

## SALE OF GAS PLANT

Bought By William and Sinclair Mainland, of Wisconsin, for \$62,300.

President Coates, of Philadelphia Trust Company, Only Competitor in Bidding.—Plant Bonded for \$125,000.—If Court Confirms Sale New Owners Will Proceed to Make Extensive Improvements on Plant.

From Saturday's Daily.  
The plant, good will, etc., of the Winston-Salem Gas and Lighting Company was sold today by Commissioner Joe Jacobs, by order of the superior court, for \$62,300. The successful bidders were William and Sinclair Mainland, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who own and operate nine other plants. These gentlemen owned bonds to the amount of \$24,000 in the plant here. There was only one other bidder, President William Coates, of the Philadelphia Loan and Trust Co., which holds \$90,000 of the \$125,000 in bonds issued by Winston-Salem Gas and Lighting Company. The city of Winston put up a certified check for \$3,000, as required by the order of court, but no bid was submitted by any of the officials. The new purchasers announce that if the sale is confirmed they will proceed at once to put the plant in first-class condition and then buckle for business.

The sale started at 12 o'clock and was cried by R. L. Hopper, after R. D. Mosely had read the order signed by Commissioner Jacobs. President Coates started the ball to rolling. His first bid was \$22,000. And then for a time the bidding was quite lively, the amounts jumping \$1,000 at a time. Finally, however, the bidders dropped as low as \$10. Mr. William Mainland was the most aggressive in his bidding.

Mr. A. E. Thompson, of Oshkosh, Wis., counsel for the Messrs. Mainland, attended the sale.

In an interview after the sale Mr. William Mainland stated that if he was positive the court would confirm the sale he would order some material this afternoon for improving the plant extending the mains, etc. He and his counsel may leave for home this afternoon. If the court confirms the sale, and it is generally believed that it will, Mr. Mainland or his brother will return here to arrange for the proposed improvements.

## TWO FINE SERMONS BY DR. THOMAS HUME

From Monday's Daily.  
Dr. Thomas Hume, the scholarly professor of English literature at the University of North Carolina and who is also a minister of the gospel, occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church yesterday and delivered two strong sermons, filled with spiritual power and good, sound advice. Dr. Hume, who is father of Prof. Hume, principal of the West End graded school, is a pleasing speaker and a thorough student of the Bible. Both of his discourses yesterday delighted large congregations who will gladly welcome an opportunity to hear him again.

**Morning Sermon.**  
At the morning service Dr. Hume preached a splendid sermon, his subject being "Consecration and Service." It was practical discourse filled with gospel truth and was well received.

**Evening Sermon.**  
At the evening service Dr. Hume delivered another strong sermon, choosing as his text the passage of scripture dealing with Moses' decision to renounce social position, wealth and power in order that he might be a servant of God, giving up temporal pleasures to become a slave with the children of Israel. The speaker emphasized the sacrifice involved in this choice but commended the wisdom of Moses' course to his hearers. In conclusion he urged his hearers to make the same sacrifice, to give up the transitory, fleeting things of this life and thus gain the greater reward in the life eternal. In choosing this course, said the speaker, it may be necessary to give up many things dear to us but by doing it we gain the things that are really worth having.

Both discourses were listened to with genuine interest and made lasting impressions.

**Three Days' Auto Meet.**  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 26.—Today is the opening day of the three days' automobile meet which is to be held on the Atlantic City Beach under the auspices of the Atlantic City Automobile Club. The town is crowded with auto enthusiasts from all parts of the country and the hotels are doing big business.

## Married Women

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free.

The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

## PRISONER MAKES TWO ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE

Joe Lawson in City Lock-Up Attempted To Hang Himself--Started to Jump From Second Story Window.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Joe Lawson, a middle-aged white man, hailing from Walnut Cove, was arrested here yesterday afternoon on the charge of drunkenness. Since his incarceration behind the bars Lawson has made one attempt to hang himself, had several fits and seen various and sundry things, such as snakes, etc.

The man's mind is evidently badly affected. Shortly after being locked up he began climbing around in his iron cage and yelling. Then he tore a strip from his hammock and tried to hang himself, but the officers prevented it. City Physician Hanes was called in to see the man and gave him something to quiet him, but Lawson soon became wild again.

