WHITE HOUSE IN ITS GLORY MISS ALICE A CHARMING BRIDE

YOUNG COUPLE GO TO SUBURB

With All the Splendor of a Grand Official Function and the Devotional Beauty of a Cathedral Service in the Historic East Room, the President's Eldest Daughter Becomes Mansion as Its Twelfth Bride-Assemblage of 1,000 Guests Was Brilliant in the Extreme, Washington High Officialdom and Diplomatic Corps, and Floral Decorations Were Marvelous—Bridal Dress a Creation of Heavy White Satin, Point Lace, Chiffon, Tulle and Silver Braid-Buffet Dinner Follows Ceremony and Young Couple Steal Away to Washington Suburb at 4

O'Clock. Washington, Feb. 17 .- In the beautiful white and gold East Room of the noon to-day, the venerable Rt. Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, pronounced the fateful words which united in marriage Alice Lee Roosevelt, eldest daughter of the President of the United States, and Nicholas Longworth, the Representative in Congress from the first district of

ceremony, the simple, beautiful and impressive ring service of the Episcopal Church, was attended with all the splendor of a grand official function and with all the devotional beauty of a cathedral service. It was witnessed by one of the most brilliant and distinguished assemblages ever gathered in the White House, by far the largest which ever graced the Executive Mansion on a similar occa-

Shortly after 4 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Longworth left the White House by the south entrance, thereby avoiding a large and curious throng which had assembled in front of the mansion. Alone they entered a large auto and were driven rapidly away. They went, it is understood but not disaway. They closed authoritatively, to the country home of John R. McLean, "Frienda few miles from the heart, of Washington, on the Tenallytown road. A photograph of the bride in her wedding gown was taken before her

departure from the White House.

A halo of a hundred years of roman-White House history hung over the bridal couple. Miss Roosevelt was the twelfth bride, according to accepauthorities, to plight her troth cal spot where she to-day joined hands with the husband of her choice "for better, for worse," is hallowed in the Sartoris of that day, now long ago, for she was one of the witnesses of Miss Roosevelt's wedding.

AN IMPOSING FUNCTION. It had been the desire not only of Miss Roosevelt, who was most concerned, but of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt that the wedding to-day should be celebrated in a manner comparatively quiet, that it should be a family affair. This desire, it shortly was disclosed, could not be gratified. As it finally developed, the wedding was the most imposing function that took place in the White House. thousand guests bidden to the ceremony, began to arrive shortly after 11 o'clock. They entered by the east terrace and passed up the main staircase directly to the historic East Room, Beautiful at all times, the famous room to-day was exquisite in its

It had been intended to light the magnificent East Room with hundreds of softly shaded electric lamps of the great crystal chandeliers, but, while artificial lights were utilized through-out the remainder of the White House, it was determined to flood the marriage scene with sunlight. It was a

been in President Roosevelt's adminis-While unnecessary space in was needed to accomedate the guests, two huge vases of rare design filled with Easter lillies and ferns, occupied each of the mantels, and two handsome tables, one each at the north and south ends of the room, bore jar dinleres of flowering rhododendrons. At the great center windows, di rectly opposite the main entrance of the room and overlooking the east terrace, a superb floral bower had been contrived with exquisite skill and artistic taste. A semi-circular platform, twelve inches high, was constructed before the windows. On this the ceremony took place, so that all in the had practically an unobstructed view of it. The platform was carpeted in green, of handsome design, and over the carpet with artistic careless elegant eriental rug. designed in curious and intricate fig vires. In colors, red predominated Banked back of the platform and next to the windows were palms, selected for the beauty and closeness of their leaves. This group of palms was fringed at the base with astilbe japonies. Forming a background were dracena sanderii,of green and white and gorgeous Easter lillies. Above the platform there was a garlanding of green house smilax and asparagus, with scores of the loveliest bride roses nestling in the green. The effect of the whole was exquisitely beautiful.

