

Entire Town Wiped Out.
Anderson, Feb. 15.—Fire late this afternoon nearly destroyed the entire town of Lowndesville, one of the oldest and most picturesque settlements in the Southland, and located about twenty-five miles south of this place. The fire originated in dry grass near the railroad tracks and spread to the mill and gin house of the Lowndesville Ginning Company, leaving it a total loss. Seven dwellings were totally destroyed, one freight car on the railroad track and fifty-eight bales of cotton. The estimated loss will exceed \$75,000, much of which is covered by insurance.

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"When my baby was teething she was so fretful I could hardly do anything with her," writes Mrs. A. C. Brown, Columbus, Ga. "I gave her every medicine advertised for sick babies but they didn't stop her fretting and crying. A friend advised Teethina and after the second dose my little girl went to sleep and woke up laughing and full of play. Teethina has given perfect satisfaction at all times. Teethina contains no opiates or other dangerous drugs. It reduces inflammation of the gums, relieves colic, indigestion, stomach pains and bowel troubles. It soothes the fretful child, inducing rest, quiet and refreshing sleep. Thousands of grateful mothers praise it to the skies. Teethina is sold by all druggists, or send 30c to the Moffett Laboratories, Columbus, Ga., for a package and a free booklet about babies.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest As Told By Our Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Feb. 20.—At a mass meeting of the residents and patrons of this community held in the school auditorium Friday evening, it was voted to erect a high school building. This step has become a necessity since the consolidation of the outlying districts.

Friends of Miss Dana McSweeney will be pleased to know that she is recovering from a short illness. Miss McSweeney is one of the most remarkable women of our day. In spite of her age, 91 years, her mentality is as keen as a young person and she wears no glasses. She makes the most exquisite tatting and dainty crocheting, together with other hand work. She lives with her niece, Mrs. Dana Clyburn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Truesdell, daughter, Edna, and son, Roy, and Mr. Karl Roseborough, of Lugoff, were visitors of Dr. E. Z. Truesdell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCaskill are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a little son, Sunday morning.

Of interest to the Bethune folks is the following clipping taken from the Jonesville items of Sunday's State: "Miss Helen Smith of McCormick resigned her position as teacher in the graded school here and left Friday for her home, where she is soon to be married." Miss Smith is soon to become the bride of Mr. B. W. Best.

Mrs. Burke and Eldon Severance of Columbia spent Sunday in town with friends and relatives.

Misses Mary Bethune and Elizabeth Gay of Hartsville were the week-end guests of Mrs. L. D. Robertson.

Misses Mamie Lou McDonald and Fannie Lee Baker spent the week end in Columbia with the latter's sister.

The Aid and Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. W. H. Hearon Monday afternoon.

Misses Margaret Hearon and Kitty Best spent the week-end with the former's parents at Clyde.

Mrs. B. L. Norwood and children of McBee were guests at the home of Mr. N. A. Bethune Saturday.

Mrs. L. D. Robertson was at home Friday evening in honor of Misses Bethune and Gay of Hartsville. Music and games were enjoyed throughout the evening, after which a sweet course was served.

Dozeny Parrott entertained about a dozen of her little friends Friday afternoon in honor of her 13th birthday. After an interesting contest, games and music, the mother of the hostess served fruited jello, whipped cream and cake.

John Steen, a white tenant living on J. A. McCaskill's place was thrown from a Ford Monday afternoon and sustained injuries from which he died at the Camden hospital the following morning. The unfortunate man commonly known as "Preacher Steen," was returning from Columbia when the accident occurred on the W.-A. highway, a few miles east of Camden. A wheel came off of the machine, pitching Steen on his head and rendering him unconscious, from which he never revived. He is survived by his wife and three small children.

Rev. W. H. Joyner Dead.

The Rev. W. H. Joyner, 91 year old veteran of the Confederate war, who died at the Confederate home Sunday morning after a brief illness, was laid to rest yesterday morning in Elmwood cemetery at 11 o'clock. The Rev. W. R. Bouknight conducted the funeral services which were held at the grave.

