

SPENCER HAS A MYSTERY.

MERCHANT FOULY ASSAULTED.

East Spencer Citizen Found in His Store in Semi-Conscious Condition—The Victim Unable to Throw Any Light on the Affair. A Sermon to the Brotherhood of Engineers by Rev. J. M. Haymore in the Baptist Church.

Special to the Observer. Spencer, Oct. 16.—At an early hour this morning, Mr. J. R. Roberts, a merchant of East Spencer, was found in a semi-conscious condition in his store with a severe wound in the back of the head from which blood was flowing freely. Falling to return to his home at about midnight, his usual time for closing, it is learned that members of his family went in search of Mr. Roberts, who seems to have been injured in a mysterious manner, as there is no clue to the perpetrators of the deed. Mr. Roberts is himself still unable to throw any light on the matter. It is also reported that he was robbed, but at this hour the extent of the robbery or what was taken cannot be ascertained. Mr. Roberts also keeps a restaurant, which was patronized by a number of railroad men at all hours. It is feared that he was clubbed at a late hour and left in what was supposed to be a dying condition. Medical attention was secured as soon as possible and it is now thought the injured man will recover.

SERMON TO ENGINEERS. The local division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, representing what is perhaps the strongest labor organization in America, gathered several hundred strong at Spencer Methodist church at 11 o'clock this morning for the purpose of holding its annual memorial service in memory of the members of the brotherhood who have been killed or who have died during the past year. Such a body of men is seldom seen in North Carolina.

The memorial sermon, which was an able discourse, was preached by Rev. J. M. Haymore, pastor of the Baptist church, all of the churches of this place uniting in the special occasion. "Life is Like a Mountain," was the subject under which the speaker expounded. Rev. Mr. Haymore chose his text from I Cor. 16:13, his subject being "Manhood," which he discussed from a physical, intellectual and spiritual standpoint. The speaker pressed his hearers with the fact that no man can be his best without good health and a sound body and cannot render the best of service unless he has it. The members of the brotherhood were urged to care for their bodies as they owe that much to their families. They become the employees of any great railroad to care for their intellects as one of the attributes of real manhood. The principles of the brotherhood were recommended as being broad and deep. There is perhaps no class of men in America who at any time hold in their hands so much property and so many lives as does the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in view of which fact the speaker urged that there is not a class of men in the world having a greater need of a clear mind and intellect. All were reminded of the great danger confronting every engineer and were admonished to live an upright life and to keep the eye upon the rail of Christianity and the foot upon the stone of God's love until the great union depot has been reached and the Grand Superintendent appears with a welcome home.

During the past year the brotherhood has lost three of its chiefs by death, viz: E. M. Arthur, T. S. Ingram and A. B. Youngston, who died in rapid succession. The Spencer division has lost four additional members by accidental killing. Their names are D. S. Davis, C. R. Kinney, J. D. McCormick and C. E. Hall, each of whom were killed without a moment's warning. The names of all of the above were displayed in the church on large banners draped in mourning. The exercises were largely attended.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was organized in 1856 and now has many thousand members in America.

OUTING FOR TEACHERS.

A Pleasant Event in Burlington—The Gentlemen Composing the Board of Education Organized the Party.

Burlington, Oct. 16.—On Friday afternoon the board of education of the Burlington Graded Schools gave the superintendent and teachers a delightful carriage drive. The occasion was a visit to the Graham Graded Schools. School was dismissed at 12 o'clock, and the members of the board of education and the faculty assembled at the school, where eight carriages were in waiting to convey the party to Graham. The drive was perfect, the drive delightful, bearing dust, and the reception cordial. The drive from Burlington to Graham is over a fine road, and it is believed that it can be found in the State and through a beautiful country. Arriving at the elegant new school building at Graham, the party was met by Superintendent Melver, County Superintendent W. S. Long, E. S. Parker, Jr., chairman of the board, and Mr. Scott, secretary and treasurer.

A visit was first paid the school library, the gift of L. B. Holt, and then to the different classes where the party saw some excellent work being done by teachers and children. At the close of school, the pupils and teachers repaired to the auditorium, where brief addresses were made by Superintendent F. H. Curtis, of the Burlington schools, and by Dr. W. S. Long.

The party left for home at 4 p. m., and returned by a different route, visiting the Burlington Cuffin Factory, and the stone through the different buildings and had the various details explained by J. L. Scott, secretary and treasurer, and by F. Montgomery, bookkeeper. After a delightful drive about town, the party was driven to one of our popular "big stores" where a member of the board read the report of the board, and having such wide-awake, progressive and interested gentlemen as Messrs. J. W. Bates, James E. Albright, D. F. Morrow, John E. Ireland and W. C. Jones to constitute the board of education.

The precious act of the board was a thoughtful one and greatly appreciated by the faculty. It is an example that other school boards might well imitate. Burlington people are proud of their graded schools, and always stand ready to do anything possible for their advancement. Friday will long be remembered as a red letter day in the teachers' calendar, and the teachers will exert great zeal and enthusiasm, as they remember the kindness of their board of education.

