

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 Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Taking Her Place in the Memories of the Mansion as Its Twelfth Bride—Assemblage of 1,000 Guests Were Brilliant in the Extremes, 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 Set Away to Washington Suburb at 4 O'Clock.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In the beautiful white and gold East Room of the White House, a few minutes after noon today, 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 Ohio.

The ceremony, the simple, beautiful and impressive 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, far the largest company which ever graced the Executive Mansion on a similar occasion.

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 motor car, which was driven rapidly away. They went, it is understood, not to disclosed authorities, to the country home of John R. McLean, "Friendship," a few miles from 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 romantic White House history hung over the bridal couple. Miss Roosevelt was the twelfth bride, according to accepted authorities. No lover had dared within its classic walls and the identical spot where she to-day joined hands with the husband of her choice "for better, for worse," is hallowed in the memory of another White House bride, beloved "Nellie" Grant, who 32 years ago, on that same spot, became the wife of an Englishman, Algernon C. F. Sartoris. Tender, indeed, must have been the recollections of Mrs. Roosevelt of that day, long ago, when 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 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 the final development, a large throng was the most imposing function that ever took place in the White House. The thousand guests bidden to the ceremony, began to arrive shortly after 11 o'clock, and the White House was filled with a throng of guests. The great apartment was not taken up with decorations, as ever in the past, was needed to accommodate the guests, two huge vases of rare design each filled with Easter lilies and ferns, occupied each of the mantels, and two handsome tables, one at each end of the room and south ends of the room, bore jardinières of flowering rhododendrons.

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BEFORE M'CURDY SAILS

JUSTICE PECKHAM URGES SUIT

Former President of Mutual Life Insurance Company Urges Suit Against Mr. McCurdy. Justice Peckham, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, is made in a letter written by United States Supreme Justice Rufus W. Peckham to the special investigating committee of the Mutual, and made public to-day. The letter states that the suit should be brought before Mr. McCurdy leaves this country for Europe, as is his reported intention, and its object should be to recover money which Mr. McCurdy may owe to the Mutual.

In making this letter public Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual, gave out a letter of his own in which he said that he does not think Justice Peckham will have any reason to find fault with the action of the company relative to the matter to which he refers. The Peckham letter is to Mr. Peabody by Wm. H. Truesdale, chairman of the Mutual's special investigating committee, to whom it was originally written. Justice Peckham was formerly a trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company. His letter, dated at Washington, February 17, is as follows:

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

"The Attorney General might properly find fault that the company was not itself doing its utmost to reach the money wrongfully obtained by Mr. McCurdy, but I do not think it is my duty to take the greatest interest in the matter and I feel as if an action ought to be commenced before the departure of Mr. McCurdy for Europe."

MURDER TRIAL ON.

F. M. Stevens Arraigned in Buncombe Court—Only Nine Jurors Secured

Asheville, Feb. 17.—The Stevens murder trial is on. Francis M. Stevens, 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. "How do you plead; guilty or not guilty?" asked the solicitor. "Not guilty," came the bold reply. "You will stand in the dock until Monday. There was objection. The State then asked for time to scan the jury list. This was granted. An hour was set apart for this purpose and a bench was taken until 12 o'clock. At noon the work of selecting the jury was commenced. In 30 minutes the regular panel had been exhausted and only nine men occupied seats in the jury box. Solicitor Brown asked that a continuance be had until Monday morning. The defense, through Mr. Craig, stated that if desired, it possible, to push right along the trial. The judge, after some minutes finally agreed by the counsel for the defense and the prosecution that it would be best to continue the case until Monday and complete the jury panel. The case was set for Monday morning.

BURNED TO DEATH.

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

Rockingham, Feb. 17.—Our community is in deep sorrow as the result of a distressing accident to young Walter Payze Everett, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Everett, which resulted in his death last night. While dressing yesterday morning his clothing was drawn into the open fireplace by a draft and a box was set on fire. The clothing was so badly charred that it was necessary to burn it before the flames could be extinguished and the burning garment removed. The pathetic death of the little boy has touched all hearts and all sympathies have been extended to his entire acquaintance.

