

CHAPTER OF EXCITEMENTS.

Young Flagman Has an Exciting Ride—Drayman's Painful Accident—Young Woman Fractures Her Collar Bone.

Special to The Observer. Statesville, March 29.—Mr. Clyde Mayhew, a flagman on the Southern Railway, had a thrilling ride on a runaway box car near Statesville Wednesday morning, and a serious wreck was narrowly averted. Mr. Mayhew was on top of a box car which was being switched by a freight train to a siding on the Charlotte road. The car got loose at a point a few hundred yards from the depot and started down the steep grade toward Kestler's bridge at a rapid rate.

The flagman rushed to the brakes and tried to put them on but they refused to work and as the grade is very steep at points between the depot and the bridge, the car was soon running at high speed. The grade extends nearly to Barium Springs, five miles away. When the car crossed the bridge, two men from Statesville, it is said that it was running at least 60 miles an hour. The car was running too fast for the flagman to get off and yet he knew that it would probably jump the track at any time. And what made the ride all the more exciting, young Mayhew knew that it was almost time for the Charlotte passenger train, which is due in Statesville at 9:25 o'clock.

The young flagman was determined to remain on the car, let come what may, and he braced himself for the test and looked ahead for the coming passenger train. Just this side of Charlotte there is another grade descending north and when the car struck this grade it began to slow up, but not until it was in sight of the passenger train. The flagman jumped off as soon as the car stopped and ran to flag the approaching train.

While the above was going on, another young man, Mr. Baxter Boyd, was also having an exciting ride. Young Boyd was plowing near the railroad at the Kestler bridge when he saw the runaway car, knowing that the passenger train was due, he jumped on his horse and made a desperate run to reach a point ahead of the car and flag the train. He reached a point just beyond where the car stopped and was there flagging the train when young Mayhew arrived.

Bob Woods, a negro drayman for Mr. Geo. M. Purdy, suffered a very painful accident Wednesday afternoon. He was riding on top of a heavy box of glass which was being hauled from the glass factory to the depot. The box tilted over, catching his foot between the box and the wagon bed and throwing him out on the wheels. Both bones of the leg were broken and had not the team stopped promptly he would have been run over and seriously injured.

Miss Blanche Gaither, young daughter of Mr. Frank Gaither, of Salisbury, who is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. J. O. Gaither, in Irredell, fell from a horse Wednesday afternoon and broke her collar bone. Miss Blanche and her cousin, Miss Annie Bell Gaither, were riding horses, both riding the same horse, and it was during one of their rides that Miss Blanche fell from the horse and suffered the painful accident.

IMPROVING GRAHAM STREET. Cement Sidewalks in the Business Section—Building Notes—Personal Mention—Municipal Ticket. Special to The Observer.

Graham, March 29.—Main street is being considerably improved by the cement walks which the town is laying along the business section and part of the residential. This has also incited some of the house owners to beautify their property in various ways.

The Water and Electric Company is boring another well to supply the increased demand. Their ice factory did a big business last summer. They are preparing also to put up electric lights in Haw river by connecting that place with their power house.

Mr. A. S. Robinson's residence on East Harden street is being completed and he will soon move to Graham.

Mr. Robert L. White of Knoxville will also build on the same street.

Mr. John H. Tarpley, superintendent of the county home, has bought a lot on which he expects to build him a home—Mrs. Ella Vincent, of Mebane, has bought the "Pinehill" place on South Main street and will move in soon.

Dr. Geo. W. Long has been invited to deliver the annual address to the graduating class of the University of North Carolina, May 9.

The board of trustees of the graded schools have issued notice that they will elect a superintendent for the next year on May 1, and they intend to apply for the position.

INFANTRY GOING INTO CAMP.

Washington Company to Have an Outing at Camp Churchhill—The Don Richardson Trio a Drawing Card. Special to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., March 29.—The Washington Light Infantry, by order of their captain, Mr. W. C. Rodman, will on next Friday evening hold a special called meeting at the armory for the purpose of making necessary arrangements and perfecting plans for a proposed trip to Camp Churchhill, about 4 miles from this city. It has been decided to hold a series of one day encampments this summer. The galling gun, which was ordered to this armory lately, is expected to arrive about the middle of April and the first of these encampments will be held shortly after. The trip will be conducted after the manner of a forced march, each man carrying his own baggage. There will be but one wagon which will be devoted exclusively to the quartermaster sergeant, company cook's provisions, etc. The march will begin about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the camp will be broken about the same time Sunday. The company will practice skirmish drill and there will be very realistic attacks on the camp and galling gun from the sides and rear.

