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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1907.

A REST, ALL TOO BRIEF, FOR THE FORESTS.

One good thing the panic has already done, remarks The Lenoir News from its vantage point of observation, is the stopping, however temporarily, of wholesale and reckless forest des-"Most of the sawmills and truction. operations," says The Jumbering News, "are being either shut down entirely or very much reduced. Experienced foresters tell us that the timber lands of our country ate ample for all the needs of the country, if properly cared or and utilized, but to go on at the rate of destruction that has prevailed for the past few years, will practically exhaust the supply in sixteen to twenty years. The destruction of the forests with no efforts to replant them, means the drying up of the streams and a change of climate, that will make much of the country barren wastes. This is not an optimistic view, but good authorities tell us that this has been the experience of other countries, where the waste- gress has assembled," exclaims The ful destruction of the forests prevalled until too late to remedy the evil."

It is a statistical fact that the country's timber supply undergoes destruction at just a little more than

We say give Charlotte a charce. We he-lieve she will do the right thing by the convention and that those who attend the next assemblage of the party, it held in that city, will be glad that she was given the chance of being hoatess." All of which is accentive to the party of t All of which is equally kind and From time to time The Oberver has had the pleasure of resimilar expressions from

other exchanges and now we feel enunanimous consent. The convention visitors, like all other visitors, special occasion, will be well taken care of-that is known to be Charlotte's way. - Charlotte will pratty certainly get the Democratic State. convention and would be glad to en-

tertain the Republican State convention also. The Laurinburg Exchange has been sold by Mr. Mac Cameron to Messrs. Jonathan Peele and W. H. Weatherspoon, who take charge with the current issue. The Exchange is passing from excellent hands, but if we may judge from what Mr. Cameron says of the new publishers in his parting word and what they say for themselves in their opening word it will

for its success. Things have come to a pretty pass

not suffer. We extend our best wishes

when foreigners in the South cannot be arrested for vagrancy and sent to the roads, like anybody else under similar circumstances, without a cry

of peonage being raised. Yet that is just what has happened in Rowan there are only two first-class pensioncounty. Do citizens of foreign countries and Northern States when in the widows. South possess such extra-territorial privileges, such exemption from native law, as Europeans do in China?

The Asheville Gazette-News and The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot hasten to remind The Observer that the wild P. church at Revolution, Rev. Mr. man from Arkansas is named Jeffries Raper doing the preaching. Davis. The Observer was one of the first to insist that he be correctly at Jamestown, Dr. J. R. Gordon had named, yet, through some strange the thumb of his right hand jerked slip, we called him Jefferson. Ichabod, ichabod! We'll have to take it

cial to The Observe Greatsboro, Dec. 11,-A 12-year

The society will pay her exp while she is acquiring an education. The 5-months-old bby left t the home of Roxie Burnham MOSt Sunday has been placed in a home by the other exchanges and now we feel en-tirely confident that Charlotte will get the convention, quite possibly by man who left the haby at the Burn-

ham woman's home. Chries Puryer, John Messley, Platt Bowden and Charles Bowman whether on special occasions or no were tried in Justice D. H. Collins' court this morning on the charge of trespass, and on account of the fact

> Revolution Cotton Mills three acres of land in Gilmar township.

A 25-acre farm in Deep River township has been sold by Mr. C. A. Porter to Mr. J. W. Matlock. Mr. R. H. Milton, formerly of Hickory, has accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the Greensboro Electric Company.

The board of directors of the chamber of commerce met this afternoon at.5 o'clock to consider a proposition made by a gentleman offering to furnish electric current to this city.

Dr. John Roy Williams has bought from Miss Pearl Wyche a desirable building lot on Chestnut street. The pension warrants for Guilford

county have arrived. The last Legislature increased the amount in each class. The first class now receives \$72; second, \$60; third, \$48; fourth. \$25; fifth (widows), \$25. In Guilford ers, four of the second, 15 of the

third, 192 of the fourth and 123 Messre, R. C. Whittington and C. R.

