Will Harris, the Notorious Mecklenburg Desperado, Generally Presumed to Have Been Shot to Death by Buncombe Citizens Following the Murder of Two Policemen and Three Negroes in Asheville, Though the Identity of That Negro Has Never Been Established.

FRANCHISE GRANTED.

Concord Aldermen Grant Franchise of Sixty Years Duration For Building and Operating a Street Car Line—Other News.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, Nov. 25.—The board of city aldermen met Saturday night in special session to consider the matter of granting a franchise to the Concord Realty and Railway Company. The franchise was granted, and is for a period of sixty years. It gives the privilege of building and operating a car line in Concord, which the promoters assure will be built, and at once. A similar franchise has been granted by the county commissioners, and the company can build and operate a railway over the highways throughout the entire county. Mr. C. W. Johnston, president of the company stated that preliminary work will begin at once, and that by early spring the laying of the rails will begin.

Rev. J. J. Peyseur, who Friday shot a man near Maiden, in Catawba county, was for a few months, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city about nine years ago.

After the regular work of Concord Lodge, No. 51, K. of P. Friday night Messrs. Charles and William Boyd, ex-show men, gave a very novel and entertaining exhibition to the Pythians of this city. After their entertainment delightful luncheon was served together with a smoker.

The Cabarrus Cotton Growers' Association met at the county court house yesterday at 12 o'clock and was largely attended. The crop conditions for Cabarrus was taken and the Cabarrus crop made 66 per cent. of the last year's crop. The association endorsed the plan to organize for handling the Southern cotton crop, as outlined recently in Atlanta.

Cotton yesterday brought 10.50 here yesterday and there was an unusual amount of the market. The streets were lined with wagons from an early hour this morning until late in the afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Stensell, of Davidson, preached at the First Presbyterian church this morning and night in the absence of Dr. Cornelson, who is holding a meeting at Davidson. Rev. J. T. Riddick, of Lexington preached at the First Baptist church to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sherrill left yesterday morning for Lancaster, S. C., to spend the Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon.

Mrs. D. J. Bostian and son, Master David Boone, left Friday for Mocksville, where they will spend several days, and from there they will go to Fayetteville, where Mr. Bostian will open a new business after January 1st.

Rev. D. A. Braswell is attending the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, being held at Rocky Mount. He has a good report to make to the Conference, his charge having grown in strength and numbers during his pastorate here.

The department stores of H. L. Parks & Company are making great improvements on the inside of their storeroom. Besides other things they have substituted floor cases for the old-time long counters.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday:

Virginia, fair Monday, warmer in south portion; Tuesday partly cloudy, probably rain in west portion; light to fresh south winds.

North Carolina, fair Monday and Tuesday, variable winds becoming east and fresh.

South Carolina, Georgia and eastern Florida, fair Monday and Tuesday, light to fresh east winds.

Western Florida, Alabama and Louisiana, fair Monday and Tuesday; fresh southeast to south winds.

Mississippi, fair Monday and Tuesday, except rain Tuesday in extreme north portion, fresh south winds.

Eastern Texas, generally fair Monday and Tuesday, fresh south winds.

Western Texas, fair Monday, colder in the Panhandle; Tuesday fair.

Arkansas, rain and colder Monday; Tuesday fair, colder in east portion.

West Virginia, increasing cloudiness and warmer Monday, followed by rain; Tuesday fair.

Kentucky, rain Monday; Tuesday rain or snow and colder.

Tennessee, partly cloudy Monday, rain in afternoon or night in west portion; Tuesday fair, colder in west portion.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.

Charlotte, Nov. 25.—Sunrise 7.06 a. m.; sunset 5.13 p. m.

TEMPERATURE (in degrees).

Highest temperature	59
Lowest temperature	25
Mean temperature	42
Excess for the day	1
Accumulated excess for the month	51
Accumulated excess for the year	365

PRECIPITATION (in inches).

Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m.	0
Total for the month	1.07
Accumulated deficiency for month	1.42
Total for the year	44.50
Accumulated deficiency for year	2.99
Prevailing wind direction	N. E.

W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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TO ABOLISH FIFTH DISTRICT?

Rumored in Internal Revenue Circles That the Republican "Organization" Want Western Revenue District Merged With Eastern.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Nov. 25.—From a politician who has the opportunity to observe things from a point of great vantage it is learned that a whole lot of electricity pervades the atmosphere in which those attached to the revenue service move and have being. In this atmosphere, it is said, there frequently floats the rumor that the Fifth, or western North Carolina district is to be abolished and that all the revenue business of the State is to be transacted at Raleigh with Mr. Duncan as collector.

