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STATE N. & I. BURNED.

Girls Rushed from Slumbers in the Early Hours of Morning.

Rare Presence of Mind Averted Panic—Greensboro Citizens Show Hospitality—Will be Rebuilt at Once.

Greensboro, Jan. 21.—Fire at the State Normal College, discovered in the kitchen of the building devoted to dining room, laundry, boiler room, cold storage and heating plant, destroyed the large four-story brick dormitory which was near by, at 5 o'clock this morning.

In the first building were rooms for one hundred and fifty girls, and in the dormitory proper two hundred from all parts of the State. Every soul was saved. The fire was discovered by the watchman at four o'clock breaking out of the roof of the kitchen, with rare presence of mind, he, before giving the alarm, went up and down the building having the girls awakened and a corps of assistance put to work at rescue before giving the general alarm. By this means there was not a panic, everybody preserving wonderful presence of mind. Fire alarm was sounded at 4:20 and the firemen made quick work getting there a mile from quarters. It was impossible to do more than save other nearby buildings. There were several hair breadth escapes and much excitement among the girls, but at no time anything approaching a panic before all were rescued. Two girls in fourth story who had been overlooked were awakened just as the flames had begun to catch their beds. With horror on being awakened and realizing their situation they rushed on their rescuer, knocking him down and were in the act of leaping from the window in terror when he pulled them back and carried both struggling safely to first landing, when an aid succeeded in getting them safely to the ground. One hundred and twenty-five lost all their clothes.

It was a weird sight at five o'clock, with five hundred girls, many of them trembling with cold, lightly clad, some with only one shoe on. Trunks and furniture strewn over lawn, while fire was roaring in the building containing many precious belongings. Street car company tendered free use of cars to the students and the hotels gave invitations to breakfast and every girl came down for breakfast.

At a meeting held at 10 o'clock this morning invitations poured in from the homes in the city, enough to accommodate twice the number of those burned out. Another dormitory building large enough to accommodate 125 extra girls will be built at once.

The college will not close, of this President McIver assured assembled citizens and students.

The banks of the city offered \$100 each to the girls who had all their clothing burned.

The Southern Railway offers free transportation and back for girls having to return home. Insurance policies are held by State Commissioner Young at Raleigh, it being impossible to state exact loss. Arrangements were made at once to continue school. Governor and board of directors expected today to take immediate steps for rebuilding. Regular college work will begin today.—Andrew Joyner.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros. Price 50 cents.

POLENTA NEWS.

Mrs. Eveline Barnes continues quite sick, though seemingly somewhat better.

Mrs. William Jordan had a severe attack of cramp colic Sunday evening, but is now mending.

Politics is not much talked of yet, too busy on the farm. Our people mostly favor Glenn for Governor.

Miss Audrey Booker, after spending a few days with relatives in Raleigh, returned home Wednesday.

One of our young farmers has been offered 15% for his cotton by one of Smithfield's progressive cotton buyers. Good.

Mrs. Harrison, mother of Mr. J. W. Yelvington, died Monday. She was an old and highly respected lady. Mr. Harrison, her husband, is quite sick, but at this writing is reported better.

Farming operations are forging ahead rapidly. Our farmers are of the most enterprising kind. Some of our farmers who sold their cotton at lower prices are not as happy as those who held for high prices.

Two deep, earnest and instructive sermons were preached at Oakland by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Souders, Sunday morning and night. All agree that he is a preacher of great ability, and that good will result from his work at Oakland.

The Township Sunday School Convention will meet at Elizabeth on Saturday before the third Sunday in February. Let every Sunday School in the township be represented. The services will begin at 10 o'clock a. m. and continue all day.

There will be no services at Shiloh on the second Sunday in February owing to the fact that our beloved young pastor is in attendance upon the course of lectures to the young preachers of the State for the next six weeks. Regular preaching in March, Saturday before and the second Sunday.

