ONLY ELEVEN JURORS SECURED LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Sam Kobre, William Plean and J. E. Whitbeck Arraigned in Forsyth Superior Court for Murder of Henry Kobre—Special Venire of Fifty Men Ordered to Secure Twelfth Juro—Mr. David H. King Drops Dead in Union Passenger Station as Result of Attack of Apoplexy—News Notes of the Twin-City.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, May 28 .- The trial of Sam Kobre, William Plean and J. E. Whitbeck, indicted for the murder of Henry Kobre in his room over the saloon and restaurant of M. Kobre & Company, corner of Third and Chestnut streets, Sunday night, Janury 21, 1906, is in progress in Forsyth cuperior Court. The court room was packed, the gallery being pretty well filled when court convened at 10 o'clock this morning. Interest in the case was manifested by the large attendance throughout the day. The three defendants sat just behind their counsel, Watson, Buxton & Watson, Manly and Hendren and D. H. Blair. Mrs. Plean, wife of one of the defendants, occupied a chair next to her husband. Relatives of the other two defendants are attending the hearing. Solicitor Graves is being assisted in the prosecution by his associate in the practice of law, Mr. John Folger, of Mt. Airy, and Mr. Lindsay Patterson, of this city. Several

files of the men summoned. ONLY ELEVEN JURORS SECURED. Only two of the jurymen drawn for this week's term proved acceptable. When court adjourned at 1 o'clock for dinner only four other jurymen had been chosen. After ex-hausting three special venires of 155 men, only 11 jurymen had been cho-Judge Peebles ordered 50 more men summoned from the county from which to select the one juror to-morrow morning. The hearing will prob-

of the special venire drawn for this case were excused by Judge Peebles

service for sickness in the fam-

ably last three or four days. Local members of the order are manifesting deep interest in the com-ing meeting of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, of North Caro-lina, which will assemble in Greensboro June 18th, 18th and 14th. Mr. W. C. Crist, of Salem lodge, one of the most enthusiastic members of the order in the State, is a candidate for the vice chancellor's chair and his friends are predicting that he will

Rev. J. F. Kirk preached a most practical and earnest sermon to the Juniors at Grace M. E. church at 11 o'clock yesterday. About 75 members of the order were present.

Rev. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, preached at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock Sunday and at the Waughtown Baptist church at night. He also visited and made addresses at the Salem and North Win-ston Baptist missions. Collections were taken at the churches and chapels for the orphanage, the total amount being about \$230.

Miss Mary Wilson Stone, who has been with her uncle, Dr. W. D. Spencer, for the past two years, and who was one of the graduates in music has returned to her home in Mocks-ville.—Mrs. H. M. Dubose and children, of Nashville, Tenn., who have been the guests of Mrs. T. L. Vaughn the past two months, have returned home. Dr. Dubose and family will leave seen for Montgeale, Tenn., to attend the great annual Chatauqua,

DROPPED DEAD IN DEPOT. Mr. David H. King, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen, dropped dead in the union passenger station about 5 o'clock Sunday morning. He had fust bought a ticket for Rich-Va., when he threw his hand to his head, fell upon the floor face foremost and expired without utter-ing a word. Dr. S. F. Pfohl, who was at the station, was called in and, after a brief examination, announced that it was a fatal stroke of apoplexy. Mr. King hurried from his home in the Bennette flats, on South Main street, to catch the train. The opinion is expressed that the stroke was produced by over-exertion. Mr. King was a native of Richmond, Va., but had been a resident of this city since May, 1882, when he engaged in the coal and ice business, which he continued until about two years ago. Mr. King married Miss Mattle Johnson, daughter of the last R. D. Johnson, of this city. The wife and two daughters survive him. Before coming to Winston-Salem, Mr. King was a member, for ten years, of the Richmond-Howitzers, an artillery company. He held the offices of cornoral and second held the offices of corporal and ser-geant. His intended visit to Richmond was to make a deed to-day to some real estate in or near that city which he recently sold. The funeral service was conducted from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Miller, sister of Regis-ter of Deeds H. W. Lindsay, died this morning at Cotton Grove, Davidson county, at the age of 60 years. De-ceased had been in declining health for a year or more. The funeral service and interment will be held at Midway, Davidson county, at 10

### HACKETT THEIR CHOICE.

Cabarrus Primaries, Held Saturday, Have Not Reported, But Indications Are That All Voted for Hackett for