Those of the Butler camp are declared to favor this step for a variety of reasons. A man favorable to Blackburn was made collector and the Butler people would rather see the office abolished, and combined with the Eastern district, which is said to be favored by some of the officials of the internal revenue department at Washington, if they cannot control the appointments. With Duncan as the sole collector and chief patronage dispenser in the State, there would be established the close political proporation which is so highly desirable. There would then be an absolutely centralized form of G. O. P. government, for under this ideal arrangement, Butler and Duncan would be in absolute command. The East would then control the whole State without a dissenting voice.

Republicans of the west, and particularly those of this section, where, under normal conditions, there is a Republican party, are to be punished for going into the State convention of the State convention of the State against the Butler band of patronage dispensers, who won out at Greensboro by manipulating the delegates from the solidly Democratic east. It has been frequently asserted that something will drop in revenue circles within the next 60 days, and many believe that when the drop comes it will mean the consolidation of the two revenue districts with a Butler man at the helm. It is believed this programme will be carried out unless the President makes a too close examination of the returns from the States at the last election, and is set to thinking by the fall-down of the Butler crowd.

ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED DEAD

Two Persons, in Whom Cornelius is Interested, Incorrectly Reported as Dead—How the Reports Gained Currency — Municipal Improvements in a Progressive Town.

Special to The Observer.

Cornelius, Nov. 25.—An erroneous report of the death of Mrs. J. W. Rodgers, of near Mooresville, who is a sister to Mrs. Noah Winecoff, of this place, has been corrected, greatly to the relief of many friends here. The report gained circulation on account of the death of Mr. J. W. Rodgers' mother, who lived in the same community and also because of the poor health of Mrs. Rodgers and her absence from home for medical treatment. She has been at Cornelius with her sister, Mrs. Winecoff and under the medical attendance of Dr. B. B. Smith, and returned to her home much improved on the day the false report of her death was circulated.

Mr. Donald Murchison, a young man formerly of Cornelius, who has moved to Asheville and engaged in railroading, is reported to have been killed in a recent railroad accident. To date this has not been substantiated by any communication with the young man's family, who reside in Louisville, Ky., and it is greatly hoped that this may also prove to be an error. It was only recently that of false report of the death of Mr. Charlie Murchison and brother, was corrected through correspondence with his father.

The local camp of Daughters of Liberty gave a reception in their hall Friday night. Besides addresses by Rev. Mr. Huff and Mr. John Sossaman, there was vocal and instrumental music, fruits and sweets to suit the taste of all and a very enjoyable occasion in every particular.

The much needed improvements on the sidewalks and streets and railroad crossings are under headway and it is to be hoped will continue until street lights will be installed before winter comes. Cornelius now has under construction seven handsome residences and two brick stores.

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DOUBLE TRACKING A SOLUTION.

Member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission Says It Will Settle the Great Traffic Problems of the Day — Characterizes Mr. Harriman's Statement That the Country Has Enough Railroad Lines as Untrue.

Special to The Observer.

Washington, Nov. 25.—"Double tracking of all railroad lines, which may be dignified by the terms 'systems,' is the only solution of the great traffic problems which now confront railway managers."

A member of the inter-State commerce commission, who has been interested for many years in the railroad traffic questions of the country, made this statement. In this connection, too, he took sharp issue with E. H. Harriman, who, in a recent address delivered in Chicago, declared that the United States now has enough railroad lines. He indicated that there might be enough lines now for the purposes of Mr. Harriman, but there are not enough to meet the necessities of the people.

"Mr. Harriman's statement was ill-advised and untrue," continued the commissioner. "In the making of such a declaration, he hasnt a leg to stand on. In the last seven years the volume of the freight traffic of this country has doubled and it is extremely likely that it will double again in the next ten years. The railroads in the United States to-day are absolutely unable to handle the country's commerce with any degree of promptness and satisfaction. This fact is disclosed by the official figures of the railroad companies themselves. What does Mr. Harriman propose to do with the increased traffic of ten years hence?

