#### CHARLOTTE DAILY OBSERVER, DECEMBER 26, 1904.

## THE STORY OF A SLAVE.

CARED FOR BY MR. H. CLARKSON

Was All His Life a Family Servant The Peculiar Will of John

an Harrist J. Clarkson in Columbia

me weeks ago Mr. Heriot Clark-of Charlotte, N. C., spent a few se in Columbia, when returning a from the plantation in Richland ity, once swned by his grandfather, atill in possession of members of family.

family. r. Clarkson took back with him to th Carelina, William a former e of his father, Mr. William Clark-who was given & the latter by his see, Mr. Thomas Boston Clarkson, became his body servant, going a Capt. William Clarkson through four years of war, and serving him bfully and unselfishly through urbulent times. We have all end of the love between masters and and of the love between masters and ves of those days, and how love for master would lead the slave rough dangers of every kind if he id only he repaid by the knowledge at he had, in some, way, added to the mfort of his owner. William lives a true example of the type, so few of shom are left, binding, as it were, the

whom are left, binding, as it were, the present to the past. Mr. Clarkson was made captain of Company K. Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment, Hagood's Brigade, and was severely wounded while com-manding the sharpshooters at Fort Sumter, during the bombardment of April, 1863; but the faithful William saved his master's life by rowing him across to Charleston, the small boat with its two occupants-wounded solwith its two occupants-wounded sol-dier and dusky alave-leaving the fort in the midst of a hall of bullets. But rovidence was with them and they eached Charleston in safety, where aptain Clarkson received careful at-ention, being able in a short time to

Charleston in safety, where the rairoad station by a coach and a Clarkson received careful at-being able in a short time to to his command. while the greatest test of Wil-fidelity, was by no means the s he was with his master conliam's fidelity, was by no means the last, as he was with his master constantly during the remaining years of the war, and when master and servant returned to their changed homes, Wil-liam was still true to his former owner, who appreciated his love, and valued his services but is there unastitud his services, but in those unsettled times they naturally became separated, times they naturally became separated, the master going to a new home in Charlotte and the servant remaining in this State, on or near the Clarkson plantations, "Middleburg," "Hickory Hill, or Beaumont Place." The two seldom met afterwards, but during Mr. Clarkson's last illness William went to see his old master for the last time. He show of years of ass and is well cared officiated. The slaves seemed com-fortable and happy; they sang their negro songs with great glee. Dr. Lord feit that the planters had been mais now 66 years of age and is well cared for by his master's son, Mr. Heriot He reasoned that no race had ever n, who has built a comfortable me for William's use near his own

aburban home at Charlotte. This incident brings to mind one of tianity of England; and that it was a grave question whether the negroes the most unique cases found in our civil court records—that of Johnstone ve. Clarkson, which was tried in Charleston, June, 1850. The habits and manners of life of the f freed, would make an equal advance in the 200 years to come. Lord began to ask himself whether slavery at the South might not be a

principal character in this suit cannot fail to interest the Northern as well as providential event. "Dr. Lord after this still advocated he Southern reader. John Clarkson was born in Charlesthe abolition of Southern slavery, but

could not look upon it as the henious crime which the abolitionists repre-John Clarkson was born in Charles-ton on the 5th of January, 1811, but the greater part of his life was spent, at his plantation on the Wateree river, in Richland county. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Clarkson, and bore the name of his great-great-grand-father, John Boston, of Dunse, Scot-land, who "was a non-conformist, and the heaveney suffered both spoilsented it to be, after the abolition of the slave trade. At any rate, amid the amenities of a slave-holding Chris-tian family, who treated their slaves with great humanity, he felt that there were two sides to the question. "Mr. Clarkson secured the lecturer an

for his rescusancy suffered both spoilation and imprisonment; his wife being ation and imprisonment; his whe being obliged to pay 150 for her husband's release." John Clarkson was also a direct descendent of the Lord of Tush-ielau and of Thomas Boston, the noted Scottish divine. He inherited to a large degree his ancestor's religious fervor and, though an Episcopalkan in bellef,

heirs, William, who was about 12 years old, falling to the share of John Clark-son's brother. Thomas Equation Chark-son, who in turn gave hills to his son, Capt. William Clarkson was at heart an abolitionist. his brother, Thomas Boston Clarkson, with whose family the former spent a large portion of his time, was a great believer in slavery, owning at east 500 negroes, and treat-ing them with the greatest kindness and consideration.

