

THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

Name day: Nathan. Sun rises at 7:25; sets at 4:37. 1706—John Higginson died; the first minister of Salem, Mass. 1793—Jonathan Shipley, bishop of the Episcopal church, was elected among his Episcopal brethren for his firm and determined opposition to the American war. 1811—Americans under General Harrison left the battle ground at Tippecanoe on their return to the United States. 1824—Battle of Ayacucho, in Peru, between the royalists under La Serna, 9,310, and the patriots, 5,740, under Sucre, which terminated in the total defeat of the former, who lost 1,800 killed, and their general taken prisoner. Loss of the patriots 370 killed. This victory accomplished the delivery of Peru from the Spaniards. 1853—President's message reached Boston in 26 hours and 20 minutes from Washington. It was formerly announced as an instance of extraordinary speed that the message reached Boston in 64 hours. In 1841 the message reached New York in eight hours and 52 minutes, and probably was in Boston within another eight hours. Dr. Franklin once expressed an opinion that the mail might be conveyed from Philadelphia to Boston in a fortnight, and perhaps in a week. 1842—Samuel Woodworth, well known as an American poet, died in New York. He was the author of the popular song, "The Old Oaken Bucket." 1853—The men and women of Harbor Creek, near Erie, Pa., turned out the railroad tracks, burned the ties and bridges over the culvert, and plowed down the track to its former level. 1854—The King of the Sandwich Islands, to prevent the overthrow of his government by lawless violence, accepted the aid of the naval forces of the United States, Great Britain and France. 1864—The Confederate Congress passed a bill admitting Kentucky into the Southern Confederacy. 1861—Freestone Point, Va., shelled by the Union gunboats; the Confederate batteries were silenced and the buildings containing the stores were destroyed. 1874—The watch presented to General Lafayette by Washington, and was stolen from him, having been recovered, presented to the Frenchman's grandson by the American minister to France. 1893—Venetian mines seized and destroyed by the confined forces of Germany and England. In retaliation, German and English subjects in Caracacas arrested by the Castro government. 1904—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, disturbed over President Roosevelt's views on Russia's attitude as to passports to Jews. 1905—Brazil demanded instant reparation from Germany for gunboats' action in seizing German subject on Brazilian soil by force.

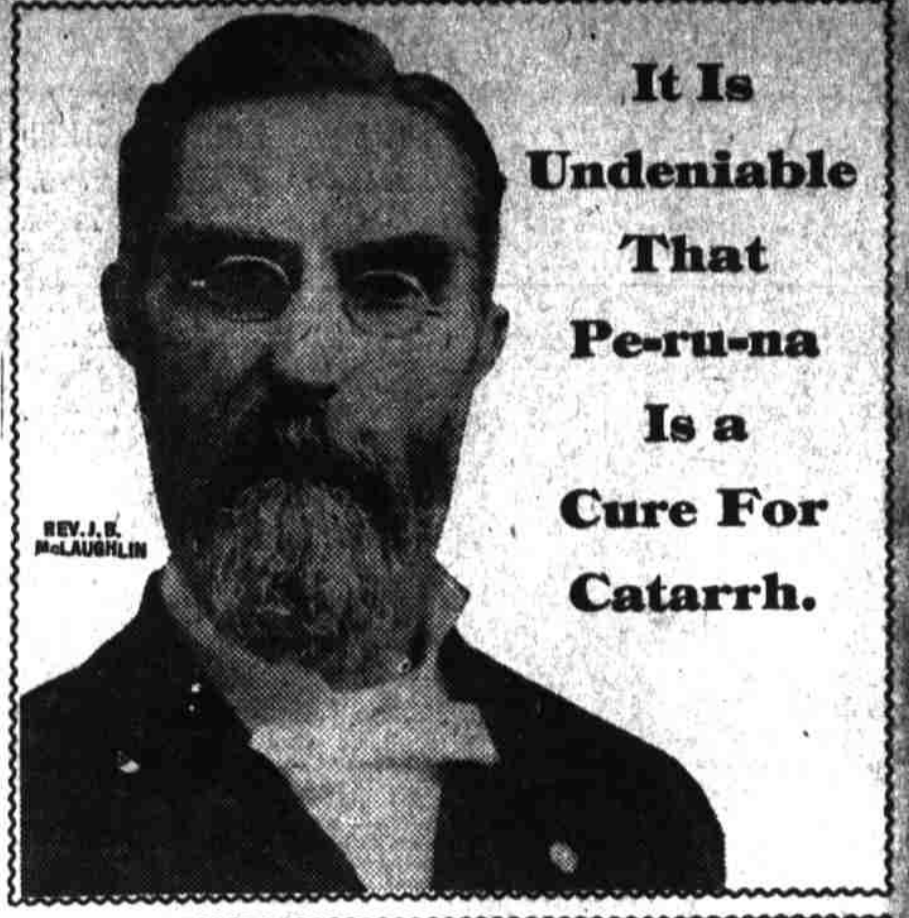
MARRIAGES.

