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too, that we are headquarters for anything in the MACHINE LINE. If you break down, come to us; if you need a good belt, come to us; if you want information of any kind in our line, drop in and we will do our best to accommodate you.

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## OVER \$200,000 LOST BY ROCK HILL FIRE.

Twenty-Six Stores and Offices Were Destroyed.

WAS STOPPED BY BRICK WALLS.

Engine From Charlotte Arrived Too Late—Explosion Fatally Injures a Girl; Several Citizens Wounded.

Columbia State.  
Rock Hill, April 3.—Where once the majority of the business buildings of the city stood is now a mass of smouldering ruins. The fire which burned them was the largest the town has had since about '88.

The fire originated in the old London building, occupied by the New York Racket store, and the alarm was given at 15 minutes before 1 o'clock. The fire department and citizens responded promptly, but before water could be thrown the London building was a mass of flames from front to back. A pretty strong breeze was blowing from the southwest, and had not this breeze kept up during the whole night all the south side of Main street would have been cleared. As it was the department kept water flowing pretty well, and considering the small supply of the tanks did fine work. In fact, there was more than one act of heroism performed by the "laddies" last night, as there generally is at a big fire. During the progress of the fire there was a tremendous explosion in one of the buildings which did a great deal of damage. Several of the spectators and workers were painfully injured. Mr. Geo. D. White, bookkeeper of the savings bank, was badly cut by flying debris, and was carried home insensible. Capt. Eugene Hutchins, president of the Rock Hill Cotton Mill, was painfully cut about the head. A small colored girl on the other side of the street was seriously, and it is still thought, fatally injured by the explosion, which shattered all the glass on the south side of Main street. Mr. Fred D. Marshall, manager of the telephone exchange, was run over by one of the engine horses at the beginning of the fire and very painfully injured, several ribs being fractured, besides extensive scalp wounds.

Many minor accidents not worthy of serious thought, but painfully present with the victims, occurred. Your correspondent received a very painful wrench of the ankle, making it difficult for him to get up statistics for night message.

At 4 o'clock the Charlotte fire department, which had been wired for, arrived, but by that time the fire had been gotten under control.

An alley between A. E. Smiths & Frews buildings, through which a strong breeze was blowing, the solidity of the walls of both the buildings and the great extra height of the Frew buildings—toward which the fire was progressing—saved the rest of the block and controlled the fire.

A very conservative estimate by an insurance man places the amount of damage at \$150,000, with a possible insurance of \$100,000 to \$115,000.

A list of the firms and offices burned out is as follows:  
MAIN STREET.  
A. E. Smith & Co., general merchandise.  
August Friedheim, dry goods.

The Masonic lodge.  
August Friedheim & Bro., general merchandise.

J. B. Johnson & Co., druggist.  
Dr. Wallace Fennell, physician.  
Mrs. I. Simpson & Son, dentists.  
R. T. Fewell & Co., dry goods.  
Mrs. M. Ratterree, millinery.  
George Beach, jeweler.  
New York Racket store, dry goods.  
Dr. J. M. Hunter, physician.  
P. C. Poag, insurance.  
Jno. R. London, mill office.  
J. H. Milling, groceries.  
A. J. Evans, drugs.  
Roddey's opera house.  
J. W. O'Neal, dry goods.

RAILROAD AVENUE.

J. W. O'Neal, groceries.  
New York Racket, groceries.  
Cox & Hagins, groceries.  
R. T. Fewell & Co., groceries.  
R. J. Hagins, drugs.  
Johnson & Co., groceries.  
R. H. Cowan, groceries.  
Chas. Ausband, furniture.  
The insurance companies involved are: Etna, Palatine, Northern, Norwich, Union, Delaware, American of Philadelphia; Imperial, Continental, Royal, Home of New York; London, Liverpool and Globe; Springfield, New York Underwriters; Teutonic, Hamburg-Bremen, Hartford.  
Later: The loss is not less than \$200,000; insurance about \$125,000.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for "DeWitt's Little Early Risers," and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, liver and stomach troubles. Crawford Bros.

### Voted "Yes."

The municipal election held Monday to decide whether the town would remain under the old charter or go under the new and general charter provided for towns of this class, resulted in a majority of 19 votes in favor of the new charter.

This enables the authorities to increase town taxes from 1 1/2 mills, as it was under the old charter, to 19 mills, and to extend its limits, under certain conditions, issue bonds, borrow money, etc. It also gives the Mayor power to impose fines up to \$100 for violation of its ordinances, or to commit to jail for 30 days.

### Five-Year Old Boy Drowned.

On last Wednesday afternoon while the creek was up, Reese, the 5 year old son of Mr. W. H. R. Barton was accidentally drowned in Bear Creek. Reese and several other children were playing about the creek when he accidentally slipped off the foot log into the swollen stream and was carried down and drowned. The little body was found by Mr. Henry Moses about a half mile down the stream in a raft.

The father, who was near Van Wyck with the chain gang of which he is overseer, was sent for and arrived early next morning, and the remains of the unfortunate little fellow were interred at Gills Creek church that day.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the public in this sad dispensation.

### Up-Town Express Office.

A petition is being circulated to move the express office up town. It will be a great convenience to the public to have it up town instead of at the depot. Mr. R. J. Mackard is being recommended to attend to it, if it is moved.

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## WAITING ON THE PRESIDENT.

He is Preparing a Message to Congress Which he Will Probably Present To-day.

Washington, April 3.—The opinion, almost universally held in Washington to-night by leading public men and diplomats, is that the crisis will reach its climax this week, and that the question of war or peace will be determined within the next seven days. Senators and Representatives met and conferred all day about the gravity of the situation, and at the White House the president consulted with several members of his Cabinet and other confidential advisers regarding the message which he is preparing to send to Congress. At the State, war and navy buildings active work was going on, and altogether it has been a dry day of suppressed feeling. No definite day has been yet announced when the message is to be sent to Congress and all that seems to be absolutely certain to-night is that it will not go in to-morrow; Tuesday possibly, but more probably Wednesday or perhaps Thursday. In addition to the physical work of preparing the comprehensive document upon which the President expects to rest America's case with the world, there are other reasons why those in charge of the war preparations will welcome every hour's delay.

### A Lancaster Boy Complimented at Some Length.

Referring to the West Alabama Agricultural school and Experiment Station, whose principal is Prof. E. F. Cauthen, a native of this county, the Marion County (Ala.) News says:

The News takes great pleasure in complimenting Prof. Cauthen, Prof. Moore and the entire faculty and students for the noble work all are doing. We take a greater pride in our noble institution than ever before. We feel that a new era has dawned upon the school in all of its branches, and that the most perfect success is now assured.

### Broken in Two Places.

The seven year old son of Mr. J. R. Anderson fell from the fence one day last week while playing and broke one of his legs in two places, above the knee. Drs. Witherspoon and Poore set the broken limb.

It is a great leap from the old-fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. Crawford Bros.