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ASHEVILLE IN AN UPROAR

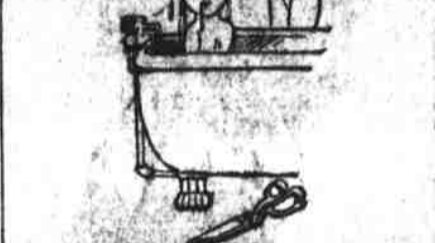
Last Evening the Noisiest Christmas Eve in Many Years. Banquet in Former Superintendent's Banquet Room. Be Next Wednesday Night—No Ball Wanted For Joe Lance, Who Shot Little Alma Green.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 24.—Asheville is in an uproar to-night. It is one of the noisiest Christmas events in recent years. The streets are jammed and crowded, while good cheer prevails on all sides. The Asheville merchants have enjoyed an unusually good Christmas trade, while the postoffice people say that all previous records have been smashed here.

The Asheville division railroad men's banquet to former Superintendent Ramsey, Roadmaster Ramsey and Trainmaster Fortuna will occur at the Battery Park Hotel New Year's night. About \$1,000 have been raised for the event, which the railroad men plan to make one of the most enjoyable of the season. On the night of the banquet the railroad men will present to Mr. Ramsey a \$500 diamond ring.

No effort has yet been made to have released on bond Joe Lance, whose random shot from a car Saturday afternoon killed little Alma Green at Buena Vista. It is said that young Lance's friends prefer that he be not released, for the present time at least. Public feeling against the accused is by no means diminished.

Asheville Sufferers Should Know This. Foley's Honey and Tar has cured many cases of asthma that were considered hopeless. Mrs. Adolph Busing, 701 West Third St., Davenport, Iowa, writes: "A severe cold contracted two years ago was neglected until it finally grew into asthma. The best medical skill available did not give me more than temporary relief. Foley's Honey and Tar was recommended and one fifty-cent bottle entirely cured me of asthma which had been growing on me for twelve years. If I had taken it at the start I would have been saved years of suffering." R. H. Jordan & Co.



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Every piece of material going into the construction of our garments is thoroughly sponged (shrunken) by the most effective methods known to the trade. This insures the shape of your clothes. Costs you nothing and gives you better, longer service.

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Cough Caution

Never, positively never poison your lungs. If you cough—even from a simple cold—only you should always heal, soothe, and ease the irritated bronchial tubes. Don't blindly suppress it with a stupefying opium. It's strange how things finally come about. For twenty years Dr. Shoop has constantly warned people not to take cough mixtures or prescriptions containing Opium, Chloroform, or similar poisons. And now—a little late though—Congress says "Put it on the label, if poisons are in your Cough Mixture." Good! Very good! Remember this very reason mothers, and others, should insist on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. No poison marks on Dr. Shoop's labels—and none in the medicine, else it must be safe to be on the label. And it's not only safe, but it is said to be by those that know it best, a truly remarkable cough remedy. Take no chance then, particularly with your children. Insist on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Compare carefully the Dr. Shoop package with others and note the difference. No poison marks there! You can always be on the safe side by demanding

Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure MULLEN'S PHARMACY.

The offer of \$25 for best advertisement for Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy

expired yesterday. The advertisements received have been put into the judges' hands and the winner will be announced in Friday's paper. MRS. JOE PERSON Charlotte, N. C.

Special Offer!

We want you to deal with us, therefore, we are naming you especially low prices on the highest grade of liquors. Look over this list and make your selection. Send us remittance for what you want by either Postal or Express Money-Order or Registered Letter, and goods will be sent you promptly by express the same day order is received, in a plain neat package—All Express Charges Prepaid. Remember we guarantee our goods under the Pure Food Law, and if they are not satisfactory, return them to us at our expense and your money will be refunded.

Whiskies, Brandy and Gin.

In June.	Per Gal. 2 Gal.	In June.	Per Gal. 2 Gal.
Bureau Rye	\$2.25	N. C. Corn, very old	\$2.25
Dan River Rye	\$2.25	Swiss Gin	\$2.25
Grey Goose Rye	\$2.25	Holland Gin	\$2.25
Inspection Rye	\$2.25	Va. Apple Brandy	\$2.25
Hickman Pure Rye	\$2.25	Va. Apple Brandy, old	\$2.25
L. Bannister Mt. Rye	\$2.25	Va. Apple Brandy, old	\$2.25
N. C. Corn Whiskey	\$2.25	N. C. Apple Brandy	\$2.25
Va. Corn Whiskey, old	\$2.25	Peach Brandy, Virginia	\$2.25

Bottled Whiskies, Brandy and Gin.

