

MAJ. ROBT. BINGHAM HERE

AN INTERESTING OFFICER.

In Talking With an Observer Man the Well-Known Educator Tells Some Things of Domestic Animals That He Has Known—The Cow Hides Her Calf So That the Wolf Cannot Find It—The Horse's Colt Can Run From the Very Time It Is Born—The Wolf Responsible for the Fecundity of the Horse—It Was a Question of the Survival of the Fittest—A Farmer and His Experiment With Cows and Sheep.

Major Robert Bingham, proprietor of the famous Bingham School, formerly of Mebane but now of Asheville, is one of the most interesting men in the South. He came of sturdy Presbyterian stock and is a classmate of the late Dr. Joseph Graham, of this city. He is an educator of the most valuable school. If there is any good in a boy he can bring it out. His ability to inspire his pupils to better things is inherited. Truly he is a teacher of teachers.

But Major Bingham's work of teaching is not confined to the school room. He teaches everybody and everywhere. He is brilliant in conversation and accurate in speech. During a long life of unusual activity he has observed closely and made mental notes of the facts he has learned of men and things. Therefore, at his advanced age, with a head full of knowledge, a heart full of sympathy and kindness and a glib, eloquent tongue, he is very interesting.

Major Bingham is a Charlotte visitor for the first time in a number of years. He will spend the day calling on old friends and a few scattering relatives. A vacation was spent at Morehead City and Wrightsville Beach and other North Carolina resort places. He had planned a trip abroad with his son, who is mayor of Louisville, Ky., but did not get off. The promotion of his son to the place of honor in the chief city of the Blue Grass State destroyed their plans.

In conversation with an Observer man at the Buford, yesterday, Major Bingham told some very interesting stories. He is a great admirer of Ernest Thompson-S-ton and his delightful stories of animal life. Being reared on a farm he studied the domestic animals that are known best here and many of the wild ones.

In telling of a mountain trip that he took before the civil war he recalled the finding of a baby calf, which had been deposited in a quiet, secluded place by the mother. This brought on the subject of calves and colts and their dams.

"Every animal knows how to protect its young," said Major Bingham. "The cow hides her calf, for in a state of wild nature she had to do that to keep it from the wolves. The new-born calf cannot get away from an enemy; it is helpless for about ten days.

"On the other hand the colt can run as fast as its mother can the day it is born. The horse does not secrete its offspring. She knows by instinct that she and the colt must run for life when an enemy appears.

"All of this was learned in the forests and fields, when the wolves preyed on calves and colts. The cow had her calf far from the herd and kept it well out of the way until it was strong and able to run. When pressed by the wolf, the cow would turn and toss things. You read in 'Mother Goose' about the cow that tossed the dog.

"You watch the cow with a young calf when the dog, although he may have been a friend, comes around. I have seen her go to the descendant of the wolf, her ancient enemy, to kill him. Such is her instinct handed down from generation to generation.

My father told me of an interesting story that he learned one day. You know the wolf in the dog makes him fond of sheep-blood and meat. The sheep has to look to others for its kind for protection. While visiting a neighbor one day my father saw a bunch of cows whip a pack of dogs. A hunter came along and the conversation turned on sheep-killing dogs. The farmer said that he would give any man \$10 to make his dog or dogs kill one of his sheep. The hunter accepted the challenge and set his dogs after the sheep, which turned tail and ran among a drove of sharp-horned cows, which formed a circle about the sheep, with tails in air and heads out, and routed the entire pack. One dog was tossed to death.

"The farmer had taken advantage of the instinct of the cow and developed it. He took a calf, the graved dam of his herd, and let it nurse a sheep, not letting it know that it had any other mother. This was to create or cultivate a love in the cow for the sheep, and when the calf grew and was with calf, he chased her with a dog until she had to fight in self-defense. The dog was tossed and routed. The cow never ran from a dog after that. The instinct and courage of her ancestors asserted itself. The breeder never lost an opportunity to improve this. As a result, his cows could take care of themselves and protect the sheep.

