

700 POLES LIE PROSTRATE

THE WESTERN UNION'S LOSS
Car Load of Line Brought to Salisbury to Begin the Work of Re-constructing Lines Demolished by Ice—No Less Than 700 Poles Down Between Danville and Charlotte—Daughters of Confederacy Abandon Project of Erecting \$10,000 Monument After Four Years' Struggle—Saturday Afternoon Club Entertains—A Chapter of Accidents—Personal Notes.

Correspondence of The Observer.
Salisbury, Jan. 28.—Attached to No. 10 the Southbound fast mail, this morning was a special car bearing 60 more linemen who are to put the Western Union wires in good shape again. Between Danville and Charlotte there are said to be more than 700 poles down. These would represent more than 15 miles of wire if put together and the helpless demoralization of wire companies is easily accounted for when this fact is given notice. Total darkness reigns on the streets of this city and of the 600 telephones in the Salisbury exchange more than 150 are not available for service. The street cars resumed their scheduled runs to-day, this being the first step from chaos yet made.

LADIES YIELD MONUMENT.
The Daughters of the Confederacy, like the sons and sties of 41 years ago, have been forced to surrender. That is to say, plainly, that the Rowan chapter recently wrote to the designer of the Confederate memorial, Mr. Frederick Ruckstuhl, to release them from their obligation and the monument is with him, in disposal. This decision was reached last week, about Lee's birthday, the man who made such Confederate glory possible, and there seems to have been a predestined fitness in the capitulation.

In the year 1900, the Daughters began a series of entertainments for the purpose of erecting a memorial to Rowan's Confederate dead. Christian Field's thrilling drama, "Under the Southern Cross," stirred the State wherever it was presented, and a neat revenue came into the treasury. Then a Kirmess, such a delightful home talent affair, drew another \$1,000 whereupon Mr. Frederick Ruckstuhl was given the order for a \$10,000 monument. The contract specified two years in which this sum was to be raised and upon the payment of \$2,500, it was shipped here and is kept carefully guarded and veiled. Little has been done since 1902, the Festa Al Fresco of a week being something of a treasure producer and the bazaar of that fall a failure, though not a loss. The May Festa of last year was a financial failure, three years have passed and but \$4,000 raised. The Daughters have wavered and they need a rest.

Mr. Ruckstuhl has not yet replied to this letter and a pleasant solution is a far-off divine event. It has been a battle of the women, for the men and those devoted Daughters have done almost all. It was a colossal undertaking—the raising in a community struggling up from poverty and devastating war, \$10,000 for a disk of beautiful sentiment. As a work of art, it is unsurpassed by any artist's dream in any land and it typifies a soldierly chivalry not equaled in glory by any age in all the countless cycles of time's mighty pageant.

but they know that there are other heroes than those who fought the battle. In the common's brass tips in the deathless splendor of the Confederacy dead, the history of the devoted women of the Confederacy is written also and the men will not dishonor them.

IN THE SOCIAL REALM.
The Saturday Afternoon Club, a smart set that is smart, but objects to the odious description on the grounds that it has a better met yesterday afternoon with Miss Lily Hellig. The organization is a year old, a year older than it was last year and each member is a year younger than she was then. The club is devoted to girl bachelorhood and cards, and is the one social syndicate that exists without variable-ness or shadow of turning. Progressive five hundred was played yesterday and Miss Rosalie Bernhardt bore off the first honors. Miss Lissa Thompson won the consolation in a 100 lottery for the joker. The usual refreshments of unusual delicacy, were served and the young ladies adjourned to leave the city her dreamy, prosy self again. The Athelton Dancing Club gave its fortnight hop Friday night and 30 couples danced the hours from 9 to 12 in a delighted manner. This is a club coached by Prof. W. H. Allman and is a large one.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.
An admiring Observer reader sends you correspondent a batch of accidents that did not result seriously. Last night when Mr. C. W. Yarborough was driving home from Salisbury, dogs went after his horses and made them run away. Although the young man was thrown out on his head, he was not hurt. Thursday, Turner Simeson, a well-known young man living near Spencer, cut his foot badly while chopping wood and Harvey Young, of the same neighborhood, fell from the barn of Mr. J. Y. Hedrick while working on it. He was shaken up but hurt little.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Minor, two of Asheville's most prominent citizens, originally coming from Virginia, have been in Salisbury the past few days with a patient in the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium.—Rev. C. G. Vardell and Mrs. Vardell will return tomorrow to their home in Red Springs.—Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Shaffer, of Winston-Salem, are spending the day in Salisbury.—Rev. John H. Grey and Mrs. Grey will go to Mayesville, S. C., Mr. Grey's old home, to spend ten days.