The Rev. Mr. Joyner entered the Confederate service in 1862 with Company D, Twentieth South Carolina volunteers, and served as a gallant soldier throughout the war. He was for 40 years a Baptist minister and came to the Confederate home from Orangeburg county about seven years ago.—Tuesday's State.

Miss Mary Doyle packs two heavy sacks of mail over a ten-mile route every day in East Syracuse, N. Y.

DIVERS PERFORM UNUSUAL TASKS

Engineering Problems Are Solved With Their Aid.

Divers are sometimes called upon to perform unusual tasks, as their attempts at rescue work in the flooded Redding pit show.

Not long ago the police had to call in the services of a diver to search for stolen jewelry in the muddy bottom of the Regent's canal, and, occasionally they are asked to look for rings and other valuables that have fallen from piers and yachts.

Winchester cathedral owes its present stability to the work of a diver in the employment of a firm of wreck salvors and treasure-raisers. He had to work in a pit below the foundations, placing bags of cement in the dark by sense of touch. Though the idea of employing a diver to restore the solidity of the building was a last resource, it was a complete success, and one of the "stiffest propositions that a diver has ever been called upon to tackle" was brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

The divers employed in the Redding pit are using the pipe-line type of diving dress, but the self-contained type is frequently used for unusual work.

It was only owing to the existence of the self-contained type that the Severn tunnel was freed from water after it was thought that this great undertaking would have to be abandoned.

After the water had broken into the workings of the tunnel, it was found that the sluices at the face were opened. Diver Lambert and Mr. Fleuss, the inventor of the special diving-dress employed, investigated, going 1,200 feet along the tunnel in the dark, constantly meeting with obstructions and stumbling over sleepers and rails. At last Lambert closed the sluices, or rather thought he had closed them, but not knowing that one of them worked on a left hand screw, he shut one only to open the other. He therefore, had to retrace his steps and correct the error.

In Canada some years ago divers were used in connection with the police to unravel a disappearance mystery. The manager of a mine had constantly been threatened by "bad hats," and one day he disappeared.

Divers went down, and there among a litter of old machinery they found the body. The man had been bound with wire, weighted, and dropped to his death in the shaft.

After grim work like this, laying dock foundations and cleaning ships' bottoms are prosaic tasks.—London Tit-Bits.

Then He Shut Up

It is annoying when one goes to the theater and has one's view obstructed by the hat of a woman seated in front.

Nobody has much sympathy for those of the fair sex who choose to wear their largest hats while seeking amusement; but, on the other hand, there is the crusty old man who finds fault with everything and pretends that he is unable to see the stage even when the hat in front of him is of the smallest variety.

One of these was at the theater when, after fidgeting for some time, he growled in a loud voice to the girl in front of him: "Do you mind removing your hat? I can't see through wood."

The girl turned and looked at him quietly for a moment, and then said, calmly: "Very well, change seats; I can."

Farm Boy's Pig Rise

About eight years ago a farm boy in a remote section of Rowan county, N. C., joined a pig club which the county agricultural extension agent was organizing, and, as pig club members do under the guidance of the county agent, he fed and cared for a pig.

In this case a Poland China gilt. During the next year the county lost its extension agent. Recently when a new agent came to the county he found, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture, that the club member, J. E. Morgan, now grown and on his own farm, had kept up his club practices, developed a herd of Poland China hogs of excellent type, and was regarded as the best hog grower in his community.

Followed Instructions

Teacher glanced at the clock and saw that the hands pointed to five minutes before ten o'clock. Looking round the class, she noticed that Freddie Franka, the bad boy, was late again, as usual.

"Has anybody seen Freddie this morning?" she inquired, and at that moment the truant, looking rather flustered, entered the room.

"Why are you late again, Freddie?" asked the teacher in stern tones.

"Well, ma'am," replied Freddie, the ingenious, "just as I was coming along to school at half-past eight a policeman shouted out to me: 'Hi, sonny, mind the steamroller!' So, of course, I stayed there and did as he told me."

Great Head

Mr. Gassam—Yes, I suppose I can claim a financial success, and just think, I started business with a shoe string.

