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CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

Over Half of Entire School Perish in
Cruel Flames.

Between 160 and 170 school children were burned to death in a school building in Collinwood, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday morning. Fire broke out in the basement from an over heated furnace, and had gained great headway before being discovered. In the mad rush the few doors were soon blocked with children so that none could get out, and they perished like rats in a trap. One teacher, of the nine, lost her life. It is said that the school authorities had been repeatedly warned that the building was not sufficiently provided with fire escapes and was unsafe for children in a panic of any kind. Somebody must be held responsible, of course, but nothing will restore the lost children, or compensate the heart broken parents.

The above tells a horrible tale and has put school authorities, as well as the people of the entire country, to thinking, and just now investigations are going on everywhere to ascertain the real condition of school houses.

We are pleased, as well as every patron of our public school, to know that the school board here is taking such action as is necessary to insure against loss of life or injury to pupils in case of fire or panic among the children. Fire hose will, at once, be placed on every floor of the building attached to the water plugs placed in the building for that purpose. A rigid fire drill will be put in force at once in the school, and in a short time the building will be provided with fire escapes. The board is having the heating apparatus and building thoroughly inspected and overhauled this week, and every place where trash has a chance to accumulate is being closed up. The janitor will be required to stay in the building at all times during school hours and will not be allowed to leave the building for any purpose. Everything possible will be done to insure absolute safety for the children.

This is the proper thing to do and meets the approval of every patron of the school and citizen of the town.

SUMMER NORMAL

Will be Held in Big Stone Gap Again
The Coming Summer.

Mr. R. D. Baker, division superintendent of schools for Wise county, and manager of the Summer Normal at this place for the past two years, called a meeting of the citizens of the town in the town hall on last Saturday night for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the people in regard to entertaining the Summer Normal again at this place the coming summer. About forty of the leading citizens of the town were present and the Normal was discussed in a thorough and practical way, and everyone present expressed himself as heartily in favor of the Normal and that he would do all he could to make it a success. If the sentiment that prevailed at the meeting is entertained by the rest of the citizens of the town there will be no question about entertaining all who

come to the Normal. Many who have not heretofore entertained any of the students said that they would entertain all they possibly could this year and assist the work in every way possible. A committee consisting of J. E. Salisbury, W. F. Baker, H. H. Slomp, W. B. Kilbourn and W. W. Bickley was appointed to canvass the town and ascertain how many Normal students can be cared for this year.

There is no question about the town, if they will try taking care of the Normal students that will come here to attend the Normal. It is a permanent thing and will be held here every year and will be of great benefit to the town and community.

When the committee calls to see you take all the students you possibly can and help the good work along. The Normal will be held in July as heretofore, and will last one month.

MR. IRVINE

Interviewed in Bristol Relative to Affairs at this Place.

The Hon. R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, was in Bristol yesterday on business. Mr. Irvine was interviewed by a Herald-Courier reporter relative to affairs at Big Stone Gap.

Relative to the success of the re-organized Interstate Finance and Trust Company, Mr. Irvine said: "This bank, which failed in December, reopened its doors in January 27th. The first month's business shows a very healthy state of affairs financially. The entire section has shown the utmost confidence in the reorganized institution, and the deposits have been constantly on the increase. Depositors of the old institution have been paid in part, and for the remainder they have been issued time certificates. The new organization had to secure depositors to the amount of more than \$140,000. There have been no withdrawals."

Mr. Irvine is president of the reorganized bank, and has been guarding its interests everywhere, determined to place it upon a basis that will give it the supreme confidence of everybody who may have business with it.

Referring to the burned district in Big Stone Gap, Mr. Irvine said: "The burned block is to be rebuilt in a most modern way. Plans are being perfected to build a commodious, modern hotel and business block in the burned district. The new hotel will be of brick and stone and as nearly fire-proof as it is possible to make it. It will have 60 bedrooms on the second and third floors, and office and lobby on the first floor, and several store rooms on the last mentioned floor. It will be provided with modern lighting and heating apparatus. There will also be erected several new store buildings in the burned district."

Speaking of the loss of his law firm in the fire, Mr. Irvine said: "The law firm of Irvine and Morison lost heavily in the fire, particularly in the destruction of an extensive library, which was only partially insured. We are now engaged in collecting our records, etc., and we hope to have the losses fully restored in the near future."

When asked about the coal and iron operations of Southwest

Virginia, Mr. Irvine said that matters were still quiet along that line, but he appeared to be confident that the time is not distant when there will be a general revival of industrial operations.—Bristol Herald-Courier.

ELECTRIC CHAIR

Takes Place of Gallows in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., March 5.—Virginia will adopt the electric chair as a means of executing criminals. The senate Thursday concurred in the house bill providing for the abolition of hanging, and the execution of all death sentences by electricity, at the penitentiary in this city. One thousand dollars was appropriated from the state treasury for the purpose of installing the electric death chair and other apparatus.

The agitation for a change of the method of execution of criminals in Virginia was begun early in the session of the present legislature. The sentiment against the gruesome method of hanging has grown in Virginia within recent years and increased by several bungled executions, including that of a negro in a Virginia town who was hanged three times, the rope breaking twice.

