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BIG HOTEL FIRE AT SOUTHERN PINES

The Alpha Hotel Burned Last Night.

POSTOFFICE AND BANK ARE IN RUINS

Less Will be Covered by \$10,000—Fire Engine Was of No Service—Two Fires in One Day—Quick Work of Flames.

There were two fires yesterday at Southern Pines, the first completely destroying the dwelling of a colored man named Douglas and the other burning to the ground the Alpha Hotel, at which there were about thirty-five winter guests, and in which was situated the bank and postoffice.

The dwelling of the man Douglas is situated on the further side of the town from the railroad station and is far distant from the immense eastern that was recently placed in the center of the town for use in the event of fire. The fire engine, recently purchased and placed in Southern Pines was of no value at either fire, and in the case of the dwelling the hose would not reach within a quarter of a mile of the building, though it is within the limits of the town. The house burned quickly and little of the household goods was saved. No one was injured in the fire.

About 11 o'clock last night, fire was discovered in the Alpha Hotel. Flames began pouring from the rear portion of the dining room or the front of the kitchen and it was a question of a moment only before the entire hotel was going up in flames.

The guests were nearly all in their rooms, though a few of them were away from the hotel. Several had already retired and they were forced to run from the burning building half dressed into the cold. The hand pump fire engine was rushed to the scene and worked well. However, the hose was too short and only reached within fifty yards of the building and could be used for no good purpose until the danger had passed and the building was in ruins.

The houses near by came near being destroyed and were saved only by timely assistance rendered by neighbors with lines of buckets passing water to the scorching structures. The wind was blowing from the rear of the hotel and in this way fanned the fire so that it went up in volumes, consuming the entire building. If the wind had been from another direction, the building on the adjoining property would have been destroyed. It was less than an hour until the hotel had burned even with the ground and the household goods that had not been saved, kept up the fire until early this morning.

No rapidly did the flames make devastation that few things were saved. In the Post Office, which was in the far end of the building from the fire's origin, all of the mail was saved with the exception of the letters and packages that had been distributed in the boxes.

No one seemed to know what was the condition in the bank. The money was kept in a large iron safe and it was believed by competent judges that the short duration of the fire would prevent the destruction of the safe and the consuming of the paper money within. Last night the safe was buried in the burning fuel. It was surrounded by the hottest fire, and many thought that the currency would be melted. One of those present was of the opinion that the safe was lined with asbestos and in that event there was no danger of the paper money being damaged or the currency melted.

The bank's books were in the safe, though a few of them, these of less importance, were lying on the desks and only a few of them were saved. The bank furniture was completely consumed.

The Alpha Hotel was owned by the Postmaster, Mr. M. A. Clark. It was one of the first of the hotels built at that famous resort, and had excellent accommodations. Though it was smaller than the other hotels at Southern Pines, it was well appointed and had the best of conveniences to be afforded there.

The total loss may not exceed \$10,000. In the hotel fire there were many people slightly injured. No one was very seriously hurt, but the burns were painful.

Dr. L. A. Scruggs, the colored physician of this city, who is in charge of the Colored Sanitarium at Southern Pines, rendered assistance at the fire in attempting to save valuables for some of the guests. He was not seriously hurt, but came out with burned hands.

The fire caused much discussion among the people at Southern Pines, the inadequate facilities for the prevention of fires and for the saving of the buildings at that place in the event of fire. There is an immense eastern in the center of the town, but others are needed in other sections, more hose is needed, and a steam fire engine is considered an absolute necessity.

Last year, one of the hotels near the site of the fire of last night, was destroyed by fire.

It is not known how much insurance was held on the Alpha, if any.

