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## GASOLINE IN OIL

Caused Fatal Explosion in Union County, Which Caused the Death of Two Young Ladies.

Raleigh, April 10.—The result of examinations and investigation made by State Oil Chemist L. B. Lockhart shows conclusively that the fatal explosion near Olive Branch, in Union county, March 28, when two young girls lost their lives, was caused by gasoline which had in some way become mixed with kerosene. Immediately after news of the horrible accident reached here Inspector J. R. Swann was dispatched to that neighborhood and worked up his case well. It was found that samples of the oil similar to the oil in the lamp which exploded at 71 degrees, whereas the state law requires a flashing point of 100 degrees. Analysis showed that the oil which exploded contained 15 per cent of gasoline. It was found that the oil was purchased from New Salem Mercantile Company, and all persons who purchased the oil were notified of its dangerous character. It seems that the oil was mixed with gasoline in some way, either while it was in the hands of the Marshville Drug Company or on the way to the New Salem Mercantile Company. The inspector found one instance where an automobile had been supplied with kerosene instead of gasoline, the machine choking down a few minutes later, the oil removed and gasoline put into the machine's tanks. Just what became of this oil-gasoline mixture hangs the tale, the theory of the state being that through some means it got into the saleable oil.

It was at a quilting party that the explosion occurred, and at the home of J. A. Pritchard. Miss Wilma Davis and Miss Grace Bancum were fatally burned and Miss Lou Bancum was severely injured. There will hardly be any prosecution, as the evidence is slim as to exactly who was responsible for the mixing, while no intent was shown.

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## Death of Mrs. E. H. Harding.

A message was received in the city this morning announcing the death of Mrs. Mary Harding, wife of Rev. Ephraim H. Harding, D. D., which occurred at Davidson this morning at 1:15 o'clock after a lingering illness. Mrs. Harding received a stroke of paralysis four years ago, and since that time has been an invalid.

Mrs. Harding was a half sister of Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, and has often visited in Concord, where she has many friends, and where she was greatly beloved for her gentle Christian character. Dr. Harding was pastor of the Presbyterian church here in 1870, and afterwards was pastor of the Second Presbyterian church at Charlotte. Following his retirement from the ministry at Milton about a year ago, he and Mrs. Harding went to Davidson to make their home with their son, Prof. C. R. Harding. Mrs. Harding also leaves a daughter, Mrs. F. H. Whitaker. Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. G. G. Richmond, Mrs. Harding's brother, were at her bedside when she died. Mrs. Harding was 80 years of age.

The burial will take place tomorrow morning in the cemetery at Davidson.

## Jury is Driven from Court House.

Wilmington, N. C., April 9.—Outraged at the verdict of not guilty by the jury in the case of Joseph Stephens, acquitted of murder after having previously been convicted and sentenced to electrocution but granted a new trial by the supreme court, Judge Robert B. Peebles, of the state superior court, has issued a bench warrant for the defendant in the former case and he was arrested and held until the next term of court on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, the judge certifying in the warrant that under his own admission at the former trial he is at least guilty of the latter charge preferred against him. Judge Peebles severely criticized the jury which returned the verdict, ordering members from the court house and today on affidavit of the state solicitor removed three other capital cases to an adjoining county for trial.

## Receiver for Albemarle Development Company.

Charlotte Observer.

In connection with the case of the Albemarle Development Company, Masters and Sibley promoters, which is now on trial in Federal court here on the charge of fraudulent use of the mails, it is a fact of interest that an application for receivership for this company was granted Saturday by Judge Daniels at Greensboro. The application was made by Messrs. J. C. Hanes and J. M. Brown & Son, of Albemarle, representing 200 holders of certificates. Mr. G. D. B. Reynolds, of Albemarle, is receiver. The order is returnable before Judge Lyon at Lexington, April 24.

## Several Seaboard Schedule Changes.

Charlotte Observer.

Several important changes in the Seaboard schedule went into effect this week, the most noteworthy being those relating to trains No. 132 and No. 133. Whereas No. 133 formerly arrived from Monroe at 10:35 a. m. and left for Rutherfordton at 10:40 it now arrives at 9:55 and leaves at 10. No. 132 formerly arrived at 6:50 p. m. and left at 6:55. It now arrives at 7:05 p. m. and leaves at 7:25 p. m. for Monroe and points beyond.

