

ONE KILLED IN BOILER EXPLOSION

THE OLD STORY OF A DEFECTIVE BOILER REPEATED.

Geo. P. Blackwelder, His Son and Two Daughters Badly Scalded—Youngest Girl is Dead—Part of Boiler Blown 200 Yards.

A telephone message to The Tribune Thursday afternoon told of the bursting of the boiler at the sawmill of Mr. Geo. P. Blackwelder, in No. 7 township, by which four persons were badly injured.

Those scalded and injured by flying machinery were: Mr. Blackwelder, his son, Martin, aged 18, and his daughters, Misses Liora and Tina, aged 16 and 12 respectively.

The girls had been assisting Mr. Blackwelder and his son in removing slaps from the saw. Without warning the boiler burst, and all four were badly scalded and also injured by the flying pieces of timber and machinery. The youngest girl, Miss Tina, is so badly hurt that it is not expected that she will live.

The boiler was an old one. One piece of it, as large as the top of a buggy, was blown 200 yards away. The engine was all broken up, and the plant generally wrecked.

The accident occurred at 1:15 o'clock. Dr. Matthews, of Mt. Pleasant, and Dr. Lentz, of Gold Hill, were secured as soon as possible and rendered medical aid. Miss Tina is scalded severely all over her body and the right side of her face is badly lacerated. At the time the accident occurred the two young ladies were sitting down about 20 feet from the boiler.

One Daughter Dies.

A telephone message from Mt. Pleasant this morning at 10 o'clock says that Miss Tina, the youngest daughter, died a few minutes before that hour.

Later.

A message received by phone this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the scene of the terrible accident says that Miss Liora also is not expected to live. All were burned worse than it was at first thought. Mr. Blackwelder and son are also in a very serious condition.

Additional Particulars.

Our Mt. Pleasant correspondent sends us the following additional particulars in regard to the sad accident: Mr. Blackwelder was struck by some flying fragments of either wood or iron and is burned pretty severely, but is not considered dangerous unless unforeseen complications develop. The girls, almost grown young ladies, were seriously scalded. The older, Liora, had perhaps two thirds of her body burned, and her younger sister, Tina, was burned and scalded over her entire body.

His son, Martin, received the principal injuries about the lower limbs and while painful, yet his condition is not thought to be serious.

Just what was the cause for the the accident no one knows except upon the grounds that the boiler was an old and unsafe one. It was carrying at the time of the explosion about fifty or sixty pounds pressure, but judging from the force of the explosion which was felt like an earthquake shock for considerable distance, the pressure may have been more than that indicated by the gauge. The noise and jar of the explosion brought in the neighbors as did the cries of the young girls for help. Drs. Moore and Matthews, of Mt. Pleasant, and Dr. Lentz, of Gold Hill, were on the scene at the earliest possible moment, Dr. Moore making a record breaking trip of 20 miles in his auto to reach the injured.

Yesterday was an unlucky day for steam boilers. Just as the reports reached here of the explosion noted above, there was a noise and a jar followed by steam, smoke and dust in the boiler room at Foil Bros. roller mills. Immediately the report came that it had also exploded, and more or less excitement prevailed. This was found, however, to be a mistake. The supporting timbers gave way and allowed the boiler to sink into the casing, causing steam and water pipes to break, which made a pretty fair imitation of small explosion. No one was hurt in the least and the mill will be running again by tomorrow.

Rev. W. A. Hough, of Cornelius will preach to the Baptist congregation at Kannapolis next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

THE GOOD ROADS TRAIN.

In Concord Today—Large Audience Hears Lecture at Pastime Theatre.

The Southern Railway's good road train, in charge of Mr. Y. J. Hurlburt, of the land and industrial department, with Messrs. L. E. Boykin and H. S. Fairbanks, engineers of the United States Department of Good Roads, is in Concord today. The purpose of the railroad in having this train to visit the towns and cities along its lines is to create stronger interest in building and maintaining the public roads and thereby adding to the wealth and prosperity of the section it traverses.

The members of the good roads party lectured at the Pastime Theatre this morning at 11 o'clock, where they met by an audience that crowded the seating capacity of the room, the most of whom were farmers.

