## SOME RANDOM NOTES

BY TROJAN

There was a man who started builness when young with capital consisting of good health, honesty, capacity, energy, and a young woman as
his wife possessing common sense in
abundance and a stranger to the frivolties of life. He kept her acquainted
at all times with every detail of his
business. This she appreciated and
of course they succeeded. The years
went by and children were born to
them of whom they were proud, and
the means wherewith to care for them
increased daily and their home life
illustrated love and happiness. One
day the once strong man realized that
his health had become impaired and
when he should have been in the very
prime of life his strength abated and
the grasshopper became a burden.
He went home to die. For weeks he
lingered, faithfully attended by the
wife who had been his best friend,
and also around him were his children, skilled physicians and personal dren, skilled physicians and personal friends, but they could not keep him here; God willed otherwise and he entered the rest prepared for the veary. The writer was a guest on Thanksgiving Day at this home and writer by the bedside of the good friend as he suffered much heard him

"Tell me for what have I to be cheerful?".
"Very much," was my reply. "At 50 ears of age you know yourself a successful man and all that you have made has come honestly. The good name, that the Bible speaks of, "to chosen rather than great riches You will leave to the wife, has been acquainted, best and shared with you every struggle, joy, and sorrow and also a home and competence; the same legacy goes likewise to the children. You have made provision for them and God has Then there are your many friends in the business world the friends who from time to time have gathered about your fire-While the shuttles in have worked to and fro with great rapidity there has been woven for you a righteous character and manhood. Then above all this day have the right to appropriate the love of, Him who says: "Him that comof Him who says: "Him that com-eth unto me I will in no wise cast Don't you think then that you nave much for which to be thank-ful?" He saw it all and answered: "There is much." In a few days he was gone and with hearts of gratitude his family to this time must be thankful fer his noble life. And now as we celebrate another Thanksgiving

ful habit Sitting on my porch Sunday after-noon enjoying a sun bath a friend comes in to enjoy with me the perfect to enjoy with me the perfect day. Perhaps he does not realize how much comfort tils visit brought. When Goldsmith wrote: "And what is friendship but a name?" he was certainly off his bage. The fact is he got off frequently. The friendship that follows only wealth or fame is of course not friendship. It is sacrillege to even mention the sacred name. lege to even mention the sacred name in any such connection. The poorest

occasion we can be thankful to God

that through his mercy even a dying

man is not cut off from the thank-

paracter in fiction, the truth is sught that in this life a helping hand is somewhere ready to be extended, before entering the joy of heaven that costs is nothing to talk about, to the hungry man or the barefooted child. Somewhere there is a friend for these two. The sour ungrateful, disgruntled and pessimistic have no joy on a Thanksgiving occasion. But we have with us other men and wo-men. Not like those who induge the happy thankful habit even if the wind does blow and sometimes contrary.

Some days ago one of The Observ er's young men made a nice little story from an incident related by a man who had found the dead bedies of a jaybird and another kind lying close to each other in the woods, and as the bodies were still warm, con-cluded they had fought each other to death. To find a dead bird in the woods is not unusual. Of course like all living things they must die, but their days are spent in looking for and finding a living and all the singing their songs of joy and thanks-When they are giving. When they are sick or get ready to die they must take them-selves off to some sequestered or unfrequented place and there give up the ghost without making others sor-rowful over their inability to sing again, the old songs. While life lasts it is one of joy and thanksgiving with the birds. They are not croakers. They do not dispise, but carry glad-

not even a dog," lived to see the day

It is certainly not pleasant to a man the feeling that for any cause his life has been a failure. But if really a man he can be thankful for the spirit within him that looks forward to the coming of a better day that he may enjoy in consequence of his own endeavors and industry. And for the spirit of hope that springs eternal in the human breast he may be thankful and with patience and tranquility dare to face the mighty struggle incident to all our lives and be happy on the way.

Mr. Robert Hoover, of Pineville,

Loses Home by Fire. Mr. Robert Hoover, a well-known farmer of Pineville township, lost his home by fire late Friday night. He and his family had retired for the main until after the holidays. night and were soundly sleeping when the flames broke out in the roof, and when they awaked the top was about ready to fall in. They barely escaped with their lives. Their household and kitchen furniture and the personal effects were destroyed. Among the things lost was \$45 gold, which Mrs. Hoover had horded away in a bureau drawer. In flying from the house Mrs. Hoover ran by the bureau, pulled out a drawer, thinking that she had the one that contained the money, and carried it out, but it developed later that she had taken the wreng one. The house was a two-story frame affair. Mr. Hoover did not carry any insurance.

when friendship made him one of the greatest of men. And although a Concord, Dec. 15.—On S morning at 11 o'clock at the

Presbyterian church, the Rev. Cameron Johnston, missionary to Japan from the Southern Presbyterian Church will preach. In the afternoon at 4:15 he will address a missionary rally, to which all the Sunday schools of the city are invited and at which the will the sunday schools of the city are invited and at which they will unite. Sunday evening at 7 o'clock he will preach at the McKinnon Presbyterian church. On Monday afternoon at to clock Mr. Johnson will address a union meeting of all the missionary societies of the city, and on Monday and Tuesday evening he will deliver one of his celebrated picture talks on Korea and Japan. Mr. Johnson's stay here will be one of are so much interested in mission-

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Ritchie and daughter have arrived from Nevada, and will visit in Cabarrus until next spring, when they will return to their Western home.

