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KRAMER-MOSS MILL BURNED

Probably Set On Fire By Careless Smoker — Mill Total Loss, Part of Lumber Saved By Heroic Effort

The Kramer-Moss Mill, owned by C. E. Kramer and R. R. Moss, was burned Sunday afternoon shortly after noon. A Mr. Hickford who lives near the mill was first to see the fire and notified W. C. Culpepper, foreman of the oil mill, who notified Mr. Kramer and Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss was in church when the news reached him. It was not until the time necessary to call all these men had elapsed that the fire alarm was turned in, and so the flames were well under way, and though the fire company fought heroically, they could not save the mill. They did save most of the lumber in the yard, however, and a house adjacent to the yard belonging to the Eastern Cotton Oil Company. The dry kiln, just completed, was burned, too. Only a small part of the loss was covered by insurance.

The mill had been closed Friday and Saturday and there had been no fire there. It is supposed that a careless smoker probably set the mill on fire.

The total loss is estimated at probably about \$20,000.

HARDING IS CONFIDENT

Marion, O., Dec. 20.—Harding today expressed his confidence in the progress for the formation of the International Association of Nations as the result of his conferences with notable men. He confers with Taft on Thursday.

Officers After Christmas Booze

Two revenue officers, Joe Ramsay and C. C. Shores, found a still in the Gregory section of Currituck County Saturday operated by Leamon Woodley, colored. Woodley was tried before Commissioner Wilson Saturday afternoon and in default of the \$500 bond, went to jail.

Jerome Baxter, of Snowden, who went to jail Friday on a similar charge, got bail Saturday and returned to his home. W. A. Britton is bondsman.

Nearer home than Currituck by far was the raid on the horseshoe shop on Matthews street of John and James Barclay. Three revenue officers made the raid Saturday afternoon assisted by Policeman Twiddy. In the back room they found four pints of liquor and 18 empty pint bottles, with five jugs and other bottles of various sizes. Messrs. Barclay were given a hearing before Commissioner Wilson and bound over to federal court under bonds of \$150 each.

COAL ASSOCIATION RECORDS SUBPOENAED

Washington, Dec. 20.—Records in the National Coal Association headquarters here were today subpoenaed by the Senate committee on reconstruction and will be brought before the committee tomorrow, the chairman announced.

German Women Appeal To French

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The surrender of \$500,000 mitch cows under the Versailles treaty would be disastrous to Germany, would weaken public stamina and individual resistance, and reduce the ability of Germany to fulfil her treaty obligations, says a letter to the French women from the German women today.

Burns Barn and Two Residences

Fayette City, Pa., Dec. 20.—The fire bug operating in Fayette and Westmoreland counties for two months fired a big barn and two residences today, destroying \$60,000 worth of property.

The losses for the two months are estimated at half a million dollars.

IN POLICE COURT

C. W. Chory was fined \$5 and costs in police court Saturday for drunkenness. Earle Hargrave, colored, was fined \$1 and costs for riding a bicycle at night without a light. Melvin Winslow was fined \$5 and costs for failing to park his car at the approach of the fire apparatus.

Will the People of This City Allow the Y. M. C. A. To Be Closed?

To close an institution doing the good that the Y. M. C. A. is doing would not be short of a disgrace. Talk with Mrs. Sample, the matron, any day, any time, about her work at the Y.

Forty or fifty boys every day enjoy the gymnasium, basketball games, shower baths and good reading matter. SHALL WE DENY THEM THESE?

The Y. M. C. A. affords a meeting-place for several organizations that hold weekly and monthly meetings, taking the place of a community building. CAN WE DO WITHOUT SUCH A PLACE?

The Y. M. C. A. provides good comfortable furnished rooms for transients and visiting Y. M. C. A. members. DID YOU KNOW THIS?

These are three of 141 reasons why you must buy a tag Friday, Xmas eve, to keep this institution open. BUY LIBERALLY FROM EVERY ONE.

BISCHOFF STAYS AT JACKSONVILLE

In Spite of Orders by Masked Men Last Night Which Were Accompanied by Tar and Feathers

Jacksonville, Dec. 20.—John D. Bischoff, real estate dealer, who was tarred and feathered and pushed out of an automobile on a crowded street last night with a placard reading "Herr John Bischoff, a Hun," will not leave Jacksonville as ordered by the masked men, but will report at his office today, his wife announced today.

The attack followed the printing of a letter from Bischoff objecting to the newspaper referring to the Germans as Huns and threatening to withdraw his advertising unless it was stopped.

