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Five Orphans Burned to Death.

The Shelton Cottage, the girls home of the Presbyterian Orphanage home of the Virginia synod, was destroyed by fire this morning about 4 o'clock and with it five little girls, members of the nursery department of the institution, lost their lives.

There were twenty-nine children and two adult women in the building and it is regarded as a miracle that more than half of them were not incinerated, for the entire basement and first floor were enveloped in flames when discovered by Mrs. Priest, the cook, who was sleeping in the structure.

When she discovered the blaze she aroused the entire number of occupants, and going to the third floor, she brought twelve or fifteen girls to the second floor and they were rescued from the top of the porch, for all means of escape through the stairway was cut off and the building was about ready to fall.

Mrs. Priest, after seeing the children in the main part of the building out safely, was compelled to jump, and she suffered a dislocated shoulder, the sprain of her back and a painful wound on her scalp. She will recover. Only one of the rescued girls was injured, and she sustained a sprained ankle by jumping.

The nursery was located on the second floor of the wing of the building, and the five children could have been rescued had there been men near by, but no one but women were near. One little girl who had been taken out on the roof of the veranda, found her younger sister was inside the building and she returned to get her. Both of them perished.

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KILLED THREE OF FAMILY.

Studied for Three Months How to Kill His Sisters and Brother-in-Law, Then Confessed the Crime

James McMahon today confessed that he murdered his sisters, Miss Rose McMahon and Mrs. Alonzo Van Royen and the latter's husband, Alonzo Van Royen, on a farm near Kansas City, Kan., last Tuesday. A long standing family quarrel caused the tragedy. McMahon killed Van Royen in a wood and later went to the Van Royen home and shot his sisters.

Fearing mob violence by a throng that gathered about the county jail after the confession became known, the sheriff rushed the murderer and his brother, Patrick McMahon, and Patrick Lamb, a farm hand, who are held as witnesses, to the penitentiary at Lansing tonight in automobiles.

McMahon's inability to keep his secret caused his arrest. He told a friend today where he had hidden a revolver with which he did the killing, and several articles he took from the Van Royen home.

As Sheriff Becker was preparing to arrest James McMahon, the latter walked into his office and announced he was ready to help work on the case as he has been doing each day since the tragedy.

Sheriff Becker immediately arrested McMahon. Prosecutor Tazgart and Sheriff Becker sweated McMahon for two hours. Then McMahon confessed.

"Yes, I killed my two sisters and brother-in-law, and I was crazy when I did it," he shouted, rising out of his chair and pacing the room. "It took me three months to plan and execute the crime. I waited until I knew my intended victims would be in the right positions for me to kill them and get away. On Tuesday, Rose went to visit at Van Royen's, and Lon went to the woods. I found him and shot him in the head. He fell and I fired six shots into his back. I always hated him."

"Then I walked into the house and found my sisters. My first shot probably killed Mrs. Van Royen as she sat on a chair. She screamed and fell. Rose started up to speak to me, and I shot her down."

"With the two women virtually dead, I was free to take my time. I fired two more shots into the body of Mrs. Van Royen and five more into Rose's body. I did not hurry away. I was not unduly excited. It was the culmination of my only thoughts for months."

"I searched the house and found some rings and other valuables. I took all of them and my revolver and hid them in a corn shock. Later it dawned on me that I had committed a crime. I tried to keep it a secret. But hour by hour something told me that I must tell all. Tonight I'll sleep in peace."

The confessed murderer had been severely cross questioned by the police many times since the murders, but he skillfully extricated himself from the few compromising positions into which he had stepped. He was taken at one time to the scene of the murders and forced at midnight to rehearse his story. He did it unflinchingly, swearing he knew nothing of the crime. Later he offered \$500 reward for the arrest of the murderer.

The quarrel between the Van Royens and the McMahons is said to have started over the desire of the senior Mrs. McMahon to give part of her property to Van Royen. Rose McMahon was friendly with the Van Royens. This caused James McMahon to dislike her.

What People United May Do.

There is a force of engineers on the road between Cheraw and Society Hill laying out the best route for a perfect road along that way. There has been about twenty-five hundred dollars to be spent on this road and it is going to turn things from the worst road in the county into one of the very best. Quite a large part of this money was raised in Darlington county and I rather think that this is only the second example on record of one people in one county raising money to be spent on the roads in another county; the other case being where the people of Cheraw raised money to help build the road across the low grounds of Marlboro.