MANCHESTER CLOTH MARKET.

Prices Steady. With no Apparent Probability of a Decline.

Manchester, Oct. 16.—Conditions in the cotton market were little changed last week. There was a healthy demand, sellers were firm and sales were frequently impracticable, owing to the impossibility of executing them within the required time. The Mediterranean and South American demand was fairly active. Prices closed steady with no apparent probability of a decline.

A TRIBUTE TO RANSOM.

Cumberland Veterans Meet and Pass Resolutions of Respect to the Memory of the Dead Soldier and Statesman.

Correspondence of the Observer. Fayetteville, Oct. 15.—Camp 855 United Confederate Veterans, of Cumberland county, met at noon today in the city hall, to give expression to the soldiers' sorrow over the death of Gen. Ransom, Commander W. G. Hall presiding, and Adjutant A. A. McKethan as secretary.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Col. W. C. Broadfoot, Col. W. J. Green and Capt. J. H. Robinson, was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sorrow of the camp in the death of Gen. M. W. Ransom. After a short absence from the hall for deliberation, the committee, through Col. Broadfoot, reported the following:

Comrades: We have met to take note of the death of North Carolina's foremost citizen, Gen. M. W. Ransom. Ours is not the duty, nor is this the time and place, for extended eulogy. His life and character will be traced and recorded by the pen of the biographer. "It is, however, our sad privilege to drop the tear of sympathy upon his newly-made grave, to recall his manly figure, his great ability, his glorious record as a soldier, his high standing in the Senate, his charming manners, his open hand and heart that never gave a throb not true to country and to friends, and his great usefulness. These noble qualities were seen and known of all men. To us he was all these and a great deal more.

"Some of us knew him and stood by him in the red-hot hours of battle, where his splendid figure and heroic courage were an inspiration. Some of us knew him in the dark days of reconstruction, when his fortitude surpassed his valor in the field. Some of us heard him, when he was here for the last time, modestly repeat the story of his visit to Judge Brooks and his plea, doubtful at first, but won at last, by Ransom's communique, factious highest gift for the writ of habeas corpus, which stayed the hand of the bloody Kirk, and saved our State from anarchy.

"Some of us knew the inner man—the Ransom whose soul flashed through those dark, piercing eyes, modulated the tones of that musical voice, guided his footsteps and made him what he was—the most notable personality of all and among our people since the war. All of us knew and admired plain Matt. W. Ransom.

"Great men are always plain and unpretending. Only the ass in the lion's skin apes kingship. All of us may claim comradeship with him.

"Good-bye Matt. W. Ransom, general, Senator, citizen, friend! An eloquent eulogy was made by Col. W. J. Green, and remarks by Mr. J. W. Atkinson and others. On motion, the resolutions were adopted, and it was directed that copies be sent to Gen. Ransom's family, to The Fayetteville Observer, Standard and other leading papers of the State.

Mr. Arch Brown has taken a position with the Norfolk Lumber Company at Wade Station. At the first appointment at Wade's today, of the joint canvass of the Democratic and Republican county nominees, the crowd was large and encouraging interest was shown.

Mr. J. B. Harrell has taken a position with the Nimocks Insurance Agency.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Asheville Entertains the Governor of Connecticut and His Party—Socialists and Price Speak at Blitmore—Eulogists to Speak at a Ticket.

Correspondence of the Observer. Asheville, Oct. 15.—Governor Chamberlain and his party, of Connecticut, will be received upon their arrival here tomorrow morning and handsomely entertained during their stay in the city. At a meeting in the auditorium at noon today of the committee recently appointed by the directors of the board of education to entertain the Connecticut party a programme was arranged that will insure to the Governor and the other New Englanders a pleasant visit to the city.

Judge H. G. Ewart, Republican candidate for Congress in this district, and Mr. A. H. Ewart, assistant United States district attorney, and a candidate before the Republican congressional convention of the eighth district, spoke at Blitmore last night at an audience numbering perhaps 100 persons. In view of the bitterness that crept into the congressional fight between Mr. Price and Mr. Blackburn, the strained relations that now exist between the gentlemen and the speaker either denounce or commend Mr. Blackburn were disappointed. While the assistant district attorney spoke on State and national issues, referred to the candidacy of Judge Ewart and predicted the gentleman's election, and the speaker, as mentioned Mr. Blackburn's name, he indicated that there was such a man on earth or that the eighth congressional district was in existence. Mr. Price made a ringing and enthusiastic speech and defended the administration of President Roosevelt in a masterful manner. Judge Ewart also made a strong Republican speech and was given liberal applause by those present. His remarks on the issues of the campaign were similar to those he has made over the district. He stated his position on the Brownlow good roads bill and also on the negro plank of the Republican national platform. The joint campaign between Judge Ewart and Congressman Guder will be resumed Monday.

