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FIRE AT ARP'S HOUSE.

The Alarm Made Bill Get a Move On Him.

Bill Arp In Atlanta Constitution Fire and water and air. The three things that cost the least and are most necessary to our existence are the most dangerous when unrestrained. Sabbath evening my wife and I walked down to Jessie's house to comfort her in her sick bed, and play with the little girls and help nurse the little baby boy. Suddenly the fire bell gave an alarm and my wife walked ont on the veranda to find out where the fire was. In a moment she came hurrying back and almost screamed, "It's our house -it's our house; run quick. Oh! mercy." I threw the baby down on the floor—no, I didn't cither — and departed those coasts with alacrity. Firemen and people were hurrying that way. I struck a fox trot for awhile, but soon relaxed into a fast walk, and then a slow pull up the hill, for I felt my palpitation coming on. Before I reached the mansion I met some of the advance guard returning, who said the fire was out. So sat down on the front steps to blow for a minute. When I went through the hall to the kitchen where the commotion was, I found our daughters and some good friends still drenching the smoking walls and pouring water down the flue up in the garret. The accumulated soot of twenty years had caught on fire and somehow got to the lathing and then to the ceiling and dropped down to the floor. Nobody was at home. The cook was in her cabin asleep. Her little boy was sitting on the back steps and when our girls arrived he very quietly said: "Dat's a fire in dar." Then they heard the cracking flames and saw smoke pouring through a broken pane. On opening the door they were as-tounded, for the whole room seemed ablaze. One ran to the front door and screamed "Fire, fire, fire," and the other went to the telephone and then they flew to the water faucet and good neighbors gathered in and filled the buckets and went to work. They were just in time, for a delay of ten minutes would have caused the loss of the house and all of our time honored furniture and pictures and books and my wife's fine clothes and golden wedding presents. When I left Jessie's house my wife hailed me on the run and said save something, but I am not certain whether it was her fine dresses in the wardrobe or her silverware in the dark closet or her Bible that she had read a chapter in house caught on fire away in the ashes at bed time went out night and the firemen came run-

Our good old professor, Chas. P. McCoy, of Franklin college, used to lecture to us students, and his favorite subject was the "Regularity of Irregular things," and he satisfied me that the longer my house escaped a fire the more I was liable to have one. The chances against me increased as the years rolled on, and so I

stock of them and treasured them

more than anything else.

have been expecting a fire. The insurance companies un-derstand this and base all their calculation and rates upon it. They will tell you what is the average life of a dwelling, a store, a planing mill or a church. The professor illustrated with a dice box and said if you cast the dice a dozen times the six spot might come up three or four times in succession and the ace several times but if you cast the dice a thousand times each number from one to six would show up about an equal number of times. That is according to the caculation of chances and proves the regularity of irregularity of irregular things. So it is with the regularity of irregular things. So it is with the rain-fall which however uncertain in its coming amounts to about the same every year. Since 1883 the losses by fire in the United States have averaged \$105,000,000 a year, the lowest being \$100,000,000 and the highest \$110,000,000, and yet in 1871 the loss in Chicago alone was \$200,000,000.

But where did fire come from and who gave it and when. There is no mention of fire in the Mosaic account of the creation nor for two thousand years after it.
Until after the flood there was not much need of fire, for the people were not permitted to eat meat. Their food was the fruit of the earth. But I recken they did have fire and blacksmith shops and made hammers and

hoes and nails, etc. Noah could not have built the ark without tools and nails. The presump-tion is that the Creator supplied Adam with tools to dress the gar-den, and Abel with knives to sacrifice the firstlings of his flock, but there are Indian tribes in our day and negroes in Africa and Esquimaux in the Artic regions who have no knowledge of iron or its uses. A thousand years before Christ, Homer wrote that Jupiter only possessed the element that we call fire and when man was created he refused to give him fire. But Prometheus stole some from heaven and gave it to man and it made Jupiter so mad he chained him to a rock and sent eagles to eat his liver out and as fast as they eat it by day the liver grew by night, but finally he was unchained and the eagles driven away. It seems that Promethus was a friend to mankind and by the command of Jupiter actually created man out of the mud that was left after the flood of Deucalion, away back in the ages. He was a god nearly as powerful as Jupiter and was always in a quarrel with him. He taught mankind architecture, astronomy, figures, medicine, navigation and all the arts that adorn life. At Athens and other ancient cities, temples were built to his honor. They believed that the very fire he brought from heaven was still preserved and was always burning on an altar in the temple of Vesta. It is called the sacred fire—the Vestal fire—the fire of the hearthstone and must not be allowed to go out. If it does go out from accident even the family who uses it must go to the temple of Vesta and get a new supply. Of course all these stories about the gods are superstitions, but they are very fascinating ones and old Homer still stands as one of the greatest poets, and ranks as the equal of Shakespeare or Milton. That reverence for sacred fire is not yet extinguished, and it is said that the Roman Catholic priesthood burn candles in their cathedrals day and night because the custom was handed down from ancient churches and those churches probably got it from Grecian and Roman mythology. Anyhow, we know that the Jews had great reverence for fire, for they had to use it in their sacrifices, and God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and descended on Mt. Sinai in fire and the Israelites, were guided through the wilderness by a pillar of fire by night, and fire came down from heaven and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and many other important events were marked by fire. In our young days when there were no matches it was no sure or certain thing to find fire every night for all these long on the hearthstone every cold years. I had a good old Baptist morning that came. Sometimes aunt in Rome and when her the live chunk was buried in the was burned up and then one of ning she ran on in her night the boys had to go to a neighbor clothes and begged them to save her Christian Index. She had a called borrowing fire, for it was called borrowing fire, for it was reasonably expected that the neighbor would sometimes find himself in the same conditi.on The Cherokee Indians made fire by rubbing two hard dry sticks together with great rapidity. I have seen little Indian boys do it very quickly, and I tried to imitate them but failed. But if the good pure vestal fire came from heaven I reckon old Satan got some of it when he fell and took it down below. That's the kind that concerns us most. The old preacher who used to go around preaching about the "Mountains of Hepsidam where