LEWIS-OVERTON

Joe Lewis and Mrs. Hettie Lee Overton, both of Norfolk, were married in this city Saturday.

HALSTEAD-PALMER

Julian Paul Halstead and Miss Reva Lee Palmer, both of Weaverville, were married in this city Sunday.

LEWIS-GIBSON

Harley Lewis and Miss Rose Pearl Gibson, both of Newport News, were married in this city Saturday.

LELAND-BROUGHAN

Oscar Osmund Leland and Miss Lottie Broughan, both of Norfolk, were married in this city Saturday.

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Bondurant is at home from Notre Dame College to spend Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grice.

Lev C. Guirkin is at home from State College to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mae Guirkin Willey.

Mrs. J. J. Duffie, of Baltimore, is here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grice.

Miss Ida Owens, who has been teaching at High Point, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Owens, on Church street.

Misses Mattie Weatherly and Margaret McCabe are at home for the holidays from Brenau College, Georgia.

Ambrose Ward arrived in this city Monday afternoon from Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa., to spend two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ward, on North Road street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Nash, Jr., and little son, T. P. Nash, III, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Nash, Sr., on Matthews street.

Miss Catherine Albertson is at home from her school at China Grove to spend the Christmas holidays.

Erekin Duff is at home for the Christmas holidays from Staunton, Va.

Civic Improvement

On the Subject of Public Buildings and Grounds

John Elliott Wood.

Assistant to the Engineer Commissioner, D. C.

There are perhaps few people that have not at some time dreamed that their city might be as beautiful as some of the pictures showing the loveliness and charm of other places. Too often this has been of the unrealistic kind,—the sort that are immediately impossible in their fantasy. Other enthusiastic citizens have based their dreams of the same nature on the development of the streets they walk from day to day; they have perhaps built a beautiful civic group in some spot of the town and actually peopled it in their minds. Such indulgence is not the dream of a wandering mind, but more a realization that in a hundred years their town will be much larger than today; that it will have many things that the town does not boast now; that the town of their grand-children may be a thing of beauty and pride,—a monument to those who built wisely; and the conviction that forethought twenty-five years ago would have produced in some modest way the dream they dream today.

Let us take an example of today. Consider the territory embraced between Main and Burgess streets, from Road street to the river. Twenty years ago the eastern, or river, portion known as the Poindexter street section was the main business part of town. Here was built the first paved street of the town; and it was contemplated the building of an opera house within two hundred feet of Poindexter bridge. In the present day we find that the town has drifted; certainly this part near the river is no longer the center of town interests. Not only abandoned, this property so prominently situated near a beautiful river has become objectionable. Seldom does one stroll through Poindexter street from Main to Burgess;—and then not in search of beauty. A hundred yards to the west is a lumber yard and mill. Passing Martin street, one is almost immediately on land owned by the city and county,—the principal municipal holdings in the town. Going still westward vacant property abounds even before Road street is reached. Does this review suggest possibilities of what might be built around the present court house and postoffice?

To put a thought into words, let it be considered that the land in question from Road street to the river becomes the property of the town. Imagine standing in front of the present High School and looking eastward. Across a quarter of a mile of green common, planted with grass and here and there parked with trees,—the Pasquotank river can be seen. To our left is a pleasing and adequate group comprising the city schools; to our right are buildings as our city government will eventually require, with a theatre on one side, and a community building on the other. The part of the lawn separating these two groups is perfectly open and unobstructed, for a monument to some great cause will some time demand a proper place. Still turning to the right beyond the municipal group might be our present court house,—with the postoffice on one side, and the public library similarly placed on the other; the whole presenting itself as one walks along either Main or Road streets. These groups would stand alone on this immense square,—except as other public buildings might be needed; in which case the newcomers would be built consistent with the uniform scheme of development.

While yet standing near the High School, imagine turning about to look to the direction of the railroad, a half mile away. Would it not be simple to picture a broad avenue stretching away towards the new railway station that will be built in another generation? Could not this broad thoroughfare, with trees planted down the center, with parkings of green on each side, eclipse any residential street of the present? On such a street some rules might govern the distance between houses so as to prevent the crowding which has marred the appearance of our best homes. Such an avenue would open new property adjacent that would enhance this section tremendously.

By no means the last part of this development to study would be the river front. From Matthews street, past the island bridge, or over to Pennsylvania Avenue would be the eastern end of the park extending from Road street. With a suitable bridge, such as will result in another twenty years, what a beautiful sight for a hotel located at this point! Instead of Poindexter Creek we have a well kept basin; and the unsightly though necessary dock have given way to a board walk treatment, and have taken their places in more economical order elsewhere.

