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FARMER LOSES HIS HOUSE, BARN AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BY FIRE

A. H. EMMERSON SUFFERED HEAVY LOSS WHILE AWAY FROM HOME LOSING EVERYTHING HE HAD

During the early morning hours of Saturday, probably about 2 o'clock a. m., the frame residence belonging to Mr. A. H. Emmerson, located on the Waller's mill road, near town, together with his barn and other out-buildings, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson were away for the night and knew nothing of their loss till the next morning.

In the stable were two work horses, grain, feed, vehicles farm implements, etc., all of which was burned. The poor dumb animals could not escape and suffered a terrible death. So far as known here, no one saw the fire.

Mr. Emmerson knows of no one who would wish to do him harm, and can assign no cause for the fire. He recalls that sometime ago he had some trouble with a colored man about trespassing on his place, but cannot think that he burned him out.

Only a few weeks ago, according to Mr. Brooks, the insurance agent, Mr. Emmerson took out a policy for over \$1600 on his buildings, personal property, and the two horses burned. Recently the owner had added a porch to the house and was also building a small addition. Mr. Emmerson, who has been here a year or so, was preparing to leave the state for good and has been trying to dispose of his personal effects, expecting to sell the remainder at auction. He has a brother living on the adjoining farm known as the Alexander place. His insurance pretty well covers his loss, except as to personal property.

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE BUSY

The School Improvement League of Tunstall Graded School met on Monday, Nov. 10, at the schoolhouse with a large number of members present. This league was organized on October 28 by Miss Sue Cleaton, the Supervisor of New Kent and Charles City schools, with an enrollment of forty members. Its aim is to improve beautify the school grounds and building.

Our first step towards this aim was successfully carried out on Monday 10th. The members met at the school at 11 o'clock. The ladies brought dinner and coffee was made and served by the pupils.

After dinner the men cut down the thick hedge around the school, while the ladies and children pled the brush. They also moved the fence and changed the blackboards.

At 3 o'clock a business meeting was called by the president, Mrs. F. T. Richards. The constitution was read and adopted, and the name of the League decided upon. Then Mr. L. M. Ellerson was elected as a delegate to represent the League at the teachers' convention to be held in Richmond, the 26, 27 and 28 of November.

After deciding to meet once a month dating from October 28, we adjourned feeling that our league work had begun in earnest.

MT. PLEASANT VICINITY NOTES

Last week was a week of enthusiasm among our pupils and patrons. Miss S. C. Cleaton, our Supervisor, spent Wednesday with us and helped us organize a "Girls and Boys' Club." Our pupils are very much interested and though our number is small, yet we hope to do good work.

Miss Cleaton also helped us organize a League. Thus far we have enrolled eighteen members.

Our officers are: Mr. W. M. Nance, Pres.; Dr. E. R. Bradley, V.-Pres.; Miss E. B. Bonitz, Sec.; Miss Hannah Marston, Treas.; and Mr. L. M. Nance, Censor.

Our cooking outfit for the girls and work tools for the boys have just been procured. Hurrah for us!

ITEMS FROM BARNETT'S SCHOOL

Barnett, Va., Nov. 12th—"Patron's Day" was observed Friday Nov. 1, at our school. The programme consisted of songs, recitations and dialogues. Quite a number of patrons and friends were present despite the inclement weather.

The roll of honor for this school for the month of October was as follows: Elva Stagg, Emma Poole and Lloyd Poole.

We hope to have more on roll of honor this month.

The boys at our school are very much interested in playing base-ball. By next summer we expect to play the Red Sox.

James Barlow, who has been quite sick is able to come back to school this week.

Thomas Harris, while riding his pony to school was thrown in front of Mr. Brockwell's home, but was not injured.

The lumber is being hauled to the school grounds to build another room to the school.

Many wild geese are here. Mr. Deanes, of "Buckland," shot one Tuesday morning on "Sycamore Flats."

Mr. Bollie Brockwell is busy picking pears for shipment.

Mr. William Brockwell has harvested his peanut crop.

Mr. Saunders expects to have a barn and silo built at "Indian Fields" sometime soon.

WHITE HOUSE SCHOOL NOTES

White House, Va., Nov. 13th—Our school is progressing nicely, and we are enjoying our work.

Miss Cleaton, supervisor of schools of New Kent and Charles City counties visited White House school recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Coggin visited our school the past week, and entertained the pupils with stories and recitations. Mr. Coggin made an impressive talk which was appreciated by all present.

The Literary Society of White House school met Friday afternoon. A very interesting programme was rendered.

The pupils and teacher of White House school gave an entertainment November first for the benefit of the school library but owing to the bad weather a small crowd was present and only six dollars was realized.