### Gray Mule Bead. Concord Tribune, 3.

called hell fire for short."

the lion roareth and the whang-

doodle mourneth for its firstborn

and he played on a harp of a thousand strings—spirits of just men made perfect," also had a few broken remarks about fire.

"My impertinent hearers, there

are several kinds of fire and camp

fire and fall back, but the kind

that concerns you most are the

fires that is not quenched and is

The large gray mule of County Commissioner R. F. Cline died

[There used to be an inquiry like this going the rounds: What goes with all the white mules? If white and gray are synonymous as applied to mulecolorings, the above item may help to answer the question-GAZETTE.]

Ex-Judge Adams, of Greensboro, who has been seeking a Pederal appointment and was recently chasing a judgeship in Alaska, has been offered the place of district attorney in Alaska at a salary of \$3,000. Thomas Kiser is grant and the salary of \$3,000. which he declined.

COUNTY BUSINESS.

Running Anccount of Business Transacted by the Commissloners That was Not Published in Last Issue.

The following are the accounts audited and paid at Monday's and Tuesday's sessions:

T. E. Shuford, supervisor......\$ 18.75 Blvira Hunter, cook pest house 10.00 Ann Hunter, washing at pest-house

Ann Hunter, washing at pesthouse
C. C. Craig, small-pox expen...
Anders & Floyd, small-pox ex...
M. B. Smith, supervisor...
J. H. Beatty, supervisor...
M. R. Klyse, small-pox guard
J. M. Kendrick, supervisor...
W. R. Crouse, supervisor...
E. R. Cannon & Co., coffin for
pauper (claimed \$15.10)
J. P. Handself, small-pox ex...
J. H. Jenkins, county physician
one month...

one month

C. Stroup, conveying Lather Clemmer to hospital

M. Shuford & Co., small-pox

J. M. Shuford & Co., amail-pox expenses
H. I. Rhyne, keeper Co. home
J. A. Halford, amail-pox ex.
A. W. Wortman, smail-pox ex.
B. B. Gardner, smail-pox ex.
W. S. Barrett, smail-pox ex.
Wm. Phifer, smail-pox ex.
Crowders' Mts. Cotton Mill, smail-pox expenses
C. B. Mauney, supervisor.
C. C. Cornwell, Clerk, office supplies, etc.
C. C. Cornwell, C. S. C., county liabilities Peb. term court 1

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V. C. Abernethy, supervisor...
P. Joy, blacksmithing
V. L. Smith, small-pox guard
Harry, Snyder, small-pox ex...
A. D. Saunders, conveying
prisoner.

prisoner W. R. Rankin, supervisor. P. W. Jenkins, wood for pest-

house
R. Lewis, small-pox ex
R. Lewis, supplies Co. home
L. Stowe, small-pox guard
L. Wilson, small-pox ex
B. White, board of jury
T. Oates, conveying lunatic
Clouinger, wood pest house
T. Love, small-pox ex
H. Jenkins, small-pox ex
F. Friday, supervisor

Friday, supervisor Friday, supervisor H. Rhyne, small-pox ex

Abe Clemmer, small-pox ex.

Jas. T. Rankin, small-pox ex.

J. P. Hoffman, board of jury...

Pallas Drug Co., medicine for chainwan.

Dallas Drug Co., medicine for chaingang.

Dallas Drug Co., medicine for county home.

Dallas Drug Co., medicine for county jall.

Dallas Drug Co., medicine for small-pox patients.

