LEGISLATIVE AID ASKED.

\$155,000 FOR STATE HOSPITAL

oint Out the Need of More the Institution and Ask the Appropriation of \$80,000 prefuse and New Buildings Purnell Dectines to Extend Jones-Insurance Comuls-ing Gives Some Inforceding ing Gives Sc ne Interestin ling His Department. Observer Bureau,

17 West Cabarrus Street,

Raleigh, Dec. 15.

Haleigh, Dec. 15. The directors of the State Hospi-tal for the insane here have adopted the reports of a special committee as to improvements, this committee being a joint one, representing both the hospi-tal here and that at Morganton. Su-perintendent McKee of the hospital here urges treament of the insane on what is known as the colony plan, that is the division of the patients into ittle colonies or groups to occupy cot-

what is known as the colony plan, that is the division of the patients into little colonies or groups to occupy col-tages, the latter to be scattered here and there on the land of the hospital. The hopstial for the insane here has now only 170 acres of land and needs much more. It ought to have a thous-and, and will ask the Legislature to provide for so much, in order to carry out the plan of having scattered build-ings for colonies of the insane, who of course do a great deal of farm and garden work, it being highly beneficial to them. The patients have done a great deal of such work on the pres-ent farm, which of course is much too must the Legislature for an annual ap-propristion of \$75,000 for maintenance of patients, etc., this being a small increase over the present appropria-tion of \$80,000 to cover the cost of and and of buildings for the aditional patients to be provided for. Of course is within the discretion of the board as to the establishment of a colony as to the establishment of a colony system, or of the continuance of the

Charles G. Jones, of Goldsboro, who for a long time has been well known as an operator of gambling places at points in the State, notably at orchead City, and who was convicted of receiving and selling postage stamps, knowing them to have been m from postoffices and who was and \$500 instead of being sent to the penitentiary, has asked the Federal Court here to give him further time in which to pay the \$685 costs in the case. but Judge Purnell has made an im-perative order that no further time will be granted. Jones was here not long ago. He paid the fine at the last term of court, but claimed he could not meet all the costs. Jones had a close call

or the penitentiary. Attorney General Gilmer left this norning for Charlotte to appear in the Federal Court for Register of Election Simpson, of Rutherford county, who was prosecuted on the charge of re-fusing to allow a negro to register tere over two years ago. The Leg-lature provided for the defence of Simpson and other registrars by the attorney general and by other counsel if necessry

The joint committee of the Legislature which is making the annual ex-amination of the books and vouchers of the State Treasurer almost comed its work in his office to-day, and gart of the committee began the examination of the Auditor's office. The committee has had only three members here, because of the death of Dr. Alexander and of the absence of Senator

Hoev at court in Cleveland county. In a special interview with Insurance Commissioner Young, some very interting 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 total asets reported being only \$2,530 by these companies, which are life. Now such companies report capital \$325,600; assets \$356,000; business in ments when the accident occurred and force \$2,232,000.

TESTIMONIAL TO SUPT. HICKS. Head of the Oxford Orphan Asylmm Presented With a Handsome Silver Service by Masonic Grand Lodge A Meeting of the Asylum Directoirs at Durham.

special to The Observer.

and C. A. Toms, Durham. Superinten-dent J. W. Hicks, of the asylum, to-gether with his clerk, Winston Rogers, were also in attendance. The object of this meeting was to prepare the annual report to be submitted to the grand lodge of Masons to be held in Raleigh next month. The annual re-ports of the superintedent and the treasurer wer submitted and from these reports the annual report of the board of trustees will be made up. One interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to Col. Hicks, the name of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State, a handsome and elaborate silver service of six pieces. This service is one of the most handsome thingse of the kind ever seen here. The service was given as a token of the efficient work he has done as superintendent of the asylum. The presentation speech was made by Mr 8. Liddell. of Charlotte, the grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of the State.

On the massive waiter 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: Presented to Col. William J. Hicks,

of the Grand Lodge of Masons, of North Carolina, as an abiding evidence of the faithful, self-sacrificing and successful efforts in making the Oxford Orphan Asylum in truth a home and school for the fatherless. Pure religion and undefiled before God the father is this: Visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. Oxford, North Carolina, November 1904." All but two members of the board were present.

