TO-DAY IN HISTORY:

1542.—The parliament of Paris caused the "Institutiones Religinios Christianae," of Calvin, to be publicly burned at Paris.

1668.—Louis IV. took Dole, in Franche Compte.

1696.—English assassination plot to favor the interests of James II. discovered by Pendergrass.

1764.—Mr. Williams, a printer, put in the pillory for re-publishing the North Briton, No. 45, at London. But the spectators made a contribution for him of over 200 guineas.

1779.—James Cook, the English navigator, killed by the natives of Owhyhee. He was born in 1728 of indigent parents; entered the royal navy in 1755; had the command of a vessel sent against Quebec in 1759, after the capture of which he assisted at the taking of Newfoundland. After making several voyages for scientific purposes, he sailed in 1776 on his grand enterprise for the discovery of a northwest passage, during which he met his fate.

1785.—Kienlong, Emperor of China, made a feast for the ancients of his kingdom. Those who had attained 100 years received 50 bushels of rice and two pieces of silk; those who had reached 90 years received 30 bushels of rice and two pieces of inferior silk, and others in the same proportion, down to 50 years. Presents, to a large amount, were also made to the poor throughout the empire. He likewise exempted all the people from taxes that year, which was the 50th of his reign. On the occasion of the feast 3,000 aged men of quality sat down to it, and the Emperor sat at the head of the table to do the honors.

1797.—Action between the Spanish fleet of 27 sail and 12 frigates, Admiral Langara, off St. Vincent, and the British under Admiral Jervis, 15 ships and 6 frigates. Four of the Spanish ships were captured and the remainder completely defeated. British loss, 300 killed and wounded; Spanish loss 603.

1804.—Aaron Burr nominated by the Republican (now Democratic) pary for Governor of New York.

1814.—Battle of Vauchamp, between the French and Russians, in which the latter were defeated. At 8 in the evening, Marmont attacked and defeated the Russians at Etoges, who lost nine cannon and 1,300 killed.

1843.—Mr. John Martin, aged 105, died at Augusta, Ga. He came with a company of salt buyers to Georgia, under the direction of Oglethorpe.

1854.—The population of the United States was announced at 23,000,000, including 3,000,000 negro slaves.

1864.—Union troops under Gen. W. T. Sherman, entered Meridian, Miss., and destroyed the Confederate arsenals and the railroad there.

1885.—The town of Altah, Utah, practically wiped out of existence and sixteen persons killed in a snowslide.

1894.—The Chicago World's Fair Colonnade and Agricultural building destroyed by fire.

SOCIETY CELEBRATIONS.

Wake Forest Literary Clubs to Hold Annual Event Friday — College News Notes.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Wake Forest College, Feb. 12.—Last night, instead of the regular preaching services, Dr. W. R. Cullon at the head of the department of Bible and secretary of the board of education, made an interesting talk. He presented the workings of the board of education, and the regular collection for the board is being taken this week. The church here, which is in the college and sees the workings of the board, is one of the largest contributors to this cause in the Baptist State convention.

Yesterday an enthusiastic meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Baracca Sunday school class here. Dr. J. H. Gorrell, superintendent of the Sunday school and others, made talks. The class was organized with a large number to start with.

The Purefoy Hotel buildings and "Paradise" building, south of the campus, which at present are occupied by the college eating club, will, in the near future, be repaired throughout and will be painted and otherwise improved. It is understood that the college club will again occupy these buildings next term.

The two occasions of importance here this week will be the secular concert Thursday evening and the anniversary celebration of the literary societies Friday afternoon and night. The concert will be of a high order and is looked forward to with great pleasure by the large number of music lovers here. The members of the musical department of the Baptist University for Women, Raleigh, will be assisted by the musical talent of this place. A large crowd is expected at the anniversary celebration. This occasion is always largely attended and affords mush interest to those who attend. The speaks will continue to hold up the good records made by their predecessors.

ANSON'S FIRST STEEL BRIDGE.

It Spans Brown Creek on the Ansonville Road and is Accepted by the Commissioners—Cost $3,205.

Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Feb. 13.—The county commissioners have accepted the new steel bridge over Brown Creek, about seven miles from Wadesboro on the Ansonville road. The bridge was inspected by Mr. James A. Leak, chairman of the board, and Mr. W. T. Bassington, the contractor. The bridge was built by the Virginia Bridge & Iron Co., of Roanoke Va. It is 461 feet long, 12 feet wide, 31 feet from the bottom of the creek, and 17 feet above the low water mark. It is the first steel bridge to be built in the county. The cost was $3,205. It is very heavy and the latticed hand rails add much to its appearance.

Mr. Oscar Ross and Miss Sadie Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Little were married at the home of the bride's parents Saturday afternoon.

Safe Robbers Make a Good Haul at Clinton, Miss.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 13.—The postoffice at Clinton, twelve miles west of Jackson, was robbed early to-day. The safe was blown, pieces of it going through the walls and badly damaging an adjoining drug store. The robbers secured $1,000 in money, $300 in stamps and $1,700 in jewelry.

No clue to the robbers has been found.