Mr. Hurlburt was the first speaker. He took as his subject two counties, one in Alabama and one in Tennessee, and showed the results obtained by them in building a system of roads after the issue of \$200,000 bonds. One county hired an expert engineer at a cost of \$2,500 a year immediately after the bonds were issued, and gave him instructions to make a survey of where the roads ought to be laid, irrespective of what the property owners might claim for damage. When he had completed the survey the road commissioners asked for bids on the work. The contractors worked under the supervision of the county's road expert and a fine system of public roads was the result. Mr. Hurlburt stated that county paid \$10,000 interest annually on the bonds and in order to meet this the tax rate was raised. Soon after the roads were built land values began to increase by leaps and bounds and new factories and enterprises were started up, making the county so prosperous that the revenue was increased to such an extent that the tax rate was decreased even lower than it was before the bonds were issued.

Mr. Hurlburt stated that in his department they receive a number of inquiries concerning farms in the South and that they were often visited by the prospective purchaser, who would return to the department and report that he liked the farm, the climate, the people and conditions and would gladly locate there except the roads were so bad he could not get his produce to market after he had produced it.

The other county he referred to was in Alabama, where the road commissioners decided they would not go to the expense of employing a road expert but would let their own road supervisors do the work. They issued the \$200,000 bonds and divided the county in eight districts, with eight supervisors in charge. In two years time the roads were in equally as bad condition as they were before the money was spent for the simple reason that they did not employ scientific methods and knowledge in constructing them, but adopted the old and antiquated supervisor system. Moving pictures were then exhibited showing various kinds of roads in every section, which were explained by Engineer Boykin. Mr. Boykin emphasized the fact that the extra blacksmith expense incurred by going over bad roads would exceed the increase in taxes caused by issuing bonds. The pictures also showed the improved schools, churches, and communities where good roads had been built and nothing more clearly emphasized that larger loads and more convenient modes of travel than the good roads shown by the pictures. There are three cars to the good roads train, one used to exhibit specimens of road work, one for a lecture car and the third is the private car of Mr. Hurlburt, in which the party travels. They left this afternoon attached to No. 7 for Charlotte.

Drought Very Serious.

Salisbury Post.
The drought in eastern Rowan and in the lower part of Davidson county is said to be very serious. All crops are reported almost totally destroyed and that the wells and creeks are fast drying up. A Salisbury gentleman visited in this section yesterday and he tells the Post that he was compelled to drive ten miles out of his way in order to get water for his horses. The water in the creeks has ceased to run and a little water is only found in spots.

Hoke H. Kester, a young farmer near Spencer, lost his left arm in a distressing accident at the home of his father, Buck Kester, Tuesday afternoon while threshing wheat. In attempting to throw a belt from the main drive of the machine his sleeve was caught in the machinery and his arm literally twisted off at the shoulder.

Dr. Charles F. Reid, of Nashville, secretary of the laymen's missionary movement of the Southern Methodist church, addressed a large audience Tuesday night in Salisbury. Dr. Reid is a noted speaker and was for a number of years a missionary to China and is now one of the best known men in his church.

EIGHT NEGROES KILLED.

Excursion Train and Freight Meet Head-on Near Hamlet.

Charlotte, July 27.—Bearing 912 negroes from Durham bound to Charlotte for a day's outing, an excursion train on the Seaboard Air Line plunged headlong into a freight train at Hamlet, 60 miles east of here, this morning, killing eight of the excursionists, injuring 60 seriously and 28 slightly.

The dead, all of Durham, are: Edna Hall, Edith Hall, Lisbon Hall, Rosa Perry, Dora Day, Sis Webb, Samuel Miller and John Cameron. Of the 60 seriously hurt, a score or more may die.

Four white trainmen were badly hurt. Engineer Ben Koonce, who was running the excursion engine, was mangled about the head and shoulders and injured internally; Engineer A. Taylor, the fireman of the freight engine, was badly cut; Conductor W. H. Bowen, of the excursion train, had his side crushed and several ribs broken, and Albert Gary, fireman of the freight train was badly bruised and cut.

The cause of the wreck is unknown. The freight was creeping into the yard at Hamlet from Wilmington and the excursion train, rounding the curve at good speed, crashed into it. The engines telescoped and six of the 11 coaches of the excursion train crumpled like pasteboard. The great carriage was in the third and fourth cars which were old and frail. Samuel Miller was asleep with his head in a window. The telescoping walls clipped off his head and it rolled into a ditch clear of the wreck. Physicians from neighboring towns responded promptly and a field hospital was established. Fifty of the injured were brought to Charlotte tonight on a special train and placed in Mercy General and the Good Samaritan hospitals, while 30-odd, who were considered too critically hurt to be moved, are being cared for at Hamlet. The property loss to the Seaboard Air Line will be in excess of \$100,000. Just five years ago this month, within one mile of the scene of today's disaster, a similar wreck occurred in which 26 negroes met death.

