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NEWSPAPER OFFICE DESTROYED BY FIRE

SALISBURY POST LOSES EVERYTHING BY FIRE THIS MORNING.

Fire Occurred at 3:30 a. m. And the Origin is Unknown.—Outfit Included Linotype Machine and New Press.—About \$1,000 Worth of Paper Destroyed.—Loss Is About \$10,000, With \$4,000 Insurance.—Paper Will Be Printed at Spencer at Present.

A telephone message from Salisbury this morning brought the distressing news that the office of the daily and weekly Post in that city was destroyed by fire about 3:30 o'clock this morning. It is not known how the fire originated, and when it was discovered it had gained such headway that the efforts of the fire companies to save the building and contents were unavailing. They managed to save the surrounding building, not however, before they were considerably damaged.

The Post had about a year ago put in a fine new press, and also owned a Mergenthaler linotype machine. These, together with the entire printing outfit and all contents of the office, were destroyed. The paper had only a few days ago received a car load of news print paper, and the loss on this item alone is about \$1,000. The office was situated on Main street in the old opera house. The loss is about \$10,000, with only \$4,000 insurance.

The Tribune office shipped the Post a lot of paper on train No. 36, and also a lot of type will be sent to them on No. 12 this evening. The paper will be printed for the present in the office of the Spencer Crescent and it is understood that it will appear today, although in an enshrouded form.

IS MYRTLE HAWKINS AMONG THE LIVING?

Witnesses Testify That Body Taken From Lake Osceola Was Not Her's.

Hendersonville, May 28.—Two witnesses were placed on the stand today in the Myrtle Hawkins case who testified to the best of their knowledge and ability, that the body taken from the lake was not that of Myrtle Hawkins. They were H. K. Morris, a railway messenger between Washington and Knoxville, who was born in this county and lived here most of his life, and J. B. Arledge, a resident of this city. Both knew Myrtle and both were sure that the body taken from Lake Osceola was not that of Myrtle Hawkins. Mr. Arledge, in particular, was sure that the body was that of an older and heavier person than Miss Hawkins.

Several witnesses from Polk county, the native county of the accused Bradleys, are in the city, and they tell, it is said, a strange tale of a grave being robbed in that county a few nights before Myrtle Hawkins' body was found in the lake. Just what connection with the case this will have is not given out, although attorneys for the defense say that the evidence that Myrtle Hawkins is still alive is accumulating rapidly. Most of the day was taken up in character testimony and an attempt to establish an alibi for two of the women involved, Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Shaft.

Another Confederate Soldier Dead.

On May 15th William S. Isenhour, Sr., died at Cornelius, Meeklenburg county. He enlisted with the Black Boys, April 21, 1861, served as a teamster, was captured at South Mountain, Md., and sent to Fort Delaware. He has been a bad cripple since the war. He was a great Bible student, but never connected himself to any branch of the Christian church. In his last sickness he was visited by a minister of the gospel, who asked him what church he belonged. His answer was, to the Church of Jesus Christ, and that he had always tried to live up to the teachings of the Bible as best he could understand it. He was a kind husband and father, and did all he could to relieve the poor and distressed. His age was 75 years, 1 month and seven days.

W. M. WEDDINGTON.

Our Graded School Superintendent.

It is needless to say that the action of the school board Monday night in re-electing Prof. A. S. Webb superintendent of the public schools of the city will meet with the general approval of the people. Prof. Webb has been superintendent of the schools here for two years and his work has been highly satisfactory. He does his work in a quiet, dignified manner and is ever diligent and watchful in the care of the institutions. Not the slightest friction has ever cropped out during his administration and he will, no doubt, meet with continued success in the coming year.

SOCIAL MATTERS.

Handkerchief Shower This Morning.

One of the most delightful of the many charming social events in honor of Miss Ruth Coltrane, who will become the bride of Mr. Charles A. Cannon June 5, was the handkerchief shower given this morning by Miss Laura McMill Cannon at her elegant home on North Union street. Soon after the guests assembled a guessing contest was started. Each guest was given a few words of some familiar expression and invited to finish it. The contest abounded in fun and merriment and when it closed Miss Ashley Lowe won the distinction of being the most successful and was awarded the prize, a handsome fan. The guest of honor was presented with a lovely bouquet of sweet peas. Following the contest the hostess opened a pretty pink parasol just above the bride-elect and she was showered with many dainty handkerchiefs. Elegant refreshments were served by two very charming little misses, Nannie Lee Patterson and Bary Branson Coltrane.