Ireland's estimated population December 31, 1909, was 4,376,534, and on the same date of 1910 it was 4,371,144. The number of emigrants from Ireland in 1910 was 32,467. Ireland is the only one of the three branches of the United Kingdom that is expected to show a diminished population in the course now being taken.

See the Times Printing for printing.

## BIG BALL OF FIRE AND EARTHQUAKES.

Caused Panics at Messina and at Rome Italy—Two Different Causes.

Rome, April 10.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here today. The first occurred early in the morning and the second, somewhat lighter, about noon. Some slight alarm was caused in the city, but in the prison there was a considerable panic, the prisoners making two separate attempts at mutiny. These however, were quickly suppressed.

In the village surrounding Rome the shocks were more severe, and at various places the people showed great alarm, although no damage was done. Messina, April 10.—About 7 o'clock this evening in various districts in Sicily loud rumblings were heard. A sudden flash of light was also observed and an electrical condition of the atmosphere. No earth shocks were recorded, and it is believed that the disturbance here was caused by the falling of a ball of fire.

## The Question of Sunday Mail.

Charlotte Observer.

From a number of its subscribers The Observer has received complaints against the non-opening of postoffice windows on Sunday, where, unless they rent boxes, they get no newspaper or any other mail. It is represented that not only does this new policy work hardship and inconvenience to the complainants but that it virtually constitutes box-renters a privileged class—a class, too, whose number the limited supply of boxes automatically restricts. There are certainly some very much aggrieved citizens abroad in the land. As the Postoffice Department's inauguration of the unopened-window policy in various places was avowedly experimental and subject to discontinuance wherever unsatisfactory, we advise these citizens that the proper procedure is to let their postmasters and Congressmen know what they think.

## Winston-Salem Defeats Commission Government.

Winston-Salem, April 10.—The commission form of government was defeated here today by a majority of 108, the total vote cast being 1,009. The First and Second wards together gave a majority of 105, but the Third ward voted 3 to 1 against the proposition. The last few days have been marked by hard work on both sides and great interest was manifested, many prominent men spending the whole day at the polls. Now, that the commission proposition is shelved, candidates to succeed O. B. Eston, in the city election May 2, as Mayor are being put forward. The law provides that another election may be held at any time during the next two years.

## What Mrs. Cope Found.

Fiber and Fabric.

Hats off to Mrs. Clarinda Cope, a female reformer from Chicago, who has the distinction of being the first of her kind who has investigated the child labor question in the South and acknowledged the real conditions. Mrs. Cope finds "the cotton mills of the South a blessing to the poor people. I have found," she said, "that the so-called child labor is on the decrease and wages are as good as they are in the North, with a margin in favor of the young people."

## Mrs. Register Sick.

Charlotte News, 10th.

The whole town misses Mrs. Register. She is confined to the house—but let her tell it: "Hello; that The News?" "Yes." "I wish you'd say I am sick. I've got 40 things I ought to go to and Dr. won't let me out of the house. I've got water on the knee—not on the brain; be sure to make that plain—and I can't 'hobble' for a day or two. Send me a coca-cola. Think that will cheer me up?"

## Meeting of City Aldermen Tonight.

The board of aldermen will meet tonight at the city hall. This will be the last regular meeting of the present board and Mayor Wagoner and the aldermen are very anxious that any and all citizens who have any business or grievances to present to the board be present. The matter of establishing a library will come up, and it is more than likely that the board will take official action on the matter.

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## DIAZ PREPARING TO FLEE MEXICO.

Troops Already Guard Avenue to Atlantic Coast.

Washington, April 10.—Confidential reports received at the War College from the United States Army officers in Mexico today show that President Diaz has laid careful and complete plans to escape from his country.

Only two regiments remain in Mexico City. The other troops, which were stationed in the capital together with several additional picked regiments, have been detailed to a territory where there are practically no insurrectionists, in such a manner that they form an avenue leading direct from Mexico to the Atlantic coast.

It became known today that Mexico is literally honeycombed with confidential agents from the War Department. Many of them are army officers. Reports are made on every move of troops and the information is marked down on a huge map in the War College, pins with colored heads representing companies or regiments. The latest move of President Diaz is chronicled with a line of pins leading direct from Mexico City to the Atlantic coast.

