ing at the time ho asks for the change to be made.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1907.

CITIZENSHIP THAT IS VALUABLE. AND WHY.

Of very great service in the early spread of Christianity was the Apostle Paul's Roman citizenship. When provincial magistrates, usually ready to treat Christian preachers cruelly at the prompting of their enemies, "learned that he was a Roman," they handled him as if he were some dangerous explosive. Even after his examination (and great utterance) achievment. before Agrippa, "he might have been set at liberty had he not appealed unto Caesar." Because his father had somehow obtained the Roman franwhom high intellectual training preeminently qualified for using opportunities to advantage-enjoyed privileges which his co-workers could not claim. In view of such conditions then existing as restricted citizenship and lax control over remote and newly conquered States it is not an important point that his activities were man Empire. He benefited by his Roman citizenship precisely as the eltizen of a powerful modern nation benefits when abroad on mission of re-State Department's effective protests Turkey, Morocco and other counheeded. Conversely, since China has no armed force which we respect Chinese are killed and beaten by mobs in this country and there is no the imagination to figure out a warm, remedy. Chinese are kept out of the enthusiastic love feast in Indiana United States by exclusion acts, yet we, along with Europe, compel China inspiration and idol. Sorter like sitto admit our missionaries and traders ting on an iceberg to quaff hot choceon our own terms. China, indeed, with her mutilated territory and only saved from complete partition by international rivalries, presents the most pitiable example of what befalls a country unprepared to fight on occasion. It is not pleasant that such conditions should exist in the twen-Prince of Peace and all right-thinking people should strive to better them, but they do exist and will certainly exist for a long time yet Only a visionary can shut his eyes in their

An incident occurred the other day which affords matter for pleasing reflections. Thirteen men had been captured in northwestern Mexico by wild Yaqui Indians and were about to be shot when it developed that one was an American. The American was released, while the twelve Mexforms met death. Even wild Indians. who would as tlef kill Americans as Mexicans, knew how to discriminate, The moral cannot be mistaken. It is a good thing to be an American citigen at home but a still better thing

in vesterday's papers the Teddy bear craze is dying out and toy dealers dent will be put in possession of imwho stocked up with them for the portant measures and mair, holidays eport that they were a drug on the market. It would have been better for the pocketbooks of indulgent parents if the craze had never developed. If anything siller than a siddy young thing with a Teddy bear bugged close to her breast on a shopping tour or a drive can be conjectured-good Lord deliver us! Butwhat will be the next fad.

It will be a relief to a long-suffering North Garden, Va., Dec. 26,— subject when the pentientlary closes its President Reserved and party arrivcates on Greens and Gaynor. We will ed here at 2:45 p. m. and almost imhen have no more of them in the ated Press dispatches, which Slayer of William Christopher Still a loited them to an extent out of all proportion to their importance.

ille the liquor contest in Raleigh a local one, yet it was one of the dispersary. This is the dispersary. This is the dispersary of iniquities and we are glad

would have been just as practical for

but admire Admiral Brownson's pluck in having the courage of his convictions. It appears, on its face, to have been a heedless, foolish thing for the Executive to have done, nor does there seem to have been any warrant for the act, unless (and he has been accused of the thing before) it was to install some prime favorite in a soft berth. Again has our impetuous President overshot the mark.

The statement of New York banks, which we are printing this morning, is reassuring and gives promise of a ment it is gleaned that in probably back their legal reserve. Just as soon as the legal reserve in the New York banks is 25 per cent. of their deposits the clearing house certificates will be cancelled and the effects of the October panic will be over so far as the New York banks are concern-

ed. The outlook 's for a steadily brightening new year, during which caution and enterprise will walk hand in hand, and a year, we trust, that will be prosperous and fruitful in

hazing has been discontinued at Wesany urgency of the faculty. A band of sophomores undertook to haze two looks as if it had encountered a there are instances where they effect a cure when all else fails. The foolish custom of hazing is one

ligion, trade or pleasure, especially The Fairbanks boom has been of the higher sphere she was meant if thrown among a barbarous or ill-launched so frequently and with so to occupy, her ideals suicidal to the England will use much apparent earnestness each time her whole army and navy to protect that the thing is getting to be a her subjects in person and property huge joke. The knowing politicians characters in the play. wherever they may be. If the United probably wonder if the Vice Presi- than a case of ill-mating; it was a States had been without a navy our dent's rooters really take themselves within recent years to China, Persia, it to the Republican national convention it will meet with a reception tries would have gone totally un- about as frosty as the Indiana gentleman's temperament.

> It requires a considerable stretch of with Vice President Fairbanks as its

the season with our good friends,

Our enjoyment of these glorious

The Newport News Times-Herald excitedly hastens to assure the peo- plain. ple that there is positively no chance for Cortelyou. Who said there was?