Prisoners who receive the death sentence will be taken to Richmond at the expense of the state and electrocuted by officers of the penitentiary in the electric chair, which will be of the same pattern as that used at the Sing Sing prison, New York.

Beware Of Ointments For Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the system, and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reliable physician, as the damage they will do is far greater than the relief they give. Dr. J. C. Chase & Co., Toledo, O., have a remedy for Catarrh of the bladder, which is sold by all druggists. It is a purely vegetable preparation, and it acts directly upon the inflamed surface of the bladder, and the inflammation is quickly relieved. It is sold by all druggists. Price 50 cents per bottle. Take Dr. J. C. Chase's Pills for constipation.

FROM DEWEY.

Dewey, Va., March 6.—After a long time absent I will give a few news items.

There is about six inches of snow at this place, the deepest of the season.

F. Mullins went to Wise and returned Wednesday.

Wm. Rutherford returned this week from Lincoln and Cable counties, West Virginia.

Benton Stidham, who has spent the last two or three years in far-a-way Western Washington, returned recently.

Uncle Jacob Boggs, of North Fork, has sold his land to Francis Mullins and expects to leave soon for West Virginia. We wish him much success among the West Virginia hills.

James M. Hubbard made a business to Hellier, Ky., and returned this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hubbard, formerly of Owen Fork, Ky., has located on Laurel Fork in the property vacated by J. T. Rutherford.

Married at the bride's home, Feb. 27th, Mr. Edward Hubbard to Miss Victory Boggs, Rev. W. R. Bowling officiating.

Robert S. Hubbard made a trip to Ashcamp and back this week.

John Cantrell returned from Dingess, West Virginia this week.

EUGENE.

Keeping Open House.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good, and we feel that way only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of the stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. See at J. W. Kelly's drug store.

IS HARMLESS.

Well-known Authority Tells How to Prepare a Simple Mixture to Overcome Dread Disease.

To relieve the worst forms of Rheumatism, take a teaspoonful of the following mixture after each meal and at bedtime:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

These harmless ingredients can be obtained from our home druggists, and are easily mixed by shaking them well in a bottle. Relief is generally felt from the first few doses.

This prescription, states a well-known authority in a Cleveland morning paper, forces the clogged-up, inactive kidneys to filter and strain from the blood the poisonous waste matter and uric acid, which causes Rheumatism.

As Rheumatism is not only the most painful and torturous disease, but dangerous to life, this simple recipe will no doubt be greatly valued by my sufferers here at home, who should at once prepare the mixture to get this relief.

It is said that a person who would take this prescription regularly, a dose or two daily, or even a few times a week, would never have serious Kidney or Urinary disorders or Rheumatism.

Cut this out and preserve it. Good Rheumatism prescriptions which really relieve are scarce, indeed, and when you need it, you want it badly. Our druggists here say they will either supply the ingredients or make the mixture ready to take, if any of our readers so prefer.

FROM KEOCKEE.

Keokee, Va., March 6.—The Deputy Marshall, John Ely, of Jonesville, Va., was here Saturday with a prisoner for selling liquor, and to see M. D. Denny, the Keokee policeman.

D. C. Flannery, of Dryden, was over visiting relatives and viewing the great improvements here around Keokee for the past two years. He boasts of finding a beautiful mining town and great trunk line railroad in the Crab Orchard Valley. He says that his home is inside the railroad ring that belts Stone Mountain from Big Stone Gap and back around through Pennington Gap. Mr. Flannery's home is about half way between these two magnificent mountain gaps. The Devil's Den, the most attractive mountain scenery ever beheld, lies Northwest on the North side of Stone Mountain. The V. & S. W. Ry. passes through this gorge.

The two first newspapers I ever subscribed for were the State Journal of Richmond, Va., of which Edward Daniels was editor, and the Lynchburg Press, edited in Lynchburg by John P. Wright. These papers were published as Republican papers commencing the years of 1895-97, and both ably edited.

HONOR ROLL

St Paul Graded School For the Month of February.

First Grade—None.
Second Grade—Worthy Mention—Anna Ruth Hillman, Gardner Glover.

Third Grade—Worthy Mention—Mary Porter, Lizzie Bartee.

Fourth Grade—Lillian Fraley, Charley Houaker, Worthy Mention—George Banner, Paul Bolton, Sam Dye, Alice Farmer, Hugh Foster, Thelma Honaker, Nannie Tate.

Fifth Grade—Mack Phipps, Worthy Mention—R. W. Duff, Eva Vinson.

Sixth Grade—None.
Seventh Grade—None.
Eighth Grade—Vera Duff, Delle Fraley.

W. E. Wolfe, Prin.

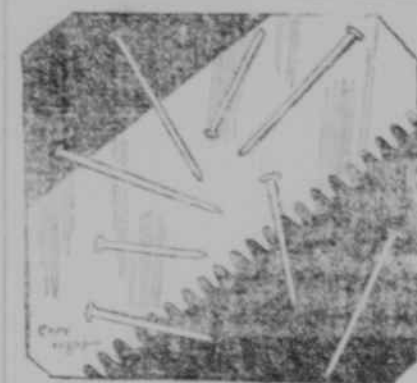
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Now is the Time

to have the baby's picture taken. Don't put it off, for soon the little one will have outgrown many of its cute ways and regret of your action will haunt you when memory in her caprices, reverts to your error.

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