FUNERAL OF MR. JEFFRIES.

Remains of Gaffney Banker Will be Laid to Rest To-Day.

Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 17.—The funeral of Hon. William Jeffries, who died just on the edge of the city yesterday while driving here, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Goudeok, in Gaffney. Mr. Jeffries was a prominent man in business affairs of this city, being a director of both banks and several other corporations in Gaffney. The doors of the Cherokee Drug Company, of which Dr. C. A. Jeffries, a son of the deceased, was president, and both the National and Merchants & Farmers banks of this city, bore crepe and were closed to-day through deference to him.

MR. REVELL'S FUNERAL.

Services Over Remains of Asheville Man Killed in Collapse of Building.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 17.—The funeral services over the remains of Thomas J. Revell, who met instant death yesterday afternoon in the collapse of the Central avenue building, were conducted from the First Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. William Lansford, D. D., officiating. Mr. Revell was a member of the First Baptist church and for years teacher of a Sunday school class in that church. The pall bearers this afternoon were taken from the teaching corps as follows: W. C. McConnell, M. Storer, J. J. Britt, F. E. McIntyre, M. Campbell and Mr. Hamrick.

Senator Tillman on the Mend.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Tillman was somewhat improved to-day and responded in the course of his remarks in the Senate. He was stated at his hotel that he expects to be able to take a short walk to-morrow.

H. E. RUTY NOT GUILTY

YOUNG GIRL SHOOTS A MAN

SUSIE HANNON KILLS FLAGMAN

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, a 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 muffer in Susie's room, and returned to get it, but the girls, having their 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. He persisted and was shot dead in his tracks, his friend Ritch caught him as he fell. The Hannon's father and daughter, were arrested and locked up. They will have a hearing this morning.

Every officer of the law in this city knows Dave Hannon and his girls, Lela and Susie. 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 was born he had been in the hands of the law. 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 good as dead. The Hannon's went to Concord some time ago. Stack was a Birmingham, Ala., man.

ANTI-RACING LAW KILLED.

Tennessee Supreme Court Holds Measure Unconstitutional and Unlawful

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17.—The Supreme Court to-day declared the Rice Light anti-race track betting bill unconstitutional. If there are no intervening steps by persons favoring the bill the decision means that horse racing will be resumed in Tennessee this spring. The Rice-Ligon bill was passed at the last session of the Legislature.

MEMPHIS SUPREME COURT.

Measure Unconstitutional and Unlawful

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Local racing devices were greatly elated over the decision of the Supreme Court declaring the anti-race track bill unconstitutional. Secretary McFarlane, of the Memphis Jockey Club, announced that the usual spring meeting will be held here in the month of March. The Tennessee derby, the Oaks, Montgomery handicap and Peabody handicap have all been liberally subscribed to. Many stables are wintering here and will take part in the spring meeting.

FEMALE INSTITUTE BURNED.

Chatham Episcopal School at Chatham, Va., Is Destroyed With \$25,000 Loss

Chatham, Va., Feb. 17.—The Chatham Episcopal Institute was destroyed by fire to-night, entailing a loss of about \$25,000, partially covered by insurance. The building was a three-story frame structure, situated on the corner of Chatham. Fire broke out in one of the rooms at about 10 o'clock, and the lack of fire protection caused the flames to spread rapidly. About a hundred persons, including the students and faculty, were in the building at the time. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The building was a fine structure and was well equipped. The loss is a heavy one for the institute.

NO CONGRATULATIONS.

Bill Introduced in South Carolina House to Extend Howl Whistles to Mr. and Mrs. Longworth Squelched

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 17.—Representative W. Bruce introduced a resolution in the House to-morrow afternoon extending the best wishes of the Legislature to Mr. and Mrs. Longworth. The resolution was promptly quashed. It did not reach a vote. Its introduction was expunged from the records.

