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## LINCOLN CREAMERY BURNED TO GROUND

Plant Burned Last Friday Night At 11:30—Loss Very Heavy—Partially Covered by Insurance—Directors Met Saturday.

The large \$60,000 plant of the Lincoln Creamery and Ice Cream Company of this city was destroyed by fire last Friday night, entailing a big loss to the large number of stockholders of this concern. Only \$8,000 of insurance was carried, and this will cover a very small portion of the big loss. The fire broke out at 11:30 p. m. and when discovered the frame building was on fire almost all over the structure; the firemen responded promptly following the alarm, but were unable to check the blaze, sufficient to save the building. High voltage electric wires run into the building connecting the motors used in operating the plant, and it was necessary to cut off the current at the Anderson mills before turning water on the burning building from two nozzles and many large charred timbers remain.

The plant had much costly machinery used in making ice cream and butter, and all of this is badly damaged by heat, and much of it is perhaps worthless. It is thought by Mr. Blanton that some of the machinery could be repaired and used. The cold storage at the plant was badly damaged, but it is thought that this will not necessarily be a total loss. A new ice making plant was being installed at the Creamery, and would have been ready for operation this week, and this is another added loss at least partially.

The adjacent Swimming pool building used for dressing, shower baths, etc., was not damaged, and remains intact.

The creamery had orders for the largest amount of ice cream for Saturday delivery in its history, and there was around a thousand gallons of the famous ice cream in the cold storage plant ready for delivery. The cold storage was made of cement and cork layers and while the heat cracked the cement and water ran into the cold storage, the large amount of ice in the storage and packed around the cans of ice cream kept the cream frozen through the fire and until Saturday morning, when several hundred gallons of ice cream was delivered by truck to the patrons in Shelby, Charlotte, Lincoln and other points.

The explosion of ammonia tanks during the fire made a noisy demonstration and this with the added 2300 volt wires made fire fighting a hazardous task for the firemen. The origin of the fire is not learned. Mr. Blanton says he is of the opinion that electric wires started the blaze. He says there were two men at the plant at the time, Mr. Pegrum, who was in the office, and Mr. Leatherman who was in the building eating lunch, and they report that the structure was burning fiercely when they discovered it, neither of the men having time to get their coat or other belongings from the building. Outside under the shed were two trucks that were moved only in time to save from destruction, the body of one of them being badly damaged by fire.

The directors of the concern, E. I. Masteler, Albert Sigmon, J. B. Blanton, T. A. Warwick, R. C. Coon, R. P. Blanton and a few stockholders met Saturday, but came to no definite conclusion as to when rebuilding of the plant will begin. This will not be decided until the loss, assets, etc., are checked up. The loss falls very heavily on the owners, and while the plant is said to have been on a paying basis, according to the directors Saturday rebuilding depends a good deal on the encouragement given by stockholders and people generally of this community.

## NO WALK-OUT TO OCCUR ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Cincinnati, June 16—No general strike ballot will be sent out by the brotherhoods of railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers, express and station employees, it was announced tonight by E. H. Fitzgerald, its president, who said no strike would develop among these workers on several railroad systems.

Timothy Healy, president of the firemen and oilers' union, said a ballot on the strike would be in the mails tomorrow night. Committee on each system or road would determine whether to call for a strike vote, and he added that where such votes was taken that the men would be bound by the result. No walkout, he declared, would occur on the Southern, Mobile & Ohio, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Alton, and a number of other roads, due to signed agreements binding the men on these lines to accept reductions as fixed by the labor board.

## REGULAR LUNCHEON OF KIWANIS CLUB

Address Last Friday by Mrs. L. M. Coffey and Rev. J. W. Moore—To Picnic on July 4

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club held last Friday night at the Club rooms short addresses were made by Mrs. L. M. Coffey, president of Lincolnton Woman's Club, and by Rev. J. W. Moore of Statesville.

President Mangum presided and the regular routine of business was transacted. President Mangum read letters from Mr. Carl Rudisill in which he thanked the club for its interest shown by offering him inducements to locate his cotton mill plant in this city; and from Mr. Geo. Selig in which he thanked the Lincolnton club for sponsoring the new Shelby Club.

