

AFTERMATH OF CHRISTMAS

TWO FATALITIES IN WAKE Seaboard Air Line Train Strikes John Lawrence, Fireman, Dressed as Santa Claus, at New Hill Station. Knocking Body 100 Feet and Killing Him Instantly—Negro Named Rogers Shoots His Son-in-Law Who Attempts to Force Entrance to Former's Home—Dispensary Sales Monday Were \$4,000—Several Charters Granted—Officials to Hunt.

Observer Bureau. The Holloman Building, Raleigh, Dec. 26. At New Hill station, in this county, a Seaboard Air Line train last evening killed John Lawrence, a fireman, who had dressed as Santa Claus. Driving from home to house, he stopped at the station to get oysters for a Christmas supper. He was struck, thrown 100 feet and instantly killed.

OFFICIALS TO HUNT. State Auditor Dixon, Treasurer Lacy, F. B. Arendall, Capt. F. M. Dilling, representative elected from Gaston, and Conductor Moss, of the Southern Railway, leave to-day for Corter lodge, a 20,000-acre game preserve near Newport, a few miles this side of Morehead City, where they will be the guests of a shooting club, of which Mr. Ewert is the superintendent. They are going after deer and duck.

CHARTERS GRANTED. Charters were to-day granted to the American Folding Furniture Company, Graham, capital stock \$30,000, W. E. Cochran and others, stockholders; the Brane Drug Company, North Wilkesboro, capital \$15,000, and the Rocky Mount Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, capital \$50,000. The American Naval Stores Company, of Savannah, has domesticated itself in North Carolina.

MR. HOEY TO QUIT THE STAR. It was learned here to-day that Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, editor of The Cleveland Star, published at Shelby, will be succeeded by Mr. H. T. Hudson, who for the last six years has been located here, in the office of the State auditor. Mr. Hudson has bought an interest in the paper, while Mr. Hoey will practice law exclusively hereafter. Mr. Edwin Baker, present pension and corporation clerk, will succeed Mr. Hudson, being succeeded in turn by Mr. Baxter Durham, of Raleigh.

The Governor to-day appointed Joseph H. Weathers, of Raleigh, a director of the State school for the blind, at Raleigh, vice C. B. Edward, resigned.

Two cars loaded with phosphate for Florida were burned at the Carolina Phosphate Mills here to-day.

Two Stepp Boys Badly Cut by Negroes. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 26.—It developed this morning that two of the Stepp boys were cut and seriously injured at Blittmore Monday evening by one of three negroes, or all three of them, instead of one Stepp. The injured Stepp boys are Dock and Nat. The cutting scrape occurred near Blittmore village Monday evening. Deputy Sheriff Penland arrived on the scene about the time of the cutting and arrested the three negroes. It was learned this morning that Dock and Nat Stepp had both been cut, and that they had made their way to their home in Haw Creek. It is said that one of the boys came near bleeding to death and that it was feared at one time Monday night he would die. He is severely stabbed and his recovery is not yet assured. The other Stepp was not so seriously injured by the negro's knife. The three negroes under arrest will be held in jail, awaiting the result of Stepp's injury.

Fireworks in Redville Store Burned Up. Special to The Observer. Hildesville, Dec. 26.—A tremendous display of fireworks at the I. H. Ware Grocery Company's store caught fire to-night, and for several minutes it looked like it would be impossible for the fire department to cope with the flames, which made rapid headway. No such noise as the fireworks were making has ever before been heard here. The people of the town were panic-stricken. The fire fighters braved danger and piled streams onto the burning building until the flames were subdued. Only the building was damaged, when the entire business block might have been destroyed, but for the brave work of the department.

Father of Mrs. George Glenn Dies in Columbia, S. C. Observer Bureau. 1209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Dec. 26. Mr. H. D. Smith, a timber contractor for the Southern Railway Company, was killed early this morning by a fall from the steps of a boarding house on Assembly street. This accident, his body being later discovered, with the neck broken.

Many Happy Young Couples Wed in Asheville. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 26.—There was much marrying and giving in marriage in this county just prior to Christmas day. During the week preceding Christmas, 23 marriage licenses were issued from the office of Register of Deeds Fortune, and of this number 11 were issued in one day. The number is greater than that issued during the same time last year and probably establishes a new record for anti-Christmas weddings. Today marriage licenses have again been issued, and the first applicant for a license to wed was at the register of deeds' office early, awaiting the coming of the day.

OUTWITTED THE SURGEON. A consultation was had, with the aid of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Ind., to such a deplorable condition that she was advised an operation, but her husband, fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bittor, and to his surprise, all her troubles were completely cured. Her guaranteed cure for torpid bowels, indigestion, flatulency, nervousness and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic and blood purifier. H. Jordan & Co., drug store, Try H.

