

White Hunting—Delegates...
Special to The Observer.

Payetteville, Dec. 4.—The following comprise the Payetteville delegation to the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington: E. J. Hale, C. W. Broadfoot, J. F. Harrison, C. J. Cooper, J. B. Underwood, J. F. L. Armfield, E. R. Huaka, F. R. Rosa, H. C. Atkinson, C. Hedgepeth, W. F. Smith, J. M. Lamb, H. W. Lilly, D. H. Ray, H. R. Horne, W. L. Lawley, J. H. Anderson, J. R. Tolar, S. W. Cooper, A. A. McKethan, N. A. Sinclair, W. D. McNeill, F. H. Stedman, I. A. Murchison, C. K. Nimocks, W. L. Holt, C. S. Russell, Frank Clark, J. U. McKethan, W. J. Darnold, J. N. Prior, E. H. Williamson. Major E. J. Hale, chairman of the delegation, has earned the gratitude of this city and all its tributary section by his distinguished service through many years in the cause of upper Cape Fear navigation.

Albert Downing while hunting Monday, shot himself in the foot necessitating the amputation of one toe. The estimated cost of the opera house, now building by the La Fayette Auditorium Company, corner of Person and Dick streets, is \$35,000, and it will be unique in architecture. The second floor will be taken up by the theatre, and the ground floor will be devoted to a city market and hucksters' stalls. It is significant that the present market house building in the centre of town, erected after the great fire of 1831, was modeled after the same plan, except for a city hall on the second floor instead of an opera house.

Rev. R. W. Hunter, of Monroe, a delegate to the Conference of the African Zion Methodist Church, died in this city during the sessions of that body.

Rev. R. L. Padgett, a missionary of South America, is visiting Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall, on Dick street, and preached Sunday to the Baptist congregation. He has been in Chile for four years, and had a narrow escape in one of its great earthquakes.

The exercises of the Junior Order U. A. M., which were to have taken place at Manchester school, Friday, were postponed on account of bad weather until North Carolina Day, December 23d. But those who were present enjoyed the hospitality of that neighborhood in a fine dinner, and Miss Clark and her pupils entertained them with vocal and instrumental music.

The lodge of Elks held impressive public memorial services Sunday afternoon.

In sending Mr. H. E. C. Bryant to Washington, to hold up a correspondent at the national capital who knows how to get the news, get it straight, and is not afraid to give it out.

Mr. J. G. Reddick, agent of the Southern Express Company here, has been transferred to the office at Wadesboro.

The marriage took place last night of Mr. J. F. L. Armfield, president of the Charleston & Carolina Railroad, and head running form Lumberton, and head of the Armfield Wholesale Grocery Company, and Miss J. D. Brown, daughter of Mr. William Brown, taken the position of stenographer with the Southern Real Estate Company.

FINED FOR AUTO SPEEDING.

Son of the Vice President of the Standard Oil Company in Court—Big Damage Suit Being Tried—No Reduced Intra-State Holiday Passenger Fares on the Southern—Negotiations for Sale of Kenilworth Inn.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 4.—J. F. Archbold, son of Vice President Archbold, of the Standard Oil Company, who is wintering in Asheville, having taken the late Colonel Woolsey's home, was fined \$15 and costs in city police court yesterday for running his automobile at an excessive rate of speed. Mr. and Mrs. Archbold came to Asheville several weeks ago in their handsome motor car, coming via Charlotte. Since coming to Asheville Mr. Archbold has driven, or had driven, his machine over the streets at a rapid clip. Complaint had been made and the police, Tuesday, waiting to nab the newcomer. Tuesday afternoon Mr. Archbold sent his buzz machine down one of the principal streets at a fast clip and succeeded in running over and killing a dog belonging to Mrs. Denton. A warrant was issued for the man and he submitted through his attorney.

The trial of the \$100,000 damage suit of R. F. Foster against R. S. Howard is on in Superior Court. The suit grew out of the lease by Howard of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad and the subsequent sale of this lease. Foster alleges that Howard broke faith with him and he is consequently suing for \$100,000 for breach of contract.

The passenger department of the Southern Railway here has received notice that holiday rates will begin December 26th and that tickets for inter-State business will be sold on and after that date at one and one-third fare plus 25 cents for the round trip. This rate, however, does not apply to intra-State business. Tickets from one point in North Carolina to another point will be sold at the same old rate of 2-1/4 cents a mile. Last holiday season the reduced rates applied to both inter-State and intra-State business.

At a dinner Tuesday night in honor of Col. Y. E. Lusk, the old war horse of the Republican party in Buncombe, Colonel Lusk was presented with a gold-headed walking cane in appreciation of the services he rendered in the recent railroad bond election. Colonel Lusk stamped the cane in the interest of a family of children toward securing a favorable vote. The dinner and the cane were procured by popular subscriptions, principally by Democrats.

