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TWO COLORED CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

The Children Had Been Left Alone in House on Mr. Adam Wensil's Place in Rowan.

A horrible tragedy was enacted on the farm of Mr. Adam Wensil near Yost, Rowan county, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, when two little colored children, 6 months and 3 years old, were incinerated in a fire that destroyed the small tenant house occupied by their father, Andy Smith. Smith was enroute to Concord with a load of produce and his wife went to a nearby farm house. The children were left alone in the little home. When the mother came in sight of the house on their return she discovered the fire. She had gained great headway and before she could summon help it was too late to save the lives of the children. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed it caught from a fire in the fireplace.

Railroad Labor Combining.

Kansas City, Mo., March 4.—Delegates representing the shop trades on every western railroad are to hold a conference here this week with a number of prominent labor leaders and representatives of the various other branches of organized labor to perfect the details of a gigantic combination or confederation of all the mechanical trades on the railroads west of the Mississippi River. A great deal of preparatory work has been done already, but there is still much to be done before this far-reaching plan can be brought to full maturity.

In a general way the complete plans contemplate the formation of a territorial organization of railroad employees that will include every railroad operating west of the Mississippi river. Before this ultimate result can be achieved, it will be necessary to perfect a system of federations of the various organized crafts of every one of the western railroads.

Heretofore the mechanical trades of the various railroads were not federated with the other trades of their respective lines and in case of a strike they had no support from the other trades. The railroad companies, having an understanding among themselves, helped each other and the strikers were invariably defeated. Realizing that their weakness was due to the lack of a thorough understanding between the railroad employees, a movement was started to bring the various trades into closer touch and to form not only federations of the mechanical trades of all western railroads, but also system federations including combinations on every railroad between the mechanical and the traffic trades of that railroad, in other words a federation of the shop men with the engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen of each system.

After these plans have been carried to full completion, the labor leaders believe, the mechanical trades will be in a position to bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the railroads to obtain from them the granting of their wage demands hitherto refused. Demands will be made on all railroads in the same territory at the same time, so that all these railroads will be involved at the same time, should a strike be called. Even if the railroads should be inclined to resist the demands of the shopmen, they will, it is believed, be compelled to yield, if the shop men are fully supported by the brotherhood organizations of the other branches of work on the same railroad system.

American Citizens Warned by Taft to Flee From Mexico.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The gravity of the situation in Mexico caused President Taft today to issue a proclamation virtually warning American citizens to refrain from entering that country, and those now resident there to leave when conditions threaten to become intolerable. The decision to issue such a warning was reached at a special meeting of the cabinet.

The proclamation was augmented by a telegram addressed by the State department to Ambassador Wilson, in the City of Mexico. The ambassador was instructed to inform Americans in peril there to withdraw across the border, leaving their effects in the care of the nearest United States consul. Copies of the telegram were sent to all consular agents.

Contest Between I. O. O. F. Degrees Teams March 28th.

Dr. D. V. J. Peeler, of Concord, N. C., No. 108; Salisbury, and Mr. B. W. Barnette, of No. 88, I. O. O. F. of Charlotte, met here Saturday evening at the St. Cloud hotel for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for a contest between the degree team of their respective lodges. These teams are the champions of the 12th and 13th districts and will meet for the purpose of deciding which is the superior team. A number of candidates from the local lodge will receive the first degree at their hands and the local Odd Fellows are making arrangements to entertain them in the style. It is expected that Grand Master W. H. Overton, of Durham, and Grand Secretary B. H. Woodall, of Raleigh, will be here for the event, which will take place on the night of March 28th.

FOR COUNTY FAIR.

Meeting in Behalf of the Movement, And Much Interest Manifested.

A large number attended a meeting here Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Cabarrus County Fair Association. Mr. H. B. Parks was made chairman and Mr. Lewis Hartwell, secretary. Much interest was manifested in the proposition for the citizens of Cabarrus to hold a county fair some time this summer. Speeches in favor of holding the fair were made by Messrs. Charles McDonald, B. L. Umberger, H. C. McAllister, J. C. Wadsworth, W. A. Foil, C. B. Wagoner, E. F. White and J. A. Sims.