Residence Burned at Boone.

Special to The Observer.

Boone, Feb. 13.—The residence of M. A. Teague was destroyed by fire last night, together with all its contents. There was no insurance.

"Aunt Charity" Brown, of Watauga.

Special to The Observer.

Boone, Feb. 12.—"Aunt Charity" Brown died last night at her home near Boone, aged 70 years.

PROSECUTION IS FAVORED

DEBATE RAGES IN SAMUEL TRIAL

Judge Boyd Holds That Ex-Judge Bynum's Contention That Samuel Was a Detective and Not an Agent of the Government is Not Valid and Argument in the Trial of the Ex-Revenue Officer Begins—Morning Session Consumed in Contending Over This Point—Argument Before Jury to be Resumed This Morning—Court Room Crowded.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro Feb. 13.—All day in the United States Court in the G. W. Samuel trial a storm of debate was raged. The vital question presented Saturday by ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., of counsel for the defense, has received the earnest consideration of the court and was finally decided this afternoon in favor of the prosecution. The question was raised upon demurrer to the bill of indictment, or rather a motion, to dismiss upon the ground that there was a fatal variance in the allegtions of the bill of indictment and the proof that the defendant Samuel was alleged to have been the agent of the government, when the facts disclosed showed that he was a detectived appointed by Col. Chapman, internal revenue agent, under the fraud fund act.

ACTS OF CONGRESS AS TO AGENTS REVIEWED.

Mr. A. B. Haynes, solicitor of internal revenue, opened the argument for the prosecution in reply to ex-Judge Bynum, giving a complete history of the acts of Congress creating the bureau of internal revenue, the offices of commissioner of internal revenue and the agent, and then undertook to show that the statute, under which the bill of indictment was found, applied to all persons of the bureau of internal revenue and that they were agents within the meaning of the statutes. He read other authorities and outlined clearly and forcefully the position of the prosecution.

SAMUEL'S RELATION TO GOVERNMENT.

He was followed by First Assistant District Attorney A. H. Price and Special Assistant District Attorney J. J. Britt, who discussed the relation of the defendant Samuel to the government and endeavored to show that, if he performed any act at all under any authority conferred upon him and reported to the United States government, he could be nothing but an agent.

These arguments consumed the morning session and when court met this afternoon ex-Judge Bynum undertook to reply to the prosecution. He reiterated the position which he assumed Saturday and asserted that the prosecution had been unable to cite authority for their contention. District Attorney A. E. Holton, who was not present when ex-Judge Bynum raised the question Saturday, asked permission of the court to state his views and was allowed to do so. His contentions were along the same lines of his associate counsel, but he elaborated on matters not heretofore touched upon to the effect that, when the defendant was indicted in the State court for alleged destruction of telephone wires, he requested the district attorney to file a petition asking for a removal of the case to the United States Court on the ground that the offense charged was in the line of his official duty. Mr Holton also contended that, as Samuel had aided and abetted, as charged in the bill of indictment under which he is now being tried, he was the principal and it made no difference whether he was agent, principal or special employe, he was liable to indictment as this was a misdemenaor.

JUDGE BOYD'S DECISION

This closed the debate and Judge Boyd announced that the only matter that gave him trouble was as to whether the position held by the defense came within the meaning of the statute under which the bill of indictment was drawn and that, after carefully considering the argument of counsel, he would hold that such was the purpose and intention of the law-making power. The argument before the jury, therefore, will be resumed to-morrow morning, ex-Judge Bynum opening for the defense followed by Assistant District Attorney Price for the prosecution.

To-day's sessions have been attended by an audience which filled the court room to the limit of its capacity and the closest attention was given to each speaker.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Alice Hines, of Statesville.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Alice Hines died Saturday at her home on the Boulevard after a protracted illness of several years. Mrs. Hines was 48 years old and leaves a husband and ten children, who were all present when the end came. The funeral was held Sunday at the home of the deceased and the remains were interred in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Fannie Jurney, of Iredell.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Fannie Jurney, wife of Mr. J. W. Jurney, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock at her home in Union Grove township. Mrs. Jurney was about 45 years old. Her husband and five children survive. The remains will be buried at Union Grove church to-day.

Mrs. Leah Templeton, of Iredell.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Leah Templeton died Sunday at the home of her son, Mr. Geo. W. Templeton, at Amity. Mrs. Templeton was 92 years and eight months old, but was active for her age until about two months ago, when she fell and sustained an injury which rendered her helpless. Two sons, G. W. Templeton and Postmaster R. S. Templeton, of Mooresville, and two daughters, Mrs. Ellen Templeton, of Davidson, and Mrs. H. A. Neill, of Granite Hill, survive. Her husband, George Templeton, died about 45 years ago. The remains were interred at Prospect church yesterday.

Watt Wood, of Rowan.

Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Feb. 13.—Young Watt Wood, aged 20 years, died Sunday, 15 miles west of Salisbury. His funeral was held yesterday at Third Creek church and interment was made in the old cemetery, historical as the burial place of Marshal Ney. He was a splendid young man. A brother, Ross Wood, is very ill.

