

DEATH RECORD.

JANE BLUE BEARD. Only a few weeks ago Mrs. Blue and her wife became ill with pneumonia. Their condition became critical in a few days and Mrs. Gooden died Saturday a week ago. Her death hastened that of her husband, who followed her to the grave eight days later.

Mrs. E. H. Bullard, of Cumberland, Correspondence of The Observer. Fayetteville, Dec. 23.—The funeral services took place yesterday over the remains of Mrs. E. H. Bullard, of this county, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which she was a devout and beloved member. She leaves a husband and eight children, one an infant only a few months old, to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. The death of Mrs. Bullard was unusually sudden. She passed away some days after a difficult surgical operation to which she subjected herself too late and when all hope of recovery was gone, in spite of the best skill and attention.

Mrs. Blue had been ill for two or three days and her case seemed serious, so Dr. Moore, an old standby of the family, was summoned from Rockford. He made her comfortable and encouraged the hope that she would be all right soon unless a weak heart could give trouble. Sunday night she seemed in hopeful condition and went to sleep peacefully. The family retired and was surprised when morning came to find that she had died during the night, passing from the sleep of life to the everlasting quiet of eternity.

Mrs. Blue was of a large and excellent family connection, the Blue name being one of the substantial and steadfast patronyms of the upper Cape Fear. Scarcely an important enterprise can be mentioned in the Rock-ford or James Creek country that does not have some one of the connection associated with it.

Ever since the town of Southern Pines was begun the old Blue plantation has been one of the points of interest to visitors, and the photographs carried away by amateur artists would count up into the thousands. Since the death of her husband years ago, she dignified and kindly woman has presided over the home, so courteously and sincerely in her simple domain as a queen. During the distressing days of the civil war she experienced her share of the vicissitudes and for some time she was slow to receive the Northern strangers who later came to make homes in this section. But as old bitterness between the two sections was away her unpretentious graces won for her the Yankee admiration and affection of her Yankee friends and Mrs. Blue will be mourned as feelingly by her more recent friends as by the large circle of the older ones who knew her all their lives.

During the declining years of Mrs. Blue's life her nephew, Nevin Johnson, has lived with his family at the plantation, and made her pathway pleasant. Duncan Ray and Mary Ray, living on the old family home of her parents on the Peedee road, are her surviving brother and sister, and another sister, Mrs. Johnson, lives at Montgomery.

The body was interred at the old Bethesda church by the side of her husband, the funeral occurring to-day. An interesting incident at the old Blue plantation is the presence there of an aged negro, Uncle Abram, who was a slave there during the days of bondage. When freedom came this man, then a young fellow, refused to accept the decree. He had lived his life so far with the Blues and the Blue plantation was his home. He elected to stay at his home, and the fact that no legal control over him remained was of no consequence. He could not see that his home had become anything than what it always was, and to this day he remains, living in his little cabin, a lesson to those who figure that the slave was an unhappy victim of the white man's hatred and cruelty. The old slave has passed the days of usefulness, but the sight of him around the place gives it still an air of cheerful interest. The loyalty of the old darkey is one of the best evidences of the gentle and considerate character of the dead mistress of the place.

Mrs. Mary S. Carson, of Marlon. Correspondence of The Observer. Marlon, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary S. Carson died December 18th in the 96th year of her age. She was the wife of Col. J. M. Carson, for many years a resident of Pleasant Gardens, on the Catawba river, the ideal summer resort of western North Carolina and other States.

Mrs. Carson was a woman highly educated and, to her death, was a source of a wonderful amount of accurate information, retaining full possession of her faculties in intellectual vigor. For twenty-five years she had made her home in Marlon with her daughter, Mrs. P. J. Sinclair, the other of her only two children being Mrs. William D. Burgh, of this place.

The first session of the McDowell county court was held in the house of Col. J. M. Carson before the present county seat was established.

With Mrs. Carson passes away another landmark of that fine old family spirit which typifies all the virtues of a home reared with that vigorous and intelligent spirit that is known so well to the older people of to-day as the fine type of the rural homes of a passing day.

Mrs. Emeline Sigmon, of Catawba County. Special to The Observer. Newton, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Emeline Sigmon, who lives in the western section of the county, died yesterday at her home at the advanced age of 83 years. For some time Mrs. Sigmon had been in very feeble health and her friends realized that she was gradually passing away.

Owen Shepard, of Wilmington. Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Dec. 24.—Owen Shepard, 57 years of age, a well-known citizen who has been here for several years but who has supported himself in one way and another about the streets, died yesterday at his home here. The remains were taken to Verona, Onslow county, for interment.

Mr. Benjamin Goodman, of Rowan County. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Dec. 24.—Mr. Benjamin Goodman, a well-to-do farmer, died Sunday about noon at his home on Mr. Fred B. Phifer's place in the edge of Rowan county. Mr. Goodman was about 49 years old and is survived by a number of children, all of whom were with him when he died. He was a good man and a good citizen, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church at Cleveland yesterday and the interment was in the Cleveland graveyard. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church.

