

HOODLUMS HOLIDAY.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Winston-Salem, April 9.—Saturday seems to have been the hoodlum's holiday. Spent has been unusually uneventful recently but broke loose here. Bud Phifer, Wallace Smith and Carolina Fitzgerald all had their weight increased by the aim of Tom Boler. This happened east of the center and the "festivity" was of the most order. Phifer carries 160 shot in his body and Smith was dangerously hurt to the stomach. The Fitzgerald woman is superficially wounded about the arms. The negro who was behind the gun ran and has not stopped yet.
Nordica will be here Monday night, May 16. This announcement is a personal tribute to the persistence of Miss Lena Meroney, who has gone ahead and offered this attraction upon her own responsibility and in the face of discouraging advice. She has been much encouraged by the number of out-of-town orders which are almost always for the best seats and in every instance accompanied with a check. Miss Meroney will spend Wednesday in Greensboro advertising that city which patronized Bernardi so handsomely. Nothing ever has surpassed this event in this State and Salisbury is more than elated.

LATIN-AMERICAN TRADE.
Experts to Be Sent to Latin-American Countries to Investigate Industrial Conditions.
Correspondence of The Observer.
New Orleans, April 9.—Resolving itself into a permanent organization, the Mississippi Valley Latin-American Convention, which has just closed a three days' successful session in New Orleans, has now undertaken the task of systematically following up its advantages and placing the producers, shippers, manufacturing and industrial interests of the Missouri, Ohio and Mississippi Valleys into closer trade relations with the Latin-American republics. The convention embraced delegates from nearly every State between the Rockies, the Alleghenies, the Great Lakes and the Gulf as well as all Southern States from the Atlantic seaboard to the Rio Grande, while the consuls of the republics of Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Mexico were also in attendance. Chairman J. W. Porch will organize his forces at once and trained experts will be sent into the Latin-American countries to investigate and report on trade conditions and possibilities, covering every variety of American products. President J. J. Gannon, of the Fibre Bank & Trust Company, the largest financial institution in the South, expresses the conviction that the result of the convention will be that vast streams of American made goods will seek the natural channel to the tropics and the vast products of the middle area of the United States will pass through New Orleans. It was with this prospect in view that the recent attempt at Washington to close the United States mint at New Orleans was defeated. D. W. Ross, general purchasing agent for the Panama Canal commission who was at the convention, made the announcement that a department of supplies would be established in New Orleans. This has given added impetus to the designs of the permanent association.

CLEVELAND HAS THIRTY.
It is the Banner County for Living Parents of Confederate Soldiers—Other Additions to the Growing List.
To the Editor of The Observer:
Cleveland county has 30 living parents of Confederate soldiers, 23 mothers and seven fathers. I will name only a few: Mrs. Lucy Weigh, of Lattimore had a husband and four sons in the army. Three sons are living; one died in 1861 from wounds. The husband died a few years ago. Lawson A. Botts had one son in the service. Mr. Botts is 92 years old, as straight as an arrow and his mind is as clear as a bell. Mr. D. H. Peeler and Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon, brother and sister, each had a son in the service. David Justice and wife, both living, had one son in the army who died this year. Mr. David Justice was a member of the First North Carolina Cavalry. He is 84 and his wife is 82 years old. Their son's death was the first in the family. Cleveland county furnished four companies in the five first regiments organized.
J. H. WELLS.
Shelby, April 6.