"The wolf is responsible for the speed of the horse. The struggle for existence between animals in the natural state resulted in the survival of the fittest. The colt that could not run fast enough to escape from the wolves was caught and killed. The fleet-footed were spared to reproduce. Watch the colt run why, he can out-travel his mother. Of course the horse uses his heels when hard pressed, but he will run first.

"Take the domesticated horse of to-day. Observe him when a dog begins to bark and snap at his heels. The gentler of them will run and kick. It is their nature.

Major Bingham talked until the church bell rang and instinct and training of a Presbyterian home told him to go and worship.

Looking For Two-For-a-Quarter. A good joke has recently been told about a former minister at Salisbury, but who is now living in another city. The joke runs this way: He received a 'phone message from a young man living about six miles in the country asking him to come out at once and tie a nuptial knot. The minister, not having a horse and buggy of his own, 'phoned to a livery stable requesting a team to be sent around to his residence.

In due time the team arrived and the minister made his way to the appointed meeting place and tied up the young couple good and hard. The groom then asked what his bill was, and the minister in the usual style of all exhorters of the Gospel, said that he did not owe him anything, but that people usually gave him something for his trouble. "Well, then," said the young man, "if you will change a quarter, I'll give you 15 cents."

The preacher changed the money.

OVER A BUNCH OF KEYS.

Court-Martial Ordered For Capt. H. J. Hirshinger—Officer Has Fine Record—Served in China And Philippines—Charge A Mere Technicality—His Wife Was Miss Milliken.

The following from the Baltimore Sun, of Saturday, will interest the many Charlotte friends of Capt. Herbert Hirshinger:

Acting Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry has appointed a general court-martial for the trial of Capt. Herbert J. Hirshinger, of the United States marine corps. The charge preferred is "neglect of duty," but the offense is largely a technicality.

"The only charge against the well-known young officer is that, while in charge of a government warehouse containing clothing and other supplies, he improperly entrusted the key to subordinates, as the result of which a shortage occurred in the stores. It will be seen that the charge is about the mildest one under which a court-martial can be held, and really does not reflect in any way upon the bravery or integrity of Captain Hirshinger.

The court-martial will meet at the New York navy yard next Wednesday.

"Captain Hirshinger has a fine record as an officer. He was a member of the famous international expedition that in the 'Boxer' rebellion marched from Taku, China, to the relief of the American and other foreign legations, which had been besieged in Peking. After several months' service in China he was sent to the Philippines, served a year and a half at Cavite and later commanded the marine guard of the United States ship Rainbow, Rear-Admiral Wilder's flagship. On his return to this country he was stationed at Norfolk and later at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia. He has been stationed in Cuba recently.

"Captain Hirshinger came originally from Charlotte, N. C., where he served in the local militia. He served with the volunteers in the Spanish-American war and was later appointed a lieutenant in the United States marine corps.

"April 11, 1903, Captain Hirshinger was married to Miss Ethel Milliken, of Baltimore. The wedding took place at Christ Protestant Episcopal church, and a number of officers of the marine corps, in full uniform, acted as ushers.

"The court-martial of Captain Hirshinger seems to be on a mere technical charge and is not likely to affect the career of an officer with such an excellent record for bravery and efficiency."

Charlotte people do not believe that Captain Hirshinger is guilty of anything more than a technical wrong. He was exonerated on this charge some time ago, but the matter must be adjusted in the regular way. No one here considers the affair of any consequence.

The Picnic at Amity to Be Held Wednesday. The Newells, Roberson and Amity Presbyterian churches are to unite and have their annual picnic Wednesday in the grove at Amity. Rev. Plato Durham and Mr. Cameron Morrison will speak.

Amity is in a dry section of the country. There is but little water there. This being so it is not strange, said a resident of that section, Saturday, that a preacher by the name of Swan and an elder by the name of Miller did not tarry there long. The present pastor, Rev. A. G. Crane, is a wading bird, but he likes Amity and the other churches, among the prominent men of the church are Campbells and Wolves. The place abounds in animals.

The Dixie Picnic. Dixie Camp, No. 135, Woodmen of the World, will hold a basket picnic at Dixie, eight miles west of Charlotte, on the 24th.

