

14 YEARS FOR LILLESTON
CLARK SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS

Mayor of Charlotte, G. Smith found guilty of murder in second degree and sentenced to 14 years in Penitentiary. Appeal fixed at \$15,000. Will probably be given \$10,000. Report on News papers—Governor Grants Three Pardons and Refuses Four—Charges Granted—News Notes of State Capital.

Observer Bureau, 112 S. Dawson Street, Raleigh, Jan. 18. In the passing case of Robert H. Lilleston, of Norfolk, Va., and Harry Clark, of Missouri, two fair trials were given for the killing of Charles G. Smith, of Petersburg, Va., in Raleigh at the close of fair week, the jury reached a verdict this morning, Clark being acquitted and Lilleston found guilty of murder in the second degree. An appeal will be taken by Lilleston and other cases are brought against Clark for an assault with deadly weapon which will be disposed of at once.

MOSS LUMBER CO.

New Concern Organized at Washington With \$100,000 Capital—To Celebrate Lee's Birthday. Special to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 18.—The Moss Lumber Company, with an authorized capital of \$100,000, has recently been incorporated in this city. The incorporators are Messrs. W. H. Whitely, of Booneville; F. A. Moss, of this city, and others. A large mill and dry kiln are now in process of construction at the mouth of Durham's creek, and it is hoped to have the plant in operation by February 1. This plant will manufacture pine, cypress and poplar lumber.

Mr. H. S. Buck, postoffice inspector for this division, has been in the city for the past few days making an investigation relative to purchasing or leasing a site for the new postoffice. He is also laying out a map of the town for the free mail delivery service soon to be established in this city.

400,000 CONCERN.

New Wholesale Grocery Company Organized at Salisbury. Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Jan. 18.—The Simpson-Peacock grocery wholesale house is the city's latest industrial enterprise. P. N. Peacock, president; H. T. Simpson, vice president, and Arnold H. Snider, secretary and treasurer. S. G.

ROY. VARDAMAN'S LATEST WHIPPED CONVICT AT MANSION

Trust of Report Current in Mississippi Capital Admitted by Executive, Who Says the Man Made an Impudent Remark While Shining His Shoes—Will be Investigated by Legislative Committee on Carriage System—Governor Declines to Legislate by Message Recommending Convicts as Capital Porters.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 18.—A report having been current for some weeks that Governor Vardaman had thrashed severely a convict at the Governor's mansion some time ago, Mr. W. Calvin Wells, Jr., a member of the legislative committee, called on the Governor and asked him if the report was true. Governor Vardaman said that he had whipped a convict, who, he said, was shining his shoes and made some impudent remark. The Governor said he had kicked the convict and had then grabbed a broom and given him a sound thrashing.

Governor Vardaman, in his message to the Legislature, charged the Legislature to investigate the convict system, and this whipping of a convict by the Governor will be thoroughly investigated by the committee. The convict who was whipped is now in the prison suffering from rheumatism. The publicity of the story here has created a great sensation in political circles.

ESCAPED PRISONER BOLD.

Sam Lindsay, After Escaping From Officers, Enters Postoffice, Steals Sheriff's Wheel and is Still at Large. Special to The Observer.

Laurinburg, Jan. 18.—Sam Lindsay, the convict who escaped an officer as he was being taken to the Anson county roads a few nights ago, has been putting in some good work in these parts lately. He has landed here about a week ago, having broken in the postoffice at Elmore. He stole Sheriff McLaurin's wheel, rode it down the railroad by way of the Scotland Cotton Mill, broke into a store at that place, and has successfully eluded the officers so far. Sheriff McLaurin and others spent yesterday trying to catch him, but failed to do so. Sheriff McLaurin came from Maxton on the train last night and, it seems, Sam rode the blind baggage on the same train to this place. As soon as the sheriff learned that he came up on the train, he, Chief Hubbs, and others spent some time trying to catch the escaped prisoner. Another effort will be made to-night, and it is thought that they will be successful. The people are getting uneasy lest he do some one bodily injury, and are lending the officers every assistance possible in catching him. A reward of \$10 or \$15 is offered for his arrest.

VIOLATING POSTAL LAWS.