Miss Frances Craven will entertain a number of friends Friday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Maude Beatty, of Tarboro.

Miss Maude Brown will entertain the Bridge Club Friday at her home on South Union street.

A social event of interest will be the reception this afternoon given by Mrs. R. E. Cline at her home on South Union street in honor of Mrs. R. S. Sanders.

Mrs. P. M. Lafferty will entertain a number of friends Thursday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Rosalie Philpot, of Pine Bluff, Ark.

An Unusual Form of Strike.

St. Petersburg, May 29.—An unusual form of strike is reported from the Polish village of Sochaczow, the population of which is almost exclusively Jewish. Finding that his congregation was too frivolously inclined, the new rabbi placed a ban on dancing, whereupon a deputation of young women waited on him and demanded that the edict be withdrawn. The rabbi, however, remained unyielding. Then all the marriageable girls of the town held a mass meeting and resolved unanimously not to wed until dancing should again be permitted. The rabbi held out for two months, during which time there was not a single marriage—and consequently no wedding fees. He finally capitulated, and now the young folks are holding dances nightly to make up for lost time.

Dr. W. J. Martin Chosen President.

Davidson, May 28.—Dr. W. J. Martin, of the chair of chemistry, was this afternoon on the first ballot elected president of Davidson College to succeed Dr. Henry Louis Smith who goes next month to the presidency of Washington and Lee. Dr. Martin was elected over a number of competitors for the honor, many of whom brought the highest endorsements of their fitness for the place. Dr. Martin's election is the very natural and fitting recognition of his conspicuously successful work as a professor in the college and of his possibly more outstanding preeminence as a layman in church work for a number of years past, it having been said of him repeatedly that he was possibly the best known of all the non-clericals in the eastern section of the Southern Assembly.

Street Car Jumps the Track.

Yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock the street car jumped the track while turning the curve at the corner. The accident was caused by the track being propped up temporarily by the track forces, who are putting in another curve there. Quite a crowd of curious ones gathered to see the car put back on the track. As usual the wise guys were there in large numbers. They handed out suggestions to the men who pulled down good checks every Saturday afternoon as freely as the chronic kicker tell an editor how to run his newspaper. The advice, of course, was not heeded, for if it had been it is likely the car would be there yet.

Odell—Patterson.

Invitations as follows were issued today:

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Patterson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Grace

to

Mr. Arthur Gould Odell Wednesday evening, the twelfth day of June

one thousand nine hundred and twelve at eight-thirty o'clock Central Methodist Church Concord, North Carolina.

Woodmen to Observe Memorial Day.

The annual memorial exercises of Elm camp W. O. W. will be held Sunday afternoon at Oakwood cemetery. The monument to the late Sovereign J. Milton Howard will be unveiled. Speeches will be made by District Deputy Chairman, of Charlotte, and Rev. S. M. Watson. All Woodmen are requested to meet at the lodge room Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. They will march in a body to the cemetery at 4:30 o'clock.

WHAT CONCORD HAS.

A population of 11,000, with 2,500 mofat at the mills outside the corporate limits.

A \$60,000 public building. (U. S. Postoffice.)

A \$20,000 city hall.

A \$190,000 municipal water works, with a capacity of 1,728,000 gallons a day.

A complete sewerage system.

\$50,000 municipal electric light plant, with 17 miles of arc line, 750 H. P. induction motors, 90 arc lights and 7,000 incandescent lights.

A \$70,000 gas plant now being built by a New York company.

A street railway system now being built by Public Service Corporation which operates the street railways at Greensboro, High Point and Salisbury.

Three banks with deposits of \$1,936,269.75.

Three building and loan associations with \$866,300 subscribed. They have matured and paid off over a half million dollars.

Public school buildings worth \$40,000.

Thirty churches, representing seven denominations, owning property worth \$250,000.

The Jackson Training School, a State institution.

Scotia Seminary, the largest boarding school for colored girls in the South.

A \$20,000 Pythian building for use of fraternal orders.

A new Southern Railway passenger station to cost \$15,000, the old one built in 1894, being entirely too small.

An opera house.

A paid fire department.

Two baseball parks.

A United Citizens' Club.

Cement sidewalks and bitulithic pavements.

Mr. Abner Walter's Eighty-Sixth Birthday Celebrated.

