

THE NEWS.

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Arrival and Departure of Trains.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 10 Mail and Ex. ar. 1:22 p.m.
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SOUTH BOUND.

No. 9 Mail and Ex. de. 1:50 p.m.
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A CARD.

In view of the fact that one D. S. Lee is preaching about the country and conducting revivals, I have decided to state some facts in regard to this man that I have learned by personal experience.

On May 9th, 1906, he came to my office saying he was interested in a small printing office in Boone and wanted to buy some paper, envelopes and type. I showed him some stuff and sold him a bill of \$25.00 or \$30.00, explaining to him the type was second hand, broken fonts and sold it to him at a low price accordingly.

Well, he never finished paying for the stuff, though he repeatedly promised to do so and he now owes me a balance of \$7.25. I sent him many requests for settlement by mail to none of them has he made any reply. I met him on the streets of Lenoir and asked him for settlement, he promised to bring some of the type back, which he says he found he could not use. I told him very good, bring it back and we could adjust it. This he has never done. Finally I placed the accounts in the hands of a Collection Agency and he wrote them an insolent letter, which I have, making false statements about me. I immediately wrote him if he did not come up like a man and show a disposition to do right I would advertise him. He has paid no attention to my letter, hence this statement. Now if he has any of the religion he is pretending to preach, he will at least, do what he has promised to do and make an effort to adjust an honest debt. I have always intended to give him a liberal part of the account, if he showed a disposition to be square, not that he deserves it, but because he claims to be a preacher. If he will come in now and pay the bill and show he has religion enough to be honest, I will go him one better and give the entire amount to some worthy charity the poor house inmates, for instance, of this county or Watauga. I do not care so much for the little balance he is due me, but I do detest a man who will not tell the truth. I dislike to deal in personalities of this kind, but I want to show Mr. Lee I am as good as my word, for I wrote him I would expose him if he did not come up as he promised and act the man. I shall be glad to talk this matter over with Mr. Lee or any of his friends and respectfully refer him to chapter 8, verses 22 and 23, of the Acts of the Apostles.

Respectfully,
H. C. MARTIN.

The time for paying taxes is getting short. Will you force me to collect by law!

J. L. COTTELL,
Tax Collector.

170 Children Burned or Crushed to Death.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 4.—Pinned in narrow hallways, jammed up against doors that only opened inward, between one hundred and sixty and one hundred and seventy children in the suburb of North Collinwood today were killed by fire, by smoke and beneath the grinding heels of their panic-stricken playmates.

The awful tragedy occurred this morning in the public school of North Collinwood, ten miles east of this city. At ten o'clock tonight one hundred and sixty-five corpses were in the same morgue Collinwood, six children were still unaccounted for and all the hospitals and houses for two miles around contained members of children, some fatally and many less seriously injured.

All of the victims were between the ages of six and fifteen years. The school contained between three hundred and ten and three hundred and twenty-five pupils, and of this entire number only about eighty are known to have left the building unhurt. It will be several days before the exact number of killed is known, as the ruins may still contain other bodies and the list of fatalities may be increased by a number of deaths among the children who are now lying in the hospitals hovering between life and death.

ONLY ONE FIRE ESCAPE.

The schoolhouse was of brick, two stories and an attic in height. The number of pupils was more

than normally large, and the smaller children had been placed in the upper part of the building. There was but one fire-escape, and that was in the rear of the building. There were two stairways, one leading to a door in front, and the other to a door in the rear. Both of these doors opened inward, and it is claimed the rear door was locked as well.

When the flames were discovered the teachers, who throughout seem to have acted with courage and self-possession and to have struggled heroically for the safety of their pupils, marshaled the little ones into column for the "fire drill," which they had often practiced.

Unfortunately the line of march in this exercise had always led to the front door and the children had not been trained to seek any other exit. The fire came from a furnace situated directly under this part of the building. When the children reached the foot of the stairs they found the flames close upon them, and so swift a rush was made for the door that in an instant a tightly-packed mass of children was piled up against it. From that second none of those who were upon any portion of the first flight of stairs had a chance for their lives. The children at the foot of the stairs attempted to fight their way back to the floor above, while those who were coming down shoved them mercilessly back into the flames below. In an instant there was a frightful panic, with two hundred of the pupils fighting for their lives.

Most of those who were killed died there. The greater part of those who escaped managed to turn back and reached the fire-escape and the windows in the rear.

Various and unconfirmed statements are made as to the cause of the fire, and also that the doors of the building had been locked at the front entrance, while but one door of the rear entry was unfastened.

The janitor, Frita Herter, himself bereaved of three children, says the doors were open, according to custom. At any rate, the congestion of fleeing children in the hallway below effectively barred the way and the little ones went to their death totally unable to evade the flames.

Within three hours after the start of the fire it had burned itself out, and the work of recovering the bodies proceeded.

A Cure for Misery.

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