BORING MORE WELLS.

Southern Cotton Oil Company at Davidson Relieves Water Scarcity—Farmers Buy Wood Sawing Machines.

Special to The Observer.

Davidson, Jan. 9.—Not every hunter reports such fine luck as do Messrs. Walter Torrance and Johnie Brown from their hunt on the latter's plantation a few days ago out toward the Catawba. Their day's find was 13 covies, all but two of these in the afternoon. Making no mention of the "wounded," they return as the "killed" and bagged the large number of 57.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company has been troubled this fall with a scarcity of water and is relieving the embarrassment of the situation by boring two additional tube wells. Other recent additions to the plant consist of an enlargement of the office to twice its original size and the building of a large room where commercial fertilizers are to be mixed ready for sale and use. Acid and kanit are shipped here in bulk for the company's use. It would be agreeable news to the farmers in this section to know that these several constituents of a complete fertilizer would also be sold separately if so desired or mixed as the farmer wishes, as in the rush season and also in the interval between seasons it is sometimes difficult for the merchants to keep on hand the needed quantities of these.

Mr. M. J. Blue, of Effland, who was formerly employed here, has returned to Davidson to fill the place made vacant by the removal of Mr. L. I. Frazier to Charlotte, where he continues with the company in the office there.

The latest addition to Mr. Caldwell's and Dr. Crey's equipment is a saw for cutting house wood, the whole machine being made of steel and iron and doing its work most expeditiously. A combination of interests and a common investment on the part of several neighbors in the purchase and use of the more expensive machines and implements of work will relieve very greatly the acuteness of the labor question on the farms, though even the very best and most scientifically conducted still need and always will the hired man.

Mr. Chandler, representing the Southern Electric Power Company, has been here for several days, arranging with the owners of the land and purchasing the right of way for the electric wire line. Dr. Shearer was his escort for a part of to-day over the doctor's little farm, just north of the town limits.

One of Davidson's prominent business men is telling this one on himself. He and his friend were chatting in his office when the latter remarked: "If you will send me a statement of my account I will pay you what I owe you, for I guess the account has been running long enough." "All right," said the creditor, "I'll send in the statement at once." The next day he sent his friend the bill and waited, as he thought, in vain, for the promised check. Some time after that meeting his friend, he remarked: "I sent you that bill, but after all it does not appear that you were in any 'tear-your-shirt' haste to pay it." "Why," replied the surprised friend, "I sent you the check the next day. And I remember going into the White-Cotton drug store, getting from the desk an envelope that had the firm's name on it and mailing the check to you." "Thunder!" exclaimed the recipient, "I got that letter, but I thought it was a bill for me from the drug store. I tossed it into the pigeon hole in my desk and there it has lain ever since."

FULL DRESS UNIFORMS.

Washington Soldier Boys Are Stylishly Inclined—Ministers' Association Formed.

Special to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 9. The Washington Light Infantry Company G is making ample preparations for the army manoeuvres and the Jamestown Exposition next summer. The armory is being kept open every night for drills, and the company is making every effort to secure the regulation full dress coats. When these are received, with the new caps and trousers recently received, Company G will be one of the few State Guard companies having the latest full dress uniforms.

At the morning services in the Baptist church last Sunday Dr. Mercer, the pastor, announced to the congregation that a lady member of the church had decided to undertake to support a native missionary in China, beginning with this year. $100 a year is the amount necessary for this purpose, and the payments will be made quarterly.

The different ministers of the city have met and formed a ministers' association. The following ministers were present: Rev. Dr. Mercer, of the Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Grier, of the Presbyterian church, Rev. A. R. Cunningham, of the Christian church, and Rev. A. P. Tyer, of the Methodist church. Mr. Cunningham was made president and Dr. Mercer secretary. Dr. Mercer was instructed to draw up a suitable constitution and by-laws. The object of this association is to promote Christian fellowship and unity and to work together for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom throughout the city and county.

Mr. Samuel Carrow, of this city, has been selected by the Robert Portner Brewing Company as manager of the local branch in this city, as Mr. Newman, the present manager, will have to be away for some time on account of the illness of his wife.

BIRTHDAY OF GEN. R. E. LEE.

The North Carolina Division of the U. D. C. Will Observe the Anniversary in Fitting Manner.