Chairman Parks was instructed to appoint a committee of three to select a location for holding the fair and a committee of one in each township and ward to solicit stock in the association. Mr. Parks will probably announce the personnel of the committees this week.

It was decided to hold a meeting Saturday, March 16, at which time permanent organization will be perfected.

JUDGE COOK ON HOG PENS.

Holds That Greensboro's Ordinance is Unconstitutional.

Greensboro, March 2.—Judge Cook, in superior court, spoke his mind Saturday in no uncertain manner relative to the alleged stable ordinance of Greensboro regulating the keeping of hogs either within or without the city limits. The judge said that the law was unwarranted; that the keeping of a hog for instance in Greensboro depended entirely upon whether the said hog constituted a nuisance and that in the event the hog, which does not per se constitute a nuisance, then the complainant had recourse in law. The matter came up on the question of whether the city ordinance prohibiting the keeping of hogs within one-quarter mile of the city limits was constitutional. Judge Cook held that it was not and then spoke his mind relative to the existing hog law.

Referendum Under Attack.

Eugene, Ore., March 4.—Alleged abuses of popular rule through the referendum will be pointed out this week when the suit of the University of Oregon against the Secretary of State is argued in the State supreme court at Salem. The 1911 session of the legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the University of Oregon, which is located here, but before the law became operative, a referendum petition filed by one H. J. Parkison was presented the Secretary of State and accepted, tying up the appropriation until 1912, when the people would be given an opportunity to vote on the question. Cursory examination of the petitions showed evidence of fraud, so suit was brought by a regent of the university to prevent the Secretary of State putting the referendum question on the ballot. Attack was made on the petition on the ground that large numbers of the names were forged, and that various technicalities of the law had not been complied with.

As the trial progressed, Parkison was forced to admit that he knew some of the work of his agents was fraudulent, but counsel for the Secretary of State contended that, eliminating the fraudulent names, there would yet be enough to make good the calling of the referendum. The State objected that the plaintiff in the case had no right to bring such suit, and that he had not followed the prescribed forms.

Attorneys for the State university, on the other hand, maintain the right of any legal voter to bring such a suit, and furthermore they make the main contention that fraud in part of the petition invalidates the whole, especially where the fraud is so extensive and is so well known before the filing of the petitions.

Faggart-Ritchie.

A marriage that will be of interest to the numerous friends of the contracting parties will be solemnized at the home of Mr. G. E. Ritchie in No. 6 township Thursday evening, when Miss Grace Ritchie will become the bride of Mr. Ernest Faggart. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. E. L. Ritchie, of Burke's Garden, Va., a brother of the bride-elect. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple will leave for their home in Porterville, California.

A New Wood Yard.

Mr. James L. Brown is having arrangements made to open a wood yard on South Union street on the lot between the residences of Mrs. D. F. Barrier and Mr. J. Leonard Brown. Mr. Brown is having a wood shed and other necessary equipments built now and will probably open for business the last of the week.

The Charlotte church organization have decided to pay the assessments levied against church property, by the municipal authorities, for street paving, this being the same as is levied against all other property.

HAVE ROOSEVELT UP TREE.

Opponents Produce Letter He Wrote Last June to Embarrass Him—Did Say He would Not Run.

Washington, March 3.—Colonel Roosevelt's denial of stories sent from Washington that the Taft administration had reason to believe that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination against the President and his statement at Oyster Bay yesterday that Secretary of War Stimson "could not have said" that he would not be a candidate, caused to be made public here tonight a letter written by Colonel Roosevelt, June 27, 1911, denying reports current at the time that he would support Mr. Taft, which concluded as follows:

"I have expressed myself perfectly freely to a large number of men on this matter, always to the same effect; telling you, for instance, personally, and those who were with you at lunch at my house, and telling Gifford Pinchot, Jim Garfield and Congressman Madison and Billy Loeb and Secretary Meyer and Secretary Stimson, all alike, just exactly what I have said always that I would not be a candidate in 1912 myself, and that I had no intention of taking any part in the nomination for or against any candidate.

Sincerely yours,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

INTEREST IN HAWKINS CASE.

New Evidence Relative to Girl's Death Probably Discovered.

