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A CONTINUING BODY.

Keep Commission, Appointed by President, Will Hold Through Present Administration—Many Departmental Matters Referred to the President.

Special to The Observer.
Washington, Sept. 25.—It is quite certain now that what is popularly known as the Keep Commission, appointed 18 months ago by President Roosevelt to inquire into the conduct of the business of the various government departments, will be a continuing body through the present administration.

Some of the members of the commission have been absent from Washington during the summer months, but the work outlined prior to their departure has been proceeding. Several sub-committees appointed by the commission have been at work and now have in readiness for the commission's consideration several reports. These will be taken up in a few days and soon after President Roosevelt's return to Washington they will be submitted to him for approval.

The inquiries made by the commission in the several departments have not been regarded with favor generally by government employees, as there exists apprehension that the work of the commission may operate against their interests. The results accomplished by the commission have appealed strongly to the President, however, as, through its recommendations, many thousands of dollars annually already have been saved to the government.

THE BREATH OF LIFE.
It is a significant fact that the strongest animal of its size, the gorilla, also has the largest lungs. For this reason, gorillas are powerful creatures. How to keep the breathing apparatus in good condition is the chief study. Like thousands of others, Mrs. Ora A. Stephens, of Fort Williams, O., has learned how to do this.

GOOD-SIZED APPROPRIATIONS.

Visit of Representative Burton, of Ohio, of House Rivers and Harbors Committee, to South and His Investigation of Southern Waterways May Result in Large Appropriations by Next Congress for This Work.
Special to The Observer.
Washington, Sept. 25.—The arrival of Representative Burton, of Ohio, in Columbia, S. C., this week means a long step in the direction of securing a good-sized appropriation for the development of rivers and harbors in the South at the next session of Congress.

Last winter Mr. Burton said that during this summer, he expected to take a trip through the South and visit the various rivers and harbors in the South at the next session of Congress. Mr. Burton is chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors. It is one of the most influential members on the Republican side of the House and wields an immense influence with members of the appropriations committee.

In North Carolina Senator Simmons and Representative Small are especially interested in the matter of securing better waterways for their State. Both have many plans of navigable streams under consideration and they will introduce bills when Congress meets for the purpose of bettering their condition generally wherever possible.

OCTOBER BRIDES IN ROBESON.

Several Popular Young People Will Join Hearts and Hands Next Month—Lumberton News Notes.
Special to The Observer.
Lumberton, Sept. 25.—Several new residences are being built at Ashpole, one of the county's hustling little towns, about 12 miles from Lumberton.

An interesting social event a few days ago was the marriage of Miss Treva Malloy and Mr. James A. Johnson at the home of the bride's father, Capt. John D. Malloy, at Lumber Bridge, this county.

There are to be several marriages of promising people in the county during next month. There will be three Wednesday, October 3d. On that day Miss Annie Nettie McLean, daughter of Col. N. A. McLean, of Lumberton, and Mr. A. T. McLean, Miss Florence Woodin, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Woodin, of Maxton, and Mr. S. B. McLean, a young attorney of Maxton, and Miss Beatrice Torrey McEachern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McEachern, of Red Springs, and Mr. George T. Bullock, will be married.

When two of our men came to blows, even if they are well matched, it is not a pleasing sight, but if the man who gets the upper hand is a brick bat, it is a different matter. In a recent case before Judge John Rowland to-day, Rev. James McKellar, colored, pastor of several Baptist churches in this section, had Bob Griffin, also colored, up for assaulting him with a deadly weapon—a brick bat.

NEWSPAPER MAN IN JAIL.

M. E. Strouse Behind Bars at Statesville on Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses—Formerly Terrestrial Pastor to Leave—Freedell News Notes.
Special to The Observer.
Statesville, Sept. 25.—Rev. S. H. Williamson, who recently resigned as pastor of the Front Street Presbyterian church of Statesville, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Euphonia and Pocket Presbyterian churches, in the vicinity of Sanford, Moore county. Mr. Williamson will not leave Statesville until after Concord Presbytery, which convenes at Salisbury to-day, at which meeting his relations with the Statesville church will be formally dissolved.

Mr. Lawrence Dagenhardt and Miss Lola Jane Shoemaker, both of the Lora neighborhood, were married here last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. O. Overcash, Rev. W. L. Darr officiating. The local fox hunting club has been having some fine races recently. They turned loose a good many foxes the other day and they will have the pleasures of catching them. The club has an excellent pack of dogs. Several interesting races were enjoyed by the hunters Saturday.

Dr. J. E. Anderson, who, with Dr. W. O. Spencer, of Winston, was appointed by the State board of health to investigate the sanitary conditions of the Normal and Industrial College and the Colored A. & M. College at Greensboro, left this morning for Greensboro, where he will be joined by Dr. Spencer to make the investigation.

While out fox hunting Saturday morning, Capt. P. C. Carlton found a dry land terrapin with the date 1806 carved on its back. The inscription may have been put there in recent years as a joke, but the terrapin appeared to be rather old and as they have been known to live many years, there are reasons to believe that this one has passed its hundred year. E. Strouse, who works as a professional newspaper writer, is in jail here awaiting a preliminary hearing. Strouse came to Statesville about July 1st and effected an agreement with The Iredell County Mascot to publish an industrial edition to that paper. He solicited advertising and obtained money in advance at The Mascot's expense and then left town.

ACTRESS RESENTS INSULT.

