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EIGHT PERISH IN THIS FIRE

Were Trapped In Their Rooms Like Rats In A Trap.

NOT NEAR FIRE ESCAPES

New York Police Do Great Work And Prevent Loss Of More Life.

New York, Jan. 2.—Eight persons died in a fire that burned out the five-story tenement house at Monroe and Pelham streets early yesterday. Six severely injured persons were sent to Gouverneur Hospital.

Only daring work by the firemen and police prevented the flames from taking a greater death toll.

The fire started in the rear of the first floor hall. Early theories that it was incendiary were proved false.

Tenement House Commissioner Murphy said afterward that the building had the fire escapes required by law. Nevertheless, all those who lost their lives were in rooms which had no direct access to fire escapes. One balcony on the Pelham street side extended the full length of the building, but that on the Monroe street front ran past only three of the six windows on each floor.

The narrow iron landing platforms were cluttered with rubbish and broken china and the ladders and braces were hung with clothes, some of which caught fire and added to the difficulty of egress.

The dead were:

Rebecca Kaplin, a widow, fifty-five years; her sons, Louis, eighteen, and Barney, seventeen; Samuel Cohen, sixty-four, who boarded with the Kaplins on the fourth floor; Isaac Weisberg and his wife, Pearl, both fifty, third floor front on the Pelham street side; Gussie Mazzin, nineteen, the only victim among the second floor tenants; and Israel Goland, thirty-five, of the top floor.

Patrolman Gucker heard a cry of "Fire!" shortly before 4 o'clock and sent in the alarm. With night stick and police whistle he quickly brought Lieut. Hauptman, Sergt. Tourle and Patrolmen O'Neill, Canavan, Waker and Murray.

By that time the flames were leaping up the narrow stairways and screaming tenants in their nightclothes were swarming on the narrow fire escapes. The policemen tried the flaming stairways, only to be driven back.

Then O'Neill took his position in front of the Monroe street escape, where dozens, crazed by fear of the licking tongues of flames, were ready to jump. Another patrolman climbed to O'Neill's shoulders and in a twinkling a cool-headed bluecoat stood on every platform of the escape straightening out the tangle and helping folk down, one after another. Similar work was done on the Pelham street side.

When the first fire apparatus arrived Capt. Simpson of Truck No. 6 raised extension ladders and many more persons were brought down.

The building belonged to Julius Solomon of No. 1235 Fifty-first street, Brooklyn. The loss was \$50,000.

Tenement House Commissioner Murphy, who at first pronounced the blaze of apparently incendiary origin, said afterward that he had based that judgment on second-hand information and if the Fire Department officials thought the blaze accidental he knew of nothing to contradict that view.

ONLY FEW CASES IN THE POLICE COURT

After several days' rest from holding police court Mayor, pro tem, Wm. Ellis, held a short session yesterday, and the following paid their respects:

Emma Jones, colored, was charged with being disorderly in the city limits and was fined with the cost.

The case of J. H. Fisher was continued on account of the absence of his counsel.

HAVE MOVED INTO NEW QUARTERS

The New Bern Motor Car Company, of which D. H. Gaskins is the proprietor, have moved into new and more commodious quarters, No. 14 Craven street. The building was formerly occupied by the Hyman Supply Company.

Miss Eloise Lloyd, of Durham, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of Miss Charlotte Howard.

DR. B. C. HYDE TO GO ON TRIAL TUESDAY

FOR FOURTH TIME WILL HE FACE THE COURT.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—The case of Dr. B. C. Hyde, the Kansas City physician who for more than four years has been under indictment on the charge of murdering Colonel Thomas H. Swope, will be called for trial Tuesday. This will be the fourth trial of the famous case. Dr. Hyde was first tried in May, 1910, convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life. The higher court remanded the case for a new trial. The second trial ended abruptly when one of the jurors escaped from the marshals and disappeared. The third trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

Colonel Swope, widely known as a millionaire and philanthropist, was an uncle of Dr. Hyde's wife. The motive assigned for the alleged murder was a desire on the part of the physician that his wife might come into immediate possession of some of the Swope fortune.

Colonel Swope died Oct. 3, 1909. His death followed soon after he had suffered a severe convulsion and this convulsion, it was charged by the members of the Swope family, followed immediately after the administration of a capsule given by direction of Dr. Hyde. It was proved at the first trial that the physician had purchased cyanide of potassium in five-grain capsules. Dr. Hyde claimed that he bought the cyanide capsules to kill roaches in his office.