Special to The Observer. Concord, May 28.—The various townships of the county have not made a report on the result of Saturday's Democratic primaries. It is known that townships Nos. 8 and 10 known that townships Nos. 8 and 16 instructed unanimously for Hackett for Congress, while it is pretty well known that the other townships did pretty much the same thing. Webb, for judge, and Clarkson, for solicitor, will have a solid vote. Where heard from, McNeill was voted for as corporation commissioner, where the poll was made for this office. In ward No. 4, L. T. Hartsell was voted for as solicitor. Mr. Hartsell is not a canas solicitor. Mr. Hartsell is not a candate, this vote being given him by
friends as a compliment to the
complete that the complete that

Hampton Amusement Company is here for the week under the direction of the Concord firemen, who share in the receipts. The tents are to-day being erected on the lot in the rear of the city hall. The firemen will operate a "country store," the entire proceeds to go to the fund of the fire-

The two-year-old child of Mr. George B. Hill, of this city, died Sun-day and was buried to-day at the city cemetery.

Messrs. Robert and Manly Meisenheimer spent yesterday with their mother, Mrs. E. C. Meisenheimer.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

fr. C. B. Wainwright, of Lemon City, has written the manufacturers that ich better results are obtained from a use of Chamberiain's Colle, Cholera d Diarrhoea Remedy in cases of pains the stomach, colle and cholera morbus taking it in water as hot as can be unk. That when taken in this way the set is double in respidity. It seems to tak the right spot instantly, he says. I sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

KOBRE MURDER TRIAL ON RUTHERFORDTON HAS FIRE

Large Mcrcantile Establishment of M. Levi Completely Destroyed by Flames, Origin of Which is Unknown—Building Valued at \$10,000 and Stock, Portion of Which Was Saved, at \$46,000 With Only \$15,-800 Insurance — Other Buildings Saved by Heroic Work—Mr. James Ledbetter, Who Was Siceping in the Building, Escapes by Means of Rope Through Window. pecial to The Observer.

Rutherfordton, May 28 .- The large ercantile establishment of Mr. M. Levi, located on the corner of South Main and Court streets, was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The alarm was given at 2:30 o'clock and, when the people of the town arrived on the scene, the fire was beyond control. The flames, which had already made rapid headway, were bulging through the windows and roof. The fire, the origin of which is unknown, caught near the stair case in the rear of the grocery department on the first floor. Gasoline, kerosine oil and other ex-plosives stored in this department gave the fire a rapid start and the gave the fire a rapid start and the entire building was burned to the ground in two hours and 30 minutes. The structure was a large two-story brick building with basement, which was used for the storing of heavy goods. But for the heavy walls, adjoining buildings would have been destroyed as the heat was interest and stroyed, as the heat was intense and it was impossible to fight the flames.

FIRE-PROOF WALL FAILED. The burned building was divided with what was thought to be a fireproof wall, with fire-proof doors be-tween. The left side of the store comprised the grocery and hardware departments, while the right side condepartments, while the right side con-tained the dry goods, notions and fur-niture. The left side burned and the walls fell in before the right side caught, thus giving the citizens, who worked heroically, time to carry out large quantities of goods from the latter store. The fire was first dis-covered by Mr. James Ledbetter, a salesman, who was sleeping in one of the front rooms on the second floor of the grocery department. When he discovered the fire the stair case make his escape by a rope from one of the front windows.

LOSS ABOUT \$50,000. The loss will fall quite heavily on Mr. Levi, as he said the building and stock were not fully covered by in-surance. The goods saved were, of course, badly damaged, as they were thrown around in heaps on the muddy streets and lots. The stock was esti-mated at between \$35,000 and \$40,000 and the building at \$10,000. There was only \$15,800 insurance on both

the stock and building. Owing to the stillness of the night and the rain which preceded the fire yesterday evening, the other buildings were saved from destruction. Other merchants had their goods damaged by their removal. Messrs, M. B. Mc-Daniel and J. W. Sirns, who are just across the street from the burned building, removed their stocks of goods, as they thought it would be mpossible to save the buildings.

Mr. Levi is this morning moving

the goods taken from the burned building into the building adjoining the one destroyed, formerly used by the Levi Bank some years ago, and s straightening up preparatory to starting his business again.

