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Mrs. J. J. Dunlap and daughter, Mrs. Samuel Houston, of Charlotte, have returned from a visit to Major and Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Ansonville. Miss Hilda Gherken, of Augusta, Ga., who has been the guest of Mrs. W. C. ...

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Dibble, of Orangeburg, S. C., are grieved to know of the death of their little son, Louis, which occurred at a hospital in Columbia, Tuesday, Mr. L. B. Wyatt, the father of Mrs. Dibble, went to Orangeburg to be with her in her sorrow.

RECEPTION AT CHINA GROVE.

Correspondence of The Observer. China Grove, Dec. 3.—On last Thursday evening at the spacious residence of Mrs. I. Frank Patterson on Main street, a reception was given by Mrs. Patterson to her son, Mr. Frank N. Patterson and his young bride. The following were the guests in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. John S. Efrid, Albemarle; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Patterson, Albemarle; Mr. and Mrs. V. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Swink, Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Miller and Master Bennett Miller and Mrs. Fannie E. Corriher, of this place; Miss Janie Patterson, of Concord; Miss Annie Kibler, of Salisbury; Misses Emma Lee Nesbit and Ora Huckerbee, of Albemarle; Misses Pauline Thom and Mabel Bostain, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Patterson, Messrs. Ed Stiggs and Harrison, of Albemarle; C. L. Linn, of Landis; W. B. Lasky, Robt. Gray and T. L. Ross.

Upon the arrival of the guests they were taken to their respective rooms by little Mary Ross Little and Master Edward Patterson. After a short time, themselves in readiness the guests descended the stairway and were met by Mesdames Miller and Swink, who ushered them into the parlor and presented them to the receiving party, consisting of the bride and groom, Mrs. I. Frank Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patterson.

When all the guests had been presented they were invited to the dining room where elegant refreshments were served in courses. Mesdames Sutton and Clapp very gracefully presided in the dining room. After having well satisfied their relishing appetites, all were cordially invited into the parlor where they were entertained by vocal and instrumental music and recitations rendered by Miss Janie Patterson and Miss Annie Kibler, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In various ways the evening was very pleasantly spent and all expressed themselves as having enjoyed the occasion.

Very reluctantly did the guests leave at midnight, but the hospitality shown the guests by their hostess will ever be remembered and their appreciation of the same known only to them. The home was tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, green and white being the prevailing colors. One incident which was of special gratification to the bride and groom was that the candles used in the dining room were the same which had been burned at the wedding reception of the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson will leave here next Monday night for Newton, their future home.

GREENVILLE, S. C. SOCIAL NOTES.

Correspondence of The Observer. Greenville, S. C., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Eugene Bates was the hostess of a very nice party of last week's social guests, entertaining at cards Saturday morning at her home on North Main street, complimentary to Mrs. E. H. Fairchild. About twenty-five guests were present and a hot luncheon was served. Mrs. Jessie Smith assisted Mrs. Bates in receiving and entertaining the guests.

Saturday morning Mrs. Cad Fride gave a beautiful luncheon in honor of Miss Nell Miller, who has gone to Georgia to spend the winter. The table was prettily decorated with fruit and flowers, the place cards, suggestive of the Thanksgiving season, were little hand-painted turkeys. An elegant four-course luncheon was served.

Among the many enjoyable affairs of the week was a charming card party given Thursday afternoon by Miss Marie Henry at her home on College street, in honor of Miss Gladys Fleming, of Spartanburg, and Miss McRostie, of Canada. Duplicate whist was the amusement for the afternoon and a delightful hour was spent playing the interesting game. A tempting salad course and pleasant conversation brought the afternoon to a close.

Mrs. W. J. Thackston was the cordial hostess this week on Wednesday afternoon for the Practice Whist Club. Every one present enjoyed the delightful game of whist and following the game dainty refreshments were served.

Tuesday evening Misses May and Lizzie Waddill entertained at cards in compliment to Miss McRostie. Sixteen guests played duplicate whist and spent a pleasant evening. The game was followed by a delicious hot supper.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Martha Orr Patterson was "at home" to a number of her friends, complimentary to Mrs. Fairchild, of Mount Vernon, O., and Miss Fleming, of Spartanburg. Cards was the amusement of the hour and later, a salad course was served. Friday evening in the lecture room of the Furman University a reception was given by members of the junior class in honor of the senior class. The young ladies of the Greenville Female College, the faculty of the G. F. C., and the faculty of Furman were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in the college halls. Refreshments were served during the evening.

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SCOTLAND COURT ADJOURNS.

The Case of Rufus Tyson, Charged With Murder the Most Interesting on the Docket—Judge Peebles Makes a Good Impression.

Correspondence of The Observer. Lumbago, Dec. 3.—Superior Court adjourned to-night after one of the most interesting sessions ever held at this place. Judge Peebles' guidance, more work was done than was thought possible by many, yet a great number of cases remain on the docket. The last case to be disposed of was that of Rufus Tyson, charged with the murder of Walter Combs. This case was given to the jury at about 4 o'clock this evening.

This case is likely to assume considerable prominence on account of a motion that will be passed on in the Supreme Court in case he is found guilty in this case. Lawyers for the defense claim that his life has been out in jeopardy since for this offense, and that the trial was in violation of his rights and that the court is entitled to his liberty. They moved that he be discharged, but this honor overruled the motion saying that he is not entitled to the Supreme Court pass on this question until after the trial and that he would not be discharged to see that he get at liberty. It is this motion that will go to the Supreme Court.

Many liquor cases were disposed of the majority of the defendants being convicted and even about twelve months of the penitentiary. One person seems to have at last decided to give up the blind tiger business, and did so by giving up his license in the county. As a rule, there seems to have been but little trouble in getting all the whiskey one wanted up to the present time. The work of the court this week, it is hoped, will have a good effect.

Judge Peebles' work at this place has met with the highest kind of approval. He has made the impression on our people of being a positive, candid, honest man, knowing the law and at all times desiring to see that it is correctly enforced. He has done this by his correct rulings, the court and jury and then all rests on that law. He is an exceedingly bright man, and one is forced to the conclusion that he has been one of the best judges of the South. He has a great deal of confidence in his own ability and a confidence in the law. He is a great favorite with them. It is a beautiful sight to see the whites and all gentlemen of the South, in a manner, with Judge Peebles. They go to it with a feeling of enthusiasm for another.

The session conducted by the father of the Methodist church at this place proved a real success. It will be repeated next year.

NEGRO'S BRUTAL DEED.

Alleged to Have Saturated the Bed Occupied by His Wife With Oil and Then Set Fire to It—The Woman Horribly Burned.

Special to The Observer. N. C., Dec. 3.—Mary Peterson, colored, is lying in injuries received at the hands of her husband, John Peterson, early this morning. It is alleged that Peterson saturated the bed where the woman slept with gasoline and set it on fire. She ran out in the street, enveloped in flames and fell in the road, a mass of burning flesh, her clothing scorched and burned off. A colored man named Alex Adams, was also badly burned. The motive of the deed was jealousy. Peterson was arrested this morning and an examination will be held when the extent of the woman's injuries can be definitely known.

Maple Shade Inn, at Maxton, Destroyed by Fire.

Special to The Observer. Maxton, Dec. 4.—The Maple Shade Inn, one of the most popular resorts between Wilmington and Charlotte, was burned here today. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. The estimated loss is from \$5,000 to \$6,000, which is only partially covered by insurance.

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