4 Full Qts.	8 Qts.	12 Qts.
Bureau Rye	\$8.25	\$12.38
Dan River Rye	\$8.25	\$12.38
Grey Goose Rye	\$8.25	\$12.38
Inspection Rye	\$8.25	\$12.38
Hickman Pure Rye	\$8.25	\$12.38
Highland Pure Rye	\$8.25	\$12.38
Apple Brandy, old and mellow	\$8.25	\$12.38
Peach Brandy, old and mellow	\$8.25	\$12.38
Swiss Gin	\$8.25	\$12.38
Holland Gin	\$8.25	\$12.38
McCarty Whiskey, bottled in bond, 8-yr. old	\$8.25	\$12.38

In addition to goods shown on above list we will be pleased to quote you prices on all kinds of Wines, Liquors and Cordials. IT PAYS TO BUY THE BEST. Therefore send your orders to The Cousins Supply Company, The Old Reliable Mail-Order House, RICHMOND, VA.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Here we are again, with every thing in the way of Cut Flowers. The choicest selection of Cut Flowers. The best service. The lowest prices consistent with quality. Just a word about our Fancy Carnations, Roses, Lily of the Valley and Violets. They are the New York kind. The best ever. Don't fail to secure some of them. DILWORTH FLORAL GARDENS, Charlotte, N. C. W. G. McPhee, Prop. 'Phones: Night call 281; business 800.

Thompson Hospital

(INCORPORATED). LUMBERTON, N. C. A well equipped hospital for the treatment of all non-contagious, medical and surgical cases. Hot and cold baths. Competent corps of trained nurses. Special department for the scientific, ethical and humane treatment of whiskey and drug habits. Descriptive circular sent on request. DR. N. A. THOMPSON, Resident, Physician and General Manager, LUMBERTON, N. C.

Presbyterian College For Women

CHARLOTTE, N. C. Opens September 5th, 1907. Catalogue furnished upon application. Rev. J. R. Bridges, D. D., President.

Kings Business College

(INCORPORATED) WINTER OPENING JANUARY 2, 1908. Save \$5.00 on Single Course or \$10.00 on Combined Course by Registering before January 6, 1908. Railroad fare paid. Short-hand, Book-keeping, English Taught. Write to-day for New Officers, Journal and Catalogue. Address KING'S BUSINESS COLLEGE, Charlotte, N. C. or Raleigh, N. C.

The SELWYN

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN. European, \$1.50 per day and up. American, \$3.00 per day and up. Cafe open 4:30 a. m. to midnight. Prices reasonable. The Most Modern and Luxurious Hotel in the Carolinas. 150 ELEGANT ROOMS. 75 PRIVATE BATHS. Located in the heart of Charlotte, convenient to railroad station, street cars and the business and shopping centers. Cater to high-class commercial and tourist trade. Table d'hote dinners 6:00 to 8:30. Music every evening 8:30 to 9:30. EDGAR B. MOORE, Proprietor.

Rutherford County Court House Destroyed by Fire Yesterday Morning.

LEXINGTON NEWS BUDGET.

No Perceptible Falling Off in Holiday Trading in the Town—No Drunkenness in the Place—Speak of—Goods Damaged by Fire Being Auctioned Off. Special to The Observer. Lexington, Dec. 24.—Slow progress is made now over the roads of Davidson, for this county has not the fine macadam roads of Mecklenburg, but the muddy roads and the so-called hard times have not kept the farmers from coming to town in large numbers during the past few days. For a time during the first of the month trade was very dull and it began to look as if people were not going to do any Christmas shopping this year; but it takes sure enough hard times to prevent such a state of affairs and with the farmer there have not been any hard times, so the town is crowded with people and they have been spending their money freely.

But with all of the crowd, things have been very quiet here in one way—there has been no drinking to speak of. There are many, no doubt, who will take their Christmas toddy or enjoy a glass of eggnog, but so far no drunken men have been seen upon the streets. It is said, though, that the town of Salisbury during the past few days has got many a dollar from old Davidson and that some citizens who are supposed to occupy a seat high up on the water wagon have had business in the capital of Rowan during the past week. When a man from Davidson is seen going to the town across the river carrying in his hand a hanging of some kind—he generally explains that he may be detained and decided to carry a clean collar or two along and a shirt—it never fails to arouse suspicion. Old Davidson will miss Salisbury's saloons when that town goes "dry." But as stated before, Lexington has been extremely free from drink for Christmas times and those who have a little on hand appear to know how to use it.

Last Saturday and also during the past two days a crowd has been gathered around the court house and one has heard the cry of the auctioneer as he has knocked off goods. Most of the goods being sold are those that were taken from the Taylor-Mendenhall store, which was practically destroyed by fire several days ago. On the shelves were woolen goods that were not burned but badly damaged by smoke and water and also a large stock of shoes. These are being sold to the highest bidder. The insurance men settled all claims several days ago. The Taylor-Mendenhall company carries a \$14,000 stock.

PRESENTED WITH SILVER SET.

Statesville Firemen Appreciate Services of Conductor Rowland and Make Him a Handsome Gift—Working on Festivities of Statesville Air Line—A Wedding at Taylorsville. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Dec. 24.—The volunteer firemen of Statesville have presented to Capt. W. T. Rowland a handsome set of silverware in recognition and appreciation of services rendered the firemen in connection with the Everybody's Day celebrations, given for the benefit of the firemen. The gift was presented to Captain Rowland while he was here between trains Saturday at Henry's jewelry store. The proceedings were quite a surprise to the "June Bug" conductor and he expressed his gratitude and appreciation with much feeling.

