

Competition of the throne by King Peter, a competition was offered for the purpose of securing a suitable poem to be read at the coronation...

A plan has been agitated for sometime past to have American debutants who have been studying in Paris, appear in opera at the Grand Theatre...

Out of sympathy for fellow countrymen the American element in Paris refused to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of Benjamin Franklin...

Edward A. McDowell, whose compositions have delighted and enlightened and made better many a music lover throughout the world...

The Cincinnati May Festival, which consisted of six performances and ended early in the present month, was a complete success both financially as well as artistically...

The coming week will be an eventful one in the history of North Carolina and more especially in the growth of Charlotte. One of the most prominent features of the celebration will be the playing of several bands...

The familiar face of Wm. A. Peters was seen on Charlotte streets a few days ago. Suggestive, very.

DROWNINGS ON THE CONGARREE River's Capacity for Swallowing Peoples Makes Some Superstitious—Latest Victim a Fisherman—Columbia Quiet After the Big Confederate Reunion.

Observer Bureau, 1209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., May 19. The events of the past week have made some people superstitious about this Congaree river and its capacity for drowning people and losing their bodies in less than a minute...

The body of Wallace Mason, the Olympia Mill village man who fell overboard last Sunday while rocking a boat he was in, in tow of a naphtha launch, was found yesterday afternoon by a negro boatman, Charlie Williams...

The body of the negro who was drowned at Denly pond on the right hand side of the river about 12 miles below the city Tuesday, was recovered this morning. This body was also badly decomposed.

The crowd is all gone from the reunion this morning. The fakirs tents and booths are in piles ready for shipment at the intersections of Main street. The extra incandescent lamps on Main street have been taken down.

The free dining room on Main street and the gratis beer saloon under a shed across the way from the dining room bear only faint signs of having been in such use. Perhaps a score of old soldiers were this morning sitting on lounging about the camp on the capitol grounds and looking on over the departed glory of the reunion as when they marched back from Appomattox.

It is difficult to get an old man to appreciate jokes other than his own. It isn't so much what others say about you as the way they say it that hurts.

FOUNDATEE MIBROUJIAN. When I was a druggist at Lyons, N. Y., I cured a man of consumption by Dr. King's Discovery, and are well strong today. One was trying to sell his property and move to Arizona, but after using New Discovery a short time he returned home to do business as usual. Dr. King's New Discovery is the most wonderful medicine in existence for Cough, Cold, Hoarseness, and Lung Fever. Guaranteed by J. C. Druggists, No. 10 and 12, N. W. Corner, Charlotte, N. C.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1499.—Alonso de Ojeda sailed from Cadix on a western voyage of discovery, accompanied by Amerigo Vesputci. It is uncertain in what direction Amerigo sailed, but he appears to have had a chief share in directing the voyage...

1506.—Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the new world, died at Valladolid, Spain, aged about 70. He had devoted his whole life to the study and accomplishment of his grand enterprise...

1521.—Cortez mustered his army in the great market place of Mexico, to make a division of it. He appointed commanders, assign to each the station where they were to meet their camps...

1774.—British Parliament passed an act for transporting Americans to England for trial. Citizens of North Carolina, in convention at Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, declare themselves independent of the British Crown...

1775.—Articles of confederation and union agreed on by the American colonies. Major Sherburne, with 140 Americans, marching to relieve the post at The Cedars in Canada...

1776.—Major Sherburne, with 140 Americans, marching to relieve the post at The Cedars in Canada, was attacked by 500 Indians. The party surrendered. The Indians having lost a chief and 21 warriors, massacred as many prisoners.

1778.—Gen. Grant, with 7,000 British, made an attempt to surprise LaFayette, then posted at Barren Hill, Pa., with 2,500 men. The latter escaped by a masterly retreat.

1815.—American frigate Congress, Capt. Smith, captured British brig, Jean, 10 guns, took out 40 tons of copper and sunk her. Gold discovered in Burke county, N. C.; quicksilver also found.

1835.—A convention of the Democratic party met at Baltimore, and nominated Martin Van Buren for President. In Mexico the Congress suspended the presidential authority of Santa Anna, while a prisoner in Texas; Gen. Harraigan, Vice President, assumes executive functions, but dies shortly after.

1848.—A treaty of peace made with the Navajo Indians and the United States. Telegraphic despatches all over the North seized by order of the government.

1861.—North Carolina secession ordinance adopted. Governor Magoffin proclaimed the neutrality of Kentucky. The Edward-Lyons treaty between Great Britain and the United States for the suppression of the slave trade, ratified.

1864.—J. Howard Jr., a Brooklyn, N. Y., newspaper man, arrested and confined in Fort Lafayette, charged with the authorship of the famous "bogus proclamation" calling for troops.

1879.—St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, dedicated. Minister John Barrett to Panama declared yellow fever problem on isthmus greater than that of administration or of engineering canal.