Vanstory were adopted at last night's meeting of Minneota Tribe No. 52 Improved Order of Red Men. The tribe received an invitation from Eno Tribe No. 61 to attend a special service for Red Men to be held next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Paul's M

While driving in his buggy and leading a horse yesterday afternoon fund, said in an interview: off by the led horse; which shied at a load of hay. Dr. J. E. Foscue was summoned and he rendered the out on the wild man's noggin some- necessary attention.

WINNERS OF THE "D."

Coveted Honor-Entertainment in Honor of Dr. J. W. McConnell-Mr. General Keifer again announces his Special to The Observer.

determination to cut down the South's Davidson, Dec. 11 .-- Yesterday morning representation in the House." Sure the committee of award announced the enough, Somebody ought to introduce names of the men on the football squad for the season just and who are er

r of the second squadron of the shift of the second squadron of the third state of the second state of the ms. The Minn commands this squadron, has duties and responsibilities second only to those of the commander-in-chief, Rear Admiral Evans. The size and digthose of the commander-in-chief, Rear Admiral Evans. The size and dig-nity of the flest that is to carry the flag through the Magellah Straits and add such an important new chapter to American neval history is best em-phasized by the fact that no less than four rear admirals are in command. The battle at Santiago found a com-modore and a canting found a com-

Dewey salled into Manila Bay a com-modore.

The Minnesots made a leisurely voyage Jown from the Brooklyn Navy Yard. It was nearly 3 o'clock this afternoon when Iooking spick and span she slipped noiselessly by the guns of valuable lumber, which, however, did not catch on fire. Mr. J. W. Lindau has sold to the Revolution Cotton Mills three acres The Minnesota made a leisurel

The last supplies of food and ammunition were being placed aboard the ships to-day, and the roadsteal was filled with craft of every description. Each incoming steamer of commerce from New York, Baltimore and Washington brings freight for the

fleet. That the ships are ready to set sail and that all the more serious work of preparation has been accomplish-ed is shown by the shore liberty given the sallors each afternoon, when football games between teams from the various ships and sometimes with the artillerymen at the post are played. To-day the Kansas team waloped the Kentucky eleven and the Vermont players beat the Alabama after the liveliest sort of struggle. Several hundred bluejackets from the contesting ships were ashore and headed by their bands marched from the dock to the fort. A ball at the Chamberlain to-night was one of the first of the so-

cial features plannel for navy farewell week.

HOKE SMITH'S OPINION.

No One in the South Now Who Wants Nominationthe Democratic Southern Democrats Must Do Their Own Thinking.

New York, Dec. 11 .--- Hoke Smith, Governor of Georgia, who was here to-day to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Peabody education,

"National politics is chaotic. The more I look at it the more chaotic the situation appears. I do not know how things will develop." I do know that there is a sentiment among Southern Democrats or concerted action. The South doesn't mean to be out in groups of two and three at treated any longer as if it were in a

state of secession. Southern Demo-"Those who doubt that a new Con- Davidson Football Players Awarded a crats are just as loyal as any others. "There is no one in the South now who wants the Democratic presiden-S. J. Christenbury to Move to Town," tial nomination, but if the South had a candidate of its own, I think the

Southern Democrats would not hesitate to support him in the convention. "The feeling is general among Southern Democrats that the time has also almost dispelled the hope has come when they must do their titled to wear the college "D." They are own thinking in national affairs and few days that the number of dead had not merely accept what others have been over-estimated. There is rea thought for them. The feeling is that the time has come for Southern, Democrats to act together and take prt in the leadership of the party." Governor Smith will attend the meeting of the Democratic national committee at Washington to-morrow

to myself and my family vice to all is not to dri those who have formed abit, I say go and take the Ko Treatment at Greensboro at once-wish all could see as I do new. Is so good to know that I am a cu man, and to know that if I am fai The battle at Santiago found a com-modore and a captain temporarily as-signed to flag rank as the command-ing officers of the American forces. Dewey sailed into Manila Bay a com-Greensboro Keeley Institute.

