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EMORY STAFFORD KILLED IN A FIRE AT GRAHAM, VA.

Young Man Warned Others, But Perished Himself—The Flames Destroyed a Whole Block.

GRAHAM, VA., December 12.—(Special.) Another destructive fire visited the town of Graham early this morning, and as a result, Emory Stafford, an esteemed young man, lost his life, and five buildings that stood on Main street were reduced to ashes.

It will, no doubt, never be known just where the flames originated, but it seems that they were first discovered in the lower basement of the restaurant by the unfortunate young man, Stafford, who was rooming in this building and who gave the alarm to the rest of the occupants of the house, who escaped with their lives. But Stafford himself was caught by the fast spreading flames, and lost his life, after having heroically warned those who slept in the doomed dwelling to make their escape from the awful death that seemed inevitable.

The losses were as follows: C. F. Frazier, hotel building and stock of goods; C. B. Bailey's residence, \$2,000 loss, with \$1,000 insurance; John G. Crockett's house, \$500 loss, no insurance; C. D. Shell's store and residence, owned by Mrs. Haymaker, \$2,000, partly insured; Dr. J. H. Crockett's business house, \$1,000, no insurance.

The town has no water-works, and the flames could not be gotten under control by the bucket brigade formed by the citizens until the entire block was consumed.

VAUGHAN RESPITED AGAIN.

Governor Aycock Wants Time to Consider—Affairs in Raleigh.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—(Special.)—Governor Aycock has respited, for the third time, Drew Vaughan, who is under sentence to be hanged at Winton, Hertford county.

The case is a very close one. The Governor desires yet further time to consider it. The respite is until January 8th.

Workmen are repairing the quite considerable damage done the jail here by the prisoners in their attempt to file their way to liberty this week.

The legislative joint committee which is investigating the books, &c., of the

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Treasurer and Auditor may finish this week.

It will look into the expenses of the last Legislature and report thereon, setting forth its opinion as to whether the cost was excessive or to the contrary.

It will do this now because the session of the Legislature was recent and the opportunity is good to see what ought to be done.

The committee will probably defer until next December a report on the expenses of the various State departments and whether these are too many employees. To do this will require investigation. The committee is of opinion that the powers of the State bank examiners should be so enlarged as to authorize them to inspect quarterly or monthly the State institutions and departments.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, finds that in no less than nineteen counties the receipts for the public schools from poll taxes exceed those from the property tax. He can account for this only on the belief that many honest men who have no property paid the poll-tax.

He, to-day, turned over the list of counties and the respective figures to the chairman of the Corporation Commission, at the latter's request.

The insurance companies will pay the full sum, \$6,000, carried on the building burnt at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The Governor reappoints the State Board of Charities as follows: Charles Duffy, chairman; W. N. Jones, W. E. Craig, and E. L. Haughton.

During the fiscal year ended November 30th, the corporations chartered by this State had an aggregate capital of \$39,438,000. The capital was a million each in the case of three of these.

In the Supreme Court to-day a motion for a new trial in the noted case of Westfield against Adams, from Swain county, was refused.

The suit involves title to a tract of copper land valued at millions. The motion was made on the ground that there was misconduct in the court below.

There is no improvement in the condition of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. His sinking spells, which began yesterday afternoon, caused alarm. They continue. His paroxysms also continue, but are not so severe.

CHASE CITY NOTES.

The Farmers Institutes There Will Accomplish Much Good.

CHASE CITY, VA., December 12.—(Special.)—There was a good attendance of farmers here yesterday at the institute conducted by State Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Kolmer; Professor S. B. Helges, manager of the State experimental farm, and Mr. S. F. Barber, of Harrisonburg, Pa.

The lectures were attentively listened to, and were of practical value.

The address of Mr. Kolmer was, as usual, excellent, and Professor Helges showed himself perfectly familiar with nomenclature and fruit-raising of all kinds. The remarks of Mr. Barber on "Feed for Dairy Cattle and How to Balance a Ration" were illustrated by a diagram, which showed the various percentages of all food for producing different results in animals and their proper combination. This speech was listened to with great interest, and will pay farmers well if the speaker's instructions are followed, as he spoke from actual experience and close observation.

These institutes are valuable, and if the farmers wish success, they will have to be educated to improved methods in their pursuits, and abandon the old ways along which they have been traveling for generations.

The day for the enlightened man in every vocation has come, and he will outstrip his unimproved neighbor in industrial life. A new era, with new ideas, new ideas, and agencies, has dawned upon us; a new Virginia is springing into being, and the farmers, as well as other classes, must keep step with the march of events and place themselves in the line of advancement and development.

WISE COUNTY JUDGE RESIGNS.
 Hon W. H. Bond Cannot Afford to Neglect His Law Practice.
 WISE, VA., Decenber 12.—(Special.)—W. H. Bond, Judge of the County Court, has resigned. His reasons were that the press of his legal business was such that he could not afford to neglect it, as he would have to do if he kept the judgeship. Judge Bond has made an enviable record during his occupancy of the bench, and his resignation is a further proof of the fact that competent county judges cannot be obtained at the paltry salary allowed them.

The candidates to fill his unexpired term are Attorney W. S. Mathews, of Big Stone Gap, Va., and Attorney Edwards, of Cohurn, Va. Mathews is thought to be certain of appointment.

Circuit Court is now in its second week.

Some important cases have been tried.

In Osborne vs. Norfolk and Western railway company the jury were taken out seven miles to view the scene of the killing of four steers by the railroad company.

O., died at the home of his mother, in Lunenburg county, yesterday at 11 o'clock, and was interred to-day in the family burying-ground.

He was called to the bedside of his brother, who died last Sunday of pneumonia, and was taken ill with the same dread disease about the time his brother died, and never rallied. He was laid to rest beside his father and brother.

A FREDERICKSBURG WEDDING.

Marriage of Mr. Samuel Childs and Miss Frances Ellis.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 12.—(Special.)—Miss Frances Walker Ellis, of Stafford county, and Mr. J. Samuel Childs, of the United States navy, were married in Trinity church here to-night.

Dr. E. J. Whitehead Dead.

KEYSVILLE, December 12.—(Special.)—Dr. E. J. Whitehead, of Columbiana,

Miss Edith Childs, sister of the bride-

room, was maid of honor, and Mr. Thomas Roach best man.

The ushers were Lynwood Layton, F. L. Green, Robert McDonald, and J. B. Jones.

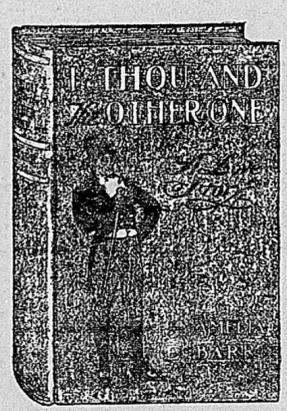
A reception at the home of the bride followed the wedding. A large crowd was present, and the church was handsomely decorated for the occasion.

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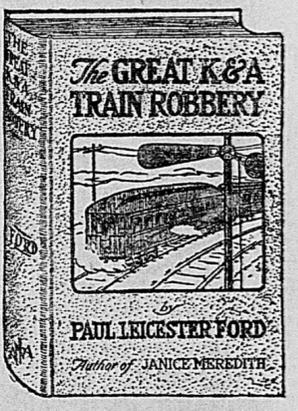


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