A WEALTH OF FLOWERS. While the decorations in the other rooms on the main floor of the White House were beautiful they were less elaborate than those in the East Room. The vases in the Green Room were filled with enchantress carnations of delicate pink and fern fronds. The Blue Room vases bore Easter lilles, with fern and asparagus fronds; while two great vases at each end of the mantel were filled with Easter lilles and white roses. In the window recesses small palms and flowering plants were disposed effectively. In the Red Room, to harmonize with the calor scheme of the spartment, the vases contained jacqueming, roses in Continued on Page Ten-

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New York, Feb. 17.-The recommen-Nicholas Longworth, Taking dation that a suit be instituted against Her Place in the Memories of the Richard A. McCurdy, tormer president of the Mutual Life Insurance, Company, is made in a letter written trary to the expectation of everybody. by United States Supreme Justice Ru- This came about by force of circumfus W. Peckham to the special inves- stances that were unforeseen. Charles tigating committee of the Mutual, and made public to-day. The letter states tion, and its object should be to recover money which Mr. McCurdy may

White House, a few minutes after tice Peckham will have any reason to much with the case and the way Mr. find fault with the action of the comhe refers. The - Peckham letter to Mr. Peabody by Wm. H. Truesdale, the chairman of the Mutual's special investigating committee, to whom it was originally written. Justic Peckham was formerly a trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company. His etter, dated at Washington, February

12, is as follows:
"I see that it is publicly stated that Mr. McCurdy is preparing to leave for Europe to remain indefinitely and would be an inexcusable mistake for the Mutual Life Insurance country without the commencement of an action against him in the name of the company to recover the money he

"The Attorney General might propthe money wrongfully obtained by Mr. case. I take the greatest interest in the matter and I feel as if an action ters was the State against H. E. Rufparture of Mr. McCurdy for Europe."

MURDER TRIAL ON.

F. M. Stevens Arraigned in Buncombe Court-Only Nine Jurors Secured and Adjournment is Taken Till Monday.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 17 .- The Stevens mur-

charged with killing Caleb Lee, a negro, was arraigned in Superior Court this morning, Mr. Stevens was carried to the bar and arraigned in the usual manner. He was calm. The indictment was read by Solicitor Brown. for worse," is hallowed in the yof another White House guilty?" asked the solicitor. "Not beloved "Nellier" Grant, who 32 guilty-" came the bold reply. The foryears ago, on that same spot, became the wife of an Englishman, Algernon C. F. Sartoris, Tender, Indeed, must objection. The State then asked for a weapon that he had carried. Judge time to scan the jury list. This was Council's professional devotion would been exhausted and only nine men oc- it to \$290. cupled seats in the jury box. Solicitor Brown asked that a continuatnce be pression upon the bar and laity, not had until Monday morning. The de-only as an able exponent of the law, fense, through Mr. Craig, stated that but as an honest man, of tender it desired, if possible, to push right but as an honest man, of tender along and not lose the afternoon. It the defense and the prosecution that never had a more popular predecessor would be best to continue the case and he seems to deserve even more. until Monday and complete the jury from the regularly drawn jurors. The nine men selected are: J. B. Garrison, The convicted ones were sent out this D. H. Snelson, J. L. Alexander, Alfred morning to the camp and will begin Hudgins, Charles Williams, J. H. Hol- doing time to-day. County Commiscombe, A. Teague, W. H. Peake and sioner P. A. Hartman this morning M. L. Creasman. The case will be said that the board has decided to called again with the opening of court divide the squad of 75 men into two

BURNED TO DEATH.

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Everett, of Rockingham, Victim of Terrible Accident.

Special to The Observer. elaborate than any heretofore have by the draft and his body was seriously burned before the flames could be great apartment was not taken up ment removed. The pathetic death with decorations, as every inch of it of the little boy has touched all hearts and the bereaved family have the sympathy of their entire acquaintance.

FUNERAL OF MR. JEFFRIES.

Special to The Observer.

driving here, will take place to-mor-row. His remains were brought to the home of his daughter. Mrs J. D. Goude-possibility of its being cut off by belock, in Gaffney. Mr. Jeffries was a ing in close contact with the kitchen prominent man in business affairs of door and, together with the fact that this city, being a director of both the jail is lined with wood celling and in Gaffney. The doors of the Cherokee Merchants & Planters Banks of this city, bore crepe and were closed today through deference to him.

MR. REVELL'S FUNERAL.