WOMEN'S CLUBS.
South Carolina Federation to Hold Annual Session at Rock Hill May 1-4.
Spartanburg, S. C., April 10.—The eight annual convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will take place at Rock Hill May 1-4 inclusive. The sessions will be held in the city hall. Tuesday, May 1, the executive committee will meet at 4:30 p. m. At 5 o'clock the same afternoon the credentials committee will begin its session and the delegates are expected to appear with their credentials as soon after their arrival as possible. At 8:30 at night, on the same date, the opening session will be held, which will this year take the place of the usual reception. At this time the address of welcome and response will be given.
A. S. Salley, Jr., secretary of the State historical commission, will make an address on South Carolina's place in history. There will be an excellent program of music under the direction of the chairman of music of the federation.
The board of directors will meet at 10 a. m., May 2 and immediately after this meeting the president will call the convention to order and routine business will begin. Reports of the chairmen and the industrial schools committee will be made at this session, which will be closed by memorial exercises in honor of Mrs. Martha Orr Patterson. The afternoon of Wednesday will be devoted to department reports and accounts of the work of the leagues. Friday morning the business will be in charge of Mrs. Clifford, second vice president. Mrs. J. T. Alderman, president of the North Carolina federation will be the guest of the convention and will make an address. The social features of the convention promise to be delightful. Wednesday the Rock Hill Union of Clubs will entertain the members at a large reception and Thursday evening President Johnson, of Rock Hill, will entertain the visitors at Winthrop College. Each day a luncheon will be served.

Child Burned to Death.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Gaffney, S. C., April 9.—A little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young, who live about eight miles from this city, was burned to death late Saturday afternoon in the most horrible accident that has ever occurred in the county. The little one, with a brother about four years of age, was playing about the yard of their home and had built a fire. The mother's first knowledge of the awful accident was when the older child entered the house with the intelligence that his brother had been burned to death. She at once hastened but discovered the body of her little one almost a mass of cinders. It was still living, however, but died soon afterward.

Died From Exposure.
Special to The Observer.
Spartanburg, S. C., April 10.—The dead body of the negro which was found in a badly decomposed state, in the Boiling Springs neighborhood, is believed to be that of Gal Copeland, a half witted negro who lived there and who has been missing for several weeks. The theory is that the negro met his death during the recent cold spell and that death was due to exposure.

IREDELL DEMOCRATS.
Primaries to be Held June 30 and Convention July 3.—Fire Losses Adjusted.—Enlarging Flour Mill.
Special to The Observer.
Statesville, April 10.—The Democratic county committee met at the court house Saturday at 11 o'clock. Mr. W. D. Templeton, of Mooresville, was elected a member of the central executive committee instead of Dr. J. R. McLelland, deceased. On motion the committee decided to have but one county convention this year and the date for the primaries was fixed for Saturday, June 30, the county convention to be held on the Monday following, July 2nd, the day before the State convention.
Mr. W. E. Bowles suffered a serious loss in the fire of two weeks ago and the fact that he was a victim was not known until a few days ago. A month or so ago Mr. Bowles moved back to Statesville from Greensboro and stored his household goods in the second story of M. L. Gunn's building in the rear of the Salvation Army hall. The fire destroyed all of Mr. Bowles' effects, not a cent of insurance being carried. His loss is about \$200.
All the losses in the recent fire have been adjusted, the last one having been settled upon Saturday. The amounts agreed upon are as follows: W. F. McLain was paid his full insurance, \$800, on a \$2,500 stock of goods; Fry & Phifer will receive three-fourths of their insurance, \$1,500; Mills & Paston receive 30 per cent of the value of their stock, nearly \$4,000; Louis Clark received the full amount of his insurance, \$300; the Lazenby Montgomery Hardware Co., received the full amount of their insurance, \$1,000; their loss was \$5,000. The adjustment, it is understood, gives general satisfaction.
The directors of the Statesville Flour Mills have decided to increase the capacity of their mill 66 2-3 per cent, giving the mill a capacity of 400 barrels daily. The additional machinery has been contracted for and will be ready to be placed by the middle of May. No additional buildings will be constructed at present except that the power plant will be overhauled and enlarged. This increase in the capacity of the mill became necessary on account of the inability to fill orders.
The inspection of the Iradell Blues, Capt. J. E. Deits commanding, took place Saturday evening in their armory on Meeting street. Forty-three out of the 45 men enrolled in the company reported and made a very creditable showing. The inspection officers, Capt. T. H. Bain, and Capt. T. F. Schley, expressed themselves as being well pleased with the improvement this company has made during the year.
The people of Statesville will attend a mass meeting at the court house tonight to formally organize the company to establish an independent telephone system in Statesville. The town has been partially canvassed and a majority of the stock subscribed. It will be no trouble to secure the other. Nearly every person approached has signed an agreement to take a phone from a home company and exclude the Bell.
Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is a wonderful spring tonic. It drives out all impurities. A good thing for the whole family. Keeps you well all summer. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. R. H. Jordan & Co.