The small pox scare has created a little stir in this neighborhood. It is known that a colored man named Haywood Sanders was in the room with the colored woman who died in Smithfield recently, with the dreaded disease, a day or so previous to her death, and the fact that he was walking about in this neighborhood caused some uneasiness, but now that he has departed to parts unknown our people feel somewhat relieved.

Misses Alice Edmundson and Jessie Turner, of the Leachburg section, were in attendance upon the Normal School at Greensboro, at the time of the recent destructive fire there, and came very near being burned to death in the fire. They were, at the time the fire broke out, asleep in a room in the third story of the burned building. It was thought by the school authorities that all of the scholars had escaped from the building, but upon investigation it was ascertained that the above named young ladies were missing. Some one was despatched to their room just in time to rescue them. In five minutes more they would have been beyond escape. As it was they barely escaped with their lives, losing all of their clothing and other valuables.

No bar-rooms in Johnston, which really makes us all feel proud, but let us not be satisfied until all of the dispensaries are banished from our grand old county.

TYPO.

Heirs to Thirty Millions.

We are reliably informed that Mr. Z. T. Kivett at Baie's Creek and other relatives in this county, have fallen heirs to thirty million dollars, left them by a relative in Amsterdam, Holland. This is indeed good fortune and we trust that Mr. Kivett will have no trouble in establishing his claim to his rich inheritance. Harnett would indeed feel very proud of a millionaire citizen.—Dunn Banner.

AGAINST THE BRYAN PLAN.

REJECT HIS PROGRAMME OF PLATFORM REAFFIRMATION.

Poll Shows That Only Seven Members Support Nebraskan's Position, While 162 Denounce It as Folly.

Democrats in Congress, many of whom will figure conspicuously in the St. Louis convention, already have some definite ideas about what their campaign platform should be. Not all of these men, to be sure, will be members of the committee on resolutions, but they voice the opinion of constituencies, which will prevail with most of the delegates.

An influential New York Democrat, who was in Washington a few days ago, advised very strongly for a brief platform and a short campaign. The late date of the convention will aid somewhat toward the latter. Both suggestions have been urged here considerably and will be urged at St. Louis.

Mr. Bryan's agitation recently for a reaffirmation of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms has brought that question, which was the chief convention issue of four years ago, prominently to the front again. It will hardly figure in the St. Louis convention, except as a sentimental contention, backed by a few Democratic enthusiasts. There is no support for it among Democrats of Congress, or, as far as can be ascertained here, among any large following of Democrats in the States.

According to a poll taken by the New York Herald, 162 Democrats in Congress are against the proposition, while seven favor it. Of these seven one is from Colorado, one from Kentucky, one from Texas, two from North Carolina, one from Missouri, and only one from Bryan's own State, Nebraska.

Interviews with the Democratic Congressman show that the very men who most warmly supported Bryan in 1896 and 1900 are the most strongly opposed now to any reaffirmation of the platforms of those unfortunate years.

Senator McCreary, of Kentucky, is one of those men, and, discussing Mr. Bryan's Lincoln speech, in which the Nebraskan declared that free silver should be the issue for the third time, he said:

"If we are to have any hope of success in the coming Presidential election, the Democratic party must take up the questions that confront us to-day. And in addition to that we must have both conservatism and harmony. I feel quite sure that the Democrats of my State, who redeemed themselves in the last national election, would much prefer this year to go into the fight on live issue. With a strong, earnest, and conservative candidate, who will harmonize the party, and a platform covering the questions uppermost in the public mind to-day, the Democracy can redeem itself in the nation. Of all those mentioned to lead the party in the coming campaign, it seems to be that Senator Gorman, of Maryland, and Judge Parker, of New York, more than any others, come up to the required standard this year. As for issues, I favor tariff reduction, economy in the administration of the government, and honesty among our public servants. Our tariff today is higher than any other on earth. The people will demand that it be reduced. Since I entered public life sixteen years ago, the expenditures for carrying on this government have nearly trebled. This is not as it should be. The expense can be reduced and the public service will not suffer. The complete elimination of corruption among government officials by investigation and punishment of the guilty should be the Democratic promise."—Washington Post.

