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## \$14,000 FIRE HERE SUNDAY MORNING

The W. A. Mauney & Bro. Building

with Contents go up in smoke.

The Fire Alarm was raised a little after four o'clock Sunday morning—The Building was occupied by J. B. Rhyne Store and H. T. Fulton's furniture and undertaking establishment—Nothing was saved from either building—Damage \$14,000 with \$9,500 Insurance—Re-building began Monday.

The Mauney building on Railroad avenue was destroyed by fire here Sunday morning in less than an hour. It was a three story building and was occupied by the J. B. Rhyne & Co.'s Shoe Store and H. T. Fulton's furniture and undertaking establishment. Mr. Fulton has opened up a temporary office next door to Mauney Bro's grocery store and will take care of his undertaking business right on. The contents of his safe were left in good condition and his books and accounts are all in tact.

Mr. Rhyne has not signified his intentions as to what he will do but it is suggested that he will devote his time to his business at the Sevier mill for a while at least.

### FIRE DISCOVERED.

The fire was discovered by two men who were passing through town on an automobile. We have been unable to learn who the men are or whether they were going but one of them stated that they left Charlotte at 2:30 A. M. They had stopped at the public well here which is situated about a hundred yards from the scene of the fire to put water in the automobile. "We heard something like someone breaking in the store and having no gun we hastened across to the passenger depot to report the matter to the operator, but about the time we reached the

depot the fire rushed out at the front of the building and we together with the operator gave the alarm," stated one of the gentlemen "and it must have been about 4:20 o'clock" he continued.

### STARTED IN RHYNE'S SHOE STORE.

The fire started in Rhyne's Shoe Store and evidently well to the rear of the building. The flames were within a few minutes gushing out at the top of the building and lapping over on to H. T. Fulton's Store. The people rallied to the scene in great numbers but nothing could be done to save the building or goods. Fulton's store was broken open with the hope of saving something but the smoke quickly drove the venturers out.

### GOOD WORK DONE.

With as much dispatch as could be expected from our fire fighting equipment the work of combating the flames began. Three streams were pouring into the fire just as quickly as possible and the men worked with all their might with the facilities at hand. While nothing could be done to save the Mauney building the conflagration was kept from spreading to other buildings.

### THE POSTAL AND DEPOT.

The Postal Telegraph office was next to the Mauney building with nothing but a brick wall to (Continued on Editorial Page)

## Unfailing Signs of The Advent of Spring.

When bifurcated lightnings flash and gleam upon the heaving bosom of the mad storm-king; when the inaffirmative bug is suddenly snatched from the blissful scenes of domestic tranquility, into the snapping jaws of an unscrupulous toad; when the lead-colored turtle dove chants a mournful dirge from the topmost branch of a sky-piercing tree; when the babbling brook makes sweeter music to the restless soul than the paeons of departed glory, or the songs of triumph in war; when the rosy-cheeked maiden plucks the dusky plumage from the throbbing back of a quacking goose; when the playful lamkin skips away from the lee-ward side of his maternal ancestor; when the sombre-hued swallow, with rustling pinions, darts into the dilapidated chimney of some deserted cabin; when the frisky bee martin chases the little honey-bee into the scented petals of Spring's sweetest flower; when drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds; when the plaintiff whippoorwill calls threateningly to his slumbering mate; when beetle wheels his drawing flight; when the lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea; when all the air a solemn stillness holds; when the whang-doodle mourneth for a drink of moonshine; when the fleet-winged bull bat soars to immeasurable heights and takes a sudden plunge into the unfathomable depths; when the beautiful plumaged red-bird calls cheerfully to his faithful spouse like a boy whistling for a fox-hound; when the speckle-back tick invests his poisonous proboscis into the sensitive cutis, between the unpretentious toes of some youthful swain, and irresistibly admonishes him to take off his abominable number ten, even though the timid youngster is seated by his best girl in some up-to-date synagogue; when the pretty butterfly vies with the variegated rainbow, as to which can display the greatest variety of pleasing colors; when the surly herdsman chips the fleecy wool from the quivering back of a fettered sheep; when the prattling maidens insist that they shall appear in high society in abbreviated clothing; when the boisterous boy stumpeh his great toe against a protruding root and rippeth up the curving nail thereof; when the buzzing bumble-bee pumpeth his unwise head against the unprotected ceiling in a vain endeavor to discover the shapely hole that is not; when the self-willed hornet suddenly pounces upon an unsuspecting nailhead, with the full expectation of capturing a careless fly; when the lovely dog-woop is in bloom, and the fragrant yellow jessamine perfumes the balmy breeze; when the fair-faced summer girl is seized with an unwavering desire to don a striped bathing suit and split the stormy Atlantic Ocean wide open from the electrical display known as the Aurora Borealis to the Equatorial Cloud Ring, and to watch Old Neptune kick up the "White Caps" with his watery heels; then you may be assured without the faintest shadow of a doubt, that spring, beautiful, budding, blooming and blossoming spring, has cast anchor in the safest harbor in your respective neighborhood, and may your dear little heart be just as blithesome and gay as the little song-bird out there in the orchard that is almost bursting its little throat in its attempt to fill the air to the overflowing with its rapturous music.

