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SUN BEAMS.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. J. Allen Brown, insurance agent, has a new ad in today's paper.

The Eurydice Club will meet with Mrs. A. Frazier Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

A young lady down on East Inniss street lost her pet dog several days ago.

Weather Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday. Colder Thursday morning.

Mr. Philo Hall, father of Lieut. C. G. Hall, arrived in the city last night to be present at the marriage of his son to-night.

Mr. "Buzz" Griffin, an employe of the Southern shop, while at work yesterday got something in his left eye. He is off duty for a few days on account of it.

Mr. R. J. Holmes, Jr., we understand, is now stocking a chicken farm to be run in connection with his famous Meadow Stock Farm near town.

Mr. E. W. Hobbs, of Danville, Va., came over last night and went out to the granite quarries in the neighborhood of Faith this morning. He wants to procure 900 feet of coping to be used for some purpose.

A message—the first sent over the new telephone line from Zeb—was received by the SUN yesterday evening. This line is now connected with the city exchange and may be used by all subscribers on the list.

Solicitor Holton was in the city last night on his way home from Statesville where court has been in session. He left this morning for home and will return Saturday night so as to be on hand when Rowan's court convenes Monday morning.

The King's Daughter's supper given last night, was liberally patronized in spite of the wind and dust, the receipts amounting to about \$40. This demonstrated the liberality of the citizens of Salisbury to all charitable and benevolent enterprises.

Mr. W. R. Smith, who was called to Rowan county a week ago last Friday by news of the serious illness of his brother, Mr. Ed. Smith returned home, Saturday. He left his brother, who is suffering from pneumonia, improving. The latter lives near Watsonville postoffice, six miles from Salisbury.—Statesville Landmark.

Mr. J. J. Feather, a blacksmith of the Southern shops, gave up his position yesterday and will leave Thursday for Newport News, Va., where he accepts a place as blacksmith in the ship yard. Mr. Feather gave the Southern notice of the intended change ten days ago. His family will follow him in about thirty days. Mr. Feather tells us he is much pleased with his treatment by the Southern while in its employ here and wishes it much success. He has been here now about one year and has made many friends who will regret to see him and his family leave.

To Begin a Series of Meetings.

Rev. Thomas Needham arrived in the city last night and will begin a series of meetings in the Baptist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

CITIZENS' MEETING.

THEY DISCUSS STREET SPRINKLING.

Representative Body of Business Men Present—Committee Appointed to Draw Up a Petition—Met this Morning.

The citizens' meeting called to be held at the city hall at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing ways and means of inducing the board of aldermen to have the streets sprinkled came off on good time. A representative body of the merchants and business men of the city, were present.

Mr. W. L. Klutz called the meeting to order and was made presiding officer. Mr. W. T. Rainey was requested to act as secretary. The object of the meeting as explained by Messrs. Theo. B. Brown and Theo. Buerbaum was to pray the Honorable Board of City Aldermen to have the streets in the principal parts of the town sprinkled at the expense of the town. Mr. Buerbaum stated that other towns, where they have water works, furnish this service.

On motion of Mr. Theo. Brown a committee of five was appointed to draw up a petition and present same to the merchants and citizens for signatures after which to present it to the mayor and ask that he call a meeting of the aldermen to consider the petition.

Chairman Klutz appointed the following committee: Theo. Buerbaum, chairman; T. B. Brown, I. Lichtenstein, W. L. Klutz and W. T. Rainey.

The committee was notified to meet at Whitlock & Rainey's store at 7:30 o'clock last night to draw up the petition.

On account, however, of the wind and dust the committee did not meet. The meeting was held this morning and the petition was drawn up. The SUN has it from one of the aldermen that he is willing to do any way to satisfy the people. Several others are reported as favoring the movement.

It is highly probable that something definite will come of yesterday's meeting and that the streets will be sprinkled when needed and perhaps at the town's expense.

The petition is as follows:

A PETITION FROM THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SALISBURY TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the town, respectfully petition the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the town to sprinkle, when necessary, the following blocks of the town, viz.: Main street from the court house to Bank street crossing, Fisher street, from Lee to Church streets (one block each way from Main street), Inniss from Lee to Church streets (one block each way from Main street) for the following reasons:

1st, It is very disagreeable to our people and strangers in the town to be forced to go through blinding clouds of dust. A stranger in the town with a view to locating would be very unfavorably impressed as our streets now are.

2nd, Medical authorities tell us that dust blown through the streets is a great breeder of diseases.

3rd, The merchants do not ask for the sprinkling from a selfish motive, but claim that the same is due them, as well as the public, as the space to be sprinkled is

used more or less by every one of the town. With few exceptions no merchants live within the territory asked to be sprinkled.

The merchants being the largest tax payers, claim that they are entitled to some protection along this line as they sustain a very serious loss to stock.