This morning the officers carried him into the chief's office to question him, but he would answer no questions other than he thought his name was Joe Lawson. He attempted to jump from a window in the chief's office, but officers pulled him back. Joe then began seeing snakes on the floor so he was taken back to a cell.

At noon a reporter found him lying on the floor there sound asleep. He will be kept in the lock-up awaiting further developments in the case.

Some of the officers are of the opinion that Lawson is trying to bluff to get out, though of course they are unable to say just what is wrong with the man.

## BAZAAR YESTERDAY QUITE A SUCCESS

From Saturday's Daily.  
The bazaar, given on yesterday afternoon and last night by the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, was a most decided success. The attendance was very large, and the receipts, after paying all expenses, were \$50. So many features had been planned that all ages and tastes could be suited. The refreshments and fancy articles, for which this circle is famous, found ready sale.

The babies looked as pretty as could be, the following winning prizes, Francis Young, Elizabeth Walker, Harold O'Brien, Edward Farrar and Elizabeth Fletcher.

In the Foxy Grandpa contest Miss Evelyn Owens won first prize, a box of bonbons, given by the Simpson Drug Co., while a dainty fan was awarded Miss Louise Montgomery, which was given by Mr. W. S. Martin. Master Oliver Spencer won the skates given by Mr. C. L. Sharp, while Master Greer Gray received the hat and ball given by Mr. Will Watkins.

In the Buster Brown contest, the first prize, a fan, fell to Miss May Coan. This was given by Rosenbacher & Bros. A box of Huyler's from Edrd Bros. was given Miss Louise Franklin. The boy's first prize was given to Master Francis Hippert, donated by Brown-Rogers Co. The second prize, a box of bonbons from J. T. Joyner, was won by Master Robert Daniels.

The most delightful of these contests was the phantom party. Miss Joyce Henley, being most successful in locating the spooks, won the elegant parasol, given by Meyers-Westbrook Co. Miss Georgia Osborn was given the second prize, a dainty ribbon belt, given by the Bee Hive. Master Lee O'Brien was awarded a gold scarf pin, given by Mr. Fred N. Day, and Mr. Paul Montague, a silk tie given by J. M. Woodruff & Co.

## War on Rats in Municipal Building

The Municipal Building has long been "just full of rats," as one of the policemen expressed it. The members of the Fire Company No. 2, with headquarters in this building, the adjoining market men as well as the occupants of the stores and offices have devised many means to rid the building of the rodents, but it remained for Night Tarnkey Rothrock to devise a plan for the extermination of the pests. Traps of various kinds were useless, as the rats would not go into them. So Mr. Rothrock got him a 22-calibre Robert rifle and had a number of cartridges loaded with "mustard seed shot." When everything is quiet in the building at night he gets his rifle and kills rats. He says he believes he has slain as many as twenty-five in a single night. The shot can do damage to the walls, but they are the very thing to end the earthly career of the long-tailed rodents.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; and unhealthy man is an unhappy slave. Burdock Blood Bitters builds up sound health—keeps you well.

## "THE CREATION" A NOTABLE SUCCESS.

From Thursday's Daily.  
A large and appreciative audience listened with rapt attention to the rendition of "The Creation" last night. Not only critical lovers of high-class music paid the strictest attention but all present were rapt in admiration at the singing of Mrs. Williams, Prof. Storer and Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl, as well as the grand work of the chorus, which reflected such great credit on the gifted professors of the Academy. Messrs. Storer and Shirley, more forcibly than ever before was Winston-Salem impressed with the high order of talent among us.

Mrs. Grace Bonner Williams, as the angel Gabriel, in the soprano parts, sustained well the many complimentary notices, which have been lavished on her by the press. Indeed, her beautiful voice and charming personality captured her audience. She has a pure soprano voice, sweet and clear, well-suited to the music of the arias in "The Creation." She held the favor of her audience and was greeted with repeated encores, reaching the climax of favor in the exquisite trio by Mrs. Williams, Prof. Storer and Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl. This was followed by a most beautiful chorus. Mrs. Williams' voice is strong, clear and distinct, reaching the highest notes with perfect ease.

Prof. Storer, as the angel Uriel, rendered the tenor parts in the most artistic style, combining clearness, strength and expression in his voice. No passage was too difficult for him to render. Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl took the part of Raphael splendidly, his fine voice showing great flexibility of expression.

