

Winston-Salem, June 7.—A citizen of Dobson, who was here today, says that the Statesville Air Line Railroad from Statesville to Mount Airy via Yadkinville and Dobson, is a certainty.

The townships in Yadkin and Iredell counties through which the proposed road will run voted to build some time ago for the railroad. A part of the township through which it will pass in Surry has already voted bonds and the only thing that stands in the way of the road's being built is Dobson township. Some time ago an election was held in this township and the bond issue was voted down by a two-thirds majority. Thus Dobson placed itself as a stone wall through which the road could not pass. Unless the people reconsider their action. And according to the gentleman here today from Dobson the people of that township have awakened to their opportunity, and have prevailed upon the county commissioners to call another election. The commissioners at their meeting last Monday ordered the election to be held on July 10.

Since the first election sentiment in Dobson township has undergone a remarkable change and it is now thought that the election will go in favor of the bond issue by a large majority.

This railroad will mean much for Surry, Yadkin and Iredell counties and the people of these counties are to be congratulated for voting the bond issue for its construction. It will give Yadkin an outlet, which it has never had, and gives Surry and Mt. Airy especially, a short outlet to the main line leading west at Statesville.

It is proposed to connect Winston-Salem with the road at Yadkinville, by the much-talked-of electric car line.

HAS PERHAPS "STRUCK OIL."

Mr. Albert Smith One of the Lucky Ones in a Recent Land Drawing—In the Realm of "Songland."

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, June 7.—Mr. Albert Smith returned to his home here this morning from Texas, where he participated in the land drawing of the Santa Fe & Frisco Land Development Co. He was gone just a month, having left Gastonia on May 7th. Mr. Smith was one of the lucky ones. He obtained three five-acre tracts of farmland in Montgomery county and two corner lots in the town of Kenau. The land was some 35 miles from where the drawing took place and he did not go to see it in person, but will do so later. The property is in the oil region and two wells will be sunk at an early date by the new owners. While away Mr. Smith visited at Plano, Texas, and spent two weeks with his brother, Mr. Lee Smith, at Russellville, Ark. He also visited Galveston, Fort Worth and Houston, Texas. He declined an offer to exchange his newly-acquired property for a 40-acre plantation near Russellville, Ark. Mr. Smith is full of enthusiasm and believes that oil will be located on his land.

The piano and vocal recital, which was given last night in the music room of A. J. Kirby & Co., by the pupils of Mr. Harvey Overcash, was attended by a large audience and was greatly enjoyed. The pupils of Mr. Overcash all show that they have been well trained, this being evidenced by their clear technique and musical touch, a result of the method taught by Mr. Overcash, better known as the Joseffy method. Mr. Overcash having personally studied with Joseffy.

CALLED TO HIS REWARD.

A Message Announcing the Death of Rev. John W. Coggins at Odessa, Mo., Received in Asheville.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, June 7.—A message today from L. B. Goggins at Odessa, Mo., announced the death at that place yesterday of Rev. John W. Coggins, a minister of the Christian church. The announcement of the death of Mr. Coggins was unexpected and will come as a shock to his many friends in Buncombe county. Mr. Coggins was reared in this county and was well and favorably known in Asheville and this immediate section. He was 30 years of age and had been married two years. He went West seven years ago and since that time had made that section of the country his home. Mr. Coggins was born in Buncombe county and spent the greater portion of his life in the Swannanoa section. Surviving are a mother and four brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Rev. J. C. Coggins of Black Mountain, Allen Coggins, Sam T. Coggins and L. B. Coggins. The sisters are Mrs. Tipton of Swannanoa station and Mrs. J. L. Owens of Asheville.

INDICTED FOR MAYHEM.

Martin Shepherd Gets Three Years in State Prison—Scotland for Craig.

Special to The Observer.

Laurinburg, June 7.—Superior Court for this county has been in session here this week, closing Wednesday. Not many cases of importance were tried, the most important one being the State vs. Martin Shepherd, who was indicted for mayhem, having shot out the eye of an old negro, Laurell Hill township. Shepherd held a mortgage on a farm he had sold this negro, and after he was convicted he canceled the mortgage and took three years in the State's prison as a punishment. Feeling was strong against him. Judge Peoples presided at this term of court, he having exchanged with Judge Council. His many friends were glad to see him back again.

