "squeal". The murderers were allowed to get away by the police, and the crime has revealed a startling alliance of police and gamblers throughout New York city.

One gambler who was in the murder car has been arrested. The others are at large.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Resolutions of Sympathy passed by Piedmont Council No. 43, for Brother H. E. Sigmom, in the death of his beloved wife.

Resolved: First that we extend to the bereaved husband and family our tender sympathy in their great loss, and assure them that we feel keenly, the loss of this noble Christian life in our community.

Second: That we bow in humility to Him who has called her from this life of care and suffering to that one of joy and happiness to be with her Lord.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one spread upon the minutes of our order, and one sent to the town papers for publication.

N. A. Rudasill
Azor Woods } Committee.
P. E. Rinehardt }

The State Press Convention is in session at Morehead city; this week. Editor Joseph Daniels, of the News and Observer delivered the annual oration. Numerous important addresses were made.

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Newton Negro Kills Another.

Tuesday night at the Catawba Kennels in the edge of town, John Ramseur was shot and killed by Robert Hildebrand. Both are negroes. Hildebrand fled immediately and Sheiff Hewitt is now hunting for him. It appears to have been a pure accident, but fearing vengeance from the dead man's brother the slayer vanished.

The weapon used was a 32 rifle and the ball entered the armpit causing almost instant death.

C. & N. W. to Build.

Charlotte Observer.

There is renewed talk of the Carolina & North-Western getting out of Edgemont and going across to Pinola, where it would tap the road to Newland, the capital of Avery county. The railroad people have asked for a small bond issue and that being voted, the extension of the road will be built, thus opening Newland to the State. At present Newland is more of a Tennessee town than a North Carolina town.

Grand Seachore Excursion to Portsmouth-Norfolk via Seaboard Air Line Railway—Tuesday, August 6th 1912.

The Seaboard Air Line Ry. will operate their Annual Excursion to Portsmouth-Norfolk Tuesday, August 6th, from all points in N. C., as shown below. The Seaboard is noted for running the best excursions that go in to Norfolk, and having the best track and finest equipment, Standard Pullman sleepers will be run on this train, all persons wishing reservations should write Jas. Ke, Jr. T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C., and make them as quickly as possible, the very best coaches will be used on this excursion, the accommodations are equal to the regular trains and the rates are very low.

This train will leave Charlotte N. C. Tuesday night August 6th at 8:30 p. m. arriving Norfolk Wednesday 9:30 a. m., leave Norfolk Thursday night 9:00 p. m. August 8th, last time in both directions. Persons leaving Gastonia on Piedmont and Northern Line 6:30 p. m. arrive Charlotte 7:30 p. m. leave Charlotte 8:30 p. m. rate from Gastonia via P. & N. Line and Seaboard is only \$5.00 for the round trip.

Round Trip

Rutherford to Paw Creek inc.	\$6.00
Charlotte	\$4.50
Charlotte to Russellville inc	\$4.50
Wadesboro to Hamlet inc	\$4.00
Cognac to Lemon Springs inc	\$3.75
Sanford to Cary inc	\$3.50
Chester S. C.	\$5.00
Edgemont to Monroe inc	\$4.50
Clarkton to Alma inc	\$4.50
Maxton to Old Hundred inc	\$4.25

Special cars attached for colored people.

Good order will be preserved. For further information or reservations apply to your nearest agent, see large flyers or write,

H. S. Leard,
D. P. A. Raleigh, N. C.

Lutheran Church Notes.

There will be no preaching in Holy Trinity Sunday on account of the pastor being in Watauga County attending Conference. The pastor will return Monday evening. There will be services August 4, when the pastor will preach his last sermon before his vacation.

Sunday school will be maintained as usual.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

The pastor will preach at Lincoln Sunday.

Rev. W. R. Minter, pastor of the Lincoln church, will preach both morning and evening. This is a change from a previous announcement.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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COMMENT

HURTS COLLEGES AND PRINT-ERIES.

The Bourne Parcel Post Bill, Senate Bill No. 6880, now before the senate has a clause that is of interest of us. This clause provides that the postal rate on printed matter now taking one-half cent an ounce, will take one cent an ounce if this bill is passed. This will mean that all our college catalogs, annuals, business catalogs and every thing of that order will take a higher rate of postage than at present if this bill is passed. This will mean some considerable extra expense to our people who use this means of advertisement, if the package weighs more than one ounce.

This also provides that all packages weighing over five ounces shall take the pound rate based on a mileage zone. As an instance, a package weighing six ounces will require five cents for delivery within the city; 50 mile zone 6c.; 200 mile zone 7c.; 500 mile zone 8c.; 1000 mile zone 9c.; and over 1000 miles 12c. This rate will also apply on one pound.

Since the majority of the colleges of this section of North Carolina have very little surplus at the close of their terms, we should take this up with our Senators at once and ask them to use their influence against this change in the rate on printed matter. The Post Master General made a report at the close of the fiscal year showing a surplus in his department, therefore this change is not necessary to run the business. This surplus may come from the carrying of letters, therefore some may argue that to get the greatest good for the greatest number we should cut this letter rate down and raise the postage on printed matter. That is all right to some extent. We pay taxes to keep up State colleges that not more than 10 per cent, if that many, of our children ever get to, therefore we should be willing to pay this first class postage of two cents in order to help our smaller colleges.

Thornton Light and Power Co. Increases Its Capital.

Hickory corres p on d enc e Greensboro News, 19th—The board of directors and stockholders of the Thornton Light and Power company, of Hickory, have passed resolutions to increase its capital stock to \$125,000 and its bonds to \$100,000, and provide for a vice president and to authorize the issue of \$50,000 of its first preferred stock. It is understood that the corporation will extend its business very materially and take in other enterprises at an early date. Local capital will become largely interested in the corporation. It will probably be made the leading corporation of this part of the state. It has already been very successful.

For soreness of the muscles, whether induced by violent exercise or injury, there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

Kindly Scribe.

"The editor of the Weekly Plain Dealer is a charitable sort of fellow," commented Farmer Hornbeck, in the midst of his perusal of the village newspaper, wherein he had encountered an example of the linotype's secular perversity, says Puck. "In his article on the death of Lefe Daback, who bewitched me and you, hadn't much to recommend him except that he wasn't quite as bad some time as he was others, he says that the deceased was generally regarded as a hijdyntcmfwypvbgkkgkbgkzshrrtysabrdnu!"

"And I guess that's about as near anybody could get to making an estimate of the departed without hurting his relatives' feelings."

Miss Rosa Lee Dixon is going to Montreat next week.

Mrs. J. A. McKethan, of Fayetteville is visiting her brother, Mr. K. C. Menzies.

Buy it now. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. But it now and be prepared for such an emergency. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. N. R. Peacock, of Jacksonville, Fla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. D. Abernethy.

"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters reached the cause."—J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

Miss Clatter Newbern, of Kingston, is spending several weeks with Mrs. W. N. Martin.

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The farmer and the bank are connected by the closest ties. One would be impossible without the other. This bank therefore specializes in helping the farmer at all seasons.

If you have any trouble or financial ambitions come in and let us talk it over. Several heads are better than one, and we can probably help you.

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