Very truly yours. J. M. HUNSUCKER.

MARRIAGES.

Hill-Skinner Annon Observer Bureau, The Holleman Building, Raleigh, Dec. 10. Invitations were issued to-day to the marriage of ex-United States Mar-

shal Joshua B. Hill and Miss Nannie Skinner, daughter of Benjamin S. Skinner, of the Agricultural & Me-chanical College here.

Wilson-Hopkins, at Greensboro, Special to The Observer.

Greensborg, Dec. 11.-Last nigh at 10 o'clock Rev. J. W. Goodman, pastor of Bessemer Avenue Presby-terian church, officiated at the marriage of Miss Mary Margaret Hopkins and Mr. Parks F. Wilson, both of Hillsboro. The couple arrived in the city on the 9:30 train last evening and proceeded at once to the home of the officiation minister a friend of the officiating minister, a friend of the including minister, a friend of theirs having preceded them to Greensboro yesterday morning and procured a license, which he left with Rev. Mr. Goodman. They were accompanied to this city by Miss Su Hopkins, a sister of the bride, and Mr. R. T. Marshall, of Durham. The bride's parents objected to the match but soon after the ceremony -th bride's father was notified by tele-graph. The happy couple left this morning for Hillsboro to receive the blessings of the "old folks."

DEAD MAY REACH 500.

Rescuers Working Hard in West Vir-ginia Mines and Thus Far 225 Bod-les Have Been Unearthed—Over Flity Funerals in One Day.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 11 .-Steadily and almost uninterruptedly mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmon Coal Company are giving up the victims of last Friday's explosion. When to-night's force of rescuers went of duty there had been a total of 225 bodies taken out, most of which have been buried. Others were brought short intervals.

A number of the bodies brought out to-day did not bear the brass checks used in the company's system of records and accounts of a majori ty of its employes, thus substantiat ing the statements of Monday that a large number of men and boys in the mines were not included in the checking rolls upon which estimates of the dead were largely based. This



want and choice of fresh, clean goods; second, you have ample time for selecting your gifts; third, you are not thrown into confusion by a jam and a rush; fourth, your shopping is over before Christmas and you can rest to enjoy the festivities: fifth, you get better deliveries and have all your gifts just where you want them when needed; sixth, lastly but not leastly, by shopping early you get a clerk who is fresh, bright and cheerful and willing to wait on you and give you time and attention, where if you postpone till the last few days, the clerks are tired, worn out and to some extent rather slow and indifferent. If no more, it's really charity to faithful clerks that spend their holidays behind the counters for you to shop

MORNING SHOPPER

three times the rate of growth. Clearly the ratio in favor of destruction must rise from year to year unless present tendencies are checked and well-nigh complete de-forestation will soon face the country. Moreover, the forests are being slaughtered in so utterly reckless a manner that in many cases, especially where mountain sides are attacked, they cannot replace themselves even with the most inferior timber. This generation is impoverishing itself and leaving nothing for those which shall follow. The losses, not only in actual timber but in the form of damage to land, both the deforested land itself and land hundreds

of miles away which sustains injury through the alternate drought and flood produced in water courses by de-forestation, must soon become too great for reckoning. The great water power and navigation interests dependent upon the streams, and the great industrial and commercial interests in turn dependent upon them, will suffer no less. Mountain the council chamber of the municipal scenery is being robbed of its charm. building, being largely attended. There And yet very simple measures, if not much longer delayed, will very little reduce and ultimately even increase to an immense extent the annual timber yield while at the same time ef- Lewis Hancs was elected a delegate to factively conserving this invaluable the State Medical Society, which meets natural resource. Certain methods in this city next year. Drs. E. A. Lock ett and H. S. Lett were elected mein have been adopted from Germany bers of the executive board of the Twin City Hospital Association and Drs. C. where forests yield huge revenues and L. Summers and H. F. Pfohl were elect-

year, into all European countries and Dr. B are now being applied by our govern- ing paper on general diseases of the eye ment to its public land domain. A At the next meeting Drs. C. L. Summers and T. W. Davis will read papers, the subjects to be selected later methods is a great national need, and to this end the proposed White Mountain and Appalachian forest reserves would not only be highly beneficial in themselves but would serve as object Rev. lessons of the utmost value.