Civil Engineer R. L. Greenlee, who had charge of the surveying of the line for the Statesville Air Line, and his draftsman, Mr. Trumpy, have been busy since the completion of the survey getting up the estimates on the road. They have offices in the Loan and Trust Building. Mr. Greenlee left yesterday for Asheville and Murphy to spend the holidays, but Mr. Trumpy will continue to work on the drawings, and they hope to be able to give out some facts and figures in regard to the cost of building the road as soon as Mr. Greenlee returns.

All of the larger factories of Statesville have closed down for the entire week on account of the holidays. It is very unusual for the cotton mills to shut down whole week. The recent financial disturbance is one cause for the lengthening of the holiday period.

Miss Charlee Frye went to Taylorsville yesterday and Mrs. T. E. Frye this morning to attend the marriage of Miss Ada Ingram and Mr. Isaac Connelly, which took place in the Methodist church of Taylorsville this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Connelly will come to Statesville tomorrow to spend the day at the home of Mr. T. E. Frye. Mr. Frye is Miss Ingram's uncle.

Little Girl Shot by Her Brother. Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, Dec. 24.—Last evening a little daughter of Theodore Hall was shot and instantly killed by a son of Police-mans Hall while playing with a pistol. Another child was more than 7 or 8 years old.

MILLS AND MARKETS

NEW YORK BANKS NEAR NORMAL

Reserves Increased \$6,350,175 During the Week—This Showing Due to Gain of \$6,507,200 in Cash and Contraction of \$9,581,000 in Loans—Banks Have Cut Down Shortage by One-Half—General Outlook Good. New York Commercial, 23d. Expectations of a favorable bank statement were realized on Saturday and Wall Street welcomed an improvement which means that the banks are approaching the level usually considered normal. The statement was by far the most satisfactory since the first deficit was returned in early October and few had hoped for a more favorable return. Reserves increased \$6,350,175, making a total gain in reserves of more than \$22,000,000 in the last four weeks, and cut that amount from the great deficit of \$54,103,600 returned on November 23d.

This formidable reduction came about by reason of a gain of \$6,507,200 in cash and a contraction of \$9,581,000 in loans. Deposits decreased about \$2,000,000 under the decrease in loans and circulation increased \$1,661,700. Now that the banks have cut down the shortage by nearly one-half, and the season is approaching when it is customary for them to augment their reserves in anticipation of a call by the State banking department for their conditions. Now that this call has been made, the demand for currency may diminish, and, as the large corporations have ceased buying currency for pay roll purposes, the premium is expected to disappear soon. Christmas shopping has brought enormous sums of currency into circulation, which will tend to relieve the stringency, and as the importation of gold continues and has now reached an amount in excess of \$110,000,000, the banks are expected to be on a sound basis early next year due largely to the decrease on outstanding loans, this item having decreased more than \$33,000,000 in the last four weeks. With the decrease in loans there was a decrease in deposits of \$7,371,900, which cut down the excess of loans over deposits by \$2,220,200 to \$5,151,800. This compares with one of \$5,634,500 last year.

LEXINGTON PHYSICIAN ILL

Dr. Clodfelter's Condition Continues Serious—Employees Remembered Special to The Observer. Lexington, Dec. 24.—Dr. Charles M. Clodfelter, one of the leading physicians of this place, has been very ill now for more than a week and his condition continues serious. As soon as he can make the trip he will be carried to the sanatorium of Dr. Taylor at Morganton. The Rothrock-Weaver Wagon Company never forgets its employees during the glad holiday season, and tomorrow each man employed at the factory will have on his dinner table a large turkey, the gift of this firm. Mr. C. M. Thompson, who conducts a foundry and woodworking business, has remembered his employees in a very substantial way, each one receiving a half sack of flour. Such remembrances at this season cause a very close friendship to exist between the employer and employe.

Bereavement Affects Mother's Mind, But Her Reason Suddenly Returns.

Special to The Observer. Southern Pines, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary Vaughn, daughter of Mr. J. W. Leake, of the St. James Hotel, arrived here Friday in a deranged condition due to bereavement over the loss of a child and the long and wearisome funeral journey from the Virginia mountains. Yesterday she suddenly regained her reason and mentally appears now to be thoroughly restored. Physically she is still very ill, but the hopes are of a speedy and complete recovery.

Oxford Public Ledger Sold to Mr. Frank M. Pennix.

Special to The Observer. Oxford, Dec. 24.—Mr. J. T. Britt to-day sold The Public Ledger to Mr. Frank M. Pennix, who will assume control of the editorial department. Mr. Britt has edited The Public Ledger for over thirty years and has made a host of friends. Mr. Pennix, formerly of Lexington, has resided in Oxford for the past ten years and is one of Oxford's most talented and popular young men.

HERE'S GOOD ADVICE.

O. S. Wessley, one of the best known merchants of Lexington, N. Y., says: "If you are over troubled with piles, apply Buckle's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good. It is guaranteed for seven, twenty, thirty or a lifetime. It is at all drug stores."