Such a picture is purely a matter of exemplary use of the property we know so well. One does not say that further consideration would make this site essential; there may be more accessible ones far to be preferred. The purpose is to show what would be possible in the adoption of some well defined scheme. Unity of endeavor is the keynote of all rational development; no plans will produce the maximum results without organization, embodying singleness in purpose. In view of what the town is bound to realize in the next century, is it not time to incorporate some sensible scheme to guide its growth?

The practical way to anticipate the future, and strive toward a definite end in the manner of buildings is to foresee where future buildings shall be placed,—to the exclusion of others not related, and decide on some general style or type to be followed, both in design and in the color and nature of the material. Sight should not be lost of the pressing needs of the town, for example: an adequate school that would be readily adaptable to expansion,—which only the group system would satisfy; a hotel situated so as to best profit by natural advantages,—perhaps presenting a view down the river rather than into a back alley; a community building providing an auditorium, temporary library, public rest rooms etc.

Of buildings of a public nature, some will recall to no expense to the town, other than the dedication of the property required,—the Carnegie Library, the hotel, a theatre, and in time a new railway station. When the time comes to secure these, it will be found that the builders will prefer to follow some suggested style, thereby producing a homogeneity that will mark the group as such. Obviously the time has come to adopt some recognized policy regarding public buildings lest another fifty years find opportunity to adopt it passed beyond recall.

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W. P. Skinner	5.00
John Sawyer	1.00
Dr. W. W. Sawyer	50.00
S. B. Parker	10.00
Donated	1.00
Mrs. S. P. Gurley	1.00
F. K. Kramer	50.00
Mrs. G. W. Ward	5.00
Ladies Guild, Christ Church	10.00
J. W. Modlin's Class, Blackwell Memorial S. S.	10.00
Total	\$944.95

WORK FOR ACTION BEFORE HOLIDAYS

House Committee Instructs Chairman to Hurry up Ford- ney Bill Which Is Designed to Protect Farmers

Washington, Dec. 20.—The House ways and means committee today voted out the Fordney emergency tariff bill, which is designed to protect farmers, and instructed the chairman to make an effort to obtain action on the bill before the Christmas recess.

ANNOUNCE WAGE REDUCTIONS

New York, Dec. 20.—Wage reductions averaging thirty per cent under the union scale in the men's clothing industry were announced today by the Clothing Manufacturers' Association.

NUGENT NOMINATED

Washington, Dec. 20.—John F. Nugent, of Idaho, was today nominated by President Wilson as a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

STUDENTS WILL PROTECT CO-EDS

Chicago, Dec. 20.—University of Chicago students organized a vigilance committee today to protect co-eds from criminals.

Many co-eds are reported being attacked on the campus after dark and one girl was thrown from a taxi by three men who jumped in the car and robbed her.

WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW

Washington, Dec. 20.—Misses Annie and Susan Walsh, sisters-in-law of the late Lord Mayor McSweeney, of Cork, who witnessed his death, are due to arrive tomorrow to testify before the Irish Investigating Committee of One Hundred.

BRAND NEW MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

An officer of the First & Citizens National Bank states that the bank keeps on hand a supply of new currency from the Treasury Department and will be glad to supply persons wishing this currency for Christmas presents.

COTTON REPORT

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton exclusive of linters ginned prior to December 13 amounted to 10,878,265 running bales.

CLARA WILL SURRENDER

El Paso, Dec. 20.—Clara Smith, wanted in Oklahoma in connection with the death of Jake Hamon, will surrender and face the charges, her parents announced today. They said their daughter was hiding to escape the notoriety and was not guilty.

FEBRUARY JURORS

The following is a jury list for Pasquotank County, N. C., for the term of Court beginning February 14, 1921:

N. C. Jones, E. G. Davis, W. T. Swain, J. R. Winslow, F. F. Cohoon, R. F. Sawyer, R. S. Pritchard, W. L. Stevenson, J. Claude Perry, Raymond Bundy, M. R. Griffin, E. J. Cohoon, H. E. Hettrick, J. A. Carter, C. T. Pritchard, W. H. Trueblood, C. W. Overman, Miles Russell, J. A. Spencer, Joseph Bundy, O. M. Wynn, W. D. Saunders, A. B. Holoman, Geo. W. White, Jr.