Two days before the death of Colonel Swope, Miss Hunton, a cousin of the millionaire died at the Swope home following a stroke of apoplexy. Dr. Hyde had treated Hunton. Beginning early in the December following, an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in the Swope household during which ten members of the family were stricken and one died.

In all, Dr. Hyde was indicted on eleven counts, the remaining indictments charging him with trying to murder members of the Swope family by introducing typhoid germs and poisons into the medicines administered by him.

At the end of the third trial, in which the jury disagreed, doubt was expressed whether Dr. Hyde would be tried again, owing to the enormous expense already incurred by the prosecution. Since the first trial a number of the principal witnesses have died.

ON SLOW NEGRO KILLED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

JIM HAWKINS MET TRAGIC DEATH AT MARINES.

(Special to the Journal.)
Marines, Jan. 2.—While attempting to shoot Garfield White, Robt. Foyville, Christmas Day, shot to death one Jim Hawkins.

All three are negroes and were at the home of another negro named Bell, near here.

It is said that the negroes had been hunting and had doubtless taken on too much "joy water," when Robert Foyville became angry with Garfield White, and in effort to shoot White, the load, which was small shot in single barrel breach loader, went wide and struck James Hawkins in the forehead causing instant death. The negro made his escape and as yet has not been located.

LEMON JAG LATEST

Man Tanks Up And Kills His Wife.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 2.—James L. Bolejack, aged sixty years, this morning shot and killed his wife in their home at Charlotte. When arrested by the chief of police and coroner, Bolejack had in his possession six bottles of lemon extract, one of which was partially consumed.

The officers say they have found several instances recently where arrests were necessary on account of intoxication from this liquid.

Switzerland is going to put a tax on musical instruments, but not so great a tax as some musical instruments are to the non-musician.

BOAT LINE WANTED BY BUSINESS MEN

Chamber of Commerce To Send Delegation to Norfolk to Confer With Organization In That City

If it is within the power of the business men of New Bern to get a boat line in operation between this city and Norfolk it will be done, and done quickly. Last night the Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce held a very important meeting and discussed this matter.

The result of the meeting was the determination of the committee to appoint a sub-committee to go to Norfolk with M. R. Beaman, the freight rate expert who has been in New Bern for several weeks, and confer with W. A. Cox, traffic manager of the Chamber of Commerce in that city, relative to the establishment of a boat line between Norfolk and New Bern. This committee will probably be appointed today and will doubtless go to Norfolk on Tuesday of next week.

The committee also instructed Mr. Beaman to make further inquiries in regard to the purchase of a small steamer to be operated between the two cities. It is known that a number of such vessels are lying idle around the

Northern ports and it is believed that one can be secured at nominal terms.

Before the meeting came to a close W. F. Aberley was appointed as a committee of one to go to Raleigh with Mr. Beaman and appear before the Corporation Commission and ask for a date on which New Bern can have a hearing in regard to the charges for the wharfage of lumber. Mr. Aberley and Mr. Beaman will probably make this trip during the latter part of next week.

The people of New Bern want a boat line and are going to have one if there is any possible way to get it. Today the first boat between Wilmington and the North will arrive at Wilmington. There is no reason why, in a few short weeks, a similar boat should not land here. While it is not generally known, there is a steamer operated between Beaufort and Norfolk. A small one, it is true, but nevertheless a freight carrying steamer. If Beaufort can afford a boat line to Norfolk, it is a certainty that New Bern can have one.

MISS DAISY EDWARDS IS RAPIDLY IMPROVING

YOUNG LADY RUN DOWN BY TRUCK WILL RECOVER.

It will be a source of much gratification to the numerous friends of Miss Daisy Edwards, the popular stenographer in the office of C. W. Ackers, superintendent of the local division of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, to know that she is rapidly recovering from injuries sustained Thursday afternoon when she was knocked down and run over on Queen street by one of the Hyman Supply Company's heavy trucks.

As stated in the Journal yesterday morning, Ham Louther, the driver of the truck and who whipped up his horse and drove furiously to the North-east part of the city immediately after the accident, has not been apprehended. Louther turned his team over to a colored friend near Smith's Hall and at once left for parts unknown. However, the police are on the watch for him and he will be placed under arrest as soon as he can be located.

