

McDOWELL COURT CONFERENCE

Judge Lyon Tells the Jury to Indict Railway Agents - An interesting trial in State vs. Prestley to be closed this week.

Marion, July 23.—Judge Lyon opened the regular term of the Superior Court for McDowell county yesterday morning, and in his charge to the jury he did exactly what the prosecution expected him to do, charging that the ticket agents for the Southern Railway Company in McDowell county who had sold tickets at the old rate instead of the new rate under the rate bill were guilty and that it was his duty to indict them. Consequently our little town is awaiting developments.

One of the most interesting trials that will come up at this court will be the State vs. Prestley. The facts in this case are about as follows: One week ago Sunday night about 5 o'clock Rev. A. N. Perryman, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Marion, was awakened by noises in the hall of his dwelling. The preacher got up, took a lighted lamp in one hand and a loaded pistol in the other and went out to see if he could determine the cause of the noises that disturbed his rest. He heard foot-steps in the hall and saw a man enter the back door and dart behind the curtains in the hall. Dr. Perryman very politely asked the man to state his business or his desires and indicated that he would prefer that he come from behind the curtains while so doing. The night-walker, however, treated him with silent contempt; whereupon Mr. Perryman used his pistol to great effect, striking the intruder in the left side and inflicting a painful flesh wound. Then it was Prestley broke his silence and attempted to explain his presence by saying that he was drunk and thought that he was in a church. Mr. Perryman phoned for the policeman, who came and informed the wounded man that he was not in a church, but in the dwelling of the pastor of a church, and that he thought the proper place for him would be in jail. It is not known exactly what course the solicitor will take, but perhaps he will try the man for house-breaking otherwise than burglary at this time.

GOT A DOUBLE PENSION.

An Aged Citizen Who Has Been Drawing a Pension From Both North and South Carolina Since 1904 Gets Caught Up With - North Carolina Cuts Him Off - Personal.

Special to The Observer. Rutherfordton, July 23.—Mr. F. C. Dobbins, an aged citizen who resides near Caroleen, it seems has been playing a trick on the North and South Carolina pension boards. In 1904 he began drawing a pension from Cherokee, South Carolina; and shortly afterwards, having moved to Rutherfordton county, he applied and has got a pension each year since that time. So it will be readily seen that he has been drawing a double pension from the two States.

The discovery of the matter came about in this way. A letter came from Columbia, S. C., to Cherokee, S. C., addressed to "F. C. Dobbins," but a Miss F. C. Dobbins with the same name here, got the letter through mistake and sent it together with the pension to the rightful owner at Caroleen. This led to his detection here. Then State Auditor B. F. Dixon wrote to the South Carolina authorities, who replied that "F. C. Dobbins has drawn a pension from Cherokee county, S. C., since 1904."

Yesterday he applied in vain for reinstatement of his \$18 pension, but the North Carolina board, through Auditor Dixon, have dropped him. He confessed to the Rutherfordton county pension board yesterday that he had drawn a pension from each State and his excuse was that he needed the money; and also expressed himself as being badly treated by the authorities in not continuing his pension. As the amount is small, his age and infirmities condone the wrong, and now as a punishment the North Carolina board gives him nothing.

Miss Annie Wilkinson, of Charlotte, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. R. Simmons.—Mr. W. C. Twitty has just returned from the Jamestown Exposition, where he has been for the past ten days. A number of visitors from South Carolina, Florida and other States are in our town to spend the summer months.

TO TAKE ON CATAWA POWER.

By September 1st a Considerable Chain of Concrete Mills Will Have Made the Change - Lawn Party Brought in \$90 - Dance at the Black Cat Mines.

