

A DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE.

Conby & Williams' Foundry Destroyed by Fire.

The foundry of Conby & Williams' machine shop was destroyed by fire last night about nine o'clock. The fire had obtained a good headway before it was discovered and there was a big blaze giving rise to fears that other buildings adjacent would go also.

A New Bern Woman Says

'Have you a floor paint that will last two weeks?' Yes we have Devoo's; it has a beautiful gloss and will wear two years if properly applied. E. W. Smallwood.

A Spell of Cold Weather

The past week has been remarkable for its continued cold. There have been days this winter that the mercury has got lower in the thermometer than it did this week but it quickly recovered itself. This time, however, the mercury went down and stayed there much to the discomfort of the people here who are not used to such rough weather.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Max, Min. Tuesday 55 17, Wednesday 36 20, Thursday 41 15, Friday 38 27, Saturday 51 25.

It will be noticed that no minimum temperature rose above the freezing point and that the maximum is within halting distance of the same point. These facts establish the record of a very cold week.

Letter To H. W. Simpson.

Dear Sir— You know what paint is for, how it does it, how it fails, what point does it, and what point don't. It's your business to know; of course you know Devoo.

Civil Service Examinations.

A competitive examination under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, for the position of clerk-carrier in the post office at New Bern, N. C., will be held on the 25th day of February 1906, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the commission's local representative at the New Bern, N. C. post-office or from the undersigned.

Applications will not be accepted unless received by the undersigned before 4.30 o'clock, p. m., on Feb. 23, 1906. All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and fill them out at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections.

L. H. FISHER, Secty Fourth District Examining Bd. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

WANTED—Energetic young man to solicit and canvass in town and country. Write giving reference Box 604 New Bern, N. C.

FOR SALE A fine breed cow healthy and in good condition. Apply to W. F. Gilbert.

Tobacco Growers Plant Bed Cloth 1-1-2c. mm & Hollwell Co

DESIGNING A HEAD.

An interesting Tussorial Operation by the Famous Whistler. "Amazing!" the favorite ejaculation of the brilliant and eccentric artist, James MacNeill Whistler, is the word which seems best to fit the curious combination of personal peculiarities—mischievous wit, tricky jests, gay quarens, hairless ruffians and remarkable artistic performance—revealed in Mr. Mortimer Menpes' recent recollections of his "Master." The eccentricities of Whistler's character were matched by those of his appearance, for he never dressed like anybody else, and he had, just over his left eye, a single lock of white hair amid a mass of black curls. His own interest in his appearance was great, for he regarded the composition of costume and coiffure with the same seriousness which he would have bestowed upon the composition of a picture, and indeed the result was unmistakably picturesque.

"Customers ceased to be interested in their own hair," says Mr. Menpes of Whistler's entrance into a barber's shop. "Operators stopped their manipulations; every one turned to watch Whistler, who himself was supremely unconscious. His hair was first trimmed, but left rather long. Whistler meanwhile directing the cutting of every lock as he watched the barber in the glass. He, poor fellow, only too conscious of the delicacy of his task, shook and trembled as he manipulated the scissors. The clipping completed, Whistler waved the operators imperiously on one side, and we observed for some time the rear view of his dapper little figure, stepping backward and forward, surveying himself in the glass. Suddenly he put his head into a basin of water, and then, half drying his hair, shook it into matted wet curls. With a comb he carefully picked out the white lock, wrapped it in a towel and walked about for five minutes, pinching it dry, with the rest of his hair hanging over his face—a stage which much amused the onlookers.

"Still pinching the towel, he would then beat the rest of his hair into ringlets (combing would not have given them the right quality) until they fell into decorative waves all over his head. A loud scream would then rend the air. Whistler wanted a comb. This procured, he would comb the white lock into a feathery plume and with a few broad movements of his hand form the whole into a picture. Then he would look benignly at himself in the glass and say but two words, 'Menpes, amazing!' and sail triumphantly out of the shop."

HER STOLEN RIDE.

Mrs. Fletcher's Illegal Use of a Street Car Transfer.

"I think," said Mrs. Fletcher serenely, "that I did something today that would land me in the penitentiary if anybody ever found out about it."