4th, We claim that sprinkling would also be a great protection to the macadam.

FIRES LAST NIGHT.

Conflagrations in a Number of Places. Considerable Losses.

Quite a number of fires are reported as occurring last night. The woods between Spencer' and the Yadkin river were on fire during the early part of the night. A lot of cord wood within the range of the fire was burned. The light of the fires was seen from Salisbury. The wood, we understand, is burning today.

A severe fire is also reported in Stanly county. A good portion of country was burned over. Mr. C. F. Floyd living about six miles from Richfield had his barn burned, about 200 bushels of wheat and other things being destroyed. The fire originated from burning brush. The day previous was fine and the farmers had fired brush heaps leaving them, and the wind yesterday fanned and blew the embers into a blaze, starting the conflagration.

The woods in the neighborhood of Mr. N. H. Park's were on fire last night. The fire reached near his house. The origin was not ascertained. Mr. Parks fought the fire until 1 o'clock last night.

The damage from the fires were considerable.

WIRES ALL DOWN.

Yesterday's Windstorm Plays Havoc With the Telegraph Service.

Yesterday's and last night's windstorm played havoc with the telegraph wires. Manager Castella, when he opened his office this morning, found that all the wires were down both north and south. He could reach as far as Greensboro but could not get Charlotte. The wind, it appears, was heaviest between Charlotte and Danville. A telegram was received late this morning from Manager Barns saying that the wires were all down between Greensboro and Charlotte and between Greensboro and Danville. The work of repairing the lines was begun early today and the wires have probably by this afternoon been straightened up and put in good condition. The wind was very heavy here.

Married Last Night.

Mr. David V. Mauney, of the firm of the Burt Shoe Company, and Miss Della Caudle were married last night at the home of the bride at Wingate, N. C. The couple arrived here on train 36 this morning and drove around to the home of Mr. E. W. Burt, on Fulton street, where they spent a short while. Mr. Mauney and bride left on the Yadkin train for Yadkin Falls, the former home of Mr. Mauney. They will be gone several days when they will return to Salisbury, their future home.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

I have just bought a car load of Steers from Mack Harrison, of Mill Bridge, I think the best lot of cattle I ever handled. Try a nice Roast or Steak. M. L. JACKSON.

WANTED—Four nice boarders. Comfortable rooms and fire furnished at \$12.50 per month. Apply to Mrs. W. C. Fraley, Inniss Street.

"MAINE" BLOWN UP.

THE GREAT BATTLESHIP DESTROYED.

One Hundred of the Crew Killed—All Were Asleep When the Explosion Occurred—Intense Excitement Prevails.

Havana, Feb. 15.—At a quarter of 10 this evening a terrible explosion took place on board the United States cruiser Maine, in Havana harbor. Many are killed or wounded. All the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alphonso XIII are assisting. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it. It is believed that the cruiser is totally destroyed.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses.

OVER ONE HUNDRED KILLED.

The wildest consternation prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousands of people. It is believed that the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine.

Capt. Sigsbee and the other officers have been saved. It is estimated that over 100 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible as yet to give exact details.

Admiral Manterola has ordered that boats of all kinds should go to the assistance of the Maine and her wounded. The Havana firemen are giving aid, tending carefully to the wounded as they are brought on shore. It is a terrible sight.

General Solano and the other generals have been ordered by Captain Blanco to take steps to help the Maine's crew in every way possible. The correspondent of the Associated Press has been near the Maine in one of the cruiser Alfonso XIII, and seen others of the wounded who corroborate the statement of those first interviewed that they were already asleep when the explosion occurred.

Captain Sigsbee says the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel. He received a wound in the head. Orders were given to the other officers to save themselves as best they could. The latter, who were literally thrown from their bunks in their night clothes, gave the necessary orders with great bravery.

The Secretary of the Navy received the following from Capt. Sigsbee: "The Maine was blown up in Havana harbor at 9:40 and destroyed. Many were wounded and doubtless many were drowned. The wounded and others are on board the Spanish man of war and Ward Line steamer. Send light house tenders from Key West for crew and few pieces of equipment still above water. No one had other clothes than those upon him. Public opinion should be suspended till further report. Officers believed to be saved. Jenkins and Merritt not yet accounted for. Many Spanish officers, including representatives of General Blanco, now with me and express sympathy."

The officers referred to in the above dispatch are Engineers Darwin and Merritt. From the wording of the dispatch the Navy Department thinks it is possible that they were on shore at the time. The Secretary of the Navy received another dispatch from Key West, but its contents were not made public. The orders for the light house tenders were at once sent to Key West in plain language, thus avoiding the de-

lay that would have arisen from the use of cipher.

Admiral Manterola believes that the first explosion was of a grenade shell that was hurled over the navy yard.

