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BIG FIRE IN STATESVILLE.

Loss Over \$50,000—Nine Firms Suffer.

Charlotte Observer. Statesville, March 27.—Fire started about seven o'clock tonight in a two-story brick building on West Broad street occupied by Wilson's tailor shop on the first floor and Leary's photograph gallery on the second floor. The rear of the building was occupied as storage room by the Lazenby-Montgomery Hardware Co. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it had made such headway that it could not be confined to this building. The Wilhelm Company's wholesale clothing store, on the west, was so much higher than the burning building that it escaped and the wind carried the fire eastward. The next building, occupied by W. P. McLean, with a stock of groceries and the hall on the second floor used as Salvation Army barracks, was the next to go. The next building was occupied by J. U. Lamprecht's plumbing and general repair shop. On the second floor was Capt. P. C. Carlton's insurance office and the public library. The fourth building was occupied by Fry & Phifer, with a general stock, Clark's cigar factory being on the second floor.

Here the fire was stopped, leaving two more two-story brick buildings in the block on the east, Mills & Poston's department store and the Morrison & Sons Co., wholesale grocers. The first two buildings burned comprised the old stand of Wallace Brothers. They were owned by Mrs. M. L. Gunn and it is understood that she carried no insurance. The building in which the fire started and the one adjoining were completely destroyed, the walls falling down. The other two buildings burned were owned by Dr. J. J. Mott. It is understood that he carried \$5,000 insurance.

Some of the stocks of goods about all in some instances, were carried from the burning buildings and, of course, were badly damaged. Stocks were also carried from Mills & Poston's store and other buildings in the path of the fire, in anticipation of the worst. The loss on stocks cannot be estimated tonight with any accuracy nor is the amount of insurance known.

The loss on buildings will reach \$20,000 or more and the total gross loss is possibly \$40,000 or \$50,000. It is the biggest fire Statesville has had in more than a dozen years. There was abundance of water and, after desperate work, the firemen, volunteers and others, got the fire under control. Soon after the fire started help was asked from Salisbury and a prompt response was given, but it did not arrive until the fire was under control. Mayor Boyden and several Salisbury citizens came with the fire team of 100 men. Charlotte and Spencer kindly offered their services which Statesville appreciates.

Thirteen carloads of walnut logs were shipped from Stroud, O. T., to Germany in one week recently and eight carloads were shipped from Depew, O. T., to the same country. At Mobile, Ala., 1800 pieces of saw timber, averaging 33 cubic feet, sold for 30 cents per foot, which is said to be the highest price ever paid for sawed timber on that market.

Family Reunion of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Spencer.

Our Church Record.

There was a very unique and interesting family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Spencer on Tuesday, March, 20th. The occasion was the celebration of the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and also of Mrs. Spencer's birthday. Thirty-six were in attendance, consisting of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, their brothers and sisters and their children, and two ministers. Mrs. Spencer served a bountiful and elegant dinner, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance. After dinner and the enjoyment of games and the exchange of wit and humor, the whole company convened in one room. The pastor at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, read an appropriate selection of the Scriptures and made a short address on the subject of the blessings of a godly home, one's birth, one's marriage and the making of a Christian home representing the greatest things in one's life. This gathering was the celebration and the manifestation of these events. After the address all united in prayer. It was a beautiful sight to see this large family assembled under such favorable circumstances. May God's blessing rest upon this home for generations to come.

Prof. Hume Goes to Canada.

Progressive Farmer.

Prof. H. Harold Hume, Horticulturist of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, has accepted the position of Professor of Horticulture in McDonald College, near Montreal, Canada, and will leave North Carolina September 1st. This announcement is not only a matter of personal sorrow to the many friends to whom Prof. Hume has endeared himself, but will be regretted by thousands who have heard him at our Farmers' Institutes or who know in other ways of the remarkably faithful and efficient service he has rendered the agricultural interests of the State. We are grieved to lose him.

