

GAFFNEY'S BRIGHT FUTURE

Town Has Narrow Escape From Flames—Sheriff Receives Many Requests From Those Who Wish to Witness Execution of Tom Harris—Mr. Speer Will Not Accept Appointment.

Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., March 21.—It is probable that in the near future a manufacturing enterprise of considerable magnitude will be launched in Gaffney. With the two power plants on Broad River, affording some 25,000-horse-power, and with excellent railroad facilities, and with a progressive and enterprising population, there is no reason why Gaffney should not in the near future become one of the most important manufacturing centers on the line of the Southern Railroad.

The fire on Tuesday in the Ledger building, which came so near destroying our town, damaged the building about \$2,000. There were no losses whatever of personal property. The Williams Comedy Company, which is filling a week's engagement at the Opera House, saved all of its effects, but were unable to fill the engagement on Tuesday night.

Sheriff Thomas is daily receiving requests from people from all over the country to be allowed to witness the execution of Tom Harris on the 29th. As a matter of course these requests cannot be granted for the reason that the matter is regulated by statute. Large numbers of people have signified their intention of coming in the hope that they will be enabled to see something of the execution from the outside. This, however, will be impossible, as Sheriff Thomas, who believes in proceeding in strict accordance with the law, has in the place of execution erected between four walls, at the rear of the jail, so that it will be impossible for anyone to see from the outside. The attorneys of Harris are moving in the matter of having a lunacy commission appointed to examine him as to his sanity. It is thought by a large number of our most thinking people that inasmuch as his counsel at his trial did not see fit to ask for a commission in lunacy, that it would not be proper for the Governor to interfere now in that behalf. The large majority of our people believe that Harris was sane when he killed Mrs. Moran for her money, and that the law should be allowed to take its course without any further interference.

Mr. G. W. Speer has just informed your correspondent that he has not accepted the appointment as one of the commission to examine into the condition of affairs in Spartanburg county as was reported. Mr. Speer says that he will not accept the appointment.

HUSTLING HAMLET.

Monthly Session Ministerial Association—Removal Train Dispatchers—Growing Population and Lack of Houses—K. of P. District Meeting April 4—Presbyterians to Erect Manse.

Special to The Observer. Hamlet, March 21.—The Ministerial Association of Richmond county, met here yesterday in their regular monthly session. The subject under discussion was "What Our Relation to the Colored Race?" Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Rockingham, led the discussion, which was entered into by all present. The next meeting will be held in Rockingham on Monday after the third Sunday in April.

The office of the train dispatchers of the second division of the Seaboard was moved here last Sunday night from Raleigh. The force consists of the chief dispatcher, eight dispatchers and two clerks. This brings to Hamlet some excellent people. About the first of April the superintendent and his office force will move here.

There is not a vacant house in the place and nearly all the homes here have been converted into boarding houses. The demand for houses is far in excess of the supply, notwithstanding the fact that new ones are being built all the time. There are contracts out for not less than 50 at this time, and it has been spoken for, and still there is a cry for more houses. This will give the public some idea of the growth of Hamlet.

Carolina Lodge No. 146, Knights of Pythias, has invited the district meeting to hold its session here on the 4th day of April. Mr. L. S. Covington, of Rockingham, is the district deputy.

Mr. E. A. Lackey is receiving material for several brick storehouses, which will erect on the vacant lots opposite his block of stores near the passenger station. These buildings will be handsome structures and will add greatly to the looks of the place. He has had applications for all of them.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church has purchased a lot and in a short time will erect a manse for the use of its pastor.

BRIDGE CONTRACT LET.

A Roanoke Company the Lucky Bidders at \$28,000—Cotton and Stock Exchange Suspends.

Special to The Observer.

Fort Mill, S. C., March 21.—At a meeting held in the commercial club rooms this afternoon of the supervisors of York and Lancaster counties and a committee representing the club, the contract was let for an iron bridge over Sugar creek, connecting York and Lancaster counties. There were four bidders present and the contract was finally awarded to Mr. C. K. Critesberg, representing the Roanoke Bridge Company, at \$28,000. A first-class road will be made from Fort Mill to the bridge.

