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BIG AND DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN GREENWOOD

HALF OF THE BUSINESS PORTION DESTROYED.

Horrible Death of Mrs. Annie Moseley—Fire Raged for Three Hours.

Greenwood, May 25.—Fully one-half of the business portion of Greenwood was wiped out by fire early this morning. The property loss will approximate \$1,333,000 with about \$70,000 insurance. Mrs. Annie Moseley, proprietor of the Central Hotel, lost her life in the fire.

The fire originated, it is believed, in the kitchen of the Central Hotel, located in the building owned by J. & D. M. Spigel, and occupying the entire second story. The first alarm was given at 3:15 a. m. by an engineer on a Charleston and Western Carolina freight standing in the yard.

The train crew was soon on the spot and the boarders were awakened by them. Mr. R. A. Abernethy, who occupied the room next door to the kitchen, was almost overcome with smoke, but was able to wake Mrs. Moseley, who was sleeping in the room next above him. She was greatly excited and began screaming. It was supposed that she would at once escape, as all the others were doing. The fire was eating its way into the building with fiendish rapidity and the smoke was already filling every room. D. M. Spigel, one of the owners of the building, who has a room in the hotel was the last to be aroused. He escaped by making his way to the front veranda and jumping thence to the ground.

Mrs. Moseley's continued screams revealed her presence in the building, which was now completely enveloped by flame. The few present, having no ladder, were under the window, trying to get her to jump. Just a few minutes before a ladder arrived her cries hushed and the red tongue of flame filling her window told the horror-stricken few that her death agony had come and was over.

From 3 until 6 o'clock the fire demon had the town in its grip. The approximate loss has already been stated. Where yesterday were the handsomest stores and complete stocks of goods today are heaps of blistered, tottering, blackened walls, and lining the streets for hundreds of yards are what was saved of the stocks of household effects of those who lived in the burnt district. Mrs. Moseley, the fire's victim, lay buried in a smoking, seething sepulchre.

By 6 o'clock the fire was completely under control. All danger was over. About 9 o'clock the searchers found a small part of the remains of Mrs. Moseley. Mrs. Moseley's only daughter, Miss Lela, age about 16, was in Anderson visiting her brother, Roscoe, about 18, who is clerking there. Both will arrive today, as will other relatives from Anderson and Lowndesville. Her death has cast a deep gloom over the entire town.

While it is impossible to obtain at this time the exact losses and the amount of insurance, the following schedule is approximately correct:

J. & D. M. Spigel, two-story store building, Central Hotel, row of stores and ware house in rear; stock of jewelry, cut glass, etc., of J. Spigel and stock of china, glassware, J. & D. M. Spigel. Total loss \$33,000; insurance \$10,000.

The First National Bank, two-story building, bank fixtures. Total loss \$9,000, fully covered by insurance. The bank opened for business at 9 o'clock this morning, having all its books intact.

Greenwood Hardware Company, stock, \$10,000. Total loss, insurance, \$6,200.

company and Baker & Nichols's office fixtures, all except what was in safe lost. Safe will be opened as soon as possible.

Dr. B. W. Cobb, office fixtures, probable loss \$500.

B. F. McKellar, jr., furniture stored in building; loss \$1,500.

J. W. Sproles, stock. Total loss \$6,000; insurance \$3,500.

New York Bazaar, stock. Total loss \$5,500; insurance, \$2,000.

A. F. Hagan, stock, \$800; insurance, \$500.

Mrs. H. B. Reynolds, two brick stores, \$3,500; insurance \$1,350.

C. A. C. Waller, six wooden stores and offices, a frame dwelling and livery stable. Mr. Waller was out of the city and his losses cannot be given.

F. M. Allen, store. Loss \$1,800; insurance \$750.

Palmetto Grocery company, stock \$900; insurance \$400.

E. Borgerro, junk. Loss \$200.

Western Meat Market, loss (supposed) \$400.

Lloyd's restaurant and store and C. P. Calclasure, loss together probably \$500; some things saved.

J. I. Chipley, three stores, one two-story and basement. Total loss \$8,000; insurance \$4,800; stock of goods, \$2,500; insurance \$1,000; tools and machinery, \$2,000; insurance \$1,000.

Greenwood Water and Light plant, office; books and records saved. Loss of stock not removed about \$200.

G. A. Barksdale, three-story building, \$9,000; insurance \$6,200.

A. McD. Singleton, grocer, a small part of stock saved, \$6,000; insurance \$2,600.

Auld Brothers, dry goods; small part of stock saved, \$7,000; insurance \$2,250.

Mrs. A. J. Sproles, millinery, \$2,000; insurance \$750.

Estate Joel S. Bailey, three-story building, \$5,500; insurance \$2,000.

M. A. Lesser, stock \$3,500; insurance \$1,500.

H. Nichols, photographer, \$1,000; insurance \$600.

Mrs. F. E. Greene, brick store, \$2,000; insurance \$1,350.

