

INTIMIDATED A WITNESS.

Red Desern Threatened Man Who Was to Testify Against Him—Landlady Leaves, Creditors Attack Her Property and More Trouble is to Follow—Rowdy Negro Gets His Medicine.

Special to the Observer. Durham, Sept. 12.—Red Desern, a white man who lives west of the city, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of intimidating and influencing a witness who was to appear against him in five cases at the last term of court. He was arrested on a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace J. E. Owens on an affidavit made by Wiley Carden, the man who is said to be the witness who was intimidated and influenced. He was placed under bond of \$500 pending the preliminary trial.

At the last term of court there were five whiskey selling cases against Desern and Wiley Carden was one of the principal witnesses. When the case was called, Carden could not be found and a capias was issued by direction of the solicitor. Upon Carden's return he said to an officer that he had been to Virginia, stating that Desern had threatened him to leave promising him to take care of his child and to give him money. He also said that Desern threatened to get him in trouble unless this was done. When this story was told, the most serious charges against Desern followed.

Several days ago Mrs. Oclie Thomas, who has been conducting the Sens Souci Hotel in this city, left here and her property was left in the care of another to whom she had sub-leased the property. Immediately upon the leaving of Mrs. Thomas a number of her creditors pounced down on the furniture and other evidence of property which she had left. These debts amounted to several hundred dollars. Mrs. Thomas was heard from in Baltimore and at once put about to come back here and arrived last night. She has retained the services of an attorney and she only left the State to look after some matters of great importance and she is now back here to fight the matter. The hearing of the attachment case is set for next week.

Until this hearing is over there will be no further move in the matter, but it is said that Mrs. Thomas will enter suits for damages against some of those who made affidavits necessary to get the attachment. Her attorney was seen this afternoon, but he said that he had nothing to say until after the attachment proceedings were settled. He admitted that Mrs. Thomas was mad and that there would probably be damage suits to follow.

The summons in the damage suit of H. D. Horner against T. E. Cheek, the automobile which was machine killed a child of Mr. Horner, was issued this morning and the papers were served on Mr. Cheek this afternoon. The damages asked for will not be less than \$10,000. The complaint will be filed within the next two or three days.

Louis Parrish, the negro who tried to shoot the Durham officer, while on an excursion train from this city to Henderson, was tried in Oxford late yesterday afternoon. He was charged with assault with deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and cursing on a passenger train. In two of the cases he was fined \$20 and costs in one and \$10 and costs in the other. In the third case he was bound over to the higher court. He paid the fines and costs and gave bond for the other case.

W. G. Brannham, attorney, has been appointed as administrator of the estate of the late W. W. Ellington, who was found dead in his bed last Monday morning. He gave bond for \$3,000. The estate is estimated to be worth some \$5,000 or \$6,000, most of it being in real estate and cash.

The Southern Conservatory of Music was opened this morning for the fall session. The number of students arrived in the city and others reached here to-day. Regular work was started this morning. Prof. Gilmore Ward Bryant, the principal of the conservatory, said to-day that he had about all the students he could accommodate as boarding students. He said that it was not the "greatest year in the history of the conservatory," but that he had all the students he wanted. He said the conservatory had more students last year than should be housed in the building. The number of local students will be very large, probably as large or larger than a year ago.

MISSISSIPPI OPENING GOOD.

Mecklenburg County Sent Down Their First Two Students—Dr. Moffat's First Year as President—Two Additions to Faculty—Those Who Compose Female College Faculty.

Special to the Observer. Charlotte, Sept. 12.—When the special car reserved for the Mecklenburg County students left Charlotte on Tuesday morning there were thirty-two persons aboard, most from Mecklenburg county. The frequent and vigorous "talk" for the first time in doubt as to the destination. The train was en route to Donalds from Greenville.

Students have been coming in from all over the Southern States in several days. Although no official count has been made, the opening is decidedly good. This is Dr. Moffat's first opening as president of the college. He is a very interesting one, doubly so since he made the canvass in person for new students. The following States will be represented in the college: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri, and Florida. There are twenty-five young ladies at the "Wylie House" who will attend Erskine.

The town itself seems to be full, too. Several students had to accept only temporary quarters the first night. Dr. Moffat determined on getting all satisfactory places. Part of the registration had to be suspended in order to look after quarters for the overflow.

During the vacation the boys' dormitory was thoroughly overhauled. It looks like a new building now. The dining room furniture has been replaced entirely. Mrs. Alice Brice has charge of the dormitory. The boys' quarters are not well off without this extensive lady.

