

NO SURPRISE TO GATE CITY

HOLTON-ADAMS FIGHT EXPECTED

Rumor Had Been in Circulation For Some Time That Holton Wanted to Head the Republican Organization of the State—Mr. E. C. Duncan Is the Middle Man in the Matter, and He Will Marshal His Adherents For Chairman Adams—Guilford For Cannon For President—Rumor in Greensboro That Only Local Trains Will Handle Mail South of Lynchburg—Condensed Negro Getting Ready For His Execution—Will Move Headquarters to Winston-Salem.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. 5.—The Washington special in this morning's Observer concerning the reported fight between State Chairman Adams and District Attorney Holton for the control of the Republican organization in North Carolina was read here with a degree of interest, though it created no special surprise, for a contest between these two leading members of the party has been predicted for some time. Mr. Holton refused to take any active part in the bitter contest waged in the Republican camp two years ago, because he had no particular choice as between Judge Adams and ex-Congressman Blackburn, and since that time there have been many rumors that the district attorney—who is an astute politician, desired to again head the Republican organization in this State.

Mr. Bryant's prediction that the next Republican State convention will be fully as lively as the convention of 1906 is given credence here. Should Mr. Holton enter the fight for the chairmanship, or lend his influence to some one else for the position, will have the effect of his life on his hands, for his opponent, Chairman Adams, will have the united and enthusiastic support of the forces controlled by Mr. E. C. Duncan, national committee man from this State and former collector of internal revenue for the eastern district. By virtue of his position on the national committee, Mr. Duncan is in many particulars, the key to the situation in Republican politics in North Carolina. He does not love Mr. Holton and doubtless would take especial delight in fighting the district attorney.

Judge Adams is out of the city today, and therefore no statement could be obtained from him.

A gentleman who played an important part in the fight against Judge Adams two years ago says there will be a different alignment of the factions this year, the State chairman receiving the support of some of his former foes and losing the allegiance of some who stood by him in 1906. Here in Guilford county, where Judge Adams did not receive a single vote in his fight for the chairmanship, his own precinct even failing to permit him or any friend of his to attend the county convention as a delegate, the hatchet apparently has been buried, but those who claim to know say the weapon lies in a very shallow grave. In this connection it is of interest to note that there are indications that Guilford county Republicans will support "Uncle Joe" Cannon for the presidential nomination. They desire to do this as a matter of sentiment, the autocrat of the House of Representatives having been born within a few miles of Greensboro.

RUMOR OF CHANGE AS TO MAIL.

Inquiry at the office of the superintendent of the railway mail service in this city fails to elicit any information as to the report that after Monday next the main line of the Southern will handle mail south of Lynchburg only on local trains, though mail for the South being sent around by way of Bristol and Chattanooga and then on to New Orleans by way of the Queen & Crescent route. The clerk in charge of the office when The Observer correspondent called said nothing was known among the railway mail people hereabouts as to the rumored change, though he could not say such a change is not to be made.

JONES GETTING READY.

Frank Jones, colored, who is to be hanged here Saturday for the murder of a white woman, is getting ready for his execution. He said today that he was not prepared to die and regretted the fact that he had such a short time in which to make preparations. Rev. A. G. Kirkman, the godly minister of the Gospel who has called on Jones so far, Mr. Kirkman has visited and prayed with the condemned man in his cell.

On the 15th inst. Capt. A. A. Wells, roadmaster of the Winston-Salem division of the Southern Railway, will move his office from Greensboro to the Twin City. His family will continue to reside in this city.

Mr. Clark Porter, a young druggist of Philadelphia, who has returned from Philadelphia, where he received treatment for a nervous disorder. His friends are glad to know that his condition is improved.

MARRIAGES.

Humphrey-Bumgardner, at Clinton.

Clinton, Feb. 5.—An interesting social event was the marriage here today at high noon of Miss India Bumgardner and Hugh M. Humphrey. The marriage rites were solemnized by Bishop Strang in St. Paul's Episcopal church. The bride is a daughter of the late Capt. W. L. Bumgardner, of Virginia, and a social favorite here. The groom is a popular insurance man of Greensboro. Breakfast was served the bride party at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. E. L. Paison, at Elliott, after which Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey left on their bridal tour, which will include a visit to Cuba.

Miller-Fields, at Elkin.

Stateville, Feb. 5.—Mr. S. B. Miller, of Stateville, and Miss Blanche Fields, of Elkin, were married today at 1 o'clock in the First Baptist church at Elkin. The marriage was one of the prettiest church weddings in the history of Elkin and was a society function. After a bridal trip Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be at home in Stateville February 15th.

Mr. Miller is one of Stateville's most popular and prominent young business men. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Callahan Fields, of Elkin. She is an attractive young woman and is very popular in the society circles of Elkin and other towns where she is known. She has visited here a number of times and is favorably known in Stateville society. No bride that has ever come to Stateville will receive a warmer welcome than she.

