

EXPRESS COMPANY VICTIM OF FIRE

Flames Believed To Have Been Started By Rats Caused Heavy Loss Last Night.

START IN "OLD BOSS" ROOM

Total Damage To Building And Contents Is Estimated At Ten Thousand Dollars.

Fire believed to have been started by rats and breaking out in the "old boss" room of the building on Craven street occupied by the Southern Express Company, shortly after 7 o'clock last night, caused damage which is estimated at ten thousand dollars.

The fire was discovered by S. L. Dill, Jr., as he was passing the office at about twenty minutes past seven o'clock. Mr. Dill saw smoke issuing from the building and at once gave the alarm. A general alarm was sent in and the entire fire fighting force of the city was on the scene within a few minutes and combating the flames.

When the first company arrived the entire interior of the rear end of the express office was enveloped in flames which were leaping from the "old boss" room in which was stored hundreds of inflammable articles. Great clouds of smoke gushed forth and made the work of the firemen doubly difficult but they realized that if the building was to be saved it must be done quickly and they soon had several streams of water pouring on the blaze and within half an hour had it under control.

Thousands of gallons of water were thrown into the building and the floor reminded one of a small pond but the use of a great quantity of water was said to be necessary. Adjacent to the "old boss" room was a room in which the company's records, valued at several thousand dollars, were stored. These were not badly damaged by the fire but were damaged by water. The contents of the "old boss" room were valued at about two thousand dollars.

The second floor of the building, was occupied by the law offices of R. A. Nunn, W. D. McIver, George Willis, and D. S. Jones. The flames did not penetrate to this floor but the contents were somewhat damaged by the heavy smoke which ascended from below.

In a statement given out after the fire had been extinguished, Z. V. Taylor, manager of the local office of the Southern Express Company, stated that he was unable to account for the origin of the blaze but believed that rats had gotten hold of matches and had ignited them. He said that at 7 o'clock the last of the office locked up the building and went home. At that time there was not the least sign of fire. Twenty minutes later the blaze was discovered and during that time it had gained considerable headway. Mr. Taylor stated that it would be impossible to give a definite estimate of the damage done to the express company's goods but that he could safely say that it would be in the neighborhood of nine thousand dollars. This loss is partially covered by insurance.

The building was erected several years ago especially for the Southern Express Company by Dr. Frank Hughes and the express company holds a fifteen year lease on it. The damage to this is estimated at about one thousand dollars and this also is partially covered by insurance.

Among the many other express packages in the office were a hundred or more containing whiskey which had arrived on the evening train. When the doors were first opened a number of the spectators rushed in and began to bring the "booze" out on the sidewalk. However, one of the office forces arrived on the scene just at that time and realizing that if this whiskey was placed on the street, the express company would stand small show of saving but little of it, he put a stop to the work of rescuing this part of the contents. The packages in which a number of quarts of whiskey was received were badly damaged by the water but the contents of the bottles probably escaped injury.

Manager Taylor stated that he would probably open up an office in another building for a few days until the damaged structure could be repaired but could give out no definite information in regard to this last night.

One of the chief reasons that the firemen were able to fight the fire with so much effect was the fact that there was an unusually good water pressure, the gauge at the City Hall, just across the street from the fire registering ninety three pounds. Such a pressure as this is due to the fact that with the use of the new wells at the water plant the pumps can get an almost unlimited supply of water and need seldom need never fear loss of a property on account of low water pressure for the fire fighters.

LEFT NEARLY A MILLION

This Amount Goes to Children Of Jersey Banker.

Friday's issue of the New York Times says: "The inventory of the personal estate of the late Dr. John D. McGill, filed yesterday with Surrogate John P. Egan in Jersey City by the Trust Company of New Jersey, values the estate at \$925,971. Dr. McGill was the President of the Hudson County National Bank in Jersey City. He held 646 shares of its stock, appraised at \$245,480.