PRESIDENT AT PINE KNOT. Chief Executive Takes Another Vaca-

tion — The Whole Family companies Him.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- President Roosevelt and his family left Washington at 11:10 o'clock to-day for Pine Knot, Va., the country home of Mrs. Roosevelt, where they will remain until Monday afternoon next. The trip was made in the special car attached to the regular Twiight, train on the Southern Railway. The nearest station to Pine Knot is North Garden, a few miles below Charlotts-Miss Carew, sister of Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied the party. The personnel of the party included the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel, Archie and Quentin and Miss Clerk J. L. McGrew accompanied the President in place of one of the assistant secretaries and will make daily trips to Pine Knot from Charlottsville. In this way the Presi-Cross-country riding and wild turkey shooting are the President's fa-

vorite pastimes at Pine Knot. Charlottesville, Va., Dec. President Boosevelt and party reached Chariottesville at 2:16 There was a crowd at the station and the President leaned out of his car window and shook hands with a hundred or more. Surgeon General Rixey, who was one of the President's Surgeon General party, was greeted by his brother, Ephra, of Miama, Fla.

mediately left for Pine Knot.

ecial to The Observer.
Winston-Salon, Dec. 25.—From parties
riving here to-night over the Norfolk
Western it was learned that Hardin Moore, the negro who yesterday abot and filled William Christopher & Pine Hall had not yet been captured. A posse has been scouring the country around Pine Hall ever since the murder, but have so far falled to get any trace of the murders. The community is very much excited over the homicide and a desperate effort is being made to apprehend the murders.

him but a few feet, when he heard the old negro exclasm to himself in tones pathetic:

"It sounds like the battle of Gettys-

burg," said a boy of tender years to his loster-father when the bombardment started up Tuesday night at the going down of the sun.

"What do you know about Gettys-burg?" asked the old gentleman. "I don't know much of anything about it, except that there was a right severe battle once."

"A hat blown by a swift wind seems literally possessed of intelli-gence," observed a man who had suffered his brand-new derby to be lifted from his head by the breezes. The other days I was coming to town speedy return of normal conditions and had reached a place on the road and good times. From this state- where the contiguous property was merely a square of red clay. The wind took my hat off and out across not more than a fortnight the ab- the red lands it went, stopping for normal conditions that have prevailed nothing. It found a ditch out there in since October will be ended. Bor- which was one little puddle of water, The derby went right up that ditch. rowers are meeting their obligations, discovered that little hole of water, deposits have fallen off as a result and jumped in. It was apparently and this will aid the banks in getting satisfied just to rest there and allow the water to coze through it. I ran hurriedly to the scene of the accident and just as I reached the place where the hat was resting, it suddenly stepped out of the puddle of water, and seeming to discover one other chance to become perfectly useless, it jumped under my feet and I came near tramping it to death before I could get my hands on it.'

"When that lawyer gets excited bethe other day of an associate. robed of meaning and are mere products of the tongue that works like an automaton. I know some preach-Kentucky freshmen, with the ominous ers just the same way. They get name of Hatfield. The Hatfields up and preach moon-shine and shadows, and hand out a sort of whippedcream dish, all coming from a sift of gab, and not of God.

> thought in the 'The Walls of Jericho, played here Christmas night," said a theatre-goer yesterday. There is truth in the foundations of that story that has become universal in its The husband, a man of fine ideals, with true convictions of his domestic duties, and upright ways of living, the wife a woman of surface charms, unstable, caring only for the obligations of her club, unconscious well-being of the home, fitful, flirtalmost unscrpulous, that's the contrast of the leading It was more case where a woman of beauty had suffered the loss of her womanly instincts, not through actual baseness of character, but through shallowness of conceptions.'

> "One of the city's nervous residents, ill-tempered and complaining in his normal condition, went to a Greek restaurant, yesterday," said a citizen, "and showed himself off in fine stiye. He asked the waiter for a ham sandwich with rye bread. The waiter brought back the sandwich, but forgot the rye bread. 'I told you rye bread,' shouted the

resident. waiter took it back

rought another that suited. "'I wanted two,' said the tempesttious citteen "The waiter smiled and served the

"'I wanted them in a bag,' said he hungry man, still nervous The waiter fixed the order in

You generally throw in a pickle or two,' continued the man to com-"The waiter got the pickles, but before he had more than got them in the paper poke, the customer laid his hands on it, pitched it clear across

the counter, and walked away. 'Vorst than dwunk,' said the watter who had borne with the man's peculiarities with marvelous patience, until this insult came.'