Mrs. Coffey told the Kiwanians of the work of the Woman's club in this city, and of what the Women through their organization hoped to accomplish, and asked the co-operation of the men of the club and the town in general. To beautify the city and make it clean are things the women are interesting themselves in particularly just now said Mrs. Coffey; that it was hoped to secure garbage cans for use in the business district at least that there may be a place to throw waste paper and other rubbish, and thus keep it off the streets. She said through a flower committee the growing of flowers at the city homes was being encouraged; that it was planned to have a flower show here this fall. She said that the women wished to see Lincolnton a good place to die as well as live in, and that they hoped to plan further improvements at the Hollywood cemetery, and hoped to get this city to extend water pipes to the cemetery, thus making water available for keeping the grass and flowers growing, that the club hoped to see the Parent's-Teachers Association renew its activities as the educational department of the Woman's Club; a rest room for mothers who have small children is another aim of the club, said Mrs. Coffey, that they may have a suitable place to go and leave their babies when in town shopping.

Rev. Jno. W. Moore of Statesville, who was assisting in the series of services at the Methodist church, and who is a Kiwanian, a guest of President Mangum, made a talk to the Club.

He made a plea for the boys in their teens, that they may have something to do during vacation days. He said one of the biggest things in the world is caring for and directing boys in their teens. He told the Kiwanians to take a full hand in the church work of their town and to back up the churches in their work.

The booster prizes, a pencil to each present, was given by Dixie Grocery Co. and an ice pick to each, was given by Johnson Ice and Fuel Co.

President Mangum won the attendance prize, which was donated by J. L. Lineberger. It was a season Chautauqua ticket.

The club will enjoy an outing and picnic on July 4, at some point to be selected by a committee.

**SOMETHING WRONG**  
"You heard me say my prayers last night, didn't you, nurse?"  
"Yes dear!"  
"And you heard me ask God to make me a good girl?"  
"Yes!"  
"Well, He ain't done it."—The Snark's (Starr Wood's) Annual.

## TRIO EXECUTED IN COLUMBIA FRIDAY, 6 A.M.

Kirby, Gappins and Fox Electrocuted in Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., June 16.—S. J. Kirby, Jesse Gappins and C. O. Fox were electrocuted at the penitentiary this morning shortly after 6 o'clock for the murder of William Brazell, Columbia taxi-cab driver, near Leesville, on the night of August 7, last.

The trio went to their death singing and praying. Kirby went first, and he feigned insanity and tried to get his hands from the straps. The officers told him he better take it easy, but a second time he slipped his hands from the straps. Then four guards took hold of him forcefully, the straps were made tighter than usual, and the current was sent through his body, the man being deprived, because of contrary behavior, of the privilege of making a last statement. Gappins went second and Fox last, the entire procedure, consuming 40 minutes. Fox and Gappins made last statements in which they warned young men against bad company and evil conduct.

The penitentiary officials took the curious by surprise and staged the execution at an early hour instead of noon, as is usual. This is the first time a white man has been executed in this state since 1913, and it is the first time three men were ever electrocuted in the state the same day.

**Men are Unperturbed.**  
The imminence of death appeared to have but little effect upon the three men and they went through the even tenor of their routine day yesterday, eating heartily and talking apparently as usual. The three men went to bed at 10 o'clock last night and early this morning had been sleeping undisturbed from that hour. The death house, prison guards reported, was quieter than it has been any night since the three were first placed in it approximately eight months ago.

Mrs. C. O. Fox, wife of Fox, was the first visitor admitted to the death house yesterday morning. She reached the penitentiary at 4 o'clock in the morning to wait there patiently until 6 o'clock when Captain Kovets, of the penitentiary guard arrived. It was Mrs. Fox's first visit to the penitentiary since her husband's arrest. Fox's brother and brother-in-law arrived later in the day and were taken into the death house. Here the brother broke down to be quieted by the prisoner himself, who advised him to get right with God and to prepare to meet him in heaven. Fox's father, who had sat with his son through the ordeals of the trial, was sick and unable to visit his son yesterday to say farewell.

Mrs. Kirby, Kirby's wife, and others of his relatives were also at the penitentiary yesterday and had almost to be torn away from him when the hour for departure arrived yesterday afternoon. Gappins' mother and father and his sister practically spent the day in the death house with the youngest member of the condemned trio. Yesterday afternoon Gappins asked that his mother be allowed to spend the night with him in the death house and when this request was refused asked that a preacher be permitted to stay with him during the long hours of this last night of life for him. This too was refused.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lincoln Lodge, No. 137, A. F. & A. M.

Agreeable to your direction, the undersigned committee herewith submit the following memorial upon the life of our late Brother, W. Latta Massey, and whereas, the long and intimate relation held with him makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him.

First, That we may ponder why a life so full of promise should be terminated so suddenly. As a Mason, he was exceedingly exemplary. His ear was ever attuned to the cry of worthy distress, and a friendly spirit to the uplift and pleasure of those with whom he came in contact.

