

THE LOST PUPPY.

He Wandered Away From Home in the Dead Hours of Night, Trying to Follow His Frowling Dam, and Was Soon Lost—He Cried at Many Homes on North Church Street and Made the Welkin Ring—The Dam to the Rescue. Yesterday morning, some time between midnight and day, a wee mongrel puppy ran up and down North Church street whinpering and barking. The little whelp was lost—lost from home and mother. He was a tiny, fat, fluffy baby that had dared follow his mammy from his own back yard, where he had lived and romped since the day he came into the world. The dam had gone on a foraging expedition. The cries of the doggy were heard at many doors as he wandered, lost and desperate, trying to return to the comfortable home that he had so recklessly and foolishly left. In his mad hunt the puppy called at the home of an Observer man and, with his pitiful howls, waked him from a sound and restful sleep. He had come into the front way and was trying to enter the side gate to the back yard and garden. The reporter could hear the whining, and the leaves and fretting like a heart-broken child. Finding that his efforts to make his way to the rear of the house were futile, he turned and climbed the steps to the front porch, where he trotted round and round in a circle and yelped. At one time he but begged for admission at the front door, but the call was not heeded, for he who barked from within dreaded the chilling breezes of the hallway. Soon the puppy departed, going south, toward the Selwyn Hotel. He went on and on, crying as he journeyed. His lone howl apparently touched the newspaper man. They made him roll and toss; sleep, the sweet sleep that he so needed and desired, would not come back to him. Stories of the faithful, faithful dog to man and children in distress haunted him. But, just about the time the young fellow had made up his mind to slip on his clothes and follow and overtake the first wagger, he heard the whimper of an older dog and, raising his window, beheld what he took to be the mother of the puppy, running frantically about the yard, sniffing the ground and dashed upon the porch, off again out the front gate and turning out North Church in the wake of the wanderer. She was trailing as the hound trails the fox, but instead of giving tongue she whined, giving the mother dog's call to her offspring. "That is worth watching through," said the Observer man to himself. Twenty minutes later the old dog, accompanied by the happiest puppy in the land, passed in the street, going north. The old dog looked as if she would like to wallopp the youngster, but she did not dare do it in a strange community at that hour of the night. The puppy had his tail curled over his soft, fuzzy back and his ears cocked up; he seemed appreciative and grateful. The looker-on, from the window, returned to his bed and to his slumbers.

AT THE ODEON THIS WEEK.

Col. Peters Has Some Interesting Pictures to Show. Col. Will A. Peters has arranged a programme for the first three days of this week that will be better than any he has put on yet. It will consist of three moving pictures and an illustrated song. The first picture is entitled "Climbing the Greasy Pole," and the second "An Unexpected Bath." These two pictures are very funny and will please the children. The last picture, the "White Caps," is in seven scenes. During the westward march of civilization in America during the past fifty years, certain social conditions have not been regulated and controlled by unusual methods. A lawless and criminal element almost invariably accompanied the advance guards of civilization, and to keep this element in check, the law-abiding citizens were compelled to organize for their own self-protection. The "Vigilantes" during the gold excitement of 1850 in California, and the "White Caps" of more recent years in Ohio, Indiana, and other Western States, are well known organizations which dealt summarily with outlaws and the criminal classes in general. Col. Peters will exhibit in motion pictures in a most vivid and realistic manner the methods employed by the "White Caps" to rid the community of undesirable citizens. A most striking melodramatic production, it is undoubtedly the best that has ever been offered to the Charlotte public, while the photographic qualities and beautiful moonlight and early morning effects must be seen to be appreciated.

LOCK BOX RENTS.

