

\$15,000 FIRE ON THURSDAY

REID & CO'S STORE BURNED TO GROUND

Second Fire Within Six Weeks - Loss Partly Covered by Insurance.

Another fire visited Bennettsville yesterday morning making the second within six weeks time. At about 8 o'clock fire was discovered between the ceiling and the floor of the second story of the building occupied by Reid & Co. The fire was sometime getting a start but it got under way the whole building soon went up. The first story was occupied by Reid & Company and their stock was nearly all consumed in the flames. They had about a \$13,000 stock and \$4,000 insurance. The building belonged to Miss Ruth Murchison, the daughter of Mrs Harriet Murchison Beckwith. There was \$4,000 insurance on the building and \$400 on the furniture.

The book store had moved what goods they saved from the other fire to a room on the second story of this building and their stock was also lost. This was about \$500. Buford Jackson and O Groesch also roomed on the second story and lost their room furnishings. Mr Groesch lost his painting outfit, his printing establishment, and all his photographic outfit in the fire. He was asleep and did not know that the building was on fire. Chief of Police Kelly broke open the door of his room in an endeavor to locate the fire and woke Mr Groesch.

Eason Bros and Grosh had no insurance. Buford Jackson was out of town at the time of the fire.

It is said that a fire had been built in the stove in Reid & Company's store about thirty minutes before the fire was discovered. The stove flue went up through the second story.

As on the occasion of the last fire the bucket brigade rendered excellent service in fighting the flames. There is a large double wall between this building and the store of J M Jackson which adjoins it and this stopped the fire. J M Jackson's building was not damaged any scarcely.

The building which was burned was formerly a one story structure with a tin roof and the second story was built on this without taking this tin roof off. There was a space of about three feet between the first and second stories and it was in here that the fire originated.

When the fire first broke out and the flames had not yet gotten under way Policeman Harper and several others were in the store getting shoes and other articles out when a section of the wall fell and hurled them to the floor. Some of them were knocked down and they got out after this.

The sprinkler was on hand and the hand fire engine was kept busy.

Several were on the roof of Jackson's store and kept a steady stream of water playing on the roof and the front.

The telephone wires and the wires of the city light plant were torn down by the falling walls, and several shade trees standing near the burned building were damaged to such an extent that they will probably have to be removed.

After the fire died down the walls which were left standing around the burned structure were pushed down as it would have been dangerous to have left them standing.

The fire had started for some time before the people realized what was going on. People were gathering to their work about the time it broke out and it was so slow in getting started that many thought it would not amount to much.

About the time the fire was dying down rain mixed with snow began to fall and the people dis-

persed talking fire, and water-works.

Reid and Company have secured a store in the Coxe block, on Broad street and moved the remainder of their stock there.

McCOLL JOTTINGS

News of the Week from Our Neighboring Town.

McColl, Mar 4.—The Epworth League was pleasantly entertained last week by Mrs. Benson. The meeting was entirely social in its nature, the usual program being dispensed with.

Mrs. Carrie Plummer spent last week with her brother, Mr. Louis Parker, near Raiford, N. C. The infant child of Mr. Parker is very ill.

The N. C., State Organizer has recently organized a Lodge of Woodmen of the World at Hasty, N. C., membership about 25.

Rev. George Leonard, who has been quite sick for over two weeks is yet sick, though slowly improving. In the meantime the Methodists are worshipping with the other congregations, for "One family, we dwell in Him."

A gay party of Bennettsville young folks drove over to McColl one evening of last week. A delightful supper was served the visitors by Mrs. T B Gibson.

Last Monday evening Mr. J H Williams and Miss Ida Moore were married by Rev. Mr. Brown of the Presbyterian church. The contracting parties came from Scotland County, N. C. Mr. Williams is manager of Scotland Lumber Co., and Miss Moore is from Bennettsville. A long and happy life to them.

Miss Sue Overstreet, of N. C., spent several days of last week with friends in McColl. A social was given her at the home of Mr. J S Thompson, and all had a happy time.