Two newspaper men accepted invitation to sup with Assistant Chief W. S. Charles, of the fire department, Christmas night. They had been seated but a few minutes when another fireman came in, holding in his hands a little wire. He had been summoned by Mr. Charles to break the electrical current that connected him with the department and it was for a purpose. The assistant ing while engaged in his duties, and was self-protection that he desired

in having the current broken. "Yes, I would jump right up if the alarm was turned in," said he to the newspaper men, "and I might hurt myself. It's a kind of an instinct with me to get out when the alarm comes in. This broken arm would have nothing to do with it, if I heard the summons. I was in Asheville one night when the fire bell rang and happened to be sleep-ing next to the wall. I awakened instantly and butted against the wall, thinking that I was at home and sleeping as usual on the clear side of the bed. No matter how deep my slumber is, or that I am in the midst of a dream, or what, I hop right out when the alarm comes in."

"It is the custom to joke about Christmas presents, especially those from wife to husband and husband to wife," said a contented looking man with a pair of new gloves and a new cravat. "But in all my experience I on the charge of the murder of John bave never failed to get just the things that I needed. 'Oh, it's just the thing I wanted,' is the stock exclamathing I wanted, is the stock exclamation which always fits my case. In nine out of ten cases I had never thought of buying the articles which fall to my lot, but the minute they are pinced in my hand I feel that a long-felt want has been astisfied and wonder how I have done so long without them.

"Another thing. Articles that might appear commonplace or would citoff but a small meed of praise when view apirited man is sentiment, pure and of in the showcase, are nothing less unafloyed.

fled last night at 10 c'clock at his the procession starting from the home where the services will be conducted and the interment made. Captain

Greene county. While a resident of Columbus, he was elected clerk the Superior Court.

HIS WAR RECORD. This office he held from August, 1853, to January, 1859. He received the Democratic nomination for Confore a judge or a jury, his tougue gress in this district, but declined on becomes altogether divorced from his account of pressure of business. At thoughts," remarked another inwyer the beginning of the civil war Cap-"I tain Vail enlisted at once and was know lots of folks with the same made first lieutenant of Company H. characteristic. They rattle off high- First North Carolina Cavalry. He sounding phrases in rapid fushion, was in active service, his first engagebut the brain has nothing to do with ment being at the battle of Dranes-the transaction. Their words, it's ville, He took part in the fight around hardly worth adding, are utterly dis-Richmond and was with Stewart in his famous march around McClelland. Owing to ill health he resigned/ his commission. It was rheumatism with

which he suffered. In January, 1863, Captain Vall visited Mecklenburg county, where he purchased a tract of land from Mr. Mac Matthews. He made his nome until 1872 in the country, when he moved to Charlotte and was made cashier of the Farmers' Savings Bank. This institution merged into the Traders' National Bank, with Mr. Vail as cashier. In 1883 it went into 1jquidation, Mr. Vall settling up the business.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 30 YEARS

In 1868 Captain Vall was elected and commissioned by Camby's military government as county commisv Dur ing his long service, extending over nearly 30 years with one intermission, he was chairman of the board of county commissioners. Captain Vail was appointed by the Governor represent the State at a number road congresses while he was chairman of the board of county commis-

sioners Captain Vall's family consists of his wife, four daughters and a sen.
For nearly fifty years he has been a communicant of the Baptist Church and he was a man of influence in the affairs of his Church while active in life. Until a few years ago Captain Vail lived on East avenus and then he removed to a large plantation in the rear of Elizabeth College, where he has received the kindness and consideration in his declining years from his faithful family. In his decease this county loses one of its most progressive citizens, one who devoted his wife, four daughters and a sen, progressive citizens, one who devoted years of his life to its upbuilding.

Virginia Newspaper Man Johns the Silent Majority.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 26.—James Scott Moore, one of the founders of The Rockbridge County News and until recently one of the proprietors of the Lexington Gazette, died at his nome here this morning, aged 63 years. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternon with Masonic

Mr. Moore was born July 23, 1844. near Lexington. He was descended fro mrevolutionary ancestry, his maternal great grandfather being Captain Buster, an intimate friend of Thomas Jefferson.

Spartanburg Furniture Company Goes Into Bankruptcy. special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 26.—The Lion Furniture Company, of this city, has gone into bankruptcy. The petition to have the company declared bankrupt was made by H. B. Carlisle, representing a number of out-of-town creditors, before H. E. Depass, referee in bankruptcy. The furniture people admitted their insolvency.

The amount of the liabilities are ot known. The company owns a nagnificent plant on the outskirts of not known. the city.

Answers Discontented Employes. Philadelphia, Dec. 26 .- The direcors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, at a meeting held to-day, framed a reply which they will to-morrow hand to the committee of employes who have demanded increased wages, a 10-hour working day and improved conditions. What the company has to say to the em-ployes has not been made public.

