THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1587.—The first English child born in America, at Roanoke, Va. She was the granddaughter of the Governor, and was baptized on the following Sabbath, by the name of Virginia.

1609.—The Half Moon having pursued a course south and west for ten days, arrived at the entrance of Chesapeake Bay, where the first effectual attempt to plant an English colony had been commenced only two years before.

1655.—Cromwell, as "Protector," adopted the "we," in answering a petition. Instead of the capital W, he had at first written the more familiar I; then a small w, which was finally erased with his finger for the royal character.

—British under Tarleton attacked Sumpter on the Wateree and killed, captured or dispersed the whole of his party, and retook 300 British prisoners.

1780.—Battle of Musgrove Mill; 500 British and tories defeated by the Americans under Col. Williams, and 120 killed or wounded.

1783.—John Dunning, Lord Ashburton, died; noted for his extensive practice as a lawyer in London. He defended Wilkes and opposed the American war.

1814.—British admiral, Cochrane, addressed a letter from on board the Tonnant, in the Patuxent, to the American government, declaring his determination to destroy and lay waste such towns and districts upon the American coast as might be found assailable, though contrary to the usages of civilized warfare.

1838.—The first United States exploring expedition sailed, under Com. Wilkes.

1841.—The United States bankrupt law went into operation, but it was repealed in 1843.

1846.—General Kearney took peaceable possession of Santa Fe, in Mexico, and issued a proclamation absolving the Mexicans from their allegiance to the Mexican government.

1855.—Abbot Lawrence, a noted Boston merchant, died, aged 63. He was a liberal and public spirited citizen and endowed the Lawrence Scientific School at Cambridge with $100,000.

1864.—So universal was the drought in Mexico that great herds of cattle were dying of starvation.

COUPLE'S THRILLING ESCAPE.

Miss Ella Gray and Mr. Oscar Walter Have an Adventure in Coddle Creek, Near Concord—Cabarrus County Sunday School Association.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, Aug. 17.—The Cabarrus county Sunday School Association held the annual meeting at Harrisburg yesterday, and was the largest meeting of the kind ever held in the county. The session was held with the Presbyterian church of that town and the house was packed and the grove full on the outside. It is estimated that there were two thousand people in attendance. The programme was one of interest and the several choirs present sang selections that proved the excellency of their training. The address to have been made by Mr. W. C. Dowd was made by Col. P. B. Means, who made a splendid talk on Sunday school work. State President Franklin was down on the programme for the evening session, which, however, was not held. Mr. Franklin did not get to Harrisburg and a heavy rain drove the crowd away. The Ladies' Aid Society sold refreshment on the grounds and made a neat sum for their treasury. The meeting next year will be held at Poplar Tent.

Returning from the Sunday school convention Mr. Oscar Walter and Miss Ella Gray, from this city, had a narrow escape from drowning and a most thrilling adventure in Coddle creek. They drove to the creek at a bridge further up from the point where they attempted to cross and were forced to retreat. It was near midnight when they came to the bridge across the creek at Ervins, five miles from this city, and drove across the bridge. On this side is a fill and they dove off this and got into deep water. The buggy was turned over and the horse drowned. After struggling in the water the young man and woman managed to get on the buggy top and there remained for three or four hours. They finally managed to get a neighbor up and he went for help. At 4 o'clock, after having been in such a dangerous place for more than four hours, the young lady was by means of a rope pulled to the bank and rescued. When the weight of the lady was removed from the buggy top, the vehicle swerved and turned over, throwing Mr. Walter into the mad stream of rushing waters and he was washed down the stream some distance and lodged in a tree, where he remained for two hours longer, being rescued after daylight. There was a tremendous rainfall up the creek and all along the headwaters, which raised the stream rapidly. Much damage was done to land and crops.

ENGINEER MAKES HIS REPORT.

Recommends Electric Power to Statesville People—Steps to Be Taken Not Yet Determined.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Aug. 17.—With a view to making a contract with the Southern Power Company, of Charlotte, to furnish electric power for Statesville, the local manufacturers some time ago employed Mr. Charles E. Waddell, an electrical engineer of Asheville, who has no connection with a power company, to examine the plants here and make an estimate on the cost of changing from steam to electric power, the estimated saving, etc. Mr. Waddell was in town Wednesday and made his report. While the expense of making the change from steam to electric power is quite heavy, Mr. Waddell estimates a great saving in the cost of operation. He recommends that a central station be established—that is, that either the municipality contract direct with the power company for all the power needed for Statesville, the town to sell to individual consumers; or in the event this is not feasible that a company be formed to contract for the power and sell to consumers. In this way a considerable saving can be accomplished.

Just what steps will be taken has not yet been determined, but it is expected that the municipality, which owns the light plant and sells light to consumers, will agree to contract for the power and will then distribute it to individual consumers. It is very much hoped that the matter can soon be arranged so that the Southern Power Company can begin the construction of its line.

CHAMERAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY, BETTER THAN THREE DOCTORS.

"Three years ago we had three doctors with our little boy and everything that they could do seemed in vain. At last when all hope seemed to be gone we began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in a few hours he began to improve. To-day he is as healthy a child as parents could wish for."—Mrs. D. J. Johnston, Linton, Miss. For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

FAVORS STATE ENCAMPMENT.

Adjutant General of South Carolina Will Recommend to the Governor a Return to Former Plan—Citadel Scholarship Examination — Charters to New Enterprises.

Observer Bureau,
1209 Main Street,
Columbia, S. C., Aug. 17.

Adjutant General Frost says no more inter-State encampments in his. And in a report in which he will shortly make out to the Governor he will fully outline his opinion of the advantages of a State encampment like that held at Columbia last summer over an inter-State encampment like that the South Carolina troops have just been through at Chickamauga. And while General Frost won't have anything to do with the encampment hereafter as an official, it seems likely that the State encampment idea will be returned to next time. General Frost was responsible for the troops going to Chickamauga this time, but he says he chose this course in order to give the troops a trip and afford them a variety in military experience. He thinks the officers and men who went to Chickamauga fully agree with his view of the matter that a State encampment is more desirable for many good and substantial reasons.

The Citadel scholarship examinations are to take place in 22 counties where vacancies occur on August 31. The State superintendent's office to-day sent out circular letters to the county boards of the counties.

The counties in which the examinations will be held are: Abbeville, Anderson, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkley, Charleston, Chester, Darlington, Dorchester, Fairfield, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, Marlboro, Newberry, Richland, Spartanburg and York.

Charleston is to have a new phosphate manufacturing concern, according to the testimony of the charter mill, which to-day ground out a commission to C. B. Jenkins, M. B. Barkley and P. R. Rivers as incorporators of the Germofert Manufacturing Company, which proposes to do business on a capital of $200,000.

A commission was also issued to the Charleston & St. Andrews Railway; capital, $5,000; incorporators, George S. Legare, Duncan J. Baker.

A charter was issued to the Old Puritan Society of Old Purity church, Chester county. This is a historic old church, whose graveyard is dear to many leading people in that section, descendants of sturdy pioneer stock. The trustees are Robert A. Love, Fred Walker, Charles A. McAlily, R. L. Strand and John C. McAfee.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Reformed Church Organization Holding Its Annual Meeting in Hickory—Standing Committees and Officers of the Society—Next Meeting to be Held at Greensboro.

Special to The Observer.

Hickory, Aug. 17.—The Woman's Classical Missionary Society of the Reformed Church in North Carolina is holding its annual meeting in the Reformed church of this city and the meeting is well attended there being 17 congregational societies represented. The first meeting was held in the auditorium of the church last night and was a popular meeting to which the public was invited and an interesting programme was rendered. The singing by the Hickory choir assisted by Profs. Losh and Weaver, of Catawba College was a special feature of the meeting.

A business session was held to-day and was opened this morning, with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Walter Rowe, of Rockwell. The address of the president, Mrs. C. C. Bost, of Hickory, was most interesting and contained much valuable information.

The officers for the following year are as follows: Mrs. C. C. Bost, of Hickory, president; Mrs. G. T. Crowell, of Concord, treasurer; Miss Daisy Fisher, of Crescent, corresponding secretary and Mrs. L. R. Whitener, of Hickory, recording secretary.

The following standing committees were announced by the president: Apportionments, Mesdames L. R. Whitener and G. T. Crowell and Miss Daisy Fisher, resolutions; Mrs. S. W. Beck and Misses McNairy and Hornaday; literature, Miss Carrie Clapp, Mrs. Beck and Miss Shoe; finance, Mesdames Crowell and Geitner; statistics, Misses Clapp, Fisher and Cline.

The report of the committee on finance showed that the society was increasing in benevolent work. This society is supporting the mission work in Japan and China. The girls' school in Japan being supported by the women of the church.

Twenty-five dollars were ordered to be paid Greensboro mission and the same amount given to Nazareth Orphan Home.

Invitations for the next annual meeting were received from Greensboro, Crescent and Rockwell. These were referred to a committee and the committee recommended Greensboro as the place and the second Thursday in August as the time for the next annual meeting. The society so ordered. The meetings were interesting throughout and manifested the spirit of devoted Christian workers who are laboring unselfishly for the advancing of the kingdom of Christ on earth.

HEAVY RAINS IN ROWAN.

Lightning Puts Salisbury-Spencer Line Cars Out of Commission—Changes in Business Circles.

Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Aug. 17.—There fell yesterday evening the fiercest rains seen here in many years. Persons out in the northern portion of the country were water-bound and these who were not swam their horses to the bridges, the main streams not being greatly affected at that time by the downpour. The bridge on the Mocksville road leading by Franklin is torn down and the lower road structures are submerged. Lightning played some part of destruction. It hit one of the wires belonging to the Salisbury-Spencer Street Railway, ran into it and burned out the generator, completely putting out of commission the cars to-day and to-night. It was at first thought that the cars would not be able to run for a week yet, but all night work last night and yet to-day will probably have them in shape by noon to-morrow. The shutting down of the cars rendered the dance at the park impossible and caused general inconvenience.

The T. W. Grimes Drug Company is building a large addition to its storeroom and when completed it will be the largest pharmaceutical establishment in the city. That business has had phenomenal growth since its beginning.

There is a general changing of business houses. The store of D. Oestricher has been moved up from his old quarters to the entirely remodeled one, burned last fall when Mrs. Fink occupied it, and there is not a handsomer structure in the town now. Mr. Oestricher's former place is now being run by W. H. Wallace, wholesale grocer, who leaves the corner of Main and Council for an even more public location on Main. George Fink sells out and the Simpson-Peacock wholesale grocery business goes from the theatre building to Bell block, occupied by Mr. Fink.

ACCUSES MR. BRYAN OF VANITY.

Paris Paper Says He, With All Americans, Is Urgy to Demon Pride—Roosevelt in the Same Class.

Paris Cable, 16th, to Washington Post.

The Temps to-day publishes a long article on William J. Bryan, singling him from the mass of Americans who are giving life to the boulevards this month, as the one who has greater claim on the public attention by reason of his quality as an "applicant." After recapitulating the events of his life, The Temps says:

"Following his last defeat, Mr. Bryan's career seemed to have ended in the eyes of many, but he is to-day trying to reconquer the situation by cultivating Yankee vanity. The great republic has been for some years, now, the prey of the demon of pride, as was seen first when it married its daughters to European nobles, and when its ambassadors eclipsed the older empires by their luxury and their fortunes.

"So now President Roosevelt flatters the American amour propre by the place he ocupies in international chronicles, his diplomatic exploits, his books on social morals, his telegrams and his photographs, which fill the Old World journals, make him a rival of the Kaiser, and to nothing is the American heart more sensitive than all this.

"Mr. Bryan seems to have comprehended this time that the presidential election will be less a question of political programme than a question of personality, and he has gone around the world in pursuit of personal glory. From Turkey he went to St. Petersburg, where his presence was signalized by the first sessions of the Douma. He saw Count Stolstoy, reached Trondjhem on coronation day, skipped Germany to get to England, where he seized the opportunity offered by the Interparliamentary Congress to deliver a long and superb harangue. He struck Paris in a politically dead season. He could not see President Fallieres. He saw reporters, but he talked only vaguely. He will go home to an enthusiastic reception.

"It matters little whether Mr. Bryan has a political programme or not. He is above all the Americans who have met royal personages in Europe whom sovereigns have dined and given audience to."

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AN EXPERT OBSERVER ON THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEWING TOBACCO.

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The Late E. B. C. Hambley.

Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore.

The death at Salisbury, N. C., last Monday of Capt. E. B. C. Hambley, vice president of the Whitney Company, cut off in his prime a man who had achieved notably in Southern development and who was in the midst of direction of one of the greatest undertakings in the South. An Englishman of the best type, Captain Hambley had achieved success as an engineer in Great Britain, India, Africa and elsewhere before he finally engaged in various projects in North Carolina in 1887. Six years before that, as a youth of 19, he had been engaged at the Gold Hill Mines, in North Carolina, for a while, and it is estimated that at least $5,000,000 had been invested in the neighborhood of Salisbury directly through him before the $10,000,000 corporation of Pittsburg capitalists, the Whitney Company, began to carry out the plans for a full realization of the potentialities of the great water-power at the falls of the Yadkin river, involving an immediate expenditure of $4,600,000 and an ultimate cost of more than $7,000,000. In this enterprise Captain Hambley was a moving spirit, and he stamped upon it his wonderful personality. Its completion will be his greatest monument.

[How great a pity that he could not have lived to see it finished!—Observer.]

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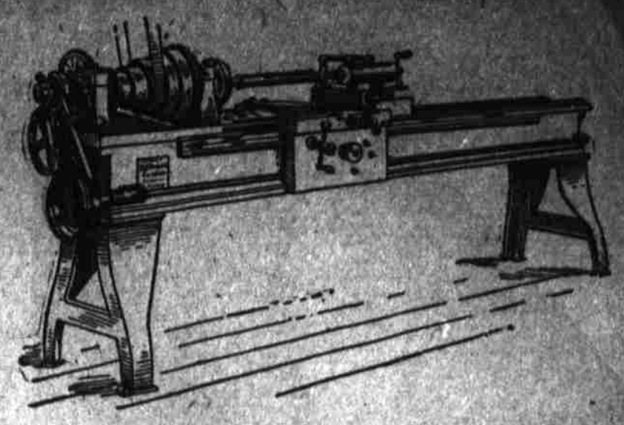

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