## Salisbury First Term of U. S. Court April 25.

Salisbury, April 10.—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the first term of the newly established Federal court in Salisbury. The first session of the court will be held April 25 and it is said that R. C. Coleman, of Ohio, charged with robbing the postoffice at Kernersville, N. C., will be the first prisoner to face a federal judge in the new postoffice building, now nearing completion. With the exception of some minor finishings on the interior, the building is now ready for occupancy and the postoffice equipment and force will move in a few days.

## Another Sherlock Holmes Story.

Congratulations have been pouring in from every quarter since the New York Sunday World commenced giving away the series of Sherlock Holmes stories in booklet form as free supplements to its regular editions. The complete story booklet to go with next Sunday's World is entitled "The Adventure of the Norwood Builder." Eleven more of the series will follow, one each Sunday for eleven consecutive Sundays. Don't miss one of this wonderful set of detective narratives. Order the Sunday World for the next month or two from your newsdealer in advance.

## At St. James Friday Night.

"The Crucifixion, a Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer," will be rendered at the St. James Lutheran church next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. For some time a choir of excellent voices has been practicing for this occasion, and no doubt the rendition will be made with rare skill and sweetness. Those who will assist in the music are: Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Miss Laura Richardson, Miss Vernie Blume, Messrs. C. A. Cook, E. D. Sherrill, Campbell Cline and a chorus.

## Bateman-Sherrill.

Invitations as follows have been received here: Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Jones Sherrill requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lottie May to

Mr. Walter Carstarphon Bateman on Wednesday April, the twenty-sixth, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, at one o'clock 208 Montford Avenue Asheville, North Carolina At Home after May 10th, Asheville, N. C.

## The Graded School Commencement.

The following is the program of the commencement exercises of the city schools: Friday, May 5th, 8 p. m.—Class Exercises.

Sunday, May 7th, 11 a. m.—Annual Sermon, Dr. Chas. P. MacLaughlin. Monday, May 8th, 8 p. m.—Graduating exercises. Annual Address by Rev. Dr. J. L. Caldwell, President of Presbyterian College, Charlotte, N. C.

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## FORCE AND SEIZURE ACT.

Is Resorted to by Buncombe Officers in Attempt to Nab Retailer.

Special to Greensboro News.

Asheville, April 10.—The first attempt on the part of the officers of the law in Buncombe county to enforce the search and seizure act of the last general assembly was made at Black Mountain Saturday when the officials of that town arrested a negro charged with violating the law. According to information received here the officers made a water haul. It seems that the negro arrested had gone to the express office and paid for and removed four gallons of whisky when the officers, evidently aware of the movements of the negro and the presence in the express office of the whisky, served a warrant on the defendant, placed him under arrest and seized the liquor. It is said that the negro was taking the whisky from the express office to his home and that the seizure was made on the public highway. It is understood here by well informed lawyers that the law does not contemplate the seizure of whisky at an express office, railway station or while being delivered, for instance, to a private residence or a club. If, however, whisky to an amount more than two gallons is delivered to a grocery store, "blind tiger," etc. such place may be searched and the whisky seized. A private residence, whether occupied by a white man or a negro, cannot, under the law be searched. It is claimed by the defendant, according to information received here, that he was taking the whisky from the express office to his residence when served with a warrant. The outcome of the trial will doubtless be watched with interest by law and those opposed to it.

## Press Comments on the Evening Tribune.

It is quite natural to assume that Concord is growing and prosperous, for it is indicated in the fact that the Concord Daily Tribune is to be enlarged to a seven column paper. The paper speaks for the town.—Wilmington Star.

The Concord Tribune has been increased in size from a six-column to a seven-column paper. We take this as an evidence of prosperity and congratulate the Tribune on its success. "As an evening paper," as the Charlotte Chronicle says, "The Tribune fills the bill for Concord and deserves to prosper."—Raleigh Times.

## Deputy Sheriff Drunk.

Greensboro News, 14th.