Mrs. Fred Wyckoff Slaps Face of Man Who Became Unduly Familiar.
Richmond Special to Washington Post.
Mrs. Fred Wyckoff, one of the pretty members of the "Not Yet, But Soon" company, and wife of one of the leading comedians of the company, was the subject of an insult at the hands of Tom Reilley, a well-known figure about town, this morning.

Mrs. Wyckoff, who is stopping with her husband and several other members of the company at the Hotel Allen, formerly Campbell's Hotel, was standing in front of the hotel at noon, when Reilley, who had been drinking, approached her with the remark "Hello," and struck her with his open palm on the back of the shoulder.

A VALUABLE INVENTION.

Railway Section Foreman Devises Machine for "Grading" Tracks Which, He Claims, Will Do the Work of Ten Men and Save Railroads Thousands of Dollars Annually.
Special to The Observer.
Troutman, Sept. 25.—Mr. Thomas V. Holtzouer, section foreman of the Southern Railway, has invented and will patent a device, commonly known in railroad parlance as the "grading track." He has been making practical tests and has demonstrated that his device will do the work of more than ten men at a nominal cost. When it is remembered that the great railroad companies spend a million dollars annually to keep their tracks clear of vegetation it will be seen that this is a very valuable invention and should bring a snug fortune to its inventor.

Society of Quail.

Country Lived in America.
Quail starved to death by thousands in the winter of 1904-05, but last winter they had an easy time except in February and March. From Massachusetts to Indiana the quail are so scarce that restocking has become necessary. The birds for this purpose are hard to find. More than 100,000 have been captured in Alabama and the Southwest, where they still occur in abundance, and have been shipped North for breeding. Even this supply is quite inadequate, and may not last long. The quail is perhaps our most popular game bird, and a market will be found for all that can be produced. Complete success has been had in raising them on a small scale. Why should not some one attempt to raise them on such a scale that he could turn out 100,000 quail per year?
Good for the Cough, removes the cause of the cough. That's the work of Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar—the original "Laxative" cough syrup—contains no opiates. Sold by Hawley's Pharmacy.

TROUTMAN JUNIORS.

They Enjoy a Social Evening With Refreshments and an Address by Mr. C. B. Webb, of Statesville, Special to The Observer.
Troutman, Sept. 25.—Saturday evening the Troutman Juniors, O. U. of M., gave an ice cream supper in the commodious hall over Mr. J. W. Johnston's store. About two hundred people partook heartily of cream, cake and lemonade, of which there was an abundance. After every man, woman and child had partaken of the refreshments, Mr. C. B. Webb, of Statesville, made a ringing address in behalf of the Junior Order. He is himself an enthusiastic Junior, having been an one-time State counselor. He outlined the policies of the order and told of their achievements along educational lines. His speech was delivered in a pleasant conversational tone and every word was eagerly received by his hearers. After the speech the young men and women spent a couple of hours socially, after which they crowded dispersed with pleasant memories in their hearts, in a good humor with themselves and the world in general.

Special Privilege Abrogated.

New York Sun.
On this date the Government Printing Office is to become an open shop in fact as well as in theory. Men are to be hired and discharged solely on their merits, and judged only by the work they do. It is an illuminating commentary on the conditions that have prevailed in the past that the adoption of such a policy is regarded as a revolutionary change by the individuals most intimately affected.

Serves as an Example.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
Putting a bank president in stripes does not restore the insane nor bring back the dead, but it may set other trusted officials to thinking.

WELL WORTH TRYING.

W. H. Brown, the popular pension attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., writes: "Next to a pension, the best thing to get is Dr. King's New Life Pills. He writes: 'Keep me young in my splendid health.' Quick cure for headache, constipation and biliousness. So guaranteed, at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store.

Mrs. M. Stephens.

Christian Register.
A minister said to his congregation: "Brethren, the muddy pool of politics was the rock on which I split."
An orator is credited with a peroration in which he spoke of "all ranks, from the queen sitting on her throne to the cottager sitting on his cot-lodge."
"My client acted boldly," said the counselor. "He saw the storm brewing in the distance, but he was not dismayed. He took the bull by the horns, and had him indicted for perjury."

A Hindoo Journalist.

commenting on a political disturbance, said: "We cannot, from a distance, realize the intensity of the crisis, but it is a certain thing that many crowned heads must be trembling in their shoes."
An old negro woman whose needs were supplied by friends never failed to express her gratitude in original language: "You is powerful good to a pore ole 'oman like me, wid one foot in de grave an' de oder a cryin' out, 'Laud, how long, how long!'"
No one could imagine what a speaker meant when he said, "Biddy, Biddy," and then stopped, and after a moment of confusion said, "Diddy, Biddy," and with scariet face and coldly perspiring brow, gasped out, "Diddy, Biddy, Biddy doo!" Then he had to sit down and rest awhile before he could say, "Did he bid adieu?"

Smith-Brandelle.

Special to The Observer.
Spencer, Sept. 25.—Engineer W. W. Smith, of Greensboro, and Miss Marguerite Brandelle, of the same place, were married here last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King, whom Miss Brandelle had been visiting. The marriage was a surprise to the friends of the young couple who are very popular here. Miss Brandelle came to Spencer only a few weeks ago and, while on a visit, decided to work in the Southern Bell Telephone exchange here, but yesterday advised the office that she could not longer remain with the company. Mr. Smith is a popular engineer with a run between Spencer and Monroe.

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