SHOT KILLED FLAGMAN.

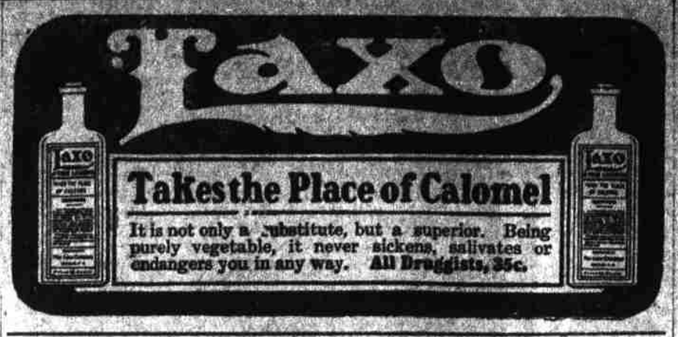
Family of Three, Occupying Cabin From Which Fatal Bullet Was Fired Arrested—A West Va. Tragedy.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 13.—A Times special from Bluefield, W. Va., says:

Winfield Compton, a white flagman on a Norfolk & Western train, was shot and killed this morning at Nemours, W. Va. The shot came from a log cabin nearby occupied by a family named Taylor.

The Taylor family, consisting of father, two daughters and one son, were all arrested charged with the crime, and carried to Bramwell. Testimony before the coroner's jury was conflicting the brother accusing his 13-year-old sister with firing the fatal shot, and the girl asserting that the brother committed the deed. A revolver with an empty chamber was found in the Taylor cabin. No cause is assigned for the assassination.

It is alleged that shots have been fired from the Taylor home at trains on previous occasions.



TO ANNUL LEASE.

Case of Hill vs. Atlantic & North Carolina Railway Co, to be Heard at Newbern To-Day — Judgment Against Atlantic Coast Line for $2,000.

Special to The Observer.

Newbern, Feb. 12.—In Superior Court to-day Frank Abbott secured a judgment against the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company for $2,000. Abbott is a young man who, on November 16, 1904, was thrown under a train of the defendant company by a negro, who has served a term in the penitentiary for his act. Abbott subsequently brought suit against the company, charging in the complaint that the train was exceeding the speed ordinance, going within the city limits at the rate of six miles an hour while the ordinance limits them to four miles.

To-morrow the case of Hill vs. the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway Company will be tried. Great interest will be taken in this case, as it is an attempt to annual the lease and put it back in the entire control of the State. The company's commissioners are really the plaintiffs although the name of the plaintiff as it appears is a person not connected with that body at all. Several attorneys from Raleigh and Goldsboro are in attendance on the suit.

ENTERTAINED DAVID BISPHAM.

Well-Known Actor Pays Visit to Guilford College, Where He is Accorded Warm Welcome by Students and Faculty.

Special to The Observer.

Guilford College, Feb. 13.—This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mr. Davis Bispham, accompanied by Mr. Smith, was received by the Guilford students and faculty. The entire body assembled in Memorial Hall, and as President Hobbs and Mr. Bispham entered the auditorium, the young men gave the college yell and also a special yell to Mr. Bispham. President Hobbs introduced Mr. Bispham, after which he sang two selections, one of which was "She, Pretty, Pretty Creature."

Mr. Bispham completely captivated his hearers. After the selections he shook hands with every student and the members of the faculty.

The people of Guilford are particularly honored by having Mr. Bispham's visit them, and who also gave a concert in Greensboro to-night in the interest of the college.

ROAD SEEMS ASSURED.

South & Western Engineering Corps Moved to Rutherforiton—Probable That Road Will Touch the Town.

Special to The Observer.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 13.—The South & Western Railway's engineering corps in charge of Capt. J. A. Nicholas, was moved here to-day from Poor's Ford by order of Chief Engineer M. J. Caples, of Bristol, Tenn. They have also been instructed to make a survey from the Seaboard Air Line depot through town to some point on Mountain creek, where it is now thought that the South & Western will be located. This seems to insure the building of a railroad through Rutherfordton at no distant day.

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Loaned on Bond and Mortgage	12,600.00
Accrued Interest	1,821.00
Total Assets	$16,815,296.87

LIABILITIES.

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Reserve for Unpaid Losses	444,779.65
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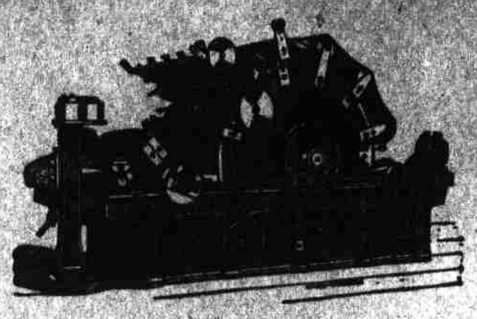

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Chattanooga, Tenn.—Southern Baptist Convention and Auxiliary Societies, May 10th-15th, 1906. Rate one first class fare, plus, 25c. for the round trip, (minimum rate) 50 cents, tickets sold May 8th, 9th, and 10th, final limit ten days in addition to date of sale. Tickets may be extended.

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