Tillman to Write a Book.

Charlotte News and Courier.

Senator B. R. Tillman, whose second term in the senate will close next March, is engaged in writing "A Defence of the Senate" for publication. Discussing the task he has assumed, Senator Tillman admitted that his views of the senate had been tempered somewhat by his years of service in that body. He concedes that there is more public usefulness in the senate than he believed it to contain in the early part of his service, which recalls a speech made by Senator Hale of Maine, in reply to Senator Tillman's attack on the president because of the Mrs. Minor Morris incident. Mr. Hale suggested that the senator from South Carolina afforded a striking illustration of the men whose views were mellowed by service in that body.

The rapid change in the personnel of the senate is illustrated by the fact that at the close of his second term, Mr. Tillman is fourteenth in point of seniority of service in a body composed of ninety members.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Recorder.

The Masonic hall is being replastered and otherwise renovated for the first time in many years.

An official notice gives information of a big cotton rally to be held in Yorkville next Saturday afternoon.

A commission for a charter has been issued to the People's Bank and Trust company of Hickory, in York county, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The incorporators are Charles L. Cobb, R. M. London, C. W. F. Spencer, J. S. Wilkerson and T. M. Wilson.

News was received here last Friday of the death of Mr. Daniel W. Smith, which occurred at Dallas, Texas, on the 12th instant. The deceased was a native of York county, and a brother of Mr. Joseph A. Smith of the Beersheba neighborhood. He lived in this county until about 1872 or 1873, when he went to Texas to escape arrest in connection with the KKK operations. He remained in Texas until some few years ago when he returned on a visit and shortly afterward he decided to move back here to spend the remainder of his days with his relatives and former neighbors. This was about two years ago. His health soon gave way, however, and he grew gradually worse until he began to see the end. He left for Texas about two months ago in the hope of being benefited by the change; but there was no improvement. There was some organic trouble with his heart. Mr. Smith was fifty-five years of age on the 4th day of last July. He leaves a widow but no children.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis Still Charming.

New York Press.

Dr. Osler, disbeliever in longevity, would have been woefully displeased had he been present at the recent wedding of Miss Mary S. Bateson to Mr. E. Y. Gibson Gilliard. The young bride is a grandniece of Jefferson Davis, and Mrs. Davis, very sweet and distinguished, was present. Although she is 81 years old, she was one of the brightest and most animated guests, and the buds felt obliged to look to their laurels lest they should be compelled to take a back seat.

Left Wife for 19 Years.

Salisbury Post.

After nineteen years of separation from his wife, Alfred Roscoe, aged sixty-six, returned to his home last Saturday night, begged forgiveness of the woman he had deserted and was again taken into his home and forgiven.

Without any apparent cause he deserted his family, going West. He soon repented, but was afraid to face his wife, and so he turned into a traveller. In his travels he amassed a fortune, which he placed at the disposal of his wronged wife, who has struggled through all these years keeping boarders. According to Roscoe's own story, his conscience finally overcame him. His first happy days since he left were spent Sunday and Monday.

The New Way of Building a House.

Charlotte Chronicle, 26th.

The construction of the Selwyn Hotel, in this city affords a striking comparison between old methods and the new. Inside the towering four walls of the building there is no plank flooring, no wooden partitions. All is steel, tile and cement. Hoisting engines send the workmen up by elevators. There are no ladders and hod carriers. There is a machine run by a steam engine that mixes the cement for the floors of the hotel. A string of darkies with wheelbarrows is kept in line. As soon as one gets his barrow filled from the mixer, he wheels his load into the building, takes the elevator and is whirled up to whatever floor he may be working on. The old-time cry of "more mortar!" is never heard. The steam elevators bring up the supply in a jiffy. The Selwyn will be completed in six months. Under the old order of things it would not be completed within a year.