In so far as the panic marks even the a brief halt in the slaughter of forests it does indeed make for good. If The tions and friends present. The hours were from 7:30 to 16 o'clock. News can assure us that the abominable practice of destroying valuable trees merely for the trifling sums their bark brings at tanneries has also been held up we shall feel yet more glad.

Some of the Washington correspondents have it that John Sharp city Democratic executive city Democratic executive committee inst night to arrange for the city muni-cipal election. T. B. Butler, Esq., was elected chairman of the executive com-mittee and J. C. Oits Esq., secretary and treasurer. It was decided to hold primary for the nomination of mayor January J. 1905. The secretary was in-structed to have printed for distribution among the voirs 1,80 copies of the rules governing the primary election. The registration hooks will be opened soon in order that all voirs may qualify be-Williams' tardy and manifestly reluctant declaration for Mr. Bryan was the result of recent activity in Washington on the latter's part. Mr. Bryan, so the public is told, brought Mr. Williams around by threatening to Missouri, as a Bryan candidate for the House minority leadership. This story is interesting, but those who have any acquaintance with either of the two public men in question will have very great difficulty in believing a put up Representative DeArmond, of

bill to cut down Northern representation, just by way of variety.

how

er announces that it has taken over Rankin, T., Kluttz, Warlick, Shaw and The Mill and Shop News. This action means a further strengthening tunate wearer of a beautiful sweater, of Charlotte's already strong trade the gift of Mr. Henry Mills, of Green-ville, S. C., who in this practical way publication, and we view it with every year shows his interest in foot-ball and the centre rush, he himself in pleasure accordingly.

Washington Herald, "may be at ease.

Observer readers must have been way now over all other events and is-glad to note that the prospects are for sues and seem to be occupying the close excellent committee assignments; go- They will ing to both North Carolina Senatorsa state of affairs which is exactly as it should be

FORSYTH DOCTORS MEET.

Officers-Reception Given to Make Acquaintance of New Preachers.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 11.-The annual meeting of the Forsyth County Medical Society was held yesterday afternoon in was much interest in the annual elec-

tion of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Dr. D. N. Dalton; vice president, Dr. R. D. Jewett; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Eugene Gray. Dr. J. lands yet grow more productive year by ed members of the train school com-

Dr. R. D. Jewett read a most interestthe benefit of the general practician subjects to be selected later. The reception given at Centenary

Methodist church last night by the man's Foreign Missionary Society of the church in order to give the members of church in order to give the members of the congregation an opportunity to make the acquisintance of the new pastor. Rev. J. E. Abernathy, Mrs. Abernathy and Presiding Elder T. F. and Mrs. Marr, was indeed an enjoyable event for the large number of the congregation and friends that assembled there. There were some 500 members of the congrega-tions and friends present. The house

PRIMARY DATE IS SET.

Gaffney Citizens Prepare to Nominate a Mayor-Mr. John Bell, of Blacksburg, Loses His Barn and Its Contents

Special to The Observer. Gamney, S. C., Dec. 11.-At the meet-

as follows: Edgerton, Elliot, Morton, Axford, Daniels, Moore, W. S., Denny, The American Textile Manufactur- James. Clark, C. S., Sadler, Wilkinson,

Dunn Edgerton as centre is also the for-

his college days having proven a nervy player in this capacity.

attention of all the parties concerned will continue through the 20th inst. and Mrs. J. M. McConnell enter-Dr. tained a few friends to-day at dinner in honor of Dr. J. W. McConnell, who spent yesterday and to-day on the hill. He is on his way to Chester, S C., to visit his parents in York county. Dr McConnell, who is in Baltimore this year, as resident physician to the Presthis Annual Session of the Medical Society, Throat, is also taking special courses Well Attended-Result of Election with reference to his work here th coming year. He reports quite a num-ber of Davidson men in Baltimore at the

several universities and colleges and all as giving good account of themselves. They hope soon to organize a Davidson

