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VA. UNIVERSITY BURNED

Fire Yesterday Destroyed the Rotunda Building.

STUDENTS INJURED.

The painting, "School of Athens," destroyed—Dormitories saved—Loss, \$350,000.

Special to the Press-Visitor.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Oct. 28.

The greatest calamity which has befallen the University of Virginia since its foundation occurred yesterday afternoon in the destruction by fire of the buildings in the center of the University, comprising the rotunda, the annex, the reading rooms and old chapel. The fire started in the annex in the public hall between the roof and the ceiling and spread rapidly to the library in the rotunda.

Both these and the adjoining buildings were soon completely gutted, despite the heroic efforts of the students and firemen, aided by engines from Lynchburg and Staunton. Dynamite was used to blow up the connection between the buildings, and the neighboring dormitories and professors' houses were saved. Among the valuables destroyed are the \$10,000 painting in the public hall by a copy by Raphael's "School of Athens," the physical apparatus, most of the rare volumes of the library and a part of the law library. The Jefferson statue, a gift of Congress, was rescued by the students. Several students are reported badly injured. The fire originated from an electric wire. Loss \$350,000. Insurance \$25,000. The work of rebuilding will begin at once and contributions have already been tendered for this object by the alumni. Lectures will be held in the halls of the several literary societies by order of the faculty.

DURHAM EXCITED.

A. A. Letts Arrested on the Charge of Firing Martin's Prime House.

Special to the Press-Visitor.

DURHAM, N. C., Oct. 28.

Wild rumors have been afloat since yesterday evening about the fire at T. B. Martin's prime house Thursday morning. A. A. Letts, an employe, has been arrested, charged with firing it, and also the residence of Moss Irvin who roomed in the same place. The trial is on before the mayor.

Irvin testifies that there was a conspiracy to burn and that Letts told him he (Letts) was offered \$250 to fire it by the owner. The whole thing is wrapped in mystery, and has created a big sensation. The investigation is now going on and may develop some startling results. It is too early in the trial to say just what is coming or who else will be implicated. The trial may last through tomorrow.

Gov. Matthews' Advanced Views.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 28.—It is reported that Governor Matthews in his forthcoming speech at Atlanta intends to take advanced grounds on the Monroe doctrine. He favors a more vigorous foreign policy, and thinks Cuba should be recognized as belligerents.

Outbreak Feared in Canton.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

HONG KONG, Oct. 28.—An extensive anti-foreign outbreak is expected at Canton. Four hundred braves have been enlisted here by the Victory, who has gone there.

Iowa's Increase in Population.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

DES MOINES, Oct. 28.—The State census shows that the population is 2,067,000, a gain in five years of nearly 100,000.

Holmes' Trial Begins.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—The trial of Holmes, for the murder of Benjamin F. Peckol, began today before Judge Arnold.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton Closes Fourteen Points up—Chicago Grain Markets.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, October 28.—Liverpool news was favorable. Futures closed 1 1/2-84 higher than Saturday. There was a good spot business; sales, 19,000 bales, of which 11,000 were American, 1,000 for export and speculation; middling, 4 1/2-8, full rate.

New York opened 8 points up, advanced steadily, and closed 14 points higher than Saturday, with a steady undertone.

Sales 210,000 bales; estimated receipts are 55,000 against 52,000 last year.

The tendency is for higher prices if receipts do not increase. From now the movement will be watched very closely.

Reports from Texas points still to a drop of half as much as last year. Larger spot sales in Liverpool indicate that Manchester is in the market again. Tomorrow we shall have to compare with 74,000 bales receipts last year.

Options closed as follows:

October, 8.51 to 8.58; November, 8.53 to 8.58; December, 8.57 to 8.58; January, 8.64 to 8.65; February, 8.69 to 8.70; March, 8.74 to 8.75; April, 8.79 to 8.80; May, 8.84 to 8.85; June, 8.89 to 8.90; July, 8.94 to 8.95

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Grain quotations closed today as follows:

Wheat—December, 60 1/4; May, 64 1/4 to 64 5/8.

Corn—October, 50; December, 27 1/2 to 27 3/4; May, 29 1/4.

Oats—October, 18; December, 18 1/4; May, 20 1/2.

Raleigh Cotton Market.

Monday, October 28th.

Middling nominal.

Strict middling, 8 1/4 to 8 3/8.

Good middling, 8 3/8 to 8 1/2.

Strict good middling, 8 1/2 to 8 5/8.

