

### DAMAGE BY HAIL.

South Carolina Farmers Suffer Great Loss and Call on Governor for Aid—One of Six Scheduled Hangings Will Take Place at the Observer Bureau.

Columbia, S. C., July 29.—Governor Heyward has received an earnest appeal for help in a letter from a farmer living in the Epworth section near Greenwood in behalf of himself and a large number of neighbors who, he says, have been rendered destitute by a recent severe hail storm which visited that section. He says that the cotton and other crops were completely demolished over a large area and that "the people are without anything to pay for their year's supply or to buy anything to live on until they begin another crop." He says that the area so completely demolished would require about 40 plows to cover it, and he estimates the damage at \$400 to the plow, or a total of \$16,000. And there is not a cent of hailstorm insurance to mitigate the loss or relieve the suffering.

The letter refers the Governor to prominent people of Greenwood to substantiate the facts. The writer is under an erroneous impression in thinking that an act of the Legislature provides money for the Governor to come to the rescue in such a case. The Governor has not decided upon what course to pursue in the matter. He will investigate the situation. The incident at the Laurens Tillman case, which was the subject of a speech to 3,000 hearers to divide into his hand and pull out a fan decorated with pictures of himself and the notorious Italian blind tiger, Chicco, of Charleston, recalls that during his own term as Governor, Chicco was still operating in open defiance of law and was selling a brand of cigars with Tillman's name on it. Under the pictures on the fan occurred these words, "Tillman-Chicco, The Determined." Senator Tillman said the fan was sent him by a newspaper man, who said they were freely distributed at the recent meeting of the press association on the life of Palms. Senator Tillman said that it was disgraceful that a United States Senator should be so insulted and he jumped on Governor Heyward for not enforcing the law in this and other respects. It seems likely that one of the six hangings scheduled to take place next Friday in this State, where it has so often been asserted that hangings are a thing of the past, will be consummated after all. The exception is a white soldier who killed his wife in a most brutal manner with a piece of iron while out on a walk with her, in a jealous rage, who was sentenced to his death in a boastful manner. Of the two negro cases in Alcon county, that of Luke Gray, who killed a white man for alleged violation of his home, has been suspended pending an investigation by the Governor, and the fate of the other negro has been stayed by an appeal to the Supreme Court in the eleventh hour. The Robb case has been disposed of by the Governor's commutation, and the Cherokee negro, Ed Rainey, who assaulted a negro girl who has since died from her injuries, and the Georgetown negro, William Gibbs, who killed a bad negro in a fight, both have hope yet. The Governor received a strong letter this morning from Col. S. M. Ward, a Georgia legislator, who, Gibbs, recounting the bad reputation of the negro who was killed, and still stronger letters have come in behalf of the Cherokee negro. These and a number of other interesting cases will come before the pardon board at its special meeting to be held August 1st.

### AT CHASE CITY.

Various Types of People Seeking Rest—The Eternal Feminine in All Her Glories.

Special to The Observer. Chase City, Va., July 29.—In spite of the low state of the barometer, which has obstinately refused to be buoyed up and the thermometer's vacillating opinion, the day has been varying from the high point reached here early in the month in the social atmosphere and which from the signs that the weatherwise know, will be regarded, when the season is over, as having been the "mean temperature" of the life here during the summer of 1906. There are no extremes in pleasant days, but a steady, wholesome, normal condition of enjoying life in the way which each one chooses for himself. The personnel is not only geographically cosmopolitan, but also is another proof of the fact that, as so many minds. In looking around one sees the various types: the brain-fagged journalist rallying from the demand upon his grey matter; the tired business man trying to regain his quondam sprightliness after the treadmill march of many months; the frenzied financier flinching only in bridge and bowling over only with balls; the legal light, his professional brilliancy turned low for economical reasons and that other attractive masculine type, who since Chaucer's time has been in evidence in every "Merrie Company of Sundry Folks" and who, although unlike his "squire," is not characterized by "hair laid as in a press," shows the same spectacular effort in his fancy waistcoat and the newest things in ties, while in raptures and roundelays as in good a "lover's" any day. The eternal feminine is also here in all her glory of her infinite variety, the athlete, the equestrian, the gentle "keeper of the keys" enjoying a rest as rare as pleasure, while in and out throughout the whole day life the human girl, pleasure-loving and pleasure-giving, dainty and lovely and sweet. Only one type is conspicuous by his absence, the chronic knicker, whose existence in these elements of Mecklenburg and the laws of nature and hence is an impossibility.