It is learned here that negotiations are in progress for the sale of Kenilworth Inn, the well-known hotel which Edgar B. Moore, now of Charlotte, formerly had under control. Mr. Moore's five year lease expires Sunday and the property went under the control of the owner, Mrs. Gessam, of Philadelphia. It is said that an Asheville lady is bidding for the property and that in all probability a sale will be effected. The consideration could not be learned.

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'POSSUM AND TATERS.'

Mr. A. B. Young Gives a Magnificent Dinner to Some of His Friends—Dr. Harrison Lectures on "Macbeth."

Special to The Observer. Davidson, Dec. 4.—'Possum and taters at my house to-morrow for dinner, come and help me eat them,' was the informal way in which Mr. A. B. Young Tuesday invited a number of his friends to a royally good dinner at his hospitable home yesterday afternoon. Those who were so fortunate as to be present were: Messrs. John Reid, J. A. White, S. C. Scofield, Drs. W. J. Martin, W. E. Gray, C. H. Harding, and from out of town, Col. A. L. Smith and Joseph H. Young, Esq., of Charlotte, and John Allison, Esq., of Concord. Other invited guests from Concord and elsewhere were unable to come. The occasion was a most agreeable and pleasing one, both by reason of the good fellowship that the hour made possible and no less so by the bountiful and appetizing dinner that was served. Never, it may be safely said, was a 'possum in more danger of being heavily discounted as a dainty dish to set before a king than in this instance, when he was put in competition for first place with the fish of the sea as represented by the delicious blivie and with the royal bird of America, a big fat turkey. And yet it must be said in justice to the 'possum that he held his own marvelously well and in flavor and delicacy of taste in the admirable distribution of lean, amid the large supply of fat that covered his body, he was unsurpassed. Nobody present ever tasted a better specimen of his kind.

TURNING OFF THE DRINKERS.

The Southern Railway Getting Rid of All Employees Who Take to Old Boozes—A Bunch of Men Caught by a Kodak.

Special to The Observer. Lexington, Dec. 4.—There is one thing that the present officials of the Southern Railway Company will not put up with, and that is drinking on the part of employees. The company has a strict rule in regard to this and it is a rule that is rigidly enforced. It is learned that several days ago three or four men who are in the employ of the Southern and reside at Spencer lost their positions by reason of the fact that they were caught drinking in a saloon.

The Southern, it is said, sent a detective to Spencer to see if the drunkards, or at least to report any employees who were caught drinking, and he went about it in a very unique manner. His companion was a small kodak and one day when he saw several railroad men in a salubrious room having a jolly good time he quietly took a shot of the affair and a few days later the developed picture was forwarded to one of the officials of the road. It was not many days before the railroad man in question received instructions that they were no longer needed, and the rule against drink was cited to them.

VERDICTS FOR RAILROAD.

Plaintiff Loses Penalty Suits For Non-Delivery of Freight—Christmas Goods Being Largely Shipped From Wilmington.

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Dec. 4.—Superior Court in session here this week Judge Biggs presiding, is trying no cases of importance. Yesterday two penalty suits against the Atlantic Coast Line for non-delivery of freights to Sternberger Bros.—within a reasonable length of time resulted in a verdict for the railroad company.

THE DEATH RECORD.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL. Thomas B. Oldham, Who Was Struck by a Coast Line Train, Dies Without Regaining Consciousness—Coroner Holds an Inquest to Fix the Responsibility.

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Dec. 4.—Thomas B. Oldham, 34 years of age, the young book-keeper who was struck by the jured by being struck by an Atlantic Coast Line train while going out to his home in the country on the Castle Haynes road Saturday night a week ago, died yesterday in the hospital without regaining consciousness, and the funeral was conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist church. He is survived by his wife and four young children; his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Oldham; two sisters and one brother, Misses Sallie and Mary Oldham, of this city, and Willie F. Oldham, of Havana, Cuba. The later was notified of his brother's death by cable but replied that it would, of course, be impossible for him to get here in time for the funeral.

A coroner's inquest was held today to determine the responsibility for the accident, it being contended in Mr. Oldham's behalf that no warning of the approaching train was given by the watchman on duty at the crossing and it being claimed in behalf of the railroad company that the watchman stood on the crossing, waved his light and shouted to the men approaching in the buggy not to come on. It was a foggy and misty night, they say, and the alarm for that reason was not effective.

Mr. Oldham was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Clarendon Lodge assembled this afternoon and attended the services in the church in a body.

Miss Julia Hortense Rouché, of Salisbury. Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Dec. 3.—Miss Julia Hortense Rouché, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. P. D. Rouché, died this morning at the home of her father on North Main street. Miss Rouché had been in the worst of condition for years, wasting gradually with tubercular trouble. In her youth she spent a time in the Richmond convents, but health drove her home, where, if ever she met with the angel, she did. Never strong enough to do what she desired, she nursed no less than a score of friends when dying by degrees herself. Her devotion to her father, who was mangled in the Billmore wreck of February, 1906, was constant and she died this morning with her last breath in prayer for the good man whom misfortune has lashed so hard.