Collision of Steamer and Ferry Boat.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The fruit steamer Alvens collided with the Pennsylvania railroad ferry boat at Chicago this morning as the latter was leaving the dock for Jersey City. Fortunately few passengers were aboard and none were seriously injured. The upper works of the Chicago and the front end were completely wrecked. The hull completed only a few inches. It is the worst accident on the river for years.

Water Low in the Lakes.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—The water in the lakes is the lowest in years. It is a great loss to shippers owing to the delay of vessels passing the straits and connecting with the lakes. In some cases four and five days is lost.

Mining Securities Troubled.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The South African mining securities took downward turn this morning and several financial firms are in trouble.

UNION MINERS' THREATS.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 28.—The miners' union of Coeur d'Alene country threaten to turn non-union miners out of the mines and replace them with union men. The mine owners have telegraphed the Governor for assistance. The Governor has ordered the militia under arms.

The Great Factors are in Reidsville.

Many persons are looking forward to the great racing event which will come off at Reidsville on October 31, between Joe Patchen and John R. Gentry. The railroads have determined to run specials that day to Reidsville. No doubt a large crowd will avail themselves of the opportunity to witness one of the greatest racing events that has taken place in this State for many years. The famous racers, Gentry and Patchen, have already arrived at Reidsville. They were shipped by express and occupied a splendid stock palace car which was attached next to the engine of the passenger train. The horses were expressed from Jellico, Tenn., where it is said there was some difficulty with the Southern in bringing them forward at once, and the owners rather than be delayed longer, expressed them. Air brakes had to be put on the train.

RUN WILD WITH FRENZY CLEVELAND'S BACK UP

Outrages Against Armenians Grow Worse.

HUNDREDS ARE KILLED

And Burned to the Stake—Officials Won't Afford Protection—Women Shot and Outraged.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 28.—Another terrible massacre of Armenians accompanied by violence to women is reported to have occurred quite recently. The scene of the outrage was Balburt between Erzeroum and Trebizond. A mob of 500 Mussulmans and Larzes attacked several villages in that vicinity, burned the houses and schools, killed inhabitants as they tried to escape, burned a number of men and women to a stake. The women were first outraged and then they were terribly mutilated. Finally the churches were desecrated and all cattle and portable property confiscated. The killed number 150. When asked for protection the Governor of Balburt sent three policemen after the slaughter had ended. It is also stated that Turks have attacked Armenians in the District of Gumushdagh, killing many.

INSURANCE SWINDLERS ACQUITTED.

The Judge Stopped the Court and Said Justice Could not be Had.

After remaining out all night the jury on Saturday returned a verdict of not guilty in the second case of forgery against Dr. T. B. Delamar and L. T. Noe in the Beaufort insurance frauds. Judge Graham, after receiving the verdict, said: "Gentlemen, the court is not responsible for your verdict." The solicitor made a motion to remove all the other cases from the county on the grounds that the State could not get a fair trial because of prejudice against the insurance companies who were prosecuting the defendants. After argument pro and con the judge moved the case to Jones county court, which meets next week, and bound the defendants, Dr. T. B. Delamar, Dr. L. W. Perkins, J. C. Delamar, Chas. R. Hassel, Levi T. Noe, white, and David Parker, Stephen C. Turner, Silas A. Blount, A. B. Wigfall, William Fisher and William Turner, colored, defendants in various cases of forgery, frauds and conspiracy in \$500 each to appear at Trenton on Tuesday.

The judge in his remarks as to the removal said that if, with the testimony furnished by the State in the two cases tried, conviction could not be had, he was satisfied justice required a removal.

The insurance cases on the civil docket were moved to Craven county to be tried at spring term.

PENSION SWINDLERS.

Cases Against Persons Who Have Defrauded the Government.

Marshal Carroll left for Newbern today where Federal Court opens. There are many important cases on docket, notably the pension fraud cases. These cases, it seems, date back a number of years ago. During the war, many of the slaves from the Newbern section upon their freedom joined the Federal army. The wives of those who lost their lives obtained pensions. So great was the lust for government money, that the wives of colored men, other than those who were lost in conflict applied for pensions and obtained them. In this way, it is said, several parties have obtained neat sums of money. White men who worked the racket, indirectly, came into the possession of wealth, so it is said.

Marshal Carroll says the evidence in some of these cases is quite strong. Witnesses for the government will be on hand from Washington City to give testimony.

There are several cases against E. W. Carpenter, a wealthy citizen. The court will likely be in session a week. A decision is expected to be rendered by Judge Seymour in the Commodore matter. Briefs were filed by the attorneys for the Commodore on Friday last.