J. R. Hinton, grocer, stock, \$5,000; insurance between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Dr. J. B. Hughey, office fixtures, \$500; insurance \$300.

J. S. Chipley & Co., office fixtures, \$300. All their valuable papers, notes, etc., destroyed also.

Western Union Telegraph office, total loss.

D. J. Raborn, stock. Total loss \$2,000; insurance \$1,000.

M. Switzer, stock \$1,500; insurance \$500.

I. Switzer, boots and shoes, tools burned.

W. R. Bailey, store building, damaged, \$800.

Many of the merchants are sending orders for goods by wire.

Greenwood has had her first baptism of fire, but it only fans larger the flame of enthusiasm for "Greater" Greenwood.

Led Her Class.

Miss Bessie Schumpert's many friends will be delighted to learn that in the recent examinations at Elizabeth, where she has been a student of the business college, she led her class, receiving an average of 97 1/2 and was given first distinction.

Harry—Here is the newest conundrum: When is two an odd and lucky number?

Celia—You know I can never guess conundrums.

Harry—When two are made one.

Celia—Oh, Harry, this is so sudden!

There is no way so rough but that the light of Friendship will not be a star in the night of it. Friendship is not a name—it is an illusion.

PROSPERITY NEWS.

The Coming and Going of the People of a Progressive Town.

Prosperity, May 26.—Miss Ethel Paysinger and Miss Margaret Johnstone are visiting at Mr. J. P. Wheeler's.

Mrs. W. A. Moseley attended Elizabeth college commencement, where her daughter, Miss Jessie, graduated this year. They returned yesterday. Miss Mamie Simpson, who taught at Mountville the past year, is at home for the summer.

Miss Estelle Stewart is at home from Converse college on account of her health.

Miss Lillie Mae Russell will leave Saturday for Donalds where she will attend a marriage.

Miss Erin Kohn is at home, her school at Whitmire having closed.

Mr. John Mathis and two daughters, of Greenville, are visiting the family of Mr. Simm Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Schumpert spent Monday in Newberry.

Mr. R. C. Counts has the mail route that goes over in Saluda. This route will begin the 1st day of June.

Messrs. Tom Johnson and Harry Dominick were in town Sunday.

Mr. Joe Hartman and Miss Alma Hartman are visiting relatives in Atlanta.

Rev. W. A. Lutz and Mr. R. I. Stoudermyer will attend conference at Beth Eden.

Mr. Walter Reagin, of Newberry, spent yesterday in Prosperity with relatives.

Arrangements are being perfected for the annual picnic of Grace Lutheran Sunday School, which is to be held some time in June at Hyatt Park in Columbia.

Mr. A. H. Kohn, special insurance agent for the United States Casualty company is at home for commencement.

Dr. O. P. Wise, of Saluda, was over the first of this week on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. F. E. Schumpert has returned from a pleasant trip to Newberry.

Mr. Jerry Smathers, a popular commercial man, was in town this week.

It is gratifying to note that Mrs. Geo. Y. Hunter is improving very fast from her recent illness.

The board of trustees have received several plans and specifications for the new school building which is to be located near the Baptist church.

The oil mill has been running for a few days this week, but will stop today.

It is reported that the goat of the Masonic lodge in this city has been having a fine time for the last month.

Musical Entertainment.

Following is the program which will be rendered next Wednesday night, during the closing exercises of the graded school, by the music class of Mrs. J. F. Browne:

Espoir Nocturne, L. Gobbaerts—Miss Janie Witherspoon.

Holiday March, F. R. Kinball—Miss Annie Belle Taylor.

Duet: Fire Balls Mazurke, F. Behr—Misses Julia Schumpert and Vera Fellers.

Fairy Dance, C. Bohn—Miss Mary Wheeler.

The Fair, C. Gurlitt—Miss Tena Wise.

Pearl of Foam, Lange—Miss Clara Gibson.

Merry Bird Waltz, S. Ferris—Miss Dottie Merchant.

Duet: LaJollie Parfuneuse, D. Blake—Misses Willie Mae Wise and Rosa Belle Harmon.

March: Miniature Dance, H. Webb—Mr. McFall Wise.

Golden Rain Nocturne, C. V. Cloy—Miss Cora Martin.

Shower of Roses Waltz, L. Streabog—Miss Marie Schumpert.

Streabog—Misses Annie B. Taylor and Dottie Merchant.

The Sweet Violet, Smallwood—Miss Mary Wheeler.

Evening Polka, H. Patterson—Miss Vera Fellers.

Vocal Solo: Mattinata, Paolo Tosti—Mrs. J. S. Wheeler.

Gitana Mazurka Brillante, C. B. Henis—Miss Maude Livingstort.

Plue De Roses Gallop, L. Streabog—Miss Mary Lizzie Wise.

Trio: Pearl Gallop, A. P. Wyman—Misses Mary Wheeler, Tena Wise and Marie Schumpert.

Grandka's Schottish, L. Streabog—Miss Nancy Lou Taylor.

Farewell Nocturne, J. R. Riche—Miss Frances Rawl.