Arrested Charged With Murder in

Correspondence of The Observer Greensboro, Dec. 2%.—Police Sergeant Barnes hast night arrested Samuel E. Short, alias Frank E. Smith, on South Eim street, near the depot, on the charge of the murder of John

munity, a man of integrity, uprightness and character.

Thomas Lodwink Vail was born in Wayne county September 29th, 1827. His father was Bumers Whedbee Vall, of Chowan county. His mother before her marriage was Miss Mary Sue Alford, a daughter of Lodwink Alford and Mary Hall. Captain Vail's people were from New England and of English extraction. He himself was 16 years of age when his father the commission about gather the fact and have them ready for Congress. "We must amend the railway rat law at points where it is defective we must make modern the Sherman law which shackies honest enterprise because it does not fit preserved conditions. We must prevent overcapitalization and the swindling for which it furnishes opportunity and excuse. We must drive the canal to completion and improve the nation's waterways that the people may have them ready for Congress.

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was 16 years of age when his father died, leaving him as the only support of his mother and sisters. These cares took him from school before his education was completed, Professor Cowan, an Irish scholar of high standing, was his principal instructor.

In May, 1859, Captain Vall married Miss S. J. Person, of Greene county, where he engaged in the turpentine business, in which he was very successful. In 1859 he returned to Greene county While a resident of Greene county. While a resident of the Presidency. The resolutions

the Presidency. The resolutions were introduced by Governor J. Frank Hanly, and were adopted with a round of cheers by the thousand and more active party workers of the State who were present. The resolutions were as follows:

"We, the Republicans of the State of Indiana, in bi-ennial love feast assembled, send greetings and felicita tions to the Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States, and turn to him for leader ship in the pending presidential campaign. We have often trusted him

"His clean life in public and in the home, his clearness of concept, his poise of character, his conservative courage and his great ability have long appealed to us.

"His love of the people, from whose loins he came, the faith he has ever manifested in American institutions and in Republican principles, his ripe experience in public affairs, the support he has given President Roose-velt in the Senate and in his present high office, and the memory of the confidence and affection in which the late President McKinley held him. lead us to declare him great and broad and brave enough to deal with the new conditions now before the country.

We ask his leadership with full confidence in his wisdom and his patriotism, and promise him in return our highest effort and best enmission of his party at the national convention to be assembled at Chicago next June."

PLAYS ON JUSTICE'S AMBITION.

The Greensboro Industrial News is Charged With Such in the Muster of a Compromise of the Rate Mat-

To the Editor of The Observer:

cannot but believe Mr., Justice can and will see it.

In the issue of The News of December 14th, on the very first page and in glaring headlines, that paper states "PROF, HOLT WITH JUSTICE AGAINST GOV. GLENN," and then it goes on to speak in complimentary terms of Mr. Justice and of what is likely to happen when he opposes the "compromise" effected by

GLENN," and then it goes on to speak in complimentary terms of Mr. Justice and of what is likely to happen when he opposes the "compromise" effected by the Governor in the railroad rate matters. Indeed The News states in the very headlines of the piece referred to that with "Mr. Justice leading the opposition the chances are good for the defeat of the compromise proposition."

Again, in the issue of The News on the very next day, Docember 25th, there are two references to this matter under the editorial column, the first one of these instruating that the Governor is trying to deceive the people about this compromise and the second praising up Mr. Justice for "having the courage of his convictions," and saying that "Justice shown up well by contrast with the conduct of the Governor" in this matter, and at the same time this last reference to Mr. Justice contains a sneer at him that is too open to pass umoticed, for the editorial goes on to say "Justice appears to have the courage of his convictions or his political plans, or whatever he calls his mental attitude."

The writer is not and has never been a railroad lawyer but he thinks he has mixed with the business and professional men of this State shough to know that they are sick and thred of this "Tate war?" business and would like to see matters settling down to a normal condition, and most of thorm hall with gladness the prospect of the Governor's "compromise" going through all right.

It does not have to be assumed—it is a known fact—that before Governor Glenn's going through all right.

It does not have to be seen if Mr. Justice on in opposing this plan of Governor Glenn's. It is perfectly evident that The Daily. News wisiess to urre Mr. Justice on in opposing this plan of Governor Glenn's. It remains to be seen if Mr. Justice can be moved to action by a spur from that source. I for one do not believe it, for it needs no segument to show that The News is not particularly interested in the perfective it. Is interested in keeping the Democratic hard wanteres

Lincolnton, Dec. 25th Fatal Shooting a Climax to a Georgi

a shooting match and when this was over; Ligu Williams, a farmer, invited the party to supper. One of the guests made some alighting remarks about the food which resulted in a fight between the host, his son and Roscoe Russell. During the fight that light was overturned and extinguished and before another light could be secured shots rang out and when the room was again lighted. John Tanks, an innocent onlooker, was found lying dead upon the floor. We

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