This being court week, your correspondent had a fine opportunity to test the sentiment of the county in the gubernatorial matter. The fact seems to be that there are two political factions in this county and that they are vying with each other in their support of Mr. Craig. There is no doubt about his carrying this county solid.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE UP.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Furniture Dealers' Association at Winston-Salem.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, June 7.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Furniture Dealers' Association met here this afternoon, all of the members of the committee being present. The members of the committee are B. F. Huntley of Winston-Salem, president of the organization; E. F. Hall of Reidsville, second vice president; G. W. Wright of Salisbury, third vice president; W. T. McCoy of Charlotte; J. S. Crim of Winston-Salem, and Mr. W. T. Somerset of Salisbury, secretary and treasurer.

Several matters of vital importance were discussed at the meeting. The committee decided to build the new building at Nimsville, and to have the road construction. Superintendent W. P. Eddleman was appointed to superintend the building of the new building.

COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Account of the Proposed Connecting Company of Charlotte to Build Road from Mount Airy to Nimsville—Jury Box Closed.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, June 7.—The county commissioners met in their regular session at the courthouse at 10 o'clock this morning and Tuesday. The proposed connecting company of Charlotte to build a road from Mount Airy to Nimsville, was the first item on the agenda. The report of the board Messrs. John P. Eddleman and S. P. Stowe was read and the board decided to hold a hearing on the matter. The board also decided to hold a hearing on the matter of the proposed connecting company of Charlotte to build a road from Mount Airy to Nimsville.

Chapel Hill, June 7.—Beneath the historic Davis poplar, where over 100 years ago the plans were laid for the founding of the University, Mr. Roby Council Day, of the class of 1907, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Hearn, daughter of W. T. Hearn, of Chapel Hill, were united in marriage Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. Rumor had had it for several weeks that the marriage was to follow immediately after commencement and on Monday afternoon Mr. Day imparted to his classmates at the last meeting of the class, in utmost confidence, the time and the place, requesting them to be present at the ceremony. In response, in spite of the early hour, about 35 of the class of 1907 formed a horse shoe at the base of the gnarled old poplar at 7:15 sharp and almost immediately the wedding party arrived on the scene. Although the wedding had been intended as a surprise the secret had leaked out by some means and a large number of the villagers were out to witness the ceremony. It was indeed a pretty scene as the bride and groom-elect advanced down the horse's shoe, the bright morning sun sparkling on the grass and trees and rendering the campus an ideal temple of nature, even more beautiful still. At the head of the horse-shoe the young couple were awaited by Rev. Dr. Thomas Hume and the Rev. J. W. Wildman. In a few simple words Dr. Hume pronounced them man and wife and after the benediction the groom's classmates crowded round to express their congratulations to their fortunate brother and his bride. These concluded Mr. and Mrs. Day drove to the station to take the early train for Norfolk, where they will attend the Jamestown Exposition. As the carriage drove away it was followed by a volley of lusty college yells from the seniors at the foot of the old poplar. The only attendants were Mr. N. R. Clayton, '07 best man, and Miss Hattie Brimmon, maid of honor, the groom's classmates taking the place of the regular wedding party.

Mr. Day is one of the most prominent members of the graduating class. While at the University he was one of the foremost men in college, serving on an inter-collegiate debate, an intercollegiate debate, and being one of the contestants for the Willie P. Mangum medal. He is a young man of much character and promise and is well worthy of the bride that he has won in the person of one of Chapel Hill's most popular young ladies. Miss Hearn is a graduate of the Southern Conservatory of Music, at Durham, and is quite a talented musician. During the coming year Mr. and Mrs. Day will make their home at A. & M. Miss, where Mr. Day will act as secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of the A. & M. College of Mississippi. Mr. Day is a self-made college man, having made his way entirely while at college, and hence is doubly to be congratulated on his success.

WOODMEN BANQUET.

The Delightful Function Participated in by 200 Members and Their Friends—Several Excellent Speeches.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, June 7.—Piedmont Camp No. 62, Woodmen of the World, gave a banquet last night in the Brockett Hall to which 200 members and their friends responded with their presence. Refreshments were served and a good time was had. Mr. E. B. Lewis, a prominent citizen of Kinston and State manager for the Woodmen of the World, was present and made a good talk. As also did others on various subjects.

