

Belles and Beaux of the Future



ROCK HILL SOCIALLY. The Amelia Pride Club Entertained—A New Book Club Organized—The...

The Ann White chapter U. D. C. held its regular yearly business meeting and election of officers on a...

On last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Heath on Hampton street, a new book club was formed...

Miss Sallie London entertained the Euchre Club very delightfully on Thursday afternoon at her home on Johnston street...

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. P. Kinard was hostess of the Whist Club at her home on Oakland avenue...

Miss Agnes Ladson, of Atlanta, is the guest of Miss Strauss Mills on Park avenue—Rev. I. A. Moore is here spending the holidays with his mother...

RESERVOIR DYNAMITED? Rumored That a Dynamite Cartridge Was Found Near a Wrecked Wall After the Disaster—The Tobacco Market—News Notes of Winston-Salem.

STATE GEOLOGICAL BOARD. A GREAT WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

State Geologist Holmes Makes His Annual Report to the Board—New Enterprises Chartered by the Secretary of State—Local Manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Departs—Annual Report of the State School for the Blind—News Notes of the State Capital.

Observer Bureau, 17 West Cabarrus street, Raleigh, Dec. 17. The State Geological Board held its annual meeting to-day in the Governor's office, he being its chairman...

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

Small and Unimportant Cases Before His Honor at the Police Court. The recorder dealt with only a small number of cases yesterday afternoon...

ELECTION OF NEW PROFESSOR.

Rev. L. G. M. Miller Chosen as the Successor of Rev. M. G. G. Scherer. Charleston News and Courier, 18th.

STATE LIBRARY.

State Librarian Sherrill reports 34,513 volumes, an increase in five years of over 14,000. There are now almost 1,000 copies of bound newspapers in the newspaper room...

Miss Sarah Was Perturbed. Washington Post. Who was the policeman who by any stretch of imagination or exercise of telepathy knew that Miss Sarah Clementson had a friend in far-off North Carolina who bears the name 'Magnolia'?

This was the question Sergeant Carter, in charge at headquarters one night recently at the dinner hour, was asked to answer—and answer in a hurry.

Miss Sarah Clementson, who was obviously very much perturbed, almost ran into the detective office and, in an excited voice, demanded to see the chief of police.

She was rendered speechless, so she told Sergeant Carter, when the policeman replied: 'Indeed it is, Magnolia.' Miss Clementson said she did not wish to enter a complaint, and that the only thing she wanted to know was how the policeman knew that she had a friend named Miss Magnolia...

Promoter Hooley Acquitted and Associate Found Guilty. London, Dec. 17.—After three weeks' trial a jury in the Central Criminal Court to-day found Ernest Hooley, whose colossal bankruptcy was the sensation of 1898, not guilty, and Henry J. Lawson guilty of obtaining money under false pretences...

A Word About Business. 'As a rule,' said a prominent business man yesterday, 'the December business is very slight—dropping away from the first of the month. But I find on all sides that this month has been an exception, all trading men reporting optimism. But business is virtually done now, so far as the knights of the grip are concerned until after the first of the year.'

BEAUTIFUL S. A. L. CALENDARS. Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 17, 1904. The Seaboard Air Line is issuing the prettiest calendar that has ever been issued in this section. They are historical and will ornament any room. These calendars can be secured by sending 25 cents to Mr. C. B. Ryan, G. P. A., S. A. L., Portsmouth, Va.

SPECIAL LOW RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Account of Annual Meeting Southern Educational Association, Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28-31, 1904, the Southern Railway will sell tickets to Jacksonville, Fla., and return on Dec. 27th, good to return until Jan. 4th, 1905, at rate of one first-class fare plus 25 cents for the round trip.

Account of Special Excursion to Havana, Cuba, January, 1905, the Southern Railway will sell on January 4th and trip return to Havana, Cuba, at rate of one first-class fare plus \$2.00. These tickets good to return leaving Havana until Jan. 19th, 1905, and to reach original starting point not later than midnight on Jan. 22nd. Round trip rate from Charlotte, \$41.50. Through Pullman cars Charlotte to Port Tampa. As the space on the steamers between Port Tampa and Havana is limited, it will be necessary to make reservations before tickets are sold.

On account of Pan-American Medical Congress, Panama City, Panama, January 2nd, 1905, round trip tickets will be sold to Panama City at extremely low rates. Tickets on sale Dec. 26th, with final limit 30 days from date of sale. Round trip rate from Charlotte will be \$74.00.

For further information, call on any Agent Southern Railway, or write W. H. TAYLOR, P. O. Box 100, Washington, D. C. R. L. VERNON, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

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FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED. Ten Cars Demolished Near Hickory and Traffic Blocked—Accident Due to a Flat Wheel.

Special to The Observer. Hickory, Dec. 17.—An east-bound freight train this afternoon, which was in charge of Conductor Nat Boat and Engineer Jim Lollar, was wrecked three miles east of this city by a flat wheel and ten cars were demolished. The wreck has tied up traffic on this division, holding at this point No. 12, the east-bound passenger train of the Southern, as well as the south-bound passenger train of the Carolina & Northwestern. It is thought the trains will get through about 2 o'clock to-night, as a wrecking crew is building a side-track around the ruins. Fortunately, there was no loss of life nor injury to the train crew.

Miss May Murphy, of Morganton, is with Miss Lottie Caldwell on tomorrow evening, on her way back from a short visit to friends at Clinton, S. C.

NOTICE TO CLERGYMEN IN CHARLOTTE AND VICINITY. Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 17, 1904. Annual clerical permits, reading on Seaboard Air Line, will be issued by Chairman Richardson at Atlanta, Ga. It is necessary that clergymen wishing these permits should call at once and get blank applications from S. A. L. city office.

LETTER FROM MR. FIFE. To the Editor of The Observer: Allow me through the columns of your paper to say to my large number of friends and customers that have bought stock in the Great Western Gold Company, of California, through my influence that I am now in Denver, Colorado, and at my own expense will leave here to-morrow night (Wednesday, December 16th) for California, to visit the properties of the Great Western Gold Company, and to examine same in every detail. Upon my return which will be in about two weeks, I will issue a statement and send to each stockholder showing just what the company has done and is doing up to the present time. The annual stockholders' meeting of the Great Western Gold Company will be held on January 2, 1905, in the city of St. Louis, Mo. D. V. I will be there to look after your interest. I propose to guard it as carefully as I would my own life. Thanking all for their past confidence and wishing yourself, Mr. Editor, with all my customers and the readers of The Observer a merry Christmas and happy New Year, I am yours for success. W. F. FIFE, 1641 Tremont Street, Denver, Col., December 12, 1904.

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