If you suffer with any Liver, Kidney or Bladder Trouble take July Weed. It always cures. Hood's Drug Store.

BENSON BUDGET.

A. B. Hudson will start a brick store next week.

G. M. Benson is building livery stables on Main street.

Mules and horses here are abundant—one car load today.

Preston Woodall has just begun another brick store on Main street.

Unless something goes wrong we will report some weddings next week.

L. H. Hall, of Cumberland county, father of our townsmen, E. L. and J. L. Hall, has moved here to stay.

D. J. Stone's new quarters near C. C. Ryals' store will be completed next week and harness will be on exhibit there.

There will be a Primitive Baptist church built here soon. The site has been donated by J. Elmon Stewart on Wall street.

G. W. Cavanaugh goes to Baltimore tonight for treatment. Mrs. Cavanaugh, Dr. Rowland and E. D. Buck go with him.

Mrs. E. J. D. Boykin is still feeding the hungry public. She has commodious quarters upstairs in C. T. Johnson's brick store fronting Railroad street.

There is no small pox here, but a few people were scared out of their wits a few days ago when a negro with bumps and pimples on his face was found in town.

There was a pound party at B. D. Creech's Wednesday evening complimentary to Miss Mary Parker, of Smithfield. The result of the question at this issue has not been announced—who was the prettiest girl in attendance.

It is reported here on reliable authority that a newly married couple in Bentonsville township forgot the days of the week and ditched and dug wells on Sunday and started to church on Monday to praise and worship their Creator.

Will you plant tobacco this year? is met with an emphatic no, followed by explanations showing that king cotton is on top in the minds of the farmers, and that his subjects are legion. There will be little tobacco and much cotton in this section as a result of ruling prices of the two products.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

SATURDAY—HOUSE.

The House devoted all of today to consideration of the army appropriation bill in committee of the whole. Mr. Robinson, of Indiana, took occasion to criticize the War Department for the expenditures made by the Bureau of Ordnance and Fortification in connection with the Langley airship, declaring that such expenditures were without utility. Only twelve of the forty-one pages of the bill had been read for amendment when the adjourned. The provision in the bill for the construction of a submarine cable from Sitka to Fort Liscomb, Alaska, went out on a point of order.

A spirited discussion was precipitated by Mr. Hemenway, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, who proposed a limitation on the purchase of books and periodicals for the army. The Dreyfus case, French novels, and the character of the books in the department library were among the subjects discussed. An amendment finally prevailed providing for the purchase of technical and professional works only.

A resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for information as to the number of carriages maintained at government expense for the use of his department was adopted.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

The State has granted a charter to the Hester Wholesale Company of Durham, with a capital of \$10,000.

The State has chartered the Bank of Chadbourne, with a capital of \$25,000.

The Standard Turpentine Company, with headquarters at Blakely, Ga., has filed its charter at Raleigh, where it has several stockholders.

The Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh has received a bequest of two tracts of land in Alabama, each of forty acres, given by Samuel P. Cross, formerly of Gatesville, this State.

Surveyors are now on the line of the Durham & Southern Railway, running to Apex, which is the northern terminus of the Cape Fear and Northern Railway, extending to Dunn.

The Board of Trustees of the State Normal College, in session at the college Saturday morning, decided to suspend the exercises of the school for three weeks.

The 500 students went home Monday morning. Temporary accommodations will be made for all the students within the three weeks, so that everyone can be kept at the college upon their return.

The Hazel Creek Lumber Company of West Virginia has domesticated itself in this State, with its place of business at Saginaw, Mitchell county, where it has large timber property. Its capital is \$185,000. Swift & Company, also of West Virginia, domesticated in this State in due form last Saturday, with headquarters at Wilmington. The capital stock is \$100,000, and the company deals in meats.