Mr. Revell was a member of the First Baptist church and for years teacher of a Sunday school class in that church. The pail bearers this after-noon were taken from the teaching corps as follows: W. C. McConnell. J. M. Stoner, J. J. Britt, P. R. McIn-tyre, M. Campbell and Mr. Hamrick.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Till-man was somewhat improved to-day and received a number of calers in is apartments. If was stated at his hotel that he expects to be able to take

BEFORE M'CURDY SAILS H. E. RUFTY NOT GUILTY YOUNG GIRL SHOOTS A MAN A SENSATIONAL REPORT TO PROSECUTE ALDERMEN HOLTON IS INDIFFERENT JUSTICE PECKHAM URGES SUIT JURY CROSSES JUDGE IN VERDICT SUSIE HANNON KILLS FLAGMAN GRAND JURY FINDS NEGLIGENCE EDITOR MARSHALL ON WAR PATH BLACKBURN

Former President of Mutual Life Should Not be Allowed to Follow Other Insurance Wrong-Doers Into Extle Without Commencement of Action Against Him for Money Wrongly Obtained, Says Eminent Former Trustee—Letter Written to Investigating Committee—President Peabody States That Matter Will be Properly Bealt With.

New York, Feb. 17—The recomment bury News Notes.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury. Feb. 17.—The criminal docket of Rowan county Superior Court was cleared this afternoon, con-

Carruthers, one of the boys who took part in the assault that almost cost Walter Crump his life, was too sick that the suit should be brought be- to come to trial and the case for sefore Mr. McCurdy leaves this country cret assault was continued until the for Europe, as is his reported inten- May term of court. Crawford Bennett, Esq., who made so splendid a defense for old man Sam Carruthers on a charge of perjury yesterday, In making this letter public Charles made a motion this morning to set A. Peabody, president of the Mutual, aside the verdict of guilty, the ground gave out a letter of his own in which being insufficiency of evidence. Judge he said that he does not think Jus- Council was evidently impressed Bennett conducted it. The justice of pany relative to the matter to which the verdict was a matter of doubt, is though few people could have seen their way clearer than those who tried the case. Judge Council said that, while he had some doubt as to the guilt of Carruthers, there was not enough in his mind to warrant setting aside the verdict of the jury and he preferred to let it go to the Supreme Court. He gave Carruthers the minimum sentence, four months, and allowed him to put up an appearance

MURDER CASE CONTINUED. The Kenneth McCormick case was also continued. He is under indictment for murder, having killed last summer his friend, John Faulconer, of Spencer. The thing was regarded erly find fault that the company was as an accident, although evidence has not itself doing its utmost to reach been developed showing criminal recklessness. These two cases would the chief delinquent in the have consumed probably two days. One of the most interesting mat-

bond of \$200. But he is still in tall.

ought to be commenced before the de- ty for the slaying of John M. Mc-Connell, the engineer, at Spencer, in the fall. Judge Peebles tried him and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The jury entirely ignored the judge, whose charge was that the State evidence made manslaughter the least degree of guilt and the defen'se's testimony nothing less than murder in the second degree. When the unexpected verdict was returned, der trial is on. Francis M. Stevens, Judge Peebles issued instantly a bench warrant for Rufty and put him under a \$500 bond for carrying concealed westpons. Rufty's case came up this morning for discussion, and Mr. Theo. F. Kluttz, addressing the court, said he hoped the matter would be not prossed, that the trial judge had been displeased with the granted. An hour was set apart for not allow him to dismiss the action this purpose and a recess was taken at this court but promised to do so if until 12 o'clock. At noon the work of no evidence was offered to make the electing the jury was commenced, investigation. He said he thought In 30 minutes the regular panel had the bond unreasonable and lowered

Judge Council has made a great imwas finally agreed by the counsel for ward men whom he meets. He has

The small court has made the largest road force the county has yet had. camps. This being done, the work on the roads will be divided and pushed rapidly. THE JAIL DANGEROUS.