Special to The Observer. Concord, July 23.—W. A. Honeycutt, chief electrician for the Cannon, Cabarrus, Young-Hartwell and Franklin cotton mills, is making all preliminary arrangements for the connection of the mills with the Southern Power Company, which power is promised to reach this city no later than the 1st of September. In order to operate the machinery of the chain of mills enumerated, it will require more than one hundred motors, which will have individual horse-power from 25 to 125. The change from the present system is looked forward to with great interest and anticipation. The system of Odell mills located in this city will also take on the Catawba power just as soon as it reaches the city and the transmitters have been put to work. The power house is now in readiness with every modern appliance for the change of power.

Twenty or more of the volunteer frames of the city will go to Wilmington for the annual tournament on the 5th of August. Concord will very probably send down a strong running team.

The Odd Fellows of Cold Water Lodge last night cleared about \$90 at a lawn party on the ball grounds at Forest Hill. The proceeds will be forwarded to the orphanage at Goldsboro.

SAVED FROM BURNING BRIDGE

A Train Near Statesville Escapes Running into a Burning Trestle by a Narrow Margin—Preliminary Survey of the Statesville Air Line Railway Begins About August 6th—Short news Paragraphs.

Special to The Observer. Statesville, July 23.—Passenger train No. 22 from the West had a narrow escape from being wrecked Saturday afternoon at a point where about 12 years ago one of the largest bridges that time occurred. The train is due in Statesville at 6:45. About 6 o'clock Saturday evening clanders from a locomotive set fire to the woodwork of the Bostain bridge two miles west of Statesville and when discovered was making good headway. Luckily for the train, the fire was discovered before serious damage resulted and was extinguished and the bridge repaired in a short time, the train being delayed only an hour or so.

Mr. W. G. Culbert has given up his position as manager of the savings department of the Statesville Loan & Trust Co., and has gone to Ensley, Ala., to take a position in the bank of Alabama. His successor has not been named.

The contract for the building of the Paola Cotton Mill—the 110,000 mill owned by T. C. Thompson Bros., of Birmingham, Ala. The contract calls for the completion of the mills by November 15th. Work will begin shortly on a large addition to be built to the Bloomfield Cotton Mill. Rev. J. Clyde Turner supplied the Baptist church at Lexington Sunday, returning to Statesville yesterday. Mr. Turner has recently accepted a call to a Baptist pastorate at Macon, Ga., but will not go to Georgia until some time next month.

Survey of the proposed Statesville Air Line Railway will begin soon. Chief engineer Greenlee, who has taken the contract to make the preliminary survey for the road, will arrive here to-night from Marion and will leave on horseback to-morrow to ride over the proposed line of survey. After riding over the survey he will return to Statesville and about August 6th the surveying party will begin work at Statesville. Civil Engineer Clarke, of Statesville, and assistant, Mr. Miller Walker, will be among those who will assist Mr. Greenlee in the survey.

Some months ago Lillie Chambers, a negro girl widow, called her neighbor Greenlee, who has taken the contract to make the preliminary survey for the road, will arrive here to-night from Marion and will leave on horseback to-morrow to ride over the proposed line of survey. After riding over the survey he will return to Statesville and about August 6th the surveying party will begin work at Statesville. Civil Engineer Clarke, of Statesville, and assistant, Mr. Miller Walker, will be among those who will assist Mr. Greenlee in the survey.

WORK STARTS ON TROLLEY LINE.

It Seems That the High Point-Winston Electric Line is a Certainty—Aerial Wheel Still Running—Young Man Moves to Mississippi.

Special to The Observer. High Point, July 23.—The Carolina Valley Railroad Company has made a decided move in the way of building an electric line connecting High Point and Winston and Thomasville and High Point and later Greensboro. Yesterday several car loads of ties arrived and ten teams were kept busy hauling them along North Main street in the direction of Winston. Rails are also in the order and these will be followed in a few days by all the ties and rails that are needed as fast as the work progresses. The laying of these necessary articles for the building of an electric line lived up things on North Main street and caused people who had doubted the building of such a road to sit up and take notice.

It is given out that the work will be promptly pushed and the large crowd of laborers will go to work at once.