Robin's Greeting Polka, J. S. Fearis—Miss Mabel Fellers.

Duet: Anni's Polka, W. Gooch—Miss Mary Lizzie Wise and Mr. McFall Wise.

Titania, Fary Dance, Armstrong—Miss Julia Schumpert.

Spring's Witchery, William G. Smith—Miss Willie Mae Wise.

Trio: Feast of the Roses, March, Th. Thuiller—Misses Maude Livingstort, Clara Gibson, and Mary Boyd Brown.

Gaite DeCour, S. Smith—Miss Rosabell Harmon.

Vocal solos: (a). He was a Prince; (b). To a Butterfly, a Waltz Song—Mrs. J. S. Wheeler.

Ripples of the Alabama, H. Andrews—Miss Janie Witherspoon.

Duet: Scharzo Brillante, A. Sponholzap—Mrs. Harmon and Miss Rawl.

HERO REWARDED.

Gets Thirty-five Thousand Dollars—More is Promised and He is Hunting a Wife.

A Chester, Pa., dispatch to the Philadelphia Ledger says: "Now that I have my money in hand I shall live off the interest. The only thing that I am looking forward to is to find some dear, sweet woman whom I can make my wife, and when I find her I will marry her," said Ernest A. Roeber, of Colwyn. Roeber received a check for \$25,000 from the estate of Mrs. Martha Dobbs, of Pittsburg, who bequeathed this amount to him in her will as a reward for saving her life in a runaway accident fifteen years ago.

Roeber says he is the most fortunate man in Delaware county, as besides this bequest he received a draft for \$10,000 a few days ago from Mrs. Hingermier, of Pittsburg, a daughter of Mrs. Dobbs, who assures him that he will not be forgotten in her will if he outlives her.

With the \$10,000 from Mrs. Hingermier he has bought a handsome house, furnished throughout, which he has presented to his mother. Roeber had forgotten the life-saving accident and was surprised when he learned of the large legacies. He is now determined to hunt a wife and has already received a score of proposals.

The runaway in which Roeber figured occurred in Pittsburg. Mrs. Martha Dobbs was driving along the boulevard in the East End, when the horse started on a wild dash. Roeber was enjoying a holiday, and was walking around the boulevard, when he was startled by the woman's screams. Looking about he saw the double team dashing along. He ran directly in front of the horses, raised his arms and shouted at them. The excited animals slackened their pace somewhat. Roeber grasped the bridle of the near horse and succeeded, after being dragged for several hundred feet, in bringing the animals to a standstill. During the excitement Mrs. Dobbs fainted, and would have fallen from the carriage had not Roeber stopped the team.

TEXAS GOVERNOR EDITORS' GUEST

THE SOUTH CAROLINIANS IN ST. LOUIS.

They Left Yesterday For Return Trip—Pleased With Exposition.

Press Building, World's Fair, St. Louis, May 26.—Governor Lanham, of Texas, a former Carolinian, was the honored guest of the South Carolina Press association at dinner yesterday.

The authorities have extended many courtesies and attentions to the South Carolina editors.

We start home this afternoon via the Nashville, Chattanooga, and Atlanta railway.

This is truly a world's fair, surpassing human conception and comprehension in the magnitude and magnificence of its exhibits.

James T. Parks.

PRES. AULL COMPLIMENTED.

Presented by Editors in St. Louis With Handsome Silver Dish.

Special to The Evening Telegram. Press Building, World's Fair, St. Louis, May 26.—Col. Elbert H. Aull, president of the South Carolina Press association, which has been in St. Louis the past several days taking in the exposition, was presented by the association this morning in St. Louis with a handsome silver dish as a testimonial of their appreciation of his services in arranging the trip and carrying it through so successfully. Col. Aull has been president of the association for the past number of years.

W. W. Cullum.

Russo-Japanese War.

London, May 26.—The Tokio correspondent of the Central News wires that the report has reached there that the Japanese have carried Kin Chow, to the rear of Port Arthur, by storm today.

MINNESOTA'S MENAGERIE.

Albino Deer and Other Animals Sent For Exhibition at the World's Fair.

A beautiful Albino deer, accompanied by an ordinary buck and doe, a group of bears, nine porcupines and three badgers are part of Minnesota's exhibit in the Palace of Forestry, Fish and Game. The mother bear is in a bee tree, while the young bears are waiting on the ground for the honey. A number of other animals owned by the State Geological and Natural History Society are in this collection.

Would Do All He Could.

Washington Post. Representative Adamson, of Georgia recently told a story which illustrated true good fellowship. He had been campaigning in Georgia on foot and was twenty-five miles from home. It became necessary for him to go home, and he tried to secure a conveyance, but all the teams were busy on the farms. Finally he went to a man whom he knew very well and said:

"Bill, I have to go home, and I want a rig to take me. You've got to get me one."

"Adamson," he replied, "we are five months behind with our work here, and it is next to impossible to get a horse that can be spared, but there isn't anything I won't do for you. I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll walk home with you." z z