A pleasant day was spent May 27 in Cabarrus at the hospitable-home of Mr. George C. Goodman. The occasion was the celebration of the eighty-sixth birthday of Uncle Abner Walter.

The day was fine, and nothing in the least transpired to detract from the real pleasures and joys of such an occasion.

During the forenoon sixty-eight relatives and friends of "Uncle Abner" assembled at the beautiful country home of our host and hostess. At the expected time in the grove, in front of the house, a bountiful dinner was served. Before partaking of the many good things to eat, appropriate devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown, of our old friend, whose birthday we were celebrating.

The afternoon was spent in friendly and social intercourse, and when the time came for parting, which came all too soon, we bade each other good-bye, feeling that all has been benefitted, and wishing that the life of our old friend might be spared, so that our lives might be made better by the return of more such pleasant occasions.

Miscellaneous Shower in Honor of Miss Ruth Coltrane.

Miss Blanche Brown entertained a number of friends yesterday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower at her home on North Union street in honor of Miss Ruth Coltrane. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion and the event proved a most charming and delightful one. After the guests had assembled they were invited into the dining room, which was lovely in decorations of daisies, pink roses and sweet peas. Here a most pleasing surprise awaited the honoree. She was given a seat of honor and presented with a magnificent bouquet of pink roses. Then came the surprise in the shape of a collection of dainty boxes. One by one they were opened by Misses Laura McGill Cannon and Elizabeth Coltrane, each one containing a lovely as well as useful gift. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening. Twenty-five guests were present.

London Strike May Be Called Off.

London, May 29.—It is generally believed today that following the moves toward arbitration the transport workers' strike, which has tied up the port for a week, will be called off within eight hours.

La Follette Still Undismayed.

Washington, May 29.—Undismayed by personal reverses in Ohio and New Jersey, Senator La Follette today began a week's anti-primary fight in South Dakota. He will attack both Roosevelt and Taft.

Walter Wright Holding His Own.

Dayton, Ohio, May 29.—Wilbur Wright is holding his own today, although the physicians have given up hope.

An abundance of cheap electric power to sell to small industries.

An evening daily newspaper and a semi-weekly having the largest circulation in the district.

Manufacturing, Etc.

The annual pay roll of Concord mills is a million dollars.

The largest towel mill in the world is in Concord.

No other city in the Carolina ships out as many finished cotton goods as Concord.

The combined paid in capital, not including surplus, used in extensions, is \$3,000,000.

The number of spindles in Concord is 171,422.

The number of looms in Concord is 3,698, but many of these are the wide looms of the latest make.

The mills of Concord use 70,000 bales of cotton every year.

The freight business of Concord amounts to a million dollars a year.

It takes an average of 21 cars a day to handle the Concord business, i. e., 6,730 cars a year.

These cars would reach 66.42 miles if all coupled together.

The Kerr Bleachery, the oldest, and the Cannon Bleachery, one of the largest in the South.

Concord has a large furniture factory which ships to all parts of the United States.

An oil mill.

A foundry and machine works.

An ice factory.

A steam laundry.

Two roller mills.

Three wood working plants.

A large brick plant.

Mercantile and Other Business.

Two large wholesale grocery concerns.

Two hardware stores.

Four furniture stores.

Three lumber yards.

Three coal and wood yards.

Five livery stables.

A motor car and machine works.

A bakery.

Three pleasure clubs.

A bottling plant.

Five drug stores.

Eight doctors.

Three dentists.

Three veterinarians.

Three jewelers.

Five dry goods stores.

Four shoe stores.

Five clothing stores.

Forty grocery stores.

Four blacksmiths.

Two moving pictures shows.

Four press clubs.

Two hotels.

Numerous boarding houses.

Two electric supply houses.

A plumbing establishment.

Five contractors.

A box factory.

Marble works.

What Concord Needs.

A new railroad to open up available manufacturing locations.

A greater number of smaller industries.

More people like the ones that are here.

More wood working plants.

More cotton mills.

A system of cheaper roads that shall supplement the excellent roads already built, so as to knit the country to the city.

Our motto in every man's mouth and every Concordian calling:

"See Concord First."

TWO STEAMERS COLLIDE IN FOG.

French Liner Hudson Seriously Damaged by the Berwind Today.