Kennery-Harris, at Mooresville. Special to The Observer. Mooresville, Dec. 8.—Wedding evening at 8 o'clock a very pretty home wedding, at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. R. W. Harris, was solemnized. The contracting parties were Miss Mabel Harris formerly the popular telephone operator here, and Mr. Ira Kennery, manager of the Mooresville Telephone Company. Quite a number of friends relatives of the bride and groom were present. The couple received many very handsome and useful presents. They will make their future home in Mooresville. Yesterday a reception was tendered the bride and groom at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kennery in the Prospect neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McNeely entertained their friends at the Commercial Hotel last evening at a tea in honor of Miss Grace Rankin, a sister of Mrs. McNeely. Brown-Martin Marriage Announced. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Dec. 8.—Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Grace Martin and Mr. Robert Houston Brown. The marriage will occur on the evening of Tuesday, December 18th, at 6 o'clock in the Lutheran church at Amity. Miss Martin is the popular daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Martin of Amity, and is a very attractive and worthy young woman who has many friends in the county who will be interested in the announcement of her coming marriage. Her father is a member of the W. H. Rawley and Mrs. Fed H. Conger of Statesville, and is a young man of this character and industry. Tate-Garvin, at Newton. Special to The Observer. Newton, Dec. 8.—A very quiet but pretty wedding took place here on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock when, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. James A. Garvin, Miss Harriet Gunn Garvin was united in matrimony to Mr. John Hall Tate, of High Point. The beautiful marriage ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. John A. Gilmer, of the Presbyterian church. Only a few intimate friends were present. The happy couple here immediately left for their trip through the South. After December 15 they will be at home at High Point. Miss Garvin is one of Newton's most accomplished daughters. She is one of the first graduates of the Greensboro Normal, and has a State reputation as a teacher. Mr. Tate is a prominent business man of High Point. Powell-Patton Wedding Announced. Special to The Observer. High Point, Dec. 8.—The many friends here of Miss Minnie Patton received with much interest the following announcement: "Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Patton request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Winnie, to Rev. W. Francis Powell, on the morning of Tuesday, December the eighteenth, at half after ten o'clock, Baptist church, Morganton, North Carolina. At home after January first, Roanoke, Va." Miss Patton is a member of the faculty of the High Point Normal school here and is universally liked. Mr. Powell is a young Baptist minister of Roanoke, Va. 863,537 FOR Y. M. C. A. Remarkable feat of Winston-Salem People, Who Raise More Money Than They Set Out To. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 8.—There is general rejoicing here to-night over the close of a twelve day campaign for the erection of a \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building. When the movement was inaugurated, it was decided to raise \$10,000 in twenty days. A few days the amount was increased to \$100,000. At a joint meeting of the canvassing committee to-night announcement was made that the subscriptions taken aggregated \$133,377 with a number of other subscribers that reached \$115,000. The town clock struck 63 times, the public being notified through the press that each stroke represented \$1,000. It is claimed without fear of contradiction that no city or town in North Carolina has ever made such a record in raising funds for an enterprise, be it religious or otherwise.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Lucy Rankin Hall, of Mooresville. Special to The Observer. Mooresville, Dec. 8.—The community was very much shocked last night at 9 o'clock by the sudden death of Mrs. Lucy Rankin Hall, of heart failure. She was the wife of the popular drug man, Mr. T. N. Hall. Mrs. Hall seemed in her usual health, having just returned a few days ago from a visit to friends in Mooresville. She was taken with sick headache yesterday afternoon, and gradually grew worse until the end came. Mrs. Hall was an estimable young woman, having lived in Mooresville from childhood. She was Miss Lucy Rankin and 14 years ago she was happily married to Mr. T. N. Hall, with two bright children, survives her. She was an earnest and useful Christian woman, a devoted wife and mother. The funeral was conducted this afternoon from the Presbyterian church by her pastor, the interment being made in the city cemetery. Mrs. R. J. Willey, Formerly of High Point. Special to The Observer. High Point, Dec. 8.—News has reached here through a telegram from Mr. Charles P. Willey, of Montreal, Canada, announcing the death there of his mother, Mrs. R. J. Willey, wife of the late W. P. Willey, of this city. Mrs. Willey was a devoted Christian worker and was a member of Washington Street M. E. church. HUSTLED HIS WAY TO CONGRESS. The Youngest Member of the Next Congress Is Harry B. Wolf, of the Third Maryland District—His Rise in Life From Newboy to Congressman. Baltimore Correspondence to New York Sun. The youngest member of the next Congress will be Harry B. Wolf, of the Third Maryland district. He is tall, smooth faced, with raven black hair and a taste for dawning neckties and baggy trousers. He is just 26—one year beyond the constitutional minimum. Wolf was born in what is known as Old Town, and his parents were orthodox Jews. He had a few years of schooling and then he set out as a newboy. He proved to be a hustler. He had many regular customers. One day during a winter storm he happened into the office of one of his customers and found the customer on his hands and knees, trying to build a fire in the office stove. Wolf, like the familiar hero of the story books, offered to build the fire and was rewarded with 15 cents. This started him in a new line. Before the winter was over he was first builder in ordinary to two-thirds of Courtland street. Wolf is exceedingly practical and has no hopes of setting the Potomac on fire after he takes his seat next March. The other day a reporter asked him what he proposed to do. "Keep my eyes and ears open and try to avoid making a fool of myself," said Harry. "Don't get the idea that I am going to Washington to make speeches and pose as a boy statesman. No, sir; not a bit of it! I've got a whole lot to learn and I am going to sit tight and learn it." "Froud? Certainly I am—but not half as proud as my wife. She seems to think that a congressman, after a year or two of service, naturally graduates into the White House. I realize that I've made a good progress for a youngster, but that has been because I had to get out as a boy and hustle." "Hustling is mighty good schooling. It cures you vanity, pride and wise opportunities. But it doesn't necessarily make you the wisest man in creation." "No, I have no new theories of government to offer. I believe that the United States is the greatest country the world ever knew, and that it will continue to grow greater and greater. There is a chance here for every man."