A Family Reunion.

Last Sunday, July 23, will go down in history with the children and grand children of Mrs. Charlotte E. Bostian, who lives two miles northwest of China Grove. Mrs. Bostian has just recently moved into a new home which was purchased some time ago by her son, Jacob J. Bostian. Mrs. Bostian's maiden name was Moore. She was twice married. Her first husband was Julius M. Heilig. Unto this union was born three children, only one of whom is living. Later she again married, and is now the widow of the late D. Monroe Bostian. Unto this union was born seven children, five of whom were living. She lived in her old home fifty-one years. Mr. A. A. Koon, a son-in-law, being here from Texas, the children decided to show to their tried and always kind mother some appreciation of her services toward them and help her to appreciate her new home. At about twelve o'clock all the living children, consisting of O. L. Heilig, J. J. A. A. Maggie E., H. A., and W. R. Bostian, and twenty-five grandchildren, A. A. Koon and a few friends, gathered to the new home to make it all the more pleasant and appreciative. At 1:30 dinner was announced and a dinner like unto the occasion in Shenec nation needs no explanation.

Tuesday morning Mr. Koon and daughter, Miss Julia, left for Fort Stockton, Texas, where Mr. Koon is located. Miss Julia's mother died when she was just a mere infant. Mr. Koon has been in the west for the past sixteen years and his greatest mission to North Carolina was to take his daughter home with him to live. Mrs. O. L. Heilig is a sister of Mr. Koon and has reared his daughter from an infant. May the union of this father and daughter be one of joy and sincere happiness.

ONE PRESENT.

Killed by Train.

Southern Textile Bulletin.
With the words, "Boys be good," Alberts Bergin separated from a group of young men standing in front of the postoffice at Bessemer Sunday night about 10:30 o'clock presumably to go to his boarding place. Walking less than 50 yards he sat down on the track of the Southern Railway and in a few minutes No. 30, one of the Southern's fast trains, struck him, knocking him from the track and killing him instantly. Engineer Ed Smith saw the man and putting on the emergency brakes, did his utmost to avoid the accident, many of the passengers, it is said being thrown from their seats, but it was too late. His remains were carried to Gastonia, the home of his parents, at 4 o'clock this morning.

A gold watch bearing the monogram "J. T." was found in the stomach of a giant alligator killed near Forsyth, Ga. Tuesday. Residents believe this explains the disappearance of Janet Thornton 12 years ago.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES HERE NEXT WEEK.

To Be Held in Concord, Mt. Pleasant and Harrisburg August 1, 2 and 3rd.

Farmers' Institutes will be held at Concord, Tuesday, August 1, Mount Pleasant, Wednesday, August 2, Harrisburg, Thursday, August 3, beginning at 10 o'clock.

At the same places and dates will also be held institutes for women by Mrs. F. L. Stevens and others. The objects of these institutes are to bring together the women from the farm homes, that they may become better acquainted and talk over among themselves subjects tending to the betterment of conditions in rural homes, such as better and more economical foods and better methods of preparing them, home sanitation, home dairy and vegetable gardening, farm dairying, poultry-raising, the beautifying of the home and home surroundings, etc.

The Farmers' Institutes are held for the benefit of farmers, and none but strictly farming questions will be discussed. It is, therefore, especially desired that a large attendance of farmers and their families be secured, and to this end all farmers are urged to be present and to induce their neighbors to do the same.

The institutes for women will be as interesting as the institute for men and should be as largely attended. They will be held on the same day as the men's institutes, beginning at the same time.

Mr. Parker has addressed to the women of Cabarrus county the following letter:

It is the purpose of the department to make these institutes of value to you in your daily duties and home life. Come out and help us to accomplish this purpose by letting us know what you want, that we may send lecturers to the next institutes who will give you the kind of talks you want. These institutes are yours and you can make out of them what you will. We will help you to make a success of them if you will let us.

Mr. Parker asks that very farmer and every farmer's wife attend these meetings and bring all of the children. The bright boys and girls of the farm will get many new ideas from the speakers that will do them good in years to come.

At Concord the men's meetings will be held in the court house, and those for the women at the Elks' Home. At Mt. Pleasant the men's institute will be held in the auditorium and the women's in the College. At Harrisburg the meetings will be held in the school building.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a girl or woman living on the farm.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best five ears of pure-bred corn. A premium of \$1 will be given for the best pure-bred pig between 8 and 12 weeks old exhibited by a man or boy living on the farm.