Bishop Ronthaler, of the Moravian church at Salem, will preach at the First Presbyterian cnurch next Sun-

day night.
The Southern Express office at this place, now in the King building, will move into the Allison building on the first of January. There will be many other changes during the first week of the new year. Cerk of the Court M. L. Widen-

house has been quite busy to-day giving out to the old veterans their pension warrants. There are many yet to be delivered. The ladies of the Forest Hill Methodist church are holding a bazaar in

old McDonald house on North Church street. The fair will continue through to-morrow and to-morrow The Elks are preparing to hold their annual Christmas tree for the

pared for the postoffice, has been se-cured for the event. This order is quite libered at Christams times, and ness men of Wadesboro have made a makes many glad hearts among the neglected children of the country.
Misses Marguerite Brown and Eliz-

abeth Bingham have returned from St. Mary's at Raleigh, and will re-It is rumored that a syndicate is being organized for the purchase of all that property lying on the south of Church street, between Reformed church and east depot. The object is to build store-houses and if possible a few small manufacturing

ELKIN PYTHIAN CHIEFS.

Lodge Elects Officers-Freight Wreck Delays Trains—Personal Notes, Special to The Observer.

Elkin Dec. 15.-Piedmont Lodge No. 96. Knights of Pythias, at their regular meeting Thursday night elected the following officers for the en-J. E. Marion, c. c.; W. W. Cocker-

man in this world is not without a friend and for this friendship is a reason for thankfulness. We may not see our friends often, they may be in the same town or far removed, but we know they exist. It is not necessary togo up and down the street paraeiting the fact that such a man "is my friend." It is a sacred tie full of sweetness and on which it is a joy to think.

Even poor Jean Valzean, who had no home, and when in his wanderings driven from the dog kennel said: "I'm is a saved years of suffering." R. H. Jordan & Co.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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There's a Hill at Bowle, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. 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 die of Consumprediction. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery feller. Foley's Honey and Tar was for the commended and one fifty cent bottle entirely cured me of asthma which had been growing on me for twelve years. If had taken it at the start I would have been saved years of suffering." R. H. Jordan & Co., Druggists. 50c, and \$1.00.

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The lodge will have their annual was wrecked yesterday afternoon be-tween Siloam and Donnaha, and all trains each way were delayed until 11 o'clock last night. Two cars of goods were badly mashed up, but no

more, Washington and New combining business and pleasure. They will return in time for the holiday festivities.—Mrs. Ida Gough, of Birmingham, Ala., arrived here to-day to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Roth, in West Elkin

WADESBORO'S GALA WEEK.

Great Preparations Made for a Unique and Sugcessful Celebration—A Trades Parade to be a Feature— Much Interest in the Carnival Ball. Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Dec. 15 .- Civic pride is stirred even in the hearts of the most our section is considered. Verily, Wadesboro is on a boom. On every big Parson & Hardison Wholesale Grpcery House, the elegant new quarthe mammoth brick livery of the principle of sulphur in a highly con-Wadesboro Live Stocck Company, whose walls run many feet in length while cement walks before principal business houses and residences add to the town's appearance. A bounteful harvest has been gathered capital and labor are shaking hands. In view of the country's prosperity. poor children of the city. The room in the new Morris building, being pre-educational and business advantages." set out in a proclamation by Mayor J. A. Little, the merchants and busi-

new departure and taken clever precedent in inaugurating a festival of three days' rejoicing and celebrating in honor of Santa Claus. The Week being Tuesday the 18th. all the people of the adjoin counties will come together and, adjoining a pageant of divers beautiful and curious floats, meet Santa Claus at city gates and deliver to him the keys of the town. In this parade business Dr. R. M. Wilkins, while experihouses will have representative floats:
Liles' Busy Corner will show a huge
hat of flowers on wheels, Hargrave

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was superior to any other form. He industries. Pants and overalls will hat of flowers on white.