Postoffice Department Orders Some Changes, Which Will be Effective January 1. Postmaster M. W. Smith has received instructions from the Postoffice Department that a new schedule of rent for lock boxes will go into effect January 1. It is stated that there has been an established lock box which box rent has been fixed, the result being that certain large postoffice rates have been lower than at present. Small lock boxes, however, the same rates were charged for boxes of all sizes. In order to remedy this trouble the following schedule has been adopted for all lock boxes: gross receipts are \$40.00 and less than \$100.00, lock boxes small, 25 cents a quarter; lock boxes medium, \$1, and lock boxes extra large, \$2. The order is that box rents must be collected at the beginning of each quarter for the entire quarter, but for no longer than ten days before the last day of each quarter. Postmasters are required to place a bill bearing the date of the last day of the quarter in each rent box. If a boxholder fails to renew his right to his box on the last day of the quarter his mail is required to be placed in the general delivery.

Rehearsals for Christmas Entertainment.

The rehearsals for the Christmas entertainment to be given at the First Baptist Sunday School will be held this week as follows: To-day and tomorrow, at Mrs. W. H. Brown's, corner of College and Eighth streets. Brownies at 3:30 o'clock and Snowflakes at 4; at Mrs. T. S. Franklin's, No. 804 East avenue, King Winter, Jack Frost, North Wind, Frost Fairies, Sunbeams and Handropes 3:30, Bell Spirits, 4:30. Wednesday the same will rehearse at the same hours, with the addition of the Snowflakes. Thursday and Friday, with Mrs. Franklin at 3:30 o'clock, King Winter, Santa Claus, North Wind, Frost Fairies, Brownies and Bell Spirits. Saturday, everybody in the Sunday school room.

Alpha Tau Omegas to Organize.

The local alumni of the Alpha Tau Omega Greek letter college fraternity are arranging to organize a Charlotte alumni chapter of the order. There are about a score of members of that fraternity here and an organization will probably be effected within a week or fortnight. A banquet will probably be held upon the night of the institution of the chapter.

A BRILLIANT LECTURE.

Dr. Shepherd, of Johns Hopkins University, Addresses a Number of Favored Guests at a Reception by the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club in Greensboro. The Observer is requested to print the following: In Greensboro, at Smith Memorial Hall, on the night of November 19th, a reception was held that marked the high tide of culture in that aspiring burg. It was tendered by the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club to several favored individuals and was one of the most delightful events of the season. Peculiarly agreeable to a person, wearied with the chit-chat of tea, the hurly-burly of card parties or the peripetous solemnity of bridge parties was the manner of entertainment. It was like the crisp flavor of celery to the languid, social sense. These ladies had invited Dr. Shepherd, of Johns Hopkins University, to lecture upon Sir Walter Raleigh. Dr. Shepherd chose to consider the character, personality and literary attainments of Raleigh, rather than to dwell upon the oft-told story of his settlements in North Carolina. He painted in glowing colors a background of Elizabethan days and upon this he sketched with firm strokes the figure of the man of energy, whose mind shared and often inspired each varied interest of those stirring days of the strong north country Englishman, who talked with a burr and said "sooan" for sun and "yearth" for earth, and who, yet, excelled in courtliness. A few interesting allusions to the acquaintance of Raleigh and Shakespeare, some selections from the poetry of Raleigh, and the graceful, brilliant talk was over. Each guest was presented to Dr. Shepherd, then, amid palms and flowers, refreshments were served in the handsome rooms adjoining the hall. What a pity that a course of university extension lectures could not extend to Greensboro, Statesville and Charlotte! Many thanks to the gentle ladies who made this lecture possible.

Mrs. Feriba Starnes Dead.

Mrs. Feriba Starnes died yesterday morning at 9:40 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Thomason, in Sharon township. Mrs. Starnes was 89 years old and had been in feeble health for some time, death resulting from general decline. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Thomason, Mrs. Jane Boyd of Clover, S. C., and Mrs. S. M. Johnston, of Gaston county. The funeral services will be held at the home this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Bradley. The interment will take place at Sharon churchyard.

CURED.