A Volcano Faked.

By Telegram to the Press-Visitor.

PONT TOWNSHIP, Oct. 28.—The latest exploding party reports the mount Olympus volcano to be a vein of coal ignited by burning timber. Melting snow is pouring into the furnaces and fills the air with steam.

SHERIFF WOOLEN BRINGS J. N. BENSON TO THE PEN.

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LIBERATED BY A MOB.

First Jailed for Stealing—Captured After 18 Months—Threats this Time to Free Him.

Sheriff Wooten, of Bladen county, arrived here this morning from Elizabeth City with three convicts. As the train came in sight of the grim stockade at the penitentiary he breathed freely for the first time since the beginning of his journey; for he had with him a prisoner, J. N. Benson, who had a life history of crime and arrest and escape; and friends had threatened to make more history of the same sort.

It was over five years ago that Benson committed the crime of embezzlement for which he is now serving a term of three years in the penitentiary. When an election came and he was turned out of office, it was found that he was short in his accounts something like six thousand dollars. He was arrested and put in jail.

Just before the court at which he was to be tried convened, Benson, who had many strong friends throughout the county, was liberated by a mob. Eighteen months later he reappeared and was rearrested. The legal battle for liberty was a strong one and he was only convicted at the last term of court. Much feeling was aroused by the trial.

When the sheriff was preparing to leave with his prisoner, threats were heard that he would again be taken from the hands of the law. So the judge gave an order appointing six extra guards to accompany the sheriff and his prisoner to the railroad, eleven miles away through a dark swamp; all were armed to the teeth, but the trip was without incident.

The other two prisoners were sent on for three and five years, for burning and attempt at burning. Escop Lewis was the longer term man, he having been convicted of burning an out house.

THE GREAT DIMAL SWAMP.

Turned to Tinder, Burns Steadily.

A gentleman, who has just come from the far eastern part of the State, told a reporter last night an interesting story of the drought.

Some three weeks ago the trees in the great Dimal swamp caught fire from the passing locomotives. The swamp is usually a perfect quagmire, with the exception of the roads that traverse it. The trees in many places is as deep as fifteen feet and the ground so muddy as scarcely to allow a person foothold. The excessively dry weather, however, has absorbed absolutely every bit of the water and left the ground dry as tinder. The lakes and streams in the swamp are now scarcely more than tiny rivulets or mud holes. The ground itself is not really soil, as the continual dropping of leaves has covered the real strata to a depth of anywhere from eight to twenty feet. This "ground," dried out, makes the finest possible fuel for the flames.

The swamp has been steadily burning for three weeks; and it is likely that it will continue to burn for as many months. For the ground is afire and burns with the slow combustion of cotton. The fire eats its way down and has not yet reached any where near the bottom of the decayed vegetation.

The roads which traversed the swamp are nearly all burned out and are almost impassible.

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED EXCURSION TO ATLANTA VIA THE C. F. AND Y. V.

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway will take a personally conducted party to the Cotton States and International Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., October 29th via the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway and Seaboard Air Line. On Tuesday, October 29th, a special excursion train will start from Mt. Airy and run through to Atlanta without change of cars on the following schedule: Leave Mt. Airy at 7 a. m.; arrive at Atlanta — Fare for the round trip: Mt. Airy, \$10.00; Pilot Mountain, 10.50; Walnut Cove, 9.50; Greensboro, 9.50. Correspondingly low rates from intermediate stations. Tickets are good to return on any time within ten days. Arrangements will be made with hotels in Atlanta for board for this special party at the very lowest rates.

This train will remain in Atlanta until noon Saturday, November 2d. Passengers wishing to remain longer can return by any regular train within the limit of ten days.

Close connection is made at Maxon in both directions, between the C. F. and Y. V. and S. A. L. Now is your opportunity to see the wonderful resources of the South.

The King of Corea's Sharp Teeth.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28.—A Social dispatch states that the king of Corea has chosen a new queen and has assumed the title of emperor, the heir apparent being sent as envoy to America and England with the object of getting him out of the country. He is preparing a way to the throne for a prince who stands in higher favor.