## CHAUTAQUA WEEK IN LINCOLN TON

Opening Number on Tuesday Afternoon, June 20, Closing Saturday Night, June 24th—Mr. Gordon Johnston Advance Man, Here Last Several Days Assisting in Sale of Season Tickets and Arranging for Opening—Location, Public School Grounds.

**CHAUTAQUA HOURS**  
Afternoon at 3:30.  
Evening at 8:30.

The Redpath Chautauqua opens for the 1922 season in Lincolnton on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Gordon Johnston, advance man, has been in the city the past several days assisting in arranging for the opening day. Everything has been gotten in order and the big tent will be in readiness for the throngs from town and county on the opening day, Tuesday. The reports from the Chautauqua at other points have been good, and it is declared to be better than that of last year. It is expected that large crowds will attend the various attractions of the five day program.

The opening number, on the first day, June 20th, in the afternoon, will be introductory exercises. Grand concert by the Nevin Concert Co. Tuesday night the number will be Concert by Nevin Co. and lecture and Art Revue Extraordinary "Wit and Wisdom of the Chalk and Clay" by J. F. Cav-

## CHAUTAQUA ATTRACTION ON OPENING DAY

THE OPENING PROGRAM ON TUESDAY AT THE BIG LINCOLN TON CHAUTAUQUA

### Nevin Concert Company Here at Chautauqua



American music will be a feature on the programs of the Nevin Concert Company, the well-known artist-entertainers who will appear at the coming Redpath Chautauqua. Representative compositions of the great American composer, Ethelbert Nevin, will form the basis of the programs which are delightfully diversified by vocal and instrumental numbers and clever character sketches, many of which will be presented in costume.

## OFFICIAL COUNT FAILS TO CHANGE PRIMARY RESULT

Commissioner Lee's Majority Secure at 20,268  
Raleigh, June 15.—The official canvass and judicial cognizance of two alleged instances of irregularities in the June 3 primaries kept the state board of elections on the job a long past union hours today.

The official count disturbed none of the previously reported primary results. It secured corporation commissioner W. T. Lee's majority of 20,268, maintained Charles Laban Abernathy's lead of 1,922 over Major Matt H. Allen, in the third congressionalman Poir's majority over Col. Willie M. Person in the fourth congressional district, at 11,311. It also gave Rufus Haymore a majority of six votes over S. O. Maguire for the senatorship from the republican district of Stokes and Surry. But four hours were required before a decision could be made by the board officially awarding the republican nomination to Mr. Haymore, because Mr. Maguire contended an agreement in the district eliminated the Stokes vote and nominated him by the 187 majority he received in Surry.

## STANLEY LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Stanley, N. C. June 16—Miss Bayne Carpenter has just returned from a weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. Janette Macenham of Forest City.

The Good Will Tourist from Charlotte were given a hearty welcome in a stirring speech by Mrs. Eugene Creage, when they passed through Stanley, and a very happy rejoinder was made by Mr. Shaw of the Charlotte Observer.

Rev. W. W. Rimmer is at High Shoals this week looking after the interests of a singing School being taught there in his church.

The remains of C. O. Fox, one of the two electrocuted at Columbia, S. C., were interred here.

Robert Clemmer has just returned from Satlburg, Md., where he and his brother, Hazel tested out for positions on the baseball team of that city, Robert, who was out to capture the short-field position was, with the two other contestants "canned." Hazel had three other men fighting against him for the catching position, but easily made second string, notwithstanding one of the contestants, who captured first string catchers position is an ex-Jersey City Class A man.

Robert reports a pleasant trip and speaks in highest terms of the courtesy shown him and his brother. The ball fans here are wishing Hazel a fine season.

## NEGROES ORDERED TO LEAVE MITCHELL COUNTY

Burnsville Eagle. Work on the road being constructed in Mitchell county was suspended last week when armed citizens forced a crew of negro laborers to leave the county according to a story published in Raleigh News and Observer. There are scarcely any negroes in Mitchell county according to the newspaper, and their presence there is objected to by some of the white citizens.

"Last Friday morning a week ago yesterday, a shirt sleeved diplomat rode to the construction camp maintained by C. C. McCabe and advised the superintendent that his negro laborers were to get hence, and with little delay," says the News and Observer. "The superintendent was scornful, and somewhat testily advised the emissary of the Mitchell Saxons to make an extended exploration of more fervid regions. He went away but instead of taking advice literally, he explored some of the outlying valleys to the Toe river watershed.

"That afternoon a hundred Mitchell Saxons rode into camp. They had pistols to be sure, but most of them carry pistols anyway. "The shirt sleeved diplomat was in command. He directed very quietly but very firmly, that such negroes that were at work thereabouts be gathered together in one place, and it was so.

