

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. E. J. Krimminger and family have moved from Monroe to Charlotte.

The Ansonian says that the population of Wadesboro is now growing at the rate of 1000 per year.

Miss Mary Matthews of Weddington has accepted a position as stenographer for the Southern Express Company at Charlotte.

Mr. Vann Sikes will move his stock of goods from the room next to Sikes Company's stables into the Houston building recently vacated by Mr. W. R. McCord.

There will be an old time fiddlers' convention at Marshville on February 22. Messrs. J. Z. Green and J. C. Brooks are making the arrangements.

Wadesboro has a new savings bank, The Southern, which opened last Saturday. Mr. T. L. Caudle, formerly of Monroe, is one of the directors.

Mrs. Jane Fincher, mother of Mrs. W. T. Rone of Waxhaw and Mr. J. H. Fincher of Onoree, S. C., died suddenly on the 13th, while visiting the latter at Onoree. The body was brought home for burial.

Mr. John E. Haigler of Goose Creek township fell Wednesday from a house on which he was at work and was badly injured. He fell a distance of fourteen feet, striking on his head and shoulders.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank held last Tuesday the old board of directors and the officers were re-elected. Reports show the bank to be in fine condition.

It looks like the temperance people of Anson are going to see that their prohibition laws are enforced. Mass meetings have been held all over the county in which leading citizens took steps towards this end.

Mr. J. G. Holden of Whitmore, S. C., has opened a barber shop and billiard room in the new building next door to the express company's office, near the depot. Mr. Fred Williams of Whitmore is with him.

Chas. Ingram, a negro, was arrested here Wednesday on a charge of false pretense by Chief Laney. Later it was found that he was wanted at Pee Dee for car robbery and Officer H. C. Moore took him there.

Miss Dora Bancum, daughter of Mr. Leander Bancum and Mrs. J. R. Edwards, all of New Salem township, were married at 2 o'clock on the 12th inst. at the home of the bride's parents. E. J. W. H. Austin officiated. Quite a number of relatives and friends gathered to witness the happy event.

An event in high life occurred at Waxhaw last week as a result of the following invitations which were sent out: "Miss Olive Krauss requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her doll, Violet Astor, to Heigalund Vanderbil, Saturday afternoon, January 18th from 3 to 5 o'clock."

All bird shooting anywhere in the county is now against the law, the open season having expired on the 15th. There were plenty of birds this season and fewer killed than usual because they are not allowed to be sold and because it is unlawful to hunt on any land without the written permission of the owner.

There was a double wedding last Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Rev. M. D. L. Preisler in Buford township, who performed the wedding services. The contracting parties were Mr. W. E. Doster and Miss Carrie Secrest, daughter of Mrs. Martha Secrest of Monroe township, and Mr. T. N. Rogers and Miss Lola Seegers, daughter of Mr. R. W. Seegers.

On Saturday, January 25th, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the colored teachers of the county will meet in the colored graded school building at Monroe for the purpose of talking over the work, and if the way be clear to organize the colored teachers into an association. County Superintendent Nisbet is especially desirous that all the colored teachers of the county be present and take part in this meeting.

Wadesboro and Anson county Democrats are preparing to have a grand celebration on the 22nd of February. The mayor of the town and Mr. James A. Lockhart, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, have invited Messrs. Craig, Kitchin and Horn to speak there on that day. It is expected to have a street parade and music will be furnished by a good band. A large crowd will be in attendance.

Mr. John Polk died suddenly at his home in Marshville township on the night of the 10th. He had been in ill health for some months, but was up and about the day before he died. He complained of a pain in the chest at bed time and at 2 o'clock his wife was aroused by his struggling and when she made a light found her husband dying. Deceased was about thirty-five years old and is survived by his wife and six children. He was a good man.

### DEAD WILL NUMBER 200.

#### Awful Results of Fire in Opera House in Pennsylvania Town.

This little borough, which lost one-fifth of its population in the opera house horror Monday night, today turned to the task of burying its dead. Because of the condition of most of the bodies the borough authorities have asked the bereaved relatives to bury the dead within three days. All night long scores of men worked in the morgues preparing the bodies for removal to their homes or to the cemetery. As early as five o'clock a long line of death wagons moved here and there about the town distributing the corpses, and before midnight most of the dead will be ready for interment.

The relief committee working in conjunction with relatives, has removed more than fifty bodies from the morgues. It is a common sight to see men carrying through the streets charred bodies on boards covered by a blanket or quilt.

It rained slightly this morning and there was a little fall of snow, but this did not deter the work of digging graves. A force of men started to dig graves in Fair View and Union cemeteries this morning.