USED POCKET KNIFE AS SAW. Means Used by Slippery Negro to Effect Second Escape From Winston Lock-Up—Other Items. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 26.—Thomas Slaughter, a negro who was arrested in Greensboro Sunday and brought here that night to answer the charge of larceny, made his escape from the city lock-up Monday afternoon and his whereabouts is still unknown to the officers. This is the second time Slaughter has made his escape from the same cell. Both times he leaped out of a window on the north side of the municipal building, falling a distance of about 30 feet. Two other negroes went out of the lock-up with Slaughter Monday afternoon, but they were recaptured. These tell Chief Thomas that Slaughter made a saw out of a pocket knife, which he carried in his shoe, and sawed a hole in the latter he pried the hall door leading to the window open.

Dr. D. Clay Lilly will preach a Christmas sermon to the Knights of Columbus at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday night. Deputy Marshal Carroll has been transferred from this division to the Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany division. Mr. Carroll has the promise that the transfer is only temporary, that he will soon be returned to the work here, now in charge of Deputy Marshal Reynolds, formerly of Yadkinville.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS WENT OFF in the city for a few minutes last night. This was caused by the shutting down of the plant at the Yadkin, caused by much ice going down the river. The members of the Salem Eagle Hose Company yesterday presented a gold watch to the company by Chief Frank C. Mianung, of the Salem fire department.

ASKS \$30,000 EACH. Complaints Are Filed Against South & Western Railway and Carolina Construction Company for Alleged Poisoning. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 26.—Complaints were today filed in Superior Court against the South & Western Railway Company and the Carolina Company, in which Charles H. Buckner, Charles Wyatt and Alpheus Woodin Wheeler are plaintiffs. The suits against the South & Western are for \$30,000. The suits against the railroad and the construction company grew out of alleged poisonings on the part of the servants of the corporation and cruel treatment accorded the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs, two of whom are negroes, allege that they were induced to quit their work in Spartanburg, S. C., and go to work for the South & Western at construction camp No. 8, in McDowell county, near Marion.

The racial of alleged cruel treatment makes up the major portion of the complaint. It is alleged by the plaintiffs that after they reached camp No. 8 and had been at work for some little time they learned that the representations made prior to their hire were false and that they determined to leave; that they did leave the camp and started to walk to Marion, a distance of some nine miles, that they were overtaken by servants of the South & Western of Carolina, who were armed with weapons, and illegally arrested; that they were locked up and deprived of their liberty for a considerable length of time; that finally they were taken out and laid across a log and whipped and beaten in a cruel manner. It is further alleged that when overtaken by the servants of the defendant corporations they were relieved of all the money they had on their persons, and that they were stripped of their clothing and whipped by three servants of the defendant, George Willie Haggie and one Ganett, and then told to "git." It is alleged that they were beaten in a most brutal manner. One told that the beating was an object lesson.

While the cases are set for trial in the United States Circuit Court. Other suits against the railway have been docketed.

CHRISTMAS TREES YESTERDAY. Young Folks of Tryon Street Methodist Sunday School Have a Great Celebration—The Observance at the Church of the Holy Comforter. A Christmas tree was given in honor of the younger members of the Tryon Street Methodist Sunday school last night. Gifts of all kinds were exchanged. The occasion was a most enjoyable one. The following programme of exercises was carried out: Song, Joy to the World. Invocation, Rev. J. E. Thompson. Chorus, Christmas Watch, by children. Selection from Ben Hur, Miss Nellie Ray. Song, While Shepherds Watch, by school. Halleluiah, Jerusalem, Miss Nellie Ray. Halleluiah, Miss Lillian Boyer. Halleluiah, Francis Wearn, Newcomb Berryhill and Byron Huey, and a company of girls. Piano Solo, Master Crensy Over-catch. Recitation, One Hundred Years Ago, Miss Jennie Irvin. Chorus, Merry Merry Christmas, children. Recitation, Santa's Secret, Little Miss Allene Butt. Song, Santa's on the Way. The Christmas tree for the young folks of the Church of the Holy Comforter took place yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the hall over Sims' store in Dilworth. An appropriate order of exercises was carried out and a large number of presents given to the various members of the church and school.

FRIGID WEATHER IN Buncombe May Have Killed Game. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 26.—Fear is expressed among local sportsmen that the severe cold weather of the past few days has killed much game in Buncombe county and other adjoining counties. In sections of Buncombe the thermometer registered zero and below two mornings this week. In the Reems Creek section it is said that the mercury went several degrees below zero at one time, and that the cold was felt more than for years past. While it has been too cold for sportsmen to go afield this week in search of quail and other game, there is reason to believe that many birds have suffered death by the cold. In view of the fact that the fall of snow accompanying the cold wave was slight, there is not much danger of the birds starting to die. In several sections of Asheville chickens and other fowls were frozen to death. In one resident's hen-house alone 15 fowls were frozen stiff in one night. Other persons have reported loss to chickens by the cold.

A TEXAN WONDER. There's a "Hill at Home" Tex. wonder is W. J. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds grew to 225 lbs. in 18 months, suffering with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I started taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 13 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured. Only one cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by H. H. Hill, 100 N. 3rd St., New York. Send for free bottle free.