ing them with the greatest kindness and consideration. In 1857 Dr. John Lord, of New Hamp-shire, the noted lecturer and abolition-ist, while touring the South visited, by invitation, the city home of this large slave holder. The following is an ac-count of that visit, which is found in the "Life of John Lord," written by Alexander S. Twombly: "Considerable interest was awakened at one time during Dr. Lord's career as a lecturer, concerning his attitude towards the slavery question, and the war for the preservation of the Ameri-can Union. "While in Savannah he happened to Jave a stormy debate

eligious services for them on Sunday

at which brilliant young clergymen

ligned by the Northern abolitionists.

drews, on College Hill. West End.-Mr. W. P. Andrews and Dr. Ashcraft will come in a few days.-Miss Mary Stewart, a trained nurse, of Asheville is visiting relatives here.-Miss Ellie Ogburn, of Greensboro, is visiting her he happened to kave a stormy debate at the hotel with some excitable South-ern gentlemen, with reference to the growing difficulties between the North and the South. These gentlemen main-tained that one Southerner was as good coustn. Eunice Rose, of Wadesboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. H. Thompson. Mr. Chas. D. Roberts, of Hinton, W. Va., arrived this morning to visit the family of his wife, who was Miss as any two Northerners in any war W. Va., arrived that might arise-evidently thinking at that time that war between the two Cornie Stewart. sections was inevitable,

The following young ladies have re-turned home for the holidays: Misses Bright Ogburn, Mary Davis, Leola Alice Stack, from St. Mary's, at Rai-eigh; Ashe Gaddy, from the Durham iton, from the Statesville Female College, Ona Long and Mary Lee Bivens, from the Baptist University, at Raieigh. to visit him at Columbia. "After staying a week at Charleston,

The following young men and boys slowly improving in health, Dr. Lord proceeded to Columbia and was met at have come home for the holidays: Frank Lee, Emsley Armfield, David the railroad station by a 'coach and Futch, Hal Adams, Ray Adams, Thur-man McRae, Nereus English, Frank Ogbrun, N. S. Ogburn, Jr., Archie Lee, Ogorun, N. S. Ogourn, Jr., Archie Lee, Cyrus Stewart, John Niven. Broom, Hinson, Townley, Richardson, Hayne, Johnson, Chatham Bivens, Webster Parham, from Trinity College; John Parker, from the University; Ervin Stock Allen Heath and Frank the owner, Mr. Clarkson, and by his wife, six daughters and several sons. He was their guest for three weeks, and received attention that a sick man Ervin Stock, Allen Heath and Frank Heath, from the A. & M. College; Frank Stevens, Steve Welsh, Tot Morcould desire. Mr. Clarkson was a wealthy planter and showed how well gan and Walter Pointer, from Union a benevolent, Christian gentleman could care for 300 negroes. He had Institute.

CHRISTMAS AT POLICE STATION.

Chief Irwin Saw That the Prisoners Had Something Good to Eat-Pen Sketches of a Few of the Occupants of Cells. The police station is not the most

made greater strides in civilization than the negroes at the South had in desirable place in town to spend Christmas. Santa Claus does not like to dis-200 years; that it was a change from the fetichism of Africa to the Christribute his gifts through prison bars. But Chief Irwin and his assistants did forget the unfortunates. They not prepared and served a bountiful din-ner to the occupants of the cells, Blanche Donaldson, an old offender, Dr.

was the only female in the guard house last night. She is old and black, and fond of liquor. She has been on the chain-gang many times. Blanche is steeped in wickedness and sin.

white Peter Lemonds is an aged man, with white hair and heard. Whiskey is his curse, he can't keep from getting drunk if there is any spirits to be had. Old man Peter 's one of na-ture's weaklings. His striking face seemed out of place behind iron bars. but the old chap has seen better days. He stood up, with his chin resting on

invitation to deliver a course of leccross-bar of the cell door yesterday, turcs before the College and Theologi-cal Seminary of Columbia, where he reand begged to see the chief. He believed that friends were longing to get eived marked attention from the proat him and secure his release, but it essors. He was much struck with Dr. was all a delusion. Thornwell, the leading theologian of Will Morehead, alias Will Thompson,

the South, whose force, fluency and eloa strong, healthy looking negro, was quence were remarkable; he was also d, though an Episcopalian in bellef. , ry agreeable in conversation and a held on a charge from Cooloomee, emed to follow the strictest rules fine preacher, the pride of the Southern where it is alleged that he shot an-

### MONROE MATTERS.

A Marriage of Wide-Spread Interes Personal and Social Notes. idence of The Observer.