Miss Rouché was 30 years old and a member of a family of eight children besides herself. She was known to Charlotte people and by everybody where she was acquainted as the sweetest soul one meets on earth. If she could have given her hands to every impulse of her heart, heaven would have been all about her.

The funeral services will be held from the Church of the Sacred Heart to-morrow morning with high mass, Father Leo officiating. The burial takes place in Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

I. D. Black, of Fayetteville. Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, Dec. 4.—Mr. Isham D. Black died yesterday morning at his home in Haymount, after a long period of ill health, aged about 55 years, leaving a widow, who was Miss Currie before marriage, and four daughters.

When December's icy fingers begin to nip at your feet, it's time to tone your system. By taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, R. H. Jordan & Co.

MARRIAGES.

Two Engagements in Which Greensboro People Are Involved. Special to The Observer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peyton, of Washington, D. C., have announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Lucile Glenn, to Dr. Parrah Jarboe, of Greensboro, the marriage to take place in January.

Hamlet, Dec. 3.—Last night at 7 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. G. Whitt, Mrs. Raymond Murray Benton and Miss Jennie Olive Whitt, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. T. A. Sikes. It was a quiet home wedding, but was indeed very beautiful in every detail. The pretty home was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. The bride wore pure white silk, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Refreshments were served all the invited guests who were the special friends of the contracting parties. The presence were numerous and beautiful. That admitted most was a chest of silver from the O. R. C.'s, of which order the groom is a popular member.

Captain Benton is a young man who has worked himself up from brakeman to conductor in a very short time and is very popular with the Seaboard officials as well as his fellow men. The bride has been living in Hamlet but a short time, but, by her sweet and cheerful disposition, won her way into the hearts of all who know her. The happy couple left on No. 41 last night for Monroe, where they will spend their honeymoon with Mr. Benton's people.

Dawson-Gibson, at Wilmington. Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Dec. 4.—The marriage of Miss Beulah May Gibson and Mr. A. H. Dawson, of Philadelphia, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. R. W. Gibson, on South Third street, was an interesting event for many friends in this city and elsewhere. The decorations were in white and green and the ceremony was by Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The bride was attended as maid of honor by her sister, Miss Margaret Howell Gibson, and the groom's best man was Mr. Henry Smith, of Philadelphia. Little Catherine Russell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Russell, was charming as ribbon girl. Music for the wedding was by the Academy Orchestra, and following the service an elaborate reception was given at the Gibson home. Among those who assisted in receiving were: Misses Martha Williams, Fannie Taylor, May Beverly French, Anna Savage and Isabel Savage. In the dining room pretty little Misses Mary Worth, Florrie Wright, Virginia Taylor and Mary Bellamy and Catherine Russell were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson left on the northbound train for a bridal tour, returning from which they will be at home in Philadelphia, where the groom is engaged in the manufacture of cordage. Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mrs. William Dawson, of Baltimore, mother of the groom; Miss Emma Dawson, of Baltimore, sister of the groom, and Mr. J. H. L. Egel, of New York.

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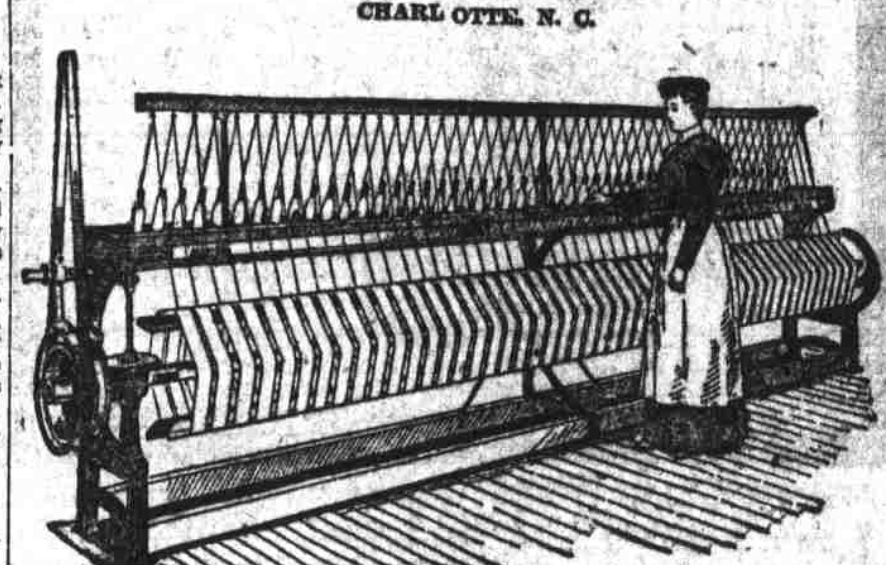


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