New York, May 29.—The French liner Hudson, with 100 passengers on board, was rammed and seriously damaged by the liner Berwind, of New York and Porto Rico line, off Robbins reef today. The Hudson was sent full speed into bay wirelessing for help. It was beached and in sinking condition off 72nd street, Brooklyn, and passengers were taken off by two tugs. The Berwind was also badly damaged about the bows and also had to have help. It was towed into the Erie Basin with all pumps going and it is laid up for repairs. The cause of the collision was due to fog.

Western Innovation in China.

Washington, May 29.—Republican money and Pulkman sleeping cars are two innovations in old fashioned China. The new Chinese Republic dollars, the minting of which has just begun, bear two lions and the Chinese character for "One Dollar," on one side, and on the reverse, the characters "Current Money" and "Chinese Republic" with a wreath of flowers. Yuan Shi has inspected the new coins and has given his approval of them.

The first of two sleeping cars available for service between Shanghai and Nankin was put into use April 11. It is 68 feet long and the bunks are each seven feet long.

The revolution appears to have greatly stimulated the drama in China. Recently a big theatre has been built in Shanghai, and a number of modern Chinese dramas are to be staged. For these productions, 80 actors have been engaged.

Seven Persons Are Killed By Tornado.

Tulsa, Okla., May 28.—Seven persons were killed, three probably fatally injured and a score or more were less seriously hurt when a tornado swept through the village of Skiatook, 18 miles northwest of Tulsa, and the neighboring farm lands and oil fields last night. The property loss is estimated at \$75,000. Wire communication was severed and the extent of the storm was not known until messengers arrived here late today.

Methodist Conference Adjourns.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 29.—The one hundred and tenth Methodist general conference, in session since May 1, adjourned today.

The banks of the city will close Thursday, Decoration Day.

ROOSEVELT GETS ALL NEW JERSEY DELEGATES

COMPLETE REPORTS TODAY GIVES HIM ENTIRE DELEGATION.

Wilson Gets 24, While 4 Are Uninstructed, Probably for Clark.—Taft Is Bewildered.—Wilson is Happy Over the Result, Because He Says the People Have Endorsed the New Regime in Politics.

Trenton, N. J., May 29.—Complete reports today of yesterday's primaries give Roosevelt the entire delegation of twenty-eight and Taft none. Wilson gets twenty-four and four are uninstructed, probably for Clark. The Taft forces are bewildered. Wilson made the statement that he is happy over the result because it was the people's judgment of the new regime in State politics. Colonel Roosevelt's indicated plurality on the preferential vote is ten thousand.

Senator La Follette made a showing in every county but his vote indicates that he did not get more than two per cent of the total.

Roosevelt De-lighted.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 29.—Roosevelt is obviously delighted over the New Jersey victory. He declined to make a lengthy statement today. "I believe I have said on previous occasions all that could be said now," he concluded. When asked if he now believed he had enough delegates to insure his nomination on first ballot, he said: "My experience as a hunter has taught me not to divide bear skins until the bear is dead." Roosevelt is now turning his attention toward the battle with the politicians and the Taft leaders to control the temporary organization of the Chicago convention.

New York Delegates Not for Roosevelt, Says Barnes.

New York, May 29.—That the New York delegates to the Republican National convention will not climb on the Roosevelt band wagon, despite the Colonel's success, was the emphatic declaration of William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the Republican State committee, to day.

The best spring tonic—spring air and pure spring water. Take it every day.

Big Summer Sale of Lace

Beginning Thursday Morning and Will Continue Until Monday

At this season of the year the manufacturers are cleaning up stock—and this is a clean-up lot at a very low price:

VAL, ROUND THREAD, LINEN AND CLUNEY LACES AND BANDS.

150 Dozen Val Laces and Insertion, worth up to 5c yard—Thursday morning at 3:30 o'clock—12c Dozen Yards.

One lot of 100 Dozen Val and Round Thread Lace and Insertion—Thursday morning—25c Dozen

500 Dozen Lace and Insertion worth up to 10c—Sale Price—45c Dozen Yards.

Linen Laces worth up to 8c—Sale price—4c Yard or 45c Dozen.

A BIG LOT OF BANDS IN THIS LOT WORTH ABOUT DOUBLE THE PRICE.

White, Cream and Ecru—Prices range—5c, 8 1/2c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c and up.

(See Window)

At the same time we will show some wonderful bargains in Embroideries, White Goods and Lawns.

H. L. Parks & Co.

Look in page for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.