Mr. Miller was accompanied to Elkin yesterday by Messrs. P. A. Bryant, P. C. Gray, C. R. Johnson and Arthur Turner, who were attendants at the marriage to-day.

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RAPISTS STILL AT LARGE.

No Trace Yet of the Two Men Who Assaulted Newbern Woman—Captain Frisbee and Son Alive—District Meeting of Odd Fellows.

Newbern, Feb. 5.—There are no developments in the rape case of Mrs. S. L. Buck. The police have had a dozen or more suspects before Mrs. Buck for identification, but thus far they have not found the right men. Every clue is being followed up by the police. The city and county together have offered \$500 reward for the guilty parties. On account of the vague description of the men it is doubtful if they are ever caught. Numerous reports from nearby towns of suspects answering the description have resulted in nothing.

Captain Frisbee and son, who were reported as drowned by the wrecking of their vessel in Pamlico Sound last week while en route home from Newbern, are alive and at home. A district meeting of the Odd Fellows for five counties was held here today. The regular order of business was taken up at the afternoon session, while at night a banquet was given to the visitors in the lodge rooms. Mr. B. H. Woodall, of Raleigh, grand secretary, is present.

Results at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 5.—The Premier stakes for two-year olds with \$1,000 added, was the feature of the racing at the Fair Grounds to-day. Sea Swell made a runaway of it, with Marzabe second and Intervene, an added starter, third. Joeey Notter rode four winners. Weather showery; track fast. First race, 6 furlongs, selling: Estella, 4 to 1, won; Banbury, 15 to 1, second; Stoneman, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.5. Second race, 7 furlongs: Ananias, 8 to 1, won; Consistent, 16 to 1, second; Jack Witt, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:23.5. Third race, 5 furlongs: Toy Boy, 7 to 1, won; Come On Sam, 9 to 1, second; Momentum, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:04.5. Fourth race, 4 furlongs, the Premier stakes: Sea Swell, 1 to 5, won; Marzabe, 2 to 1, second; Intervene, 75 to 1, third. Time, 59.4. Fifth race, 6 furlongs, handicap: Lens, 8 to 1, won; Al Muller, 6 to 1, second; Hyperion II, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:17. Sixth race, mile and 70 yards, selling: Donna, 6 to 5, won; Sam Taylor, 20 to 1, second; Tivoli, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:29.4. Seventh race, mile and three-sixteenths, selling: Bestriding, 18 to 5, won; John McBride, 18 to 5, second; St. Bellane, 10 to 1, third. Time, 2:07.5.

Gas Explosion Injures Several.

Rome, Ga., Feb. 5.—Supt. A. D. Watson, of the Rome Municipal Gas Company, was seriously injured and two negroes slightly hurt as the result of an explosion which partially wrecked the company's plant late today. The explosion which was caused by escaping gas accumulating in a small room near the boilers, shattered window glasses for several blocks. The plant is situated in the busiest section of the town and for a time it was feared that the fire which followed the explosion would spread to other buildings but the fire department soon had the blaze under control.

Ward Line Steamer Ashore.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 5.—A message received to-day by the Jacksonville Towing and Wrecking Company says: Ward Line steamer Bayamo (Cuba), is ashore on Rocky Reef, seven miles from Hillsboro Inlet, needs assistance. The company at once telegraphed to Miami to catch the tugboat Three Friends. This tug will at once proceed to the steamer. No further particulars have been received here.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Forecast: Virginia, rain and warmer Thursday; Friday fair, colder; brisk to high southwest to north winds. North Carolina, rain Thursday; Friday fair, colder; brisk to high west to northwest winds. Georgia, fair in west, rain in east portion Thursday; Friday fair, colder; fresh west to northwest winds. East Florida, local rains Thursday; Friday fair, colder in north and central portions; fresh to brisk shifting winds. Mississippi, west Florida, Alabama and Louisiana, fair, colder Thursday; Friday fair, light to fresh northwest to north winds. East Texas, fair Thursday, slightly colder in east portion; Friday fair; light to fresh north to northeast winds. West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, fair Thursday and Friday. Kentucky, Arkansas and Tennessee, fair, colder Thursday; Friday fair. Virginia, snow and colder Thursday, high west to northwest winds; Friday generally fair.

LOCAL OFFICE, U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.

Charlotte, Feb. 5.—Sunrise 7:19 a. m.; sunset 5:26 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees.) Highest temperature 38. Lowest temperature 29. Mean temperature 34. Deficiency for the day 4. Accumulated deficiency for month 48. Accumulated deficiency for year 27. PRECIPITATION (in inches.) Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0.07. Total for the month 0.12. Accumulated deficiency for month 0.09. Accumulated excess for the year 1.29. Prevailing wind direction N. W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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