The following instructions have been sent out to the State division of the U. D. C. by Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, president general:

"The U. D. C. are to unite with the other Confederate orders in the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robt. E. Lee. The celebration is to be held on January 19th at 12 m., and the following programme is to be carried out:

"Prayer.

"Hymn—'How Firm a Foundation.'

"Reading of General Lee's Farewell Address to the Confederate Army.

"Song (by choir)—'Come Unto Me.'

"Address on the Life and Character of Gen. Robt. E. Lee.

"Hymn—'For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest.'"

Mrs. Wm. H. Overman, of Salisbury, recorder of cross of honor for North Carolina, will gladly continue to forward all applications for crosses until January 12th, the time limit allowed her.

Piles get quick relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Remember it's made alone for Piles—and it works with certainty and satisfaction. Itching, painful, protruding, or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Try it and see! Burwell-Dunn Retail Store.

NEWS OF GAFFNEY, S. C.

Local Train Goes From Charlotte to Gaffney in Only 72 Hours—May Build Bridge Over Shoals.

Special to The Observer.

Gaffney, S. C., Jan. 9.—One of the freight engines attached to a through freight on the Southern "went dead" at Gaffney Sunday night, and did not get away from Gaffney until a late hour Monday afternoon. A local train recently left Charlotte at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and arrived at Gaffney Friday morning, a distance of 54 miles. Operator Cathey, in charge of the railroad office here, was on duty for 46 hours consecutively up to 2 o'clock Monday morning.

Apropos of the county bridge at Gaston Shoals on Broad river, Mr. L. Y. Randall met the county commissioners at their meeting on Monday and, in a most eloquent and logical speech, presented the matter to them so forcibly that they appointed the following committee to inquire into the practicability of the scheme, and the probable cost: J. A. Carroll, L. Y. Randall, J. Q. Little, J. N. Pipscomb, W. H. Ross, L. R. Ross, S. C. Carleton, Louis Hopper, Wm. Phillips and E. F. Lipscomb. All of these gentlemen are good practical business men, some of them being residents of Cherokee township on the other side of the river, and it is safe to say that the county commissioners will weigh carefully any recommendation which the committee may decide to make.

Messrs. T. B. Butler and J. B. Bell were in Spartanburg yesterday on business before the court which convened in that city yesterday.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS.

Figures Given Out by Postmaster Paul, of Washington, N. C., Show Increase of 17 3-4 Per Cent. During 1906.

Special to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 9.—A very interesting report of the volume of business done at the Washington postoffice has been given out recently by Postmaster Hugh Paul and it shows a steady and increasing business that reflects more clearly than any other one thing the growth of the city. The transactions through the postoffice are generally conceded by all to be the fairest index to a city's growth. The December sales amounted to $1,291.66. The sales during the last quarter amounted to $3,421.60, compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, which was $2,910.25, showing an increase of $511.25 on 17 3-4 per cent. The sales during the current year reached $11,913.11 as compared to $10,203.71 last year, the increase being $1,709.40 or 16 1-2 per cent. This is the largest increase ever made in one year since the postoffice has been established in this city.

The money order business, which is never included in the rating of a postoffice and is not recognized in the figures which show the amount of business done, has also reached a large scale and its growth during the past 10 years has been almost marvelous. This business amounted to about $30,000 and is a large increase over the year 1905, notwithstanding a bad year. Postmaster Paul since his administration has made many improvements in the office and is to be congratulated on the fine showing he has made.

DISPLEASURE AT SCHEDULE.

Many Passengers Inconvenienced by Non-Connection of Southern and A. C. L. at Sanford.

Special to The Observer.

Sanford, Jan. 9.—The new schedule on the Southern which went into effect Monday made quite a change in the situation here. The Southern and Coast Line heretofore used the same train through from Mount Airy to Wilmington, just changing engines and crews here. The change is quite an inconvenience to the traveling public. According to the old schedule the Coast Line from Wilmington arrived here at 1:55 p. m., the Southern took it out at 2:18 p. m. The Southern train arrived from Mt. Airy at 3 35, the Coast Line taking it out at 3 40. The Coast Line schedule stands as it was, but the Southern leaves earlier and arrives later, leaving for Mt. Airy at 2 18 p. m., arriving from Mt. Airy at 5 p. m.