WARMER WEATHER.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair, warmer tonight and Tuesday. Fine, clear weather now prevails throughout almost the entire United States. The temperature, although still below freezing everywhere except in southern Florida and Texas, has already risen considerably, and will continue to rise rapidly during the next few days. A moderate depression exists over Kansas which is causing southerly winds west of the Mississippi. The portion of the high area in the Gulf of Mexico presages a period of fair weather.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mr. A. P. Massey, Travelling Passenger Agent of the Boston and Maine Railroad, is in the city today. He has the same initials as Mr. Albert P. Massey, formerly of Raleigh, this morning a gentleman at the Union Station called Prof. W. P. Massey up over the telephone and astonished him with the information that Mr. A. P. Massey was in the depot; Prof. Massey naturally supposing that the visitor must be his son, Mr. A. P. Massey, of New York.

Col. W. J. Hicks, superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, is in the city. Mr. Robert Lumsden says that he has secured 14 gross of bottles and is bottling up this cold air will supply it to customers here next summer. He uses the Lumsden Cold Air Process, and says that he is ready to take orders.

Mr. A. M. McPheters, Sr., who has been very ill at his home, on Dawson Street, is very much better. This is most gratifying news to every one in Raleigh, for no man is more greatly missed than Mr. McPheters. All trust that he may be out soon.

The Monday Evening Club will meet at the Governor's Mansion tonight at 8 o'clock. Interesting papers are to be read by Mrs. D. W. Dorey, Mr. Sapp, and Prof. Mims, of Trinity College. Besides the literary program, there are to be several musical numbers added for the evening's pleasure.

The Schumann Concert tonight promises to be a most enjoyable musical treat. The company played twice at Greensboro this past week, and on the last occasion had a crowded house.

Col. Thos. S. Keatts returned home last night on the Atlantic Special.

Mr. W. E. Christian, of Portsmouth, was in Raleigh yesterday morning shaking hands with his many friends in this city.

The Daughters of the Revolution will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. D. H. Hill. Papers will be read on the life of George Washington. The ladies have decided not to read original papers, but to read selections that have been considered excellent by competent critics.

The committee arranging for the gathering of the Old Maids' Convention announce that everything is ready for the reception of the delegates and the audience. Music is to be rendered by the band from the Blind Institution. Dr. Dixon, Miss Reynolds, Miss Eliza Paul, Mr. Will Royall and the other important characters have prepared their parts so that the convention may expect anything and not be surprised with what is given. It will be good. About that there is no doubt. The seats have been placed on a slight knoll, and it is probable that every inch of space will be occupied. The only difference between the Old Maids' Convention and the Populist, Democratic and Republican Conventions is that there is not a single point of resemblance. The audience will be larger, and unselfish instead of selfish motives will prompt the action of the old maids, where the contrary is true in other conventions.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards left yesterday for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Mr. Edwards will attend the session of the Baptist Pres. Association.

Expected to arrive at the Atlantic Coast Life Ticket Office at Wilmington, Saturday night, broke open the chest drawer and secured \$100. There is no clue to the thieves.

Rev. John Douglass, of Clinton, preached two excellent sermons in Raleigh yesterday. In the morning he preached at the Baptist Tabernacle and in the evening in the First Baptist Church. He was listened to with the closest attention, and both discourses received praise from all.

The leading local attraction this week is the presentation by amateurs of "A Fisherman's Luck," a charming comedy drama that realistically portrays life on the Maine coast. The piece will be put on at the Academy of Music February 22 and 23.

The Olfa Podrida Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at Mrs. C. G. Latta's, at 4 o'clock.

Major William A. Gifford, of Durham, is in Raleigh today on leave of absence.

Freight and passenger traffic on both the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, greatly increased during January, over the same month a year ago.

Mr. M. Ryan, Assistant Director of the Agricultural School, leaves tomorrow for Nashville in the interest of the school.

Grand Sachem Davis, of Wilmington, of the Order of Red Men, is in the city.

The Citizens National Bank is today the scene of great activity. Workmen are busily engaged in placing the round safe for cash. It is something entirely new and has been inspected today by hundreds of passers by.

