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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

FIRE AT SAVANNAH.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 2.—Damage estimated \$1,500,000 resulted early today from a fire of unknown origin which swept the Savannah river over two blocks destroying the wharves of the Merchants and Miners Transportation company, several warehouses and business structures and the planters rice mill.

The fire was discovered shortly after one o'clock this morning in a shed on the west end of the wharves. All the available fire apparatus in the city responded to the general alarm and every effort was made to check the conflagration with the assistance of fire tugs in the river. The flames spread from the Ogeechee canal east to within 150 feet of Broad street, threatening many business structures and shipping.

After fighting the flames for four hours, the fire finally was gotten under control without loss of life. Several firemen were slightly injured but none seriously.

The greatest loss was sustained by the Central of Georgia railway company, owners of the Merchants and Miners Terminals and the Merchants and Miners freight which was stored in the warehouses. The loss to this company is estimated at \$600,000, covered by insurance.

WAREHOUSE BURNED.

The American Steel and Wire company warehouses on either side of the entrance to the Merchants and Miners docks were partially destroyed with a damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000, also covered by insurance.

Warehouses and business structures of several other firms also were damaged or destroyed, but the loss has not yet been definitely determined.

Much of the freight burned had only been discharged a few hours previous to the breaking out of the conflagration. Efforts of Agent Erskine, of the Merchants and Miners company to ascertain the origin of fire have been fruitless.

President J. C. Whitney, of the Merchants and Miners company, after a consultation here today with W. A. Winburn, vice president of the Central of Georgia railroad announced that immediate steps would be taken for rebuilding the wharves.—Citizen.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly possible. This remedy is for sale by ALL DEALERS.

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G. W. N. C. A. SHOWS GOOD WORK DONE

The first anniversary meeting of the directors of the Greater Western North Carolina association was held here today at 12:30 o'clock, which was largely attended by delegations from each of the seven counties included in the association and by S. H. Hardwick and M. V. Richards of the Southern Railway. The two railway officials, representing the passenger and land development departments of the Southern, also represented in a way the spirit of the association, which is to attract to this section the tourists of the country and at the same time interest the people brought here to such an extent as to make them permanent settlers and develop the great natural resources of Western North Carolina.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held here and reports were heard from President W. E. Breese, jr., of Brevard, and Manager S. H. Cohen. These reports showed an amazing amount of work accomplished during the past year and an interesting feature was that the financial reports showed the association has more than lived within its means and that the amount collected for the first year will not all be spent until March 1, covering a period of 13 months.

In this connection, however, it was pointed out that a greater work could be accomplished with more money, and it was decided to appoint a budget committee to compile a budget for the coming year, this budget to be presented at the next meeting, when the matter of securing enough money to put it into effect will be taken up.

It was pointed out in the reports and discussions that the association during its existence of a single year has been up against two extremely bad seasons for the tourist business, yet the results attained have been more than satisfactory. The present season has been the worst in years for the winter migrations to the south, but as an example that Asheville and Western North Carolina are getting their share reference was made to the fact that the Pine Forest Inn, which burned at Aiken last night, had only 44 guests, less than any hotel in Asheville has at the present time. This is true in spite of the fact that Aiken is considered one of the most popular resorts in the south.

The new booklet was given considerable attention and highly complimented. It was stated that since its publication there have been requests for copies from all over America and a few from England. Only this morning there were about 50 letters received in the offices of the association in which the booklets were requested, as well as fuller information about this section.—Gazette-New.

John Parris has sold his barber shop to Otto Womack who will take charge of the shop Wednesday. He is moving his house whole goods in the old Allen building up stairs.

The shop will remain in its present quarters.

Thad Messer of Dillsboro was in Sylva Thursday.

Mrs. Gola P. Ferguson of Bryson City passed through town enroute to her home at Speedwell, where she will spend awhile with her father Z. V. Watson.

THE DEATH OF WALTER MESSER

Mr. Messer, a native of Dillsboro, an employe of the Southern Railway, was struck by a train at Waynesville several weeks ago. An arm and a leg were broken. He was taken immediately to the Mission Hospital at Asheville. His leg was taken off at once; they hoped to save his arm, but in a few days it became necessary to remove it also.

After days of great suffering he passed away. But best of all, he claimed at the last that he was ready to die, and spent his last conscious moments in real joy.

His parents were with him most of the time at the hospital to add to his comfort. The fact that God was merciful to their son, giving him opportunity to repent, and hearing his prayers greatly lightened the burden of their hearts.

The funeral took place from the Methodist church in Dillsboro. A good congregation was present, several railroad men were in attendance from Asheville; this was greatly appreciated.

He was buried in the Parris graveyard. The fraternity to which he belonged conducted the service there. They have an impressive ritual.

Let me warn young and old not to go on through life in sin. Your taking might be sudden. Seek Christ while you have health and strength.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We announce to the public that on February 1st we became associated in the practice of medicine and surgery. We will be permanently located at Sylva, where we will be glad to see our friends at any time.

DR. DELOS D. HOOPER
DR. CHAS. Z. CANDLER

RAILROAD IS SUED BY TRAVELING MAN

Claiming that he suffered \$3,000 in mental and physical anguish as a result of injuries he received when two cars on the Southern were derailed between Rhodo and Andrews September 18, Eugene M. Bearden has brought suit for that amount against the road, and yesterday his complaint was filed in the office of the clerk of court, Marcus Erwin. In it Mr. Bearden, who is a traveling salesman, alleges that he was severely injured in the wreck that during the time he was compelled to undergo treatment for injuries his business suffered greatly.—Citizen.