The first day the Southern left on time, 2 18, the Coast Line arrived a few minutes later with about 15 passengers who wished to go on through, but had to wait till the next afternoon. The Southern then came in at 5 o'clock with about 20 passengers who wanted to go on the Coast Line, which left on time, but had to wait till the next afternoon. It seems that the Southern is to blame for this change, as far as can be learned, and it is being greatly condemned for executing poorly an already bad system. This change of course does not affect Sanford any.

But—an ill wind that blows nobody good. Mr. H. H. Powell, the hotel man, is delighted with the change.

NEW ORGAN ARRIVES

Wilson Baptists Install Fine Musical Instrument—A $1,000 Fire—Pastor Boyd Resigns.

Special to The Observer.

Wilson, Jan. 9. The Wilson Drug Company has purchased through Mr. Ed Landis, of the American Soda Water Fountain Company, a handsome innovation fountain to be placed by March 1. The apparatus will be the finest of the kind in the city.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock fire was discovered in the third story of the annex to the Wilson Sanitarium. The blaze was extinguished with about $1,000 loss to the building and contents.

The new $3,000 organ for the First Baptist church arrived to-day and is being put up by representatives of the factory. The organ will be one of the handsomest in the State.

Rev. J. Boyd Jones, pastor of the Christian church, has resigned his pastorate here to take effect February 1. Mr. Jones will go to Indiana. It is to the general regret of his entire congregation and of the people generally that Mr. Jones will leave Wilson. His successor here has not yet been announced.

The ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches are holding religious services daily this week. The services will be in the nature of union services, with exchange of pulpits.

Catawba Normal Alumni Organize.

Special to The Observer.

Hickory, Jan. 9.—At the residence of Mrs. E. B. Cline, the Catawba County Chapter of the Association of Former Students of the State Normal and Industrial College, has been organized. Mrs. E. B. Cline, of Hickory, was elected president and Miss Mamie Dixon, secretary and treasurer. There were eight former students present and the meeting was a lively one.

Much enthusiasm is being shown and it is safe to say that the interests of the State Normal College are well guarded in Catawba county. A number of students from Newton and other places in the county will join later.

CONCERT AT MOORESVILLE.

The Musical Five, a Star Course Attraction, Will Give Entertainment To-Morrow Night—Rankin Company Organized.

Special to The Observer.

Mooresville, Jan. 9.—The Musical Five Friday night at the academy promises to be one of the best entertainments in the star course given under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order.

This company is sometimes known under the sub-title of the Boston Artistic Novelty Company. This title is due to the various combinations in which they appear during a single entertainment. They constitute first of all an orchestral club using the following instruments: violin, clarionet, cornet, trombone and piano. They are combined into a quartette, rendering both popular and classical music. Then appear the soloists: Mr. Hefferman, violin; Mr. Wilson, saxophone; Mr. Trida, cornet; Mr. Harvey, trombone.

The vocal selections are rendered by a quartette consisting of Messrs. Hofferman, Wilson, Harvey and Peters. This part of the programme includes the best old-time songs of the North and South with special solos by Mr. Hofferman and Mr. Harvey. For those who enjoy a wholesome laugh Mr. Wilson will appear in one or more humorous character sketch readings.

The W. W. Rankin Company has been organized with a capital stock of $100,000; paid in capital, $10,000. The following officers were elected: John A. Rankin, president; C. A. Mayhew, secretary and general manager; O. I. Bradley, first vice president; B. M. McNeely, second vice president. Mooresville people are glad these gentlemen have decided to continue business at the old stand of W. W. Rankin & Company. This change was brought about by the recent death of the senior member, Mr. W. W. Rankin.

Capt. J. W. Murdock, who has been railroad supervisor for the Southern Railway on the Midland road for the past few years, has been promoted to the position of roadmaster over the Mooresville division, with headquarters at Winston-Salem. By the promotion of Captain Murdock the company has secured a roadmaster of much ability, always faithful to duty. While Captain Murdock will have offices at Winston-Salem he will continue to make this his home and his family will remain here.