CAMBRIDGE DEFEATS OXFORD IN FOOTBALL MATCH.

London, Feb. 17.—Cambridge defeated Oxford to-day by three goals to one in the annual Association football match. The game was played at the Queen's Club here.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North Carolina, partly cloudy with warm winds; rain in western portion; Monday partly cloudy, light to fresh east winds. Four of his new associates have been ordered to move out or go to jail for vagrancy. A dance, perfectly delightful in every respect, was given last night at Miss Emma Lewis Spelght, of Greensboro, and to Misses Ola and Fay Brown, of Concord. It was the largest mid-winter affair of some years and being the anti-Lenten windup, was more enjoyed than any of the great dances of Christmas-tide. Twenty couples, half as many stage, chaprions galore and rag time music made a most enchanting and lively spectacle. The Big Four Band played as the couples danced.

A SENSATIONAL REPORT

TO PROSECUTE ALDERMEN

EDITOR MARSHALL ON WAR PATH

Editor W. F. Marshall, of The Gastonia 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 Usurious Interest on Loans—Statements by Both Sides.

Gastonia, Feb. 17.—An unusual stir was created in Gastonia late this afternoon when it became known that Mr. W. F. Marshall, editor of The Gastonia Gazette, had retained as counsel Judge Armistead Burwell and Mr. E. T. Canlier, of Charlotte, for the prosecution of charges against the board of aldermen 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 created that The Observer correspondent set to work to learn the truth from both sides.

An interview was first sought with Mr. L. L. Jenkins, a member of the board. He was found in his office at the First National Bank. With Mr. Jenkins was Mayor J. K. Dixon, Editor Hugh Long, of The Gastonia News; Mr. H. H. Speck and Mr. J. Reid. Mr. Jenkins was in a joyful mood and greeted The Observer correspondent in a very agreeable manner and made no objection to an interview. The following questions were asked directly to 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 'no' borrowed?" "No." "Is it true that the town was getting money for 6 per cent. before it began dealing with the First National Bank?" "No." "Mr. Jenkins, 'No, nothing of it.' Mayor Dixon, 'Never heard of it.' Do you go along to fight the case?" "Don't know."

"Did you know that the charges were going to be made?" "No." "Was the board of aldermen retained counsel?" "No." "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 became 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 by The Observer.

"Is it true that you propose to bring suit against members of the board of aldermen?" "It is," he replied, "and I have retained counsel for that purpose." "What part of the charges will you bring?" "ALLEGES INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION."

"UPON CHARGE THAT, IN MY JUDGMENT, AFFECTS THE FITNESS OF THE MEMBERS CONCERNED FOR THE POSITION THEY HOLD."

The board, as a whole, has not merited the confidence of the public. To begin with, it habitually excludes newspaper men from its sessions. In matters where it had no discretion, it has acted contrary to law. When it has acted in the confidence of the public, it has done so in violation of the law. Laws which went into effect the first of last July have been violated with impunity. In conducting the town's affairs, the members of the board have violated the law repeatedly, as I have found by actual investigation. For these offenses I shall hold them to account in the courts of the land, in the event that it may turn out to the public good."

CHARGED USURIOUS INTEREST.

"Yes," the First National Bank charged the town 8 per cent. on \$5,000 of \$5,000 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 bank was a member of the board of aldermen. It is unlawful for a member of the board to lend the town money even at 6 per cent, which is the rate now obtaining. I understand."

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TREASURER \$5,000 SHORT.

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Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 17.—Auditors working on the books of the Bessemer Pipe Company, at Bessemer, announced to-night that there is a shortage of at least \$5,000 in the books of Secretary-Treasurer G. L. Van Trump, of the company. Mr. Van Trump was recently elected an alderman of Bessemer. He disappeared from the city last Tuesday. He came to Bessemer from Pennsylvania and is prominently connected in Ohio and Kentucky. The Bessemer Pipe Company is the property of N. O. Nelson, of St. Louis.

