

FIRE AT HIGH POINT.

Residence of Mr. Ira Montgomery destroyed—Fire Department... Special to The Observer.

High Point, Jan. 11.—A fire, which had its origin in a defective fuse, destroyed the residence of Mr. Ira Montgomery, on Troy street, yesterday.

It is most probable that High Point will have a first-class fire department this year. The service, as it is now, is inadequate, owing to the poor equipment, and the irregularity in the money for fire-fighting.

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SURPRISE WEDDING.

Mr. W. A. Mebane and Miss Lena Garrison married at Burlington—Personal.

Burlington, Jan. 17.—A marriage which came as a very great surprise to their friends here and elsewhere, was that of Mr. Walter A. Mebane and Miss Lena Garrison, which was solemnized at Newbern, N. C., on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. F. H. Fleming.

Mrs. E. E. Workman and children left Monday morning for Winston-Salem to spend a few days with relatives; later they will go to Charlotte, where they will reside.

Mrs. D. W. Cochrane and children, of Greensboro, returned home Monday after a brief visit with the family of Mr. W. R. Ross.

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Do you suffer from colds? Do you realize the great dangers in colds? You can drive a cold out as surely, and even more speedily than you can drive out a fever.

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A LIFE THAT GAVE HIGH HOPE.

The Delightful Book of Comments of I. E. Avery.

The board of editors of "Idle Comments" have every reason to congratulate themselves on the delightful book they have gotten out, the selections given being the choicest work of the late I. E. Avery, probably the most brilliant writer ever connected with the State press, and recalling vividly the splendid articles which appeared nearly every day in The Observer, treating local happenings in such a manner that it certainly took on added interest and made his writings eagerly looked for everywhere.

The splendid ability shown by Mr. Avery gave grounds for the belief that some day he would achieve high fame in the literary world, his talents having already attracted most favorable comment from many learned men. The sudden death that came, while he was apparently in the bloom of life, was recognized as a distinct loss to the State, and the tributes paid to his memory were appreciative and sincere, there being widespread hope expressed that his best writings be saved in more permanent form than in the files of the daily paper. This matter was taken up by several Charlotte gentlemen, who promised to finance the scheme and they asked the gentlemen of the board of editors to prepare the volume which they have done in a most successful manner.

Just a glance at the headings will give an idea of the versatility of the work, appealing to all classes of people. But only those who read his articles regularly can be prepared to expect the delightful sketches and stories that follow. All of the writings were prepared during his regular work on The Observer, under the pressure of time and night work, which is a most successful manner.

The book is published by the Avery Publishing Company of Charlotte. It is handsomely gotten up, and is a great credit to those who have it in charge.

DEEDED CHILD AWAY.

Bit of Life-Tragedy Enacted at Asheville When Former Concord Woman, Deserted by Husband, Gives Up Infant Forever to Stranger.

Concord, N. C., Jan. 16.—There was a bit of life-tragedy enacted before Clerk of the Court Marcus Ennis, in the county court house, this morning when Mrs. H. Barringer, formerly of Concord, but for some time a resident of Asheville, formerly married, and now a widow, transferred to C. H. Howe, of this city, there was but one child, a few scratches of the pen, the answering which they have done in a most successful manner.

The legal proceeding this morning was the final scene in the domestic troubles of Mr. and Mrs. Barringer. Mrs. Barringer stated that her husband had abandoned her, that he had failed to provide for the support of herself and children, and she could not earn a livelihood because of the encumbrance of the child, and in terse language it had to go. The baby disposed of this morning was the one that infant, a Wiggins, of the National Army, several days ago, through the public prints, endeavored to secure a home for the wee one, there were many responses. From cities outside of Asheville, from Charlotte and Statesville, and Salisbury, they came, and the baby, yesterday twelve of these letters were received by Mr. Wiggins. Now the matter is settled and the child has a home.

HOLD ROBBERY.

Two Negro Youths Enter Wilmington Store and One is Shot by Small Boy in Charge—Had Filled Pockets With Jewelry.

Wilmington, Jan. 16.—Two colored youths went into a jewelry and watch repairing establishment, on South Front street, early to-night, where Harry Williams, a white boy, was in charge while the proprietor was gone to supper. The negroes asked to see some rings, when one of them filled his pockets with the jewelry before them and started out, young Williams took a pistol from a shelf and headed the thief off at the door. The negro offered violence and the boy shot three times. One of the bullets took effect in the negro's shoulder and the other in the hand. The thief ran, but was subsequently captured at his home where a colored physician had been summoned to dress the injury.

The secret of successfully riding the system of a cold is a thorough evacuation of the bowels. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar does this. Liquid Cold Cure, drives cold out of the system. Best for Coughs, Croup, etc. Sold by King's Drug Co.

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GARIBALDI & BRUNS.

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We name some of the very recent installations for which we have made the switch-boards. We not only make switch-boards for our own contracts but for others as well. Full line electric supplies and lamps in stock.

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