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hawkins, of this city, was conducted from the Methodist church at 5 o'clock yesterday by the pastor, Rev. A. P. Tyler, and the interment was in Oakdale Cemetery. The Don Richardson Trio, of Charlotte, was the attraction at the opera house last evening. Owing to the Lenten season, this being Holy week, only a small audience greeted the troupe. Their concert was of the highest classical order and for nearly 2 hours the audience was simply captivated. Mr. Richardson is a musical genius of rare talent and the music lovers of this city are to-day singing his praises on every side. "Sweet My God to Thee," with variations, has never been surpassed in this city.

Congressman Jno. H. Small, after a short visit to his family, has returned to Washington City.—Mr. E. S. Simmons is very ill with pneumonia at his home on Second street.—Mr. Joe Ellison, who has been in the city on a visit to friends and relatives, has returned to his home in Newport News.

ARRANGING FOR INSTITUTE.

Will be Held the Early Part of May—City Council May Own Its Own Water-Works—Recent Fire Cause of Dissatisfaction. Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 29.—Secretary Griffin of the local Y. M. C. A. is arranging for a boy's institute of the Y. M. C. A. of the Carolinas to be held in this city during the month of May. State Secretary Huntington, of Charlotte, and L. C. Gates, of Atlanta, a member of the International Y. M. C. A. executive committee, spent Thursday in the city discussing plans with Secretary Griffin. It is proposed to hold the institute the early part of May and the Y. M. C. A.'s of Charlotte, Columbia, Greenville, Asheville and Charleston will be asked to send delegates to the institute. Well-known Y. M. C. A. workers will be asked to address the meeting and many questions of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. will be discussed.

City council may take steps in the near future to own and operate its own water-works. The question of municipal ownership of the water-works plant has been discussed in a general way by members of council, but no formal action has been taken. It is believed, however, that the subject will be taken up at the next regular meeting of council.

At the recent fire in Spartanburg, which destroyed more than 60 houses in less than two hours, the water pressure was inefficient and much complaint was made by citizens and the management of the Spartan mills because of the poor pressure. That something must be done to protect the property of the city from another serious fire is patent to all and there is a general demand on the part of citizens for municipal ownership of the water-works plant.

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SCIENTISTS CLAIM CONSUMPTION IS SPREAD BY SPITTING IN PUBLIC.

The bacillus of tuberculosis starts tubercles in the lungs. These easily, often and are ejected from the lungs in coughing. A dry cough will spray the air full of these germs; a loose cough will deposit the sputum on the sidewalks, where it will drip, be trodden to powder, whirled about in the wind for healthy people to breathe, and so start up new plantations of these bacilli. Dr. Knopf says that an advanced case of consumption will eject about seven billion of these germs every twenty-four hours.

It is a murderous practice to spit where others may bring the infection into the house, on shoes or skirts, where it may dry and become a powder, to be sent into the air and breathed into the lungs. If the lungs are sore from colds or any other cause, these germs settle on the sore spot and set up what is called a "mixed infection." This is the starting point of consumption, and prompt treatment is required.

An eminent authority on lung trouble advises the use of the following simple formula, which can be secured from any good (Pure) prescription druggist at small cost: half-ounce of Pure (Pure), two ounces of glycerine and a half-pint of good Whisky. Mix and use in teaspoonful doses every four hours.

OPERATION OF NEW LAW.

Some Curious Elections on the Edge of the State—Opinion of the Attorney General Creates Some Comment. Observer Bureau.