The grand jury was discharged yesterday with the thanks of the court beautiful conceit, founded upon the pretty proverb, "Happy is the bride is in deep sorrow as the result of a distressing accident to young Wall-winter ever dawned. The air was as balmy, almost, as in spring. No more balmy, almost, as in spring. No more could be be be beautiful conceit, founded upon the pretty proverb, "Happy is the bride is in deep sorrow as the result of a distressing accident to young Wall-perintendent and the various officers about the court house being especially described in his death list night. While clerk's. The county chain gang was visited and praised, the prisoners beand is report of the county's condiing well-clothed, fed and treated, But it knoced the jall hard, harder than the 1902 lynchers pounded it when they went after the brute negro murderers. Here is what it says in part: "We examined the jail carefully and find it to be a dangerous place to the lives of those confined therein and our reason for this statement is as follows: The lower end of Remains of Gaffney Banker Will be the staircase is at the kitchen door in which is a large range with impersect fle connections on the second floor, Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 17.—The funeral the leater for warming the jail is in of Hon. William Jeffries, who died just a room with imperfect flue connection the edge of the city yesterday willie tion and is liable, in our opinion, to

and several other corporations very dry, makes it to us a fire trap and very dangerous to the lives of Drug Company, of which Dr. C. A. and very dangerous to the lives of those confined therein and expensive president, and both the National and to the county, should lives be destroyed by being confined in such a hazardous place. As good citizens, with a desire first to protect life and then the county against damage, we do hereby condemn the present jall ordered to move out or go to jall for and respectfuly ask that same be re-Services Over Remains of Asheville placed with a new one without de-Man Killed in Collapse of Building. lay." The report also raps the care-Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Feb. 17.—The funeral services over the remains of Thomas J.

Revell, who met instant death yester—Rowan county will laugh if the old. day afternoon in the collapse of a ugly, jail is replaced with one better. Central avenue building, were conducted from the First Baptist church this nary hearing and conviction by the ugly, jail is replaced with one better, and being the ante-Lenten windup, G. C. Mills, whose arrest, prelimied from the First Baptist church this nary nearing and Conviction of the ferroon at 3 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. jury were compassed within 24 hours, william Lunsford, D. D., officiating was this morning re-sentenced by Mr. Revell was a member of the First Judge Council. To his term of six month on the road, was added an spectacle. The Big Four Band played other like period. The reason of this as the couples danced. change was the fact that Mills has been the conferre of a crowd of young change was the fact that Mills has been the conferre of a crowd of young fellows who have become notorious and he is regarded as a crook of long standing. It is the opinion of officers that he had to do with the recent robbery of D. V. J. Peeler's house and that he is hardened. Nevertheless, Judge Council promised remains and that he is hardened. Nevertheless, Judge Council promised remains and that he is hardened. Nevertheless, Judge Council promised remains there is a shortage of at least \$5.000 in the looks of Secretary-Treasurer G. L. Van Trump of the eompany. Mr. Van Trump was recently elected an alderman of Bessemer. He disappared from the city last Tuesday. He came to Bellsmener from Pennsylon of a few months if the young follow turns out better and it becomes those of a recent date, gives mention of Miss Kathteen Kluttz's popularity in Atlanta, where sit is the guest of Miss Adelaide Allen. Miss Allen is a Georgia beauty who attracted fine comment from the known that this is his first offense.

The Youngest Daughter of the Notorious Dave Hannon Shot H. G. Stack at Concord Last Night and Killed Him on the Spot—He Was Trying to Get in the House at the Time— The Girl is but 13 Years of Age, but is Old in Immorality.

Susie Hannon, the 13-year-old daughter of the notorious Dave Hannon, shot and killed Mr. H. G. Stack, flagman on the Southern Railway, at her father's home in Concord, last night at 10 o'clock. The story that came to Charlotte was to this effect: that Stack and a young fellow Ritch had been to see the Hannon girls earlier in the night and had gone away. Stack had left his muffler in SSusie's room, and returned to get it, but the girls, having other company, would not let them in. Stack insisted, but in vain. He went to the window of Susie's room and knocked. The girl told him that if he did not go away she would kill him. Stack persisted and was shot dead in his tracks, his friend Ritch caught him as he fell. The Hannons, father and daughters, were arrested and locked up. They will have a hearing this morning.

Every officer of the law in this city cnows Dave Hannon and his girls, Lela and Suste. Old Man Hannon bears the name of being the sorriest white man ever in Charlotte. He has made it a business to let out his girls for immoral purposes, and, long before Susie discarded short dresses. she was a confirmed veteran in deeds of shame. She is nothing but a child. The girls were sent to rescue homes but to no purpose. The father is held responsible for their degraded and disgraceful lives. He is about

as sorry as ever lived. The Hannons went to Concord some time ago. Stack was a Birmingham,

ANTI-RACING LAW KILLED.