A young woman giving her name as Alice Smoot is in jail in Greensboro for attempting to pass counterfeit money. She had over \$100 in the same coin when arrested, and it is thought there are others implicated in the affair.

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A special from Waynesville says: Between 8 and 9 o'clock Tuesday morning Samuel Ray was shot and instantly killed just below the depot here by one of a party of three men, Policemen Henry Abel, Dr. Abel, his brother, and Policeman Davenport. Ray's brother, Wiley, had been arrested by Policemen Abel and for this cause he, Sam Ray, took his Winchester and went on the war path for Abel. As a result of the coroner's inquest Dr. Abel and his brother were bound over to court in the sum of \$1,500 each. Both gave bond. It is believed that the killing was done in self defence.

Lumberton is to have two new cotton mills in the near future. Already half of the capital stock of each has been subscribed.

The formal opening of the Jamestown Exposition has been set for April 20th, 1907, instead of May 13, 1907, as originally planned. It was on April 26, 1867, that the English settlers in the London company first embarked at Cape Henry, Va., and in the desire to fittingly celebrate the 300th anniversary of that event it is found the reason for changing the date of the formal opening.

Revival Converts Pay Old Debts

Genuine Results of Philadelphia's Great Religious Wave, Which Is Daily Reforming Scores of All Classes.

Conscience Money Sent to a Grocer, Milk Dealer and the United States Government by Converts of the Torrey and Alexander Meetings—An Illustration of the Joy of Christianity.

By GEORGE T. B. DAVIS. The revival campaign led by Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander is sweeping over Philadelphia and the surrounding country like a tidal wave. Scores of men, women and children of all classes are being converted daily, and revival fires are being lighted in local churches in every part of the city.

Conductors and motormen are being converted as they ride along on their cars. Several prisoners in the Eastern penitentiary here in Philadelphia have been converted through the efforts of zealous workers from the revival meetings. Even newspaper reporters are catching the fire. Two reporters on leading Philadelphia dailies are active soul winners. One of them, who reports the revival meetings each day, gets off on Sundays and devotes the entire day to doing personal work at the revival meetings. A business man has been fired with such zeal that he recently went down and addressed over 200 employees of the Stetson Hat company, and when he made an appeal for donations twelve of the employees boldly stood up and said they would accept Christ.

Converts Paying Old Debts.

The genuineness of the revival converts is being shown by the old debts which are being paid up by them and by the conscience money which is being sent back for things stolen years ago. A grocer recently received the following letter including 20 cents in stamps:

Dear Sir—Years ago I stole a small basket of grapes from in front of your store. I have been to the Torrey-Alexander meetings and heard the story that we would never have any peace as long as we had any sin on our minds. Please accept the sin as payment, which I think fully covers the cost of the grapes. I will now feel better and hope you are a Christian or, if not, will become one, as it is the only life for this world and surely the best for the next. From one who is trying to make up for past sins. Sincerely, W.

A milk dealer in Camden, N. J., is heartily in favor of the Philadelphia revival, for he has benefited by it to the extent of \$227. A few days ago a friend of his was talking with another man in a department store in Philadelphia. A woman who stood by overheard their conversation and called the milkman's friend aside. "You live in Camden?" she asked. Being answered in the affirmative, she said, "Do you know Mr. H., the milkman?" "I do," was the reply.

"Then will you kindly give him this money that I have owed him for several years?" she asked, producing \$27. "Never mind the name," Mr. H. will know it when he looks over his accounts. Have you heard Torrey yet? Well, do try and hear him; he's splendid."

The principal of a high school for girls has received an anonymous letter including \$5 for books taken from the school twenty years ago. In her letter to the principal the writer declared that she had been converted through her attendance at the Torrey-Alexander meetings. The \$5 has been sent to the office of the city treasurer.

The collector of the internal revenue office at Philadelphia believes that the Torrey-Alexander meetings are responsible for the conversion of an unknown person who sent \$50 for the conscience fund of the revenue department.

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