The Literary Society will give an entertainment in December, after which, apron hemming and other amusements will be indulged in.

Roll of Honor of White House school for week ending November 8: James Ashlin, Miley Ashlin, Herbert Sweet, Ben Prince, Wirt Reid, Violet Sweet, Louise Sweet, Marye Lipscomb, Gertrude Lipscomb.

Don't waste your money buying strengthening plasters. Chamberlain's Liniment is cheaper and better. Dampen a piece of flannel with it and bind it over the affected parts and it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all dealers.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

GOSSIP OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOILED DOWN

Mayor E. W. Warburton has been in Richmond since Monday attending the meeting of the Scottish Rite Masons.

Lieut. Hunter, of the battleship South Carolina, was the guest of Mayor and Miss Warburton the latter part of last week.

The Rev. B. F. Robinson, pastor of the Holdcroft Baptist church, has been attending the Baptist Association in Petersburg this week, but will return home in time to conduct his usual services at Mt. Pleasant Sunday morning and Manoaah at 3 p. m.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Chapman and her daughter, Miss Annie, will sail from New York on the Cunard liner, Franconia, on Thanksgiving day. Their European itinerary and length of stay will be indefinite.

Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, president of William and Mary, has been spending a few days in Charles City this week.

Mr. G. A. Goddin, of Discond, was in Williamsburg a short time Tuesday morning, having come here to catch the fast train for Richmond.

Messrs. T. R. Daley, G. L. Burleson and F. R. Savage composed an automobile party to New Kent county Tuesday, where Mr. Daley went to look after a couple of fine farms he owns there.

Mr. Carter Cowles, of Discond, spent Tuesday in town on business.

Dr. W. L. Gatewood, formerly of this county, and now living in Petersburg has gone to New York City to take a special course in medicine and surgery.

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F. W. WARNER

PASSES AWAY

END OF AN ACTIVE AND USEFUL LIFE

Mr. Frederick W. Warner departed this life at his home, Port-Ideal-on-the-James, on Saturday last at two o'clock in the afternoon, after an illness which confined him to his bed for only a few days. The disease which resulted in his earthly demise was insidious in its character, and its presence not even suspected until it had progressed beyond medical aid.

Mr. Warner was born in central Illinois Dec. 54, 1854. In early manhood he chose real estate as his vocation, and continued in it until about three years ago. In 1901 he moved from Illinois to Stanley County, South Dakota, where he shortly afterwards organized a state association of real estate dealers, and served two years as president of that organization.

In 1908 Mr. Warner was chosen to represent Stanley county in the legislature of South Dakota—an office which he filled with considerable distinction. In commenting upon this, one of the leading papers of the state said that Mr. Warner was one of the best legislators South Dakota had ever had.

In 1910, desirous of escaping the rigors of the northwestern climate, Mr. Warner, accompanied by his wife came to Eastern Virginia and purchased the handsome home, then known as "Port Arthur," on James river. Mr. Warner was a poultry fancier, and his stock of White Plymouth Rocks had become well known throughout Virginia, having won many handsome and valuable prizes at various poultry exhibits and at the recent State Fair in Richmond.

During his brief sojourn in Virginia Mr. Warner formed many warm and lasting friendships. His interest in the material welfare of the community brought him in touch with many of his neighbors, and his genuine friendliness toward everyone was so apparent in the first hand clasp as to win for him a warm feeling of respect and a desire to know him better.

Mr. Warner's interest in local affairs induced him to become an active member of the Williamsburg Business Association, before which he made a forceful and convincing speech a few weeks ago. The welfare of the association was a matter of deep interest to Mr. Warner, and his help and counsel will be greatly missed by the organization.

Mr. Warner was not a member of any church, but his demeanor was friendly toward all religious denominations. He was a man of devout spirituality and his life was upright, honorable and clean. His good works will stand as a fitting monument to him.

Mr. Warner had been married the second time. By his first marriage he leaves a son and daughter, both residing in the west.

On Sunday afternoon, at the residence, a short and simple service was conducted by F. H. Ball, assisted by H. N. Phillips and the M. W. A., of which Mr. Warner was a member. Mrs. Warner left on the evening train to convey the body to Tremont, Illinois, where it will be laid by the side of Mr. Warner's first companion, amid the scenes of his boyhood.

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For Rheumatism & Gout

PROMINENT YOUNG JAMES CITY MAN WAS DROWNED WHILE FISHING IN POND

BOAT CAPSIZED AND LIGHTFOOT GODDIN LOSES HIS LIFE WHILE COMPANION TRIES TO SAVE HIM

Mr. Lightfoot Goddin, [Telegraph] operator at Norge, and one of the well known and most highly respected young men of this county, was drowned in a mill pond near Toano last Thursday. The accident has cast gloom over the neighborhood in which he lived and where he had so many friends and relatives.

