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THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1906.

GROWTH OF THE TELEGRAPH.

Next month the Western Union Telegraph Company will be half a century old, having been formed fifty years ago by the combining of a number of rival lines. The New York Sun, in referring to the great corporation's extraordinary growth, says "congratulations and good wishes are peculiarly due to the Western Union from the newspapers of the United States, for in the printing press the telegraph is the hand-maid."

The New York Journal of Commerce says the principal industrial, railroad and street railway companies of this country will next month distribute \$64,772,425 in dividends, compared with \$38,416,572 in March, showing the large increase of \$26,355,853. Industrial companies head the list with \$30,911,965, the largest monthly disbursement on record, and \$1,191,253 more than was paid last April. In October of last year \$29,628,247 was paid. For the first four months of the current year the total is \$90,286,677, a big increase over last year's figures. The railroads contribute \$28,966,679 to the grand total. For April, an increase over March of no less than \$17,329,176. The Southern Railway will pay the sum of \$13,099,000 as dividend on its preferred stock. These figures reflect an advanced degree of prosperity over the entire country.

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SHOULD THINK FOR THEMSELVES.

According to a notice given last Saturday, none of the men employed in the High Point furniture or other factories who belong to any of the various unions which have been organized there recently will be retained after this week. In other words, all union men who wish to hold their positions must withdraw from the organizations to which they belong before Monday next. This action on the part of the High Point manufacturers is doubtless considered necessary for the preservation of peace in the industrial life of the community. It was only recently that the organizers of various and sundry unions appeared upon the scene and it is stated that so far about one-fourth of the workmen have been secured as members of the unions. The High Point Enterprise says of the conditions which have heretofore prevailed there:

"For fifteen years in High Point the factory owner and employes have pulled together and both have prospered. In undeniable proof of this many of the factory employes and office boys of years ago are now owners of and stockholders in many of the plants, and others have selected homes for their families. There is no town on earth where under proper conditions the employer and employe can get as close to each other as in High Point. A man who shows any inclination at all to better his condition has been able to get all the help desired. The history of the business interests here bears this out."

This is the very condition which the outside organizers desire to break up. The idea of a mechanic becoming a stockholder or proprietor of an establishment doesn't suit them at all; they are for organization first and perpetual agitation afterward until their game ceases to bring them in the usual fees and pickings and then they are off for pastures new. As we understand it, these High Point workmen are practically all home people—natives of North Carolina—and many of them own their residences and have other reasons to regard themselves as fixtures in the town. It would be especially to be regretted if any of these should be compelled to leave owing to their rising ear to the loud-mouthed agitator. If these mechanics will think for themselves it will not take them long to decide who are to be relied on in this case.

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SAW MAIMS TWO IN ONE DAY.

While feeding the large wood saw at Irwin's wood yard on East Fifth street, yesterday afternoon, James Williams, a 16-year-old white boy, had the thumb on his left hand cut off. He was pushing a piece of wood through the saw when the stick slipped and his hand came in contact with the rapidly revolving saw. The saw cut the thumb off as smoothly as a surgeon might have done. The little fellow was taken to a physician and the wound dressed.

VANDEHEIT WANTS SWEDES.

Owner of Billimore Estate, It is Said, Desires to Employ Some of the Swedish Settlers Who Are Being Brought to Western North Carolina. Special to the Observer.

Asheville, March 28.—The movement to induce Swedish immigrants to come to Asheville and the immediate vicinity is meeting with pronounced success. Mr. Edlund, a local representative of the Swedish immigration movement, who has been here for the past few weeks, is greatly pleased with the results and is convinced that Asheville and the surrounding country is admirably suited to the Swedish people. Mr. Edlund will leave for New York next week, where he goes to personally conduct to Asheville the first of the Swedish immigrants. He will be accompanied here by 25 or 30 Swedes, who come to take places already secured for them. This advance guard of the Swedish movement will be taken care of in the best possible manner. Permanent places have been secured for them on a salary basis and the immigrants will have nothing to risk in coming here.

SURVEYING TROLLEY LINES.

New York and Philadelphia Concerns Preparing to Build Lines Connecting Thomasville, Greensboro and High Point. Correspondence of the Observer.

High Point, March 28.—The chief engineer, representing the company for which Mr. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, is acting as agent, was here Saturday morning for the purpose of laying out the proposed trolley line from Greensboro to High Point, N. C.

WAKE FOREST BASKET BALL TEAM ENTERED.