The borough has decided to buy eight lots for the burial of the unidentified dead. In the center of the plot sufficient space will be left for the erection of a monument.

The scenes about the morgues today are much the same as yesterday. Daylight found crowds around the entrances clamoring for admittance. At 7 o'clock the doors were opened and the gruesome task of identifying the dead was again taken up. It is believed that more than fifty bodies will never be identified.

The death list continues to grow, and it is now feared that the number of victims will reach 180 and possibly higher. Today Mrs. James Fryer, who was injured by leaping from the building, died, making the total number of known dead 172.

Coroner Strausser's official list this afternoon showed that of the dead 112 were females and 45 males. There are 15 bodies so badly burned that it is impossible to distinguish their sex.

There are 22 bodies of children included in the list of males and females. The coroner stated that this list is by no means complete. The borough of Boyertown mourns the loss of 110 of its people. The remainder of the victims hailed from about ten different hamlets all within a radius of five miles.

"I have every reason to believe," said the coroner after making another examination of the ruins today, "that the number of dead may reach fully two hundred. A number of bodies, how many we will never be able to tell, were possibly burned to a crisp. Nothing remains of them but scattered ashes."

A. C. Meisner of Salisbury is sent to Superior Court on a charge of attempted criminal assault upon Mrs. Pearl Fite of Salisbury. She alleges that he went to her room, made improper proposals, which she refused, that he then pulled a gun, which she knocked aside, so that the ball missed her, that he then knocked her down and blew out the lamp, when she escaped and sent for officers.

Richard Scarborough, a Buncombe county farmer, fell on Shannon Hunt, an Asheville hunter, and beat him half to death, and now warrants have been served on each with varying charges. The fact about the matter is the sheep herders have had lots of trouble and sustained loss from dogs belonging to hunters, and Scarborough, already incensed, attacked Hunt for trespassing.

Jim Fisher, at Asheville, was once put under a \$50 bond for perjury and gave it. Then he disappeared. Later he was pronounced dead by sorrowing relatives, but the police learned that he wasn't, and so they got on his trail and found him in Jellico, Tenn., where they fetched him home to Asheville and gently lodged him in jail some more, to the inexpressible relief of his bondsmen.

W. R. Herndon, a man of means, owner of two lively stables, etc., in Durham, was arrested last week on a charge of being a common nuisance, and held in the sum of \$1,000 until his case should be disposed of. It is alleged that Herndon employs men at his stables who sell whiskey, that he aids and abets the illegal traffic and that his place is in bad repute, and so forth.

### CROWELL REUNION, JULY 29.

#### Big Family Will Come Together in Monroe on that Date—Descendants of Cromwell.

The Crowell family, descendants of Michael Crowell of Union county, will hold its reunion in Monroe on July 29th, near the residence of Mr. W. C. Crowell in Monroe. The Charlotte Chronicle says:

"The direct descendants of the famous Englishman of the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell, warrior and statesman, who are living in this State and Alabama, are preparing to hold a family reunion of all the members of the family who can be reached, the gathering to be held on the 29th of next July."

"Drs. A. J. and S. M. Crowell of this city are members of the family, and will attend the reunion. There is an interesting bit of history connected with the change of the family name which was originally Cromwell, but later the name was made to read Crowell.

"When Edwin and John Crowell left England for America, they with many others emigrated at that period in order to escape persecution, changing the spelling of the family name to its present form. Edwin and John Crowell, or Cromwell, landed at New York, and later moved to Halifax county, near the site of the town of Edenton, one of the oldest towns in the State, in the extreme east and not far from the Virginia line.

"Edwin Crowell remained a Tar Heel but his brother John Crowell later moved to Alabama, where he went into business and reared a fine family. Edwin Crowell was the father of John Crowell, whose son, Michael Crowell, settled in Union county, and married Jane Pylon.

"It is particularly the descendants of these latter, Michael and Jane Crowell, who have been called to attend the reunion next July. 'Mr. W. C. Crowell lives in Monroe. There is a big grove near his residence, and in this the descendants of Michael and Jane Crowell will gather.

"A number of papers with 'Registry of the Crowell family' written across the top, and with space for names, etc., have been printed and are being sent to members of the family whose addresses have been secured. These blanks are to be filled out with the name of each descendant, residence, occupation, date of birth and of marriage, and a record will also be kept of those descendants who are dead, together with the date of death and cause of death, and the place of burial. The church affiliation of each member of the family will also be included in the registry to be prepared."