The aerial wheel will perform here until the middle of the week on account of having some fenders made before going to Jamestown. The wheel is making good and is a paying investment to the owners.

The National Bank of this place has decided to add 25 feet to its already tall building in the addition of a handsome flag pole, which will make the building about 100 feet high.

Mr. Stan Wain, a well-known young boy of this city, has gone to Meridian, Miss., where he has accepted a position with the Rickie Furniture Company. Mr. Rickie was formerly of this place and went to Mississippi and established a furniture factory bearing his name.

UNKNOWN BOY IDENTIFIED.

Mr. James Dent of Concord, Says the Youth Killed Last Thursday Near Landis Was His Son—He Was of a Hobo Disposition.

Special to The Observer. Concord, July 23.—James Dent, an aged citizen of Forest Hill, this city, returned this morning from a trip to Landis, where he discovered the body of the young man killed by a train at Landis last Thursday night, and identified the body as that of his son, Melford Dent, who left home last Thursday morning on a freight train. The boy was put off the freight train at Landis and spent the day in the neighborhood. Late in the evening he remarked to a relative at whose home he had taken dinner that he was going to Salisbury if he had to catch a passenger train. It is presumed that the boy attempted to catch No. 34 as it passed Landis and that the train threw him beneath it and ground him to death. Mr. Dent did not bring the body away, but had it re-interred in the lonely grave by the roadside. The boy was of a rambling disposition, and remained at his home very little. He was about 22 years of age.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

1505.—The expedition made under Somers to Virginia overtaken by a tremendous tempest. The admiral's ship was severed from the rest by the fall of a mighty hurricane. The crew at length, after having drunk to one another, as taking their last leaves, intending to commit themselves to the mercy of the sea, most luckily the ship was driven and jammed between the rocks.

1621.—Cotton is first planted in Virginia.

1621.—The London Company grants a constitution to Virginia, conferring self-government and trial by jury, which Sir Francis Wyatt, the new Governor, takes to the colony.

1755.—Elisha Williams, president of Yale College, died.

1759.—Battle of Niagara. The English, under Sir William Johnson, defeated the French and Indians with great slaughter, and took Fort Niagara. The loss of this fort effectually cut off all communications between Canada and Louisiana.

1779.—An expedition fitted out by Massachusetts to take a British post at Penobscot totally defeated by the unexpected arrival of the British fleet. The troops were dispersed in all directions and found their way home with difficulty. Nineteen vessels were taken or destroyed and 24 transports burned.

1813.—An attempt made by several United States officers to blow up the British ship Pigadee, in Lynnhaven Bay, with a torpedo. It exploded without effecting their purpose, though so near the vessel as to injure it.

1814.—Battle of Bridgewater (or Lundy's Lane), near Niagara Falls. General Brock, commanding the United States forces, victorious.

1848.—An intended insurrection at Cuba, the government becoming apprised of it. General Lopez, the head conspirator, escaped with difficulty. Nineteen vessels were taken or destroyed and 24 transports burned.

1854.—The American fishing vessel Ellen Merrill, captured by the British cruisers and carried into the port of Bathurst, causing much excitement among the fishermen.

1861.—Philippe, N. M., treacherously surrendered to the enemy of Major Lynde, U. S. A. All the arms and supplies were delivered up and the soldiers released on parole.

1868.—Baltimore and vicinity visited by an unprecedented flood.

1903.—The treaty set for the ratification of the St. Thomas treaty between Denmark and the United States having expired, the treaty was dead.

1904.—Mrs. Mary Nixon, of Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia, died, 107 years old. Mrs. Nixon was born in Philadelphia and was one of 21 children. She left 16 great-grandchildren.

1905.—Secretary Bonaparte promised summary justice for Bennington disaster. Company list of dead totals 58, all identified.

1905.—White Sox defeated Philadelphia in good game 2 to 1.

1906.—White Sox defeated by Athletics 7 to 1.

PAYS GOOD DIVIDENDS

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