Supreme Court Holds Measure Unconstitutional and Usual Spring Meetings Will be Held.

the decision of the Supreme Court declaring the anti-racing act unconstithe usual spring meeting will be held stated. here. The secretary stated that the Tennessee derby, the Oaks, Montgom- around the fall in a dilapidated conery handleap and Peabody handleap dition and we urge the county com-have all been liberally subscribed to. Many stables are wintering here and ments be made without further de-will take part in the spring meeting.

FEMALE INSTITUTE BURNED.

Chatham Episcopal School, at Chat-Episcoal Institute was destroyed by fire to-night, entailing a loss of about fire to-night, entailing a loss of about a sanitary condition. The support of the bounding was a three-story frame due to the fact that he has not sufficiently covered by insurance, due to the fact that he has not sufficiently. Oppression and injustice. Laws which went into effect the first Laws which went into effect the first of last July have been violated with TROOPS. the rooms at about 10 o'clock, and the lack of fire protection caused the flames to pread rapidly. About a hundred girl students, who were on the floor of theetaonrdluetaoinrdl lower floor in evening dress, escaped with their lives. The personal property of over half of the students. all of the furnishings of the building were destroyed. Rev. C. O. Pruden is at the head of the institution, which is run under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. Provision for the young ladies was made in the homes of private families in Chatham and vicinity.

NO CONGRATULATIONS.

Bill Introduced in South Carolina House to Extend Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Longworth Squelched New Board of Pardons. Observer Bureau.

1209 Main street. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 17. Representative W. W. Bruce intro-duced a resolution in the House this Longworth. The resolution was a promptly quelched. It did not reach a Ti from the records.

Governor Heyward, to-night appoint ed the new board of pardons according to the act he approved to-day. The new board takes charge of pardon petitions in 20 days. The appointees are R. W. Shand, of Columbia; Wilson G. Harvey, Charleston, and R. May Cleveland, Greenville.

Cambridge Defeats Oxford in Football Match.

London, Feb. 17.—Cambridge defeat ed Oxford to-day by three goals to one in the annual Association foot-ments for white men and white woball match, which was played at the men, for there are few of them, but Queen's Club here. Out of 33 matches, Cambridge has

match was drawn. THE WEATHER.

Washingon, Feb. 17.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North Carolina, partly cloudy and warmer Sunday, rain in western portion; Monday partly cloudy, light to fresh east winds.

Four of his new associates have been vagrancy.

A dance, perfectly delightful in every phase, was given last night to Miss Emma Lewis Speight, of Greens. boro, and to Misses Ola and Fay Brown, of Concord. It was the largest mid-winter affair of some years was more enjoyed than any of the great dances of Christmas-tide, Twenty couples, half as many stags, chap-erons galore and rag time music made a most enchanting and lively

Miss Catherine Cartmell, who has

Inspected County Jail and Found It Editor W. F. Marshall, of The Gas-Overcrowded and Infested With Magnificent County Home, Erected Two Years Ago at a Cost of \$25,000, Now in an Unsanitary Condition—Keeper ton's Defense-Home for the Colored Too Small and in Bad Repair-Someone Remiss in Their Duties.

The grand jury of the Mecklenburg Superior Court yesterday finished its work for the present term and submitted to Judge Henry R. Bryan a report that was rather sensational. The report stated that the jail was over-crowded and infested with lice and that the prisoners complained of not having enough blankets and having to sleep on the floor. The most was that which stated that the handsome new county home was in an unsanitary condition and that the inmates complain of having too little heat. The conditions were even worse at the colored home, where the building was too small and out of repair. The report would indicate that some official, or set of officials, are badly remiss in their duties and are guilty of gross carelessness, at least, for the disgraceful conditions that exist.

In detail the report of the grand jury, of which Mr. W. J. Chambers is foreman, stated the following:

It examined 162 bills of indictment. eturning 147 true bills, 15 not true continuing eight cases for further evidence.

The jury inspected the court house and found it in good condition except for some needed repairs in the basement. The convict camps were visited and found to be in good condition, the prisoners being well fed and well kept and the stoc in good condition.

