THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1644.—Prince Rupert defeated the Parliament forces in England, and relieved Newark.

1663.—Charlotte Tremouille, Countess of Derby, died. She was the wife of tht Earl of Derby, who was treacherously beheaded during the civil war of England, and imitated his heroic conduct by defying the attacks of the Parliament forces, and was the last person who submitted to them.

1676.—A hissing, detonating meteor passed over Italy two hours after sunset. Its apparent diameter was greater than that of the moon; its real diameter about three quarters of a mile, and the velocity was calculated at 160 miles a minute.

1733.—Stanislaus, King of Poland, sent his abdication by express, to Warsaw.

1776.—The Duke of Bridgewater's canal, from Manchester to Liverpool, completed, a great achievement for the time.

1797.—The French entered Goritz, in Austria, where they found 1,500 sick, and a great quantity of provisions and stores.

1803.—Napoleon declared the marriage of his brother, Jerome, to Elizabeth Patterson, of Baltimore, annulled.

1829.—Duel at London between the Duke of Wellington and the Earl of Winchelsea.

1843.—Herard, the successful general of the insurgents in Hayti, made a triumphal entry into Port au Prince.

1854.—The government of Prussia absolutely prohibited the transit of arms from its territory.

1855.—A fireworks manufactory at Bergen Point, N. J., exploded, killing seven persons.

1863.—Battle of Somerset, Ky.

1865.—That Jeff Davis had resigned in the interest of General Lee was reported in the North and denied.

1875.—Gov. Tilden, of New York, sent a message to the Legislature declaring the State canals to be mismanaged and the funds looted by contractors.

1885.—Bands of settlers, rendezvous at Coffeyville, Kan., made a start for the Oklahoma homestead lands.

1899.—Anglo-French treaty agreeing on Nile boundary, signed.

TRUCKERS TAKE ACTION.

They Adopt Strong Resolutions Calling on Atlantic Coast Line and Express Company to Live Up to Promises of Adequate Transportation Facilities for Present Strawberry Crop.

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, March 20.—In view of the congestion of freight on all railway lines, the board of directors and the executive committee of the East Carolina Fruit Growers Association, in session here to-day adopted a strong resolution adverting to the assurance given by the Atlantic Coast Line of good and efficient service during the coming season, declaring the present congestion of freights unprecendented and a menace to the prompt transportation thus assured and calling upon the Atlantic Coast Line again to be fully prepared to take care of the business and transport the same to the various destinations promptly and on schedules made for this purpose. The resolution also sets forth that the association has every reason to believe that the crop of strawberries this season will fully equal that of last season, requiring between 2,500 and 3,000 refrigerator cars to move the same, beginning on or about the 15th of April.

A copy of the resolutions was ordered transmitted to President T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, and another of the same tenor forwarded to Superintendent Walter Buckner, of the Southern Express Company. The executive committee was empowered to make all necessary arrangements for the further maintenance of the association. The executive committee decided, in addition to the New York, Pittsburg and Richmond agencies to also have an agent in Philadelphia to look after shipments received at these points. The same system dissemination of weather forecasts through agents throughout the territory as obtained last year was adopted for this season again.

ASKS CITY FOR FRANCHISE.

Mr. Justice Reveals Identity of Men Who Desire to Build Trolley Line From Greensboro to High Point.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, March 20.—E. J. Justice, who was recently granted by the county commissioners a franchise, as trustee of a syndicate, for a trolley line between Greensboro and High Point, appeared before the board of aldermen here to-night and asked for a franchise in the city, designating either one of four routes for entering Greensboro. He disclosed the name of the syndicate as being James H. Dawes, millionaire, vice president of the American Pipe Company, of Philadelphia; H. Bayard Hodge, secretary of the same concern; J. W. Perry, vice president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Norfolk, Va., and others. The board of aldermen held no meeting for want of a quorum and the matter will come up at the next regular meeting. Mr. Justice offers the city $1,000 as a forfeit if work is not started within six months and completed within two and a half years.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. H. BLUME.

Confederate Veterans, of Which He Was a Member, Attend in a Body the Burial of Cabarrus Citizen—Nine Children Survive.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, March 20.—The funeral services over the remains of Mr. William H. Blume were held today from St. James' Lutheran church conducted by Rev. J. E. Shenk. The Confederate Veterans, of which organization he was a member, marched in a body to the cemetery, as a mark of respect to the deceased. He was 64 years of age and always lived here. Surviving him are his wife and nine children, Mrs. Frank Weddington, Mrs. J. L. Ritchie, Misses Ollie and Vernie and Masters Fred and Earle Blume, all of this county; Mrs. Deberry Fisher, of California; Mr. C. H. Blume, of Indiana, and Mr. Gus Blume, of the United States army, now in the Philippines. Mr. Blume was a prominent and excellent citizen. His request was that his wife and his son, Charles, administer upon his estate.