Captain Fowler, formerly of this city, but now agent of the Seaboard Air Line, at Aberdeen, spent Sunday in the Raleigh.

A number of young men were yesterday given examination for permission in the service of the Seaboard Air Line. The examinations were held in the office on Millfill Street and about twenty young men took the examination.

Mr. T. R. Mosley has returned from a visit in Virginia.

Miss Agnes Pringle, Miss Charlotte Tarrant, Miss Grace C. Caborn and Miss Zulene Bacon, of the Schumann Concert Company, are guests at the Yarrborough House.

The Commercial and Farmer's Bank statement, published in the Times-Visitor this afternoon shows that financial institution to be one of the strongest in the South. It is managed by capable financiers, as are to be found in North Carolina, and Raleigh is greatly proud of this bank.

General Passenger Agent Allen, of the Seaboard Air Line, was in Raleigh yesterday, on private car "C," of the system.

YELLOW FEVER.

New York, Feb. 19.—The steamer Tarragona, of Santos, arrived today and reported one death on the voyage from yellow fever. Fireman Schmidt is ill with yellow fever and was taken to Swinburne Island.

LAST RESISTANCE AT BLOEINFONTEIN

Cronje Expected to Make Final Desperate Stand

GEN. BULLER MAKES NUMEROUS CAPTURES

Kruger's Plan is to Send the Boer Women into the Army and Thus Elicit the Sympathy of Europe.

Modder River, Feb. 19.—General Kelly-Kenny's division of infantry, with a regiment of mounted rifles, is still hanging to the rear of the retreating Boers. Every ravine, bog, or natural means of defence they attempt to make a stand, and use the light guns of which they have very few, and then go on. At each of these stands they abandon huge piles of stores and ammunition, so that up to the afternoon the British have captured over a hundred and fifty wagons and over fifteen hundred head of oxen. Many wagons, full of ammunition, have been found addressed to the Transvaal government, via Delagoa Bay. This fact is believed to prove that the Boers are still getting war supplies through Portuguese territory, though it may have been obtained before the war began. It is likely that General Cronje is far ahead of the rear guard, and is now within sight or in the neighborhood of Bloemfontein, where he is expected to make the last desperate resistance. There will be no let up in the forward movement of the British. They will give the Boers no time to recuperate, but will begin to attack Bloemfontein as soon as the big guns can be brought to the front.

BULLER'S MOVEMENTS.
London, Feb. 19.—It is announced officially that General Buller reports that Kruger's division, comprising a number of captured rifles and a number of prisoners. He took the southern rail of M. and C. A. A difficult measure and of full importance in Buller's movements is that he manages to seize Hlangwa will be cleared of another crossing of the Tugela, and make another attempt to reach Ladysmith by a direct road to the north.

BRITISH CAPTURE.
London, Feb. 19.—The War Office has issued an undated despatch from Gen. Buller which says: "The enemy, after slight resistance, abandoned their strong position, and were driven across Tugela river. The second brigade, under General Buller, captured several camps, a wagon load of ammunition, a load of supplies, and a few prisoners. I don't think our casualties are heavy."

BOER WOMEN TO FIGHT.
London, Feb. 19.—William I. Stead, editor of the Review, criticizes that President Kruger plans to make England pay a price that will suggest humanity for their victory over the Transvaal, is to fill the trenches with women. It is believed that such a course of action would arouse the world's sympathy and join in up to the strongest that it would check England and result in peace to honorable terms.

DRINKING ON SUNDAY.
Mayor Fowell Doing His Best to Break Up the Custom.

Sunday drinking in Raleigh is receiving the most earnest attention from the city authorities and Mayor Fowell and Chief of Police Mullins are doing all in their power to break up the custom.

Sunday liquor selling has been dealt some death blows and now the authorities are trying to get the best of those who buy jugs of wine on Saturday to use for tanking purposes.

