

FOR FIRE ESCAPES.

Laws Likely To Be Passed Regulating School Buildings.

Columbia, May 28.—The South Carolina Legislature will next year enact legislation to require school houses to have fire escapes, where their height is more than one story.

There are many schools of the State in equally as dangerous condition as was the Cleveland school.

He found the exercises being held in a crowded auditorium, on the second floor. There were 1,000 people present, and there was only one exit and one stairway.

Insurance Commissioner McMahan is advocating one story school buildings in rural communities.

Bridge Washed Away.

Parties from Lancaster who were on a fishing trip to Liberty Hill Wednesday night reported on their return yesterday morning that the bridge of the Wateree Power company over Beaver Creek, just below Liberty Hill, was washed away during a terrific rainfall in the early part of the night and also another downpour about 12 o'clock.

Chautauqua Last Week.

The annual Redpath Chautauqua and a week's engagement here, closed last Friday.

Lancaster Contributes.

Up to 2 p. m. Monday afternoon H. Poag, treasurer of the local fund for the relief of the sufferers in the Cleveland school house fire in Kershaw county, a total of \$266.50 had been collected and remitted to the Red Cross relief organization in Camden.

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KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

News and Comments From The Era of That Town.

On Monday J. H. Crow, J. K. Neal and W. Z. Hilton went to the Ballard lake near Mr. Crow's plantation in the Abney community and while there proved to be the rescuers of a little son of Hazel Williams, who was at the lake fishing with an elder brother, when he fell in.

W. T. Redfearn succeeded last week in locating the whereabouts of the tires stolen from him a couple of weeks before.

Early Monday morning J. W. Ingram was aroused from bed by his little son, Harry Lee, who reported to him that fire was burning around the kitchen flue.

In the thirty-two years that we have been engaged in the publication of the Era it has befallen our lot to publish many tragic and regretful occurrences the sum total of which for pitiable tragedy and heart-rending paths, cannot touch in lamentable regretfulness the awful disaster enacted in the burning of Cleveland school house, wherein so many precious lives were lost within the reach of safety, if only self-composure could have been exercised for just two or three minutes in the fateful emergency.

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GOVERNOR GRANTS PARDONS.

Eight Convicts Received Executive Clemency Monday.

Columbia, May 28.—Acting upon recommendations of the State pardon board, Governor McLeod today pardoned two convicts, and suspended the sentences of six others, during their good behaviour.

James Ammons, convicted in Marion county, of murder in connection with the death of B. Jones, a farmer, whose wife was charged with poisoning him, and sentenced to life in October, 1921.

C. F. Winn, given three years after conviction in Saluda county in June, 1921, on a charge of manslaughter.

Marion O'Neale, convicted in Charleston, in June, 1921, in connection with the killing of Police Sergeant Buck and given three years.

J. Crim Mixon, convicted in Richland county in September, 1918, and sentenced to seven years imprisonment on a charge of misappropriating funds while he was assistant city treasurer of Columbia.

Horace McDowell, a white boy who was convicted in Greenville County and sentenced to three years imprisonment on a charge of using an automobile without the consent of owner.

Thomas McClary, serving a one-year and nine months' sentence from Chester county for larceny and receiving stolen goods, received his liberty as a reward for heroism in saving the life of a guard and preventing the escape of a convicted murderer, who had attacked the guard.

The sentence of Jeff Harris, a white man of Pickens county, who was sent up for six months and given a fine of \$1,000 for violating the prohibition law, was suspended on condition that he pay \$500 of the fine imposed.

In extending clemency in these cases, Governor McLeod practically disposed of the recommendations of the present pardon board, and of a number of cases that had been recommended by the pardon board of the previous administration.

Thanks Those Who Assisted.

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IN MEMORIAM.

"Red Bird" Club Organization Adopt Resolutions.

Columbia, May 23.—The "Red Bird" club organization lost seventeen of its brightest members, including the secretary of the Cleveland club, when the Cleveland school building burned last Thursday night, bringing death to 77 men, women and children and causing injuries to many others.

The resolution reads: "Whereas, God in his omniscient wisdom has seen fit to permit a tragic visitation at Cleveland school, Kershaw County, and, 'Whereas, many lives were sacrificed in the burning building, among them seventeen members of the Cleveland school "Red Bird" club; now, therefore,

"Be it Resolved, by the National "Red Bird" organization, that the profound sympathy of its officers and members be extended to the stricken people of Cleveland school neighborhood and of Kershaw County in this, their darkest hour; and, further, that this resolution be inscribed in the permanent records of the organization.

Lindsay McLeod, third grade, son Mr. and Mrs. Miller L. McLeod, who with another son, Milton, perished.