The cotton and stock exchange, which has been operated here by Mr. F. J. Foville, representing Randolph & Co., of Philadelphia, has suspended operation. It is not known whether the suspension will be permanent or not.

Boy Buried by Sand Bank.

Special to The Observer. Newbern, March 21.—Duke Williams, a colored boy, five years old, was killed near Newbern at night by a sand bank falling on him and burying him alive. He was not missed until this morning, and when friends were looking for him they saw where the earth had caved in and the suggestion of an outline of human form. They dug out the sand in a short time and found the boy covered with dirt and in a kneeling position.

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THE AUCTION SALE

AT STREETER'S JEWELRY STORE will continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sale will positively close on Saturday, March 23rd.

GREATLY ENHANCED PRICES

Series Afternoon and Night Services at Monroe Presbyterian Church—Visit of Mr. John C. Bates, Formerly Interested in Mining Near Waxhaw.

Special to The Observer. Monroe, March 21.—The great increase in the value of realty in this town during the last few years was shown at the sale of lots by Messrs. English and Blair on Tuesday, when the Hayne street property that Dr. W. B. Houston bought for \$415 10 years ago was sold for \$4,500.

A series of afternoon and night services are being held at the Presbyterian church this week conducted by the pastor, Rev. George H. Atkinson. It was expected that Rev. Dr. A. H. Moment, of Raleigh, would be present to conduct these services, but a serious illness detains him at his home.

Mr. John C. Bates, former owner of the mine near Waxhaw, now controlled by the Colossus Mining Company, is staying at the Gloucester Hotel for a few weeks on his way North from Florida, where he spent the winter. Mr. Bates is known all over Union county, having owned mining interests in various parts of it for over 20 years. He has been a great globe trotter and has visited nearly every mining district on this terrestrial ball.

Of his three daughters, one was born in Australia, another in Central America, and the youngest at Monroe. Mr. Bates was born in New York State, the son of a school teacher and set out for the West at the age of 15, when he was taken with the mining fever. He came to Union county in 1877 to take up mining properties in this section. Always public spirited and energetic in well-doing, he took part in every movement for the best interests of the community, and no other Northern man has so identified himself with the best people of this section, or has so won their respect and esteem as has Mr. Bates. It will give many to learn that Mr. Bates is not in good health.

It was generally supposed here that the bill creating a recorder's court contained a provision that the recorder should be a lawyer; but the bill contains no such provision, and any elector of the county of Union is eligible; at least there is nothing in the bill indicating the contrary. Now, let all aspiring laymen who are not averse to having honor thrust upon them, come out freely in the open and say so. There is nothing like beginning a campaign early and earnestly.

EXTENSION OF CAR LINE.

Moravian Church Council Leaves Development of Kunalid Crest to Trustees—Winston-Salem to Have Modern Dry Goods Store—Dr. and Mrs. Robinson to Go on European Tour.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, March 20.—At a meeting of the Moravian church council, held last evening at the city hall, the proposition of extending the car line to and developing and offering for sale the lots at "Kunalid Crest," the council, after careful and thorough consideration and much discussion, voted with a single exception, that the matter be left in the hands of trustees with full power to act, and an extended European tour is being undertaken by a number of members, viz: H. F. Shaffner, H. A. Pfohl, J. W. Fries, W. T. Vogler, W. C. Crist and J. W. Pfohl. The trustees are composed of property owned by the Moravian church lying to the west of Christ church, in West Salem and consists of about 200 acres, including the present lot, is magnificently timbered. The proposed route for the car line is down Bond street, Winston, and Green street, Salem, which are careful and thorough consideration, to Christ Moravian church, where it will probably turn into Academy street and enter the "Crest."