"Other holdings were 406 shares of stock of the United States Steel Company and 3000 shares of the Union Copper Mines, 124 shares of the Dixon Crucible Company, 54 shares of the Trust Company of New Jersey, 407 shares of Pennsylvania Railroad, stock and bonds of the Southern-Erie, Delaware & Hudson, Hocking Valley, Chesapeake & Ohio, the Big Four, and other railroads. His will left the bulk of his estate to his two children.

Dr. McGill was a brother of the late Vice-Chancellor McGill of New Jersey whose widow is visiting her sister, Mrs. James A. Bryan, this spring in New Bern.

VICE PRESIDENT TO BE SPEAKER

HON. THOMAS R. MARSHALL TO BE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Invitations have been issued for the one hundred and eighteenth commencement of the University of North Carolina. The commencement address will be delivered Wednesday morning, June 4, by Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, vice president of the United States. The program in full is as follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

11:00 A. M. Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. E. Y. Mullins, D. D., LL. D., President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

8:00 P. M. Sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association, Rev. Josiah Sibley.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

9:30 A. M. Seniors form in front of Memorial Hall and march to the Chapel for Prayers.

10:30 A. M. Senior Class Day Exercises in Gerrard Hall. Orations by members of the Graduating Class in Contest for the Mangum Medal.

4:00 P. M. Unveiling of Soldier's Monument. Address by His Excellency Governor Locke Graig.

5:30 P. M. Closing Exercises of the Senior Class.

7:30 P. M. Annual Joint Banquet of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies in Commons Hall.

9:30 P. M. Anniversary Meetings of the Literary Societies in their respective Halls.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

10:30 A. M. Alumni Address, by the Right Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina. Class Reunion Exercises. Class of 1863; Class of 1888; Class of 1893; Class of 1908.

12:30 P. M. Business Meeting of the Alumni Association.

1:30 P. M. Alumni Luncheon in Commons Hall.

8:00 P. M. Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees in Chemistry Hall.

8:30 P. M. Annual Debate between Representatives of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies.

11:00 P. M. Reception in the Library by the President and Faculty.

Other class reunions, at hours announced by their secretaries.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

10:45 A. M. Academic Procession form in front of Alumni Building.

11:00 A. M. Commencement Exercises in Memorial Hall.

Commencement Address, by the Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of the United States.

Announcements by the President, Degrees Conferred, presentation of Bibles.

SAYS WILSON HASN'T CHANGED

Former College Mate Takes Students To See President.

Washington, April 30.—"It was just like an old-time lecturer. He hasn't changed a bit," commented Rev. W. B. Kidd, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Meriden, Conn., who in company with 30 high school students of that town, called upon President Wilson. Rev. Kidd and the President were at college together.

Dr. Kidd entered the professional baseball field and for several seasons was one of the star Southpaws in the old Eastern League. The meeting with the President was the first in several years.

Those who intend voting in the election to be held next Tuesday must have their poll taxes today. Those who do not do this will be debarred from casting a vote.

ASK OFFICIALS TO DIVIDE SALARIES

Socialists of Schenectady Want the Office-Holders To Maintain Party.

SEVERE TEST FOR SOCIALISM

Mayor Lunn Bitterly Opposed To Sharing His \$3,500 Per Year With Party.

Schenectady, N. Y., April 28.—In this city of Socialist government the paid officeholders find themselves confronted by a demand that they share their salaries with their party organization.

The demand, coming from a powerful element in the party, is putting political Socialism to a severe test and may prove fatal to it. The effect of the demand will be felt at the municipal election next November, when the rank and file of the Socialist party may vote for Mayor R. Lunn, who is a candidate for renomination and is bitterly opposed to dividing his \$3,500 salary with any person or organization.

The demand for a division of salaries was started by Charles W. Wood, editor of the Citizen, the weekly paper founded by Rev. Dr. Lunn, the present Mayor. Mr. Wood ran as a Socialist for State Senator last fall, was brought here by Dr. Lunn to edit the paper, which is now published by a stock company, in which Dr. Lunn is the controlling element.

