

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

South Carolina Confederate Veterans Will Meet at Columbia in May—Precipitation Map of the State Issued by Weather Bureau.

Observer Bureau, 205 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., March 24. Columbia's invitation to the veterans of the State to meet here in May was accepted in a telegram from Commanding Officer Thomas W. Carlew, to President W. A. Clark, of the chamber of commerce, this morning. President Clark immediately called a meeting of the special executive committee appointed to extend the invitation for next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his office at the Carolina Bank. The members of the committee are W. D. Starling, chairman; J. L. Minnaugh, George L. Baker, W. E. Gonzales and Willie Jones. The object of the meeting will be to appoint working committees to outline and thoroughly prepare the way for receiving the visitors. The Daughters of the Confederacy, the Sons of Veterans and all members of Camp Hampton will also take part in entertaining the veterans.

Between now and that time, however, Columbia will be quite busy entertaining visitors. The Shriners from the two Carolinas will arrive here on the 11th, when about 300 nobles and 100 candidates will be on hand, and the Elks from seven cities in the State will come in for their annual convention the 23rd and 26th of next month. At 2 p. m. the local nobles will tender the visitors a trolley ride over the city and suburbs; at 5 p. m. a business session will be held, at 6 a big street parade with many spectacular floats will give and at 7:30 the ceremonial session will be held. The "traditional banquet" will begin at midnight. The sessions of the convention will be held in the theatre and the banquet will be given in Craven Hall.

As a companion to his isothermic map of the State, Commissioner Watson has prepared, under the direction of Chief Moore, of the weather bureau, a precipitation map, which shows the precipitation in zones compiled from averages made up from all the records since they have been kept in the State for over a quarter of a century. A curious coincidence of the map is that the heaviest precipitation, from 56 to 60 inches, occurs in exactly opposite corners of the State, the northern halves of Greenville, Pickens and Oconee counties and the other end of the State a circle embracing a third of the central portion of Charleston, southern half of Berkeley, a small strip of the southeast part of Dorchester and two square miles of the eastern edge of Colleton.

The dry portion of the State, which is ten to 12 inches less, takes in the Savannah river sides of Barnwell and Hampton, Sumter and Kershaw almost entirely, eastern half of Fairfield, southeastern half of Lancaster, southern edge of Chesterfield, all of Lee, southwestern portions of Darlington and Florence, northwest third of Williamsburg and northern half of Clarendon.

The tobacco belt shows an average of 46 to 50 inches, the watermelon belt the same, and the fruit belt 51 to 55 inches. Columbia is normal. The seasonal precipitations are: Spring, 30.86; summer, 16.94; autumn, 9.83; winter, 11.01; annual average, 48.70. These maps will be distributed in large quantities in the north and west and will also be available to those who apply for them at Mr. Watson's office. A new building and loan association was commissioned for Columbia today. The name of the new concern is the Enterprise Building & Loan Association. The directors are J. S. Moore, J. S. Muller, John T. Sloan, P. H. Weston, W. M. Gibbs, Jr., Bruce W. Ravenel, R. Beverly Sloan and Julian B. Friday. Columbia building and loan association are multiplying in numbers here and are doing well, thanks to the general good business conditions, and there is room for the others about to be organized.

THE MAYOR A SLEUTH.

High Point's Chief Executive Does Good Work in Running Down Criminals—Child Badly Burned—Locating New Macadam Road.

Special to The Observer. High Point, March 24.—The highway commission was here yesterday looking after the road work going on three miles from town. The macadam is being put down from the camp to the lametown, and the road is being graded for macadam. There has been some trouble in arriving at a conclusion as to the course of this road. The old road makes the distance to Greensboro some nearer and the property owners along this road have been working hard to secure this route. However, it is now thought the road will take the course of the old road, and the railroad a distance of two miles into the city.

The bankrupt stock of W. H. Leighton was sold by order of the court here yesterday. Mr. E. D. Steele being trustee. The stock was bid off by Mr. W. P. Hagan, agent for another party who will open the business at once, if accepted by the court.

A child of Mr. E. H. Houser, living in the northern part of the city, was severely burned about the head this week. The little one was playing about the fire when he fell face foremost. When found, his head was in the fire and his little hands were grasping with live coals. It was first thought that the burns would prove fatal and that the child's eyesight would be destroyed but the physicians now think that the little one will recover and that the eyesight will not be impaired.

The model farm owned by Mr. John H. Tate has been laid off in lots and is being sold privately. The property is near Springfield meeting house, one and a half miles from the city and a very desirable location. Several new business houses have already been contracted for in that locality.

