

HARDWARE MEN DEBATED.

Charlotte Treated Them Royally and They Appreciated the Many Kindnesses Shown Them—Mr. Watt, Who Tells an Observer Man an Interesting Story of the Hardware Men's Convention—The Newspapers Come in for Their Share of the Praise.

"How did the hardware people enjoy their stay in Charlotte during the convention?" an Observer man inquired of Mr. Walter W. Watt yesterday.

"Very much, indeed," Mr. Watt replied. "I heard numbers of expressions of kindness and appreciation of the hospitality extended to the members and visitors to the Hardware Men's Convention, and each and every one expressed himself as being delighted. They made some comparisons with other places where they have been entertained in the past that were anything but complimentary to these places, and having been present myself and realizing how fair the comparisons are, yet knowing how mad it might make some of our neighbors feel to quote them, I will refrain from doing so. There was one matter, by the way, that has caused considerable mortification on the part of all those members of the Hardware Association who know about it so far, and this mortification will extend all through the ranks as soon as this information is so disseminated; and that is, through a stupid blunder on the part of some one, the very handsome resolutions drafted by the committee on resolutions were mailed away from here with some official papers instead of having been turned over to you very clever newspaper people for publication.

"I trust I will be pardoned if I lay special emphasis on the splendid manner in which the Charlotte papers handled the convention. Of course, this is nothing new to us, inasmuch as it has grown to be a habit of theirs to do these things, and do them exceptionally well, but it was evidently a revelation to our visitors and was a cause of more comment perhaps than all other things combined. This was the only promise that I made the hardware men, however, when I took it upon myself a year ago to invite them to come to Charlotte, and that was that the newspapers would not need any suggestions or assistance to give them the best and most satisfactory reports of all their meetings. How well my promise was kept by the Charlotte Observer, Evening News and Evening Chronicle, is most eloquently attested by the news columns of those several papers covering the dates of the convention.

"It is no reflection on you newspaper men that you did not get hold of the resolutions as drafted by the committee on resolutions, because it was the purpose of that committee to have these resolutions typewritten and a copy of the same properly placed in the city editor's office of each of the several papers named. It was in the nature of a courteous tender, as it were, and to secure its accomplishment some approach to secrecy was made by which the newspapers were kept in the dark, but which unfortunately thwarted the purpose of the convention through its committee on resolutions and proved rather a boomerang all around. I trust you will get hold of a copy of those resolutions and print them yet, because you take my word for it, it is pleasant, agreeable reading, and the beautiful part of it is that it is absolutely sincere and straight from the heart. There were no phrase-makers or daisy-painters on the committee. They were hard-headed, every-day hardware men, who call a spade a spade, and do not sell a grindstone for a cheese, and therefore mean what they say."

DEPUTY FINED \$10.

One of the First Official Acts of Judge Ferguson is to Slap a Fine on Jailer Johnston for Being Late at His Trial in Progress, for Fifth Time.

"Mr. Clerk, enter a fine of \$10 on Deputy Sheriff Johnston for delaying the proceedings of the court."

Thus spoke Judge G. S. Ferguson yesterday afternoon. The imposition of the fine came at the conclusion of a 30-minute wait for a representative of the executive department of the government of North Carolina, in order that court might be convened in a seemly, orderly and duly lawful manner. The court and the crowd was on hand on time, but no sheriff and no deputy appeared. The spectators chatted and laughed, the lawyers smoked cigars and strode up and down in dignified fashion, while Mr. Johnston, as it turned out, had a good excuse, being detained at the jail to receive and take care of an unusually large number of wards entrusted to his keeping by Recorder Smith. In imposing the fine the judge remarked that he should expect the sheriff to pay it, as he was responsible, it being his duty either to be present in person or to have some one represent him.

When court had settled to work the regular docket was taken up. N. B. Broom was granted a divorce from his wife, Dora Broom, and Mary M. Fox was similarly successful in her suit for a divorce from her husband, Frank Fox.

Then came up for the fifth time that well-known suit against the Air Line road to Atlanta, now owned by the Southern Railway, brought by Samuel Hayes, a colored individual, who asks damages for injuries sustained several years ago, which he alleges were caused by the negligence of this company. The taking of testimony for the plaintiff has been concluded, and it is expected that the case will go to the jury about noon to-day. Mr. J. A. Bell represents the plaintiff and Col. W. B. Rodman and Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, the defense.

