

**KOBRE MURDER TRIAL ON**

**ONLY ELEVEN JURORS SECURED**

Sam Kobre, William Pleas and J. E. Whitbeck Arraigned in Forsyth Superior Court for Murder of Henry Kobre—Special Verdict of Fifty Men Ordered to Seize Twelfth Juror—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 Pleas 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, January 21, 1906, is in progress in Forsyth superior 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 Henderson and D. H. Blair, Mrs. Pleas, 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 of the special venire drawn for this case were excused by Judge Peoples from service for sickness in the families of the men summoned.

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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 exhausting three special venires of 155 men, only 11 jurymen had been chosen. Judge Peoples ordered 20 more men summoned from the county from which to select the one juror to-morrow morning. The hearing will probably last three or four days.

Local members of the order are manifesting great interest in the coming meeting of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina, which will assemble in Greensboro June 13th, at the Hotel Raleigh. W. C. Crist, of Salem, 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 win out.

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 last night. He also visited and made addresses at the Salem and North Winston 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 Mocksville.—Mrs. H. M. Dubose and children, of Nashville, Tenn., who have been the guests of Mrs. E. L. Vaughn the past two months, have returned home. Dr. Dubose and family will leave for Monticello, Tenn., to attend the great annual Chataqua, which meets there every summer.

**DROPPED DEAD.**

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 just bought a ticket for Richmond, Va., when he threw his head back and fell upon the floor, face foremost and expired without uttering 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 Bennetts 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 Mattie Johnson, daughter of the late R. D. Johnson, of this city. The wife and two daughters survive him, including one son, Winston-Salem. Mr. King was a member, for ten years, of the Richmond Howitzers, an artillery company. He held the offices of corporal and sergeant. His interment in the Richmond was to make a deed to-day of 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 Register of Deeds H. W. Lindsay, died this morning at Cotton Grove, Davidson county, at the age of 50 years. Deceased had been in declining health for a year or more. The funeral service and interment will be held at Midway, Davidson county, at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

**HACKETT THEIR CHOICE.**

Camruss Primaries, Held Saturday. Have Not Reported, But Indications Are That All Voted for Hackett for Congress.

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 the township of Hackett voted unanimously for Hackett for Congress, while it is pretty well known that the other townships did pretty much the same thing. Mr. Webb, the judge, and Clark, the 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 candidate, this vote being given him by friends as a compliment to the party chairman, who is a strong attorney. As far as can be learned, no vote was against Hackett for Congress.

The 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 proceeds to go to the fund of the firemen.

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

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

**A GOOD SUGGESTION.**

Mr. C. A. Good has written the manufacturers that much better results are obtained from the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in cases of colic, in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus by taking it in water as hot as can be drunk. That water in this way the effect is double in rapidity. "It seems to get at the right spot instantly," he says. For sale by E. H. Jordan & Co.

**RUTHERFORDTON HAS FIRE**

**LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.**

Large Mercantile Establishment of M. Levi Completely Destroyed by Flames, Origin of Which is Unknown—Building Valued at \$100,000 and Stock Portion of Which Saved, at \$40,000 With Only \$15,000 Insurance—Other Buildings Saved by Heroic Work—Mr. James Ledbetter, Who Was Sleeping in the Building, Escaped by Means of Rope Through Window.

Special to The Observer.

Rutherfordton, May 28.—The large mercantile 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, kerosene oil and other explosives stored in this department 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 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 fire-proof wall, with fire-proof doors between. The left side of the store compartment, the grocery and hardware departments, while the right side contained the dry goods, notions and furniture. The left side burned and the walls fell in before the right side caught, his being the cause of the loss. It was herculean time to carry out large quantities of goods from the latter store. The fire was first discovered by Mr. James Ledbetter, a salesman, badly damaged as they were thrown around in heaps on the muddy streets and lots. The stock was estimated at between \$35,000 and \$40,000 and the building at \$10,000. There was only \$15,000 insurance on both the stock and building.

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The loss will fall quite heavily on Mr. Levi, as he said the building and stock were not fully covered by insurance. The goods saved were, of course, badly damaged as they were thrown around in heaps on the muddy streets and lots. The stock was estimated at between \$35,000 and \$40,000 and the building at \$10,000. There was only \$15,000 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. McDonald and J. W. Sims, who are just across the street from the burned building, removed their stocks of goods, as they thought it would be impossible 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 is straightening up preparatory to starting his business again.

**DR. POTEAU AT CONCORD.**

Wake Forest President Delivers Forceful Address to Graduating Class of Graded Schools.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, May 28.—An event of no little interest in the history of the public schools which have furnished exercises the past two days, of much concern to the public. Sunday morning at the Central building, Rev. E. K. McHenry of Central Methodist church, preached the annual sermon to the class of 1906. From Luke 2:51 the text was taken, and from that theme, "Habit of Obedience," was taken. The sermon was a strong one of special interest to the young. The speaker dwelt upon the importance of obedience 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 habits for good, more especially that of obedience.

This morning at 10 o'clock the literary address was delivered by President Poteau, of Wake Forest College. It was one of the very best educational talks ever heard here. President Poteau 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 South." He referred to the fact that the phrase "New South" is unpopular with some, but the fact remains that there is a new South, by reason of the fact that there has been such 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 citalion 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 fact that the graduates of this school, to-day, are suffering from the failure to educate all classes previous to the civil war.

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 Mr. Coltrane, "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 of the school had turned out. Previous to the class of 1904, of the tenth grade the schools have graduated 49 pupils, 22 girls and 17 boys. Of this number 35 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 8 o'clock the exercises of the graduating class were held.

**The Chief Benefit.**

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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Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. The passage of the so-called code of honor, with the attendant resort to the sword or pistol in search of vindication from an assailed character, was the result of a revolt against that inconspicuous method of settling personal grievances which was so universal to admit of opposition. The conviction that a distinct progress was thus made away from barbarous ideas and practices is also too deeply rooted in the American mind to allow the possibility that this weak survival of the old senseless trial by combat will ever again be tolerated.

Linwood College. Representative Webb Delivers Annual Literary Address—Gastonia Graded Schools Close.

Gastonia, May 28.—The commencement exercises of the Gastonia graded school began yesterday. The annual sermon to the graduating class was preached in the Main Street Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. John Hall, pastor of the Gastonia Lutheran church. The graduating exercises were held to-night in the opera house. Dr. W. J. Crawford, of the faculty of Linwood College, delivered the address.

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