Mr. Goddin and his friend, Mr. W. G. Farinholt, the well known Toano merchant had been spending the day fishing. In an attempt to bail the boat, both men moved suddenly to one side when the light vessel suddenly capsized throwing both men into the water. Mr. Farinholt called to his companion to grab the boat and hold on while he swam ashore for a pole to assist him. Mr. Goddin seized the boat and when his companion last saw him he seemed to be safe.

Mr. Farinholt was heavily dressed and with difficulty reached the shore a short distance away. Turning, he saw his companion's hands grasping the side of the boat but his body had entirely disappeared, the weight of his body pulling the small boat down. The water was very cold and it is thought he soon became exhausted and was unable to assist himself to keep on top of the water.

As quickly as possible Mr. Farinholt sounded the alarm and the body was soon recovered, the water being only about eight feet deep. Dr. Stephenson responded to a call, but life was extinct.

The body was taken to Toano Thursday night from which place the funeral took place Saturday under the auspices of Chickahominy Masonic Lodge of which the dead man had been a member. Burial was in the family section.

Mr. Goddin was about thirty years of age and unmarried. He was a man of sterling character and for years had worked as operator for the C. & O. at the various stations on the Peninsula division. A strange fatality seems to follow Mr. Goddin's family. He made the last of three first cousins who have been drowned near here within the past ten or fifteen years. Jack Cowles and a young son of Mr. Emmet Gatewood were the other two who met their death in a similar way.

GOOD HOPE SCHOOL

Dash, Va., Nov. 19th—Patron's Day was celebrated in great style at Good Hope, on Friday Nov. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Coggin were present. We enjoyed having them very much, as they told us several very interesting stories. The exercises were very good, and enjoyed by all present.

Mr. W. A. Crump, of Newport News, spent a few days of last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Crump.

Mr. J. W. Crump, of Dash, spent several days in West Point last week. There will be an entertainment at Liberty school Friday night, November 22.

Miss Ollie Thomas, teacher of Good Hope school attended the teachers' meeting at Providence Forge on the 9th.

Rev. J. D. Austin, preached at Chapel church Sunday afternoon. We are very much interested in playing ball and wood-tag this week.

KILL-POIS
For Bad Blood

EBINN'S HALL SCHOOL NEWS

Bians Hall, Va., Nov. 19—On Wednesday evening, the 13th, the patrons and pupils of our school gave a box party. A large crowd was present and a large sum was realized from the sale of the boxes and refreshments. The crowd was entertained with songs and recitations.

Mr. W. S. Huxter and daughter left Saturday afternoon for a stay of several days in New York.

Dr. Ashton Harwood spent the week-end with his father, Mr. Fletcher Harwood, of this place.

Mr. Willie Quarles, of Highland Park, with several of his friends, spent a few days last week on a hunting trip over at Woodlawn. We hope there are a few rabbits and birds left.

A PERSONAL CARD

The editor takes this method of thanking his friends who have shown such a deep interest in his desire to serve the people of Williamsburg as postmaster, if the powers that be will allow us. Scores have wished us success, and more than a score have come to us voluntarily and informed us that although they had signed the petition of another applicant, they did it before they knew we wanted the office, assuring us that they would be glad to see the editor secure the position. We thank them for their kindly interest in us personally and for their many generous expressions of confidence and good will.

We have been asked why we did not announce our candidacy in The Gazette and have been censured for not doing so. Our friends should remember that this is an honorable contest so far as we are concerned, and it would have been manifestly unfair to the other applicants who do not own a newspaper for us to have used it, as a weapon against them. No patron of the Williamsburg postoffice has ever signed any petition for us who was not informed before he did so who at least one of the other applicants was. We only knew then of one other. If there is a single patron who signed our petition under a misapprehension and who wants to remove it, we invite him to do so at once.

We want to win but we want to do so in such a way as to be able to look every man in the face without the consciousness of having been guilty of anything that would make us lose our self-respect.

Again thanking each loyal friend for what she or he has done for us, and with only the kindest feelings towards all who prefer another as their servant in this instance we promise to refer no more to the matter till the selection is made.

The Editor.

ELOPE TO N. C. AND ARE MARRIED

Mr. Taylor Banks, a well known young citizen of this city, and Miss Clara Juberg, of Norge, but who has been residing here, took their friends by surprise by eloping to Elizabeth City, N. C., where they were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks, upon their return, will reside in Williamsburg or the precinct at least.