## EVERYBODY'S TALKING THE HERALD'S CONTEST

Miss Vernua Lindsay is Leading Contest

in First count Tuesday, April 7th.

Send in Your Name Today and Win the Handsome Piano—The Contest is Young, Now is the Time to Work—Get in the Race for it Has Just Begun—Your Chances to Win are Good as Any—Booster Period Closes April 25th, Get Every Vote Possible Before Then.

Like everyone else in Kings Mountain and vicinity you have doubtless given thought to The Herald's Great Voting Contest.

The remarkable value of the prize has astonished many and many have made interesting inquiries or sent in their nominations. This is the time to enter your name and set out to win one of the gifts offered to those who get the greatest number of votes in the great contest. It will require a little time and energy to win one of these prizes, but think of the reward. If you enter today and work steadily you may win the handsome piano or at least one of the many attractive prizes.

If you delay, the votes that might easily be yours today may by tomorrow have been promised to some more energetic candidate.

### KEEP YOUR FRIENDS IN MIND.

Do not forget any of your friends. There are plenty of them and there is a chance you may forget some until it is too late. It is a good plan to make a list of all of those you think may help you, and when a new name occurs to you get it down on the list so that no opportunity may be lost.

### MANY INQUIRIES.

A number of persons have written the contest department that they are willing to subscribe to The Herald but that they desire to wait until some one from their section enters before handing in subscription. Here is an opportunity for candidates all over the territory of the contest. This shows that there are votes to be had, not only for the asking, but simply by sending their names. These votes will come not from friends only, but from strangers as well, who are interested and want to help some one win a prize.

Persons living at a distance from Kings Mountain need not hesitate to send in the subscriptions secured by them as the votes will be mailed to the contestant for whom they are intended or else to the subscriber which ever is desired. Those living at a distance will receive the same attention and their interest will be carefully looked after, as those of the contestants living within a stone throw of the contest office.

### DON'T STAY BEHIND.

Don't sit back and allow others to get all the good things in life. Gasp the opportunities that come your way. This is one of the opportunities of a life time and you will be sorry if you do not take advantage of it.

### BE CHEERFUL.

Keep a cheerful and confident spirit. If it is apparent that you expect to win, you will get many interested who would not like to see you disappointed. They wish to be of use to someone who will make the most of whatever aid is given them. Persuade them that you are that person, and then make up your mind not to dis-

appoint them or yourself. Votes are given on old and new subscriptions paid in advance, also for those paying arrearages. work and win.

If you have any complaint to make kindly send same to the contest manager Kings Mountain Herald. We want everybody satisfied.

Above all, pay no attention to rumors. They are usually circulated by your competitors, or their friends, for the purpose of discouraging you.

Once entered, do not drop out. What if some one should be a few votes ahead today. You put some sand on the track and pass them tomorrow.

### INTEREST.

Intense interest is being taken in The Herald's great voting contest. Nothing has ever been attempted in this part of the State that has attracted such universal attention. The contest department was busy all the week answering telephone calls and explaining the contest to the many interested residents of Cleveland and Gaston counties. Some of the more progressive believe in the old adage. "The early bird is the one that catches the worm," and have taken a subscription book and are already calling on their friends and getting their subscriptions. The contestants that get started in the next few days are the ones that will have the easiest work. Now the field is new and subscriptions are easy to get, but later on when the friend has been canvassed it will be much harder to procure subscriptions than at the present time.