& Leak Mfg. Co. will have a succession of floats which will cut, fit and sion of floats which will cut, fit and sion of floats which will cut, fit and sion of floats which will cut. finish a skirt while in progress. Ansonian will illustrate a printing press in operation on the street, while printing and distributing circulars on the way. Various schools of the county will have floats and valuable prizes are offered for every imaginable prizes are onered, historical, mytho-conceit of fancy, historical, mytho-logical, beautiful and ludicrous equip-ages sharing favor. On Wednesday, an old time tournament, after the place, the Sucessful Knight, like Ivanhoe, to choose and crown the lady of his choice Queen of Love and Beauty, who will also be Queen of the Carnival Ball to be given on Wednes-day evening. Thursday will conclude the festival days with old time Southern sports, including wood working "purifiers" will find in Stuart and weaving contests, ludicrous bag Calcium Wafers a far safer, mor races, etc. A street carnival will also palatable and effective preparation. add confetti and gayety to the gala week. In addition to these things. the Confederate soldiers will have an yourself. encampment and live again the old F. A. Stuart days, answering the call of bugle, Marshall, Mich.

MR. JOHNSON TO PREACH.

ham, v. c.; Prof. J. B Allen, prelate; morning revelle, mess call, tattoo and generated by the state of the sta night magnificen fire works will be displayed. It is expected that hunoyster supper and installation of offi-cers on Thursday night, January 3, 1807. The freight train coming west wagons and camp during these days.

## What Sulphur Does

one was hurt.

Mr. H. G. Chatham, wife and children are on a trip this week to Balti
Disease—Costs Nothing to Try It. The mention of sulphur will recall

our mothers and grandmothers gave cept the skeleton and parts of the lers; and to the amazement of all who

emedy was without merit. The idea was good, but the reme-

dy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to

unpatriotic when the prosperity of is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur, hand, material improvements are go- sulphur for medicinal use is that obing up, notable among which are the tained from Calcium (Calcium Sulthe name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolate-coated pelters of the First National Bank and lets and contain the active medicinal

> centrated, effective form. Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver and excretory organs and purifles and enriches the blood by prompt elimination of waste material. Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every spring and fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with of the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium The Gala Wafers is undoubtedly the best and most widely used.

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a way that often surprises patient and menting with sulphur remedies, soon "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when resulting from constipation or malaria, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium Wafers, patients suffering from boils and pimples and even deep-seated carbuncles, I have repeatedly seen then dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium Wafers is a proprietary article and sold by druggists and for that reason tabooed by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so safe and reliable for constipation, liver and kidney troubles and especially in all forms of skin diseases as this remedy. At any rate, people who are tired

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MET DEATH BY BULLET.

oroner's Verdiet Over Body Lawrence Vickers to Have Hearing Tuesday. Special to The Observer.

Lenoir, Dec. 15 .- The coroner's jury which held inquest over the late Lawrence Nelson made report as follows: "That on Sentember 25, or the night thereof, Lawrence Wilson came to his death by a bullet penetrating through from the back of his neck to catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had the chest, causing immediate death, reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leav-

by an unknown party," to many of us the early days when a long time was mostly decayed, ex-

ty-dollar gold pieces and some a backs just a few days before he appeared. There has not been trist of the parties, Keroselle Vickers, who were indicted for murder of Nelson. They will given a hearing Tuesday, Rumors afloat sufficient to convict, but the may not all be proven before court,

OUTWITS THE SURGEON. A complication of female troubles, with enworth, Ind., to such a deplorable con-The body being found after such tion; but her husband fearing fatal reus our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall

"blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and, mind you, this old-fashioned cure and it is known he had two twen
out mothers and grandminteners gave to feet the skeleton and parts of the ters; and to the amagement of all who knew her, this inedicine completely cured the feet of the same seemingly eaten by something. It was easy to identify by the clothes, shoes and a letter in his coat pocket. His left pants pocket was turned wrong side out and it is known he had two twen
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## a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect. Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palstable, concentrated form, sp that a single grain is far more effective than a table-In recent years research and experiment have proven that the best NEURALGIA, KIDNEY TROU tained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under phide) and sold in drug stores under GURED BY SWANSON'S "5-DROPS"



M. V. BURNETT. Dexter, Ind., writes-"Your "5-DROPS" has cured me of Rheumatism. There is no symptom of the disease about me. My mother had been down with the same disease for nine years, nineteen months of which time she had to walk with a crutch and cane. Now she has thrown away both and goes where she pleases without either of them. She is 71 years old, and was cured of the Rheumatism by SWANSON'S "5-DROPS." I shall never be without your remedy in my household."

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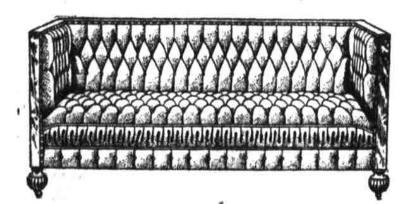
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