#### DR. POTEAT AT CONCORD.

Special to The Observer. Concord, May 28 .- An event of no ittle interest is the closing of the public schools which have furnished exercises the past two days, of much con-cern to the public. Sunday morning at the Central building, Rev. E. K. McLarty, of Central Methodist church, preached the annual sermon to the class of 1906. From Luke 2:51 the text was taken, and from that the theme, "Habit of Obedience," was tak-The sermon was a strong one of special interest to the young. The speaker dwelt upon the importance of bedience which, as a habit, holds the character strongly intact. Addressing the class, the speaker said that, if he were called upon to name the member of the class who would prove the greatest success in life, passing over mental qualifications and attainments. he would lay hands on that one who, in the highest degree, had fixed hab-its for good, more especially that of obedience.

This morning at 10 o'clock the literary address was delivered by Presi-dent Poteat, of Wake Forest College. It was one of the very best educational talks ever heard here. President Poteat is a plain but exceedingly forceful talker and shows plainly that he is a student well abreast the times. He spoke on "Education for the New spoke on "Education for the New South." He referred to the fact that the phrase "New South" is un-popular with some, but the fact re-mains that there is a new South, by reason of the fact that there has been such social reorganization. The cry of the child has brought the classes together for a common purpose. It was a strong plea for educated manhood and womanhood, with a clear citation of the peril found in commercialism, the educated man and woman being the breakwater to the commercial flood sweeping over the South. Referring to the statistics on filiteracy he said

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that, to-day, we are suffering from the failure to educate all classes previous to the civil war.

The class this year is composed of 21 students, 14 of whom are girls. The certificates of graduation were delivered by Mr. D. B. Coltrane, chairman of the board, who made a splendid talk and asked the co-operation of the public in the work the public schools are doing, the main idea being to educate true men and women for the highest purposes of life. "I want," said the chairman, "to impress upon you that, with a great bank account, a man may be in the very depth of poverty, and that this school is trying to do its work along this line and for the development of such characters as will be rich without the bank account." In connection with this Mr. Coltrane gave some facts about the graduates the school had turned out. Previous to the class of 1906, from a tenth grade the schools have graduated 49 pupils, \$2 girls and 17 boys. Of this number 25 have gone further and attended college. He further commended the teachers of this term and said they were in sympathy with the high purposes and aims of the school. This evening at 5 o'clock the exercises of the graduating class were held.

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Durham Herald. The greatest benefit that will come to Charlotte as a result of the celebration will be in the renewed interest that the home-folks will take in the town. They will have more faith in the town and more confidence in its ability to do what it sets out to do.

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GOOD NAME OF PUBLIC MEN.

Southern Senator Under Charge of Betrayal of Political and Represen-tative Trust, the Allegation Going Unchallenged—Public Men Not so Jealous of Their Characters as in Earlier Days.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. of honor, with the attendant resort to the sword or pistol in search of vindication from an assailed charac-ter, was the result of a revolt against that inconclusive method of settling personal grievances which was too universal to admit of opposition. The conviction that a distinct progress was thus made away from barbarous deas and practices is also too deeply rooted in the American mind to al-low the possibility that this weak survival of the old senseless trial by combat will ever again be tolerated. The duellist formerly a popular hero, is now a criminal in the eyes of the law and of his fellowmen. The infrequent resort to the formal duel now occurring among English speaking people, is due as much to the general acceptance of the absurdity of the practice as to the lamentable sacrifice of valuable lives while it obtained. Not. only did it settle nothing but in numerous cases the party without blame was the victim of the encounter; and the common sense of our race protested against an arbitrament which left the original causes of differences undetermined. The Legislatures intervened only after public sentiment had placed its ban upon the artificial code, and penal dangers and certain

But it is not unusual, even now, to hear men of thought and observation proach be brought those who have declare that social offenses are more delighted to trust and follow him. frequent, that insults are more freely passed, that reputations are more exposed to loose assault than when the malicious or hot-headed were under the restraining influence of personal danger. They point to the scurrilous habit of a portion of the press, the apparent impunity with which public men are accused, and accuse each other of reprehensible conduct, the indifferent facility with ficials of the highest station indulge in offensive epithets towards their opponents, and the fack of effort on was preached in the Main Street the part of those assailed to vindi-cate their characters from aspersion. at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. John Hall. Then the hasty deduction is drawn pastor of the Gastonia Lutheran that things were not thus in the good church. The graduating exercises that things were not thus in the good church. old times when every gentleman was were held to-night in the or ready with his weapons to repel a house. Dr. W. I. Crawford.