Attorney Zeb V. Turlington and Mr. M. W. White have gone to Raleigh. Mr. Turlington is a member of the House of Representatives. Mr. White is the representative from the Mooresville Lodge of Masons to the grand lodge, which convened in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McKee, who left here last spring to visit the West and South, have returned home.

BANK OFFICERS CHOSEN.

First National Bank of Salisbury Re-Elects Officials—To Launch Building and Loan Scheme.

Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Jan. 9.—A meeting of the First National Bank to-day resulted in the re-election of Messrs. John S. Henderson, T. C. Linn, Burton Craige, A. H. Price, H. N. Woodson, Walter H. Woodson, W. B. Strachan and W. C. Coughenour as directors for the ensuing year. Capt. W. C. Coughenour was again elected president; T. C. Linn, vice president; W. H. White, cashier; Ernest H. Woodson, teller, J. F. Plummer and J. L. Fisher, book-keepers. The annual report was the best this splendid institution has yet made.

Lucius Allen, the South Carolina negro, who so badly carved two colored women Sunday afternoon, was given a preliminary hearing this morning and Mayor Pro. Tem. L. E. Hellig gave him a chance to get out of jail on $100 bond. He was not able to raise it and will remain in prison until he is tried at the February term. The negro said he was in trouble with the women and was blockaded at the door with a big stick and a man. He, therefore, had to cut his way out. The other evidence was that he cut his way in and came near ending the lives of two.

The Building and Loan scheme, engineered by Alderman L. E. Hellig, is to be launched in a few days and S. Wittkowsky, of Charlotte, has written that he will be here to project it. The Salisbury people are very desirous of having him here. Mr. Wittkowsky will address the meeting and there will be a number of other speakers in the city. There will be something like 6,000 shares with which to begin.

Mrs. Lee S. Overman left yesterday for Washington, where she joins the Senator for the spring term. Mrs. Overman had been an honored invited guest at a number of the social events of Washington society that she missed during the holidays.

Mr. O. Van Wyck, Jr., of Anderson, S. C., left this morning for Washington and Lee University, where he attends school. Mr. Van Wyck was detained here on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. W. H. Overman, by illness, recovering enough to resume his trip.

The Quotation in the Blackburn Case.

To the Editor of The Observer:

In The Semi-Weekly Observer of January 4 there was an interesting editorial under the caption of "The Sad Case of Mr. Blackburn." But it was the late W. G. Brownlow, not Erick Pomeroy, who wrote "When God Almighty Lays His hand on a man I take mine off." Mr. Brownlow was replying to a article upon himself written by the late Gen. D. H. Hill. News went out from Washington that Mr. Brownlow was in very feeble health. Gen. Hill regarded his frail health as a judgment sent upon him and said so. It was then that Mr. Brownlow wrote the above.

The Observer is usually so correct that a slip like the above excites surprise. J. A. STIKELEATHER.

Olive, January 4.

Plumbing Concern Launched at High Point.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, Jan. 9. The Standard Plumbing Company is the style of a new concern organized here to-day, with a capital stock of $10,000. The incorporators are W. I. Montgomery, Frank C. Boyles and Paul Maddox, of High Point, and S. E. Stites, of Winston. Plumbing in all lines and branches will be handled and the new company starts out most auspiciously. The offices of the concern will be on English street, the handsome display rooms beinng in the rear.

The Commercial National Bank of this place today increased its capital stock from $50,000 to $150,000.

Story of the Wilson Homicide.

Special to The Observer.

Wilson, Jan. 8.—Bruce Brown proves to be the name of the negro who died last night from pistol shot wounds fired by Jesse Turfey, another negro, yesterday afternoon in this city. Turfey and other negroes were talking, when Brown drove up in a wagon and stopped to pick some hay that fell off. Brown remarked that he had been shot six times. Turfey said he had not been shot in the right place. Brown asked him if he wanted to try it. Turfey said, "I ain't scared," pulled his gun and fired three times, two balls taking effect, one entering the abdomen. Turfey escaped. The trouble was over a woman.

COUNTY ASSESSOR WAYLAID.

J. W. Coulter, of Leslie, S. D., Assessor of Stanley county, relates the following: "I was waylaid by a complication of throat and lung troubles, bronchitis, asthma and a terrible cough, which affected me for years, when I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. Relief came almost immediately, and in a short time permanent cure resulted." No other medicine compares with it as a sure and quick cure for coughs and colds. It cures after all other remedies have failed. Every bottle guaranteed at all druggists. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

WANT BRIDGE OVER SOUTHERN.