Going the Rounds.

Kansas City Star.

This story, for generations a favorite with country editors, is still able to be around: A party down East was blessed with twins—both boys. He christened them Peter and Repeater. Another blessing of a like natur occurred about a year after—this time both girls—and the happy father called them Kate and Duplicate. But the latest birth of twins was a puzzler for some time, as one was a boy and one a girl. However, the difficulty has been gotten over by calling the boy Max and the girl Climax.

MOVING ACROSS THE LINE.

Distillers Who Formerly Operated in This State Ask for Licnse to Do Business in Virginia—Tobacco Sales Small—Reidsville News Notes.

Special to The Observer.

Reidsville, March 20.—Judging by the number of distilleries daily being granted license to operate plants in Virginia, the entire delegation of people who have previously operated plants in this State, have moved to the Old Dominion. Fifteen applications for license to distill whiskey will come up before the next term of Rockingham's neighboring county, Henry, just across the Virginia line, while other counties on the border will consider fully as many, and perhaps more. The plants at Milton were removed across the creek, old Country Line, and are doing business as of yore. It is alleged that all along this stream, which is the dividing line of Virginia and North Carolina, distilleries are located in large numbers, the people operating the plants finding the banks of the creek a most desirable spot. A big majority of these distilleries find that the move is a most profitable one as now they are allowed to supply their output to the Virginia trade as well as being able to ship the spirits into North Carolina.

Sales the past week have been rather small, considering the seasonable weather that has been for handling tobaccos. This would indicate that the proportion of the crop in the hands of the farmers is fully as small as has been estimated. There is little or no change in the quality of the offerings. The medium grades predominate and there is the usual scarcity of fine and common tobaccos. Prices continue strong and the market is exceedingly active. All classes of buyers are out in full force and watching the sales closely.

Archdeacon E. A. Osborne, of Charlotte, has been spending the past few days here. He preached three fine sermons at St. Thomas Episcopal church Sunday and yesterday, and large crowds were out to hear him.

Several young men of the town are organizing a band. It will be composed of the membership of the old Third Regiment Band, which was disbanded on account of a lack of financial aid from the State.

Reidsville's military organization, Compang G, is working hard to pass a creditable inspection when the officers reach here next week. Drills are held twice a week and are most satisfactory to the commissioned officers. The company will have a prize drill next Tuesday night.

THE DEATH RECORD.

S. S. King, of Caldwell, Dead.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Greensboro, March 19.—It is learned here that Mr. Solomon Sidney King died March 15th at his home in Caldwell county at the age of 83 years. The burial took place the following day with Masonic honors, Rev. W. H. McNairy, of Lenoir, conducting the ceremony. Mr. King was a native of Guilford county. He is survived by six sons, two daughters, two sisters and three brothers. His brothers are Messrs. Lee, Alfred and Thomas King; his sisters are Mrs. Mary F. Curtis, of Greensboro, and Miss Ruth King, of Idyville, Ky.

Mrs. G. W. Andrews, of Norwood.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Norwood, March 19.—Mrs. G. W. Andrews, living near here, died yesterday, death resulting from measles. She leaves a husband and ten children.

John B. Baker, of Hickory.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Hickory, March 18.—Mr. John B. Baker, the oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Baker, died at his home here last Tuesday night, the 13th, after suffering intensely for several weeks from a complication of diseases. Mr. Baker had been one of Hickory's prominent figures since the early seventies. The funeral was conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. D. T. Johnson, rector of the Episcopal church at Lincolnton, iterment being made in Oakwood Cemetery. The burial was conducted by the Odd Fellows, of which order he was a member. Much sympathy is felt here for his aged parents who are so prominently identified with and much beloved by the town. Aside from his father and mother, a sister, Mrs. B. R. Anderson, of Washington, D. C., survives him.