Miss Flora Dore, of Hamlet, is visiting her sister, Mrs Murdock McCormick.

Mrs Kit Fletcher, lady manager of McColl juveniles, gave a "Silver Tea" at her home last Saturday evening. The children always have a happy time at this home Saturday was no exception. We suppose there were 75 merry, bright eyed little folks. The exercises began at 4 but children believe in being on time, so they began to assemble about 2:30. A nice program of music and recitations was given. The music by Misses Pearl Morrison, Atlanta and Marie Gibson, Mary Thompson, Ruth Morrison, Julia Tatum, Nannie Fletcher, Sion and Casper Thompson—the recitations by Miss Vivian Johnson, and Masters Alfred Hamer, Sion Thompson and Douglas Hamer. Refreshments were then served. How they enjoyed this part of the program! We are sure our dear lady manager felt amply repaid for the trouble she had taken to give the little ones such a happy evening. About \$10 was the result financially—the fun to the children could not be estimated in dollars and cents.

The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church will hold its monthly meeting this Wednesday at the home of Mrs Inabinet. There being no service at the M E church Sunday, the congregation worshipped with the Baptists. The pastor, Rev Mr Freeman, preached a sermon of unusual force and logic from Genises L-26. The very large congregation received practical help and encouragement for the strenuous life of the coming week.

Misses Emily Terrell and Mary McElwee, of Bennettsville, spent Saturday in McColl. The entertainment at Pine Grove last Friday night was both a social and financial success.

Mr. Howell, of Darlington, has moved his family to McColl. Mr. Howell runs one of the bottling works.

A large brick building is being erected in the rear of J F McLaurin's store. This building is to be used as a blacksmith shop and tinning establishment by Messrs.

Modley and Jenkins, respectively.

Mr. J P Bunch is in Asheville at the bedside of his son, Mr. Archie Bunch, who is very ill.

On account of the sickness of Mr. J Graham, assistant P. M., Mr. Allen Willis was in the P. O., last week.

Both Mr. Hatch and Mr. Stokes have gone north on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J D Wade spent Sunday with the family of Mr. John B McColl, near Hasty.

In erecting some small cottages Dr. Douglas Hamer is filling an actual need in our town.

Collections were taken up in the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools on last Sunday for the orphans, a neat sum being realized in each case.

VOTING COMMENCES

Great Contest Now On—Much Interest Aroused.

The votes have commenced coming in for the persons to receive the free trip to Washington, while not many votes have yet been received, it is evident that considerable interest is being taken in the contest, and the voting will soon be very lively.

There will no doubt be many other persons nominated, and the interest in this contest bids fair to equal that of the political campaign this summer.

Send in the names of those whom you would like to get the free trips. The more the merrier, and there is no telling who will win out in the end.

The votes received up to the close of last week were as follows:

MOST POPULAR MINISTER	
Rev. W. P. Meadors, Pine Grove, Smyrna and Beauty Spot.....	150
Rev. R. E. Tarnipseed, Bennettsville Methodist Church.....	90
Rev. F. H. Shuler, Clio Methodist Church.....	30
MOST POPULAR TEACHER	
Miss Sue Fletcher, Pine Grove School.....	180
Miss Susie Covington, Ebenezer School.....	90
MOST POPULAR YOUNG LADY	
Miss Alma Bethea, Adamsville.....	180
Miss Jean Covington, Bennettsville.....	90
MANAGERS OF ELECTION	
P. A. McKellar, Bennettsville.....	90
C. E. Covington, Bennettsville.....	90
Meyer Mittie, Bennettsville.....	90
J. T. Douglas, Bennettsville.....	30
J. F. Everett, Bennettsville.....	30
L. J. Breeden, Bennettsville.....	30

Administrators Sale.

ESTATE OF MARY WALLACE

By virtue of an order granted by the Probate court I will sell at the late residence of Mrs. Mary Wallace on March 7th 1908, the personal property of which Mary Wallace, deceased, seized and personal consisting of household furniture and one hog. Terms of sale cash. J. R. Townsend, Executor. Feb. 13, 1908. 8-10.

