

**Big Fire in Bethune--Eight Business Houses Destroyed.**

Bethune special in Wednesday's State: About 4 o'clock this morning nearly half the business houses of this town were destroyed by fire. The stores were all frame buildings and burned like tinder. The fire started in the rear end of W. J. Sowell's store and in a short while seven or eight buildings were burning. The following is a list of the losses:

L. W. Copeland, general merchandise, loss \$12,000; no insurance.

King & Clyburn, groceries and hardware, loss \$1,800; insurance \$1,000.

W. J. Sowell, groceries, loss \$700; insurance \$400.

C. S. Nicholson, general merchandise, loss \$1,000; insurance \$400.

A. L. Seegars, general merchandise, loss \$1,500; insurance \$1,000.

Dispensary, loss \$3,000; insurance \$1,500.

L. G. Huckabee, groceries, loss \$400; insurance \$250.

J. E. Copeland, groceries, loss \$900; insurance \$400.

The fire was of incendiary origin.

**A Narrow Escape.**

G. W. Cloyd, a merchant, of Plunk, Mo. had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a jimson bur into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it but I would not consent. I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the bangerous wound." 25c at Crawford Bros, Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists.

**Suicide Gives Six Reasons Why He Took his Own Life.**

Chicago, Ill., May 15.—Six reasons why he killed himself were given by Beauford L. Leeds, a guest of the Warner Hotel, who was found dead in his room last night, having committed suicide by taking strychnine. The reasons were as follows:

"1—I have been dissatisfied since I was a child.

"2—I have been handicapped throughout life with deformed feet.

"3—One side of my body has been partly paralyzed for the past ten years.

"4—My right hand has been ruined by an accident.

"5—I have been a sufferer from neuralgia.

"6—I have been up against a score of financial misfortunes."

Leeds, who, it is supposed was a chemist, left a letter addressed to Miss Blanche Keller, Swanton, O, and is believed his home was at that place. He was about 30 years old.

The Miss Blanche Keller referred to in the foregoing dispatch resided in Charlotte during the winter of 1905-6, and was employed on The Evening Chronicle in the capacity of linotype operator. She was a striking blonde of 22, possessed of an attractive figure and made many friends during her sojourn here. Pictures made of her, posed in costume, by a local photographer, and displayed at his front door attracted no little attention.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste makes it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Get the booklet and a sample of Orino at Funderburk Pharmacy.

**North Carolina Sheriff Kills Man who Killed his Deputy.**

Marion, N. C., special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: A hack driver, returning from Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, tonight, gives the details of a most daring and fatal attempt to resist officers. The result is that two men, one dead, and a woman are in jail at Bakersville. Yesterday a closed carriage left Marion in the direction of Spruce Pine, which attracted more or less attention. Soon the curious were informed by two deputy sheriffs, Boone and Buchanan, of Mitchell county, who rode in town, stating that they were after Massey Sarrels. They followed him and late yesterday afternoon came upon him near Spruce Pine. When the officers were close enough Sarrels opened fire on them. After an exchange of shots Buchanan fell dead, and in a moment Sarrels was the victim of Sheriff Boone's steady aim.

The officers were armed with a bench warrant for Sarrels and his wife, charging them with highway robbery.

When your back aches it is almost invariably an indication that something is wrong with your kidneys. Weak, diseased kidneys frequently cause a break down of the entire system. DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills afford prompt relief for weak kidneys, backache, inflammation of the bladder and all urinary troubles. Sold by Crawford Bros.

**Officers Elected at Confederate Reunion.**

Division commander, Gen. Thomas W. Carwile, of Edgefield.

Commander First brigade, Gen. Zimmerman Davis, of Charleston.

Commander Second brigade, Gen. B. H. Teague, of Laurens.

Members of State board of pensions: W. H. Hardin, of Chester; Capt. D. R. Flenniken, of Columbia; Dr. B. M. Leppy, of Charleston.

Free Samples of "Preventics" and a booklet on Colds will be gladly mailed you, on request, by Dr Shoop, Racine, Wis, simply to prove merit. Preventics are little Candy Cold Cure tablets. No Quinine, no Laxative, nothing harmful whatever. Preventics prevents colds—as the name implies—when taken early, or at the "Sneeze Stage." For a seated cold or LaGrippe, break it up safely and quickly with Preventics. Sold by J F Mackey Co.

**New Name for Blacksburg.**

A drummer told this story in Yorkville a few days ago. A passenger on a western North Carolina railroad said to the conductor when the latter called for his ticket. "Here's five dollars; put me off at hell." The conductor replied that there was no such station on his road. The traveler was obdurate and insisted that hell was his destination and he demanded that the conductor comply with his request. When the train slowed up at the next station the conductor wired the superintendent for instructions and soon received the following answer: "Route him by way of Marion and have him put off at Blacksburg."

A little Kodol taken occasionally, especially after eating, will relieve sour stomach, belching and heartburn. J. B. Jones, Newport, Tenn. writes: "I am sure three one dollar bottles of your Kodol positively cured me of dyspepsia, and I can recommend it as that was three years ago and I haven't been bothered since with it." Kodol is guaranteed to give relief. Sold by Crawford Bros.

**Only for Fun.**

Many a man does nothing but hope from morning till night, then sits down and calls it a day's work.

Fools give away good advice; wise men keep theirs for home consumption.

A Kentucky dairyman is accused of selling milk with minnows in it. He probably made the mistake of milking the brook instead of the pump.—Augusta Herald.

"How is it that Smith seems to be able to do anything and go anywhere he wants without home interference?"

"Don't you know his wife is tongue-tied?"

"Ah, that is why he is foot loose."—Baltimore America.

"I say, Uncle Jack, I dreamed you gave me half a crown last night."

"Did you, my boy? Well, you can keep it."—London Tatler.

A pupil in a school near Chatham square, New York city, thus defined the word "spine:" "A spine is a long, limber bone. Your head sets on one end, and you set on the other."—Lipbincott's Magazine.

A prominent surgeon, lecturing a class of students, said:

"I was so excited at my first operation that I made a mistake."

"A serious one, sir?" asked a student.

"Oh, no," the surgeon answered. "I only took off the wrong leg."—San Antonio Express.

The glutton is always thinking of what he is going to eat, the dyspeptic of what he has just eaten.

**Notice to Our Customers.**

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. Funderburk Pharmacy.

**Mother-in-Law Slays Her Daughter's Husband as he Lies in a Stupor.**

Huntsville, Ala, May 12.—Angered because her son-in law, Frank Albright, had come home intoxicated and had driven his family away from home, Mrs. Mattie Conally killed the man as he lay in his bed in a drunken stupor. The event occurred at Maysville last night and Mrs. Conally was lodged in jail today charged with murder.

"Here's to your health and happiness"—DeWitt's Little Early Risers—famous little pills. Nasty, sick headache or biliousness may come on any time; the cure is an Early Riser. Sold by Crawford Bros.

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