Miss Green—Mercy! It's genius! A man who could get anybody to buy one shoe string couldn't help but succeed.—Boston Transcript.

Many Thermometers Unfit

So thorough is the inspection to which clinical thermometer tubes are subjected that about 75 per cent are rejected as unfit for use.

BOY FORCED TO DIG GRAVE BY MANIAC

Youth Escapes Burial Alive by Attacking Madman.

Danielson, Conn.—Edward Plakham, sixteen years old, saved himself from burial alive by turning on Edward Harrington, an escaped patient from the Norwich Asylum for the Insane, and felling him with the shovel with which he was being forced to dig his own grave.

The blow knocked Harrington unconscious, and before he recovered the boy had fled to safety. Harrington later took to his heels, but was captured in Webster, Mass., to be taken back to the asylum.

Harrington escaped from the institution during the night. He met the Pinkham boy, who was on his way to school. Under the pretext of offering him a job, he lured the lad into the woods and then pulled him into the cemetery, where he procured a shovel from a vault, which he opened with a skeleton key, and compelled his young victim to begin digging his own grave.

After the Pinkham lad had excavated two feet of earth he saw his chance and suddenly struck down the escaped lunatic.

Police at Webster were led to believe that their prisoner might be Frank Weeden, who was incarcerated in Rhode Island for the murder of a boy, but escaped. An envelope bearing the name of Weeden was found in the man's pocket.

Superintendent Roe of the State hospital at Cranston, R. I., said that Weeden, who after his escape from custody was believed to have made his way to this section last summer, was supposed to have died. Harrington, it is believed, imagines that he is Weeden.

Girls Say 3,800-Mile Hike Cured Their Nerves

New York.—After an absence of seven months, during which they traveled 9,000 miles, including a 3,800-mile jaunt on foot to Los Angeles, the Misses Sarah Shannon and Sophie Edell, each twenty-three years old, returned to this city recently on the Panama-Pacific liner Manchuria from San Francisco.

Miss Shannon, who lives at 1337 Wilkins avenue, Brooklyn, is a graduate nurse and Miss Edell of 125 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street, is a typist.

Finishing the daily routine of their tasks wearing on their nerves, the two girls decided upon the hike across the continent. Dressed in knickers, flannel shirts, caps and lumberman's jackets and heavy shoes, they started from Broadway and Forty-second street on June 4.

"We wore khaki all the way," said Miss Shannon. "Every one was more kind to us. We accepted some rides from motorists, but not all that were offered to us. We paid our way wherever we went, but the total expenditures amounted to only \$350. We would advise every office worker, who is dissatisfied, to walk a little as we did. It's great."

France to Use Soldiers to Guard Art Treasures

Paris.—The recent theft of two rare Gobelin tapestries from the Versailles palace has alarmed government authorities. The curators have not funds enough to police in really efficient fashion the palaces and museums in which art treasures worth billions of francs are kept, but several short cuts to safety have been proposed.

The first precaution was an order forbidding guards and guides to tell visitors of the great value of the treasures exhibited. "That would be tempting the devil," the curator at Versailles said.

The difficulty of guarding the palaces becomes apparent when it is realized that Fontainebleau has 2,000 rooms to be patrolled by a few guards, who much prefer to sleep.

The plans before the authorities call for an electric burglar alarm system; flooding the outside of the buildings with light, and providing the guards with police dogs. Another project is to use soldiers in guarding the art treasures.

Seeks Gold Hidden in Ancient German House

Bingen-on-the-Rhine.—The oldest dwelling in Germany, one of the oldest in all Europe, is attracting almost as much attention just now as do the reports from Egypt of the excavations of the tomb of Tutankhamen.

This house is in the little hamlet of Winkel, in the valley of the Rhine, and is known to have been built more than 1,200 years ago. Archeologists are endeavoring to obtain more exact data.

The first owner, so far as records show, was the archbishop of Mainz, Rhabanus Maurus, who died in 856.

The present owner, Count Matuschke Greiffenkalu, of a curious turn of mind, believes there are many secrets and possibly much gold hidden away between the walls and under the basement floors, and he has sought the aid of scientists to determine the house's age and to assist him in his search for hidden treasure.