COUNTY JAIL.

"We have visited and inspected the county jail," read the report, "and we do not find it in a satisfactory con-Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17.-The Su- dition" Attention was called to some reme Court to-day declared the Rico leaks, the falling of some plaster in lighton anti-race track betting bill two rooms, the need of a cover over unconstitutional. If there are no in- the entrance to the kitchen and then by persons favoriag continued as follows: "We find that the bill the decision means that horse there is not sufficient room in the jall racing will be resumed in Tennessee for the accommodation of the pristhis spring. The Rice-Ligon bill was oners. They are very much crowded passed at the last session og the Leg- and many of them are infected with lice; they complain of not having sufficient heat in the building and some devotees were greatly clated over of them say that they do not have blankets and are compelled to sleep on the hard cement floor. We think it Secretary McFarlane, of the necessary that steps be taken to reme-Memphis Jockey Club, announced that dy the defects in the jail, as above

"We find the fence and grounds missioners to see that these improve-

THE COUNTY HOME.

ham, Va., is Destroyed With \$25 .- was found in a "fairly" satisfactory Lose All Their Personal Belongings. building is not sufficiently heated for with, it habitually excludes news- be taken with respect to the sioners investigate the matter, and, if they find the above claim is true, we would recommend that they provide good and satisfactory condition."

The home for the colored people was found in even worse condition. He good. The report stated that the building was not large enough to accomodate the number of inmates and that it is in bad repair. It recommended that something be done immediately to relieve the present conditions.

SURPRISED AT THE REPORT. The people of Mecklebburg county vill be surprised to learn of the conespecially at the county home. The ost of nearly \$25,000 and is one of now obtaining, I understand." the best equipped and finest institutions of its kind in the South. Someone 8 to blame for the existing con-Keeper Holton said he has afternoon extending the best wishes not sufficient help to keep the buildof the Legislature to Mr. and Mrs. ing even in a sanitary condition, in condition not injurious to health. There are about 70 inmates and the Its introduction was expunged monthly expenses range between \$300

The conditions at the jall are not less disgraceful. The health of many of the prisoners has been injured by the crowded conditions and plague of lice. There are big leaks in are in a "dilapidated" condition. A reporter was talking with Deputy Sheriff and Jailor E. O. Johnston, an efficient officer by the way, and Mr. Johnston said: "The jail is too small the departments for both sexes of negroes are sadly over-crowded. I won 17 and Oxford 15. The other had 75 negroes in cells that comfortably accomodate few more than 40. The women, in their department, were almost as crowded as the men. "Two months ago there was not a louse in the jail. Two prisoners brought them and after the pests once got started there was no way to clean them out until the jail is emp-

> Judge Bryan referred the report of the grand jury to the board of county commissioners, who will receive it at their next meeting. The same grand jury will serve until June and it was instructed by the judge to keep tab on the improvements recommended.

TREASURER \$5,000 SHORT.

Employe of Bessemer, Ala., Soil Pipe Company Disappears and Revelations Follow. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 17.tors working on the books of the Bessemer Soil Pipe Company, at Bessemer, announce to-night that there is a shortage of at least \$5,000 in the

tonia Gazette, Retains Attorneys and Will Indict Members of Town Council, Alleging Unfitness for Office, Injustice, Oppression and Violating Law With Impunity—Charges That First National Bank Has Charged City Usurlous Interest on Loans-Statements by Both Sides-Announcement Causes Unusual Stir and Interesting Developments Are

Special to The Observer. Gastonia, Feb. 17 .- An unusual stir was created in Gastonia late this afterngon when it became known that Mr. W. F. Marshall, editor of The Gastonia Gazette, had retained as counsel Judge Armisted Burwell and Mr. E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, for the prosecution of charges against the board of surprising paragraph of the document alderman of the town of Gastonia. The Charges made by Mr. Marshall seemed to be the common topic of conversation on the streets, in the drug stores and elsewhere, where crowds had gathered. In fact, such a stir was dent set to work to learn the truth from both sides.