Charles Tise, of Winston-Salem.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, March 19.—Mr. Charles Tise died suddenly at 8.15 this morning at his home, corner of Liberty and Chestnut streets. He was 81 years old February 6, 1906. Mr. Tise had been in declining health for a year or more and, while it was known that he had heart trouble, the end was not expected by the family at this time. Deceased was a native of Davidson county, but had been a resident of this city for about 50 years. Besides a wife he leaves two daughters and two sons, Messrs. Leroy and Jonah Tise, and Mesdames "Dock" Martin and Everett Hege. The funeral service will be conducted from the residence at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon by Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg. Interment will be in Liberty graveyard.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCulston, of Winston-Salem.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, March 19.—Mrs. Elizabeth McCulston, widow of the late Robert D. McCulston, died Sunday morning at her home just east of Waughtown, at the advanced age of 80 years. Deceased leaves five children, the three daughters being Mesdames W. L. Hampton and Charles Ebert, and Miss Annie McCulston. The two sons are Rev. J. F. and J. M. McCulston. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. K. Pfohl to-day at 12 o'clock from the Friedburg Moravian church of which deceased had been a devoted member from childhood.

Mrs. A. P. Samuel, of High Point.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, March 20.—Mrs. A. P. Samuel died at her home on Tate street Sunday and was buried yesterday.

Mrs. Clement Gryder, of Iredell.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, March 20.—Mrs. Clement Gryder, wife of Mr. Charles Gryder, died Thursday at her home in Fallstown township, of pneumonia. The death is a very sad one, as Mrs. Gryder was only 19 years of age and had been married but four months. She was the daughter of Mr. Stewart Wilson, of Iredell station. The remains were intered at Bethel Church Cemetery Saturday morning.

WIRELESS OFFICE IN ATLANTA.

DeForest Company to Establish a Station There Within a Month.

Atlanta Journal.

The Atlanta station of the American DeForest Wireless Telegraphy Company will be installed on the top of the Candler building within the next four weeks, and will be ready by that time for the transaction of commercial or other business.

Captain K. S. Finch, the district manager of the company, with offices on the ground floor of the Prior street entrance to the building, has closed a contract with the owners of the building for the use of such part of the roof as may be needed for the installation of the apparatus.

The machinery for the station has been in process of construction for some weeks, and a part of it will arrive next week, to be put immediately in position. Work will have progressed sufficiently within two weeks for the station to receive messages, and within four weeks messages can be sent.

The main mast which will be erected is a small, insignificant looking affair, only fourteen inches square at the base, and gradually rounding to a diameter of six inches at the top, but it will contain all the mechanism necessary to do the marvelous work, and will extend skyward 100 feet above the top floor of the building.

Captain Finch, the district manager has been with the company about three years, having joined it within a few months after its organization. His territory covers the States of Georgia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and certain points in other States of the surrounding territory. Stations have already been established at Savannah, Mobile, Pensacola, New Orleans, Hatteras and other Southern points.

The DeForest system is no longer the system, who was in Atlanta a few months ago, is now in London, where he has just closed a contract for a large sale of his station apparatus.

The DeForest system is no longer an experiment. It is an accomplished fact. Stations are in successful operation throughout the Northern cities, upon a large number of great ocean liners, and the United States government has in operation many stations which are doing valuable work. Mr. DeForest will return to this country within a few weeks, and has in view the construction of stations throughout the United States.

SHOT BY OFFICER.

West Virginia Man, Wanted on Charge of Assault, Breaks Away When Placed Under Arrest at Henderson and is Shot—Wound May Prove Fatal.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, March 20.—Passengers from Henderson this evening tell of a probably fatal shooting affair in that town this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock, when Police Officer Nat Henderson shot and seriously wounded a white man by the name of Robert Hayes. The officer was attempting to arrest Hayes on a warrant from West Virginia in which the wounded man was charged with criminally assaulting a 10-year-old girl. When the officer arrested the man and told the charge he broke away and ran, refusing to halt. Two shots were shot as a warning and the third shot sent a ball through his back and penetrated his left lung. The wound is serious. Hayes is about 30 years of age and has been in Hendersonville a month or more working at a saw mill part of the time. In addition to the charge of criminal assault, it is reported that Hayes is wanted in West Virginia on the charge of forgery. Physicians this afternoon said that he would not die from the wound.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

Continued Absence of Important Witness Causes Further Delay in Brodie Duke's Divorce Case, Which is Set for March 27.

Special to The Observer.

New York, March 20.—The trial of the suit of Brodie L. Duke for an absolute divorce from Alice Webb Duke was to-day adjourned until March 27. Counsel for Mrs. Duke said that one of the material witnesses for the defendant was ill and it would be a waste of time for the plaintiff to take judgment by default, as by a recent decision of the appelate division of the Supreme Court, the judgment would be reversed and the case sent back for trial. Judge Blanchard agreed with the lawyers and set the case for trial next Tuesday.