BODY FOUND BY HUNTERS.

Unknown Negro Presumed to Have

Frozen to Death-Damage Suit Goes Against the City of Asheville-Child Seriously Burned. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Dec. 15 .- The body of an unknown negro was found yesterday evenknown negro was found yesterday even-ing near Buck Shoals, 12 miles from Ashe-ville, by two young men, F. Pinner and Hall Lance, who had been on a hunting expedition during the day. The body was found in an old field about 200 fards from the banks of the Swannanoa river, and it is believed that the dead man is Jim Polis believed that the dead man is Jim Pollard, a half-demented negro, who disap-peared from his home in Cripple Creek several days ago, The discovery was re-ported to Coroner Hemphill, who repaired is the scene and examined the body. No signs of a wound of any description could be found and it is thought that the negro in wardering around lay down on the ground and froze to death. It was the opinion of Dr. Hemphill that the man had been dead two or three days. The trial of the damage sult of Mrs. I. E. The trial of the damage suit of Mrs. I. E. Fitzgerald vs. the City of Asheville was concluded in Superior Court late yester-day afternoon and a verdict for \$2,000 given the plaintiff: Tucker & Murphy represented Mrg. Fitzgerald, while the city's interest was looked after by City Attorney L. M. Bourne. The plaintiff was suing for \$5,000. Mrs. Fitzgerald sued the city for injuries alleged to have been re-ceived on South Sprace street during the winter of 1902, when the plaintiff fell from a sidewalk on that street and received hurts about the hand and shoulder. The a verdict in accordance with the facts hurts about the hand and shoulder. plaintin charged that the city was The gent because there was no light on the

SPENCER TO GET BUILDING.

The Southern Appropriates \$15,000 Toward the Exection of a Home for the Y. M. C. A.—Work to Begin the First of the Coming Year.

Special to The Observer. Spencer, Dec. 15.-An appropriation of \$15,000 by the Southern Railway Spencer, Dec. 16.—An appropriation protors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum held an annual meeting here, the meet-ing adjourning about midnight. There were present the following: Grand Master W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte: chairman ex-officio of the board: G. Rosenthal, of Raleigh, ascretary; N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh; John W. Cot-ton, of Tarboro; T. A. Green, of New-bern: Dr. Dred Peacock, of High Point: and C. A. Tomps, Durban. Superinterome 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 Rallway, who assured the committee that the company considers nothing to good for Spencer. Besides 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 ad-ditional 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, while the international committee, of New York, together with the local association offi-

cials, will look after the interests of the Y. M. C. A. The committee which visited Washington is loud 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' of faithful work, and the entire community is congratulating it. self 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 year's experience in the furniture business. I understand it is his intention to start up about the first of the coming year. It is ruly hoped that the business will a suc-cess 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 coun-ty, died at an early hour this morning as the result of injuries sustained by being struck by a trolley car on Magnolia street. He suffered concussion of the brain and dled without having regained consciousness. The corone inquest and the jury returned

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CHARLOTTE DAILY O CHARLOTTE DAILY 016, 1904.

\$2,238,000: premiums received The fire insurance companies force \$91,000. organized in the State make a splendid showing, showing an increase in capital during the past four years of \$687,-000: assets \$2,448,000, suplus \$2,200,000: yearly business \$32,242,000, increase in yearly premiums \$70,000; increase in insurance in force \$33,330,000. The Commissioner said that this is a very handsome showing indeed. He finds that the value of State property upon which insurance is taken is \$5,180,000, while the total insurance upon it is only \$857,000. He says that really the State

ought to carry a great deal more in-surance, say from 50 to 75 per cent. of the value of most of the buildings, and he will so recommend. For the year Man Without Home or Family Came unded last April he paid into the State Treasury \$178,000, and during the pres-ent fiscal year of his department will,

pay at least \$200,000. Two fire insurance companies, the North Riven and the Peter Cooper, both of New York have asked to be sent blanks in order that they may enter North Carolina.