Winston-Salem is to have another modern dry goods store, one that will be the equal of any in the State. It will be located in the Grand Hotel building, the rooms recently vacated by A. C. Vogler & Son. The business will be owned by an incorporated company and will be under the management of men of many years' experience. Mr. B. M. Hitchcock, of Reidsville, who is to be a member of the company, and one of the active managers, says the dress-making department will be in charge of Madame Hancock, who has a reputation throughout the country in her line.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Bahnsen, their daughter, Miss Pauline Bahnsen, and Capt. J. E. Gilmer will sail on April 13th on an extended European tour. They will sail by the Southern route and after spending a day or two at Gibraltar, will land at Naples. They will tour southern Europe and will meet Col. and Mrs. Frank H. Fries, Miss Eleanor Fries, Miss Louise Bahnsen and Mr. Agnew Bahnsen, who are now in Egypt. The party has been abroad since last June.

Mayor Egan has decided to call the election on the Fairview proposition for Monday, April 15. Mr. Kemp Cummings will be named as register and Chas. W. Maynor and Jim Johnson as judges. The city attorneys are now drafting the official call for the election. The registration books will be opened at the home of the register on Wednesday, April 3, and will be kept open until the evening before the election. While there is some opposition to the proposition, the impression prevails that it will be carried.

REV. J. F. LOVE WELCOMED.

Arbor Day Observed and Memory of the Confederacy is Cherished—Rev. R. D. Redfearn, of Newbern, Visits Here—Personal Mention.

Special to The Observer. Wadesboro, March 21.—Rev. J. F. Love, who was for some years pastor of the Baptist church here, arrived Tuesday. He will hold services in the Methodist church to-night on account of the confusion caused in the Baptist church by the unpacking and placing of the new organ. He is loved and welcomed by all denominations here.

The Bachelor Girls' Club held its regular weekly meeting with Misses Johnnie and May Dunlap yesterday evening. Tuesday was observed here as Arbor Day. In addition to the shade trees violets were planted around the Confederate monument.

Rev. R. D. Redfearn and Miss May Henley, principal and assistant teachers of the Polkton High School, were married Saturday, surprising their friends very much.

Miss Bessie Ashcraft, the popular young teacher at Wingate, spent Saturday and Sunday here.—Mr. Bennett Leak, who is a student at Sewanee, Tenn., returned there Tuesday after spending the winter vacation with his parents.—Mrs. W. T. Hamilton, of Marshville, is the guest of her son Prof. Jackson Hamilton.—Rev. C. D. Graves, pastor of the Baptist church, is in Charlotte, Tenn., for a short time.—Mrs. C. D. Graves, Miss Nanie Huntley and Mr. H. B. Allen spent Friday in Charlotte.—Miss Mabel Horne, one of the teachers in the graded school at Ramseurs, is visiting relatives here.

FOOD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. The Minnesota Dairy and Food Commission's analysis shows that Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar and Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar contain opiates and croton oil. Opiates are poisons and croton oil is a violent poisonous purgative. Refuse to accept any but Foley's Honey and Tar in a yellow package. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates or dangerous drugs and is the best cough and cold cure.

CATARRH PREPARES THE SYSTEM FOR CONSUMPTION

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By the Settlement of the Late Dr. J. B. Matthews Gets \$535—Coming Wedding Announced—Fire Company for East Durham.

Special to The Observer. Durham, March 21.—The final judgment in the suit of the Durham Loan & Trust Company, guardians for little Benjamin Matthews, son of the late Dr. J. B. Matthews, against the Endowment Rank Knights of Pythias, was filed to-day. This was probably the last scene in the litigation, and prosecutions that followed the deplorable act in Greensboro, when Dr. Matthews was charged with murdering his wife and that act in Baltimore later, when the defendant took his own life when he heard that his 20-year sentence in the State penitentiary had been sustained by the Supreme Court of the State.

Dr. Matthews was a member of the Knights of Pythias organization, and he carried a life policy for \$2,000 in the endowment rank of that organization. When he was first arrested on the charge of murder the agents for the company refused to accept the money tendered as premiums on the policy. The premiums were tendered several times, and as time wore on and the rank would not take the money the tender of these premiums ceased entirely. Then followed his trial, conviction, appeal and later his suicide.

The Durham Loan & Trust Company qualified as administrator of little Benjamin, the only son, and presented the policy for payment. This was refused and the suit started. By the compromise reached to-day the little child gets \$535 of the \$2,000 policy. Mr. R. C. Strudwick, of Greensboro was here to-day for the purpose of settling the matter and the agreement between counsel was reached, the judgment being signed this afternoon and the money paid over.