Counsel for Mrs. Duke to-day asked Vice Chancellor Pitney, of Newark, N. J., to make an allowance of $10,000 counsel fees to his client, pending the suit for divorce. Owing to the absence of counsel for Mr. Duke, the vice chancellor put the case over until Mr. Duke could be represented in court.

Three Thousand Germ Colonies on a Pin's Point.

London Daily Telegraph.

Dr. Somerville Hastings, lecturer at the London Institute of Hygiene, the other day on "Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness," said that people were much cleaner now than in the reigns of Queen Mary and Elizabeth, when the washing of clothes was unknown. Cotton was hardly in use and liner was expensive. The poor wore rough woolen garments, which were never washed and the better classes adorned themselves with silks and velvets, which were dyed when they would no longer pass muster in regard to cleanliness. It is recorded, continued Dr. Hastings, that James I. never washed either hands or face during the period he posed as the wisest fool in Christendom, but confined his cleanliness within ahe narrow limits of wiping his finger tips upon a damp napkin.

A very simple experiment, made by an eminent bacteriologist, determines in a startling manner the potential dangers associated with accumulations of dust in living rooms. A pin point was used to convey as much dust as so small a vehicle will carry. This yielded no less than 3,000 colonies of living germs, when cultivated on gelatine, and although, fortunately, every species was not representative of disease, yet the majority were potent sources of decomposition and danger to health.

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HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Family Escapes From Burning House as Roof Falls In—Destructive Fires in Laurens County, S. C.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 19.—Fire Sunday night destroyed the residences, barns, outhouses and household effects of Sam Philson and W. J. Adair, who live within one mile of each other in Laurens county, on Enoree river. The family of Mr. Philson had a narrow escape from death in the flames, which consumed their home and they left the burning house, arrayed only in their night clothing, as the roof fell in.

An unfortunate feature of both fires is that neither owners carried insurance, making the conflagration doubly destructive and proving a severe blow to Messrs. Philson and Adair, who are well-known and highly esteemed residents of the county in which they live.

There is no certain explanation as to the origin of the fires, but certain circumstances lead to the theory that the fire fiend got in his work on the property of the Laurens county farmers and an investigation is being made which, it is expected, will throw some light on the mystery and may perhaps bring the criminal or criminals to punishment.

$88,000 WORTH OF COTTON.

Clifton Manufacturing Company Brings Suit Against Southern Railway for That Amount.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 19.—The March term of the Court of Common Pleas has convened, Judge Memminger, of Charleston, presiding. There is an unusually large number of cases on the calendar, so many in fact as to require the presence of the judge for several weeks, if all are heard, but this is considered unlikely. One of the most important suits entered is that of the Clifton Manufacturing Company against the Southern Railway for the recovery of baled cotton amounting to $88,000 which, it is alleged, was lost while in transit over the defendant company's lines. This will be a hard fought case, as strong attorneys have been employed by both sides.

Charlotte's Enterprise.

Spartanburg, S. C., Herald.

Aside from the pleasure it afforded the citizens of Charlotte to entertain so distinguished a company of gentlemen as appeared before the Greater Charlotte Club the other evening, the real value the city desired and the wide notice and advertisement it received by the presence of Judge Parker, and the delivery of his notable address is to be added to the city profit.

The spirit of enterprise shown by the city is to be commended. The gathering of such men and incidents of such meetings have a wide influence and present to people abroad the impression that the city is abreast of the times and keeps in touch with affairs, not solely within the limits of its corporation.

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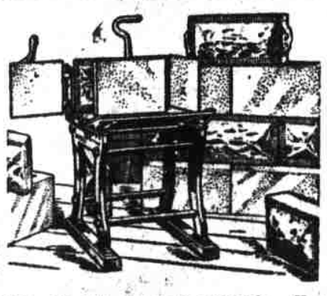

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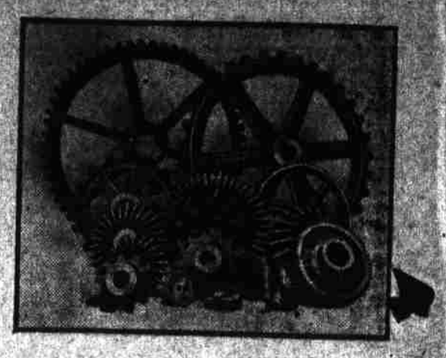

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