Miss Nola Sherrill, the beautiful and accomplished stenographer of Statesville, is in attendance on the court, taking testimony in the railroad case. This is the first court Judge Ferguson has ever held in Charlotte. He is a Westerner, being a resident of Waynesville, Haywood county. He is making a good impression, being courteous yet business-like and well acquainted with the workings of court machinery.

The Mayor May Resign. It is said that the mayor has said that if the Sunday laws are changed so as to permit the sale of soft drinks on Sunday he will resign. Once before he threatened to leave town if perchance, it went wet. These are serious propositions. Mayors are not made every day. Charlotte could not get along without a "Mac."

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DR. C. N. STEPHENSON DEAD.

Well-known Charlotte Physician Dies in Hospital Where He Was Taken Thursday for Treatment—Was the Head of a Class of 80 at Famous Tulane University—Intended to be at Fort Mill, S. C.

After a period of ill health extending over the past three years, culminating a year ago in a nervous breakdown and assuming about two months ago an acute form which made his recovery a matter of grave doubt, Dr. C. Benjamin Stephenson died yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock at Morganton, whither he had been taken last Thursday for treatment. The remains will be interred at Fort Mill, S. C., the home of his mother, to-day or to-morrow.

Dr. Stephenson's death is a peculiarly sad one in that but for his ill health what would have been a career of signal usefulness is cut short. He was born in Flat Rock, Kershaw county, South Carolina, in 1861, and was, at the time of his death, 46 years old. He graduated at Tulane University, New Orleans, in 1881, being valedictorian of a class of 80. Shortly after graduating he taught diagnosis in one of the large hospitals of the City of New York. His constitution, however, was not equal to the strain and his physicians told him that a change of climate was absolutely necessary.

For a time he then practiced in Mississippi, but failing to find the desired relief, he came to Fort Mill, S. C., whence, on the advice of friends, he came to Charlotte, taking up his residence in the then suburb of Dilworth. Here he has lived and practiced his profession for the past ten years up till a few weeks ago, when he was forced reluctantly to abandon his work. Those who knew him found him courteous, honorable and upright.

Dr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, one son, Mr. Brevard Stephenson, of Fort Mill. Many friends sympathize with them in their sorrow.

Mrs. Stephenson before her marriage in 1888 was Miss Florence Doty, of Columbia, Miss., a member of a well-known Mississippi family.

FELL FROM TRAIN.

Word Received in Charlotte That Mr. Eugene Ferrell, Missing Elk, Is in Lynchburg Hospital—Not Seriously Hurt.

Word was received in the city yesterday that Mr. Eugent F. Ferrell, of Charlotte, who left this city with a party of Elks to attend the convention in Philadelphia, was reported as having been injured by his comrades Sunday night, in a hospital in Lynchburg, Va. In some manner, it seems, he fell from the train near Lynchburg, but his injuries are not serious. Mr. Ferrell occupied a day coach, being unable to secure Pullman accommodations.

When his companions who were in another part of the train, found all his belongings save him, they became alarmed. Mr. Ferrell is station accountant at the Southern station.

The Worley Stock Company.

The Worley Stock Company will, beginning to-night, play each night to the multitude at the old Charlotte Military School building. The military play "In Old Virginia," will be presented and the admission is 10 cents straight. Five hundred people can be accommodated. Ernest Williams, who has for four years been a very capable villain, recently dislocating the knee of the hero, has resigned to accept a position as ticket grabber at the Odeon. He has been succeeded by George Page.

Bathing in Latta Park Lake Tabooed.

Chief of Police Orr yesterday issued orders that, under instructions from Mr. E. D. Latta, owner of the Latta Park property, no bathing will be permitted hereafter in the lake there. It is said that the rules regarding the use of bathing suits and dressing rooms had been disregarded by some, hence the rescinding of the recently granted privilege.

Judge Parker Still Believes in a Southern Presidential Candidate.

Special to The Observer. Richmond, Va., July 15.—Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, who has just returned from North Carolina, said to-day that the South is full of Presidential timber—men who would make a strong run—and that Democrats of the Northern States would support the man nominated. The Judge is very firm in his conviction that the South is entitled to the Democratic nominee and that if the right man is put up he will go to the White House.