An ardent supporter of the idea that Mayor Lunn should divide his salary is Robert A. Bakeman, who resigned as assistant pastor of Dr. Lunn's church, to become foreman of a gang of street cleaners at \$2.50 a day, because he could better uplift humanity in that way. With the editor of his own paper and his former assistant pastor trying to make his split his salary, and the two opponents backed by a majority of the members of the leading Socialist organization. Dr. Lunn is in an amusing predicament. However, he is supported by nearly all the city.

The total of the yearly salaries of \$1,000 or more is \$45,695. There are enough Socialist city employees drawing from \$2.50 to \$4 a day to increase the total divisible under the demand to \$60,000 a year, with the exception of Bakeman, everyone of them is opposed to sharing his income with anyone else. But the \$2-a-day street cleaners and a majority of the Socialists not on the city payroll favor the division. The majority of the Socialist Aldermen, who draw \$500 a year each, are in favor of division.

A MARRIAGE OF INTEREST LAST SUNDAY NIGHT

A marriage of interest to the many friends of the contracting parties was consummated at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday night at 7 o'clock when Miss Mary Bowden of Edwards became the bride of Hugh Sawyer of this city, Rev. J. P. Woodard, pastor of the church, performing the ceremony. The bride is one of the most attractive and popular young ladies of Edwards and the groom enjoys an enviable reputation here. Mr. Sawyer is employed as bookkeeper with the Armstrong Grocery Company and he and his bride will make this city their home.

ORGANIZE BETTERMENT CLUB

Young Men Of Arapahoe Show Progressive Spirit.

(Special to the Journal)

Arapahoe, April 29.—The young men of this place have organized a Betterment Club with a large membership. They have also organized a "string band" and are preparing to furnish the citizens with a full line of melody during the summer months.

Despite the recent heavy frosts the farmers in this section are losing no time in working their crops. The potato crop in this section was but little damaged by the frost.

Several of the local amateur actors are preparing to present at an early date a musical comedy entitled "Because I Love You". This piece is said to be a "hit" from start to finish and its presentation is awaited with much anticipation.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian church will give an entertainment for the benefit of the church next Saturday evening. Every one is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

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TOOK "JOY RIDE" IS NOW IN JAIL

William Johnson, Colored, Uses Benzine Wagon Not His Own and Is In Trouble.

HOODWINKED GARAGE MEN

The Machine Broke Down Near Rhems' and Was Abandoned By The Driver.

William Johnson, colored, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace J. W. Biddle on a warrant charging him with securing property under false pretense, to wit: an automobile, and using same for his individual enjoyment. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to the next term of Craven County Superior Court under a bond of three hundred dollars in default of which he was committed to jail.

Johnson has been employed as chauffeur by several local automobile owners and is known by the men in the local garages. Sunday afternoon he called at Sledge's garage on South Front street and told the young man in charge of the place that he had been sent after R. J. Russell's automobile. The garage man thought it rather unusual for Mr. Russell to send a colored man after his machine but regardless of this, let Johnson take the car from the garage.

A short time later Mr. Russell called at the garage for his auto, intending to take a ride out in the country. Then it was that the garage men discovered that the owner had not sent Johnson after the machine. Without losing any time they set out in search of Mr. Russell's machine and scoured the country for several miles around but no trace of it could be found.

Late Sunday night word was received that the machine had been abandoned near Rhems' station. In the meantime the police had been notified of the affair and were on the watch for Johnson but it was not until yesterday morning that he was found. Johnson does not deny taking the machine but testified that Mr. Russell had a few days ago asked him to look after the getting of the machine and that he thought that he would take it out for a little spin and see if the gears were in good order.

When near Rhems' the machine broke down and Johnson being unable to locate the trouble abandoned the car and walked back to the city.

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE

Miss Laura Wallace Lane Weds Alabama Man.