Petition Presented to Rowan Commissioners Asking Bridge Over Main Line of Southern Near Salisbury—Guard Fined $15.

Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Jan. 9.—The county commissioners met yesterday in their regular monthly session, all members of the board being present. The day was consumed in routine business, but petitions were presented for a number of improvements and a proposed bridge over the west crossing on the Trading Ford road was the biggest thing asked.

As to the petition for a bridge over the main line of the Southern three miles from Salisbury and at the 333d mile post, the commissioners decided to take it up with the railroad authorities. It is an especially dangerous place and the double track has rendered it more so. The cars are divided at the juncture of the rail and dirt roads and persons driving on to the track often do not know which way the trains are coming until upon them.

The reports of Superintendents Carter and Horah, of the county road forces, show 65 convicts, 59 colored and six white. This ratio is made larger than usual because several of the whites jumped their jobs. W. B. Hartley was made superintendent of camp No. 2, at a salary of $50 per month.

The commissioners did an unusual thing to Guard Baxter Jacobs. He had charge of the Carruthers and Tom Brown prisoners when they escaped and so brutally insulted the bloodhounds by honeying them along and driving them back. Mr. Jacobs was charged $15 for his alleged carelessness.

Guy W. Cox, who yesterday bought the Union Copper Mine, of Gold Hill, left last night for Boston, where he sits this term with the State Senate of his native State. Mr. Cox has served another term and is a popular Republican politician. He will return as soon as his legislative duties will allow him and take up the big mine proposition.

BANKS DECLARE DIVIDENDS.

First National and Commercial National of High Point Reward Stockholders — Freight Train Breaks Down and Causes Trouble.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, Jan. 9.—Both the First National and the Commercial National Banks, of this place, at their meetings yesterday declared the usual five per cent. semi-annual dividend, which left a nice balance for the profit account. The Commercian National Bank increased its capital stock to $150,000, all of which was taken at the meeting with application for more. The old officers were elected by both the Commercial National and the First National. These two banks, together with the branch of the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company and the High Point Savings and Trust Company are doing a splendid business.

Yesterday a freight train was stalled here in a rather unusual manner, while making the run for a siding within the city limits and while on the Main street crossing a draw-head was pulled out. The train came to a sudden standstill. The suddenness of the application of the air brakes pulled a second draw-head at the other end of the train near the engine. It was impossible to move the train one way or the other for a long time. In the meantime the officers, not knowing the trouble and being aware of the fact that the city ordinance had been violated in regard to trains blocking the crossing for five minutes, had "it" arrested, but at the hearing when the facts were brought out the matter was dismissed and the train allowed to pursue its journey. One of the passenger trains was blocked for several minutes on account of the accident.

DIES FROM FALL.

J. T. Henderson, Young Man Who Fell From Factory Roof Monday, Dies From Wound.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Jan. 9.—James T. Henderson, who received such a hard fall yesterday while at work on the new factory of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company in east Durham, died yesterday from the effects of the hurt he received then. Concussion of the brain was the cause that brought about his death. It was first thought that there was a fracture of the skull, but if this was so it has not been found. His remains will be taken to his old home near Danville to-morrow and there the interment will take place.

Henderson was a young man, being just 27 years of age. He moved to this county from Danville some six years ago and lived in the country near here until three or four weeks ago, when he moved to Durham. Since moving to the county he married Miss Daisy Hodges, who is the daughter of William S. Hodges, and of this union there are two children. The wife is also living. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henderson, both of whom are living and will reach here to-night. He left four brothers and one sister, all of whom live in Virginia.

In the fall Monday he had hold of a window casing and this, being but temporarily placed in position, gave away and he fell 21 feet, his head striking the floor. He never regained consciousness and late last night it was seen that he could not recover.

GOT STOLEN HORSE.