"In that case," Fletcher remarked, "it is to be hoped nobody will ever find out."

"I don't think they will. I am quite sure I shall not tell it to anybody but you. But really it was dangerous. I made an illegal use of a street car transfer. A young man on the corner gave it to me. He asked me if I was coming uptown from Sixty-fifth street, and I said I was."

"Then perhaps you'd like to take this transfer," he said. "I am not going to use it."

"He was an awfully nice young fellow. He said he always takes transfers whether he wants them or not. If he doesn't need them he may see somebody else who does. I told him I would like to take that one, but that I was afraid."

"There is a law against traffic in transfers, isn't there?" I said.

"Oh, bother the law!" said the young man. "I believe they did clap some fellows into jail the other day or fine them or something for handling transfers, but they didn't work it right. You're all right so long as you don't get caught."

"Of course," continued Mrs. Fletcher. "I could see that much myself, so I took the transfer. It made me feel quite—quite—you know what?"

"Devilish!" suggested Fletcher. "Yes, quite un-m-m-m to be mixed up in such a crooked deal. You see, I didn't know any minute what would come of it. I was scared, yet I thoroughly enjoyed the situation. For months I have been wanting to ride on a stolen transfer. I have seen lots of other people do it, and they all looked so happy because they had saved a nickel that I really envied them. I didn't think I would ever have nerve enough to try it, but—"

Mrs. Fletcher opened her purse and scattered the contents on the table.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

A New York man has been fined \$10 for giving away a street car transfer. It is a crime to give anything away in New York.—Washington Post.

King Alfonso refuses to give more than eight hours a day to royal business. 'Aif is not going to take any chances of losing his card in Council No. 1, Kings' union.—Washington Post.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Chinchilla is one of the leading furs. Real lace is enjoying a new reign of popularity. Ostrich and marabou plumes adorn the picture hat.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Abe Frank is being prepared for New Orleans winter racing. Anzella, 2:09 1/2, has been bred to John A. McKerron, 2:04 1/2.

INDEXING BOOKS.

The Custom is an Old One That Developed Rather Slowly. The custom of indexing books developed gradually. Cicero used the word "index," but in the sense of a table of contents.

The first index to an English book is said to be that printed in Polydore Vergil's "Angliae Historiae" in 1546. An edition of this work published ten years later has an index of thirty-seven pages.

THE SHILLAH.

The shillah, accounted Ireland's national weapon of defense, was originally a common blackthorn stick, but in modern times has been replaced by the more wiry ash sapling. The real shillah is a young shoot of the rose shrub or blackthorn pulled by the root from the crevice of some rock.

ARGUS EYES AND HYDRA HEADS.

The term "Argus eyes" means watchful. According to the Greek fable, Argus had 100 eyes, and Juno set him to watch all of whom she was jealous. When Argus was slain the transplanted his eyes into the tail of the peacock.

SEED PEAS FOR TRUCKERS.

Alonzo. First and Best. Morning Stars. "Extra Early Red Valentine" Beans. Rust Proof Van. Seed Rye and Clover. No. 1 Timothy Hay. At CHAS. B. HILL'S Grain Dealer, New Bern, N. C.

THE CURVED BALL.

As the Guide Understood It. A party of hunters in the wilds of North Carolina, wishing to cross the lake upon the banks of which they were encamped, made the necessary preparations. Then they asked the guide if he could row.

Under these circumstances the party made arrangements to do the rowing themselves, and were consequently astonished when the guide, stepping into the boat, seated himself at the oars and prepared to be the motive power.

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TRoubles With The Naper.

"Lines kings" can make trouble easily for the housewife with their three jointed microscopes for determining the number of threads to the inch in any article of table linen. One visited a friend the other night after dinner exhibited a handkerchief worth at wholesale \$1.50 apiece. It was very beautiful under the microscope. The hostess then looked upon a napkin and afterward upon a tablecloth. Now, she thought up to that moment her naper was the finest in the block, and the revelation of the wide meshes caused the most bitter disappointment.

JAVA'S BOLLING LAKE OF MAD.

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