AS TO FOREIGN MATTERS

Said That He Will Adopt a Vigorous Policy

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Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—It is stated on what is considered excellent authority, that Mr. Cleveland will surprise both his most intimate friends and the country before the opening of the Presidential campaign of 1896 by a positive change of front on the foreign policy. Probably his next message will advocate a vigorous and aggressive policy to embrace all questions now practically in abeyance. The Monroe doctrine is to be reiterated with force and vigor calculated to astonish foreign powers. Specific cases of neglect on the part of our government are to be taken up and pushed rapidly to a conclusion. This takes in, besides the Venezuelan question, the unsettled claims of American citizens in Republics of Honduras, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

A BULL FIGHT IN RALEIGH.

Two Big Bulls Fight a Duel on a Freight Car.

Saturday night there was a bull fight in Raleigh. The parties to the scrap, however, were both bulls and the treading was not in evidence. The story:

One of the large Northern exhibitors of cattle to the fair was shipping his stock to the Atlanta Exposition. Several cars were filled with his cattle and hitched to a freight at the Union depot. In one of the cars were several cows and two expensive bulls. The older and larger of them cost \$3,500; the smaller animal was valued at \$1,500.

Soon after the freight started there was a commotion. The train was stopped and it was found that a regular bull fight was going on in the car. The cows were huddled in fright in one end, while in the middle the two bulls were fighting as though to the death. Trainmen and the men who were in charge of the cattle struck at the animals with sticks, but they could not stop the battle. Finally the smaller bull fell badly wounded. The horns of the larger had gored his stomach. Then the men succeeded in subduing the victorious combatant. The injured animal will recover.

A gentleman who was an eye-witness says that the fight was one of the most exciting things he ever saw. This gentleman is a knight of the chicken pit, but he is frank to admit that the most spirited battle of gaffs didn't hold a candle to that exhibition. The pick and heading rush of two perfectly infuriated bulls is the finest thing he has ever seen in a sporting line.

The bulls got together by pulling the iron rings from their noses.

Gentry's Colts.

Jno. R. Gentry, 303 3/4, holder of the pacing stallion record, sired 18 calls that are now the property of his former owner whose name the son of Ashland Wilkes bears, at Hughesville, Mo. Fifteen of the 18 are pacers and three of them have shown quarters in 37 seconds as yearlings. Gentry was bred to some good mares this season by his present owner.

THE CIRCUS TOMORROW.

Sells' Enormous Show Will Pitch Their Tents Here Tomorrow.

Tomorrow is circus day. This fact always creates a ripple of merriment and a wild form of excitement with most classes of people. The show appears in Henderson today, giving two performances. The two large trains which carry the enormous caravan will arrive in the city early to morning morning by the Seaboard Air Line. The not overlarge number of early risers in Raleigh will doubtless be augmented by a considerable number.

The title of Sells Brothers' enormous enterprise is not an empty name, nor a vain boast. Its claim is just; it is truly "The Big Show of the World." There is not now, there never has been, there never can be a like opportunity of witnessing so surprisingly great and supereminently attractive an aggregation as Sells Brothers' enormous united shows in all its positively undivided and undiminished excellence, with no feat or feature, no attraction subtracted, but on the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive. The glorious three-ring circus presents every act and feature as represented, embracing all of the celebrities of the arenic world.

Three hundred startling acts in three separate rings and two elevated theatre stages. In the menagerie fifty mammoth cages filled with rare wild beasts, every captive animal known to exist, including the only pair of trained hippopotami, educated seals and sea lions, performing elephants, stately flock of ostriches, trained kangaroo, and marvelously trained wild and domesticated animals.

The gala hippodrome is an imposing and stupendous revival of ancient Rome's chariot races, donkey races, pony races, thirty-six-horse riders. See their elaborate, attractive and resplendent street parade tomorrow morning and judge for yourself as to its magnitude.

UNIVERSITY VICTORIOUS.

Defeats Georgia University—A. & M. Boys Return from Atlanta.

The A. & M. boys were defeated by the eleven of the Virginia Military Institute. The score was 28 to 6. The team was somewhat broken up by the absence of two of their best men. In weight the Virginia team outclassed them, being fully fifteen pound heavier on the average. The boys played hard but they could not overcome such handicaps. The Atlanta Constitution says: "The playing of Alexander, the full back, and Sugisiti, the young Japanese, who played such a good quarter back and made a number of beautiful tackles all through the game, was especially good." Vick made the touch down for our boys.

The A. & M. boys played the Charlotte team to a standstill Saturday. The team was in no condition to play, having played several games during the week and being in need of sleep. Both sides failed to score.

The University of North Carolina defeated the University of Georgia in an exciting football contest at Atlanta Saturday by a score of 7 to 0. Stevens made the touchdown by a 70-yard run and Joel Whitaker kicked the goal.