Correspondence of The Observer. Monroe, Dec. 24.—A marriage which will be of wide-spread interest on ac-count of the prominence and popu-larity of the participants, will occur at Wingate during the holidaya.—Mrs. E. B. McNeili, of Raleigh, N. C. is visiting the family of her father. Mr. J. L. Scales.—Miss Lucile Stewart has come home for the holidays from Wakefield, where she has been teaching.—Mrs. Dr. J. E. Ashcraft, of Atianta; Mrs. H. E. Barrier, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Ernest Heath, of Yorkville, S. C.; Mr. W. H. An-drews, of New York; are visiting the family of their father, Maj. L. D. An-drews, on College Hill, West End.—

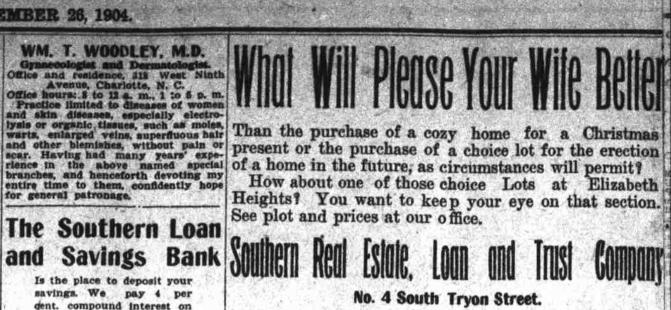
the cast. Quite a crowd witnessed the performance. The Southern Comedy Company will sive a performance here to-uight. Miss Bessie Ruiledge arrived at home hast night to apend the holidays. --Mr. Hall, of Belmont, was in town yesterday. --Missars. Percival Hall and Robert Vall. of Davidson College, are in town to-day. --Mr. Vivian Bankin, of Gastonia, is vis-ting Mr. Walter Mason. --Miss Daisy Sandifer, of Paw Creek, was in town yes-terday. --Miss Hattis Allradge and Mr. Philip Staines will be united in marriage to-morrow at the home of the bride.

special delicacies.

## THE WEATHER.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 25, 1904. Temperature and precipitation report for the 24 hours ending at 5 p. m. to-day: Mirs Bright Ogburn .-- Miss daximum temperature ..... Precipitation 02 Total precipitation for the month. 2.50 Accumulated deficiency for the month 70 Accumulated deficiency for the year 9.60 Prevailing wind direction ......N. E.





# WM. T. WOODLEY, M.D. Stanley News Jiems, Correspondence of The Observor. Stanley, Dec. 24.-The Stanley High Scholl Dramatic Club gave a very wredit-able performance in the academy last night. The play was entitled, "Too Much of a Good Thing." Mr. Frank Boyd as Tommy Perkins, was easily the star of the cast. Quite a crowd witnessed the performance. Stanley News II

for general patronage.

of his Scotch Presbyterian ancestor's clergy and a most powerful controversialist.

MISS MARY SHUMAN DEAD.

Miss Nina Clarke and Mr. John F. Bjue

doctrine. He would walk eight miles to church on Sundays, rather than take his horses out on the day of rest, and would eat nothing that was cookseen, was made in 1840, twenty-three years before the ed on that day, all his food being premation, but son pared the day before. He compiled a lived to obtain catechism for the use of his slaves, had, at one t some copies of which are still in exisamong that n d on his plantation for their use. "He was a vestryman of Zion church, Richland county, from its foundation; was one of the first founders and libegrandnephew hs faithfully as he served other members of the family in the days of slavery. He now has a good home, where he can spend his ral supporters of Grace church, Charleston, and one of the contributors to declining days, free from poverty and the support both of Bishop Scott, of Oregon, and of the first missionary Mr. Heriot Clarkson a straight care. "white-supremacy" man and believes that the negro should have no political who preceded him in that field." He lead a strictly religious life, and on or social equality with the white man, but that he should be treated kindly account of his great zeal was looked upon by many as a sort of harmless and justly. He not only holds these views, but lives. up to them as is crank. He often spoke of emancipating his slaves, his mind never seeming to shown by his kindness to his father's be at rest as to his right to hold them true and trusted slave. in slavery, but he never came to any John Clarkson's views on slavery fixed conclusion on the subject and

may have been peculiar and ahead of died at the early age of 38, unmarried the time in which he lived, but the simple stone over his grave in St. Paul's churchyard, Charleston, marks and leaving an estate valued at \$116,500 consisting of a plantation and a large number of negroes, together with stocks and other personal effects. On examination of his will it was the last resting place of a Godly, pureminded and noble Southern gentleman.