The programme was as follows: Fraternism, Rev. E. L. Siler, "His-story of Woodmen," R. L. Pickens, "The Woodman Monument," E. G. Barber, "The Woodman Goat," W. L. Stamey, "Social Features of Woodcraft," T. H. Spencer, "Woodcraft at Large," Hon. E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, State manager W. of W.

Other speakers were down on the programme, but were absent. This was the seventh anniversary of the founding of Woodcraft, which in this time has grown to 500,000 members and since January 1st has been growing at the rate of 12,000 a month.

DISCUSS TRUST PROSECUTIONS.

President and Other High Officials Hold Notable Conference at White House—Secretary Loeb Issues Statement on the Subject.

Washington, June 7.—A notable conference on the subject of trust prosecutions was held at the White House to-night. Those who participated were President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Taft, Secretary of State Root, Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, Secretary of the Interior Garfield, Attorney General Bonaparte, Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Knapp and Lane and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, special counsel for the government.

The conference continued from 9 p. m. until a few minutes before midnight. Secretary Taft on leaving announced that Secretary Loeb would issue a statement on the subject. Special Counsel Kellogg, who walked from the White House to his hotel, declined to state what had transpired at the meeting and referred all his questioners to the statement which Mr. Loeb was to promulgate.

Secretary Loeb at midnight issued this statement: "The conference was held for the purpose of affording ample discussion concerning the matters which have been under investigation by the Inter-State commerce commission. The inter-State commerce commission has not yet formulated its report and all of the discussion was of a purely preliminary kind. After a report has been made the Attorney General will of course carefully consider it."

LESS THAN PUBLISHED RATE.

Former General Freight Agent of Ann Arbor Railroad Indicted on 23 Counts for Violation of Inter-State Commerce Law.

Toledo, O., June 7.—W. H. Bennett, of this city, formerly general freight agent of the Ann Arbor Railway, was indicted to-day on 23 counts by the Federal grand jury for violation of the inter-State commerce law. The government showed that 12 cars contained from 47,000 to 60,000 pounds of ice in excess of the regulations.

The other five counts are on the charge that ice was shipped to the Toledo Ice & Coal Company at the rate of 30 cents a ton from White-ridge Lake when the published tariff was 40 cents.

Winnipeg, June 7.—The new night at the Hotel Britannia, the first River Lodge No. 123 of the Knights of Pythias, will give a banquet. Proprietor Wilson will not doubt do himself proud on this occasion.

An arrangement has been perfected between Leakville-Spray and the county commissioners whereby the county chain gang will build a 18-foot macadam road between the 10-foot Hopper at Leakville and the end of Smith River bridge in Spray. Spray-Leakville will put up \$3,000 and the county will do the work.

Much interest to Spray will be discussed and acted upon at the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina, which meets at Greensboro, June 10th, and no doubt a good representation will be present.

Mrs. B. F. Mebane has just returned from Covington, Va., where she visited her sister, Mrs. Robert Parish, nee Miss Gray Morehead.

Judge Thomas Raulhae, a distinguished son of North Carolina, now a resident of Sheffield, Ala., is visiting in the "meadows" at the home of Mrs. W. S. Raulhae. Judge Raulhae is returning home from the reunion at Richmond. He was probably the youngest officer in the Confederate service, having enlisted as first lieutenant at the age of 17 years.

The first dance of the season took place in the barn Wednesday night. The function was given by the young men of the town and was much enjoyed by the 20 couples present.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses, of Sumpter, S. C., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Phelps, at their home in the "meadows."

The new four-train-a-day schedule on the Danville & Western is working well and increasing business for the road.

WILL SUPPORT WIFE IN SUIT.

Lieutenant Colonel Ayres Reaches Decision After Reading Communication From War Department—Action is Against Officers of West Point Military Academy For Alleged Discourtesies.

Highland Falls, N. Y., June 7.—After reading a communication from the War Department, Lieut. Col. Charles G. Ayres, to-night declared that he would support his wife in the action she has instituted against Superintendent Hugh Scott and other officers of the West Point Military Academy.

Colonel Ayres returned this evening from New York and found the letter from Washington awaiting him. While declining to discuss its contents he intimated that they touched upon the course adopted by Mrs. Ayres. He made it plain that he proposed to see his wife "through to the finish."