This success in raising funds has been accomplished through the effort of the committee appointed by the board of trade of Cheraw about six months ago. There is just no telling what can be accomplished by the people of a town or county when they make up their minds to do it and are united. Cheraw has determined to have as good roads leading into her as any town in the two Carolinas, and we are not only going to give our visiting friends a warm welcome when they get here but we are going to make it easy for them to come to see us, and after they get here try our best to make them glad they came.

A Scalded Boy's Shrieks

horrified his grandmother, Mrs. Maria Taylor of Nebo, Ky., who writes that, when all thought he would die, Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured him. Infallible for burns, scalds, cuts, corns, wounds, bruises; Cures fever sores, boils, skin eruptions, chilblains, chapped hands. Soon relieves piles. 25c., at English Drug Co.'s.

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Rockefeller Gives a Million to Fight Hook-Worm

A gift of one million dollars by John D. Rockefeller to fight the "hook-worm disease" was announced at the office of the Standard Oil Company late here today.

A dozen well known educators and scientists, selected in large part from institutions of learning of the South where the parasite is prevalent were called in conference with Mr. Rockefeller's representatives at the Standard Oil Company's offices at 26 Broadway last Tuesday, and at that meeting Mr. Rockefeller's desire to organize a commission to carry on a campaign against the malady was discussed. As a result of this discussion of the situation the "Rockefeller Commission for the Education of the Hook-Worm Disease" was organized.

The members of this commission, as selected by Mr. Rockefeller are Dr. Wm. H. Welch, professor of Pathology in Johns Hopkins University, president of the American Medical Association; Dr. Simon F. Flexner, director of Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Dr. Charles W. Stiles, chief of the division of Zoology, U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and discoverer of the American species of hook-worm, and the prevalence of the disease in America; Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. David E. Houston, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis; Prof. P. P. Claxton, professor of education in the University of Tennessee; Prof. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Education in North Carolina, and president of the Educational Association; Mr. Walter H. Page, editor of World's Work; Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal Hampton Institute; Mr. Frederick T. Gates, one of Mr. Rockefeller's business managers; Mr. Starr J. Murphy, Mr. Rockefeller's counsel in business matters.

Mr. Rockefeller wrote to the conference: "New York, Oct. 26, 1909. Gentlemen: For many months my representatives have been inquiring into the nature and prevalence of hook-worm diseases and considering plans for mitigating its evils. I have delayed action in this matter only until the facts as to the extent of the disease could be verified and the effectiveness of its cure and prevention demonstrated."

"The wide distribution and the serious effects of this malady, particularly in the rural districts of our Southern States, first pointed out by Dr. Wardell Stiles, of the U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, have now been confirmed by independent observations of other investigators and physicians as well as by educators and public men of the South."

"Knowing your interest in all that pertains to the well being of your fellow men and your acquaintance with the subject, I have invited you to a conference in the hope that it may lead to the adoption of well considered plans for a co-operative movement of the medical profession, public health officers, boards of trade, churches, schools, the press and other agencies for the cure and prevention of this disease."

"If you deem it wise to undertake the commission I shall be glad to be permitted to work with you to that end and you may call upon me from time to time for such sums needed during the next five years for carrying on an aggressive campaign, up to a total of one million dollars."

"While it would be a privilege to act in any movement which offers assurance of relieving human suffering, it is a particular pleasure to me to feel that the principal activities of your board will be among the people of the Southern States. It has been my pleasure of late to spend a portion of each year in the South and I have come to know and to respect greatly that part of our country and to enjoy the society and friendship of many of its warm-hearted people. It will therefore be an added gratification to me if in this way I may in some measure express my appreciation of their many kindnesses and hospitalities. Very truly, (Signed) JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER."

North Carolina Day.