found that after certain conditions rucles bestowed, his 200 slaves should Aged Resident of Salisbury Passes Away—The Clarke-Blue Wedding be emancipated either immediately or as soon as advisable. "If immediate cipation should be inexpedient, Personals and News Notes. then the proceeds arising from the lands and negroes should be placed at Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Dec. 25.-The funeral services over Miss Mary Shuman, who died yes-terday evening, were held this afternoon interest until they were liberated, and then this accumulated sum, together with the sale of his lands and other from her home on Inniss street, and the moneys not specificaly appropriated, should be given to them-that is, that Interment was made in the Lutheran cem-etery. Rev. John H. Grey, of the Preshy-terian church, conducted the service. Miss his lands and all the proceeds uld be considered their property. Shuman charter, conducted the service. Alls Shuman vas 76 years old and had been ill for a long time, suffering with dropsy for a number of years. She was one of the oldest women in Sulisbury, of the Presbyterian faith, and an exemplary Christian He further charged that in no case should husband and wife be separated. but if the husbands and wives of any of his slaves belonged to other persons. Christian. of his slaves belonged to other persons, they should be purchased from sale of his lands and they emancipated with bis. He wished, also, if possible, that his slaves should not be sent out of America, and in no case to be forced to go to Africa if they did not wish it." The will was made in 1840. In 1843, the big server of the set of Assert Miss Nina Clarke and Mr. John F. Blue were quietly married yesterday evening at the Lutheran parsonage. Rev. J. H. Wilson officiating. This was an interest-ing surprise to their friends. Miss Clarke has been head operator for the tele-phone exchange here for several years and has been its most popular employe. All Salisbury is endeared to her. After the ceremony, the young couple drove to her home for supper and will board at Mrs. George Shaver's for the present. It will be a source of gladness to Salisbury to know that Mrs. Blue will still be with

The will was made in 1840. In 1843, after the passage of the act of Assem-by (1841) "to prevent the emancipa-tion of slaves," he writes: "I wish no evalue of slaves," he writes: "I wish no evalue of the law practiced, but appli-cation of the second." This most remarkable will naturally canced a great sensation and Mr. Charkson's nephew, Mr. William Clark-son Johnstone, of Georgetown, son of a decommed alster, appealed to the courts to set aside the will on the plea of in-manity. This ides of insanity was not difficult to establish in the minds of some, as the contents of the will seemed only to accentuate their former to know that Mrs. Blue will still be with the telephone company. Mr. Blue has not long been a resident of Salisbury, but has many friends to congratulate him upon his good fortune. Capt. Chas. M. Henderlite, who was so badly stabbed yesterday by Chas. Mar-mora, is much improved to-day and it is fored out of danger. He passed a quiet night and is much improved in spirits, too. Marmora is still in jail. At the last meeting of the Christian. Reld Book Club, which will be held Wedneaday, December 28th, Miss Jennie Mitchell Rankin will entertain at Mrs. Edwin Clarke Gregory's. Stephen Phil-lines will be diversed the spirit. is, as the contents of the will need only to accentuate their former we in regard to his eccentricity, see, no doubt, by his strict rules in ird to religious subjects. In his nul the plaintiff also charged that bequest was made void by the act Assembly "to prevent the emanci-on of shives, passed December, " and that the executor was ind to deliver up the suid slower to d to deliver up the said slaves to at of kin." ment was rendered in favor of

mient was rendered in favor of laintiff, upon the ground that the was not egally executed, and a of partition was issuer for the se of dividing the estate among seits at law. Thus, John Clark-wishes were set aside, and his laves were distributed among his

A PRIGHTENED HORSE

A FRIGHTENED HORSE, ing like mad down the street, ing the ouclipants, or a hundred accidents, and every day occurs-If hendowing overybody to have its Salve handly, and there's noise of as Bucklen's Arnics Salve, Cuts, Sares, Description and Siles and Buckley under Als mothing Sa at Burwill & Dunn Co.s

other negro. Will admits that he shot Floyd, but claims hat it was acci-John Clarkson's will, as we have dental

A. E. Feimster, a sleek-headed, lightnancipation proclacomplected young negro, was locked up his younger slaves for being drunk. His father, a respect freedom which able old negro, took nim out take ike on denied them; being William, a Northwestern Yankee. He has been a Northwestern Dakota. among that n being William, who is now serving his first master's living in North Dakota.