Hendersonville, March 2.—Interest has been revived in the mystery surrounding the death of Myrtle Hawkins, whose body was found in the placid waters of Lake Okechoa two miles from Hendersonville on the morning of September 10 last, after she had been missing from her home in this city for three days, because of the approaching term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases, which convenes Monday with Judge Howard A. Foushee presiding.

The fact that officers and others interested in the solution of this mystery have been searching diligently for evidence since the day of the discovery of the body of the murdered girl, and that additional evidence has been discovered sufficiently to warrant Solicitor A. Hall Johnston, of this judicial district, to announce his intention of presenting all the facts to the grand jury next week, the coming term of court holds out no little interest for this section, where the matter has been frequently discussed, especially for the last few days.

Madame Sherry in Salisbury.

Salisbury Post.

The Madame Sherry Musical Comedy Company gave an excellent performance in the Grubb Theatre here last night. There was scarcely a dull moment during the three acts and those who stayed away from the show on account of adverse criticism missed an enjoyable show. A sally made at Charlotte, by Fred Frear, as Theophilus Sherry, on account of the roast given the show by the papers of that city, was loudly applauded twice. The play was probably not as rich in rhythm and blissful situation as the Goo-Roo-Blooch and the Ski-Ri-Pi, big aggregations of world's wonders, which stop at the border town of North Carolina but it was a pleasing production and was much enjoyed by the audience. The Salisbury people are glad they are not so biased, in fact they have their potatoes well cooked and do not eat them raw as they do in some towns.

It has come to be a proverb when the papers in the "See it Blow" city criticize a show it is good.

Senate Votes Wet.

Richmond, Va., March 2.—By a vote of 24 to 15 the State today defeated the Jordan Enabling bill, which had already passed the House of Delegates and which provided for a State-wide prohibition election on petition of one-fourth of the qualified voters who participated in the last general election for State officers. The most intense feeling prevails over the result of the vote, although it was conceded early in the week that the Senate was opposed to the prohibition referendum. This disposes of the issue finally, but already a movement is underway to bring it before the legislature two years hence. Two Senators were paired, except for which the vote would have been 24 to 16.

Railway Accident at Mount Gilead.

Troy, N. C., March 2.—A plain at a crossing, one mile east of Mount Gilead, threw the baggage coach of the passenger train of Raleigh-Charlotte and Southern off the track this afternoon. A special train was sent out from Blissee for the purpose of forwarding passengers and baggage. The passengers, although slighted, received only slight bruises.

England, Russia, Germany and Japan have responded favorably to Secretary Knox's invitation to place their ships on record with the United States for the continued integrity of China and joint action without seeking individual advantage in any concerted movement of the powers which may become necessary in the present circumstances. Messrs. Baly and Anson, to whom copies of the note were sent at the same time have responded.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. H. W. Culp, of New London, was a Concord visitor yesterday.

Mr. A. E. Lewis, of Salisbury, spent yesterday here with his family.

Mr. R. S. Wheeler, of Greenville, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Mrs. J. P. Allison will leave tomorrow for Davidson to visit her sister, Mrs. A. B. Young.

Miss May Bell, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city Sunday, the guest of Mrs. Gowan Dusenberry.

Engineer Gilbert G. White, of Durham, is here today on business connected with the new water plant.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cameron, of Albemarle, spent yesterday here with Mrs. Howard Caldwell and Miss Kate Nicholson.

Mr. Walter Klutz went to Albemarle yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Dr. Seab Klutz, which was held this morning.

Senator Overman Gives Support to Free Sugar Bill.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Senator Overman, of North Carolina, will support the free sugar program, which imposes free sugar and an excise tax in the belief that the two companion policies are sound, according to a statement made today in discussing the action of the house democrats in caucus last night. "I will stand by the house program, or free sugar," said Senator Overman, "because I have always opposed taxation on necessities of life. I believe that an excise tax or an income tax from which the proposed excise tax differs in some ways, contrary to the claims of its opponents, is eminently just."

More than two-thirds of the states including North Carolina have already adopted the constitutional amendment providing for an income tax and it is only a question of a short time, I believe, before there will be an out and out Federal income tax. The two bills will make an exceedingly popular issue on which to face the people.

Horse Goes Mad—Mad Stone Sticks.