Sheriff Freeman Captures Asheville Equine at Greenville, S. C., and Sends Message That Might be Misunderstood.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Jan. 9.—A horse stolen from the stable of L. S. McDaris, in this city, has been recovered by Sheriff J. L. Freeman, of Henderson county, in Greenville, S. C. When Sheriff Hunter, of Buncombe, was notified yesterday of the theft he immediately sent messages to the sheriffs of the surrounding counties with request that they keep a lookout for the animal and anyone that might be riding or driving it. Sheriff Freeman, of Henderson county, got on the track of the stolen animal and chased the thief into South Carolina, recovering the horse at Greenville. The Henderson county sheriff to-day sent this message to Sheriff Hunter:

"Greenville, S. C., Jan. 8.

"Sheriff Hunter,

"Asheville, N. C.

"I have stolen horse. Will be in Hendersonville to-night.

"J. L. FREEMAN."

The message did not state whether or not the Henderson county sheriff had captured the thief. It is supposed here, however, that he did. Sheriff Hunter will send to Hendersonville for the animal and also to take into custody the thief if he has been captured.

Croup can positively be stopped in 20 minutes. No vomiting—nothing to sicken or distress your child. A sweet, pleasant, and safe Syrup, called Dr. Shoop's Croup Cure, does the work and does it quickly. Dr. Shoop's Croup Cure is for Croup alone, remember. It does not claim to cure a dozen ailments. It's for Croup, that's all. Sold by Burwell-Dunn Retail Store.

FIRES AT REIDSVILLE.

Conflagration and Water Combine to Damage Goods in Tulloch's Store—A Home Destroyed—Lodge Officers Installed.

Special to The Observer.

Reidsville, Jan. 9.—Fire was discovered in J. S. Tulloch's store last night about 10 o'clock and the alarm was promptly answered by the fire department. Before being discovered the flames had gained considerable headway, necessitating heavy streams of water, which greatly damaged the stock of goods. The fire department did efficient work. Mr. Tulloch carried insurance to the amount of about $6,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

An alarm was also turned in from south Reidsville yesterday. The home of Mrs. Ritch was totally destroyed by fire. The loss on the house is partially covered by insurance, but the furniture was not insured.

The Royal Arcanum Council installed the following officers last night for the ensuing year: Regent, C. L. Tesh; past regent, J. H. Morrison; vice regent, T. S. Wray; orator, A. W. Way; guide, W. S. Floyd; secretary, R. T. Burton; treasurer, Fred Degrotte; sentinel, Rudy Roscoe; warden, J. R. Worth; chaplain, F. B. Jones; trustee, George W. Brittain, C. C. Butler, Geo. E. Barber.

At the last regular meeting of Reidsville Lodge No. 384, A. F. & A. M., the following officers were installed: A. J. Ellington, W. M.; C. L. Tesh, S. W.; S. G. Harden, J. W.; J. W. Clark, S. D.; Geo. W. Baker, treasurer; H. N. Ware, secretary; J. A. Haldin, tiler.

The warehouses are disposing of a good deal of tobacco this week. Farmers are coming from all directions and streams of wagons are entering Reidsville each day. In the neighborhood of 300 wagons loaded with the golden weed were here yesterday. It is anticipated that sales will continue heavy the remainder of this week, and for some time to come. Should the present rate keep up, the amount of tobacco sold here this season will be unprecedented in the history of the market. Prices continue at top notches and sellers are highly pleased with returns.

CONGESTION NOT SO BAD.

Tie-up Stated to be Somewhat Relieved—Coal Comes to Relief of Cabarrus Mills.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, Jan. 9.—Mr. Newton Pharr, one of Cabarrus county's oldest and best citizens, of No. 3 township, is spending a few days in town. Mr. Pharr wears a beautiful nugget of virgin gold upon the left lapel of his coat, and, when observed by your correspondent, the old gentleman remarked that "we find those lying about on the farm."

Mr. T. P. P. Carson, the clever agent of the Southern Railway at this place, states that the congestion is somewhat relieved, but that the tie-up will be felt until late in the summer. During the past few days the railroads have been able to deliver some coal to our factories and other industries, and the mills are again running on full time. The greatest calamity was threatned when the supply of coal gave out at the light and water station, but that has been averted by the timely arrival of several cars of coal.

A series of religious meeting is being held at Forest Hill Methodist church this week under the auspices of the union of the various churches of the city.