Too much cannot be said of the fine work done by the chorus, the beautiful story of the creation being most graphically portrayed by the singers. The Salem orchestra rendered efficient aid in all lines, assisting materially in both solos and chorus. Very ably were they assisted by Mr. Conrad Lasher of Berlin, whose national reputation as a flute player was well sustained; Prof. Brockman and son of Greensboro, who are such fine violinists; and Mr. George Woodruff, of Mt. Airy.

Praise is heard on all sides of this grand oratorio.

There was barely standing room last night, many proposing to return, who were there last night.

The only disappointment was the absence of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, of Charlotte, who was unavoidably detained at home. Mrs. Jackson wrote an appreciative letter, expressing her regrets at not being able to visit Winston-Salem at this time, and share the hospitality of the friends of her Alma Mater.

## SPOOK SEEN AT THE OLD ROTHROCK PLACE

Quite a sensation has developed a few miles south of Salem by the alleged appearance of a genuine "spirit" at the old Rothrock home place, on the Lexington road. One night last week, when the "spook" was due to make its appearance, it is said that fifty persons made it convenient to call on Mr. Jones, who resides at the old homestead. It appears that the only person that can actually see the "thing" is Mr. Jones' little daughter, who says it looks like a little Indian. This returned spirit, like all of those that return, was a man claimed to have been murdered for his money. The little girl says that the "spook" told her the name of the party that murdered him, but said that they did not get his money, because he had it hid. The departed soul wants the Jones girl to have the treasure and has imparted to her the spot where it can be found, telling her to take with her on a certain dark night one man and two boys and dig for same, saying that it was six feet in the ground.

When the party arrived at the treasure-laden spot they became frightened and decided to wait. Another date was arranged, being last Saturday night being the time fixed for the second visit. Whether the cash was found has not been reported.

The story is a strange one, in that the Jones girl is the only one that can see it. The writer does not vouch for the story, only to the extent that many persons in the neighborhood are greatly wrought up over it.

## SEVERAL SHOCKED BY LIGHTNING AT SPENCER

SPENCER, April 25.—During an electric storm yesterday afternoon Mrs. R. L. Day, of Lynchburg, wife of Mr. R. L. Day, of the contracting firm of Lane Bros., Jones and Day, who are building the double track for the Southern Railway near Spencer, was severely shocked by a stroke of lightning, which struck in the camp three miles north of this place. Two horses were also struck by the bolt, one of which was killed instantly.

Mrs. Day was taking shelter in a tent at the time and was not fatally hurt. Two men working in a shop near the camp were knocked down by the same bolt, and frightened and shocked.

## Dr. Scroggs Leaves for Conference.

Rev. J. R. Scroggs, presiding elder of the Winston district, left on the 10:50 train Monday for Birmingham, Ala., to attend the quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which convenes in that city Thursday morning. He joined several of the delegates of the Western and North Carolina Conferences at Greensboro. "We go a day early to secure good quarters," said Dr. Scroggs just before his departure today.

## RICHMOND CHOSEN AS NEXT MEETING PLACE

Reunion of United Confederate Veterans Will Be Held There Next Year--Features of Second Day of New Orleans Reunion.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—On the second day of the Confederate reunion hundreds of Veterans assembled at the auditorium to discuss various topics.

A reunion of the survivors of Forest's cavalry was held this morning and an hour earlier naval veterans met at headquarters of Tennessee division.

A reception will be tendered this afternoon to Mrs. Henderson, of the United Daughters of Confederacy. The committee on medals will report this afternoon.

Richmond was selected as the next place of meeting.

## KEARSARGE EXPLOSION BEING DISBUSSED.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The explosion on the Kearsarge may resolve itself into another of those mysteries which so frequently baffle the expert who is required to give an explanation of an accident and furnish measures to prevent its recurrence. Nothing of a specific character has been received from the naval authorities in Southern waters, but private advices indicate that the fatality may have been due to personal carelessness. It seems, at least, that all the prescribed precautions were not observed on board the ship, and it is for this reason considered unnecessary to amend the existing regulations or add to the requirements, already voluminous and exacting. One explanation given by the ordnance officers who know something of the situation on board the Kearsarge is that the powder was ignited when it was removed from the gun, and that the minute spark was fanned into a blaze with fatal effect, as soon as it was taken from the breach of the gun. There are all sorts of rules which would guard against this condition, and, of course, handling powder, like new regulations are specific, and have, in fact, been criticized by some officers as needlessly exacting. It is realized that the men become careless in handling ammunition, or at times, make "short cuts" to save time. Probably these liberties taken with the regulations of safety are rarely disastrous, and for this reason it is thought that some of the men who handle powder come to have a certain contempt for the restrictions. Of course, this is all theory so far as it attaches to the accident on the Kearsarge. It is all a matter of guesswork and, unfortunately, there may never be anything more definite known on which to base an opinion.