CATAWBA FARMERS CAUTIOUS.

Holding Their Cotton for a Rise-Prospects of a Coal Yard-Personals and News Notes.

Special to The Observer.

Newton, Dec. 15 .- Much interest has been Newton, Dec. 16.—Much interest has been full here over the Kelly-Abernethy wed-ding which, was celebrated in Charlotte yesterday. Mr. Abernethy was a Newton buy, the son of Mr. T. R. Abernethy, druggist, and has many friends here who wish him much happiness. Mrs. T. R. Abernethy and Miss Katherine Abernethy, of this place, attended the wedding. The ladles of the Presbyterian church have arranged for a sale of funcy work

have arranged for a sale of fancy work and candles to be held on the second floor of the Rhyne Company's building, beginning to-morrow at 1 p. m. and ending at 11 p. m. The proceeds are to be used in buying a set of pulpit furniture for the church.

church. To-morrow night the students of music at Catawba College will give, under the direction of Miss Hargett, their regular Christmas concert to the public. An clab-orate programme has been argenged. Indications point to the opening of a coal yard in Newton in the very near fu-ture. The scarcity of wood has made such a syard a practical necessity. Many busi-ness houses and private residences have already put in coal grates, and will wel-come a system which will place coal at their dbors. Special to The Observer. Troutman, Dec. 15.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mr. Thomas Elliott and Miss Ether Tin Bradford were mar-ried by Rev. A. J. Burns. The wed-ding party consisting of a dozen couples drove gaily through the snow to the Methodist parsonage where the sdrove back to the bride's home where them.

he nursery business has become quite Important industry in this section of e county. During the past fall \$100,600 with of trees were shipped from Newton. the demand for young fruit trees has come so great that it has become al-out impossible to fill the orders. W. T. Illan & Son have recently bought 200 res of land for the purpose of increas-t their nursery.

Illim & Son have recently bought 200 res of land for the purpose of increas-fine ransers. Sont of the farmers in Catawhs county e determined to hold their cotton for a fut price. Never hefore has there been much cotton in the county at this time the year. Almost every farm-house has mit wo to twenty bales laid sway. All the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised other crops ficient to support them and say that the farmers have raised that to for first may fail and winter. The farmer fitting, of South Washing arrived in Newton Wednesday to me today to reend Christmas with her tives in Plorids. —Mean W. C. Mater, P. M. Williams and Donald filterspoon attended Lipcole county fu-tor Court this week. —Capt. Bon Clark the botthern Railway, has been at to fils week on a visit to his rela-tion the week on a visit to his rela-

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ments when the accident occurred and that the city was not negligent. An ap-pecil will be taken by the city. The two-year-old child of BurtRandell, a resident of Chunn's Cove, two miles from Asheville, fell into an open fire-place yesterday and was seriously though not fatally burned. The child had been left when in the room but a few moments alone in the room but a few moments, while its mother was in an adjoining room, when the accident occurred. The burning clothing was quickly extinguished and Dr. Joseph Sevier summoned. It was about that the child had been burned about the face and legs and that while the burns were painful they were not

serious.

DIED SUDDENLY.

to His Death in a Boarding House Yesterday Morning.

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. Mr. Warren came here some time ago and engaged board at Mr. While's, saying that he would spend the winter here for his health. He kent to himself a great deal and never spoke of his family or relatives, beyond the remark that he had two cousins in Pennsylvania from who he never heard.

He seemed to be in his usual health Wednesday, though he complained of a slight illness that night. He was seen at 6 o'clock by members of the family and at 7 o'clock when his room was entered again, he was found dead. 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. He was a

A Wedding at Troutman.

Special to The Observer.

shots.

mining expert by profession.

To-day about two-thirds of the male population were out chasing rabbits in the snow. It has been a hard day on rabbits and quail. Clarence Carlton negro boy bagged 17 quail at two nots. These of course were found snugly huddled together and shot on

the ground. Mr. P. H. Collins, a prominent far-

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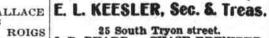
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