Ed Jackson, C. E. Kelly and Nick Coker, who were arrested on Saturday afternoon, are on Saturday afternoon. They took the whiskey into the Yarrborough Hotel, and then they stepped and slipped and two wandered away staggering on the streets and the third was left alone, clinging to the curb.

In the Mayor's Court the three men were charged with drunk and down, and Mayor Fowell fined each \$7.25.

Hardy Parker was fined \$2.25 for disorderly conduct. Saturday night he indulged too freely in profane language. His cursing was not to the liking of those near him, so he went to the station house to abide the officer.

Tom Price, colored, charged with the larceny of \$3 from R. the G.H., was arraigned this morning, but was so drunk that he went to sleep in the court room. He was given until three o'clock to sober up, and at that hour was ready for trial.

The evidence was of such a nature as to cause the Mayor to find Price over to court on \$25 bond.

Three cases and five defendants—all on account of excessive drinking.

BOERS RETIRING.
Cape Town, Sunday, Feb. 19.—The Boers are retiring. General Buller's forces are now entering Dordrecht.

COTTON UNCHANGED.
New York, Feb. 19.—The cotton market is quiet unexcited, and there is no change in the quotations.

CUBAN GIRL ENTERS COLLEGE.
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 17.—Senorita Amalia Mendez Contreras, of Ciego de Avila, Cuba, a 15-year-old girl, has arrived in Asheville to enter the Asheville College for young women. She is said to be of distinguished family, and while she cannot yet speak English, gives promise of learning rapidly.

\$1,000,000 CAPITAL STOCK

The Lory Cotton Mill Near Gastonia, N. C.

ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE SOUTH

The Greensboro Publishing Company Incorporated Today.

One of the largest cotton mills in the entire South was today incorporated in the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina. The name of the corporation is The Lory Mills, to be located near Gastonia, in Gaston County.

The capital stock, shall be one million dollars, divided into 100,000 shares, each of \$10.00. The object of the corporation is the manufacture and sale of cotton, yarns and clothing cotton fabrics, the sale of merchandise and the carrying on such business as shall be in keeping, or necessary with the success of the company.

The incorporators are: J. E. Love, George A. Gray, Fred Terence, J. M. Smith and W. T. Rankin.

The Greensboro Publishing Company, of Greensboro, Guilford County, was incorporated today with a capital of \$1,000,000. The incorporators are C. G. Wright, C. H. Ireland, A. W. McCallister, J. S. Hunter, J. M. Hendrix, J. Van Dine, J. W. T. W. L. Gibson, R. W. Brooks, and J. W. Scott.

This company will publish the Greensboro Telegram, an afternoon paper, here.

MR. AND MRS. MCKINLEY HERE.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McKinley, brother and sister-in-law of the President, were in Raleigh for several hours yesterday morning. While they were in Raleigh, Mrs. McKinley had them as her guests at the Mansion and took them for a short drive through the city. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley received a number of callers at the depot, where they were met by a crowd.

Mr. McKinley spoke of his visit to the South as most enjoyable. He has been to Charlotte and Southern Pines, and spoke most favorably of the development and progress along the coast of the Seaboard Air Line, through which his train passed. He intends coming South again next winter.

OLD MAID'S CONVENTION

Great Gathering in Metropolitan Hall Tomorrow Night

The Old Maids' Convention will convene tomorrow night, at 8:30 o'clock, in Metropolitan Hall. Those who are single and desirous of their lot in life, and so, in hope, improving their condition, have decided to hold a public convention. At this meeting they will then discuss the prospects of a change in life's homecoming journey.

The first session will be at the railway station where the reception committee will meet the delegates upon their arrival on the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway. They will then depart for the convention hall.

Some will be in the convention hall, a reported will enter and be discussed without ceremony. The convention will then be called to order.

Some third will be the evening session of the convention. An address of welcome will be made and responded to. Report will be received from states, for glories and prospects. Resolutions as to the course to be pursued with various notable single gentlemen in Raleigh will be discussed, and probably passed. Animated speeches are anticipated from some of the delegates.