## MR. WOODSLEY'S ABSENCE; DREW MONEY FROM BANK

From Thursday's Daily.  
A citizen of Friedberg, Davidson county, who was here today, reported that the whereabouts of Mr. Rowan Woodsley, son of Rev. Samuel Woodsley, of Friedberg, who left home last Friday, are still unknown to the family and friends. Searching parties have been out every day looking for the son, who is about 35 years old. His wife, who has been in bad health for some time, is in a state of nervous prostration, caused by the disappearance of her husband. She is being attended by two physicians.

It developed Mr. Woodsley came to this city last Friday, withdrew all the money he had in a bank there, immediately thereafter he went to Dr. Hill, practicing physician of Davidson and paid him a bill for services in his family. Dr. Hill expresses the opinion that Mr. Woodsley had about \$200 or \$250 when he saw him. The case is mystified by the fact that the missing man had been complaining for several days before he left home of having a peculiar pain in his head. It is thought now the man has left the State.

## ANNIVERSARY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 26.—Eighty-seven years ago today Odd Fellowship was first organized in this country. It was on April 26, 1849, that the first lodge was formed in this city. Odd Fellowship is a distinctive organization, known as the Manchester Union, had its birth in England in the Eighteenth Century where it grew rapidly and reached formidable proportions, but not until 1879 was it transplanted to America. Since its organization in this country Odd Fellowship has grown to remarkable proportions and today the Order of Odd Fellows is, numerically, the strongest of all fraternal orders in the United States.

Odd Fellows throughout the United States are celebrating the anniversary of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in the United States today with great enthusiasm. Anniversary meetings with music, addresses and other exercises will be held in every city or town this evening whatever there is a lodge of the order. In many of the Southern and Southwestern cities the anniversary celebrations are held in public parks or summer gardens and elaborate programs have been arranged for the occasion, including popular games, races, etc.

Men who are always attempting to kill two birds with one stone never bag much game.

## SENSATION IN THE DUKE DIVORCE CASE

Vice Chancellor States He Was Approached In Interest of One of Parties to Suit--Understood That Friend of Mrs. Duke Had Spoken In Her Behalf.

NEWARK, April 26.—At the continuation of the Duke divorce proceedings this morning Vice Chancellor Pitney made the extraordinary declaration that an attempt had been made to influence him in favor of one of the parties to the suit. It is understood that a woman friend of Mrs. Duke wrote a letter to the chancellor, asking him to deal leniently with the defendant, on the ground that relations between Huntoon, the correspondent, and Mrs. Duke, were of an honorable character. The writer of the letter is said to have alleged that Mrs. Duke's friendship for Huntoon was based upon his kindness to her mother, who died recently in an asylum.

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## MORE TROUBLE MAY SOON OCCUR IN CHINA

SINGAPORE (Straits Settlements), April 26.—Correspondent of Publishers' Press is informed that notorious Chinese Republican Dr. Sim Vat Sen, made a secret visit here recently. It is reported on good authority that "reformers" are busy trying to organize a new plot. Their present plan is to stir up trouble between southern and central provinces on one hand and northern provinces on the other. Their aim in this is to bring about the overthrow of the present dynasty. Even friends of the reformers engaged in the scheme consider that it is to make such an attempt but a majority of reformers are incapable of accurately judging what the situation is.

## ENGINEER AND FIREMAN OF NO. 33 BADLY HURT

From Thursday's Daily.  
Engine No. 33, drawing a south-bound passenger train on the main line of the Southern Railway, turned over and rolled down the embankment at Pomona Junction at 6 o'clock this morning. Engineer John Wingo was painfully burned and scalded besides sustaining a broken leg and several bruises. His fireman, a colored man, also received painful injuries.