A marriage that was a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties took place at the Presbyterian Manse yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when Miss Laura Wallace Lane, the attractive daughter of Mrs. F. B. Lane, became the bride of N. E. Blakemore of Birmingham, Ala., Rev. Dr. J. N. H. Summerville performing the ceremony in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

Afternoon train for Birmingham, Ala., where they will make their future home. The groom is a travelling salesman for the Bishop-Babcock-Becker Company, manufacturers of soda fountain and is an estimable young man. The bride has many friends in this city who regret to see her leave but whose best wishes follow her to her new home.

MUSICAL AT WHITE HOUSE

President And Mrs. Wilson Invite Friends To Hear Choralists.

Washington, April 20.—The President and Mrs. Wilson invited a few friends to the musical given yesterday afternoon in the East Room. A special program was given by the choristers of St. Paul's church, Chicago, who later gave a public concert at the Columbia Theatre.

Mrs. Wilson, according to her usual custom, received a number of visitors by appointment this afternoon.

Mrs. A. Mitchell Palmer, wife of Representative Palmer, of Pennsylvania, entertained a large luncheon party yesterday in compliment to Mrs. Marshall, wife of the Vice-President.

The company present to meet Mrs. Marshall included Mrs. Burleson, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Sausbury, of Delaware, Mrs. Oscar W. Underwood, Mrs. F. Burton Harrison, Mrs. Charles Lowndes, Mrs. Arthur Giles, Mrs. J. Kemp Bartlett and Mrs. Frederick A. Levering, Jr., of Baltimore; Mrs. Perry Belmont, Miss Jessie Wilson and Miss Charlotte Campbell.

Mrs. Bryan was entertained at luncheon today by Mrs. Hannia Taylor, wife of the former Minister to Spain, Señora Riano, the American wife of the Spanish Minister in Washington, was among the guests to meet Mrs. Bryan, as were a number of matrons from the Congressional circle.

The Secretary of State and Mrs.

ENGINEER SAW BOY THROW ROCK

Colored Youths Who Were Charged With "Rocking" Train Are Before Mayor McCarthy.

ONE HELD FOR HIGHER COURT

The Locomotive Graver Testified That He Witnessed the Entire Incident.

Edwin Blackledge and Hugh Grayborne, colored, charged with throwing missiles at the Atlantic Coast Line train near Ravenswood last Saturday morning and injuring Mrs. Nancy Jane Morris when one of the missiles struck a car window near which she was seated were given a hearing before Mayor C. J. McCarthy yesterday afternoon.

Grayborne was represented by D. E. Hender on, Wm. Dunn, J., appeared in behalf of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company and R. B. Nixon represented Blackledge. The trial consumed some little time and a number of witnesses were examined. Engineer William Powell who was in charge of the locomotive drawing the train, testified that he saw Blackledge and two smaller boys throw at the train and upon his evidence probable cause was found against Blackledge and he was bound over to the next term of Craven County Superior Court under a bond of one hundred dollars. His father succeeded in getting bail in this amount and he was released. The other two boys escaped being sent over to court on account of their age, one being not more than six years old and the other about nine years of age.

There was no evidence, except that given by Blackledge and the two small boys, that Grayborne had been implicated in the affair and he was released from custody.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company have had considerable trouble in that connection with boys who perist in throwing rocks and other missiles at the trains and have long been attempting to catch one of them in the act. It is understood that Mrs. Morris was injured Saturday 1 getting along nicely and no evil results of her injuries are anticipated.

MEETING AT COURT HOUSE

Those Interested In Education Will Be Present.

There will be a Mass Meeting in the Court House on Friday night, May 2nd at 8 P. M., of those interested in the better education of the children of the city.

A number of prominent citizens who believe in the education of every child in the City; and that the best equipped schools are none too good for the boys and girls of New Bern, have been secured to make short talks. All voters are urged to be present. The ladies, especially, are invited.

PICNIC AT QUAKER BRIDGE

(Special to the Journal)

Oliver, N. C., April 30.—The Sunday school of Oak Grove Methodist church will give a picnic Saturday, May 10, at Quaker Bridge. There will be free boat riding in the river and other amusements. All are invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

Something Coming to Father.