NEW YEAR SERVICE AT BAPTIST TABERNACLE

TWO SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD HERE TO MORROW.

There will be two special sermons at the Tabernacle church tomorrow. At 11 a. m. Rev. J. B. Phillips will preach the last of the series of sermons on the work of Christ on the Cross. The subject of this address will be "The Final Culmination of the work of the Cross" (for the new heaven and the new earth). At 7 p. m. the Tabernacle will render a live musical program during which time the ordinance of baptism will be administered. At the close of the song service Mr. Phillips will preach a New Year sermon. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. The public is cordially invited to each service of the day.

REMEMBERING PATRONS.

New Bern Banking & Trust Company Presenting Gifts.

As has always been their custom, the New Bern Banking and Trust Company, one of New Bern's strongest banking institutions, are presenting their patrons with a very attractive wall calendar. In addition to this the bank is also giving their patrons, those who use the telephone, a very unique arrangement which is to be attached to the telephone and on which numbers often used can be written down. Inside of this is a spring and when not in use the sheet on which the numbers are written automatically rolls into a neat and compact tube.

THE AMATEUR MINSTRELS HAVE HARD LUCK

ATTENDANCE NOT WHAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

For the second time the State Club last night presented their minstrel show for the benefit of the De Graffenried Colony Monument. Mas, also a lack, the venture proved to be a complete failure as far as securing funds for this purpose is concerned. The boys had a good show, in fact it was an excellent one, but only thirty-eight dollars was taken in and every blooming penny of this amount was taken in charge by the managers of the Masonic theatre.

Naturally the boys feel disappointed, not sore, understand, but just disgusted that so little interest was taken in their work. The success of the show would not have meant one penny in their pockets, but failure meant a defeat of all their hopes. To those who assisted them by attending, the Sing Club tenders their thanks, although useless, is greatly appreciated.

The water wagon starts off with every seat taken as usual.

LADY MINSTRELS AT THE ATHENS TODAY

Frank King's "Winning Girls" will close their week's engagement at the Athens today with the best bill of the week.

"Lady Minstrels."
Ever one who saw this act last night said it was the best ever. This show is clean and refined and has made a good impression upon our large number of patrons. Come early so as to get a good seat or come to the nine o'clock show. We have a specialty which will be a great surprise. Don't miss it.

Our picture program for today can't be beat. No. 1.

"Destiny of the Sea."

Love like a tameless tide.

No. 2.

"The Man in the Hammer."

No. 3.

"Dodging Matrimony."

This is a good comedy. One that is brim full of laughs.

Our show has pleased every one this week and it will please you today. We give you the best show in the best house in North Carolina, for the price. Don't forget our big matinee at 3:45 for 5 and 10 cents. Nights, 7:30 and 9:00 o'clock for 5, 10 and 15 cents.

We have another big company for next week. The McGeorge Musical Comedy Co. High class, refined and, up to now, a clean show catering to the better class.

No advance in Price.

HELP FARMERS SELL PRODUCTS

Agricultural Department Have Put New "Wrinkle" In Force.

WRITE FARM DEMONSTRATORS A Few Suggestions For Listing Farm Produce.

The Divisions of Markets of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station is planning to list certain products which the farmers have for sale, and to distribute this information to all who desire to use it.

Craven county's Farm Demonstrator is in receipt of the following letter from the Division:

"We are planning to list certain products which the farmers have for sale, and to distribute this information so that farmers, consumers in towns, retailers and jobbers may know where such products may be bought.

"Mr. C. R. Hudson joins with us in the request that every County Agent co-operate with us in this work. The blanks which are enclosed may be filled out as each agent makes his rounds about the County. All blanks must be filled out and returned to this office not later than January 15.

"It should be impressed upon all farmers who list their products that we do not undertake to sell anything. This is simply a news channel for buyers, whether they be farmers, general consumers or merchants. A circular setting forth the conditions upon which products are listed is enclosed in your guidelines.

"Copies of the Farmers' Market Reporter, in which the farm products will be listed, will be furnished you, and all others of the State at the same time.

"Later some instructions will be given as to proper grading and packing of products."

The following regulations for listing products in the Farmers' Market Reporter have been compiled:

"Only those products which are in the hands of the original growers or producers shall be listed.