GOOD COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN. The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too many children are used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure him the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Gardner, of Ripley, W. Va., says, "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children. It has always given good results. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotics and may be given at once to a child as young as a few weeks of age."

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Forecast: Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and West Florida—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light to west winds. West Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and East Texas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light west to south winds. Arkansas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; colder Thursday. West and Texas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; colder in north portion Thursday. Tennessee and Kentucky—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; colder Thursday. West Virginia and Ohio—Snow Wednesday; Thursday fair and colder.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 24, 1907. Sunrise 7:15 a. m.; sunset 5:17 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature 47 Lowest temperature 35 Mean temperature 41

PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 3 p. m. 0.02 Total for the month 1.34 Accumulated excess for the month 2.35 Total for the year 41.82 Accumulated deficiency for the year 11.17 Prevail wind direction S. W. W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

New Orleans Races. New Orleans, Dec. 24.—The first steplap race of the season at City Park to-day resulted in six horses finishing out of the eleven that started. The winner was Bank Holiday at 20 to 1. Weather clear; track slow. Summaries: First race, 5/8 furlongs, selling: Kill-dome, 7 to 5; won; Highwind, 7 to 1; second; Creel, 3 to 1; third. Time, 1:11 1/5. Second race, mile and a quarter, over hurdles: Bank Holiday, 20 to 1; won; Bob Murphy, 25 to 1; second; Aule, 5 to 1; third. Time, 2:24 1/2. Third race, 5 furlongs, selling: Rebel Queen, 10 to 1; won; Keihinmie, 5 to 1; second; Bunde, 10 to 1; third. Time, 1:15. Fourth race, mile: Coltness, even; won; Daisy Belle, 15 to 5; second; Donna, 3 to 1; third. Time, 1:44. Fifth race, mile and 70 yards, selling: Clara Faron, 15 to 5; won; Algra, 15 to 1; second; Lady Oakland, 10 to 1; third. Time, 1:31 2/5. Sixth race, mile and 70 yards, selling: Glamor, 7 to 5; won; Denigree, 7 1/2 to 1; second; Anna Day, 3 1/4 to 1; third. Time, 1:50 4/5.

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Boston-Brincedfield, at Statesville. Correspondence of The Observer. Statesville, Dec. 23.—A pretty home wedding occurred Sunday evening at nightfall at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brincedfield, on Fourth street, when their daughter, Miss Dollie Brincedfield, became the bride of Mr. L. E. Boston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Mitchell, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends who had gathered into the beautifully decorated rooms to witness the affair. Mr. Boston is a son of Mr. D. U. Boston, of Davidson county, and has a position at Thomasville. He and his bride will go to Thomasville to live.

Matrimonial Matters Lively in Old Ireland. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Dec. 24.—The fact that the following marriage licenses have been issued during the past few days is evident that there will be something doing in the matrimonial line in Ireland during the holidays: R. P. Goodin and Miss Jane Sloan, of Shiloh township; Sanford Goodin and Miss Ellen Barker, of Sharpesburg township; W. Y. Vance and Miss Kate Bell Cain, of Eagle Mills township; Thomas M. Rickert and Miss Elizabeth Dawson, of the Snow Creek community; William Moore and Miss Annie Moore, of Shiloh township; James S. Evans, of Catawba county, and Miss Alice E. Poston, of southwest Stony Point, and Miss Laura Hunter, of Concord township; John A. Collins, of Fallstown township, and Miss Bessie Cartwright, of Eagle Mills township; Charles Gryder and Miss Mollie Benfield, of Statesville; Henry O. Beckham, of Fallstown; E. E. Null, of Catawba county, and Mrs. Gurdine H. Ellis, of Mooresville.

JURY PLACES NO BLAME. But the Young Men Believed to Be Responsible for Death of Mr. J. Bennett Swain Have Warrants Issued Against Them Charging Murder. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 24.—Notwithstanding the fact that the coroner's jury, which to-day held an inquest over the remains of Mr. J. Bennett Swain, the aged white man who was shot and instantly killed Monday evening while hearing his home near the city on the Miley road, failed to fix the responsibility for the crime, it is very probable that the two youths, Rush Gatewood and Mose McKnight, arrested Monday night, are the guilty parties. The coroner's inquest was held at 12 o'clock to-day and the verdict of the jury was to the effect that the deceased came to his death from a pistol shot in the hand of unknown parties. Dr. E. A. Lockett, the city physician, held an autopsy this morning, locating the ball supposed to have been from a 2-caliber rifle in the neck just back of the right ear. Warrants were sworn out this afternoon charging in one case and assault with deadly weapons in the other. Both boys are charged with the same offense, as it will take a thorough investigation to learn which one of the two really fired the shot which killed one man and seriously wounded another. The hearing is set for Thursday morning before the coroner. The general belief is that the boys are responsible for the death of Mr. Swain but that the killing was not intentional. The funeral services over the remains of Mr. Swain will be held at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the residence on the Miley road, conducted by Rev. E. E. Williamson, pastor of Burkhead Methodist church. The burial will be at Mount Pleasant church with the honors of the Junior Order, the deceased having been a member of that organization, Junior Order United American Mechanics.

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