1289 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., March 29.—The Carey-Cothran law, which is about the only kind of local option the people of this State have been able to get for some 20 years, is going to result in curious elections. For instance, Darlington and Newberry, both now dry, are going to attempt an election to get the county institution and some of the other counties are working hard to have the county dispensaries voted out. Richland, at this time when the prohibition was closed, about two weeks found that there were fewer blind tigers than usual because the Governor had sent out the word that the law must be enforced. People saw some of the good points about prohibition and in one week there were not a half dozen cases of drunkenness before the recorder. As soon as the county dispensaries opened there were 12 white men charged with violating that section of the ordinance. The members of the local law and order league have already started agitation for an election and are hopeful of success.

Mr. Allen Johnstone, of Newberry, one of the leading men of that county and a prominent member of the House, was in the city to-day and talked over the situation in his county. He believed that the people there were satisfied with prohibition and did not want the dispensary back although he said the prohibitionists were not as active as the other side. The recent opinion by the Attorney General had created some comment. He had ruled that prohibition did not have the right to close any dispensary or to move any that were in existence at the time of the passage of the Carey-Cothran act. This will apply only to incorporated towns and the dispensaries at Hardeeville, Rantowles and Adams Run have been closed because they are not incorporated, while the dispensary at Midway in Bamberg county cannot be moved as planned by the board.

Exit cherry phosphate. At least some of it manufactured in the northern part of Georgia and shipped into this State. The chemist at the University of South Carolina, Dr. W. B. Burney, was requested by Governor Amel several days ago to determine the quantity of alcohol in several samples obtained at several of the towns in this State. The phosphate had nearly four per cent of alcohol in it or nearly as much as the beer usually sold in this State. It also contains a coal tar dye to which the rich red color was due and in the chemist's opinion violated not only the dispensary law, but the pure food law, which goes into effect in July.

Distressing Accident at Gastonia. Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, March 29.—Mr. Dorie Craig, an employe of the Page Company, was the victim of a most distressing accident Wednesday afternoon, when he had the misfortune to have his right arm broken, the bone crushed and the flesh badly lacerated. The limb was caught by a set screw while Mr. Craig was engaged in work at one of the machines in the shop.

The injured man was at once removed to the office of Dr. C. E. Adams up town and the wound was dressed. Drs. Sloan and Reid assisted. Though very badly mangled, Mr. Craig refused to have the arm amputated, hoping that it can be saved. Mr. Craig has many friends who learned with regret of the accident he had sustained and who hope that he will entirely recover from the effects of it.

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Spencer to Have Cement Sidewalks Special to The Observer.

Spencer, March 29.—Work was begun today on the building of cement sidewalks in Spencer, the contract having been awarded a few days ago to Geo. R. Martin, a local contractor. The construction work will be pushed rapidly and sidewalks will be placed throughout the business and principal residential sections of the town. During the past year Spencer has acquired water-works, sewer, electric lights and a splendid graded school building. A new board of aldermen will be elected in May and it is expected that the improvements begun by the old board will be vigorously pushed by the new aldermen.

Yadkin River Bridge Nears Completion. Special to The Observer.

Spencer, March 29.—One of the largest and most costly bridges on the Southern Railway system is now nearing completion at the Yadkin river, near Spencer. The structure is being placed by the American Bridge Company and will be ready for use within about two weeks, and when completed will permit the use of the double-track of the main line between Spencer and Greensboro. The massive steel spans rest upon huge concrete foundations placed in the bed of the river reaching above high water mark.

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Yandell Bros. Sub-Contractors, to Answer Contempt Proceedings Before Judge Cook at Asheville. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, March 29.—Yandell Bros. sub-contractors for the Southern Railway Company, engaged in double-track work on the west side of the French Broad near the city, must appear before Judge Cook to-morrow morning and show cause why they should not be attached for contempt of court. Last week Judge Cook made an order restraining them from throwing rocks to a greater distance than midway the stream. Yesterday morning an unusually heavy blast was set off, and the rocks were again thrown into Riverside Park. Several men employed in the park came near being struck by flying stones. Counsel for the park management appeared before Judge Cook with affidavits reciting the violation of the court's injunction, and he issued a rule of contempt against the contractors. The hearing was set for to-day, but, owing to the absence of a member of the contracting firm, a continuance was had till to-morrow morning. Judge Cook, who was slightly startled by the explosion yesterday morning, intimated that Yandell Bros. might also be guilty of a criminal nuisance.

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