Wake Forest College, March 28.—A most enjoyable reception was given Saturday night from 8 to 11 o'clock by Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Crozier to the members of the basketball team. Mr. Crozier is director of athletics and coach of the basketball and baseball teams. The team is composed of Messrs. V. C. Smith, captain; C. Elliott, of Alamogordo; George Clark, of New Hanover, business manager; Edmond W. Ward, of Chowan county; T. Harman Beverly, of Robeson county; and James Pittner, of Wake county. As the celebration entered the fourth day they were received by Mr. and Mrs. Crozier into their hospitable home and were made to feel more than welcome and at home. Little Miss Dubois, who has been entertaining the party, before leaving, each member of the team was presented with a large gold watch. These were given to the boys by Miss Dubois' brother, It is recalled, it was that the team had a most delightful reception and that each member of the team of '06 will ever remember the most pleasant occasion and Mr. and Mrs. Crozier.

ELES ELEC OFFICERS.

The Annual Meeting of an Enthusiastic One. The Charlotte lodge of Elks held its annual meeting for the election of officers in its lodge room, on South Tryon street, last night. The election resulted as follows: Grand lodge president, Thomas H. Peagram; alternate, B. S. Davis; exalted ruler, Eugene B. Graham; esteemed leading knight, J. Moore Pharr; esteemed local knight, H. A. Webber; esteemed lecturer, knight, J. F. Gallagher, Jr.; secretary, R. C. Simpson; treasurer, A. Lee Tyler; W. C. Garibaldi, trustee for three years; W. J. Chambers.

MARRIAGE AT EAST SIDE CHURCH.

Tuesday evening a large crowd of friends gathered at East Side Presbyterian church to witness the marriage of Miss Genevieve Bridger to Mr. John Helms. The church was tastefully decorated with a profusion of English ivy, white wreaths and ferns. The wedding music was rendered by Miss Margaret Herring. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. D. Noel, the pastor of the church.

ATLANTA WOMAN INDICTED FOR MURDER OF HER SISTER.

Atlanta, Ga., March 28.—The Fulton county grand jury to-day indicted Mrs. Willie Standifer, now held in \$5,000 bail for killing her sister, Miss Harpelle Whisenand, for murder. Solicitor General announced that it would not be necessary for Mrs. Standifer to be re-arrested or make new bond.

BRIEFS.

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. "Alice Means Pasquale" at the Academy of Music to-night.

Mr. J. H. Alexander is seriously ill at his home at Lexington. His father, Dr. J. B. Alexander, has gone to Lexington to be with him.

Mr. S. R. Lantz yesterday purchased three houses and lots at the corner of Third and Murray streets from Mrs. M. C. Snider, for \$2,500. The deal was made through the Charlotte Realty Company.

PERSONAL.

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THE MOVEMENT OF A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, VISITORS AND OTHERS.

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A DESPERATE NEGRO.

Jesse Bailey, Wanted for Crimes at Several Places, Arrested at Rocky Mount. Special to the Observer. Goldsboro, March 28.—Chief of Police Freeman, of this city, arrived home this afternoon from Rocky Mount, whither he went this morning upon telephonic advice from the chief of police of that town to the effect that he had under arrest a negro, Jesse Bailey, who is wanted in this city, Wilmington, LaGrange and Kinston for shooting affrays. He is wanted at Wilmington for shooting at and clubbing an officer almost to death. He is wanted here for shooting a negro here one night recently. He called the negro to his door and filled him full of lead. He is a most desperate character and Chief Freeman has been highly congratulated upon his apprehension of this negro.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Cow, very fine, pure bred Lambert strain Jersey. Fresh to pair. Three years old. First calf. Large quantities milk and butter. W. C. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Furnished room for lady or married couple. "Private Family," care Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MISS NANNIE ALEXANDER, of Concord, announces her opening for Tuesday, April 3rd. Those who wish stylish hats should attend.



TO-DAY Begins the Millinery Season

At our Tryon street store you will find an array of up-to-date headwear, such as can be found in this section only at The Little-Long's Department Stores. In women's fine headgear, we are exclusive and are known by women of style and fashion, to be the first in this line. A mammoth showing of ready-to-wear and dress hats will be on exhibition to-day, to-morrow and Saturday. The entire public is asked to come and see the newest productions for spring.

A New Feature in the Millinery Hair Goods

In each of our Millinery departments you will find a lot of hair goods in the way of Pompadours, Braids, Bangs &c.

9 O'Clock This Morning Big Embroidery Sale

Only 2 prices in the lot, but they will interest you.

At 10 O'Clock A \$1.19 Skirt Sale

White Cannon cloth skirts worth every cent of \$1.50.