American annals of an hundred or Forest President Delivers of fifty years ago do not show that class at Linwood Colloge was preach-Forceful Address to Graduating editors were guiltless of libel, or that ed in the college chapel yesterday class of Graded Schools. imputations designation Washington, Jefferson and Marshall, last night. Hamilton, Clinton and Adams, did not avail against charges more foul than the most rabid journalist to-day would care to father against any person of respectable position. As for the lesser lights, the numerous encounters among them are sufficient proof that a sense of danger did not deter the political leaders of that day from violence and vitupera-

> But there is one item of lamentable truth in the suggestion that public men are not so jealous of their characters as in earlier days, nor so zealous to defend them. The so zealous to defend them. The abolition of the duello has not left them without recourse. The law now provides a sane and salutary remedy by use of which any innocent person may clear his good name of obloquy and at the same time do the public service by securing punishment of an enemy to society. No man in a representative position has the right to neglect this weapon of offense and defense against a false accuser, especially when the libel alleges his abuse of official trust. Silent submission may not be altogether inconsistent with innocence. It may proceed from a sense of rectitude so proud as to feel itself above the reach of calumny. But in this era of official decadence, when Senators and members of the House have been convicted of sordid crimes, and the public faith has been so often disappointed that suspicion walks at the heels of every public man, none is of so blameless record. or so intrenched in conscious integrity, that he may safely trust his own honor and that of his constituents to a scornful disregard of poisonous

present moment. A Senator from a Southern State, a leader in his party, forefront of popularity in his section, is charged by name in a responsible magazine with such be-trayal of political and representative trust as, if true, would cast shame forever upon his section and his peo-ple. An author of standing in the literary world affixes his name to The passage of the so-called code this publication, vouches for its truth, and pledges confirmation from the structure of the sword or pistol in search of record. The accusation has been record. twice repeated, it has gone broadthrough the land, sowing the seed of insidious doubt in thousands of breasts. If any steps have been taken to refute the libel, to confront There are men in the United States Senate who could assume the stock role of ignoring such assaults, for, alas, they have no character to lose; but not so with this knight of hither-to unsullied shield. He must not leave his honor and that of a proud Commonwealth to be blown about the universe on the breast of evil report. He should invoke the majesty of Law to brand as liar the political banishment gave the final would-be assassin of his reputation.

Else innocence may be made to fear

LINWOOD COLLEGE.

Representative Webb Delivers Annual Literary Address—Gastonia Graded Schools Close. Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, May 28,-The commencement exercises of the Gastonia gradwhich of- ed school began yesterday. The anready with his weapons to repel a house. Dr. W. I. Crawford, of real or a fancled insult. The sermon before the graduating by their rivals. Even Y. W. C. A. was preached by Rev. G. Jefferson and Marshall G. Parkinson, of Due West

The class exercises were held this afternoon and the commencement concert took place to-night. graduating exercises will be held tomorrow morning. The annual ad-dress will be delivered by Hon. E. Yates Webb. The young ladies will close the commencement with a reception to-morrow night.

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HOMICIDE IN LINCOLN.

ones Kiser Shoots and Kills Martha Bradshaw, His Sweetheart—"Didn't Know it Was Loaded" His Defense.

Special to The Observer. taken to refute the libel to confront and confound its authors, or even to enter formal denial, information of such steps has been withheld. As the killed Martha Bradshaw, an 18-yearmatter stands, the allegation goes un- old girl. The boy was arrested Sunchallenged so far as public utterance day morning and lodged in jail. The is concerned. To those who know boy claims that he had forgotten the man, his origin, his upbringing, that he had placed a shell in the his career, to doubt his innocence gun and told the girl to place her would be next to impossible. But ear to the barrel of the gun and he has been maligned in the face hear it snap, telling her that it was of all the world, and countless not loaded. She did so, and when thousands will hold a continuing he pulled the trigger the load of failure to confront the lie in the shot took effect in the left side of courts of justice as a shrinking from the test of proof, such as is not felt by those who have clear consciences.

Another report says that Kiser Another report says that Kiser placed the gun on the window and told the girl to listen at it roar and shot her. He seems very fected by the occurrence. He seems very much af-



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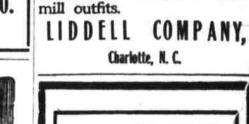
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