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FIRE WASTE.

Few people realize the enormous losses which occur every year from fires, most of them preventable by proper care. October 9th has been named as Fire Prevention Day all over the country. The President of the United States and the Governor of South Carolina, taking note of the enormous losses in lives and property sustained by this element have issued proclamations calling on the people to take an interest in this day.

Insurance Commissioner McSwain has sent out an appeal from Columbia which gives the facts so fully and gives such good advice to people that we are taking the liberty of publishing it with out endorsement. The article says:

We ask your attention to the Proclamation of the President of the United States and of Governor Cooper. We earnestly urge every citizen of this State to co-operate in the effort to curtail the unnecessary fire waste of the nation:

"Over 15,000 of our citizens were burned to death last year and over 17,000 seriously injured," Mr. Fleming says. "Over 90 per cent. of these casualties was the result of carelessness. At the present time, according to the United States Housing Committee, more than twenty-five million of our people are living in temporary quarters. But over 65 per cent. of all fires take place in the homes, chiefly as the result of carelessness. The present commercial unrest and the increased moral hazard incident thereto calls for a larger degree of co-operation in avoiding all preventable fires. To this end we are planning a very much enlarged campaign this year."

The fire waste of the United States for the past six (6) years, as reported, averages \$248,850,000 annually, and the unreported fires will increase the figures considerably.

The cotton crop of South Carolina for the year of 1919 was approximately 1,400,000 bales, valued at \$200.00 per bale, amount to \$280,000,000.00. So that the uncontrolled fires of the United States every year destroy material values equal to the amount of the cotton crop of South Carolina.

Buildings should have non-combustible roofs and be free of concealed spaces where trash may accumulate. Electric wires and gas pipes should always be in order. Chimneys having a number of openings should be avoided. There should be separate flues for each opening, and the fire-place and grate should be arranged so as to prevent leaking of fire and hot ashes. Flues should be lined with tile and enclosed with bricks laid flat. All flues should be built from the ground.

Housekeeping might be said to include the whole catalog. Good housekeepers will not allow trash to accumulate inside or outside of the buildings—premises will be carefully inspected from day to day, and any unsatisfactory conditions promptly removed. Gasoline, kerosene, floor oils and other highly inflammable materials should be kept only in small quantities, and always in closed containers. "Strike anywhere electric irons should be used only by persons who will be sure to turn the current off when not in use.

If you detect the odor of escaping gas, open all doors and windows immediately and then report the leak. Never look for escaping gas with an open light. If your building has wood shingle roof, we suggest that you keep a ladder and casks of water and buckets of water ready, so placed that any part of the building may be reached quickly. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." and a bucket of water thrown upon

a spark on your roof might save your building from ashes. Be careful, it is your patriotic duty, it means the saving of many lives and many dollars worth of property."

COURT CONVENES MONDAY

The Court of Common Pleas will convene for the fall term, Monday, October 11th. The first week of court will be taken up with the trial of jury cases. Judge Ernest Moore of Lancaster will be the presiding Judge.

Seventeen cases have been docketed and will be tried unless something unforeseen prevents. The cases docketed for trial are the following, the cases being followed by the names of plaintiffs' attorneys and these followed by the names of defendants' attorneys.

J. R. Mars, vs. Bessie L. Pressly-Nickles; Graydon.

H. Hesinger vs. Am. Ry. Express Co. Moore; Mars.

Sarah Weinraub vs. Walker D. Hines, Director etc. Moore; Glenn and Hill.

C. Mayers vs. same defendant. Same counsel.

A. B. Hamlin vs. Corrie Hamlin admr. Hill; Greene.

W. C. Culberson admr. vs. Calhoun Mills. Barron, Barron & Barron; Greene.

Butler Bros. vs. Hall. Nickles; Moors.

Andrew Robinson admr. vs. Christian U. Burial Aid. Greene; Mars and Hill.

Philson and Henry vs. Am. Ry. Express Co. Hill; Mars.

Townsend & Sloan, vs. J. H. Hill. Hill; Greene.