### DON'T FORGET BOOSTER PERIOD

Don't forget that "Booster Period" is now in full swing, and you will receive more votes for subscriptions during the first period than you will receive any other time during the contest. Booster Period ends Saturday, April 25th, and you will want to secure every subscription possible before that time. Look at the scale of votes printed elsewhere, and you will see that it is to your interest to get all your friends working for you during Booster Period. After Booster Period a smaller number of votes will be given with each subscription.

### REGULAR SCALE OF VOTES AND EXTRA VOTES.

1 year subscription	5,000 votes
15,000 extra.	
2 year subscription	12,000 votes
31,000 extra.	
3 year subscription	18,000 votes
47,000 extra.	
4 year subscription	25,000 votes
63,000 extra.	
5 year subscription	30,000 votes
80,000 extra.	

On every Monday votes are counted for next issue. Those wishing to publish their votes must vote their coupons by then.

### LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Kings Mtn.

Miss Gertie Ford..... 1,000

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## 3,233 Children In Parade.

County Commencement.

The biggest stunt to be pulled off in Cleveland County in a long time was the County Commencement in Shelby last Saturday. The weather was ideal and immediately after day dawn the wagons, buggies and autos were on the roads throughout the County all headed toward Shelby, the happiest set of bright faced children teachers committeemen, parents and friends ever seen in Cleveland soil. In the early morning they began pouring into Shelby and they kept on pouring in until you couldn't see the town for people. Crowded! why every street, store backyard and every other available spot was crowded so far as this writer could see. How many were there? We would not undertake to estimate that great throng of people who were gathered in their "holy city" in the interest of public education. If single knocker of public schools were present we imagine that he felt about like a dancing master would in Heaven. Even to an old negro was seen weeping on the Courthouse square who approached a reporter and said, "white folks it breaks my heart to see all dis and to fink I have to come up and stan befo dat judge for dabling in licker." It

was an awful place for the criminal but a glorious place for the aspiring citizen.

Shelby's doors were wide open and her people were rejoiced to give the town over for the day for those who are to make the history of the next generation.

This was Cleveland County's second annual commencement and it met with crowning success giving an impetus to education that will have a lasting influence among the boys and girls and parents in the county. Fifty-four of the 78 white school districts in the county were represented in the two-mile parade which was the leading feature of the day. The number of pupils from each school ranged in number from 20 to Shelby High School's 475.

Practically every school had their children dressed in neat uniforms following the banner of their school carried by the by the school committeemen, and under the direction of the teachers. The proud parents visitors and children not in the parade numbered fully 5,000 while by actual count 3,233 pupils were in the line of march. The Offside Renown Band headed the procession and (Continued on Editorial Page)

## Clean Up April 14th and 15th.

Days Set By City Council.

April 14th and 15th have been appointed by the city council as clean-up days and everybody in town are earnestly requested to fall in line and help to make the occasion one of great success. The Sanitation committee of the Civic League sent Mr. Geo. E. Lovell as messenger to the city council Monday night asking that the council take the matter up. The movement met the hearty approval of the council and the above named days were set.

We are instructed to say that every household is requested to clean up all garbage on their respective premises and place it at the front of the lot to be collected by and hauled away by the teams belonging to the city. No hauling from the individual houses or stores will be done on the first day as the teams will be employed cleaning up streets and other public places. But on the 15th the wagons will call at your premises and remove your rubbish. But remember now that you are expected to have it collected at a place where the wagon can reach it.

Collect tin cans, broken crockery, old tin ware, old paper old rags, and all other kinds of rubbish until your premises are clean. Bear in mind that one old tin can may raise enough mosquitoes to supply a whole neighborhood and that enough flies may raise in one pile of soggy paper to distract the town. It is also requested that all honeysuckle vines be cut down and any other shrubbery that might serve as a breeding place for flies mosquitoes or germs.

The Civic League will give their regular Prizes as follows. The child making the greatest collection of rubbish \$1.00 and to the child making the second greatest collection of rubbish 50 cents.

Mr. M. Sidenburg who is opening up a first class line of clothing and gent's furnishings in the Plunk building, has moved his family to the upper floor of the building. His family consists of his wife and four children. They move here from Franklin Virginia. The Herald wishes to welcome this family to our town and bespeaks for them a prosperous business and pleasant sojourn among us.

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