A serious affair happened late Saturday evening at the Pomona cotton mills. T. W. McGhee, a deputy sheriff, arrested two men, Phillips and Hüllerder, for being intoxicated and engaged in an affray in which Phillips emptied a revolver at Hüllerder. After arresting the two intoxicated men, McGhee, himself, it is reported, was so highly intoxicated that he had to turn them loose. Those who were present at the time say that the deputy was the drunkest man in the lot and that on the advice of friends he went to bed.

## A Reliable Medicine—Not Narcotic.

Mrs. F. Marti, St. Joe, Mich., says: "Our little boy contracted a severe bronchial trouble and the doctor's medicine did not cure him, I gave him Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in which I have great faith. It cured the cough as well as the choking and gagging spells, and he got well in a short time. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has many times saved us much trouble and we are never without it in the house." M. L. Marsh, Druggist.

## At Home.

Invitations reading as follows have been received here: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hamrick At Home Friday evening, April fourteenth nine thirty to ten thirty Gaffney, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clipe. Mr. and Mrs. Waite Hamrick.

## R. K. Black has a new ad today.

In his store you will always find the newest and best to wear.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Sheriff J. F. Honeycutt is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. Z. A. Morris is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

Mr. C. W. Johnson, of Charlotte, is a business visitor in the city.

Miss Mary Blair, of Monroe, is visiting at the home of Capt. H. B. Parks.

Mrs. T. G. Pickard, of Danville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sims.

Mrs. F. G. Robbins, of Havana, Cuba, is the guest of Mrs. J. F. Cannon.

Miss Alice Coats, a trained nurse, of Charlotte, is spending the day with Mrs. J. D. Lentz.

Mr. C. R. Montgomery will go to Davidson tomorrow morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. E. H. Harding.

Mrs. R. A. Brower and Master Frank Brower will leave Friday for Laurinburg to spend Easter.

Mr. E. B. Hall, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the University of North Carolina is the guest of Mr. Clarence Norman.

## Attendants at Wedding Ceremony are Married.

Greensboro, April 10.—At the marriage last Wednesday of Miss Marjorie Long to Mr. Charles Benbow, the bride's brother, Mr. Wyeth Long, a medical student in Richmond, Va., came home for the wedding, acting as best man. Now Miss Douglas Hendrix was maid of honor at this same interesting function and Mr. Long, deciding to remain at home over the week-end, went with several friends on a motor trip to High Point yesterday, with Miss Hendrix in the party. When the young people returned to Greensboro last night this lady had changed her name to Mrs. Wyeth Long, much to the astonishment of their families and friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Long are prominent socially, and hosts of good wishes are extended to them from all sides. The bride will accompany her husband to Richmond where he will complete his course in medicine.

## Carolina Wins, 1 to 0.

One of the best games of ball ever played in the State was that yesterday at Charlotte between the teams of the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia. Carolina won, the score standing 1 to 0. At Greensboro Saturday Virginia won by a score of 3 to 1. The game was witnessed by a large crowd, many of whom were from Concord.

It is said that the third game of the Carolina-Virginia series will be played either at Greensboro or Charlotte, probably the latter part of April. The place and date is to be set later. This came about as the result of a failure of the managers to agree upon Charlottesville or Chapel Hill for the final game, which previously had been scheduled for Charlottesville.

## High Point Bonds Bring High Premiums.

High Point Enterprise.

Bids for \$20,000 funding bonds were opened today at 2:30 o'clock. W. N. Coler & Co., of New York, were the successful bidders, their bid being 103.07 or \$20,734.

There were twelve bids the second highest being from N. W. Hensley and company, New York, \$20,676.

This speaks well for High Point, the successful bidders being large taxpayers in the city, being practically the owners of the street car and power interests here.

The bonds brought a higher premium than they did one year ago, when the city waterworks bonds were sold.

Stop in at Marsh's and get a free sample of ZEMO and ZEMO SOAP. The surest and most economical treatment for eczema, pimples, dandruff and all diseases of the skin and scalp. Do not neglect this. They will give you prompt relief and put you on the road to a cure. Good for infants as well as grown persons.

## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest from all Parts of the Old North State.

North Carolina's near-beer prohibition length of time being allowed by the Legislature for all licenses for near-beer to expire.

The Seaboard Air Line railway, which was the first railroad in the South to adopt the telephone method of train dispatching, has placed orders for equipment which will give its system a total of 600 miles so handled.