Coffege club. Sydney J. Christenbury had a Mr. public sale at his home, two miles east of town yesterday. He was unwilling to sacrifice his live stock to any great t, but, as it was, one mule, nine of cattle, a finely bred hog and extent. 03d ome feed stuffs were disposed of. MI Christenbery will move into Davidson to-morrow, having purchased some months ago the Maxwell residence. He will continue, however, to operate a 170acre farm, the larger fraction of the "Barringer tract." that he bought some years ago. The house and barns and 155

acres he sold recently to Mr. Moses Hovis, of Long Creek, whose sons will nove to this property in a short continue the cultivation of these

Mr. Parks Grey, of Bedford City, Va., was the guest of his brother this week. Miss Miss Lavelett Dupuy has returned ome after a term of school work in Durham.

Norfolk Cotton Brokers Indicted.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11 .- Peter A. and Alexander M. Agelesto, prominent otton brokers, were to-day indicted on three counts by a special grand ury charging grand larceny in that Peter A. Agelesto was released on ball of \$10,000. Alexander M. Agelesto is in New York, but it is understood he will immediately

cases is \$280,000. The names of the banks said to have been victimized are: Norfolk National Bank, Citizens' Bank and Virginia Savings and Trust Company.

Interesting Case This Morning in Court.

One of the interesting cases to tried before Recorder Smith this morning is that of Mr. A. Steinhauser gainst Mr. John Webber on the harge of assault. The scrap is said to have occurred at Mr. Steinhauser's place north of the city Tuesday night and the papers were made out yesterday.

Will Enjoy Buck's Version. Gastonia News

The Charlotte Observer is to be represented Juring the present session of Congress by Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, and the people of this section will enjoy his version of congressional deliberations. His news will be abun-dunt and conclus and the style inter-

Military Escort Furnished to Protect Negro Murderer.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 11 .- At the request of Circuit Judge Bush. 10 this district, and under instructions of Governor Vardaman, a military escort accompanied Jim Lum, a negro, when the latter was returned to-Jay from Jackson to plead to the charge of having killed Ben Gulder, Jr., a prominent young man of this city, on Since his arrest Lum October 22d. has been held at Jackson because of the feeling here. After to-day's proceedings he will be returned to Vicksburg Friday again under a military escort for preliminary trial.

Cotton Warehouse Burns.

Taylor, Tex. Dec. 11 .-- The far mers' union warehouse, together with about 2,000 bales of .cotton, was destroyed by fire to-day. Dam-age \$125,000, covered by insurance.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Marcus Hunsucker, of Catawba County.

Correspondence of The Observer. Marcus Newton, Dec. 10 .- Mrs. Hunsucker, who lived, near Ball's Creek camp-ground died last night of a serious one. pneumonia at the advanced age of She leaves an aged hus-18 years. band and several children to mourn her loss.

Dr. S. M. DEAL, Blacksburg, S. C. Special to The Observer.

Gaffney, S. C., Dec. 11,-Dr. S. M. Deal died at his mother's home

Blacksburg yesteday. He was in buried to-day under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, of which order he was an enthusiastic member. Dr. Deal was only 33 years of age. After graduating in medicine at the University of Maryland, he went to they are alleged to have secured University of Maryland, he went to money from three local banks on Columbia to practice his profession. cotton warehouse receipts covering He soon acquired a lucrative practice, 5,000 bales of cotton not in existence. but was attacked by that dread dis ense, tubercutosis, and he left Columbia and went to California, with the hope that the climate would re-store him to health. His hopes were understood he will immediately re-turn and give bond. The amount alleged to be involved in the three Saturday and breathed his last yes-Saturday and breathed his last yes-He leaves a devoted wife and terday. He leaves a devoted wife and three little children, a mother, one brother and one sister, to mourn his

loss. The floral offerings were nu-merous and beautiful. The out-oftown people who attended the funer-

town people who attended the funer-al were: Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. R. W. Gibba Dr. W. A. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wright, of Columbia: W. H. Ross, E. E. Humphries, C. C. Green and J. B. Bell, of Gaffney. The stricken family has the sym-athe of a very large circle of friends.

pathy of a very large circle of friends, Dr. Deal was a brother of Frank Deal, who was killed at Blacksburg in March of this year, by William H. Mills

Catarrh-Our National Carse.