### TO KEEP UP WITH TIME.

Lexington Fathers Appropriate \$200 for Purchase of Town Clock—Southern Brass Company's Plant Sold Under the Hammer.

Lexington, July 29.—At a meeting of the board of town commissioners on Friday night an order was passed appropriating \$200 toward the purchase of a town clock. The sum, together with the sum donated by the county and a subscription from Lexington citizens, assures the clock, which will cost \$500, the board appointed J. W. Noel, one of its members, to act with the county commissioners in placing the clock in the court house steeple at an early date. This step on the part of the board meets the hearty approval of the town. Lexington is to be congratulated on having such a progressive and efficient body of men at the head of its affairs. The present board consists of Messrs. G. W. Montcastle, J. W. Noel, Z. L. Walser and L. F. Weaver. At last night's session the tax rate was raised 25 cents on the hundred in order to keep up with the town's improvements. Even with this advance, the total tax rate is very low, being only \$1.05.

The Southern Brass Company's entire plant, lot, machinery, buildings and all, was sold here to-day at public auction by H. P. Gallimore, trustee, for the sum of \$4,250.00. W. A. Anthony and others being the highest bidder. The sale was subject to a prior deed of trust and ten of \$5,000. While this concern has lost money in the past, it will be placed under new management and a change of plans. It is considered, with the concern on a paying basis.

### THE TRUE SITUATION.

Article Entitled "A Plea for Better Pay" Said to be Somewhat Misleading—The Facts as They Are.

A note in an article in yesterday morning's paper "A Plea for Better Pay." This is all right save in one assertion, and for the sake of the great army of young working women, it is well to correct, or there may be general strike among the stenographers, each thinking she is the only one not receiving her just due. Then again, it comes very hard to have one paper raise high only to have them dashed to the ground, and as they would be if the young women starting out in the business world interpreted literally this part of the piece above, referred to the field as a stenographer.

The best stenographers in Charlotte make \$125 a month, while the best teachers make but \$60. A young woman who can spell and write a simple sentence can learn shorthand in six months and earn \$80 as a stenographer.

If there are stenographers in Charlotte receiving \$125 a month, they are probably doing what a man in the same position would receive \$225 a month for. "A young woman who can spell and write a simple sentence" does not receive \$80 a month, it takes more than a six months study shorthand and ability to spell and write a simple sentence to command \$80 a month, as many of Charlotte's bright, educated, industrious young women can testify. It takes other qualities than perfect spelling and the best of writing, to command a \$80 a month position.

I am in full sympathy with the spirit of this article, and particularly for better pay for the teachers who have given Charlotte long years of faithful work and the benefit of these years' experience. The young, inexperienced teacher cannot expect to come under this list, but should have hopes of rising to better things. Just so with the young woman entering office work; she may begin for a pittance, nay, for no compensation at all (as many have) in order to fit her to do even better things in an efficient manner, and to have the opportunity even to be taken on trial.

The figures made in this article are so far from the normal situation as it exists in Charlotte, for the sake of the girls who are carrying their book and pencil back and forth to the Business College, I want them not to be misled by this article, which no doubt was written with the best intention, but the writer was not aware of the facts of the situation. Also this is not written to lower the standard of what efficient and capable young women may receive for office work, but to put the situation in its true light for the young, inexperienced girl of Charlotte, and the many who come here to take up the study of shorthand.