SOUTHBOUND RAILROAD.
Work of Construction Actively Begun at Winston-Salem.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Winston-Salem, April 9.—Work on the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad has begun in earnest this afternoon. At a business meeting of the directors this morning the contract for the first section of the road, starting at a point near the ex-citator plant, just east of the city, and running through Centerville, was awarded to Fruden & Bennett, of Atlanta, Ga., who put a force of men to work this afternoon. The work of construction will be pushed with all possible speed. The exact location along the entire line has not been definitely fixed, yet it is subject to change by the executive committee and chief engineer of the company wherever a change of location will cheapen the cost of rights-of-way and construction. The building of this road means much to the development of the fine agricultural section through which it passes and the company hopes to receive encouragement and be met with a liberal spirit by the owners of land all along the proposed line in granting rights-of-way and affording other facilities for the speedy completion of this important enterprise.
IS THE MOON INHABITED.
Science has proven that the moon has an atmosphere, which makes life in some form possible on that satellite, but not for human beings, who have a hard enough time on this earth of ours; especially those who don't know that Electric Bitters cure Headache, Biliousness, Malaria, Chills and Fever, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Torpid Liver, Kidney complaints, General Debility and Female weaknesses. Unequaled as a General Tonic and Appetizer for weak persons and especially for the aged. It restores sound sleep. Fully guaranteed by R. H. Jordan & Co., Druggists. Price only 50c.

Fire Laddies Give Banquet to Departing Member.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Asheville, April 9.—Members of Hook and Ladder Company of the Asheville fire department entertained at a banquet at the Club Cafe Saturday night in honor of Herbert Lowe, who is shortly to leave this city for the far West. Mr. Lowe has been a member of the Asheville fire department for a number of years and has taken great interest in the upbuilding of the company. A department of supplies would be established in New Orleans. This has given added impetus to the designs of the permanent association.

Trout Fishing at Tokaway.
Correspondence of The Observer.
Asheville, April 9.—The trout fishing season in Western North Carolina is now fairly on and a number of fishing parties are being made up for a try at the "speckled beauties." From the Sapphire country comes the report of excellent fishing. In fact, the sport in and around Lake Tokaway has been enjoyed for the past several weeks and splendid catches have been made up in that section. The warm weather of the past few days has brought the trout from the deep pools and they are now striking freely.
If you would lose that dull old headache, And feel as lively as a flea, Make haste to your druggist And buy some Rocky Mountain Tea. R. H. Jordan & Co.

To the Editor of The Observer:
Davie county has at least one living parent of a Confederate soldier, Rev. Vincent Walker, who was 99 years old April 6. He sent three sons to the war, two of whom were killed. The old gentleman is in very good health. His children and grandchildren celebrated his ninetieth birthday with a big dinner.
C. J. MERONEY.
Salisbury, April 7.

To the Editor of The Observer:
Mrs. Naomi Ware, now in her eighty-second year, is the mother of a Confederate soldier, the late John A. Ware, of Shelby, who served in the army at Charleston, S. C., during the last 12 months of the war. Mrs. Ware is hale and hearty and is living on the old homestead at Shelby, where she has lived for 50 consecutive years.
W. R. WARE.
Monroe, April 6.

To the Editor of The Observer:
In recent issues you have items naming living parents of Confederate soldiers. Gaston doesn't want to be behind. I recall at least four: William Arrowood, Caleb Linberger, Jacob Hoffman and Mrs. West, mother of William S. Kidmore. Indeed, of Mrs. West's family five generations are living to-day.
L. M. HOFFMAN.
Dallas, April 6.

Health Advice For Women. Don't Hesitate. WINE OF CARDUI. Woman's Relief. At Every Drug Store In \$1.00 Bottles.

The Suburban Realty Company Had Not Favorably Considered the Holding of Auction Sales of Building Lots. "At Wilmore". F. C. ABBOTT & COMPANY. Trust Bldg., Charlotte, N. C.