Invitations have been received in this city announcing the approaching marriage of Rev. William Charles Barrett, pastor of the Second Baptist church, this city, and Miss Ruby Haynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gilchrist McKay, of Laurinburg. The marriage vows will be said at the home of the bride's parents, on Wednesday evening April 13, at 6 o'clock.

East Durham is organizing a fire company to co-operate with the city fire department in fighting fires in that section of the settlement. East Durham is not within the corporate limits but Durham always sends help when there is a fire.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as executrix of the will of the late Dr. D. J. Sanders, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to me before the first day of April, 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons indebted to the estate of Dr. Sanders are requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

MRS. FANNIE P. SANDERS, Executrix of Will of D. J. Sanders, Bidde University, March 14, 1907.

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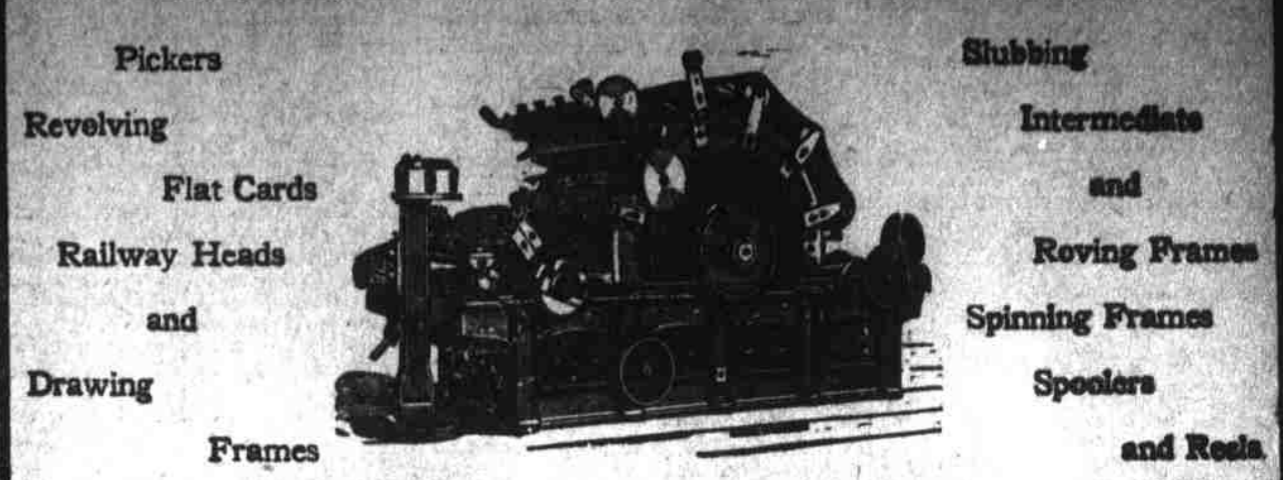
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Norfolk & Western Through Trains Daily, Charlotte to Roanoke, Va. Schedule in effect Nov. 25, 1906. 11:00 am Lv Charlotte, Va. Arr 1:30 pm 1:15 am Lv Winston, Va. Arr 3:30 pm 3:30 pm Lv Winston, N. & W. Arr 11:00 am 6:00 pm Lv Martinsville, Va. Arr 11:00 am 6:30 pm Lv Rocky Mount, Va. Arr 12:30 pm 7:00 am Lv Roanoke, Va. Arr 12:30 pm Daily. Connect at Roanoke via Shenandoah Valley Route for Natural Bridge, Luray, Mangerstown, and all points in Pennsylvania and New York. Pullman sleeper Roanoke and Parkersburg. Through coach, Charlotte and Roanoke. Additional train leaves Winston 7:00 a.m., daily except Sunday, for South West, Virginia and Shenandoah Valley points. M. F. BRAGG, Trav. Pass. Agent. S. B. BEVILL, Gen'l Pass. Agent. ROANOKE, VA.

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