Charlotte News, 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Deal, of China Grove, will leave today for their home after having spent two days in Charlotte, during which they received treatment from a madstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Deal came to Charlotte Friday, following the killing of a horse which had injured them. The madstone is said to have stuck two hours in each case. The reports of the incident surrounding the trouble are most interesting. It is said that the horse was eating corn at the time it was discovered that it had rabies, and that it was soon after shot. The corn which was left in the trough was thrown out to the chickens but the fowls failed to eat it, according to the statement of Mr. and Mrs. Deal. Mr. and Mrs. Deal are convinced that the treatment with the madstone has eliminated all poison from their systems and that they may now return to their home without further danger.

Forest Hill News.

Mr. R. F. Coble, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Mr. Chas. Wishart left Saturday for his old home at Hope Mills, where he will spend a few days with relatives.

Miss Ida Emerson of King's Mountain, is visiting at the home of Mr. A. C. West, on North Church street.

Mr. R. D. Boyd moved his family from Albemarle to Concord a few days ago and is working at the Locks Mill.

Mr. M. A. Goldston spent a few hours in Charlotte last Friday.

Mr. S. L. Blandon recently moved his family to Concord from Hartsville, S. C. Mr. Blandon will work at the Locks Mills.

Mr. J. L. Stroud has gone to Charlotte, where he has accepted a position with the International Harvester Company. For the present Mr. Stroud will spend the most of his time in Fayetteville, as the company's representative. Mr. Stroud has been in Concord for nearly two years and formed a large circle of friends, who regret his departure very much. He will be missed much in church circles, where he was a prominent worker.

Mr. J. S. Joyner has been confined to his home for several days with an attack of appendicitis. We are very glad to note that his condition shows improvement. Mr. Platt Smith, of Gastonia, spent Sunday in the city with his friend, Mr. Charles Coble.

Taft Campaign in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., March 4.—Wherry I. Stimson, Secretary of War, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting at Orchestra Hall tomorrow night, which is to mark the opening of the Chicago campaign for the renomination of President Taft. Four days later the campaign will be given a further impetus by the visit of President Taft himself to speak at the annual meeting of the Illinois Woodmen League.

A MILLION MINERS IDLE.

Coal Strike Has Already Had Paralyzing Effect on Industry.

London, March 2.—Although this was only the second day of the coal strike its paralyzing effect on other industries is being keenly felt. It is computed that by Monday 150,000 workers outside of the coal mines will be idle, and each successive day the strike lasts will add to this number. More than 1,000,000 miners in England, Scotland and Wales are out.

Shipping at many ports is approaching a standstill and steam trawlers are laying up. That source of cheap food will soon be cut off. Many foundries already are closed and many others are preparing for a speedy shutdown. Three or four days will suffice to cause a stoppage at most of the Sheffield steel works and within a week, if the conditions do not resume, more than a million employes in the cotton mills and allied trades in Lancashire will be without work.

As long as the National Miners' Federation adheres to the determination that a schedule of minimum wage rates drawn up by themselves must be conceded before they will enter into further negotiations, there appears not the slightest hope of settling the strike.

No violence has yet occurred and no troops have been moved, but orders were issued at Aldershot tonight that troops make ready to entrain immediately if their services are needed.

DURHAM HAS A SENSATION.

Babes Are Left on Doorsteps of Prominent Men's Homes.

Raleigh, March 2.—A long distance telephone message tonight from Durham, N. C., to the News and Observer describes a sensation there tonight in which W. A. Erwin, one of the wealthiest cotton mill men in the State, and General Manager E. K. Powe, of the Erwin mills, were the "victims." The story states that tonight soon after the eastbound Southern railway train arrived in Durham a stranger was observed to leave the train carrying two infants with her on the union station platform.

Soon thereafter the babes were seen in the care of two negro women and within less than half an hour thereafter the children were found on the front porches of the residences of Messrs. Erwin and Powe.

The babes were taken to the local hospital and taken in charge by the nurses of that institution, and an institution, and an investigation was at once instituted to locate the women who were first seen with the children.

At midnight no trace of the missing women has been found and the sensation is veiled in mystery.