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MR. McCALL AT SALISBURY.

He Delivers an Address Before the Law and Order League—About 500 Voters Pled to Have Deeds of Vice Exterminated—Old Rector of a Pullman Shop Revived—More Than \$150 Cleared on Ball Games. Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, July 15.—Ex-Mayor J. D. McCall, of Charlotte, yesterday addressed the Salisbury Law and Order League and told of the beneficent work of prohibition in Charlotte. He declared that his coming here was on the presumption that he would be expected to make a prohibition speech but as the Law and Order League disclaimed making a prohibition campaign now, his speech was revised and he spoke almost entirely upon other matters. Mr. McCall was introduced by R. Lee Wright and spoke almost an hour. He does not call Charlotte a good town, but he does think prohibition has effected much there and says it has improved the condition of things.

Referring to the existence of the places of vice, he advised that the passage of law making it a misdemeanor for men to visit them and asserted the sufficiency of the law to drive the inhabitants and keepers of the dives out. There were more than 200 people out and blanks containing room for the signatures of two were issued to each member of the league and citizen of the city. This morning about 300 voters had presented a petition to the mayor asking a police to enforce the law against the evil places and at the Thursday night session of the aldermen the matter will be taken up.

The Daughters of the Confederacy are going to the good by the recent baseball games between the Elks and Pythians and the two lodges of Pythians will play on the tie of last week and the games that began in fact, your pay is usually increased as soon as you go on board a sea-going vessel.

If you have any trade or calling, such as machinist, electrician, carpenter, fireman, engineer, plumber, cooper, blacksmith, drug clerk, nurse, stenographer, book-keeper, cook, baker, steward, etc., you can enlist for that trade, at pay ranging from \$35 to \$65 per month at the start, with the same allowances free that an apprentice seaman receives. Upon entering the Naval service, if you have an ambition to learn and better yourself, you have before you the gateway to positions of authority and good pay. You are constantly learning things, at the expense of the government, while your pay con-

SHERIFF MARKHAM'S BURIAL.

The Funeral Procession One of the Five Longest Ever Seen—Many Fraternal Orders Took Part. Plenty of Candidates for the Vacant Position. Special to The Observer.

Durham, July 15.—The funeral and burial of the late Sheriff F. D. Markham, who died on Friday, took place yesterday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church and the burial took place at Maplewood cemetery. The funeral procession was one of the longest in the history of burials in this city. It is said by the older citizens that back years ago when Colonel Parrish, who was mayor of the city for a number of years, died that his procession included most of the people then living in Durham. Then came the funeral and burial of Col. W. T. Blackwell, which was attended by many organizations, including the fire department and the military companies, later that of Washington Duke, and the funeral and burial of Sheriff Markham yesterday. These were the five largest funerals held here in many years.

Kentucky Farmer Roughly Handled by Night Riders.

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 15.—News reached here to-day that a band of between 30 and 40 "night riders" visited the farm of J. W. Barefield, in Trigg county, Saturday night, fired a number of shots at the house and took Mr. Barefield into the woods, where it is reported he was roughly dealt with. Barefield is a strong union association man and had been warned to join or suffer the consequences. Some time ago his tobacco was taken from the barn and thrown into a pond.

Rates Via Seaboard Air Line Under New Law.

Rates in effect via Seaboard Air Line under new law are two and a quarter cents per mile to all points in North Carolina. Rates to following points are in effect from Charlotte to Raleigh \$3.90; Weldon, \$6.07; Wilmington, \$4.20; Henderson, \$4.89; Oxford, \$5.22. JAMES KER, JR., City Passenger Agent.

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If you have no trade or profession, and are not over 25 years old, you can enlist as "apprentice seaman," in which the pay is at the start \$16 per month (with food and lodging furnished you free), and with an opportunity for advancement to higher positions and larger pay. In fact, your pay is usually increased as soon as you go on board a sea-going vessel.

If you have any trade or calling, such as machinist, electrician, carpenter, fireman, engineer, plumber, cooper, blacksmith, drug clerk, nurse, stenographer, book-keeper, cook, baker, steward, etc., you can enlist for that trade, at pay ranging from \$35 to \$65 per month at the start, with the same allowances free that an apprentice seaman receives.

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