Marlboro Guards

Bennettsville, March 24, 1908 Capt McIntyre is again able to be at his post of duty after a severe attack of la grippe. With this fact and in view of the approaching inspection, it will necessitate double work on the officers and men. Therefore the members are ordered to report at the Armory equipped for duty by 7:30 o'clock Tuesday and Saturday evenings of each week. By order of W. H. McIntyre, Capt commanding Co E, 2nd Infy, N. G. S. C. Jeff Allarty, 1st Sgt. 9AD

THE MATHESON PARTY.

Passed into the Mediterranean Sea Last Friday:

G W Freeman, cashier of the Planters bank, received a cablegram last Friday from A J Matheson, dated at Gibraltar, saying that all was well with the party. Gibraltar is on the southern coast of Spain, on the north side of the Strait of Gibraltar, which separates Europe from Africa, at entrance to the Mediterranean sea. It is said that the cablegram was just 45 minutes on its way from Gibraltar to Bennettsville.

The Matheson party sailed from New York on Friday Feb. 18, for Alexandria, Egypt. Gibraltar is about two thirds of the way from New York to Alexandria. The rest of the trip is through the Mediterranean.

After landing at Alexandria, the party will visit the Pyramids, and other things in Egypt which are of such great historical interest.

Then they will go to Palestine and look at the ancient cities of Jerusalem, Hebron, Bethlehem, Jericho, and other places in the land where Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived and died, and where Christ spent his life and was crucified.

In going from Egypt to the land of Canan, the party may take the route which the children of Israel passed over when Moses was leading them out of bondage. It is hoped, however, that they will not get drowned in the Red sea nor lost in the wilderness.

The Old Fiddlers Convention.

The audience and the performers all had lots of fun at the "old fiddlers' convention" last Friday night. Among the selections rendered were the following:

"Sheram," "Columbia Reel" and "Sally Goodwin," by J. B. Hinson. "Kiss Waltz," "Soldiers Joy" and "I'll Never Go There Any More" by D M D McLeod. "Mississippi Sawyer" and "There'll be a Hot Time," by T. L. Brown. "Kings Head," "Evening Star Waltz" and "Mississippi Sawyer," by J Arch Spears. "Nellie Gray" and "Dixie" by John McCall. "Reel," "Juanita" and "Carnival Solo," by Mr and Mrs D M D McLeod.

Selections by Mr and Mrs F E Rowe and Miss Annie McCall.

Among the others who assisted in the accompaniments and choruses were E C Morrison, G V Beard, H W Carroll and S J Pearson. Mr Pickett, the manager of the "convention," performed on the bass viol.

The receipts were about \$70. Part of this goes to the organ fund of the Presbyterian church.

Suspect Arrested.

The following dispatch was in Monday's News and Courier:

Florence, March 1.—Special: P. W. Boswell, one of three white men who were found loitering on the streets at an early hour this morning and acting in a very suspicious manner, was arrested by Officer Cain. The other two men made good their escape. After being arrested Boswell was searched and a large bunch of skeleton and various other kinds of keys were taken from his pockets.

Chief Koopman now thinks that Boswell is one of the men who blew open the safe in Mr. J. J. Hood's store at Blenheim on Friday night.

There was another small fire at the Atlantic Coast Line depot late Monday afternoon. Some cotton stored in a box car caught on fire from a spark from an engine. The car was opened quickly and the one bale was thrown out before anymore could catch.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man is an unhappy slave. Burdock Blood Bitters builds up sound health—keeps you well.

MR. McCOLL IS IN THE RACE

RECEIVING VOTES FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

Frank Gary Lacks Eight Votes of Election—Opposition Combining.

Columbia, March 5.—Three ballots were taken this morning for United States senator, without an election.

Frank B Gary lacks only eight votes of election.