CLEVELAND'S COTTON CROP. Frost Did Little Damage and Stand Was Never Better—Shelbys Coming to Big Celebration.

Correspondence of The Observer. Shelby, May 19.—Owing to the fine weather we are having, which many think dispels the idea of a "wet May" and is an omen of a fine cotton crop, many who have been holding cotton, now turning it loose. J. J. McCurry & Son bought, this week in the Grover section, about 850 bales, paying 11 3/4 cents, which is the prevailing price here, it having amounted to little less than \$40,000. A good deal of cotton still remains in the farmers' barns. The frost did but little damage in this section. Farmers say the stand of cotton was never better and during the beautiful dry weather they are hard at work.

This week The J. Edgar Poag Company, through its live agent, Mr. J. A. Anthony, sold at public auction a large number of lots just outside the incorporation at good price. The bidding was quite lively and many who wanted to buy went away disappointed, because there were not more lots to be sold. Rev. Dr. Edgar Daniel of Lewisburg, Va., who is attending the General Assembly, at Greenville, S. C., will spend Sunday here with his daughter, Mrs. James Thomas, and will preach to Rev. Mr. Thomas' congregation while here.

Bishop Horner, of Asheville, will conduct a service in the Episcopal church here Thursday, May 24, at 11 o'clock a. m. Shelby will be represented very well at the great celebration of May 20th in Charlotte next week. Colonel J. T. Gardner and Captain J. F. Johnston have generously offered a free trip to Charlotte, to the Cleveland's Guards. The company will leave for Charlotte on Tuesday, to take part in the military parade.

COMMENCEMENT AT WHITSETT.

Large Crowds in Attendance on Closing Exercises—The Medal Winners. Correspondence of The Observer. Whitsett, May 18.—Commencement is now in progress at Whitsett Institute and the crowds thus far have been very large. In the Athenian Society the prizes have been awarded as follows: Declaration to Walter Dixon, of Pitt county; improvement, to H. M. Jacobs, of Camden county; to J. B. Ingle, of Guilford county; improvement, to C. G. Carawan, of Pamlico county.

Saturday evening at 8 p. m., the class in elocution will give an entertainment followed by a reception to old students. Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Dr. R. C. Beaman, of Durham, will preach the annual sermon, and at 2 p. m. Rev. William S. Clapp, of Philadelphia, will make the address before the Y. M. C. A. Monday is commencement day and will be taken up by the literary address, the graduation exercises and the regular speaking, followed at night by the alumni address and the reception.

Many visitors are already here and others are coming by every train. Music is being furnished by the Spray Silver Cornet band of 20 players. The weather thus far has been delightful and the exercises much enjoyed. Sunday and Monday will see great crowds here if the weather continues fair.

A GENEROUS RESPONSE. Several Contributions to Fund to Send Unfortunate Cornelius Girl to Hospital. To the Editor of The Observer: I thank you for giving space to my appeal for a hospital fund for Miss Lillian Pace. The checks are coming in and we are greatly encouraged in the belief that a sufficient sum will be raised to secure the required treatment. Some who are giving wish their names withheld from publication. Among the checks are the following: Model Steam Laundry, Charlotte, \$5; C. C. McAllister, Ashboro, \$2.50; J. L. Smith, \$1; Noah Wincoff, \$1.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session in Birmingham, Ala., will present the appeal to the people of that city. B. B. SMITH, Cornelius, May 19, 1905. Matthews News Notes. Special to The Observer. Matthews, May 19.—Mr. and Mrs. James Watts have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their infant daughter. The interment took place yesterday in the Matthews Cemetery.

Mr. Wade Carpenter has gone to Forest City on business. He will be absent about a month. Dr. Green Rea has moved to Matthews where he will practice medicine with Dr. Reed during the summer. Miss Kate Grier came home from the Presbyterian College Wednesday. Miss Lulu Williams left yesterday for Charlotte, and to spend gala week in the Queen City—Miss Maude Hoyle, daughter of Rev. M. H. Hoyle, is expected home to-day. She taught in the Thomasville graded school the past year and has been visiting in Lexington for the past week. She heard Madame Nordica at Salisbury Thursday evening.

Large Amount of Wood Burned. Correspondence of The Observer. Davidson, May 18.—A fire broke out to-day about noon on the farm of Mr. Rutledge Withers, two miles northwest of town, near his saw mill and lumber yard, and has been burning about 175 cords of wood valued on the ground at about \$200. The fire has not yet been extinguished but no further trouble is anticipated.

The Limit. Boston Transcript. Great preparation has been making in Mecklenburg, N. C., to celebrate this year its declaration of independence, said to have been made May 20, 1775, and now starts up a contention in South Carolina that there never was any such declaration. This is likely to set the people of Mecklenburg-Swearing.

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