Messrs. Charles and Ed Isenhour have moved their restaurant into the room formerly occupied by the Southern Express Company, and have one of the handsomest places in town. The entire room has been remodeled for their convenience, and is equal in appearance to the fine restaurants of much larger cities.

Mr. O. V. Foust left this morning for the eastern part of the State for a few days. He will probably leave Concord permanently about the first of April.

Several of the citizens here who have occasion to meet trains at the station have resorted to printed schedules and have pasted them in their hats.

That Was the Idea.

Durham Herald.

We will now see if the schedules of Southern trains have been reduced to the time they actually make.

We Think So, Too.

Norfolk Landmark.

What a pity Governor Hughes, of New York is not a Democrat!

HOME-MADE REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM.

To relieve the worst forms of Rheumatism, take a teaspoonful of the following mixture after each meal and at bedtime:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle.

These harmless ingredients can be obtained from any good pharmacy.

This prescription, states a well-known authority, forces the clogged-up, inactive kidneys to filter and strain from the blood the poisonous waste matter and uric acid, which causes Rheumatism. Relief is felt from the first few doses.

It is said that a person who would take this prescription regularly, a dose or two daily, or even a few times a week, would never have serious Kidney or Urinary disorders or Rheumatism.

Cut this out and preserve it. Good Rheumatism prescriptions which really relieve are scarce indeed, and when you need it you want it badly.

BILL AGAINST RIGSBEE.

Grand Jury of Durham County Re-Opens Litigation in Celebrated Case—Harvis Case To-day.

Durham, Jan. 9.—The only important feature of the court yesterday was in the finding of a true bill against W. T. Rigsbee, charged with illegal voting in the city election two years ago next May. This case has had many ups and downs. There have been indictments, true bills found, bills quashed, a new bill sent, failure to find a bill and finally this last bill has been sent and the grand jury returned a true bill yesterday.

Cornelius Mill Stockholders Meet.

Special to The Observer.

Cornelius, Jan. 9.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cornelius Cotton Mill was held in the offices of the company yesterday. The secretary and president's report showed that the mill continues in a very satisfactory condition and that the net profits of the year abundantly jusify the semi-annual dividends of 5 per cent. It was recommended by the stockholders that the mill equip itself with a complete finishing machine and thus narrow the cost of the production of the fabrics the mill is manufacturing. Heretofore the goods have been sent to Greensboro for the finishing touches. The old board of directors was re-elected, Messrs. R. J. Stough, J. C. Cornelius, president, C. W. Johnson, J. A. Dove, P. H. Stough, secretary and treasurer.

WHAT TO DO WHEN BILIOUS.

The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store.

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Bone Pains, Itching, Scabby Skin Diseases

Permanently cured by taking Botanic Blood Balm. If you have aches and pains in bones, back and joints, Itching, Scabby Skin, Blood feels hot or thin, Swollen Glands, Risings and Bumps on the Skin, Mucous Patches in the Mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, or Offensive Eruptions, Copper-Colored Spots or Rash on Skin, are run-down or nervous, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, Carbuncles or Boils, **Take Botanic Blood Balm, guaranteed** to cure even the worst and most deep-seated cases. Heals all sores, stops all swellings, makes blood pure and rich, completely changing the entire body into a clean, healthy condition. B. B. B. is the recognized blood remedy for these conditions.

Cancer Cured.

If you have a persistent Pimple, Wart, Swellings, Shooting, Stinging Pains, take Blood Balm and they will disappear before they develop into Cancer. Many apparently hopeless cases of Cancer, Suppurating Swellings, Eating Sores or Tumor cured by B. B. B.

Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) is pleasant and safe to take. Thoroughly tested for 30 years. Composed of Pure Botanic Ingredients. Strengthens Weak Kidneys and Weak Stomachs, cures Dyspepsia. **Sample Sent Free** by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. **Sold by druggists $1 per large bottle or sent by express prepaid.**

Dear Charley:—

The box of cigars is coming your way. I had tried so many things and the cold was bad—almost pneumonia. I took the bottle and rubbed my chest two nights and two mornings. It fixed me and I pay the wager. Hereafter you will hear me singing the praises of **Gowan's Pneumonia Cure.** I bought one fifty cent bottle. I am writing wife to-day to be sure to keep it in the house.

So Long.

JACK.