REV. J. B. McLAUGHLIN



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HIGH POINT DOINGS.

Melver suggested as Name for Proposed New County—City Will Probably Own Its Own Electric Light Plant Soon. Special to The Observer. High Point, Dec. 8.—The name of Melver has been suggested by a Greensboro young lady as a suitable name for the proposed new county which is to have High Point as its county seat. A prominent Raleigh man, in the person of Mr. C. D. Harris, assistant to Commissioner Paterson of the North Carolina department of agriculture, was here yesterday making examinations of food products. Work is being rapidly pushed on High Point's fire alarm system. The general alarm will be placed in the water tower and will be heard for miles around. The High Point Planting Mills is a new concern for High Point, with Messrs. Robert Lott and J. B. Harland as owners and operators. It is located along the Asheboro road. The equipment justifies them in handling a large business in the hosiery line. It is expected that in the first of January first the city of High Point will own its electric light plant exclusively, steps having already been taken with this in view. Supt. Alexander and a committee have just returned from Pittsburgh, where they inspected the water and light plants there with a view of the erection of a new light and water plant, and action will be most promptly taken on the light question at the meeting Monday night, as the contract with Mr. Richardson, who furnishes that city power for its electric plant, will expire on January 1.

HEAVIEST DEFICIT IN 13 YEARS.

Amounts to \$1,449,300 as Against Surplus of \$1,449,300 One Week Ago—Largest Deficit Ever Shown in Associated Bank, Was in 1893 When Reserve Stood \$16,500, 900 Short of Legal Requirement. New York, Dec. 8.—The heaviest deficit since the commencement of the legal reserve of the associated banks of this city in 13 years was disclosed by to-day's bank statement. The deficit amounts to \$1,449,300, as against a surplus of \$1,449,300 one week ago. While it is not unusual for the banks to hold less than the law requires them to keep in reserve, it is quite unusual for the deficit to assume such big proportions. The largest deficit ever shown in the history of the associated banks was on August 12, 1893, when the reserve stood \$16,500,000 short of the legal requirement. That Wall street is hopeful that some action soon will be taken by the Secretary of the Treasury to relieve the present condition in the money market was indicated by the movement of the stock market after the publication of the bank statement. Instead of a slump in stocks there was only a slight dip, which was checked in a few minutes. The scarcity in money is attributed to several causes. There has been a steady decline in the west on account of crop movements, heavy dividends have been declared this month and unusually heavy speculation in mining stocks has helped to operate to pump the local banks dry. Discharged Negro Soldiers Apply for Re-Enlistment. Washington, Dec. 8.—At the instance of Secretary Taft Sergeant Sanders and Private Elmer Brown of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, colored, to-day filed with the military secretary applications for re-enlistment in the army. One of these has been referred to the President in order that he may determine whether or not any of the men of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry who were recently discharged without honor shall be re-enlisted and if so on what conditions.

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