It is probable that the Socialists of Buncombe county will meet next week, nominate a full county ticket and endorse the candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Socialist electors. It has been rumored for several days that the Socialists would put a ticket in the field, and last night the statement was made that the nominations had already been made. When asked concerning his well-known Socialist to-day said that the nominations had yet been made, but that a meeting would be held next week at which time it was probable a county ticket would be nominated.

WHEN THE HEART IS AFFECTED

By rheumatism or any of the muscles, that organ, it is like tampering with an electric wire, for death may come at any moment. If life is worth it, do not hesitate, but get Dr. King's Remedy. It is the Dr. King's Remedy. It is the Dr. King's Remedy. It is the Dr. King's Remedy.

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CAMPAIGN IN RANDOLPH.

Candidates for the Legislature Discuss the Issues—A Series of Meetings—A Business Change.

Correspondence of the Observer. Asheboro, Oct. 15.—The campaign was formally opened in Randolph county, at the Widow Kissings, on Wednesday last. There was a joint discussion of the political issues between the candidates for the Legislature. W. H. Watkins, secretary and treasurer of the Columbia Manufacturing Company, is the Democratic candidate for the Senate. He made a very interesting speech, Mr. Watkins is an excellent business man, and by close application and correct methods in his business pursuits, has amassed a substantial fortune. Without an attempt at oratory, but in a plain practical manner, he caught the ear of his hearers and made a fine impression generally among those who were present.

Mr. Watkins is opposed by Mr. W. S. Talley, of Handeman, who also made a good speech, but confined himself largely to national affairs. He was followed by J. M. Allen, Republican candidate for the House, who did credit in his effort to his side of the question and to the party he represented. Mr. Allen was followed by Col. W. P. Wood, who delivered a carefully prepared speech, with a complete summary of events transpiring during the administrations of Governors Russell, and Aycock. Unfortunately, Mr. Allen was a member of the fusion Legislature of 1887 and his record was against him, and the castigation he received was fearful. It was like being between the upper and the nether millstones.

The best blood of both parties are represented in the two tickets this year and aside from thrusting at each other from the stump, the very best of friendly relations prevail among the aspirants for political preferment.

Last Saturday, by the courtesy of the proprietors of the A. & A. Railroad, the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools, ran an excursion to the now celebrated Jackson Springs. It was a great day for all who had the privilege of joining in its pleasures. Four miles to Asheboro, a great shout went up for the wicket ball, the spirited men who had made it possible or a large number of children to have one day of inexpressible pleasure, that otherwise would never have come to them.

An interesting series of meetings has just closed at the Methodist church. A number of conversions are reported, coming largely from the pupils of the graded school. Rev. W. M. Bagby, of Washington Street Methodist church, High Point, did the preaching, which was highly appreciated by the people generally. He made many friends while here.

Mr. Sam Teague, a very popular and highly respected young man of this town, has recently been elected cashier of the Bank of Apalachicola, Florida, and leaves in a day or two for the same. We all regret to lose him, a citizen, but congratulate him on the good fortune that has come his way.

Commissioner's Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, in the case entitled Edgar Harding, Plaintiff, a Henderson Mining Company, a Corporation, and others, defendants, the undersigned commissioner will on Monday, the 7th day of November, 1904, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door of Mecklenburg County, in Charlotte, N. C., sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, all that certain piece or tract of land lying in Mecklenburg County and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands now or formerly J. H. Henderson's and others, and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning on a point in the Hotchkiss line and running south five (5) degrees, west, one hundred and seven (117) poles to a stone; thence south one-half (90) degrees, east, thirty-seven poles to a red oak and grape vine; thence north (10) degrees, east, twenty-nine (29) poles to a stone; thence north four (4) degrees, east, forty-nine and one-half (49 1/2) poles to a stone; thence north thirty-one (31) degrees, west, seventy-six (76) poles to a post oak; thence north eighty-seven (87) degrees, west, one hundred and thirty-two (132) poles to a stone; thence to the place of beginning, containing eighty-five (85) acres, more or less. Together with all the engines, boilers, machinery, mining tools, implements, fixtures and personal property of whatever name or nature belonging to the said grantor and being on the premises above described. The said tract of land being known as the Henderson Mining Co. land, and including the same as known as the Hotchkiss Gold Mine. The machinery will be sold separately from the land. Terms of sale, Cash.

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PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOUR TO THE WORLD'S FAIR, NOV. 10, 1904, VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE RY.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway announces their last personally conducted tour to the World's Fair on Thursday, November 10th, leaving Raleigh at 4:00 p. m., Wilmington at 3:20 p. m., Charlotte at 2:20 p. m., Connections will be made from all other points in the State. Through service will be arranged from Wilmington, Charlotte, and Raleigh. This is the last special train of the season to the World's Fair, and special low rates will apply from all points on the Seaboard and its connections. This party will be in charge of a representative of the Seaboard, who will look after the comfort and pleasure of the party and arrange for them to get located at hotels or boarding houses where the party may desire to stop in St. Louis. The route selected is one of the prettiest in the South, i. e., via Atlanta, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Cairo, Ill. For circulars and pamphlets apply to C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C. M. L. HERMAN, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

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