### ONE WHO KNOWS.

Team Dashes Down Whetstone Mountain, Occupants of Buggy Receiving Severe Wounds—Besemer City, July 29.—An accident that created great excitement occurred here Friday afternoon. Messrs. Payne and Carroll, of King's Mountain, were returning from Gastonia, driving a horse and a mule. When near the large hotel on Whetstone mountain the team became frightened, ran away and threw the men over. They were dragged down the mountain and across the railroad bridge. The road is very rough and rocky and the men were very much bruised and injured. They were taken to Dr. Garrison's office, while he was working with them, Rev. J. W. Simpson started in to offer his service. At the sight of the suffering men he grew very sick (he had not been well for some time) and fainted. It took some time to revive him. The excitement drew a great crowd and various exaggerated reports went out. To-day the men are all better and Mr. Simpson is almost himself again, but very weak.

Mrs. Ross, of Cape Vincent, N. Y., who has been with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Robbins, since last fall, returned home last week. She was accompanied by Kate Robbins, who will spend the summer in New York State.—Misses Ruth, Elizabeth and Mary Branson Coltrane, of Concord, are visiting their sister, Mrs. D. A. Harrison.—Mrs. W. C. Aaron, of Dorset, is visiting her brothers, Dr. A. and H. N. Garrison.—Mrs. B. Dixon, of Raleigh, is visiting Mr. S. J. Durham.

The Presbyterians will dedicate their church Sunday. Miss Elva Rankin, who has returned to her home in Belmont.—Mrs. J. A. Smith is visiting at Hamer.—Mrs. C. C. Clark, who has been very sick with fever, is much better.—Mrs. Morse, of Charlotte, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davis.

Two-Year Marriages. London Daily Mail. The French Marriage Reform League, after numerous committee meetings and many months of deliberation, has decided to lay before the Chamber of Deputies the draft of a bill reforming the existing marriage laws.

The proposed reforms are of a most drastic character, and may be said to begin and end in the divorce courts. Women are to be placed on an equal footing with men, and divorce, which is now granted for both sexes, will be granted under two separate headings.

In the first place, a clause in the draft provides for a divorce for some specific reason. Drunkenness, insanity and sentence to penal servitude for some criminal offense are to be added to the legal reasons for which a divorce can be granted.

On the other hand, the existing law which provides that a wife may obtain a divorce for ill-treatment would be abolished under the proposed reforms, so that a husband, presumably, could beat his wife persistently without the wife being able to get a divorce.

The most striking suggestion, however, is that a divorce should be granted without any apparent reason; provided that both parties make a formal legal request for divorce, and persist in this request for a period of two years. In all such cases, however, two years must elapse before the decree is made absolute.

The reformers go as far as to propose that after this probationary period of two years a divorce may be granted without any specific reason on the application of either one of the parties, even should the other party be opposed to the decree.

Needless to say, these propositions are the subject of much criticism, because under such a law no marriage would be absolutely binding for a longer period than two years.

Great Riot at Samarra. Samarra, July 29.—A great demonstration occurred here following the receipt of the news of the dissolution of the lower house of Parliament. Five hundred of the demonstrators were arrested.

### WARWICK'S GREAT PAGEANT.

Blending of the Remote Past With Modernity in Performance in Ancient English Town—University of Louvain Presents Old Ceremonies.

Ancient Warwick town might easily yesterday have been taken for a vast green-room; for hurrying hither and thither about the streets could be seen Druids, Ancient Britons, Picts, Romans, legions, gay gentlemen of Elizabethan times, Dames, ladies in gorgeous costume and men in armor. Two of Caesar's Tenth Legion, in full fighting costume mounted on bicycles, wheeled up the main streets, completed the juxtaposition of the remote past with modernity.

Thousands of people from all the country round poured into Warwick to attend the rehearsal of the great pageant written by Mr. Louis N. Parker and to be performed by the people of Warwick, assisted by a number of distinguished ladies and gentlemen. The scene of the pageant was the broad, level mead by the banks of the winding, placid Avon, with its floating lilies and stately swans. The lawn is a part of the grounds of Warwick Castle, and most admirably suited for the presentation of so ambitious a play.