"It is an undoubted fact that every railroad center in the country is now so seriously congested with freight that cannot be handled expeditiously that shippers are experiencing the utmost difficulty in getting their goods to market. A part of this difficulty is due to inefficiency in the handling of the business, but, to a much greater extent, it is due to the physical impossibility to forward the freight over the lines. This is embarrassing to the commercial interests of the country. Just a day or two ago I received a letter from a great business house in New York in which the statement was made that shipments of goods made to some of their patrons in Florida last June had just been delivered by the railroad companies. That is an impossible condition of transportation affairs. Men cannot do business in that way successfully. The firm simply called my attention to the matter without making a complaint. In fact, I do not know that we could do anything effective about it. It is illustrative of a situation, however, that the railroad companies must work out in the interest of the people and in their own interest.

"Efforts made by many big railroads to carry a heavy passenger and freight traffic over a single line of railway frequently result in serious congestions of both traffics. What is still more serious, they result often in ugly wrecks in which lives and property are needlessly sacrificed. To this phase of the problem, double tracking of all lines is the solution. During the last year nearly 10,000 were killed and about 80,000 injured on American railroads. These accidents, for the greater part, were traceable directly to the frantic efforts to carry a business over the lines that the lines, physically, were inadequate to carry.

"In my opinion, this country, with no greater volume of commerce than it has at present, could well support 300,000 miles of railroad. Now we have something over 200,000 miles. The construction of additional railroad lines along well selected routes would be of onerous advantage to the country and would assist materially in developing valuable territory that is now without adequate transportation facilities."

THE BEST POSSIBLE MONUMENT.

"An Old Teacher" Pays a Tribute to the Late Dr. McIver—To Carry Out His Work a More Enduring Monument Than Bronze.

To the Editor of The Observer.

The memorial exercises in honor of Dr. Chas. D. McIver held in the Students' building of the State Normal College at Greensboro on Nov. 20th, were more than interesting to the many friends, relatives and students, "old and new," who were present. Dr. Alderman's address was classic beautiful, finished, artistic; a characterization, Dr. Winston called it. He also made a very beautiful talk. North Carolina can well be proud of two such sons. It was touching to hear Dr. Winston's praise of his own production, for Dr. McIver once told a frend he "owed more to Dr. Winston, than any other teacher, I ever had." Another name is added to the list of our university men, whose lives and teachings have not been spent in vain.

"Whose works do folow them."

Who shall be the one to continue Dr. McIver's great work? His friend and associate, Mr. J. Y. Joyner, has declined to accept the great responsibility. One can but admire him, however, for not forsaking the work he has so ably carried on, as superintendent of public instruction in North Carolina. It takes much courage not to accede to the wishes of friends. When Dr. McIver's successor is chosen we will hope he will be a man of equal executive ability, culture, refinement, a broad-minded, Christain, who will continue the noble work our State Normal College for young women has accomplished, raising the standard of true womanhood, not ony in the paths of literature, business, music or art, but as representative women in the purity of home life and as teachers of the children of our blessed country. To achieve this will be a far greater monument and more lasting than bronze or stone, to the memory of the loved Dr. Charles Duncan McIver.

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Mrs. Laura A. Ahrens.

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Could we write nothing more this beautiful tribute by Miss Havergal would alone be a sweet memorial to our departed and sainted Mrs. Laura A. Ahrens, who fell asleep on Jesus October the twenty-second, nineteen hundred and six.

For a lifetime she has gone in and out among us, even showing her love for her Saviour by her constant devotion to the Church and that sweet fellowship which flows from the purest and most unselfish heart. We shall miss her in this sweetest of fellowships, but her pure Christian life and character will ever remain a rich heritage to us and to all who knew her. She had been called in bitter grief to give back to God all her children, but through these afflictions she looked to the Cross in patient, humble submission; though chastened yet sweetened through sorrow or through joy she resigned all into the hand of Love. We were drawn to her by her cheerful devotion to duty, by her fidelity to the Church, her conscientious recognition of Christian relationship in church service and work and her unmistakable consecration to the cause of her Saviour. We feel that one has dropped out of our circle whom we are least able to spare, and that we are deprived of a distinct force in the work of our society. May we be moved to perpetuate her memory by assuming as our added portion the service which we hitherto claimed from her, and thus perpetuate her mission by our augmented devotion to the Master's work. So great is our loss in her death we lay our grief at our Father's feet, knowing he has taken her to himself, there to be happy forever. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

We thus record our sorrow, and our love for her memory in this memorial, through which we express to her bereaved husband our tenderest and deepest sympathy. Her sweet spirit beckons us up higher.

MRS. W. R. DULS,
MRS. F. A. M'KNIGHT,
MRS. C. VALAER,
MRS. R. C. HOLLAND,
Committee Ladies' Missionary Society, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N. C.

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