I was affected with nervousness and general debility for nearly six years, which weakened me greatly. Every few days I had nervous spells and weakened down; I hardly had strength to walk across the room. I was hungry at regular times, but if I indulged my appetite to such an extent that it would bring on one of those nervous spells, it would require morphine to relieve. Last September Mrs. Joe Person called to see me, having heard of my condition. But, although she assured me she thought her remedy would cure me, I did not have much faith in it, or anything else. I had tried so many things I was out of heart. She persuaded me, however, to use her Remedy. I bought half a dozen bottles of it, although my husband told me it was useless to buy so much, as I might not live to take it. I bought it all the same, and to-day I can say that I am a well, healthy woman. I have done more work in the last two months than I had done in five years before. My complexion is good and healthy, my appetite good, my nervousness gone, and I have not had to resort to morphine since I started on Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. It is everything that she claims for it. MRS. D. L. BARNES. Clayton, N. C., Jan. 21, 1905.

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White and Pink Roses. White, Pink and Red Carnations. The Superb Enchantress Carnation (shell pink). Double Blue Violets. Wedding Flowers, Bride's Bouquets. Handsome Floral Designs. Write, telegraph, telephone. Prompt and satisfactory service. We ship to any point.

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Prices low; large assortment to select from. Put aside any goods purchased now for future delivery by paying a small deposit. Every article engraved free.

J. E. STEERE Jeweler

Special \$5 and \$7.50 Smoking Jackets

Only two weeks from next Tuesday is Christmas. It's high time to have Xmas decisions made up, if you want to keep out of the hurry and rush of the late buyer.

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LA MARGUERITE SHOP HATS CORSETS GOWNS The best dressed women wear LA GRECQUE, LA MARGUERITE or RED-FERN CORSETS. A big shipment of new styles this week with an experienced CORSETIERE constantly in attendance.

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Visit us to-morrow and inspect these special Jackets. The colors are striking—Reds, rich Blues and soft Grays.

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New fur toques of exclusive design for Monday. LA MARGUERITE SHOP

Holiday Gifts

No comfort like a warm, handsome Jacket and your favorite pipe between your teeth. Other Jackets and Robes up to \$15.00.

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of everything in the Jewelry line—Cut Glass, Diamond Rings, Watches, Canes, etc., etc. Shop early and avoid the Christmas rush. The Delamontain Co.

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Special Neckwear

On Tuesday we will place on sale about fifty dozen new and attractive TIES. They are all regular 50-cent Ties. As long as they last we will sell them at a special price.

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35 CENTS EACH, OR THREE FOR \$1.00. We have laid aside this part of our Neckwear stock to be sold at this special price; when the lot is gone the sale will be over.

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New and attractive patterns in wide and narrow shapes.

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SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Sensible Christmas presents are leading in popular demand this season, and rightly, too. Trinkets quickly lose their charm, but a useful gift, as for example, a piece of fine Furniture, carries with it a lifetime of remembrance and satisfaction. Nowhere in Charlotte will you find such a royal assortment to choose from as at McCOY'S, and as to prices, you will find them lower here than elsewhere. We call special attention to our handsome line of Rockers. Prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$20.00. W. T. McCOY SOUTH TRYON STREET.

Magnificent Display of Holiday Goods. Time to make your selections. We are displaying a line especially attractive for Men and Boys. Big display of Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Ties, Silk Suspenders in boxes. Anything in this line, see us Ed Mellon Co., Leading Clothiers

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Special Christmas Leather Furniture Sale. More fine Leather Chairs and Rockers and Couches here than at all other stores combined. The greatest values that were ever offered. A solid oak filled with fine Leather Chairs and Rockers has just been received for our Christmas shoppers. We have Leather Furniture for every one and to suit every taste and to fit every pocketbook. Make your selections now. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS Ladies' Writing Desks. Gentlemen's Shaving Sets. Music Cabinets. Hall Clocks. Oriental Rugs. We set goods aside selected now and deliver Xmas. Parker-Gardner Co.