More than two thousand Warwick folk took part in the pageant, and it spoke volumes for the training they had had that each performed his or her part so well that enthusiastic applause again and again rewarded their efforts.

Beginning with a fanfare of trumpets the first great scene, was the march of Druids, followed by the episode of King Cymbeline and the crowning of Caradoc, his son. In very animated fashion the stormy elements of early British history were shown in sanguinary combats between Britons and Romans, Britons, Picts and Scots, and later with English and Dames, the fights being very realistically done, the players who fell remaining quite dead until removed by the ushers.

The necessary touch of melodrama came when Thomas Fisher, an old gentleman in green velvet doublet and dove-colored hose, stepped out on a plumed hat, stood to receive a volley from the guards for refusing to tell where he had hidden the treasure of the King. At the critical moment the ladies stepped out, stopping their ears to keep out the sound of the deadly musketeers, Dame Fisher, in a gorgeous magenta velvet gown, rushed forward and threw herself on her husband's breast, at which the gallant officer, who the guard ordered the musketeers to hold their hand, then Fisher is magnanimously pardoned and sent unshorn away. The touch was genuinely transposing, and "brought down the house."

Queen Elizabeth's interview with the little fair-haired boy named William Shakespeare, son of the bailiff of Stratford, was extremely happy. The Queen kissed the little and on his rosy cheek, and when he piped up, "If you please, my William Shakespeare kiss the Queen," she burst out laughing and cried heartily, "Aye, truly," whereupon the boy threw his tiny arms around the neck of the maiden Queen and most heartily saluted her.

At the conclusion of the spectacle all present burst into the "Old Hundred" with great effect. The University of Louvain has preserved some of the ceremonies, which were rapidly by the most minute laws of precedent, that in the Middle Ages accompanied the conferring of the distinction of doctor of theology at this university as well as in Paris. These ceremonies were revived on Tuesday after the honor had been conferred upon the Abbe Van Oppenray, of Bommel (Holland), who took for the subject of his thesis "Predestination." The candidate defended his position for several hours against formidable opponents and finally triumphed with great distinction. Mr. Van der Weetering, the archbishop of Utrecht, presided over the ceremony, and at noon a long procession headed by a band of music, the rectors of the university, the archbishop, and the professors of theology took part, conducted the new doctor to the Church of St. Peter, where at the foot of the high altar, the rector Mr. Hobelnyck solemnly invested the Abbe Van Oppenray with the doctor's cap and ring, while the choir sang the "Veni Creator." Subsequently a banquet took place.

### FOR PUBLIC RECREATION.

New York Spends 45 Cents a Year for Each Inhabitant, Boston \$1.

The city of New York spends 45 cents a year for each inhabitant for what is known technically as public recreation. This term includes music in parks, public baths, playgrounds, flowers and recreation plays.

The contribution of New York for this purpose amounts to more than \$1,500,000 and is rapidly approaching \$2,000,000. It is on a scale of liberality equal to that of most American cities, but comes very far behind Boston, which expends \$1 a head for the same purpose.

Philadelphia spends 45 cents, the same as New York, Chicago 55 cents, Baltimore 60, St. Louis 25, Cleveland 30, Buffalo 45, Detroit 55 and New Orleans 15, a small as well as an ominous number.

Among the second class cities of the country, Washington is the only one which equals New York in the amount appropriated for public recreation, but with the resources of the Federal government to draw on the expenditure of 44 cents a head for this purpose is not excessive. The cities of the most progressive cities in New England, expend only 33 cents and Denver, usually included in the cities of the third class, 55 cents.

The total amount expended for public recreation in the cities of the United States is \$10,000,000 and the general policy of large cities is to increase this item of expenditure by payments which up to a few years ago would have been deemed probably of doubtful legality. The increase in the appropriations for public recreation is by no means general, and does not include either most of the cities of the maintenance of public works, the chief municipal recreation places.