"Mamma, what would you do if that big vase in the parlor should be broken?" said Tommy.

"I should thrash whoever did it," said Mrs. Banks, gazing severely at her little son.

"Well, then, you'd better begin to get up your muscle," said Tommy, gleefully, "cos father's broken it."—N. Y. Globe.

ORIENTAL TO HAVE NEW MOVING PICTURE THEATRE.

Oriental is soon to have a new moving picture theatre. The establishment will be conducted by J. H. Todd and will be located in Midyette's opera house which is located on one of the main streets in the town. The theatre is now being furnished and will be in readiness for opening at an early date.

A two weeks' term of Craven County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only will be convened in this city next Monday morning with Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston presiding. There are a large number of cases on the docket and it is expected that the full term will be consumed in their disposal.

Bryan have issued cards for a large afternoon reception on May 8 at Calumet Place, their new residence on Thirtieth street. The occasion is complimentary to the members of the House of Representatives.

REMAINS LAID AT REST.

F. Ulrich Howard Buried In Cedar Grove Cemetery Sunday.

The funeral service over the remains of young F. Ulrich Howard who died at Stewart's sanatorium Saturday afternoon, were conducted from Centenary Methodist church Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. B. Hurley and the body was laid at rest in Cedar Grove cemetery.

The deceased was a member of the Baraca Bible class of Centenary church and the members of the class acted as honorary pall bearers and attended the funeral in a body. David Willis, Boon Groves, Willie Chadwick, Robert Kehoe, William Blades and Henry Willis acted as active pall bearers. There was a profusion of floral offerings giving their mute testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his friends and associates.

Bicycle thieves have again begun to ply their nefarious trade in New Bern and owners of these machines will do well to keep them in a safe place when not in use. Last Saturday some one stole Mail Carrier Edward Smith's wheel from in front of the post-office and up to the present time he has failed to secure any trace of it.

GETTING READY TO UNVEIL MONUMENT

BRIDGETON WOODMEN TO HOLD EXERCISES IN CEDAR GROVE MAY 18.

Bridgeton, April 30.—The Woodmen of the World held a special meeting at their Camp last night to make arrangements for the unveiling exercises which will be held in Cedar Grove cemetery on Saturday May 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price of Pitt county are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. N. Dixon.

Mr. W. L. Arrington of Beaufort, district manager W. O. W., was in town yesterday in the interest of the Camp.

Mr. I. C. Dixon of Olympia was in town yesterday.

Mrs. J. E. Campbell is quite sick.

Mrs. W. H. Whitehurst of Olympia is in town today.

Rev. R. E. Pitman pastor of the M. E. Church here filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. E. Taylor and little son Harry are visiting friends at Maysville.

Misses Eunice Dixon of Bellair, and Mr. Maurice Bray of New Bern, were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. I. W. Rogers spent Sunday with her parents at Olympia and was accompanied home by her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller of Norfolk.

Mr. A. S. Johnson's new building on B. street and Mr. J. C. Heathcock's home on C street are nearing completion.

Mr. E. R. Phillips left Monday for a business trip in Pamlico county.

Mr. J. N. Tingle, employed by Cutler-Blades Hardware Co. and Mr. J. C. Brooks, employed by C. S. Hollister & Co., has each just purchased a handsome new motorcycle.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ippock of Goldsboro have been visiting Mrs. H. W. Willis.

Mr. A. P. Fulcher took Messrs. Andrew Purifoy, W. S. Bonds, Luther Thomas and Rudolph Styron for a spin in the country Sunday in his new touring car.

Mr. J. C. Brooks made a trip to Erul, Monday on his new motorcycle.

Mr. Jesse Dudley of Vanceboro spent last night with Mr. F. T. Dudley.

Miss Florence Wetherington spent Sunday with her parents at Tuscarora.