Catarrh and catarrhai complica-tions have ruined many of the best chances and prospects. By weaken-ing the entire system it units the victim for work. Herring's Catarrh Cure, \$1.00 per bottle, by effecting, permanent cures, has led to many promotions. For sale by Atkinson's Drug Stors.

expressed by mining officials the past

son to believe to-night that the num ber will not fall far short of 500. A canvass of miners' homes will b completed to-morrow and this gether with a list of hundreds of unclaimed letters in the postoffice will furnish data for a new and probab ly more accurate estimate.

Conditions outside the mine to night are much improved through the freezing soil of the mud, making the work much easler.

An opening between the two mines was completed to-night and it is believed that within 48 hours all the bodies found will have been taken to the morgue.

Over 50 funerals were held to-day. On each casket there was a bunch o American beauty roses or white car The source of the flowers nations. remained secret until late in the day when it was learned that Miss Eliza beth, daughter of S. L. Watson, treasurer of the coal company, had ordered them.

FARMER LOSES HIS PROPERTY

Fire Destroys His Home and the Contents, Leaving Him in a Serious Condition-Other Items From Mount Airy.

Special to The Observer. Mount Airy, Dec. 11 .- Mr. J. F Gamble, who has been cropping on the farm of Mr. M. C. Reeves, near this city, had the misfortune to lose his house and nearly everything he had in it by fire yesterday afternoon. Th was on 'Mr. Reeves' farm, nearly a mile from the city. The loss i

It is thought by January 1st the factories will go back to the 10-hour system.

Mr. J. R. Harrison has bought out the Greenwood stock of general mer chandise.

Mount Airy has put much money into new buildings this year and much money into enlarging and im-proving other buildings. Next year promises to be another good year uness the political chamjaign interferes, which ought not to bother busines matters.

Isaac Gravely, who amused himself by firing several shots at two men Sunday near Lovill's creek bridge left for parts unknown before the officers arrived on the scene of action. The cley authorities need it seems, a first-class detective to work up the liquor sellers in the city and suburbs and put them up and make it so hot for them they will be compelled to engage in some other business.

A number of stone cutters left yes terday morning for different points to spend the holidays.

Trust Abandoned the Union Label

New York, Dec. 11.—Caleb C. Dula, vice president of the American Tobacco Company, testifying to-day in the hearing of the case of the government against the so-called tobacco trust, said the American To-bacco Company never resorted to un-fuir or illegitimate methods to press its goods against those of a competi-tor. He denied that the American Company ever attempted to slander or boycott the goods of independent concerns, and declared that they preferred to most competition fairly and by legitimate methods. In the course of his testimony to-day Mr. Dula said his company volunarily abandoned the use of the union label on its goods, after giving due notice of its intention to do so. He said the abandonment of the label acco trust, said the American To-

te said the abandonment ad not affected the

Can shop more leisurely, as the stores are not so

crowded and the clerks not so busy, and too, they

are rested and fresh.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS

The greatest stock of useful Toys we have ever

shown.

' had.

early.

DOLLS

People say we have the prettiest line of Dolls we ever

AUTOMOBILES

A boy's delight, and we have the best, from the Irish Mail to the Railroad Automobile and regular Autos, at.....\$4.50 to \$15.00

REQUEST

We will deliver all your goods, but small packages that

you can carry will possibly save our delivery boys

of delivery at late hours in the night.

CONSIGNMENT OF FURS

Another large consignment of Furs from a large New

York furrier, and these will be sold closer than had

we bought them straight out.