R. Lee Wright, Esq., went to China Grove yesterday to appear in the prosecution of T. W. Gibbs, a school teacher, charged with the unmerciful whipping of a young boy, the son of Mr. Stokes Wilhelm. The case was heard before a magistrate and Mr. Gibbs was fined \$5 and costs. The defendant gave notice of an appeal, having declared beforehand that he will go to the changing rather than pay tribute to Caesar. Gibbs made a poor witness for himself, compound proportion and Archipelagoes doing little to put him on his guard. He displayed such feeling in the matter that it was taken as a matter of course that he was furiously angry. It developed in so that he had laid a boy up for three weeks on account of a former flogging. Mr. L. Oulda Tyler gives a concert to-morrow night at Mrs. W. H. Neave's. The Choral Club sings.

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HIGH POINT ORGANS.

Preparations for Putting Product of New Concern on the Market—To Install Light Meters—How One Firm Lost \$1,000.
Special to The Observer.
High Point, Jan. 29.—Word has been received here announcing the serious illness, to Lynchburg, of Mrs. W. W. Moseley, nee Miss Ida Lineback, of this city, who has pneumonia. In response to a telegram her mother, Mrs. Lineback, left yesterday for that city. Material is being gotten out for the construction of the first High Point organ and the company expects to have a sample of its product upon the market in a very short time. It was thought, at the time the company was organized, that it would be turning out organs by the first of the present month but delays, over which there was no control, caused a postponement for several weeks.

The city council has ordered that meters be put on at all places where electric lights are in use. This is made necessary by the all-night system, and to treat all alike.
The next time an outside contractor comes to High Point and wants a contract for fittings or the like for the building he is engaged in erecting, this foreign individual had better come prepared to cough up the dough as the work proceeds. Not long ago a certain contractor came to High Point and secured two contracts. When the buildings were nearing completion he contracted with a local company for work needed and, as a result of this contract, the local company lost nearly \$1,000. The cause of the loss was negligence or ignorance of the law on this matter on the part of the local contractor, or over-confidence in the man who held the original contract. Anyhow, when the time came for payment, the money was not forthcoming and in desperation the local concern went to the "paymaster" for the two buildings erected and was informed that all the money due the original contractor had been paid.

Rev. Thomas Dixon Speaks to Negroes in New York.
New York Special, 28th, to Charleston News and Courier.

The Rev. Thomas Dixon spoke today at the Church of Epiphany on the subject, "What Can we do With the Negro?" On the platform with Mr. Dixon were several negro clergymen, and fully a fourth of the audience were negroes. "I speak not as a Southerner, but as a typical American," said Mr. Dixon. "I speak with no ill feeling. I simply desire to do the negro justice, to help solve his terrible problem and point out to you the solution which I believe to be the best. I think that in 60 years the 3,000,000 of negroes on this continent could be brought into some district country, where they could have law, literature, life and a flag of their own." Mr. Dixon spoke of the attacks of negroes on white women and continued: "You never hear of a white man assaulting negroes. Why? Because assault implies resistance, and no colored woman knows what virtue means."

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ASHEBORO'S LOSS.

Storm of Sleet and Ice Unprecedented—Telephone Company's Loss \$1,000—Great Destruction of Trees, Both in Forest and in Town.
Special to The Observer.
Asheboro, Jan. 29.—The sleet of Thursday night, Friday and Saturday nights, was unprecedented in this section so far as the memory of even the "oldest inhabitant" can recall. Great destruction was occasioned in the forests of the county. In the town the beautiful shade trees along the principal thoroughfares are greatly damaged. The telephone plant is almost completely wrecked, and I am informed by competent persons that we will have no further communication with the outside world by phone for 20 or 30 days. The company sustained a loss of at least \$1,000.
The electric light plant is also hit hard, and were it not for John D.'s much-discussed illuminating fluid we would have to suffer inner as well as outer darkness for some time to come.

SPEAKS TO 500 PEOPLE.

President Moore of the Cotton Association Addresses Enthusiastic Gathering of Robeson County Farmers at Lumberton.
Special to The Observer.
Lumberton, Jan. 29.—President Chas. C. Moore, of the State Cotton Growers' Association, addressed a large crowd at the court house here to-day. Fully 500 people were present and much enthusiasm was manifested. President Moore made a splendid address and impressed the Robeson county farmers very favorably. A short speech was also made by Vice President A. J. McKinnon, R. W. Livermore, Presi-

dent of the county association; J. A. McAllister, E. J. Ragdale and others. Robeson county is one of the best organized counties in the State and perhaps produces more cotton than any other North Carolina county. The following were elected members of the county committee: R. W. Livermore, E. P. McRae, G. B. McLeod, J. E. Carlyle, A. S. Thompson and W. S. Johnson.

Cotton Consumption.

Cotton.
The cotton mills of North and South Carolina, it is estimated, consume 56.3 per cent. of all the cotton spun in Southern mills. For the country, Massachusetts ranks first in the consumption of cotton and South Carolina second. The combined consumption of North and South Carolina exceeds that of Massachusetts by 170,344 bales.

A MODERN MIRACLE.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt, of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request, Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is healthy woman to-day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s, Druggists. Trial bottle free.
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