Inspector Coming to Salisbury to Look After Offenders Who Send First Class Mail at Fourth Class Rates. Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Jan. 18.—The postoffice inspectors are after violators of the first class regulations and one will be in Salisbury this week to collect from those who send four ounces for one cent and write letters in it to boot. Postmaster Ramsey has caught up with several and recently took in \$10 from a colored man who broke the law. The worst violators are those who send tobacco tags for premiums. They collect them, bundle them up, mark them as merchandise and write letters. Many do not know that there is a penalty attached to the infringement. Postmaster Ramsey will prepay all of those who are guilty for collection and if they refuse they will have to stand trial in the Federal Court where the clats will be so much heavier.

BAD DAY FOR SAMUELS.

Expert Testimony as to Checks Issued is Damaging Evidence Against Ex-County Revenue Officer—Entire Day Occupied by One Witness. Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Jan. 18.—While there was nothing sensational in the proceedings of the trial to-day, the entire session was pregnant with interest. Practically the entire day was consumed in taking the testimony of Mr. W. E. Allen, treasurer of the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company, as an expert in handwriting. The question at issue was the identification of the checks issued by Samuels to J. M. Combs in connection with the alleged destruction of certain distilleries. The evidence showed that the checks were definitely unfavorable to Mr. Samuels. After argument by Judge Bryant for the defense, the jury showed why this expert testimony should not be accepted. Judge Boyd ruled that the witness was competent. The evidence decided victory so far for the government. Mr. Holton presented his contentions in writing. After reading these carefully the judge admitted the checks as evidence.

DARING HOLD-UP.

Columbia Has Another Bold Highway Robbery—The Highwayman Escapes. Observer Bureau, 123 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Jan. 18. A street car conductor, Richard Widson, was held up to-night at Harden and Fondler streets, while on his way home, and was robbed of \$1.50 in small change, his watch and revolver. There is no clue to the identity of the highwayman, who is evidently the same who has been committing this sort of crimes here for several months. The police are confused. The man used a revolver but did not wear a mask.

A Record Made in Printing Trade.

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Jan. 18.—Beginning at noon Wednesday, a printer in The Gazette office here set thirteen columns of advertising matter in 10 hours on the proofs of which not an error appeared. This record, which of itself will be of interest to the fraternity of printers, was made by Mr. Will Marshall, the 17-year-old son of the editor of The Gazette, Mr. W. F. Marshall. He had no thought of making a record until the proofs showed up what he had actually accomplished.

The dinner to the Confederate veterans to-day will be served in the vacant store room in the Y. M. C. A. building at 12 o'clock. Everything is in readiness, and the veterans will no doubt have an enjoyable time at the dinner and at the entertainment exercises to be held in the court house in the afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock.

MIND DERANGED.

Pitiable Plight of Young High Point Man, Who Married a Virginia Lady Only a Few Weeks Ago—Special to The Observer.

High Point, Jan. 18.—A young man of this place, who lately married an accomplished young lady in Virginia, is in a pitiable plight, having been adjudged deranged in mind. Papers have been forwarded for his commitment to the State Hospital for the Insane. The young man is of good appearance and does not impress one as having a deranged mind. For the past day or so he has been in the hands of officers, awaiting commitment papers, and gives very little, if any trouble. He has what is known as a case of deranged intellect and it is thought that a few months under the care of Dr. Murphy will bring him around all right and restore him in his right mind to his bride of a few weeks.

The 5-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoffman died this morning and will be buried to-morrow afternoon.

The little son of Mr. Larkin Kivett, who was run over by a heavy logging wagon yesterday afternoon, is reported better.

Capt. Peay, ex-mayor of Durham, is visiting the family of Mr. D. L. Clark.

Mrs. Falls, wife of Pastor L. A. Falls, of South Main street M. E. church, is recovering from a serious illness.

Mr. Edgar Wall, brother of Mr. S. Frank, who has what is known as a case of deranged intellect, has accepted a position with the druggists establishment of J. A. Clarendon.

PYTHIANS' BANQUET.

Hickory Lodge's Annual Spread—A Spelling Bee. Special to The Observer.

Hickory, Jan. 18.—The annual banquet given by the Knights of Pythias last night to its members, about 75 in number, and their guests, was a very enjoyable occasion. Those responding to the call of the clever toast-master, Mr. A. Whitener, who presided over the meeting, were Rev. J. L. Murphy, Rev. C. A. Munroe, Rev. Parker, Holmes, Rev. Traywick, W. A. Self, J. F. Clark, E. B. Olive, Dr. W. B. Ramsey, E. F. Campbell and others. The elaborate supper was served in the dining room of the Central Hotel. The spelling bee, which is scheduled to take place in the Huffman music hall next week, has attracted a great deal of attention throughout the town, as the proceeds will go to the Hickory library. An admission of ten cents will be charged. As there will be a prize offered for the successful contestant, each member will be charged 25 cents to enter the bee.

