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Clerk Ham added a few gray hairs to his head Saturday morning. While peacefully engaged in the furtherance of the county business, without a note of warning, the stove pipe over his head suddenly collapsed, and for a brief instant it certainly looked like a case of "crepe on the door." The catastrophe was averted, however, by two sixteenths of an inch and now the genial clerk has got that stove pipe chained to the ceiling and has given orders to Bob Beatty, the colored janitor, to carefully inspect it each morning for cracks or other signs of weakness. Ham says he can't go through another experience like that.

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