Hon. W. W. Kitchin will speak at 11 o'clock. He will be introduced by Mr. J. D. McCall, of Charlotte. There will be a good game of ball in the afternoon.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the neighboring W. O. W. camps and to the public generally.

New Church Plans to Be Submitted. The plans for the new building of the First Baptist church will be submitted and adopted at the meeting of the men of the congregation to be held to-morrow night at the church. The plans have been drawn by Mr. J. M. McMichael and he will submit them. The men of the congregation are showing much interest in this meeting and it will be an important one in the history of the church.

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STATE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

It Meets at Raleigh August 26th-30th—Some of the Daily Features—Special Meeting Two Days for Women.

The Observer is requested to publish the following notice.

The fifth annual meeting of the State Farmers' Convention will be held at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 28th, 29th and 30th.

The cheap railroad rates already in effect and the fact that room and meals will be furnished those who desire them at the college at actual cost and that an attractive programme is assured should result in making this the largest gathering of farmers ever held in the State for the study of strictly agricultural problems.

The features of the opening session, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock will be an address of welcome by Governor R. B. Glenn and the annual address of the president by Ashley Horne, of Clayton.

Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to the study of corn and small grains, and instructive addresses will be made by prominent farmers and agricultural teachers.

Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock there will either be an address by some speaker of note or a stereopticon lecture illustrating modern methods of progress and development in agriculture. Thursday forenoon will be taken up with the study of horticulture, fruit growing, trucking, etc.

Thursday afternoon there will be special meetings for the growers of cotton and tobacco. Splendid programmes have been prepared for both meetings, and Director North, of Washington, D. C., will be present and discuss the collection of crop reports or some kindred subject.

Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock will occur one of the most attractive features of the convention: Hon. W. M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will deliver an address on "Improvements in Rural Affairs."

Friday will be live stock day. The morning session will be devoted to the annual meeting of the State Dairy-men's Association and an entertaining and instructive programme has been arranged. Professor Ed H. Webster, chief of the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be present and address the meeting. Friday afternoon will be devoted to the study of general live stock problems and the organization of a State Live Stock Breeders' Association.

There is another feature of the convention which should not be overlooked. On Thursday and Friday there will be special meetings for the women from the farm homes, and a splendid programme of an entertaining and instructive nature already issued inures a good time to those who attend. Those wishing further information relating to this feature of the convention should write to either Mrs. F. L. Stevens, president, or Mrs. Walter Grimes, secretary, at Raleigh.

Complete programmes of this important farmers' meeting will be issued shortly and every farmer in the State who can possibly do so will find it to his interest and enjoyment to attend this meeting.

TO ATTEND NATIONAL SHOOT. Soldier Marksmen of North Carolina Will Leave for Camp Perry August 22d.

The military rifle team which is to represent North Carolina at the national shoot at Camp Perry, Ohio, this month will assemble in Washington, D. C., on the 22d inst, where Adjutant General T. R. Robertson will take charge of the team and proceed with it to the scene of the shoot. The other officers who will attend are Col. W. L. McGhee, Capt. R. G. Gladstone, of the Third Regiment and Lieut. T. R. Orrell, of the Second Regiment.

The team was selected from the five best shots in each regiment. Their names and scores are as follows: FIRST REGIMENT. Corporal C. C. Porter, of Charlotte, Co. D, 106.3.

Sergeant J. C. Lowe, Co. A, 100. Lieutenant J. H. Coon, Co. F, 94. Private George Lohr, Co. I, 81. Sergeant G. Whit, Co. I, 87.

SECOND REGIMENT. Corporal S. E. Malone, Co. D, 117. Private W. M. Gibbons, Co. C, 113. Sergeant J. C. Wilkinson, Co. M, 102.

Private W. M. Pace, Co. H, 99. Sergeant B. R. Ross, Co. G, 85.

THIRD REGIMENT. Sergeant J. B. Edwards, Co. M-106. Sergeant C. A. King, Co. E, 103. Corporal B. F. Craddock, Co. I, 96. Private J. M. May, Co. D, 91. Sergeant R. G. Wray, Co. D, 89.