A Democratic primary for the purpose of nominating a mayor and eight aldermen in Salisbury was held Saturday, the occasion being one of unusual quietness. F. M. Thompson was nominated for mayor without opposition and the aldermen chosen are among Salisbury's leading business men.

Deeds and mortgages involving the transfer of the Rockingham Power Company (Blewitt Falls plant) to the Yadkin River Power Company, of Raleigh, chartered recently with \$4,000,000 capital, were filed Monday at Raleigh, the deed being given by E. C. Potter and wife of Newton, Mass.

Members of the Improved Order of Red Men were in Raleigh in full force Friday night to witness the initiation of Gov. W. W. Kitchin as a member of the Oconeechee Tribe, No. 16. Grand Sachem W. L. Stamey, of High Point, conferred the degree work. The governor recently was initiated as a member of the Royal Ararum.

## Eating Bear Meat in Ashe.

Mr. Calvin Farmer, the veteran bear hunter, of the Pond Mountain section of Ashe county, gave to Mr. S. G. Parsons, cashier of the First National Bank, at Jefferson, a piece of "Old Kettle Foot" the most notable bear of modern times. This meat was cured several years ago and is probably the last bear meat that will ever be eaten in Ashe county. Mr. Farmer has been a great hunter and has killed hundreds of wild turkeys and fifty-two bears since the Civil War.

## Use our Penny Column—it pays.

For the first time in the history of Roanoke the lid was down tight on all Sunday selling last Sunday. Not a cigar, a drink of soda water or any kind of merchandise could be bought. Few papers were sold.

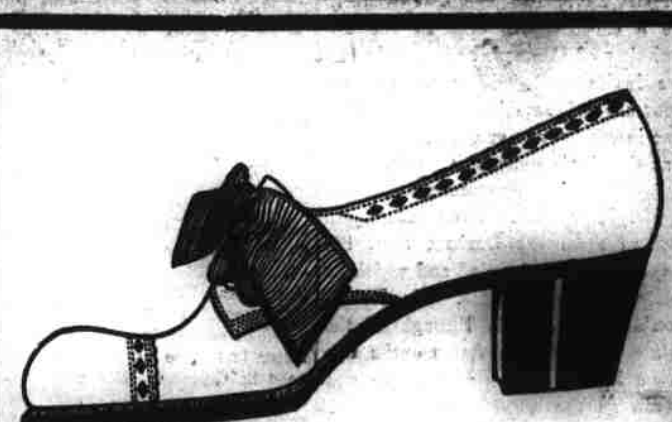
Ransom Young, a farmer of Butler Valley, Pa., died Saturday, aged 101 years. He had voted for nineteen presidents, and it is said he never went to bed without a chew of tobacco in his mouth, which he always swallowed.

The secretary of the treasury Monday informed Senator Overman that Frank P. Drane will be appointed director of the mint at Charlotte, succeeding Col. W. S. Pearson. Under a recent act of Congress it became necessary to assign an expert assayer to this work.

Forty-five bodies have been removed from the Banner mine, of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company, at Banner, Ala., where on Saturday an underground disaster took place. Sixty more bodies have been piled up ready for tram cars to haul to the open air. The announcement that 128 men were dead or unaccounted for was verified Monday.

En route to her home in Union, S. C., to make arrangements for the burial of her husband, at whose bedside in a Spartanburg hospital she had remained until death came at 7 o'clock Monday evening, Mrs. M. Y. Dunlop died very suddenly as the train was nearing her destination. Her death came within two hours after that of her husband.

President Taft has nipped in the bud the story that he might attempt to prorogue Congress in the event of an attempt to pass other legislation after the Canadian reciprocity matter has been considered. He has written a letter to a prominent member of Congress saying that under no circumstances will he try to do what no other President has done, attempt to bring the session to an end in certain contingencies.



## EASTER FOOTWEAR.

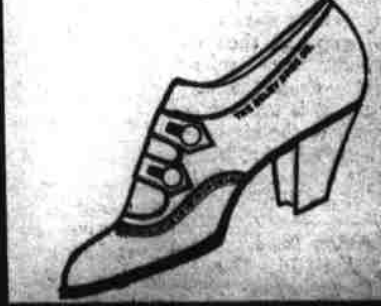
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