North Carolina Day this year will be observed in the public schools December 17. The booklet is being prepared by Secretary R. D. W. Connor of the North Carolina Historical Commission, the subject being the study of the western section, that is the sixteen mountain counties. The various subjects under this head will be "The Land of the Sky"; "The Cherokee Indians in the War of the Revolution"; "The History in the Names of the Sixteen Counties"; "The Kings Mountain Boys, and the Heroes of that Great Section, Notably Cleveland, Shelby and John Sevier"; James Robertson and the Other Western Pioneers and Their Settlement of Tennessee; "Tennessee, a Daughter of North Carolina"; "The Life and Services of David L. Smith"; "The Life and Services of Z. B. Vance"; "The Building of the Western North Carolina Railway."

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A Rough Old Time at Peachland.

The fact that Pee Dee Association was in session at Peachland Sunday did not deter a number of young men from filling up on booze and attempting to paint the town red.

The young men were Messrs. Paul Eiford of Charlotte and Jasper Eiford of Burnsville township, who are brothers, and a Mr. Funderburk, also of Charlotte. An attempt was made to arrest the Messrs. Eiford by Mr. Lonnie Redfern and Mr. Atlas Paifer. Mr. Redfern had hold of Jasper Eiford, who had a pistol and tried to shoot him. He managed to get the pistol out of the hand of Eiford when some one standing by grabbed the weapon and attempted to shoot him Redfern. Mr. Redfern knocked the pistol from the hand of the last man and all the parties then ran off. Some one hit Mr. Paifer in the side with brass knucks while he had hold of Paul Eiford, hurting him, for the time, right badly.

Soon after this Paul and Jasper Eiford were again arrested and this time lodged in the guard house. Funderburk, who was their companion, kept up a general fusillade of cursing until he, too, was placed in durance vile.

Soon after the men were placed in the guard house a number of their friends went to the blacksmith shop of Charlie Reid, colored, and armed themselves with some of his tools. After doing this they gave the town authorities thirty minutes to release the men on pain of having the guard house torn down. A posse was organized and stood the men off with shotguns until the two Eifords and Funderburk were brought out for trial. Each of them was fined \$10 and the cost for being disorderly and Jasper Eiford was bound over to court on the charge of carrying a concealed pistol.

While the Eifords and Funderburk were in the guard house two men, one named Brooks and the other Tarlton, from the Olive Branch neighborhood of Union county, were arrested for being drunk and fast driving and also carried to the guard house. While the trial of Funderburk and the Eifords was in progress, Brooks and Tarlton broke out of the guard house and made their escape. They left the horse they were driving behind and Monday Tarlton came back and stood trial, paid his fine of \$10 and carried the animal home. Brooks has not been seen since his escape.

Forced into Exile.

Wm. Upchurch of Glen Oak, Okla., was an exile from home. Mountain air, he thought, would cure a frightful lung-racking cough that had defied all remedies for two years. After six months he returned, death dogging his steps. "Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery," he writes, "and after taking six bottles I am as well as ever." It saves thousands yearly from desperate lung diseases. Infallible for coughs and colds, it dispels hoarseness and sore throat. Cures grip, bronchitis, hemorrhages, asthma, croup, whooping cough, 50c. and \$1. trial bottle free, guaranteed by English Drug Company.

A Matter of Pronunciation.

A conductor and a brakeman on a Mountain railroad differ as to the proper pronunciation of the name Earville. Passengers are often startled upon arrival at this station to hear the conductor yell: "You're a Ear! You're a Ear!" And then from the brakeman at the other end of the car: "You really are! You really are!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Royal Baking Powder advertisement featuring an image of the product and text: 'The only baking powder from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from Grapes—Makes Finest, Purest Food. Royal Baking Powder Absolutely Pure.'

GRUMBLING. The Misanthrope Journal of Epigrams. GRUMBLING kills friends. The business man who is ever grumbling and growling about things makes a blue atmosphere about him. People somehow or other prefer a rosy atmosphere to a blue. There is no good in grumbling. It gains nothing. Grumbling is an evidence that you have not sized things up correctly. That you are laboring under a delusion: that you are looking at the world through blue glasses, that you are not making proper estimates of other people. Grumbling is an advertisement to the world that you are not well balanced. Grumbling won't help things a big. The more you indulge in the habit the more firmly it becomes fixed upon you, and later you will find it almost impossible to shake it off. The grumbler grows to be a pessimist, he makes his friends feel ill at ease. The grumbler gradually loses his acquaintances and even his close friends. If you are starting on the grum-

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