The executive committee of the North Carolina press association held a business session at Salisbury Wednesday of last week. It was decided that the next annual session of the association shall be held in St. Louis May 16th. Salisbury will be the starting point and the North Carolina editors will travel in Pullman cars. President H. B. Varner of the association expects to leave for St. Louis to perfect arrangements for the body.

Burlington was visited by a severe fire Tuesday morning of last week. The Burlington coffin factory was discovered to be on fire and in less than half an hour the main building, occupied by the machinery and wood working apparatus was destroyed and the fire razing among the thousands of feet of dried lumber on the yard. The entire building was destroyed together with the machinery, engine, boiler, tools, etc. The loss is at least \$30,000 with \$11,000 insurance.

Insurance Commissioner Young says that the dormitory of the State Normal was valued at \$50,000, and its contents at \$3,000. The value of the Mechanical Building, he said, which was also burned, was \$5,000, and its contents \$7,500. The dormitory building had the kitchen and the dining room annexed to it, and the Mechanical Building had the laundry and the steam and electric light plant annexed. The total value of the insurable plant, said Commissioner Young, was \$181,000. On this there is an insurance of \$90,550, a trifle over one-half distributed among eighteen companies. The total loss was \$65,500, and the total amount of insurance upon this is \$32,250, or nearly one-half.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Hood Bros' Drug Store.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Presiding Elder Moore's sermon was very fine Sunday.

Miss Lona Williams is visiting parents near Wakefield.

Mr. J. Walter Myatt is shipping "stacks" of seed to Texas.

Cotton is already bringing 15% cents here. "How is that for high?"

Mr. Blake Adams, of Four Oaks, attended Conference Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Frank and Thad Jones have moved to the house vacated by Mr. W. M. Turley.

Mrs. Lee Yarborough, of Raleigh, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Page.

Miss Vara Cole died Sunday of Typhoid fever. A Catholic priest of Raleigh, preached the funeral.

Dr. Ivey, Editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, of Selma, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillips.

Messrs. Branch & Kelly have bought Mr. C. B. Turley's stock and will continue business at the same stand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Medlin, of Smithfield, spent Monday night and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Biley R. Guiley.

The Oil Mill is working day and night. Meal is taken nearly as fast as made, and hulls rarely ever touch the floor. The cry is "more seed, please."

Don't forget, that Rev. B. W. Spillman will preach at the Baptist church first Sunday in February. He's the greatest Sunday School man South.

Mr. Mayo, representing a picture concern of Richmond, Va., died here last Thursday morning of Angina Pectoris. He had been drinking heavily for several days.

Mr. M. G. Gulley had quite a novel case before him Tuesday morning. Some time during 1903 Messrs. Geo. W. Elles and Son leased to Mr. E. Parrish two mules. Later on, about October 30, Mr. Ellis thinks, Mr. Parrish reported one of the mules was dead and he had dragged the carcass into Neuse river. Monday of this week some one reported to Mr. Geo. Ellis that the mule was not dead but concealed in an old house on his land. He and some other men went to the old house Monday night and found the mule chained inside. Parrish was bound over to court under \$100.00 bond. Failed to make bond he was taken to jail by policeman J. L. Ellis Wednesday.

"YELLY."

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26.—A Denver express on the Burlington road was run into by a local passenger train at Gardeene Creek this morning. Three persons were killed and eleven injured.

London, Jan. 25.—Col. Arthur Lynch, who commanded the Irish brigade against the British forces during the war in South Africa, and who was afterward convicted of treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life, was liberated yesterday morning "on license." Lynch has not received the royal pardon.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—From all that can be gathered at this hour, between 180 and 190 men are lying dead in the headings and passageways of the Harwick mine, of the Allegheny Coal Company, at Cheswick, the result of a terrific explosion today. Cage after cage has gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those who went down to work this morning has been brought to the surface. The rescued man is Adolph Gorgie, and he is still in a semi-conscious condition at the temporary hospital at the school house on the hillside above the mine.