The Institute will be conducted by Prof. F. L. Stevens, of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, with competent assistants, who will discuss questions of interest to the farmers.

A question box will be opened in the afternoon, and a full discussion of the subjects presented will be given.

Morning sessions will open at 10 o'clock and afternoon sessions at 1:30.

News Items From Salisbury Post.

Mrs. L. W. Blackwelder, of Quincey, Fla., is visiting her mother and other relatives in the city.

Miss Fay Polk, of Concord, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Dycus, at Spencer.

Miss Verna Blume, of Concord, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Crowell, at Spencer, for a week, returned to her home this morning.

Miss Maggie Brunley, of Black Mountain, is spending the week with Miss Rose and Ida Fesperman. She will spend the summer in Salisbury teaching music.

Cotton Mills Closed Down on Account of Lack of Water.

Continued drought is proving a serious problem to the mill owners and operatives here. The mills that get their water supply from the creek at the depot are closed down on account of the supply being exhausted, these mills being the Cabarrus, Young-Hartwell, Brown and Franklin. They will resume operation as soon as the water supply is replenished.

What About Judge Clark?

Winston Sentinel.

The contest over the United States Senatorship is being discussed by a few local politicians these days. In a primary it is predicted that Kitchin and Ex-Gov. Aycock would get a majority of the votes in Forsyth. A leading Democrat from Wilkes stated today that in his opinion that county was about equally divided between Simmons, Aycock and Kitchin.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

Ends After Two Days' Session—Endorses Elementary Agricultural Instruction in Public Schools.

Salisbury, July 27.—The midsummer State meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union came to a close tonight after a two days' session. State President Alexander called the meeting to order this morning at 10 o'clock and an executive session was at once gone into. A number of resolutions were presented and turned over to the resolutions committee. The last Legislature granted the union a new charter which is a business one and the question of adopting this was deferred until the midwinter State meeting in December, the executive committee to decide upon the place of holding this meeting.

Mr. E. P. Shaw, of Duplin county, addressed the meeting on education, favoring the teaching of the elementary principles of agriculture in the public schools. He was followed by President Hill of the A. & M. College, who extended an urgent invitation to the delegates to attend the State farmers' institute to be held at this college July 29 to 31, inclusive.

The resolutions committee made a partial report. The endorsement of the farm life schools was unanimous by the convention. It was decided that where a county decided to adopt this school the State union would send a lecturer to the county to spend a week making campaign speeches.

National President C. S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., came into the convention just at noon and was given a great ovation. He addressed the convention this afternoon. A brief business session was also held this afternoon, the meeting adjourning at 4:30 o'clock and the delegates went in a body to the Grubb theater where they were guests for an hour or more of the merchants of the city at a special motion picture and vaudeville, after which many of them were given a car ride to Spencer. Tonight Mr. I. O. Schaub, State president of the Boys' Corn Club, addressed the delegates in the auditorium at the public school building where all of the sessions were held.

The Southern Railway good roads train arrived in the city at 8:30 this afternoon and was sidetracked at the passenger station.

Many of the delegates to the farmers' union visited the exhibition as did also hundreds of citizens of the city and county.

China Grove News.

The Baracca class of the Methodist church gave an ice cream supper Saturday night at the home of O. B. Hurley's.

Miss Mary Gifford, who has been sick with fever is able to be up again. Some one entered J. R. Brown's jewelry store Sunday night, but did not get anything of value. They made their entrance by breaking the large plate glass with a wagon wrench.

Miss Bernice Hurley, of Biscoe, N. C., who has been visiting her brother, A. O. Hurley, is now visiting Miss Grace McDonald, of Concord.

Pauline Edwards, who fell and broke her leg several weeks ago, is getting on nicely.

Mr. T. S. Lefler and Bittle Kimball spent Monday with Mr. Lefler's father, near Harrisburg. They report a nice time and plenty of watermelons, canteloupes, and peaches.

Mr. John Goodman, of Salisbury, was visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Goodman, Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Keever is attending the district conference at Norwood.

Very Latest News.

The Southern Textile Bulletin. The Manufacturers Record of Baltimore, Md., publishes the following item in its issue of last week:

"W. M. Smith, John Odell, David Cannon, Concord, N. C., will organize a company capitalized at \$200,000 to build a cotton mill."

This item of "live news" appeared in the Concord Sun of July 14th, 1883, and is therefore only 30 years old.