The following delegates have been notified.

The admission will be 50 cents and 25 cents. Tickets on sale at King's Drug Store.

MAYO DROPPED DEAD.
Quebec, Feb. 18.—Edwin Mayo, the actor, who appeared in Montreal last week in "Punchinello" dropped dead here at the Chateau Frontenac this morning.

SLASHES HIS FACE WITH A RAZOR

Cutting Scrape on Martin Street on the Sabbath.

Jim Driver and Jim Williams, two negroes who work in places on Wilmington street, had a lively engagement on Martin street, between Wilmington and Blount, and the result is that Williams is laid up with a slash on his face by a razor and Jim Driver is a fugitive from the law.

The origin of the trouble is unknown. Constable Potter happened to be passing down Martin street when he saw Jim Driver do the slashing act and retire at full speed. Constable Potter has after him but he escaped.

Williams had an ugly cut under the left eye and across his face, but it is not serious.

Driver has not been arrested yet.

LOVE DEFIES BOLTS AND BARS.
Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 17.—Ella Zilske, 16-years-old daughter of a well known German citizen, tonight came down a rope from the second story of her father's house and fled with her young professor of hypnotism. The professor's name is Arthur Grossbach. Several weeks ago the parents, objecting to Grossbach's attentions, decided to place her under restraint. They accordingly locked her in her room. Tonight she escaped. There was a carriage waiting in the alley back of the Zilske residence.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Wake County Sunday School Teachers to Meet March 3rd.

President C. J. Wharton, of the Wake County Sunday School Teachers Association, has issued the following call: "The annual meeting of the Wake County Sunday School Convention will be held in the city of Raleigh on Saturday March 3rd, 1900, at 11 a. m., in the Sunday School room of the First Presbyterian Church."

Every white Sunday School in the county is entitled to three delegates, and it is earnestly hoped that each school will be represented.

Resolves the matter of business, it is desired to organize the County for permanent and thorough work.

J. W. LEE IN TROUBLE.

The Evangelist Said to Be in Disgrace in Washington City.

The Rev. J. W. Lee, formerly of Greensboro, is well known in Raleigh. He came to this city and denounced the mayor, the board of aldermen, the State officials and others, whose names he, according to published reports about him, is unworthy to touch. He held for a rebellion till during the last Legislature.

He was tried by a church held in Greensboro, but lost his case, for him to be an excommunicant and guilty of adultery and guilty of lying. After this he went to Washington and tried to secure a position as chaplain in the army in the Philippines. He failed to get the job.

The Washington correspondent of the Asheville Gazette writes that Lee has been living immorally in Washington and has abandoned his life. This correspondent gives the details and writes in detail.

Lee evidently came here with the intention of making the town a deep rebellion for after establishing the room he tried to raise money for his cause. It is said that he has long since abandoned all the doctrines of the art of lying, and has collected in this manner as much as seventy-five dollars a week. He has had some bad luck until yesterday, when he was badly beaten out. Now it is all up with him. All his church and political friends have thrown him overboard, and an effort is being made to have the young woman concerned sent back home. Lee is known of her, except that she is from the South, in a building near North Carolina, and that she is good looking, attractive, and that she is good looking.

MISS LEWIS SPOKE.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—A young woman who held here Saturday, before the State Women's Suffrage Association, and the officers of the National Association, William's Suffrage Association, Miss Susan G. Anthony was the celebrated speaker.

Miss Helen Morris, of Long, of Asheville, N. C., president of the State Association, stated that she was among the speakers. She said she was asked to represent the State Association, and she is a devoted and efficient worker. She said she had new arguments to offer in support of woman's rights, and was in the field, and she was asked to answer the student's questions. From both and common sense, she was asked to answer the student's questions. From both and common sense, she was asked to answer the student's questions.