An interview was first sought with Mr. L. L. Jenkius, a member of the board. He was found in his office at the First National Bank. Hugh Long, of The Gastonia News; Mr. J. H. Separk and Mr. J. P. Reid. Mr. Jenkins was in a joyful mood and greeted The Observer correspondent both Mr. Jenkins and Mayor Dixon: MR. JENKINS DENIES CHARGES. "Is it true, as charged, that the town of Gastonia is paying 8 per cent. for money borrowed?

"Is it true that the town was getting money for 6 per cent, before it began dealing with the First National

Mr. Jenkins, "No, nothing of it.

Mayor Dixon, "Never heard of it." "Are you going to fight the case?"

"Did you know that the charges were going to be made

"Has the board of aldermen retain-

Mr. Jenkins stated that the town of Gastonia came to the First National Bank voluntarily, four years ago, for money, two years before Mr. Jenkins Robb, Mr. H. S. Anderson arrived tobecame a member of the board of aldermen, and that the town was now getting money for 6 per cent. EDITOR MARSHALL'S SIDE.

At the close of his night's work, Mr. Marshall was interviewed in his office "Is it true that you propose to bring suit against members of the board of aldermen?" was asked.
"It is," he replied, "and I have retained counsel for that purpose."

"Upon what charges?" ALLEGES INJUSTICE AND OP-

PRESSION. "Upon charges which, in my judg-The report stated that the county ment, affect the fitness of the members. was visited and inspected and concerned for the position they hold. impunity. In conducting the town's State Auditor Dixon spent most of affairs, members of the board have to-day at the War Department lookviolated the law repeatedly, as I have found by actual investigation. For count in the courts of the land, in the hope that it may turn out to the pub-

Something has been said about the bank charging the town usury on its loans. Is this true?"

CHARGED USURIOUS INTEREST. charged the town 8 per cent. on \$5,000 or \$6,000 right along, year after year, contrary to the State and Federal statutes on usury. For one or two years during this time the president of the ditions existing at these institutions, bank was a member of the board of aldermen. It is unlawful for a member magnificent county home was com- of the board to lend the town money pleted less tha niwo years ago at a even at 6 per cent., which is the rate

"When and why was the charge made to 6 per cent.?" "About a year ago the rate became a per cent. I don't know just why the northbound passenger train and more favorable rate was given but have an idea. At a mass meeting of the citizens of the town before the board February there was some opposition track. The rear end of the to the proposed expenditure of one or two thousand dollars on the streets was depleted and the town was paying usurious rate on a debt of about down. In another place was a \$6,000. President Jenkins sat on the oil tank buried in the sand. board that night and made no demurrer. Next day he announced that his bank was not then charging more than 6 per cent. since the first of board did not things until that day."

"Togo will let the Russians find that hand badly smashed and was out in good time," was Mr. Marshall's back to Wilmington for medical treathis hat and overcoat and called "good night" to the boys.

A Gastonia gentleman in the city last night made some interesting statements in regard to the action taken by Editor Marshall against the city council of his town, which, he says, is the absorbing topic of conversation there at the present time. Editor Marshall it seems, recently had a bout with the council over an application for a building permit which was refused him. The facts in the case are these: Along with 60-odd towns in the State, Gastonia came under the new fire law, enacted by the Legislature, which Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McCuliough, went into effect July 1. This law takes Mr and Mrs. Julian H. Taliaferro. out of the hands of the town councils the regulating of fire proof buildings but does not define the fire limits, this being left to the several boards of al-dermen. Against Editor Marshall's protest, it is stated, the council rearranged the fire limits so as to rener it impossible for him to sheet fron building, on which the State places a ban. Notwithstanding this the fire limits were again so arranged as to permit another man in the same block to erect a non-fire proof shall prosecuted the Gaston count building. It is also stated as a board of commissioners for failure in fact that, since the new fire law went into effect, still another man has built. into effect, still another man has built within the fire limits, a wooden building and is unmolested. Editor Marshall charges that the fire limits have been changed about once every two months since July 1st. He also contends that the place where he wishes to build is not in the main business.

District Attorney Refuses to Talk of His Nomination, but Appears Not to Care—Mr. Blackburn Allege That While Mr. Holton Was Active ly Engaged in Prosecuting Others for Small Offenses He Falled to Keep His Own Vouchers Straight-Congressman's Effort to Draw Fangs of His Enemics-Wadesboro Postoffice Matter Once.

BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

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District Attorney Holton arrived here this morning. He spent considerable time at the Department of Justice and later went out to Highlands, where he was in conference for some time with Senator Simmons, who is urging the judiciary committee to confirm Mr. Holton's nomination. Mr. Holton declined to make any statement and whether assumed for the occasion or not, his demeanor was that of indiffercreated that The Observer correspon- ence toward the movements of those seeking to embarrass him. Mr. Holton said he did not expect to remain over until Monday, when the committee will, it is assumed, take some action on the request of Mr. Blackburn for a With Mr. hold-up. While the district attorney Jenkins was Mayor J. K. Dixon, Editor was with his friends at the Department his enemies were exceedingly active on the outside. Mr. Blackburn went to the capitol early. Congress did not meet to-day, and filed in a very agreeable manner and made additional papers in the case. An atno objection to an interview. The fol- temp will be made to show that, while lowing questions were put directly to the district attorney, with the aid of a special relay of detectives and spectors, was spending thousands of dollars to convice a few revenue officers of sending in false vouchers involving, usually, about 30 cents he faile ed to keep his own vouchers straight. It was stated to-night that Bluckburn would go before the committee himself Monday for the purpose of explaining,

verbally, the written allegations. EFFORT TO DRAW FANGS OF HIS ENEMIES.

There is no doubt that the Republican longressman is now engaged in a supreme effort to draw the fangs of his enemies, and his friends assert that he has not only gone up against the Re-publican and Democratic State organizations, but that certain corporate interests have, at times, lent aid and comfort to his allied opponents. In addition to the constant and active assistance of Assistant Attorney General day and supplemented the charges that have already been filled with some documents of his own.

NATIONAL POLITICS IN THE

The assertion that has been that some national politics is played around this contest, and that the friends of prominent party regarded as "presidential possibilities." are interested, as the result of the fight between the two factions will show in which direction they must turn in the hunt for delegates to the National convention.

WADESBORO MATTER TO

000 Loss-Over Half of Students condition. "Inmates claim that the the confidence of the public. To begin resentative Page that some action will Danville, Va., Feb. 17.—The Chatham comfort in cold weather. We also paper men from its sessions. In mat-piscpal Institute was destroyed by find that the building is not kept in ters where it had no discretion, it has a sanitary condition. The superin-acted contrary to law. When it has has been embarrassed because of a discretion, the board has used it with scarcity of available postmastership

State Auditor Dixon spent most of ing into the matter of proposed roster of Confederate troops. General sufficient help to keep the home in a these offenses I shall hold them to ac- worth is inclined to the opinion that it will be some time yet before the De partment can complete the roster of North carolina troops, although Department is taking the States in alphabetical order and is now working on the Mississippi roster.

"Yes; the First National Bank DESTRUCTIVE FREIGHT WRECK.

Three Cars and Caboose of Atlantic Coast Line Go Down 30-Foot Embankment-Flagman's Miraculous Escape From Death.

Special to The Observer. Goldsboro Feb. 17.-A disastrous freight wreck occurred on the Atlantic side of Rowden station last night freight backed nito the siding at the above place to make way for failure on the part of some of change freight crew to last caused the freight to back off the side tumbled down the embankment, about 30 feet below. Three heavily loaded One objection was that the treasury box cars were piled up in a heap. One of them turned completely upside rear end of this was the caboose also demolished.

The flagman was inside the caboose than 6 per cent; had not charged more when it went down and his escape from a horrible death is miraculo January, and would not charge more He was badly bruised about the head in the future. The treasurer of the himself know these ed. The wrecking train and crew t day." "What will be your line of procedure and were soon at work on the wreck on the courts?"

One of the wrecking crew, had his

> A Dance to be Given Wolnesday Night. A dance will be given under the supervision of Prof. D. Amati Richardson in the city hall Wednesday night. The Richardson Orchestra

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will furnish the music. The dan will begin at 9 and continue until 12. The following will be chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hurley. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cutter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hutchis Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George W. Graham, Mr and Mrs. Julian H. Taliaferro, Mr. and Mrs. Cary W. Butt, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lambeth, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ai ston, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Withe Mr. and Mrs. Osmond L. Barri Miss Lucy Oates and W. R. Tallafer