"Few of the laborers insisted in extended preparation for the journey. And so it came to pass that the laborers were marched down to the railroad. Passing freight train was halted, and the emergency explained to the engineer and to the conductor. "Right hastily the negroes crowded themselves into the door of an open freight car and sought the quietude of the farthest corner thereof. The diplomats had enquired the fare of one negro to just beyond the Tennessee line and into the hands of the conductor paid a sum of money sufficient to each negro. The train went down the valley of the Toe and the diplomat led his horsemen back into the hills.

"It was entirely peaceful. No violence whatsoever. Road work was suspended, to be sure, and maybe this winter the horsemen will flounder in the mud. All of this was done in the broad light of a May afternoon, and nobody wore a mask or any sort of disguise. But in Mitchell they do things differently, and think them differently. Moreover, there is no accounting for taste. Between mud and negroes Mitchell, takes mud."

## WISDOM FOR WIVES

Boston Transcript.  
A wise old minister, before parting with a young couple he had pointed in matrimony, used to slip a card into the bride's hand on which was printed this advice: "When you marry him love him. After you marry him love him. If he is honest humor him. If he is generous appreciate him. When he is sad cheer him. When he is quarrelsome ignore him. If he is slothful spur him. If he is noble praise him. If he is secretive trust him. If he is jealous cure him. If he favors society accompany him. When he does you favor thank him. When he deserves it kiss him. Let him think how well you understand him, but never let him know that you manage him."

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Lenoir, June 15.—A. M. Kistler of Morganton, under the firm name of Caldwell Power Company, has bought the Citizens Light and Power company, including the plant and power lines, ice plant, and all other equipment and fixtures. Next Monday F. H. Bradley will assume charge of the local office. The consideration is not named. However, from unofficial sources it is said to be from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

A woman in Monroe, La., who five years ago presented her husband with triplets, has just made up for lost time by presenting him with five in a bunch. Somebody ought to start a foundation for that sort of business. —Charlotte Observer.

Washington, June 15.—Indications multiplied rapidly today that prohibition proponents in Congress would move through the pending merchant marine bill to stop the sale of liquor on American ships.

Marion, June 15.—J. Bas Finley, whose home was near Clinchfield, was killed by train number 22 near Bridgewater Monday. It is reported that Finley was sitting on the track, and it is thought that the train struck him before he had time to get out of the way. He is survived by a wife and one child. He was a young man of about 23 or 24 years of age.

Chapel Hill, June 11.—More than a hundred seniors, clad in the traditional graduating caps and gowns, gathered in memorial hall this morning with hundreds of visitors, students and townspeople, and heard Rev. Ben R. Lacy, Jr. pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, of Atlanta, Ga., open the 127th commencement of North Carolina with the baccalaureate sermon.

## ANOTHER SLASH MADE IN WAGES

Railway Clerks, Signalmen and Stationary Firemen Cut From 2 to 6 Cents and Hour  
Chicago, June 16.—Pruning nearly \$27,000,000 from the annual payroll of 325,000 railway employees by cutting clerks, signalmen and stationery firemen from two to six cents an hour, the United States railroad labor board today announced another wage slash, bringing total reductions under the board's orders up to \$135,000,000 beginning July 1.

Clerks were cut three and four cents an hour according to classification, signalmen five cents and firemen two cents.

Approximately 1,200,000 railway employees will share the total reduction which was brought vigorous protest from every union organization involved and is expected to result in a strike vote of 10 railway labor bodies. The voting already is under way in seven unions.

A dissenting opinion, protesting against any reduction, was included in the decision. It was signed by Arthur O. Wharton and Albert Phillips, both labor members. W. L. McManimon, the third member, is in the east on an investigation trip for the board.

Definite recognition of a "living wage" and "saving wage" was made for the first time by the board in today's decision. Although abnormal post-war conditions were pointed out as obstructions to fixing and scientific living or saving wage at present, the board declared that as soon as this condition cleared away it would "give increased consideration to all the intricate details incident to the scientific adjustment of such a wage."

The bulk of those hit by the new cut will be 200,000 clerks and 10,000 station employees. Telephone girls, who are board declared, have suffered from disproportionate increase and decreases are given a minimum wage of \$85 a month.

Signalmen helpers suffer a six cent slash. Signal foremen, assistant foremen and inspectors, however, escaped with no reduction.

The 5,000 train dispatchers also escaped a cut. Stationary engineers, firemen and others, numbering 10,000, were reduced two cents an hour. A decision covering 75,000 telegraphers will be issued by the board later.