Barringer Manufacturing Co.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Barringer Manufacturing Co., held in the Cabarrus Savings Bank today endorsed the action of the board of directors in passing a resolution for the amendment of the charter of the company, increasing the capital stock and authorizing the issue of preferred stock and providing for its retirement after a period of years at a fixed rate of interest. Another meeting will be held here soon.

J. M. Holsheimer and J. M. Peeler, of Rockwell, C. D. Corriher, of Mooreville, L. J. and M. A. Foil, of Mt. Pleasant, and R. F. Cline, of No. 6, were here to attend the meeting.

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EVANGELIST "DICK" MORSE COMMITS SUICIDE.

Nervous Breakdown Followed Checkered Career of This Well-Known Man.

Charlotte Observer, 3rd.

A tragic ending closed a most unusual life which was dominated by overpowering conviction and rare steadfastness of purpose, when Mr. Richard H. Morse, widely famed throughout the United States as a lecturer on temperance, took his own life yesterday afternoon in the State hospital at Morganton. No details are known here except the fact that, sludging in some manner the vigilance of the attendants, he hanged himself.

News of the occurrence reached his only son, Mr. W. M. Morse, the photographer, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The remains will be brought here for interment. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at Tryon Street Methodist church, of which he was a member. The service will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe.

Accentuated pathos is lent to Mr. Morse's death by the fact that it was at his own request that he was returned to the hospital last fall. He stated that he feared he would become irresponsible again and might inflict injury upon himself. This apprehension was only too firmly grounded. Previously he had spent about a year under detention here, but had been returned early last spring. He spent last summer here with his son at No. 603 North Poplar street.

One of Concord's Gifted Musicians Received Encores in Berlin Theatre.

Miss Julia Barrow, daughter of Mrs. H. M. Barrow, of this city, who is spending the winter in Berlin, as a pupil under Bermeister, rendered two numbers at a concert given in one of the large theatres in Berlin under the direction of her famous father a few weeks ago. Miss Barrow made a most favorable impression and received an encore at the conclusion of each of her numbers. Miss Barrow has many friends in Concord and her success in the art to which she has given herself is always noted with friendly interest by them.

A large barn, owned by Dr. J. G. Busby, of Spencer, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon, causing a loss of \$1,500 with \$500 insurance. With the barn a fine driving horse, three buggies and a lot of feed was burned. The fire is said to have been started by children playing with matches in the barn.

Cabarrus Boy Wins Prize.

Master Wyatt Moore, son of Mr. W. L. Moore, of No. 8 township, was one of the boys who belonged to the contest club in Cabarrus. He won fourth prize at the State Fair last October, there being 1200 boys contesting. The prize was for ten best ears of corn and six best stalks with ears attached. He is only 13 years of age. He made last year 51½ bushels of corn on one acre, doing the work himself under the rules of the contest. There were five boys contesting in this county, the average being 42.24 bushels per acre.

United States Senator Dixon, of Montana, Has Accepted the Leadership of the Campaign for Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's Nomination.

Twenty-two States have Republican Governors. Of these seven have declared for Roosevelt for President, nine for Taft, three are claimed for Taft, one is for LaFollette and two have not announced their preference.

Death Caused by Acute Indigestion. Found Dead in Bed.

Just as The Tribune went to press Saturday we heard of the sudden death of Dr. Seab B. Klutz, of Albemarle. Dr. Klutz was found dead in his bed at his room at the Capital Hotel. It is learned that Dr. Klutz had been a sufferer from frequent attacks of acute indigestion and that he had complained more than usual recently of ailments from this ailment. He was a single man and had a brother, Mr. John E. Klutz, who is engaged in the life insurance business in Albemarle. Dr. Klutz was formally a dentist, but for several years he had been running a drug store. He had recently completed the erection of a handsome stable in Albemarle. Two of his brothers died in the same way without any warning a few years ago of heart trouble.

At the A. B. F. Church.

Captain Waite, of the Salvation Army, who is in charge of the post at Charlotte, gave an illustrated lecture on the work of the Salvation Army at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church last night. The illustrations showed the different phases of the work, and especially the work that is being conducted in this State. A number of the views reflecting conditions that exist in Charlotte. The lecture was highly interesting and was made doubly impressive by the illustrations that so accurately portrayed the actual conditions as they exist.

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