W. P. Eddleman, chaingang ex 776.71

W. P. Eddleman, stone for road 555.65

W. P. Eddleman, shovels.

I. N. Alexander, arrest and return of Paul Pratt.

C. B. Armstrong, sup. for jail. 62.74

C. B. Armstrong, jail fees.

M. A. Carpenter, clerk of commissioners, etc.

30.90

missioners, etc.

J. R. Connell, Commissioner

M. D. Priday, Commissioner

C. E. Hutchinson, int. on note.

Gastonia News, advertising...

Fordham & Moore, small-pox expenses Kindley-Belk Bros. Co., small-

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Long Brothers, amall-pox ex.
F. Robinson, exam. lunatic,
Parks Spurrier
C.W. Nipper, examining Parks
Spurrier, lunatic
T. B. Leonhardt, arrest etc. of
J. B. Padgett
W. W. Davis, M. D., small-pox
expenses (claimed \$5.00)
W. Meek Adams, inquest John
Smith

Smith
8. S. Mauney, coffin for pauper
Frank Welch, small-pox ex.
B. D. Stroup, supervisor.
J. l. Hammett, medical atten-

tion to Jim Byers, (claimed 4.90)

Gastonia Gazette, advertising Joseph Holfman, wood for pest

G. R. Rhyne, janitor for court Chas. Jenkins, whitewashing

jail, etc.

J. W. Kendrick, Commissioner
T. C. Pegram, Commissioner
P. D. Wilson, conv'ing pauper
W. J. T. Stars, box for pauper
Schneck Ford, pauper It is ordered that Mark Greg-

It is ordered that F. V. Gaston as outside pauper be dropped from the outside pauper list.

ory be dismissed from county

Elizabeth Mincey and daughter are declared paupers and allowed to go to county home.
Plato Carpenter relieved of road duty on account of in-

firmity. It is ordered that county appropriate \$400 to raise the steel bridge at Spencer Mountain Mills, contract to be awarded to J. N. King as per his plans on

file. Chas. Brooks is declared an outside pauper and allowed \$8.00 per quarter, R. H. Garett, agent. G. W. Teague is relieved of road duty.

T. C. Childers allowed to peddle without license. It is ordered that the county

superintendent of roads locate the road as surveyed by A. W. Hoffman, leading from the Gastonia road to a point near Clarence Wilson's, as per re-port of said superintendent of roads filed with minutes of this

meeting.

J. A. Featherstone allowed to peddle without license.

G. W. Teague, allowed to peddle without license.

Tom Hawkins is allowed Thomas Kiser is granted a permanent road exemption.

Monthly road report of treasurer is accepted and filed. Jno. H. Rutledge is elected road supervisor for all that part of Dallas township north of the

South Fork River. It is ordered that the public road as petitioned for by C. S. Carpenter and others be es-tablished by county superinten-

It is ordered that County superintendent roads locate and establish public road (and build

two bridges) as petitioned for by R. H. Garrett and others. J. Q. Holland appointed to fill vacancy on auditing com-mittee caused by the resignation of T. C. Pegram. It is ordered that C. B. Arm-

strong and M. A. Carpenter be and are hereby appointed to have a house erected at the county home 32x18 feet with hall way 8x18, each room to have one window and one door, and the hall to have one door.

LIST TAKERS.

The list-takers for the year 1902 were appointed as follows: DALLAS TOWNSHIP—G. R. Rhyne. DALLAS TOWNSHIP—G. R. Rhyne. CASTONIA TOWNSHIP—W. I. Stowe. GASTONIA CITY—J. F. Holland. CROWDERS' MOUNTAIN—J. T. Oates. SOUTH POINT—W. R. Ford. CHERREVILLE—L. H. J. Houser. RIVER BEND—W. B. Rutledge.

Shrowd Brer Rabbit.

Vorkville Enquirer.

"I have more than once heard," said Dr. Miles Walker the other day, "that rabbits have a way of throwing dogs off their scent by doubling on their trails; but I have never been sure just how much fact there was in the story until now. I have had the satisfaction of seeing it for myself.
"I chanced upon a very pretty

chase. Three dogs were out for a hunt on their own account, and as I passed along the road, the rabbit crossed ahead with the dogs a hundred yards or so behind. I stopped to watch the thing out. The dogs pressed forward at top speed, and after running several hundred yards turned back. About the time I noticed this I saw the rabbit again beating back on his old track, the dogs following without difficulty. The rabbit continued to a point near the spot where he had been jumped originally, made a circle of a hundred yards, and then again came back into the trail over which he had passed twice, and went off again in the direction he was going when I saw him first. The dogs followed the first track back beautifully on to the starting place and around the loop; but when they struck the point where the rabbit ran into its twice traveled track, they were at a loss which way to go. They ranged out for a short distance in different directions: out invariably pulled up

well out of danger."