MARRIAGE AT METHODIST PARSONAGE LAST NIGHT

A quite marriage was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage last night at 8:30 o'clock when Miss Katherine Taylor, daughter of Mrs. A. B. Taylor, who resides at No. 21 Hancock street, became the bride of Orrin H. Hill, Rev. J. B. Hugley, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, performing the ceremony in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will continue to make their home in this city.

ORPHANS WILL GIVE A CONCERT AT VANCEBORO.

(Special to the Journal)

Vanceboro, April 30.—The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the school building at Vanceboro on Wednesday evening, May 7, at 8:30 o'clock. The class is now on their annual tour over the State and their concerts are always well attended. The people of Vanceboro and vicinity are urged to attend.

H. B. Huggins, a member of the Journal's mechanical force, is confined to his home on Pullock street with an attack of malaria fever.

SAYS TOBACCO IS PAYING CROP

Prominent Citizen Urges Craven Farmers To Devote More Land To Growing This Weed.

WILL TRY TO GET WAREHOUSE

Commissioners Will Be Asked To Turn County Farm Into Demonstration Farm.

The Farm Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce held a very important meeting last night in the organization's rooms in the Elks' Temple. A comparatively small number of the members were present at this meeting but the lack of numbers was more than offset by the enthusiasm manifested in the proceedings by those who attended.

A number of very important matters were taken up and discussed during the evening. Monroe Howell made a very interesting talk in which he told of the advantages that tobacco growing offers for the farmers of this section. Mr. Howell said that last year he planted five acres of his land in tobacco and had two barns. It proved such a profitable crop that this season he has thirty acres planted in tobacco and has six barns. The price he received for his crop last year averaged sixteen cents per pound. It is Mr. Howell's belief that if the farmers of Craven and adjoining counties could be interested in growing tobacco that the income from their farms would be greatly increased.

Considering Mr. Howell's suggestion, the Farm Committee wants the New Industry Committee to start a movement to get a tobacco warehouse for New Bern. Unless there is a warehouse and a market here the farmers will be compelled to carry or ship their tobacco to some other place, as is now being done, and in this way the business interests of the city are being injured.

A committee was appointed to interest the farmers in peanut growing. Peanuts can often be grown on land on which other crops will not thrive and they can always be disposed of at a good price.

A committee composed of Monroe Howell, George N. Ennett, J. W. Stewart and W. C. Willett were appointed to go before the Craven County Board of Commissioners at their next regular meeting and ask that the county farm be used as a demonstration farm. It is their plan to have from one to five acres of this farm planted in the different varieties of produce grown in this section and used as a demonstration farm for the farmers who come here from other points with a view of locating.

This committee was also instructed to take up with the State Agricultural Department the matter of furnishing agricultural lecturers to visit this county every month or two and give lectures before the farmers on subjects that will be interesting and instructive to them. This committee is also endeavoring to have farm bulletins mailed to the Craven county farmers.

Every farmer and real estate dealer who has one or more farms to sell is asked to furnish the committee with the location and size of these farms so that information relative to them can be placed in the pamphlet now being compiled by the Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and which will be distributed among the farmers of the north and west.

Tonight the Sanitation Committee, of which Dr. R. N. Duffy is chairman, will meet. Every member is urged to attend this meeting, as a number of matters of importance are to be transacted.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANT TO KNOW OF LANDS THAT ARE FOR SALE.

George D. Dail chairman of the Farm Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, issues the following notice to Craven county landowners:

"All persons having Craven County farm lands for sale, whether as owners or agents, are earnestly requested to list such lands in the office of the Chamber of Commerce, at once. By so doing, the Chamber of Commerce will be in a position to direct prospective settlers inquiring about farm lands, to said owner or agents.

"The Chamber of Commerce does not propose to go into the real estate business, but simply wants to be in a position to furnish information to persons seeking it and who might be induced to settle among us."

A force of laborers are now engaged in lowering the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's tracks on Hancock street. This street has recently been paved by the company and at some points the track was several inches above the street level.