The "Coochee-Coochee" Route to the Devil.

The Georgia legislature is down on the "Coochee-Coochee" dance. Some of the legislators went out on the midway and were shocked by the dance d'venture given in the streets of Cairo. Mr. Jones, of Dougherty, offered a bill in the House to prohibit the muscle dance, and the bill was passed by an almost unanimous vote.

Mr. Fletcher Johnson, of Hall, spoke against the bill. He declared that it was none of the legislature's business, and if a man wanted to go to the devil by the "Coochee-Coochee" dance route it was none of the legislature's business. The law will not go into effect until after the Exposition is over.

The Telegram Came too Late.

W. F. Barnes, the man now under arrest in Rockingham county, being wanted in Missouri for forgery, involving a sum of \$400, has quite a checkered career. Just after Governor Carr had signed the requisition papers for his delivery in that State, a telegram was received from Mr. S. M. Swink, of Leaksville, informing him that warrants were issued for him for the larceny of a watch in Winston and not to grant the requisition of Governor Stone. The telegram came a little too late.

Miss Estalia Willis, of Newbern, is in the city visiting Miss Bessie Wyatt on East Jones street.

NEWS GATHERED IN A DAY

Condensed and Put in a Readable Form.

FACTS AND GOSSIP.

Interestingly Told as Picked up on the Streets and Various Points About Town.

The first premium for the best loaf of bread, regardless of flour, was won by Mrs. C. C. McDonald, of Raleigh. The brand of flour she used was the Acme.

The Capital Club is to give german's regularly during the season. The club did the handsome thing in the way of entertainment for the Fair's fair visitors last week.

Old "Roly-Boly," the man who sells pools and shuffles the dice in the three-cornered Farbank concern, left town today. "Roly-Boly" has been here every Fair in the memory of man.

With the dust from every passing vehicle filling your eyes and nose and mouth, it looked little today as though there had been a rain last night. Yet that was the case last night and early this morning.

Raleigh looks forward with pleasure to the appearance here with Sells circus tomorrow of the famous and popular John Lowlow. Mr. Lowlow is a great favorite in Raleigh and will receive a cordial welcome.

Cards are out announcing the marriage at Winston this week of Mr. Price Jones to Mrs. Joseph Helen. Mr. Jones is well known here, he having several years ago been employed by the Seaboard Air Line here.

The attention of the tax payers of Wake county is called to the announcement elsewhere of Sheriff Page to them. He is already behind and is very anxious to collect as much tax as possible in the next ten days.

The Mabel Paige Company left for Goldsboro yesterday where they have a week's engagement. There was no performance at the Academy Saturday night. The matinee in the afternoon drew a fairly good audience.

A suggestion which has often been brought to public notice is the need of storm doors at the Academy of Music. It would certainly make the house more comfortable. The proprietors could give their patrons more comfort at a very small cost.

The Wake Forest Student for October is just out. It contains a variety of interesting and well written articles. Judge Walter Clarke contributes an article entitled "Claims of Long Descent." Mr. T. H. Briggs, Jr., of Raleigh, has in charge the Editor's Portfolio.

The rain this morning made the street car track slippery. When a summer car came rolling down the grade at the Union depot, therefore, the brakes didn't work. The car kept on "slipping and sliding and went on into the street; there it lies and 'twill be a job to get it back.

The bird law expires on November 1st—next Friday. Many parties of Raleigh shots are preparing to get away to the country on that day. A rain would be indeed welcome to them, as the drought has made successful work by the dogs very difficult. Birds are said to be more plentiful than for several seasons past.

The St. Mary's delegation chaperoned by Miss Emmie McVea and characterized by the Atlanta Constitution as "winsome school girls," returned from a five day's visit to the Exposition last Saturday afternoon. The trip was a successful and enjoyable one in every way. Superintendent Howell's party will return Tuesday.

In spite of the fact that the Fair management decided to down the "Hoochee-Koochee" Thursday night, the shows are said to have been in full blast Friday afternoon. They only closed down a little while that morning. So Mr. Broughton's title of "He's the man who downed the 'Hoochee-Koochee'" won't hold water.

Mr. Clarence Murphy, the clever representative of the Southern Pacific, the "Sunset Route" was in the city Saturday. Mr. Murphy distributed a very pretty and attractive ad in the business centres, consisting of two dainty little maidens with balloons flying across their shoulders. Mr. Murphy is a hustler and naturally takes to the railroad business.