The mayor of High Point is a strong temperance man and does not hesitate to help the officers ferret out the blind tigers and other nuisances, such as gambling dens. More than one night has he stood watch, hoping to locate a law-breaker and in several cases he has been successful. When the guilty parties come before him they get all that is coming to them and, in consequence, there is so little delinquency of this kind found that the police barely make enough fines to keep them in good heart.

Will A. Peters to Be Here This Summer.

Mr. Will A. Peters, under whose management the shows have been conducted at the Park Auditorium for the last few years, will have charge of the summer playhouse the approaching season. Mr. Peters is a capable actor himself and has always secured good talent for his troupe. The shows have been well worth seeing. This season he promises to have a better company than ever and to present plays that will please better than ever. He will open the season May 21st, in time for the Twentieth of May Celebration.

Helms-Bridger. Mr. J. A. Helms and Miss Gwendolyn Bridger will be married Tuesday evening at Eastside chapel, the ceremony to be performed by Rev. D. D. Scott. Miss Bridger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bridger and Mr. Helms is a young contractor.

THE DEATH RECORD.

W. C. Gobbie, of Salisbury. Correspondence of The Observer. Salisbury, March 23.—W. C. Gobbie, of this city, died this morning in North Salisbury, following an illness of a few days. Mr. Gobbie was injured last week by running a nail in his foot. He was careful to have the foot treated but tetanus developed yesterday. The unfortunate young fellow was twenty 25 years old, was a blacksmith by trade, and an excellent young citizen. The funeral will be held to-morrow from his home.

Thomas Holloway, of Durham. Correspondence of The Observer. Durham, March 23.—Thomas Holloway, a young white man on Cleveland street, died at an early hour this morning. He was about 24 years of age and had been a sufferer from lung trouble for several months. His burial will take place to-morrow.

Dr. W. T. Sinclair, of Stanly. Correspondence of The Observer. Albemarle, March 23.—Dr. W. T. Sinclair, of Norwood, died last night. He was taken sick several days ago with grippe. A few days ago it developed into pneumonia, from which he soon died. He was a dentist of skill and large practice. At the time of his death he was mayor of the town of Norwood and also chairman of the county board of education. His remains will be interred in the Norwood Cemetery to-morrow.

Dr. A. M. Whitsett, of Reidsville. Special to The Observer. Reidsville, March 24.—Dr. A. M. Whitsett, a wealthy and influential citizen, died at 5:30 o'clock this evening, Main street, of the town of Reidsville, of pneumonia, the cause of his death. Deceased was 65 years of age and was survived by his wife, Mrs. A. M. Whitsett, a widow, and his son, Thomas, Episcopal church and was one of Reidsville's best citizens.

COMES TO CHARLOTTE. Mr. C. D. Bell, of Caroleen. Accepts Position With the D. A. Tompkins Co.—(Tutthornton News Notes. Special to The Observer.

Rutherfordton, March 24.—Mr. Charles D. Bell, of Caroleen, who has been shipping clerk for the Caroleen Mills for several years, has resigned to take a position in the office of the D. A. Tompkins Company, of Charlotte. He is a son of Capt. W. T. R. Bell, and has many friends here who wish him success in his new home.

Mr. Addie Rucker, who has been taking a course in medicine at the Atlanta College of Medicine, Atlanta, returned home yesterday to visit his parents and spend his vacation. His many friends are delighted to see him again.

General J. S. Carr has selected the Southern Railway via Atlanta, Montgomery and Mobile as the official route for his "Annual Confederate Veterans' Special," which will consist of first-class day coaches, and standard Pullman cars, occupied further information and Pullman reservations write.

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TAX ON AUTOS.

South Carolinians Must Register and Pay Tax of \$1 on Each Machine. Correspondence of The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., March 23.—Clerk of Court Trimmer is preparing to issue certificates to owners of automobiles who are required to apply for registration and pay a tax of \$1 on each machine owned. This is in accordance with the act recently passed by the State Legislature which makes it unlawful for automobile owners to operate these vehicles without having certificates and paying the fee. Those who fail to comply with the provisions of the law are liable to a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for a term of not less than 30 days. There are a number of auto owners in Spartanburg city and even a few residents of the county possess machines. These, so far as is known, have applied for certificates, which will be issued within the next few days.

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Correspondence of The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., March 23.—C. L. Mingo, who for the past several years has been the efficient manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office at this place, has resigned to accept a position as operator for Ferguson & Co., brokers. Mr. Mingo is succeeded at the Western Union office by Joseph Benjamin, of Philadelphia.

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