Judge Ferguson's Mother Seriously Ill.

Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Jan. 18.—Judge G. S. Ferguson, who has been presiding over the one-week civil term of Guilford Superior Court, was called to Haywood county yesterday on account of the desperate illness of his aged mother, who is 94 years old. The sheriff opened court at the appointed time and adjourned it until Saturday morning, when Judge Ferguson is expected back.

OLD PEOPLE CONSTANT SUFFERERS IN WINTER.

Most old people are great sufferers in winter. They are seldom free from pains or ailments of some description, because they are not as able to withstand the severity of the climate, with its damp, changing weather, as are their younger, more vigorous companions. Cold weather starts the old aches and pains; they suffer with chilly sensations, cold, extremities, poor appetite and digestion, nervousness, sleeplessness and other afflictions peculiar to old age. With advancing years the strength and vitality of the system begin to decline. The heart action is weak and irregular, the blood becomes thin and sluggish in its circulation, and often some old blood taint that has lain dormant in the system for years begins to manifest itself. A wart or pimple becomes a troublesome sore or ulcer, skin diseases break out, or the slight rheumatic pains felt in younger days now cause sleepless nights and hours of agony. There is no reason why old age should not be healthy and free from disease if the blood is kept pure and the system strong, and this can be done with S. S. S. It is a medicine that is especially adapted to old people, because it is made entirely of roots, herbs and barks, selected for their purifying, healing and building-up properties, and is very mild and gentle in its action. S. S. S. warms and reinvigorates the sluggish blood so that it moves with more rapidity, and clears it of all impurities and poisons. As this rich, healthy stream circulates through the body every part of the system is built up, the appetite and digestion improve, the heart action increases and the diseases and discomforts of old age pass away. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Skin Diseases, Sores and Ulcers, and all troubles arising from diseased blood.

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The amount is fixed at \$15,000, and the arrangement of this amount will be made through his father and a wealthy uncle, said to be worth \$300,000. The scene in the court room was most impressive when sentence was pronounced, the father of the condemned man, counsel on both sides and spectators being moved to tears. There was no motion for appeal by counsel for Clark, who was sentenced to 18 months on the roads for carrying concealed weapons.

LEXINGTON'S STRIKE.

Very Little Change in Situation at Wrennons Mills—15 Operatives Still Out—Increase in Real Estate Values. Special to The Observer.

Lexington, Jan. 18.—The strike situation at the Wrennons Cotton Mills has changed very little since the first trouble, with the exception that the threatened second strike was headed off. Thirteen operatives still refuse to return to their work. Illustrative of the value of Lexington real estate at this time, the Moffitt and Smith property, near the Southern station, containing perhaps three-fourths of an acre, was sold to-day at public auction and brought \$3,555, or more than \$500 in excess of the predicted bid. It was purchased by Grimes Brothers, C. M. Thompson and W. G. Ferry.

Peacock, J. L. Lindeman, W. F. Snider, J. W. B. Brown and J. J. Stuart are directors. They have an authorized capital of \$60,000. The place of business for the day of opening has been selected, but it is expected that work will begin early in February. This will be one of the largest of Salisbury's notable grocery firms.

Officers in New Company Elected.

The stockholders in the newly incorporated Berryhill-Suther-Durfee Company, successors to Berryhill, Bryan & Company in the West Trade street shoe business, met yesterday and elected the following named directors: Messrs. F. E. Durfee, J. Calvin Matthews, H. H. Suther and S. T. Hodges. The board of directors elected—Mr. Hodges president, the other officers are: First vice president, J. Calvin Matthews; second vice president, H. H. Suther; secretary and treasurer, F. E. Durfee.

The first opening will be to-morrow morning, when the "C. O. D." sale will begin. The new store is one of a chain. The company has one now at Salisbury and will open one at Concord March 1st.

MAY LIVE 100 YEARS.

The chances for living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Dunch, of Haynesville, Me., now 76 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of Chronic Dyspepsia of 30 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl." Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases, Blood disorders, General Debility and bodily weakness. Sold on a guarantee at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store, Price only 50c.

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