The Maine is a battleship of the second class, and is regarded as one of the best ships in the new navy. She was built at the Brooklyn navy yard, and is 318 feet long, 57 feet broad, 21.6 mean draught, and 6,682 tons displacement. She carried four 10-inch and six 6-inch breech-loading guns in her main battery and seven 6-pounder and eight 1-pounder rapid fire guns, and four Gatlings in her secondary battery, and four Whitehead torpedoes.

The Maine was built in New York in 1890, at a cost \$2,588,000. She had a steel hull and a complement of 874 men.

TO JAIL WITHOUT BOND.

Young Girl Firebug Sent Up—The Evidence Against Her.

Eliza Alexander, (not Knox as reported yesterday) the young negro girl, who was given a hearing before the mayor yesterday afternoon, was bound over to court and sent to jail without bond.

The charge was the burning last Saturday night of the house in Dixonsville which was occupied by Charlie Bernhardt, an old colored man, and his little girl, Dora. No one was at home when the house was burned.

A number of witnesses were examined at the hearing yesterday and the evidence pointed strongly to the accused girl being the incendiary.

From the evidence it was shown that Bernhardt and his daughter left home at noon Saturday and had not returned until the house was nearly burned down. They covered up what little fire there was in the fire place at noon.

Late in the evening Eliza was seen sitting on the door-step and looking under the house. She was seen later leaving the house with a white sack, filled with something, under her arm. Nora Lord, a witness, saw her and at the same time noticed smoke coming from a window in the house. She asked the girl the cause of the smoke and was told that Dora was getting supper in the house. Sometime afterwards the fire was discovered—at that time both doors being shut and the entire inside of the house being ablaze.

The white sack and its contents were taken to Mr. Page's, in Brooklyn, where the girl was staying. The contents were afterwards found to be dresses and other articles of clothing which had belonged to old man Bernhardt's girl, and which, it is claimed were in a chest in the house that was burned.

The young firebug was very sullen and refused to testify when offered a chance to do so. She would not answer questions, and when being handled by the officers before and after the trial she fought like a cat.

NO CURE—NO PAY

That is the way all Druggists sell GROVES TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Chills and Fever and all Forms of Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price 50c.

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Come at once and look through our large stock. Our prices will open your eyes. REID & HARRY.

Shave at the Climax.

TROUBLE EXPECTED

POLICE AND DEPUTIES ON DUTY.

The Southern and Narrow Gauge at Dagger's Points at Hickory—A Clash Anticipated—Officers of Both Roads at the Scene.

The Southern and the Narrow Gauge railroads, the latter known as the Chester & Lenoir railroad, and which has, since its completion some ten or fifteen years ago, used one of the rails of the Southern between Hickory and Newton, are at dagger's points. The narrow gauge has been paying \$500 per month for the use of the track between these two points and recently decided to build a separate track, to curtail expenses. The work has already begun.

The Southern, it is understood, forbid the company owning the narrow gauge crossing its track unless it goes under or over its line. The narrow gauge was going ahead grading. Some time during night before last, a gentleman from Hickory tells us, the Southern put a force of hands to laying several side tracks upon the new grade to mills near the road. This precipitated the trouble. Superintendent Nichols, of the narrow gauge, was in Hickory yesterday and was making an effort to restrain the Southern from laying the side tracks. News of this trouble was first made public here this morning. The movements of the Southern early this morning gave it currency. The regular freight going west was annulled last night and before day this morning a train and crew were sent to the seat of the trouble. Many, if not all of the employes, between Salisbury and Asheville have been ordered there. Train 11 took a number from here. The full import and intent of the Southern has not yet been made manifest.

Special to The Sun.

CONNELLY SPRINGS, Feb. 16.—The Southern, in trying to cross the Narrow Gauge track to reach Hickory Manufacturing Company's plant, meets with resistance from the Narrow Gauge people. The police and deputies with guns are out. The Narrow Gauge track is torn up and trains can not pass. All the officials of the Narrow Gauge and part of the Southern are there. It looks like trouble.

Marriage To-night.

The marriage of Miss Margaret McNeely, one of Salisbury's lovely young ladies and Lieut. C. G. Hall, of the United States Army, and stationed at Fort Ringgold, Texas, will be celebrated in the Episcopal church at 6:30 o'clock to-night. Mr. George W. Hall, brother of the groom, of Hickory, arrived last night and will be best man. The couple will leave on train No. 35 to-night for New Orleans where they will attend the Mardi Gras. They will visit other Southern cities and expect to reach Fort Ringgold, their future home in about two weeks. The SUN in advance wishes them unalloyed happiness.

LOST OR STOLEN.—A young black-spotted and speckled female hound. A liberal reward will be paid for the return of the animal to W. R. Meroney.

A big line of boys' knee pant suits received to-day. For boys aged 13, 14, 15 and 16. At popular prices. BROWN CLOTHING CO.

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