PERSONALS.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mr. J. H. Stedman, of Caroleen, is in the city, stopping at the Central. Mr. Claude Ramsour, of Lincolnton, is

at the Buford. Mr. Paul G. Gray is spending several days with relatives and friends in Iredell county.

Mr. N. W. Clark and Mr. J. A. Moretz of Hickory, spent last night in the city, stopping at the Central.

Mr. Hubert Ramsour, formerly of Charlotte, but now of Burlington, is in the city. Mr. Richard H. Davis, of Richmond,

here visiting his brother, Mr. Ern est Davis. Mr. H. S. Hyman, of Lincolnton, spent last night at the Buford. He was on his

way to Gastonia. Mr. W. E. Christian is up from Atlanta to spend Christmas. He is accompanied by his friend, Dr. A. L. Fowler, who is

his guest while here. Mr. M. A. Walden, of Henrietta, was at the Central last night, on his way to Hiddenite, where he will spend a few days with relatives and friends. Mr. Theo. Kluttz, Jr., of The Observer

f, spent yesterday at Salisbury with father, returning to the city last staff. night. Mr. Martin Lyon, a well-known citizen

of Charlotte, will leave within a few days for New York, where he will make his nome in the future. Mr. Joseph William Frankel, business manager of Mr. Creston Clarke, who is playing in "Monsieur Beaucaire." arrived in the city last night. Mr. Clarke will appear at the Academy of Music next

appear at Monday. BRIEFS.

## Minor Happenings in and About the

-At Highand Park yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock Miss Minnie McCraven was married to Mr. Samuel M. Hargett. The ceremony was performed by D. G. Maxwell, Esq.

"-Mrs. J. M. Merritt, who has been in St. Peter's Hospital for some time, will leave for home, accompanied by her husband, this morning. She is very much improved. -The weather yesterday and last night

rong filling the atmosphere and an uncer-tain amount of mud making waiking anything but pleasant.

Wednesday, December 28th, Miss Jennie Micheell Rankin will entertain at Mrs. Hawin Clarke Gregory's Stephen Phil-ipps will be discussed and Dr. Archibald Henderson, the most distinguished young iterateur of the State, will deliver one of his delightful lectures that have made in so much admired at the University. Mr. Theo. F. Klutts, Jr., of The Ob-server staff, spent the day with his pa-rents and returned to Charlotte to-night. Arx J. F. Rulfs, Jr., of Wilmington, is in the city an a visit to her faiher and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rendleman, -Mr. Whitshead Klutts has returned from a delightful Northern solourn, tak-in the North Carolina Society banquet in New York city. -Dr. J. W. Carlton went to his home at Waraaw to-night. The going avay of Capt 8. R. Richard. who has been master mechanic at the Southern shops at Spencer, was the oc-cation of a veception last night in the bod Fallows hall. The sailroad men un-der him presented him with a beautiful aliver service, which was tomohingify de-livered by Maliter Murphy, Eas, and re-catived handasmely by Editor Jno. M. Julian, After this, Capt. Tinhards enter-his desparture Theaday morning for New Testeving and sailspury loves him. -The county officials will observe to-day as a holiday, the court house to be closed all day. All the national banks, the Carnegie Library and other public institutions and a large number of stores will also be closed.

-William Holmes was bound over 'o the Superior Court and, in default of a bond of 500, committed to fail by 'Squire D. G. Maxwell on the charge of removing a crop from the lands of J. H. Hamilton, not paying rent and not giving the land-lord the required five days' notice of his intended removal.

-As is usual, and is to be expected, during the holidays all of the trains on all of the railroads coming into the city have been late during the last few days. All of the trains have been from an hour to several hours late, but it is likely that they will resume their regular schedule within a few days.

-Messra. W. D. Alexander, Jr., an L. B. Alexander will leave to-day fo the home of their father, Mr. W. D. Alex ander, Sr., near Croft, where, Wednerday the horses, makes, farm stock and farm implements of Mr. Alexander will be sold at auction. Mr. Alexander will mov-to the star advanta

customers wishing to speak to me can reach me on 'phone 2772. MINNIE A. COCHRANE. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS and hope the remaining days of 1904 will be days of pleasure and joy to you, and

may the forthcoming year be a year of extremo pleasure to one and all of our customers. We hope to serve you in the future as we have in the past. With a line of fine goods not equaled by any other establishment in this city. Our st.ro will close to-night to open Tues-day morning. day morning. MILLER-VAN NESS CO.

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vinced.

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