

THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

1778—American ship Commerce, 16 guns, Captain Truxton, engaged a British brig of 18 guns and was obliged to make off on the appearance of two other British vessels. He saved his convoy and they all arrived at St. Thomas safely a few hours after the action.

CARNIVAL AT CLINTON, S. C.

Management Give One Day to Orphans—New Tensidenses. Special to The Observer. Clinton, S. C., Dec. 14.—The carnival of the Smiths is now in full swing in Clinton and is proving very satisfactory to the people generally.

HERTFORD NEWS ITEMS.

Special to The Observer. Hertford, Dec. 14.—The Methodist preachers are at home again. To the delight of preacher and people, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson will serve this charge another year. At Tabor, Rev. William Towne also returned, was welcomed with open arms.

WEDDINGTON NEWS ITEMS.

Special to The Observer. Weddington, Dec. 14.—Rev. W. E. Abernethy, who was assigned to this circuit as pastor for the next conference year, has moved with his family into the parsonage, and has preached some most able sermons at his three churches.

A TEXAS WONDER.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is Mr. E. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to the care of God."

PYTHIANS AT HENDERSON.

Large Delegation Goes From Durham to Attend District Meeting—Speeches Made. Special to The Observer. Durham, Dec. 14.—Last evening a large number of Durham Pythians went from here to Henderson to attend the annual session of the meeting in this, the fifth district. In order to accommodate those who went from here the Seaboard road operated a special train, leaving here this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, and returned here last night leaving Henderson after the meeting and the banquet were over.

Mr. J. E. Pegram, of this city, is the district deputy grand chancellor and it was through his efforts that the Seaboard operated the special train for handling those who wished to go from here to take in this meeting of the Pythians. There are three lodges here—Durham, East and West Durham—and in addition there were the lodge at Hillsboro, Chapel Hill, Roxboro and some of the other lodges in the district which furnished Pythians to go on this special train.

In the district lodges are as follows: Raleigh, Durham, East Durham, West Durham, Chapel Hill, Hillsboro, Roxboro, Pittsboro, Lenoir and Henderson—10 in all. Judging from the number who went from here the attendance at the district meeting last evening was the largest in recent years.

Among the lodge features last evening was the address of welcome by Mr. R. S. McCain, of Henderson lodge, which address was responded to by Mr. J. E. Pegram, district deputy grand chancellor, of this city. Then followed reports of the various representatives as to the condition of their lodges, and then the second degree was conferred. Mr. W. W. Wilson, of Raleigh, the grand chancellor, who has attended the annual meeting of the supreme lodge. He had charge of the exemplification of the secret work.

After the lodge work there was a banquet given by the Henderson lodge complimentary to the visiting Pythians. At this banquet a number of the guests responded to toasts.

FOR A NEW FREIGHT STATION.

Seaboard Air Line Will Erect New Building and Increase Force at Monroe—Leg Broken by Fall From Horse. Special to The Observer. Monroe, Dec. 14.—Plans are now being drawn to put up a new freight station and transfer plant for the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Monroe, at a cost of \$50,000. With the present equipment the freight office here can take care of 40 cars a day, and with the new plant the handling capacity will be increased to 125 cars a day. This will mean a great enlargement of the office and yard forces, and when the new installation is completed, Monroe will be the most important cotton transfer point on the Seaboard system.

GUILTY OF NOT WORKING ROAD.

Interesting Case in Guilford Superior Court—Young Man Killed Was F. L. Murray, of Burlington. Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Dec. 14.—There was an interesting case in Superior Court this week in which Martin Highfield was charged with having failed to work the road in his township when summoned. The defendant was notified one Saturday afternoon to work the road on the following Tuesday, but could not be present at the time, but offered to the superior a deposit of \$175, which was refused. The trouble was as much due to a personal difficulty some time previous as to anything else.

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Big Christmas Trade in Durham.

Special to The Observer. Durham, Dec. 14.—Already there is a spirit of the holiday season abroad in Durham. The advanced purchases and shopping of all kinds is heavier than was ever known here this far in advance of Christmas. The stores are crowded all day and some of the merchants are announcing that from now until the close of the holidays that they will keep their stores open at night.

The express company is also getting busy. Even now quite a large number of express packages are being received here to be delivered early Christmas and some of them are being delivered about the business section to be sent out as Christmas presents. The company is feeling the effect of the increased business, and men are being employed to handle the traffic.

A Card of Thanks.

To the Editor of The Observer: I desire to express through the columns of your paper the sincere gratitude of myself and that of my family for the kindness of my neighbors in the recent bitter affliction that has befallen us in the sudden death of our son, on Saturday, December 8, as he was faithfully performing his duty, and also for the kind letters that have come to us from friends in this and many other States. These things do much to lighten our load and make the great burden easier to bear.

JEROME KINNEY. Thomasville, December 14.

COZY HOMES PERFECTION Oil Heater. Your home can be made more comfortable than ever before if you have a Perfection Oil Heater. It carries it about and can quickly make warm and cozy the rooms and hallways that the heat from the other stoves or furnaces fails to reach.

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RED TOP RYE WHISKEY. IT LIFTS YOU ABOVE THE CARES OF LIFE. Best flavor because it is the Best Whiskey. "It's up to you".

Council-Smith, at Wilkesboro.

Special to The Observer. Wilkesboro, Dec. 14.—Mr. J. B. Council and Mrs. Julia Smith, both of Jefferson, Ashe county, were quietly married at 8 o'clock Wednesday night at the residence of Rev. M. McNeill. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton McNeill, of this place, and has been postmaster of Jefferson for a number of years. Mr. Council is a prominent attorney at Jefferson, and formerly a law partner of Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn.

Mr. McNeill Goes to Washington City.

Special to The Observer. Wilkesboro, Dec. 14.—Mr. J. W. McNeill, a prominent attorney of this town, will move to Washington City in a few days, where he will hang out his shingle for the practice of his profession.

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PARKER'S HAIR BALM. Cleanses and restores the hair. Restores the hair to its natural color. Cures scalp itching and dandruff.

THE MOON IS MADE OF GREEN CHEESE. Many people would lead me to believe when the housewife goes to purchase flour for her baking day—but if she has once used the Pride of Charlotte flour she will take nothing else.

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\$2.50 BUYS ONE FULL GALLON of any of the following Fine Liquors EXPRESS PREPAID. 5 Year Old Kentucky Five Whiskey, 5 Year Old Straight N. C. Corn Whiskey, 4 Year Old Virginia Apple Brandy, 4 Year Old Maryland Peach Brandy, Fine Old Holland Gin.

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HOLLISTER'S Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets. A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Bad Breath, Sluggish Bowels, Headache and Backache. Its Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, 25 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis. GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE.

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