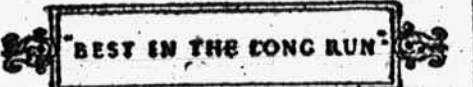
Two Hurler to Death

Fresno, Cal.—Rushing water from the burst of an 84-inch water pipe line hurled Mrs. Charles Berry and her sister, Miss Linda Stetter, 200 feet down over the edge of a canyon to instant death, according to meager advices received here from Camp 33 of the Southern California Edison company in the Sierra mountains district.



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FINAL DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Saturday, March 1st, 1924, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County, my final return as Guardian of the estate of Metta Baxley, and Willie B. Baxley, minors, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Guardian.
NEAL D. BAXLEY.
Camden, S. C., Jan. 31st, 1924.

FINAL DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Saturday, March 8th, 1924, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County my final return as Administrator of the estate of John Benjamin Porter, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.
J. M. PORTER.
Camden, S. C., February 8th, 1924.

DOG TAX.

I wish to call special attention to the dog license tax, which can be paid from October 15th, 1923, to February 1st, 1924. (February 1st, 1924, is the last day for the payment of this tax.)

The license tax on each dog is \$1.25, and I now have the license tags to supply owners of dogs when paying their license tax. A dog is liable to this tax if six months old or older on January 1st. (A dog born June 30th, 1923, is liable to the tax January 1st, 1924.)

This is in lieu of all other taxes or licenses on dogs, either county, municipal or otherwise.

Dog license tax issued by the Treasurer should bear the inscription "Dog License 1924," also show the serial number and county. This is not charged on the Auditor's Duplicate, nor carried on the ordinary tax receipt. Separate receipt necessary.
D. M. McCASKILL,
County Treasurer.

TAX NOTICE

Office of Treasurer Kershaw County, Camden, S. C., Sept. 23, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that the books will be opened for the collection of State, County and School taxes from October 15th, 1923, to March 15th, 1924. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1923, 2 per cent February 1st, 1923, and 7 per cent March 15th, 1924.

The rate per centum for Kershaw county is as follows:

	Mills.
State Taxes	6
County Taxes	9 1/2
Hospital	3/4
School Taxes	3
DeKalb Township Road Bonds	2 1/4
	21

Dog tax \$1.25. All dog owners are required to make a return of their dogs to the County Treasurer who is required to furnish a license tag. All dogs caught without the license tag the owners will be subject to a fine of Twenty (20.00) Dollars.

The following School Districts have special levies:

School District No. 1	23
School District No. 2	19
School District No. 3	15
School District No. 4	15
School District No. 5	8
School District No. 6	15
School District No. 7	15
School District No. 8	8
School District No. 9	4
School District No. 11	15
School District No. 12	18
School District No. 13	8
School District No. 14	15
School District No. 15	8
School District No. 16	4
School District No. 17	8
School District No. 18	15
School District No. 19	8
School District No. 20	8
School District No. 21	8
School District No. 22	18
School District No. 23	11
School District No. 24	15
School District No. 25	8
School District No. 27	8
School District No. 28	8
School District No. 29	8
School District No. 30	8
School District No. 31	8
School District No. 32	8
School District No. 33	8
School District No. 34	15
School District No. 35	15
School District No. 36	15
School District No. 37	8
School District No. 38	8
School District No. 39	8
School District No. 40	25
School District No. 41	8
School District No. 42	8
School District No. 43	8
School District No. 44	15
School District No. 46	8
School District No. 47	8

The poll tax is \$1.00.

All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to fifty (50) years, both inclusive, except residents in incorporated towns shall pay \$4.00 as a poll tax except ministers of the Gospel, actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State and persons who served in the War Between the States; and all quarantine service of this State and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificate from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information with reference to taxes will be furnished upon application.
D. M. McCASKILL,
County Treasurer.

NOTICE

We are now carrying in stock a full line of *Maybank's High Grade Fish Guano, Nitrate of Soda, Cotton Seed Meal,* and other materials. We are also in the market for cotton seed; will buy or give fertilizer in exchange.

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