She and It. Statesville Landmark.

at the now twice traveled track

and finally gave it up. In the meantime the rabbit had gotten

The Charlotte Observer recently published the answer of the State of North Carolina (the answer was prepared by Attorney Gilmer and other eminent attorneys) to the suit brought by the State of South Dakota for the payment of certain railroad bonds issued by this State. In the answer prepared by the lawyers North Carolina is referred to as "she" while South Dakota is mentioned as "it." Thereupon the Observer rises to ask why this distinction. Lieutenant Governor Turner, of Iredell, offers the following explanation.
He says the original thirteen
States ("one of whom North
Carolina is which," as Col., Sinclair used to say), being "mother" States, have always been ac-corded the feminine gender -while the States added to the Union after its formation have been neutral-"it." Therefore North Carolina is "she" and South Dakota "it."

It is stated that the cotton mill at Cooleemee, Davie county, is to be enlarged. A new shed 400 by 100 feet will be built and the number of looms will be increased 25 per cent. The number of spin-dles will be increased from 25,000 to 40,000. Such expensive additions are contemplated that it is believed the water supply of 1,800 horse power now used will be insufficient and the directors of the company are looking over other streams for additional

A Nashville dispatch says the recent damage by floods in Tennessee aggregates a property loss of \$5.235,000, covering an area of 17 counties in the State, and the loss of life is estimated at 25.

PRESIDENT IN CHARLESTON. Luxurious Train Left Washington

Monday Afternoon at 3:30. Charleston News and Courier.

Washington, April 6,—All the preliminaries attending the Presi-dent's trip to Charleston have been completed and everything is in readiness for the start tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Secretary Cortelyou and L. S. Brown, of the Southern Railway, who have charge of the arrangements, completed their work today, when they assigned the President's guests to places on the special train, and presented each member of the party with individual invitations for the various functions to take place at Charleston at the Exposition.

The train that will carry the President and his party South is one of the most elaborately equipped specials that has ever traversed any railway system. The President's car will be beautifully festooned with choice flowers, so that Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt will make the journey in a bower of loveliness, the handiwork of the floral artist, Small. The other cars will be lighted with electric lights put in expressly for this trip. Up to the last moment it was

cype to the last moment it was expected that Secretary Root would be a member of the party, but owing to the pressure of public business, in connection with the war department now pending before Congress, it is impossible for him to leave Weshington at this time. Washington at this time. The personnel of the party is as fol-

The President, Mrs. Roosevelt, Attorney General Knox and Mrs. Knox, Secretary Wilson, Secretary Cortelyon, Assistant Secretary Loeb and Mrs. Loeb, Commander W. S. Cowles, of the navy, and Mrs. Cowles, Dr. John F. Urie, Mrs. J. K. Gracie, the Hon. Murat Halstead and Mrs. M. C. Latta.

The schedule of the trip shows that most of the travel is by night, so that stops along the road will be avoided, except when absolutely necessary. The President does not intend to indulge in any rear platform ora-tory. He will have something to say to the people of Charles-ton during his visit, which will be appropriate to the occasion, and at the same time breathing with patriotic motives and personal love and regard for all of his countrymen.

### A Taleated North Carelinian. Wilmington Messenger.

Rev. Dr. Robert P. Pell, a native of North Carolina and a son of the late Rev. William E. Pell, a well known Methodist minister, has been president for some years of the Presbyterian Female College, of Columbia, C., and has been elected president of Converse Pemale College, at Spartanburg. He is a success clearly. The Columbia

State noticing his election con-

gratulates Converse College and

says it is a loss to Columbia. It

Ays: Here Dr. Pell has done a fine work without the advantages he will have at Converse College. There he will have an even better opportunity to demonstrate his ability as a college executive and an educator. There are very few men in the South who have as thorough an under-standing and as deep an interest in the educational situation in this section as Dr. Pell has, and it is most fitting that he should be called to a larger field of en-

deavor. We probably knew him as a little boy and are glad of his distinction. He has a brother of equal mark residing in Richmond, Va., Rev. Dr. Pell, who is a Methodist.

Ought to Be the Law Everywhere Joheville Cities

Kentucky's highest court has just decided that in case of total destruction by fire the full amount of the insurance policy must be paid, regardless of any stipulation in the policy contrary to this rule, and that the actual loss must be paid where the property is damaged to an extent less than the amount of the less than the amount of the policy. This is not the law in some other States, but it ought

They have counted up the Easter offerings in the churches in New York and they are said to amount to \$500,000 in round figures. This is simply the money that was put on the plates in the Protestant Episcopal churches alone there on Raster Sunday. In Grace Church alone the amount was cover \$10,000 the amount was over \$120,000. Probably this constitutes the record for a single Sunday's col-

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