J. R. Tolbert vs. R. A. Vance, Mars; Greene.

Same vs. Same. Same counsel.

Sallie Paul vs. Christian U. Burial Aid. Mars; Hill.

Press White vs. S. A. L. Ry. Mars; Glenn and Hill.

Cary Fuller vs. Christian U. Burial Aid. Moore; Greene.

Elijah Fair vs. Christian Union Burial Aid. Moore; Greene.

W. M. Broadwell, vs. J. R. Preshler. Moore; Greene.

WILLIAM CHILES DIES.

The people of Abbeville were grieved today to hear of the sudden death of William Chiles of Greenwood. Mr. Chiles was a business man of that place. Yesterday he walked through a dark hallway in his place of business on the way to a lavatory. The hallway had as a floor at one point an old elevator, the elevator floor being level with the floor of the hall. Someone had let the elevator down Saturday, or it had gone down itself. On account of the darkness Mr. Chiles did not notice that the elevator shaft was open and fell through it, receiving injuries which proved fatal.

At first he did not think he was seriously hurt, it seems. He walked out of the store and to his home but after reaching there he became suddenly ill from the injuries received and soon died.

Mr. Chiles was a son of John H. Chiles, of Troy. His mother, was a Miss Thomson, of Abbeville, a sister of Dr. S. G. Thomson and of Mr. T. P. Thomson, of this place. They have gone to Troy today to attend the funeral.

MICKIE SAYS:

YEAH, THIS IS TH' NEWS PAPER OFFIS—WHA, NOW, DONT GET SO ROUGH!—IF WE SENT YOU A STATEMENT, IT WUZZ BEUZZ YA HAD ONE COMING, AINT IT?—WELL, WHAT YA HOLLERIN' ABOUT THEN?—SURE WE KNOW YOU GOT THAT MUCH COIN 'N WILL PROBABLY PAY SOMETIME, BUT THAT DONT PAY NO BILLS FER US—SURE! NOW YA GOT THE IDEA! YEAH, A CHECK WILL DO MUCH OBLIGED—G'BY!



ORPHANAGE WORK DAY.

By common agreements, Saturday, Oct. 9th is Work Day for the Orphanages of South Carolina. The day gets its name from the suggestion that every member of the church and every friend of orphans give as much as the income from that day's work to the institution of his choice. Epworth Orphanage is sadly in need of a dining-room, a cook-room, a school building, and offices. It is planned by the administration to include all these in one central building which will cost \$100,000. This sum is not too great for the Methodists of South Carolina.

We trust that next Sunday, Oct. 10th, every member of the church will make a liberal contribution to this most worthy cause.

Most of our children have living parents to care for them. Others are provided for by estates left them. Let's help those who have neither. It is hard to imagine a more worthy appeal. I am sure the Methodists of Abbeville will respond liberally.

C. E. Peele.

"HUMORESQUE" IS COMING

Fannie Hurst's greatest story, "Humoresque," has been adapted to the screen and will be shown at the Opera House Friday and Saturday of this week. It is a tale of youthful genius and mother-love, with the scene laid chiefly in New York's Ghetto and Fifth avenue. Miss Hurst as is well-known, is right at home in portraying with a realistic touch the characters of New York's humbler inhabitants, and "Humoresque" is said to contain intense heart-appeal. Humor and pathos are deftly mingled in the picture.

ABBEVILLE OPERA HOUSE FOR LEASE.