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THE SOCIETY ORGANIZES. THE FRIENDLY AID SOCIETY. A Temporary Organization is Effected at Meeting at the County Court House, Called by Mayor S. S. McNinch—Committee Appointed to Apply for a Charter—Committee Will Solicit Members and Contributions to the Cause and the Secretary Will Publish These in The Observer—Society Will Meet at City Hall Next Wednesday Afternoon. The preliminary organization of the Friendly Aid Society was effected at a meeting held in the County court house yesterday afternoon at the call of Mayor S. S. McNinch. The meeting was called to order at 3 o'clock by the mayor, who explained its purpose and called upon Mr. Chase Brenizer to act as chairman. Then, at the suggestion of Mr. McNinch, the Reverend Nixon read the proposed constitution and by-laws for the organization to be formed. Mr. Nixon has corresponded with charitable organizations in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other Northern cities, besides one at the State. He stated that the constitution and by-laws as he had written them were taken from those of the societies he had corresponded with, being modeled especially after those of the Raleigh organization. After the constitution and by-laws had been read and the purposes of the organization discussed, upon motion, a canvass was made of those present and the following named were enrolled: Mayor S. S. McNinch, County Treasurer H. J. Walker, City Treasurer F. O. Hawley, Chief of Police H. C. Irwin, Register of Deeds W. M. Moore, Dr. S. M. Crowell, Rev. Dr. W. S. Orr, Fire Chief W. S. Orr, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, Messrs. Thomas W. Hawkins, Walter Brem, Brevard Nixon, Chase Brenizer, F. V. Moody, W. R. Wearn, John H. Youngblood, T. A. Adams, W. M. Thomas, J. P. Owens, and C. C. Sledge. After the membership had been made up as above, the constitution and by-laws submitted by Mr. Nixon were adopted on the first reading. Mr. Hawkins suggested the necessity of having the society incorporated, stating that people of means would be more readily contribute to it and that it would be in better position to handle funds for charitable purposes. Those present heartily agreed with Mr. Hawkins and motion was made and carried to the effect that a committee consisting of the following named be appointed to apply for a charter: Messrs. Brevard Nixon, Chase Brenizer, T. W. Hawkins and T. A. Adams. The committee was formally appointed and instructed to apply for a charter to the State. The following named temporary officers were elected to carry forward the movement looking to a more stable and permanent organization: President, Brevard Nixon; vice president, Chase Brenizer; secretary, T. A. Adams. Plans of securing members and contributions were discussed and it was finally decided that a committee be appointed to solicit them, and that the secretary publish the members, with the amount they contribute to The Observer. The committee appointed was as follows: Secretary, T. A. Adams, Chief of Police H. C. Irwin, Dr. F. O. Hawley and Mr. W. R. Wearn. Every member was requested to send names of persons who may wish to contribute and become members to the members of the committee or the secretary, who will have the list published as it is made up. The meeting was adjourned to meet at the city hall next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when a more complete organization will be effected and the names of all charter members enrolled.

Toy Boy Wins His Second Victory at New Orleans. New Orleans, Dec. 26.—In the first race today at the Fair Grounds Toy Boy, making his second appearance here, won his second victory. In the third event the same horse refused the running of Big Bow and indefinitely suspended his rider, Jockey Keyes. Big Bow appeared to get a poor start, selling: Toy Boy, 9 to 2; won; Splon, 7 to 2; second; Lucklaw, 12 to 1; third. Time, 1:07 1/2. Second race, 6 furlongs, selling: Bunk, 14 to 5; won; Alencon, 2 to 1; second; Halbert, 11 to 1; third. Time, 1:14. Third race, mile and 70 yards, Debar, 2 to 1; won; Holloway, 6 to 1; second; Nutwood, 60 to 1; third. Time, 1:43 3/4. Fourth race, 5/8 furlongs, handicap: Tubogann, 4 to 1; won; Henry Breese, 8 to 2; second; De Oro, 7 to 1; third. Time, 1:06 4/5. Fifth race, 5 furlongs: Morales, 7 to 2; won; St. Toddington, 8 to 1; second; Gold Circle, 8 to 5; third. Time, 1:13 4/5. Sixth race, mile and 70 yards, selling: Brown, 3 to 1; won; Abe Meyer 8 to 1; second; Gold Coin, 8 to 1; third. Time, 1:40 4/5.

THE WEATHER. Washington, Dec. 26.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia and North Carolina, fair and somewhat warmer Thursday; Friday partly cloudy; light to fresh west winds.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Charlotte, Dec. 26.—Sunrise 7:39 a. m.; sunset 5:18 p. m. Highest temperature... 47 Lowest temperature... 19 Mean temperature... 23 Deficiency for the day... 46.26 Accumulated deficiency for month... 7 Accumulated excess for year... 194 PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 3 p. m. ... 0 Total for the month... 2.26 Accumulated deficiency for month... 3.88 Total for the year... 46.26 Accumulated deficiency for year... 4.40 Prevailing wind direction... N. W. W. J. B. BENNETT, Observer.

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