"No products which farmers have sold to dealers shall be included.

"Farmers' organizations whose membership is limited to actual growers are permitted to list their products.

"All products listed shall be of good quality. In quoting prices to buyers an exact and honest description of the grade and character of the products for sale shall be given.

"Repeated complaints of products falling below description will result in the name of the grower being stricken from the list of future issues.

"The description given in this circular will be limited to the name and quantity of product, price and the grower's name, address and shipping point. No matter whatever of a general advertising or 'boosting' nature can be inserted, nor can publication be given of any special breeds or varieties of plants or animals.

"Any products which are not on hand but which will be produced within the present season may be included. The period within which such products will be ready for shipment should be indicated under the head of shipping date.

"The quantity of a product may be expressed in bushels, barrels, pounds, crates or car loads.

"All prices shall be listed at the rate per bushel, barrel, crate or pound, subject to change of market conditions. The local market price requested in the last column are desired solely for the information of this office as to what market conditions are, and will not be published or given out in any form. Only the price which the farmer asks will be published.

FARM LIFE SCHOOL BEGINS SPRING TERM

TEACHERS RETURN AND TAKE UP THEIR WORK AGAIN.

(Special to the Journal.)

Vanceboro, Jan. 2.—All of the teachers in the Craven county Farm Life School have returned to their respective towns.

Miss Alice Bowman, of New Bern, who has been visiting here, returned home today. She was accompanied by Miss Eunice Stewart, of this place.

WANT GOV'T. TO DREDGE RIVER

Maysville Citizens Want White Oak River Made Navigable.

ARE HAVING PETITION DRAWN

Waterway Is At Present Filled With Sunken Timber.

A number of years ago a Northern concern purchased a large tract of land near Maysville and cleared it of timber. This timber was placed in White Oak river for the purpose of being rafted but before this could be done, the firm went bankrupt and the timber was allowed to float around in the river until it sank.

Before that time there was a depth of probably ten feet or more in the river and it was easily navigable. When the waterlogged timber sank, this, naturally, obstructed the course and impeded navigation.

Yesterday J. E. McCutcheon, one of Maysville's prominent citizens, came to New Bern and is having a local attorney draw up a petition which he and the citizens of Maysville will present to the government asking that White Oak river be dredged out and the timber which has for years laid on its bed be removed in order to make the river navigable from its mouth up to Maysville.

Mr. McCutcheon is of the opinion that the timber has not in the least become decayed by lying in the water for such a long time, but thinks rather that it has been preserved. This petition will be forwarded to Washington as soon as it has been drawn up. The opening up of White Oak river will mean much to Maysville and surrounding sections and it is hoped that the Government will take favorable action in the matter.

When asked in regard to the conditions in his county and immediate section, Mr. McCutcheon told a Journal reporter that the farmers had a fairly good year and had made some money. In addition to the crops which they grew, the farmers also raised an unusually large amount of pork and in addition to having enough meat for their own needs, they had enough left over to sell and received good prices for this.

FIRST BAD ACCIDENT WAS HIS LAST ONE

ENGINEER WHO CAUSED WRECK AND KILLED FIREMAN RETIRES.

Wanchester, Va., Jan. 2.—Robert Earle, of Brunswick, Md., the engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad who in a moment of forgetfulness disregarded orders and sent the locomotive of eastbound passenger train No. 18 into that of passenger train No. 1, westbound from Baltimore and Washington, near Summit Point, W. Va., last Tuesday night, will, it is stated, never go into the engine cab again. Earle and his fireman, James Franklin Yates, 24 years old, of Midlotown, Va., were much like father and son in their relations, and when the venerable engineer saw the young man crushed and scalded to death he cried like a child.

The horrors of the fatal wreck still prey upon his mind and it is said that he has been unable to sleep more than an hour or two at a time since the accident. He has been in the engine cab more than 30 years, but the wreck of Tuesday night was the first serious mishap he had ever been in.

Fireman Yates was one of four brothers, all of whom are in the railroad service. One of the brothers, D. C. Yates, was the first to reach him. All others who were injured in the wreck are recovering.

young people of Vanceboro on the last night of the old year. This was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season and was largely attended. Among the out of town guests were Stein H. Basnight, of New Bern, and Dallas Stanton, of Ea Grange.

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