GRAND JURY FINDS NEGLIGENCE

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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 overcrowded and infested with lice and that the prisoners complained of not having enough blankets and having to sleep on the floor. The most surprising paragraph of the document was that which stated that the handsome new county home was in an unsanitary condition and that the inmates complained 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, returning 147 true bills, 15 not true bills and continuing sight 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 well fed and well kept and the stock 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 condition." Attention was called to some leaks, the falling of some plaster in two rooms, the need of a cover over the entrance to the kitchen and some other things. "We find that there is not sufficient room in the jail for the accommodation of the prisoners. They are very much crowded and many of them are infested with lice; they complain of not having sufficient heat in the winter and some of them say that they do not have blankets and are compelled to sleep on the hard cement floor. We think it necessary that steps be taken to remedy the defects in the jail, as above stated."

"We find the fence and grounds around the jail in a dilapidated condition and we urge the county commissioners to see that these improvements be made without further delay."

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HOLTON IS INDIFFERENT

BLACKBURN FILES CHARGES

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BY W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Observer Bureau, 1417 G Street, N. W., Washington, Feb. 17. 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 Stromwater who is urging the judiciary committee to confirm Mr. Holton's nomination. Mr. Holton declined to make any statement and neither assumed for the occasion or not, his usual attitude of indifference toward the movement of the law, seeking to embarrass him. Mr. Holton said he did not expect to remain over until Monday, when the committee will be assumed to take some action on the request of Mr. Blackburn to hold-up. While the district attorney was with his friends at the Department his enemies were exceedingly active. Mr. Blackburn, who had gone to the capitol to-day, although Congress did not meet to-day, and filed additional papers in the case. An attempt will be made to show that, while District Attorney Holton, with the aid of a special relay of detectives and inspectors, was spending thousands of dollars to convict a few revenue officers of sending in false vouchers in the Wadesboro case, Mr. Blackburn was spending thousands of dollars to convict a few revenue officers of sending in false vouchers in the Wadesboro case.

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There is no doubt that the Republican Congressman 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 Republican party, 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 the Wadesboro Postoffice matter, Mr. H. S. Anderson arrived to-day and supplemented the charges that have already been filed with some documents of his own.

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The assertion that has been made that some national politics is being played around this contest, and that the friends of prominent party men, 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.

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Secretary Hitchcock has assured Representative Page that some action will be taken with respect to the Wadesboro postoffice at once. It is at this point that the Republican organization has been embarrassed because of a scarcity of available postmaster candidates.

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State Auditor Dixon spent most of to-day at the War Department looking into the matter of proposed reduction of Confederate troops. General Alsworth is inclined to the opinion that it will be some time yet before the Department can complete the roster of Confederate troops for at Wilmington. The Department is taking the States in alphabetical order and is now working on the Mississippi roster.

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 Coast Line road about 100 yards this side of Bowden station last night about 9 o'clock. The southbound freight train, headed by engine No. 10, was en route to make way for the northbound passenger train and the failure on the part of some of the freight crew to change the switch caused the freight to back off the side track. The rear of the train tumbled down the embankment, about 30 feet below. Three heavily loaded box cars were piled up in a heap. One of them turned completely upside down. In another place a single oil tank buried in the sand. To the rear end of this was the caboose also demolished.

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A dance will be given under the supervision of Prof. E. Amari Richardson in the city hall Wednesday night. The Richardson Orchestra will furnish the music. The dancing will begin at 9 and continue until 12. The following will be chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hutchinson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George W. Graham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Tallaferr, Mr. and Mrs. Cary W. Butt, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lambeth, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Withers, Mr. and Mrs. Ommond L. Barringer, Miss Lucy Oates and W. R. Tallaferr.

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"Some years ago," continued the spokesman in question, "Editor Marshall presented the Gastonia board of commissioners for failure to publish the annual statement of the county's finances and was out single-handed and alone. He is in the right, and the Gastonia way of proceeding is removed that the trial of this case will result in some sensational developments." Gastonia Superior Court reopens its session to-day.