

LEGISLATIVE AID ASKED.

\$153,000 FOR STATE HOSPITAL.

Directors Point Out the Need of More Land for the Institution and Ask the Additional Appropriation of \$30,000 for the Purchase and New Buildings.

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Charles G. Jones, of Goldsboro, who for a long time has been well known as an operator of gambling places at several points in the State, and who was arrested in the State penitentiary, has asked the Federal Court here to give him further time in which to pay the \$65 costs in the case.

Attorney General Gilmer left this morning for Charlotte to appear in the Federal Court for Register of Election Simpson, of Rutherford county, who was prosecuted on the charge of refusing to allow a negro to register over two years ago.

The joint committee of the Legislature which is making the annual examination of the books and vouchers of the State Treasurer almost completed its work in his office to-day.

In a special interview with Insurance Commissioner Young, some very interesting facts regarding the development of the insurance business in North Carolina companies were ascertained.

The increase of the business of home companies is certainly remarkable. In 1899 there were no stock or legal reserve companies of North Carolina's origin doing business in the State and only one assessment association.

The total insurance upon it is only \$87,000. He says that really the State ought to carry a great deal more insurance, say from \$5 to 75 per cent of the value of most of the buildings, and he will so recommend.

Two fire insurance companies, the North River and the Peter Cooper, both of New York have asked to be sent back to the State that they may enter North Carolina.

Mr. E. Warren, of Easton, Pa., a man of about 60 years of age, died very suddenly yesterday morning at the home of Mr. R. C. White, at No. 623 North Brevard street.

The body was removed to the undertaking establishment of J. M. Harry & Company, where it will remain until some of his friends or relatives in Easton are heard from.

Mr. P. H. Collins, a prominent farmer of his vicinity, leaves to-night for an extended trip through the West. He goes to visit his brother and sister, who reside respectively in Ardmore, I. T., and Leedeth, Tex.

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TESTIMONIAL TO SUPT. HICKS.

Head of the Oxford Orphan Asylum Presented With a Handsome Silver Service by Masonic Grand Lodge.

Special to The Observer. Durham, Dec. 15.—Last night the directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum held an annual meeting here, the meeting adjourning about midnight.

On the massive water of the service there is an inscription telling from whom the service came and the object of making the gift. This inscription is as follows:

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SPENCER TO GET BUILDING.

The Southern Appropriates \$15,000 Toward the Erection of a Home for the Blind.

Special to The Observer. Spencer, Dec. 15.—An appropriation of \$15,000 by the Southern Railway Company towards the erection of a modern \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. building for the blind here.

The matter has already been decided, and the committee, composed of Messrs. W. H. Burton, M. A. Shank and A. C. Van Campen, officers of the association here, returned from Washington this morning in jubilant spirits over the prospect for a handsome and commodious building in the near future.

The committee was given a most cordial reception by Mr. W. W. Finley, second vice president of the Southern Railway, who assured the committee that the company considers nothing to good for Spencer.

The appropriation of \$15,000 by the railroad, the company also gives a desirable site, to be not less than 150 feet front, on the condition that the citizens of Spencer will raise an additional sum of \$5,000, which had already been agreed upon by the local association.

On or about January 1st, officials of the Southern, together with architects, will visit Spencer for the purpose of selecting a site and arranging the details necessary to begin work on the building.

The matter will receive the personal attention of Mr. M. V. Richards, of the land and industrial department, in behalf of the Southern Railway, and the international committee, of New York, together with the local association officials, will look after the interests of the Y. M. C. A.

The committee which visited Washington is led in its praise of the cordial manner in which they were received by the officials of the Southern. The success of the undertaking is the outcome of several years' faithful work, and the entire community is congratulating itself thereupon.

Sanford Furniture Plant Sold Again. Special to The Observer. Sanford, Dec. 15.—The plant formerly operated by the Sanford Furniture Manufacturing Company, and which was sold at public auction some time ago, to parties here, was again sold yesterday at private sale to Mr. H. M. Weller, of Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

The plant is valued at \$20,000, but has been idle for two years, having only been operated for about a year altogether. It is said the new purchaser has had 25 years' experience in the furniture business.

It is his intention to start up about the first of the coming year. It is fully hoped that the business will be a success under the new management, for it means much for this town in a financial way.

Spartanburg County Resident Killed by a Trolley Car. Special to The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 15.—Robert Plehoff, an aged resident of the county, died at an early hour this morning as the result of injuries sustained by being struck by a trolley car on Main street.

He suffered concussion of the brain and died without having regained consciousness. The coroner held an inquest, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts but did not place the responsibility.

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MANAGERS OF CHRISTMAS PARTIES and those wishing delightful meals served at home or at the Gem Restaurant. The Gem has an abundance of seating capacity and certainly the most delightful meals it is possible for expert cooks to provide are served there.

MEAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Those preparing for Christmas dinners should not lose sight of the big showing of fresh meats we are providing for our mammoth holiday trade. Leave your orders with us and we will deliver to your door.

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