TWO MEN DEAD.

In the last twenty four hours there has been two men died with pneumonia fever. The first was Mr. Wess Hoyle who died on Cope Creek, Wednesday just after 12 o'clock P. M.

Will Conner the next victim who lived just above town, and he to died just after 12 o'clock A. M. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. W. T. Fisher of Andrews is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. McKee.

Avoid the public drinking cup it, is a germ vender.

Get the fresh air habit.

MR HARDWICK WELL PLEASED WITH WORK

Passenger Traffic Manager S. H. Hardwick, of the Southern railway, believes that with good summer weather throughout the south, Asheville and other places in this section of the state will experience the best season in their history during the coming summer months. Mr. Hardwick stated that many enquiries have been received by the Southern for literature descriptive of Western North Carolina and he is confident that the Land of the Sky will be thronged next summer. Mr. Hardwick stated that of course, the weather conditions will have a great deal to do with the success of the season. He referred to the fact that last summer, the late season caused much disappointment in summer resort cities. While the unusually warm weather during the present winter is resulting in a decrease in the number of winter tourists who visit resorts which cater to this class of trade.

Mr. Hardwick was asked as to Asheville's prospects for the summer capital. He stated that he had heard through good sources that President-elect Woodrow Wilson is very seriously considering an invitation extended to him and the members of his family to spend their summers in this city and he believes that Asheville stands an excellent chance of getting the president-elect to come here for his vacation periods.

Mr. Hardwick is greatly pleased with the work which has been accomplished by the Greater Western North Carolina association during the first year of its history. He spoke favorably of the manner in which it has been managed and feels that the extensive advertising campaign which has been waged by the organization will mean much to this section of the state. He believes that not only will the tourist trade be boosted through the work of the organization, but that home seekers and investors, as well, will be brought here.—Citizen.

W. N. C. BOYS HAD GOOD TIME

Col. Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the Western North Carolina association, returned Friday from Columbia, where he went last Saturday morning to accompany the 14 boys from this section who had won trips to the National Corn show in the corn growing contests of the various counties of the section embraced in the association. The boys returned yesterday on the Carolina special, following a big parade and banquet given at the show, the last event given in honor of the boys attending the show.

Col. Cohen stated this morning that the boys apparently enjoyed themselves to the fullest and have attracted quite a lot of attention. There are 40 boys attending the show from this State and 14 Western North Carolina boys have seemed the favorites throughout of all the boys present. Frank Arthur of Biltmore, Corbett Alexander of the Farm School, Fred Bryson of Beta and Don Davis of Webster were among the most conspicuous figures on account of the records they have made. Young Bryson had the second best record of the state.

All the boys attending the show have been entertained in such a manner that they have been kept together, having their meals served in the large dining room and housed in naval fashion. There were 600 in all and they have paid strict attention to the show, according to Col. Cohen.—Gazette News.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION OPENS

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 4.—With between 750 and 1000 delegates already in the city and the majority yet to arrive, the opening session of the first Laymen's missionary convention of the Southern Baptist convened in this city this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The program was some what disarranged by the absence of Governor Ben W. Hooper of Nashville and Mayor Thompson who were to have delivered the addresses of welcome.

The opening devotions were conducted by General Secretary J. T. Henderson of Bristol, who introduced the permanent president of the convention, the Hon. Joshua Levering of Baltimore, Md.

The principal address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. J. C. Massee, D. D., pastor of the first Baptist church of Chattanooga, and the response by A. Y. Ford of Louisville for 11 years the managing editor of the Courier-Journal.

Following this Dr. Henderson delivered an address on "Why Are We Here?"

W. J. Williamson of St. Louis spoke on the "Dynamic of Missions." This being followed by an address on "The Moral Mission of America," by president E. M. Poteat of Furman University, of S. C.—Gazette

WITH ELEVEN JURORS

TRIAL GOES FORWARD

Waynesville, Feb. 1.—For the first time in Haywood county a homicide case is being tried with eleven jurors, this being by agreement.

The court is presided over by Judge Howard A. Foushee, this being the first time he has presided in Haywood. He has made a fine impression on the bar and the people and his charge to the grand jury was an able and a valuable one.

Following the hearing of a number of blind tiger cases, with a majority of the "tigers" convicted, the court on Wednesday began the trial of Waldo McCracken and Robertson Rogers, charged with homicide, in the killing of Lee Wells, and it is in this case that there are eleven jurors.

Lee Wells was killed on the twenty ninth of last March at a school commencement at Clyde, and as the defendants and Wells are all of a large family connection the case is attracting much attention. Rogers was policeman at Clyde, and McCracken was a constable, at the time of the difficulty. The State and defendants both have able attorneys, Hon. Felix Alley, the solicitor, is assisted by J. W. Ferguson, and J. B. Smathers, Hon. W. T. Crawford, John Stamey, John M. Queen and ex-solicitor Thad Bryson, are representing the two defendants.

The attorneys on each side are contesting every inch of ground.

This case was tried at last July term, before Judge B. F. Long, and the jury after being out for days failed to agree. They stood ten for conviction, two for acquittal. The present trial is being tried with eleven jurors, as on Thursday morning Judge Foushee, having learned of the condition of Juror Boney Morris who had been in the hospital for treatment, excused him. Both sides were willing to go to trial with eleven jurors in the box.—Observer.