The opening exercises were held in the large auditorium. Dr. Moffat presided and presided over the regular and formal exercises. Stepping out before the student body he asked the boys to join him in singing the national anthem. After these songs were sung, Dr. Moffat read the 13th chapter of Ecclesiastes and led in prayer. There were several visitors present. Among the following named were: Mr. W. B. Grier, Mr. Pringle Clinckale, a young lawyer of the State and graduate of the College of William and Mary; L. E. Ebbell, Mr. Lewis White, of the senior class, and Dr. F. Y. Pressley, Erskine's last president before Dr. Moffat.

Dr. Moffat then addressed the students in a few words of advice and solicitation. He urged the students to be diligent in their work, to be of good character, and to be careful of their reputation. He showed how quickly a student could make a name for himself by being diligent. It was once formed. He urged the boys to keep close to God, that they might not be tempted to do wrong at some time. Dr. Moffat said that he intended to make frequent and full reports of each student's work to the parents or guardians.

There are to be two additions to the faculty. Messrs. Edgar Long, of Gastonia, and Ralph McGill, of Donalds. Mr. George S. Mowor, of Newberry, treasurer of the college, is in town collecting tuition.

The Duke West Female College also reports a great opening. The new Carnegie dormitory, of which something will be heard in the next column, is full. President Boyce says the opening is even better than was expected.

CONTRACT LET FOR BRIDGE.

Structure Will Cost \$9,000—Options Taken on Cotton Stalks—Gaffney Has Big Band of Boys to Go On to School.

Special to the Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Sept. 12.—The county commissioners in their regular Tuesday session awarded the contract for the erection of the bridge at Stacy's Ferry to the Roanoke Bridge Company. The price to be paid for the bridge complete is \$9,000, with the stipulation that the job is to be completed within five months.

Mr. R. A. Jones will, in the near future, erect a handsome dwelling with all modern conveniences on his beautiful lots recently purchased from W. C. Thompson, on the corner of Limestone and Race streets. One by one the old unsightly, wooden buildings are disappearing from Limestone street. At the present rate it will not be long until the last one is gone.

That the Cotton Stalk Fibre Company is still in the land of the living is evidenced by the fact that an agent for a syndicate of capitalists has been for the last few days quietly acquiring options on all the stock hereabouts.

At the meeting of the local lodge, Knights of Pythias, Monday night a committee consisting of W. S. Hall, W. N. Ross, and C. N. Austell was appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the district lodge which meets in Gaffney, next month.

The following young men have left or will leave in a few days for school: Eugene Wood, Floyd Ross, Paul Lagercomb, Charles Robbs and Claude Fort, Clemson College; Earle Carpenter, A. & M. N. C.; Edwin Lipscomb and Walter Hamrick, Wake Forest, N. C.; Brian Bell, Davidson College, N. C.; Watson Bell, Mehane, N. C.; Roy Davis, Eastern College, Va.; Linn Gaffney, Furman University; Durbin Littlejohn, V. P. I.; Harry Wheat, Jacob Tome Institute; Edwin Corry, Richwood, N. C.; J. Vassoe, South Carolina College; Hazel Wood and Ervin Owens, Wofford Fitting School, Gaffney educates her girls at Limestone College.

Cap. W. C. Clark will leave for Liberty county, Ga., to-morrow, where he goes for a week's stay on legal business. Col. D. C. Ross left yesterday for the exposition. He will visit New York, Washington and other cities in the East before he returns. Mr. R. A. Jones and J. H. Littlejohn have returned from a trip to Jamestown. Mr. A. N. Wood returned yesterday from a visit to his aged father at Pacolet. The old gentleman, although nearly 85 years of age, is still vigorous.

GRAND ARMY OFFICERS. Chas. G. Burton of Nevada, Mo., Elected Commander-in-Chief—Two Officers Die as a Result of the Parade—Full List of Officers—Woman's Relief Corps Also Holds Election.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Charles G. Burton of Nevada, Mo., a former member of Congress, to-day was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is holding its forty-first annual encampment here. The new commander-in-chief of the Grand Army was opposed by three candidates: General John T. Wilder, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Charles Burrows, of Rutherford, N. J.; and Patrick H. Coney, of Topeka, Kas. His plurality was more than 300.

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THE WORK IS ACCEPTED.

Annex to Spencer Building at the Normal Gives Housing for 75 More Girls—Driver of Horse Wagon Begins to Look After His Farm.

INTEREST IS RIFE.

The Proposed Western Carolina Railroad a Live Topic at Asheville—All Efforts of Detectives and Officers Fail to Stop Robberies.

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