Today, Senator Cole Blease placed in nomination Hon. D D McColl, Jr., of Marlboro, and Mr. McColl received six votes for United States Senator.

The last ballot was as follows:
 Gary 71.
 Walker 47.
 Mauldin 20.
 Coker 11.
 McColl 6.
 Ira B Jones 5.

The legislature adjourned at 2:30 till tonight.

The opposition to Gary seems to be combining, and no telling what the result will be.

BISHOP DUNCAN DEAD

Distinguished Methodist Divine Passed Away Monday--Funeral Today.

Bishop W W Duncan, of the Methodist church, died at his home in Spartanburg on Monday morning a little after 9 o'clock. He had been an ill man for several months and for several days the end, has been looked for at any time. The funeral services will take place in Calvary Methodist church in Spartanburg this morning, the services being in charge of Rev. J C Kilgo, President of Trinity College.

Bishop Duncan was president of the board of Trustees of Wofford College and for many years a member of the faculty of that institution. The college has suspended exercises until after his funeral.

Bishop Duncan is survived by two daughters and one son. Telegrams of sympathy from all quarters are pouring in upon the bereaved family, and general regret is felt at the death of so distinguished a man.

Special Tax won.

The election at Bethlehem school house last Friday for a special tax of four mills in Brownsville district, resulted in a victory for the special tax. There were only nine votes cast in the election. Seven of them were for the tax and two against it.

"Health Coffee" is really the closest coffee imitation ever yet produced. This, the finest coffee substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. Not a grain of real coffee is in it either. Health Coffee is made from pure toasted cereals, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—who might drink it for coffee. No twenty or thirty minutes boiling. "Made in a minute," says the doctor. R. D. Rogers & Bro.

FIRE IN HEBRON

Ginnery of J A Hamer and a Lot of Cotton Burned.

The ginnery of James A Hamer, in Hebron, was destroyed by fire last Friday. Besides the ginnery, Mr. Hamer lost 21 bales of cotton and several hundred bushels of cotton seed. Goon and Tom Covington each lost three bales of cotton. The loss is about \$2500, with \$1000 insurance.

A spark from the boiler ignited a bale of cotton on the yard. From this the other cotton and the gin house caught.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, cause chronic constipation, 25c. Ask your druggist for them.

Notice of Court.

Notice is hereby given that the court of general sessions for Marlboro county will be held at Bennettsville, beginning on Monday, March 16, 1908, at 10 a. m. Jurors, witnesses and others interested will govern themselves accordingly.

J. A. Drake, clerk.

81-85 A. D.

Was in Poor Health For Years
 Ira W. Kelly, of Mansfield, Pa., writes "I was in poor health for two years, suffering from kidney and bladder trouble, I spent considerable money consulting physicians without obtaining any marked benefit, but was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure, and I desire to add my testimony that it may be the cause of restoring the health of others." Refuse substitutes. Reid & Co.

BUY--The genuine Phillips Improved cotton seed. It does make cotton. Others say so. Write for pamphlet and prices and see what others say. J L Phillips, Orangeburg, S C. 10-16 p

ALL persons are hereby warned not to give shelter or employment to my two daughters, Shelly and Fannie who ran away from my home during the 2nd week in Feb., as they were under the ages of 16 years. Wisdom Denison. 84p

AGE NO BAR

Everybody in South Carolina is Eligible

Old people stooped with suffering, Middle age, courageously fighting, Youth protesting impatiently; Children, unable to explain; All in misery from their kidneys. Only a little backache first, Comes when you catch a cold. Or when you strain the back. Many complications follow. Urinary disorders, diabetes, Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure backache Cure every form of kidney ills.

J W Powell, proprietor of a general store and coal, wood and ice dealer of Waverly, living at 5010 Blanding st, Columbia, S C. says: "My son has been afflicted with kidney and urinary trouble from childhood, being unable to control the secretions especially when asleep. Since using Doan's Kidney Pills he has entirely recovered."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

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January 25, 1906.

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