BYERLY WAS NOT ALONE. Other Persons Bid for Panama Bonds On "Nerve" and Sell Their Allotments.

Washington Special, 27th, to New York Herald. Prototypes of Samuel Byerly, a New York express company's clerk, who made \$600 by his nerve in buying high for \$500,000 bonds, have been found in Washington. Thus far they are not so much in advance of the game as Mr. Byerly is reported to be. John W. Mitchell, a newspaper man, bid for \$500,000 worth of the bonds, John W. Mitchell, a newspaper man, bid for \$500,000 worth of the bonds, John W. Mitchell, a newspaper man, bid for \$500,000 worth of the bonds.

## BECOMING A MOTHER

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### MORE RAILROAD TALK.

Question of Issuing Bonds for Thomasville, Glen Anna & Pee Dee Railway Agitated at High Point—Extending the C. & R.

High Point, July 29.—The question of issuing bonds for the proposed Thomasville, Glen Anna & Pee Dee Railway and Construction Company is all the talk here now, being uppermost in all conversations. Communications appear daily in The Enterprise, most of which are directly against the issue as it now stands. The citizens of High Point want a competing line of railway and want it badly but know they are not going to get it as now proposed as it is not guaranteed in the call for an election or otherwise. On the other hand, the citizens say over their signature each day that there is nothing in it for High Point; that there is no assurance whatever but that the road will be financed by the Southern Railway the next day after the bonds are voted and as means in the long run an expenditure of over \$300,000 for High Point and a big increase in taxation that there must be positive proof that the road will be competitive and give competitive rates before letting loose that amount of money.

Writers over their signatures strongly hint at graft connection with the promotion of the road and call on interested parties to come out in the open and let the people see with whom they are dealing. In this connection it is also asked why is it the board of aldermen or at least some of them were opposed to letting Mr. Justice's company have a franchise agreeing to forfeit a \$6,500 bond if the contract was not carried out and without one cent of cost to the city, and gave this company a franchise and a \$100,000 if the election should pass?

The Cumberland & Randolph road, formerly known as the Carthage road, owned and controlled by Major W. C. Petty, but which since his death was sold to Northern parties and changed to Cumberland & Randolph, is being extended and will touch Greensboro or High Point, so Mr. Will Petty, who was here yesterday visiting his brother, Mr. J. H. Petty, believes Mr. Petty, since his father's death, has been managing the road.

House Party at Oak Ridge. Special to The Observer.

Oak Ridge, July 29.—Miss Blanche Holt is entertaining a house party this week at her home here. Her guests are: Misses Gwynn, Mt. Airy; Miss Mamie Walker, Greensboro; Miss Catharine Winchester, Macon, Ga.; Miss Mary Baynes, Winston-Salem; Mr. Kemp Doughton, Raleigh; Raymond Chatham, Elkin; Theodore Black, Washington, D. C.; Joseph Gwynn, Mt. Airy; Dr. J. R. Paddison and L. D. Donnell, of Oak Ridge.

A TRAGIC FINISH. A watchman's neglect permitted a leak in a boiler of a house party this week at a child's finger could have stopped, to become a ruinous break, devastating an entire family. In the manner Kenneth Melver, of Vanceboro, N. C., permitted a little cold to go unnoticed, and a single flash was ignited by Dr. King's New Discovery. He writes: "Three doctors gave me up to die of lung inflammation, caused by neglected cold, but Dr. King's New Discovery saved my life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure, at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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### OUR WORLD'S FAIR MEDAL

TAKEN AT ST. LOUIS

The above is a fac-simile cut made from photo of the World's Fair medal which was awarded to us on our machinery exhibited at St. Louis. We exhibited one cotton seed huller, one yarn reel, one cake cracker, models of our sand, ball and separating reels, one spinning frame, some hangers, pulleys, gears and other miscellaneous machinery. We not only feel that we have won a big victory, but it is a compliment to the Piedmont region that one of its shops should get a medal at the biggest and latest world's fair.

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