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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.

hoes and nails, etc. Noah could not have built the ark without tools and nails. The presumption is that the Creator supplied Adam with tools to dress the garden, and Abel with knives to sacrifice the firstlings of his flock.

COUNTY BUSINESS.

Remaining Account of Business Transacted by the Commissioners That was Not Published in Last Issue.

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

Table listing various county business items and their costs, including salaries for supervisors, clerks, and other officials.

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 established by county superintendent.

LIST TAKERS. The list-takers for the year 1902 were appointed as follows: DALLAS TOWNSHIP—O. R. Rhyne.

Shrewd Brer Rabbit.

"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;

"I chanced upon a very pretty chase. Three dogs were out on 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.

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.

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.

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.

Washington, April 8.—All the preliminaries attending the President's trip to Charleston have been completed and everything is in readiness for the start tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The President's car will be beautifully equipped 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 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.

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, S. C., and has been elected president of Converse Female College, at Spartanburg.

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 understanding 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 endeavor.

Wish you would come in and see the season's new hammocks. They will surely "catch your good." The new weaves this season are unusually pretty, the colors and superb stripings produce in some instances charming tapestry effects, while the materials and making are all that could be desired.

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HEADWEAR

For Ladies, Misses and Children.

Immediately after Easter is when the real spirited selling of Millinery begins. Scores of New Patterns have been added to our stock during the past two weeks, and we are prepared to serve the trade with the latest creations.

Silks in patterns for Shirt Waists and Suits.

White Goods of every kind, and newest designs in Sheer Lincens.

Novelties in Belts, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Braids, etc.

Laces, Embroideries and Appliques.

J. F. YEAGER, Ladies' Furnishings a Specialty.

PIANOS AND ORGANS

PAY CASH AND GET WHOLESALE PRICE.

For 60 Days the Best Makes are Offered at Wholesale Prices for Cash.....

Stieff Pianos are the only world renowned instrument sold direct from factory to purchaser. I am Stieff's factory salesman and have something to tell you. Listen!

For 60 days I will sell a piano or organ to any one at a ....Straight Wholesale Price on a Cash Basis.... I handle three other makes of good instruments which I can sell you lower than the lowest.

W. D. BARRINGER, Salesman Chas. M. Stieff. GASTONIA, N. C.

The McCormick HARVESTING MACHINE.

The Prosperous Farmer always has a



Proved itself the best on earth last year, and is this year better than ever, with several valuable improvements. To see this machine is to want it, to try it is to buy it.

CRAIG & WILSON, Gastonia, N. C.

HAMMOCKS

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Prices 88c up to \$6.00.

THE NEW BOOKS ALSO are here with their charming covers, pictures, and messages of instruction and entertainment. Our counters, too, are a-bloom with the new April magazines. Please drop in and browse among them to your heart's content.

PASSE PARTOUT. Have you learned? We have the outfits and free instruction books. Gold and silver bindings at 20 cents per roll, colors at 10 cents. The mount board in the deep tints and red. Large stock to select from. Mail and phone orders solicited.

MARSHALL'S BOOK STORE, On the Corner.

Our good old professor, Chas. F. 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 have been expecting a fire.

The insurance companies understand 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 calculation 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.

It is ordered that Mark Gregory be dismissed from county home. It is ordered that F. V. Gaston as outside pauper be dropped from the outside pauper list. Elizabeth Mincey and daughter are declared paupers and allowed to go to county home. Plato Carpenter relieved of road duty on account of infirmity. 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. Garrett, 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 report 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 to go to the County Home. Thomas Kiser is granted a permanent road exemption.

She and It. 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 accorded the feminine gender—"she"—while the States added to the Union after its formation have been neutral—"it." Therefore North Carolina is "she" and South Dakota "it."

Gray Mule Dead. Concord Tribune. The large gray mule of County Commissioner R. F. Cline died yesterday. [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 mule-colorings, the above item may help to answer the question—GASTONIA.] Ex-Judge Adams, of Greensboro, who has been seeking a Federal 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, which he declined.