### Mock Marriage Ruins a Widow's Life.

Quite an interesting case as well as serious one was given a preliminary hearing this week in the justice of peace court. It seems that Peter Rogers, a tailor of this city, has been paying quite a great deal of attention to Mrs. Martha Mabe, a widow, who has been the housekeeper at Mrs. McCullen's boarding house, coming here originally from Stokes county, and in the course of time became engaged to be married to her. This week, through a mock ceremony at his place of business on West Centre street, Rogers made the woman believe that she was his lawful wife, thus debauching her character and ruining her life.

On the other hand it is alleged by friends of Rogers that there was no ceremony performed and Mrs. Mabe was so informed by the justice of the peace whom Rogers had summoned to perform the ceremony, and she was married and could not be married to another. However, upon going to the office of the register of deeds and finding that no license had been issued, Mrs. Mabe had Rogers arrested, and he is now in jail in default of \$300 bond to appear at the next term of court and answer to the charge of a felony. Rogers is 43 years old and has a wife and three children at Tarboro. Mrs. Mabe is 47 years old and has two grown sons and grandchildren. Out of her own money she advanced the supposed husband \$3 necessary to pay for the license which was never obtained.

### This is Worth Remembering.

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### BANKS VS. SOCKS.

#### The Landmark Offers a Few Disinterested Remarks on Their Respective Value as Money Keepers.

"The case of Mr. Ben Bell, of Turnersburg, is just one of many illustrations of the risk of keeping a considerable sum of money on one's premises. We don't know whether Mr. Bell was ever a patron of banks, or his reason for keeping \$250 in cash in his house, but any man who boards money in his home is taking an unnecessary and unwise risk.

"Mr. Bell's loss is serious, but he may congratulate himself that it was no worse. That \$250 in his house was a standing invitation not only for robbery, but for murder and arson. If thieves had entered the home in the night, while the family was there, they would not have hesitated, if it had been necessary, to murder the inmates in their beds and burn the roof over their heads. The petty thief is not dangerous. The thief who makes it a business to steal money—who looks out for cash in large sums—is a dangerous man. He goes prepared and before he will run the risk of being taken he will commit murder. Such instances are of common occurrence; there have been such instances right in this section of North Carolina, and the wonder is that there are not more, for every man who keeps as much as \$50 or \$100 in his house, and lets the fact be known, is in danger of being robbed and the robbery may lead to a graver crime.

"If a man hoards money the fact will become known in spite of him. He may do his best to keep it a secret but the fact that he keeps money, even though it be a comparatively small sum, will be noised about. People will talk about it, and while the people of the immediate neighborhood may be honest, there is never any knowing when some one may hear of it whose cupidty will be excited; and the man who keeps money where it can be reached with comparative ease—as it can almost always be in a private house—has to bear his share of the blame for placing temptation before those who can be misled.

With the large number of banks now in existence there is no excuse for one carrying a large sum of money on his person or keeping it in his home. The use of checks is a more satisfactory way to do business than the handling of actual cash. Afraid of the banks? Once in a while a bank breaks. Under our modern system of banking it is rare that depositors lose, even when a bank fails or is robbed by its officers. But any intelligent man must admit that taking chances on the banks is infinitely safer than leaving the money unprotected in a private home; there are more cases of loss by thieves or fire than from the breaking of banks.

Business men in towns have just as much desire to save their money as anybody, and yet one can hardly find a business house in Statesville or in any town that will keep any considerable sum of money in a safe over night. They take it to the bank. The safe is to keep books and papers, and money incidentally, safe in case of fire. But burglars go into safes with comparative ease and for this reason, even in towns where electric lights blaze all night long and policemen are on duty at all hours, few business men leave any considerable sum of money in a safe over night if they can get to a bank. How foolish then to keep money unprotected in a home in the rural districts.

### Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery." Says C. O. Eldridge of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." "Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at English Drug Co.'s, 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

No one is complaining because there are not more 'gowns a la princesse' in circulation. The men are openly giving thanks. The old codger said that that was one style that took the nerve of even the most confirmed styptic-chasers.

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### HORRIBLE! THEATRE DISASTER.

#### Fire Breaks Out in Pennsylvania Play House and Many Lives Are Lost.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 13.—Between 50 and 75 persons were burned to death tonight in a fire which completely destroyed Rhoad's Opera House in this place. The opera house was crowded with members of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school, who were attending a benefit given for that church. While the show was in progress, a tank exploded. The actors endeavored to quiet the audience but in their anxiety to make themselves heard and to avoid the awful stampede of the women and children, the coal oil lamps which were used as the foot lights were overturned, setting the place on fire. The flames, fed by the oil, shot almost to the ceiling and there was a wild rush of the seven hundred persons to escape from the burning building. Scores of women and children were trampled upon and several who escaped being burned to death, died after being dragged from the opera house.