The Concord Tribune recently published the old notice as a matter of historic interest and the Manufacturers Record, which is usually very accurate, took it for a new item and the joke is on them.
The John Odell mentioned in the item is Capt. J. M. Odell, the veteran cotton manufacturer, who is now dead, as the item refers to the original organization of the Odell Mills.

Wool Tariff Revision Bill Passes Senate.

Washington, July 27.—The compromise wool bill offered by Senator La Follette, a modification of both his own and the House bill, passed the Senate, 48 to 32, through the union of Democrats and Republican insurgents. Upon this middle ground the Democrats joined with Republican insurgents.

The measure adopted reduces the raw wool duty to 35 per cent, a valuation and correspondingly reduces duties on woolen articles.

DEATH OF MRS. E. F. CORRELL.

Occurred This Morning at 6:30 O'clock, After Two Years of Patient Suffering.

In the death of Mrs. E. F. Correll, which occurred this morning at 6:30 o'clock at her home on South Union street, Concord loses one of its most widely beloved and most excellent Christian ladies. Mrs. Correll had been confined to her bed for the past eighteen months with paralysis, and for the past week it was known that her condition was growing worse and her death this morning was not unexpected.

Mrs. Correll was formerly Miss Ellen Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cochran, of Newells, and was born near Harrisburg April 27, 1862. She spent her childhood in that section of the country and on October 4, 1883, she was married to Mr. E. F. Correll and has lived in Concord since that time. She was 49 years of age and is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cochran, of Newells; two brothers, Messrs. Charles Cochran, of South Carolina, and Theodore Cochran, of Newells, and two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Probst, of this city, and Mrs. J. N. Hunter, of Charlotte. Of her immediate family she is survived by her husband and six children, one daughter, Miss Edna Correll, and five sons, Messrs. Ernest, Fred, Leslie, Joseph and E. F. Correll, Jr.

Immediately after she moved to Concord Mrs. Correll made a large circle of friends and throughout the years of her residence here this number was constantly increased. Her chief interest, however, centered in her home, her children, and her church, being a devout member of Central Methodist church, and it was through these her strong Christian character reigned supreme and proved a benediction. Although stricken 18 months ago to her bed from which she was never able to be removed, her interest in these things never faltered and at no time did she fail to make constant inquiries concerning her friends, church and loved ones. Throughout her long siege of illness she suffered with such patience, fortitude and bravery that it proved a blessing and inspiration to those around her and never at one time did she ever murmur or complain.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow morning at the home and will be conducted by her pastor, Rev. Plato Durham, assisted by Rev. T. W. Smith.

BOIL YOU WATER.

An Exceedingly Interesting Film to Be Shown at The Pastime Tomorrow.

Every man, woman and child must not miss a picture that will be on the program at The Pastime tomorrow. The title of the picture is "Boil You Water." Among the many germs shown in the water is the typhoid fever germ magnified 40,000 times. This film is not only interesting, but exceedingly instructive and will show the great danger of typhoid fever that lurks in every glassful of water taken unboiled.

Hookworm Dispensaries Treat 1,285 People in One Week.

Raleigh, July 27.—The remarkable success of the dispensaries established this month in the counties of Sampson, Columbus, Robeson and Halifax for the free examination and treatment of hookworm disease has surprised even the most ardent advocates of the dispensary method for carrying on the hookworm campaign. The four district directors of the campaign treated 1,285 cases last week and the prospects are that the number will be 2,000 for this week. At the dispensary in Columbus county 412 people were treated for hookworm disease in a day. Those counties having the dispensaries are so highly pleased that they are already asking that the dispensaries remain in the counties for a longer period than was at first agreed to. Several counties adjoining those in which dispensaries are located have already offered the financial aid which is necessary to make possible the dispensary work.

Prays for Rain; Gets Deluge.

Florence, S. C., July 26.—Because his prayers for rain during a recent dry spell were followed by such a copious and prolonged downpour that their cotton crop was damaged, neighbors of the Rev. Mr. Moore, a Methodist minister, threatened to go into court and get an injunction restraining him from offering such prayers in the future. After much talk the proposed proceedings have been dropped.

Mr. Moore is the father of Jerry Moore, the 1-year-old champion corn grower, who raised 228 bushels on one acre last year and was taken to Washington by the Department of Agriculture in token of his achievement and introduced to President Taft.

San Francisco's municipal election will be held in September and a hard fight is already under way to oust the labor control of the city government.