The Winston-Salem train had the right-of-way and was crossing over to the main line when the engine of No. 33 ran into the open switch while running at the rate of about 20 miles an hour. Another engine was secured, but the train was delayed about 40 minutes by the accident.

## MYSTERY OF FATHER GAPON'S DISAPPEARANCE

ST. PETERSBURG, April 25.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Father Gapon, who has not been heard from since April 8, has been deepened by the arrival here, consigned to solicitor named, of a letter containing some of the priest's effects. The letter came from Berlin and enclosed was Gapon's pocketbook with 1300 roubles and a key to Gapon's safe at Credit Lyonnais with a request that the solicitor should act according to instructions. No instructions were included in the letter, however. The letter was directed in woman's handwriting and this has added to the mystery.

## LITTLE GIRL DIES OF INJURIES AT SPENCER

SPENCER, April 25.—Alice, the six-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Ducaway, of Spencer, who was fatally burned here Thursday night, died this morning of the injuries sustained after thirty hours of intense suffering. The interment was held this afternoon, the mother being unable to go to Richmond, the former home of the family, on account of severe burns sustained in attempting to extinguish the flames which brought death to her child, who pulled a lighted lamp from a table, causing her clothing to ignite.

## REBUILDING CITY IS

Much Activity Among Business Men in San Francisco at Present

Arrangements Being Made Many of the Burned Buildings to Rebuild City on Grand War Department Assisted Troops in Order to Rebuild Effectively.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—An embargo against public buildings lifted. There was a rush from Oakland this morning to the ruined city. They are a tide of fugitives as they are away.

Official estimate today San Francisco had lost 2,000,000. After tomorrow wants to leave will have own way.

A prominent city official morning: "There will be in San Francisco this year are prone to do it."

Parts of the city on outside ruins and unburned district boom town on frontier. Offices are erected and active building operations.

The number of sick and all hospitals is reported as increased. Only a few deaths have resulted in the hours.

Less attention is now being slight tremors of earth, with frequent occurrence.

## Relief Fund Now \$121,000

NEW YORK, April 26.—relief fund was close to the mark this morning and about before tomorrow if contributions to flow in with average the volume averaged since was started.

The seven days since the phe have averaged nearly each from all over the have brought the total of fund to about \$121,000.

More Troops Asked WASHINGTON, April 26.—department received the advice from General Grady, Francisco this morning.

"I desire especially to attention of the secretary of necessity for additional troops only is the present force to fully guard interests of but they have been necessary and are overtaxed conditions simply enormous conditions demanding military can best be subserved by a large force as practical spirit and conduct of troops, and men has maintained standing of the American continuance of physical and mental responsibility is possible."

## PRISONER CANNOT IN THE PENITENTIARY

RALEIGH, April 26.—F. ham, the young white man of county, is still here, unable the penitentiary to serve ten years' sentence under for the killing of Deputy Hinton in Polk while the an assailing him for carrying a weapon. He came here day under bond with his brother and all are at the except the brother who is back to Polk county to an arrangement for either an come from there or have of Wake or other officers be to deliver the prisoner, veposed that the sheriff of Wino come owing to the fact is in session this week and of Polk county offered to official commitment here so ham's brother could deliver penitentiary authorities brother declared that he did to be put in the attitude of his own brother to the tinary so he returned to Polk few days ago to arrange officer to come here or for the lization of Sheriff Page of make the delivery.

This is the most remarkable record in this State. It is able not only for the fact prisoner is unable through war circumstances to get into itentary to begin the service sentence, but also for the circumstances of the crime, was arrested on the charge, a concealed weapon and Deputy Hinton has gone to office where a bond was signed. Before it was signed, dashed out of the office and friends told the deputy just plete the bond and let Dur that they would sign it all Hinton pursued Durham and him, Durham claiming that went through his coat, turned and fired at Hinton, him fatally. Durham says he ran was that he had a his person and was afraid to be searched and a second against him for carrying a weapon.

## Mitrial in Virginia

ROANOKE, April 25.—At Floyd Court House, Va. two weeks, the jury in the John W. Richards, charged murder of his rival suit, Francis, of Roanoke, early reported that they were unable after a deliberation of six Judge Moffett had a mistrial Richards was again locked main in jail until next October. A third trial will be had. trial was had last October, sulted in a hung jury. Pr shot to death while driving to see his fiancée last defense sought to prove a