In many cases, it is said, entire families have been wiped out. The scene which followed the explosion is indescribable. Scores of persons who were in the balcony at the time the explosion occurred jumped from the windows and sustained fractured limbs and skulls.

To add to the terrible disaster, the fire apparatus became disabled and the structure was left entirely to the mercy of the seething flames. It is almost certain not a vestige of the bodies of the unfortunates who were overcome by the smoke, and perished, will ever be found. Assistance was asked from Pottstown, but before the fire apparatus from that city reached this place the entire centre of the structure was a roaring furnace.

Had the women and children heeded the warning of the cooler heads in the audience the horrible loss of life might have been avoided, but there was the usual panic and stampede which invariably follows such a catastrophe. The flames spread rapidly and communicated to the other parts of the theatre. Men, women and children rushed for the main exits, and the weaker sex and the children were trampled and maimed in the mad rush to gain the street.

Assistance was at once asked of both Reading and Pottstown, and special trains carrying nurses to the scene of the disaster.

Every home within a radius of a dozen blocks of the opera house was made a temporary hospital, where the wounded were rushed by carriages and other means of conveyance.

Boyertown is a borough with a population of about 2,500 and is located about midway between Pottstown and Reading.

Hundreds of persons surround the burning structure apparently unconscious of the pending danger from falling walls. Many parents who had children in the opera house are pacing to and fro, almost maddened by the awful sight.

The night was one of wailing and anguish. The shrieks of mothers who had rushed to the scene as soon as they learned of the fire was pitiful. As the night wore on, the crowds surrounding the building grew to such proportions that it was almost impossible for the police force, which had been augmented by a score of men from Pottstown and Reading, to keep the people back. One woman who said she had lost her entire family in the theatre was with difficulty restrained from throwing herself into the flames.

At 1 o'clock a special train from Reading, bearing physicians and nurses, reached here, but there was little for them to do, as the injured who had dashed themselves to the pavement, had been cared for. A few minutes after midnight the rear wall of the theatre collapsed. The flames broke out anew and those who had hoped to be able to find the remains of some of their loved ones, turned in despair from the scene.

It is estimated that at least 75 persons were injured by being trampled upon either on the staircase or by jumping from the windows.

Of this number at least a score were fatally injured, at least half a dozen succumbed to their injuries after being hurried to one of the temporary hospitals. Three children, ranging in ages from 8 to 12 years, and one woman, who were dragged from the building by persons who had rushed to the rescue, had been trampled almost to a pulp. The skull of one of the unfortunate children had been crushed as though it was an egg shell.

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**Notice of Sale.**  
By virtue of the power conferred upon me, the undersigned, by Kate W. Doster and Joel Y. Doster in a certain deed of trust, executed on the 24th day of September, 1906, to secure the payment of a certain note executed to the Jefferson Bank, which said deed of trust is duly recorded in the Registry of Union county, North Carolina, in Book A1, page 146, etc., to which reference is hereby made, I will, on

Saturday, 15th day of February, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon, expose to sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Monroe, North Carolina, all that certain valuable lot situate in the said city, on Windsor street, immediately opposite the Presbyterian manse, described as follows: Beginning at a stake No. 1, 6.12 poles to a stake, thence S. 64 W. 62 poles to a stake, thence S. 4 E. 50.16 poles to a stake, thence N. 62 E. 92 poles to the beginning, containing 69.25 acres, more or less.

Lot No. 2. Beginning at a stake on S. side of Watson Branch and running up the various courses of said branch to a corner of lot No. 1, thence up Watson Branch again to a corner of Lot No. 3, thence a new line S. 56 W. 76 poles to a stone in a small branch, thence S. 49 E. 44.53 poles to a P. K. a corner of schoolhouse lot, thence S. 64 W. 6.12 poles to a stake, thence S. 4 E. 50.16 poles to a stake, thence N. 62 E. 92 poles to the beginning, containing 69.17 acres.

Lot No. 3. Beginning at a P. K. a corner of Lot No. 1, near a small drain and running thence N. 41 W. 43.5 poles to a stone, thence S. 67 W. 169.6 poles crossing two branches to a stake, thence S. 404 E. 78.8 poles to a corner of Lot No. 2, in a small branch, thence a new line and reversed bearing from description of Lot No. 2, N. 56 W. 76 poles to center of Watson Branch, a stone, and some willows and a willow being marked as a side line about one rod from centre of branch, containing 69.37 acres.

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