These scores were made at 200, 300 and 500 yards, slow fire. At skirmish Sergeant J. C. Lowe, Company A, Hickory, led, his score being 49. Corporal S. E. Madon was second, with a score of 24.

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A Very Quiet Sunday Marriage.

Miss Connie M. Cuthbert, of Mount Holly, and Mr. Mangum H. Kelly, of this city, were very quietly married yesterday afternoon at 2:50 o'clock by Rev. A. L. Coburn, at his home, No. 306 West Fifth street.

Just two or three friends of the young couple witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will make their future home at the home of the groom's aunt, No. 621 South Church street.

Mr. Kelly is assistant pressman on the downstairs staff of The Observer. He is a very young man, but popular withal and has promise of a future that bespeaks nothing but success for him in his chosen work. The bride is a native of Gaston county and will no doubt make many friends during her residence in Charlotte.

MARRIAGES.

Morgan-Melintosh, at Fayetteville. Correspondence of The Observer.

Fayetteville, Aug. 17.—Mr. H. L. Morgan and Mrs. Josephine Melintosh were married last evening at the residence of the latter in this city, in the presence of a large number of friends. Rev. Y. G. Smith, pastor of Sunny-side Presbyterian church, performing the ceremony.

Meliamo-Clark Invitations Out. Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Aug. 13.—Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Minnie Clark to Mr. Nick Meliamo, which will take place at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss Mary Clark, on Tate street, next Thursday evening.

Special for Monday 50c. Fancy Socks 35c. each, or 3 for \$1.00. 25 Cents Wash Ties for 15c. each.

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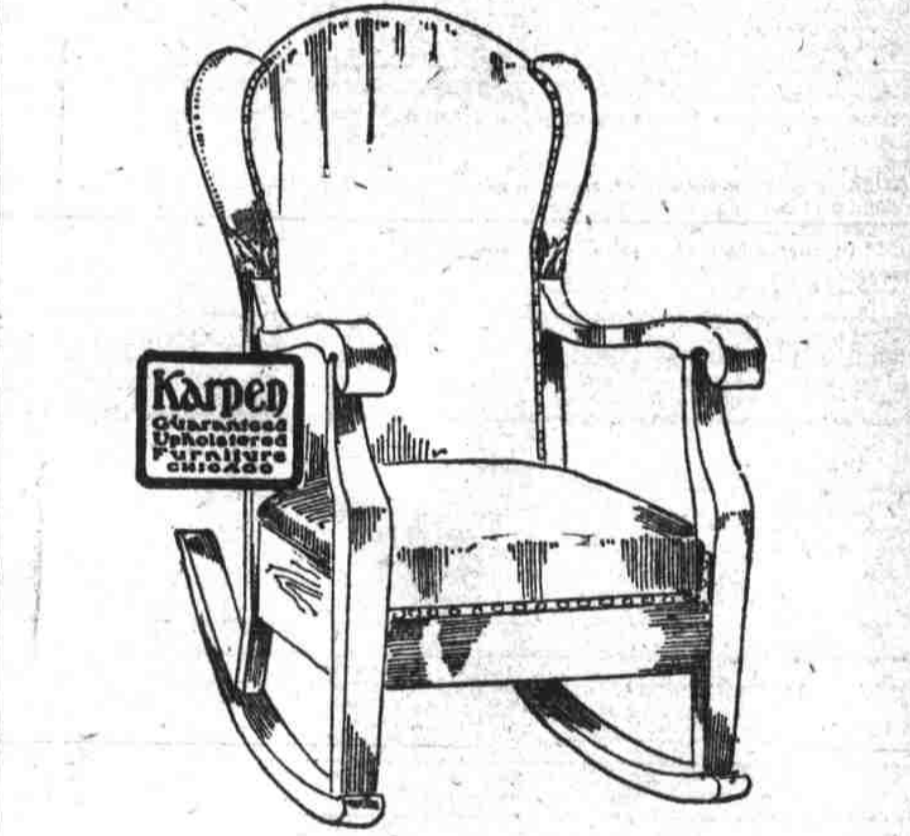
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