Linwood Dixon, 11, and Sarah Dixon, 9, children of Mrs. Lewis T. Dixon, who likewise was a victim.

Hamilton Croft, first grade, and Dorothy Croft, third grade, son and daughter of Mrs. H. Britton Croft, who also perished.

Wilbur Hendrick, who with two other of his children, Alva, 7, and Annie Lee 13, was a victim.

Fannie Lee Davis, 8, and Eva May Davis, 6, daughters of Mrs. Walker Davis, who, with another of her children, W. G. Davis, 2½, died in the flames.

Dorine Dixon, 10, daughter of Mrs. C. Lem Dixon, who with two of her other children, Theda Dixon, 7, and Wellene Dixon, 2½, perished.

Grace Arrants, 9, adopted daughter of Frank Arrants.

Colsey McCaskill, 11, daughter of C. K. McCaskill. A sister of Colsey McCaskill, Grace McCaskill, 6, likewise perished.

Crops Destroyed Near Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, S. C., May 25.—Farm crops within an area of about a mile square, near C. W. Juba junction, were wiped out Wednesday night by a severe hail storm, oats, wheat, corn and cotton crops being cut to pieces by hail, some stones being as large as eggs.

Several Life Claims Paid.

Mr. A. R. Chamberlain, chief of claim department of the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York, made a special trip to Camden Wednesday in order to settle up several life policies carried by victims of the Cleveland School tragedy.

He paid three policies to Mrs. Shelton West, widow of Mr. S. J. West, amounting to \$8,000. A singular feature of one of these policies was the fact that one policy for \$2,000 brought double indemnity because of the fact that it contained a clause of death by accident.

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MR. KRUMBHOLZ DEAD.

Genial Manager of Kirkwood Hotel Passes Away After Short Illness.

Mr. T. Edmund Krumbholz, manager of the Kirkwood, Camden's largest tourist hotel, died here Wednesday morning at 6:15 o'clock after a short illness. Heart disease was given as the cause of death.

Mr. Krumbholz was born in Dresden, Germany, December 25th, 1854, and came to America when quite a young man. He first entered commercial life in New York state and for the past forty years had been engaged in hotel work.

He bought the Kirkwood property 23 years ago. He was the instigator of the Camden Land and Improvement Company and after incorporating it built the Kirkwood, operating it with characteristic success.

During the summer months he operated resort hotels at different times and places and managed such hostels as Hotel Schenley, at Pittsburg; Roussseau at Lake Placid; The Sagamore, on Lake George, and one at Kennebunkport, Maine.

His interest and friendship for Camden and Camden people has always been one of loyalty, and it was mostly through his influence that Camden has won its fame as a tourist resort, and the great hotel on Kirkwood Heights stands as a monument to his enterprising spirit.

Simple funeral services were held at the Kirkwood Hotel Thursday morning at 11 o'clock conducted by the Rev. F. H. Harding, the following well known citizens acting as pall bearers: Dr. John W. Corbett, W. L. DePass, Henry Savage, C. P. DuBose, R. B. Pitts, C. H. Yates, R. M. Kennedy, and C. J. Shannon, Jr.

At the request of Mr. Krumbholz he was buried in the Camden cemetery in the town he loved so well.

Mr. Krumbholz was at all times ready and willing to lend of his influence and means for anything that was for the best interest of Camden and her citizens and was a liberal contributor to any worthy cause. He was a big-hearted, genial man and had a wide acquaintance and the news of his death has occasioned genuine sorrow.

As a mark of respect to Mr. Krumbholz all of the places of business in Camden remained closed during the funeral hours.

Mr. Krumbholz is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Klara Krumbholz, who were with him when the end came.

Memorial Services.

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It draws acute attention to a tragedy which occurred within a few miles of the scene of this catastrophe, when May 5, 1860, 24 persons were drowned in Boykin's pond.

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He was a resident of Kershaw for many years, being engaged in business here. He also was engaged in farming. Becoming seriously ill about two months ago, Mr. Young was carried to a hospital in Rock Hill, where an operation was performed in an effort to save his life, but he succumbed to the inevitable and died yesterday.

He was survived by his widow, who was Miss Lizzie Gay, and two sons, Edgar W. Young and Woodrow Young. The following are brothers and sisters: A. F. Young, L. G. Young, L. T. Gay, and J. W. Young and Mrs. J. T. Gay, Mrs. W. P. Barfield, all of Kershaw, and Mrs. Sid Barfield, of Hartsville.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest As Told By Our Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., May 30.—The commencement of the Bethune High School will begin on the third. Baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday morning.

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