The City of Abbeville, South Carolina, invites sealed bids for the lease of the Opera House owned by the city for a term of FIVE years, beginning January 1st, 1921. The property to be leased includes the Opera House with dressing rooms, box office, scenery, piano, chairs, tables and other fixtures, furnishings and appliances, owned by the city, connected with said opera house. All bids must be filed with T. G. Perrin, Clerk and Treasurer, Abbeville, South Carolina, not later than two o'clock P. M. October 12th, 1920. City Council will pass on all bids and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Each bid must be accompanied by certified or cashier's check, made payable to the order of T. G. Perrin, Clerk and Treasurer, in the sum of five hundred dollars, as a guarantee that the bidder whose bid is accepted will comply with the terms of his bid and enter into proper lease and bond as required. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Lease will provide for payment of rent monthly in advance; that tenant will keep premises and pay rent for full period of lease; that upon default in payment of any month's rent that rent for whole term will become immediately due and collectable; property to be used only for theatre, shows and entertainments; that tenant will pay for water, lights and fuel and keep premises and fixtures in good condition, except ordinary and reasonable use and tear; that no fixtures or furnishings are to be removed from the buildings without the consent of the city; opera house and fixtures to be let to the Abbeville Graded School and local people as approved by council, for not exceeding 12 days and 12 nights in each year free upon 7 days notice to the lessee; premises or property not to be sublet without written consent of the city; if tenant operates a moving picture show he will not be required to pay a city license therefor; tenant will be required to furnish, at his expense a bond in surety company, to be approved by council, in at least double the amount of total rent for faithful performance of conditions of lease. Further information will be supplied by Clerk and Treasurer.

By order of City Council of Abbeville, South Carolina.
J. MOORE MARS,
T. G. PERRIN, Mayor.
Clerk and Treasurer. 9-21-1t.

—SEE—
HUMORESQUE
—OPERA HOUSE—
FRIDAY and SATURDAY
CHILDREN 15cts.
ADULTS 35cts.

COUNTY SAVINGS BANK
5%
Compounded Quarterly
October 1st begins our new Interest Quarter, all deposits made before October 10, will receive interest from October 1st at 5 PER CENT.
Your Success depends on YOU. Don't try to fool yourself friend, if you want to succeed in life you must start to SAVE. Open an account with us today in the Savings Department and "put up" something each pay day—GET A START TO SUCCESS.
Then every quarter watch your Savings account; and it will be quite a pleasure, and a great satisfaction to see how steadily it grows—Get the habit now.
County Savings Bank
Sound :: Safe :: Service
G. A. NEUFFER, President. R. E. COX, Cashier.
ALBERT HENRY, Vice-President. P. E. BELL, Asst. Cashier.

LOCAL SHOWERS NEXT WEEK WITH RISING TEMPERATURES

Washington, Oct. 3. Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Middle Atlantic States: Generally fair except for showers about Wednesday rising temperatures first half of the week; cooler after Wednesday.

South Atlantic and East Gulf states: Generally fair except that local showers are probable Wednesday or Thursday. Rising temperature first half of the week; normal thereafter.

CONFEDERATE VETS MUST BRING BLANKETS

Houston, Texas, Oct. 3.—In final instructions issued today to delegates to the reunion of Confederate Veterans here October 5-8, veterans were reminded by General N. B. Forest, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, general secretary of the reunion committee, to bring their own blankets.

BROOKLYN GETS FIRST GAME OF THE WORLD SERIES

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The national commission today reversed its decision yesterday and decided to open the worlds series at Brooklyn on October 5, playing three games there. The change was made at the request of Jim Dunn, president of the Cleveland club, who asked more time to prepare the Cleveland ground in the event his team should win the league pennant. The teams will travel on October 8 and open in the American league city winning the pennant either Cleveland or Chicago on October 9 for a four game series.

Brooklyn gets the eighth game, on October 14, and will also get the ninth, if one is necessary, as the National league yesterday won the toss for the final game. If a ninth game is played however, it will be on October 15, instead of October 16, as the days intermission for traveling has been eliminated.

NEW COATS
FOR LADIES and MISSES
\$7.50 to \$32.50 ea.
The Ladies have never seen such beautiful coats as these at prices that double ours.
Cash Bargain Store

Washington, Oct. 2.—The last of the White house sheep were rounded up today preparatory to shipment back to the farm where they were born. Some already had been disposed of, but the bulk of the flock, by President Wilson's orders, was returned to William Woodward, Bellair, Md., who sent the sheep to the White House during war days when the lawns needed trimming and wool was in demand.