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SEVERE STORM SATURDAY NIGHT

Vessels Arriving at Norfolk Coated With Ice

LATER REPORTS MAY RECORD DISASTERS

Four Fishermen Frozen in Their Boats—Several Deaths From Cold—Severe Gale Drives Ships Ashore—Eight Vessels Missing.

Norfolk, Feb. 19.—Related in a late arriving telegram and report that Saturday night's storm at sea was very severe. The shores of all vessels are coated with ice.

Six fatalities are reported in this case, being a result of the cold wave.

Further advice was found frozen to death in a ditch in Portsmouth.

Katherine Smith, supposed to be still alive.

Six more fishermen at Hatteras Point were caught in a blinding snow storm and frozen in their boats.

DISASTROUS GALES.
Savannah, Feb. 19.—Gales are causing a number of shipping disasters on the Spanish coast. Three small vessels were wrecked and twenty-four men were drowned. Eight other vessels are missing. Two coasting ships and crews, including eight, are reported stranded off Spain.

FORTY HORSES BURNED.
Cleveland, Feb. 19.—Fifty-story stable of 40 horses & 1000, owned by A. C. & Co., was burned early this morning. Forty horses perished.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Problems Now Receiving Consideration of Congress.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The President has agreed to sign the bill in passing a tariff on Porto Rican products, if it should be passed by Congress, but in view of the opposition in both houses it is probable that the case will be carried by the Supreme Court before Congress takes any definite action in the matter. A bill has been brought in by the President to recover duties on Porto Rican goods paid by him to the collector of customs, on the ground that the island is a part of the United States and that no duties can be imposed upon its products. Every effort will be made to advance the case so that it may be brought before the Supreme Court at the earliest moment.

The Board of General Appraisers at New York has within the last few days decided to render a decision in a similar case, an importer named Tugley having protested against the collection of duties on goods imported by him. The Board held that as long as Porto Rico was under military rule it must pay the duties decreed by the President, but did not go into the crucial question whether it must still pay duties after Congress had adopted a scheme of civil government for it. Mr. Tugley submitted a brief argument in support of his contention, quoting an opinion delivered by Attorney General Wm. C. Brewster, August 27, 1891, in which he held that "goods imported from Porto Rico are the property of the United States and not subject to duty, because at the time of the importation the island was not a foreign territory or place." He also quoted the opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of Cross against Harrison, which held that by the cession of the treaty of peace with Mexico on February 2, 1848, Cuba became a part of the United States, and as there is nothing otherwise stipulated in the treaty with respect to commerce it became instantly a part and priviledged by the laws Congress had passed to raise revenue from duties on imports and exports. Another point of interest in this connection is that Porto Rico is officially considered part of the United States, as is the Hawaiian Islands, and the collection of customs duties on goods imported from Porto Rico is a foregone conclusion. In the application of the navigation laws it is a part of the United States. This ship that comes from Porto Rico to the United States is received as if it came from Savannah or Charleston, or any other domestic port, the cargo it carries is treated as if it came from Liverpool or Havre, or any other foreign port.

There will be a bill to know that there is now a fair chance that the Government will be given power to give out its trade regulations and laws in that form and substance, by giving the U. S. navy jurisdiction over them against them. A bill granting this has been favorably reported by the Senate committee and will unquestionably receive similar treatment from the corresponding House committee. Mr. Coker, of Ohio, wrote the Senate committee report, in which he refers the riot against the Chinese in Colorado in 1890, in which two Chinese were beaten to death and another seriously maimed; the riot in 1891 in New Orleans, occasioned by the failure of a jury to convict some Italians who belonged to a secret order called the Mafia, and who were tried for the murder of the Mayor of New Orleans; the riot in the city of the Fallah case, in which five Italians were taken from the jail and hanged. In each of these instances it was found impossible, on account of local sentiment, to successfully prosecute the perpetrators in the local courts. The foreign country involved in all of these as well as in other riots seemed to find it impossible to understand why it was that a country professing to be civilized had no power to protect foreigners. The situation was most humiliating for this country.