Colonel Ayres said that he would not make public the letter from the War Department until he had first shown it to his wife's attorney, in whose hands it would be placed tomorrow.

Mrs. Ayres' attorney, Mann Trice, of New York, has been instructed to file damage suits aggregating \$100,000 against Colonel Scott, Lieut. Col. Robert L. Howse, commander of cadets, Capt. Jewell W. Oliver, assistant instructor of tactics and Lieut. Col. Stephen C. Mills, inspector general.

Mrs. Ayres, it is understood, bases her allegations upon alleged discourtesies received at West Point and which culminated in the colonel's wife being forbidden to enter the reservation. The Ayres home adjoins the academy grounds. Colonel Ayres is at home on a leave of absence, having returned last Saturday from the Philippines. His son is now a cadet at West Point.

TWO KILLED; 11 HURT IN WRECK.

Express Crashes Into Coal Train on Siding—Telescoping Smoker and Pullman—Flagman of Coal Train, Said to be Responsible, Disappears.

Washington, June 7.—Two were killed and 11 injured in a wreck on the Washburn road one mile east of Hickory near here to-day, when the Toledo Express westbound, crashed into a coal train on a siding telescoping the smoker and a Pullman car. The flagman of the coal train, who is said to be responsible for letting the passenger train in on the siding occupied by the coal train, disappeared immediately after the crash.

The dead are: FRANK BLANCO, ANTHONY SCHLUME. Both were miners of Avella, who were in the smoker.

A relief train was made up and the injured taken to hospitals in Pittsburgh.

The smoker that received the full force of the collision was almost filled with passengers. It was in this car the two men were killed. Mrs. A. G. Chambers, of Wilkingsburg, Penn., and Mrs. Hilda Stears, of Chicago, Pa., were the only passengers injured in the Pullman car. Both were bruised and are suffering from shock. Passengers in other cars suffered from shock and slight bruises.

MR. MARRIMAN IMMUNE.

No Criminal Action Can be Brought Against Him—Prosecution of Anthracite Coal Roads May Begin Next Week in Philadelphia.

Washington, June 7.—That E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, is immune from criminal prosecution as the result of his testimony before the Inter-State commerce commission in New York recently; that the question of prosecution of his numerous coal-carrying railroads should be left in the hands of the Attorney General and that prosecution of the anthracite coal roads will begin in Philadelphia, probably next week, were conclusions reached at a notable conference at the White House to-night. The Harriman case, and the cases of the coal-carrying roads were discussed for three hours by President Roosevelt, five members of the Cabinet, two members of the Inter-State commerce commission, and special counsel for the government.

Following the general conference Attorney General Bonaparte remained with the President to discuss the so-called "harvest trust." It is thought not unlikely that the question of prosecution of that organization will be left in the Attorney General's hands.

Y. W. C. A. CONFERENCE OPENS.

Called to Order in the Kenilworth Inn, Asheville—Work to be Done Outlined by Helen Barnes, of New York.

Asheville, N. C., June 7.—The annual conference of the Y. W. C. A. in the Southern States, opened here to-day at the Kenilworth Inn, more than 300 delegates being present. The opening session was called to order by Miss Helen Barnes, of New York, leader of the conference, who in a brief address, outlined the work to be done by the present gathering. Addresses were also made by Mrs. J. E. Broadwell, of New York; Dr. Lincoln Sully, president of Stetson

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At 8:50 a. m. to-day the Worden, Truxton, Stuart and Hull passed in the Virginia capes, but failed to signal any report as to which of the torpedo boat destroyers arrived first.

The Hopkins leaping to some extent, but with her pumps holding their own, passed Cape Henry in tow of the Whipple inward bound at 10:40 a. m.

The destroyer flagship is declared to have arrived first.

The first, second and fourth divisions of the Atlantic squadron passed in the Virginia capes to-day and proceeded to Hampton Roads where they took up anchorage assigned for the positions the vessels are to occupy on the occasion of the review by the President Monday.

The Connecticut, flying the pennant of Admiral Evans, led the line as they passed single file through the capes. The Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, and the cruiser Tennessee followed.

The Brazilian squadron also passed in the capes to-day and proceeded into Hampton Roads having been preceded by the United States battle-ships New Jersey and Georgia.

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