

A WHOLESOME PILFERING

THREE MORE NEGROES CAUGHT Charged With Being Implicated in the General Pilfering of Cotton...

Two negroes sentenced to the road and three others arrested on the same day for being implicated in a wholesale pilfering of cotton...

Since the recent reports have been sent to Chief of Police T. M. Christenbury relative to the larceny of cotton from the local platform...

CHIEF CHRISTENBURY'S THEORY The theory advanced by Chief Christenbury as to the methods used by these negroes sounds plausible...

THE ARRESTS YESTERDAY Several weeks ago, the local officers, after vigorous searches and investigations, believed that they had linked together sufficient evidence to arrest John Freeland, Willie Rhyne, and Rich Harding...

TRIAL OF TWO OTHERS. In Superior Court yesterday, considerable time was consumed in the trial of Will Cuthbertson and Willie Rhyne, charged with the same offenses...

ANOTHER GETS 18 MONTHS. Tom Shanker, colored, who was found guilty of stealing cotton from Henry Rhyne, colored, some weeks ago, was sentenced by Judge Webb yesterday to serve 18 months on the road...

Remains of Senator Latimer Pass Through. The remains of United States Senator A. C. Latimer passed through Charlotte yesterday morning at 7 o'clock en route from Washington to Bolton, S. C., where the funeral took place yesterday afternoon...

Cosmetics injure the complexion. The highest types of complexion beauty come through the blood. Helmer's Rocky Mountain Tea makes rich, red blood, gives you that clear, healthy complexion...

"THE RIVALS" PRESENTED.

University Dramatic Club Succeeds Well With Its Second Historic Performance—The Attraction of the Best on the Hill This Season.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 21.—The University Dramatic Club made its second annual appearance in Gerrard Hall last night, presenting "The Rivals," a three-act comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan...

Mr. Luther W. Parker, who acted Sir Anthony Absolute, was the very type of a congested old dyspeptic. This part is a very difficult one, and the manner in which the actor got off such an old man was worthy of a professional...

REV. DR. L. W. CRAWFORD DEAD While Doing His Work as Presiding Elder a Cold is Contracted Which Develops Into Pneumonia, Proving Fatal—Methodist Minister For Four Years.

Asheville, Feb. 21.—Rev. Dr. L. W. Crawford, presiding elder of the Asheville district and for many years editor of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, died here this afternoon at 11:30 o'clock after an illness of less than two weeks...

TEXAS PLAN AT HIGH POINT. The Manufacturing City Looking Into a New Method of Municipal Administration—Revenue Officer Selects Lignor Shipped as Baggage—News in Brief.

High Point, Feb. 21.—The "Texas" plan of doing business as regards her municipalities has received quite a little attention by the city fathers here, having been discussed at various times, and some of the members have gone to examine the charters of several cities that have adopted the Texas plan...

TWO NEW DURHAM CHURCHES.

Methodist Laymen of the City Take Steps to Begin Work on These—Mr. L. E. Pickard Gets the Post-mastership at West Durham After a Hard Fight.

Durham, Feb. 21.—The Laymen's Brotherhood, an organization of the lay members of the various Methodist churches in the city have decided to rebuild the Branson Methodist church, located in Edgemont, and the work is to begin as soon as the weather will permit...

Next Wednesday there is to be a hearing before Clerk of Court C. B. Green that will concern the seven big suits brought by Mrs. O. D. Thomas against a number of merchants in this city.

PLAYGROUND PRESENTED. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt, of Wilmington—Chamber of Commerce Takes Action Relative to Police Congress—Furniture Company Assigns.

Wilmington, Feb. 21.—Very interesting exercises yesterday afternoon at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd marked the formal presentation of the Marion Sprunt Playground for Children by Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt to the First Presbyterian church, of which the chapel is a mission...

FARMERS DISCUSS NEW ROAD. A Committee Appointed to Confer With Engineer—Rev. Dr. Bays Lectures at Mooreville. Special to The Observer.

Mooreville, Feb. 21.—A large crowd of about one hundred farmers and business men assembled in the K. of P. Hall yesterday afternoon to discuss the new road and to appoint a committee of seven to confer and act with the civil engineers in laying it out from here to the river...

AMUSEMENTS.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS. With the same big company of clever colored performers who entertained New York audiences on the New York Theatre roof garden for three months, the Dandy Dixie Minstrels headed by the famous Cotton Pickers' Band...

Nothing quite so tremendous in minstrelsy has ever been attempted by a colored aggregation before. The Cotton Pickers' Band is a specially organized coterie of solo musicians who either on parade, in concert before the performances or on the stage have won the proud distinction of being the only colored band to have played in New York for three consecutive months...

A STORY THAT GETS CLOSE TO THE HEART. The authors of Adelaide Thurston's play, "The Girl From Out Yonder," Pauline Phelps and Marion Short, have lived all their lives on the coast of Maine, nearby Terry's Harbor and the rocky islands, where the scenes of the play are laid...

MARRIAGES. Curtis-Shankle Engagement Announced. Special to The Observer. Troy, Feb. 21.—An announcement has been made that Curtis Shankle and Miss Kate Shankle, of Lenoir, will take place in the late spring.

Gold Dust Twins Here. Mr. "Sunny Monday" Payne and His Wife Temporarily Stationed Here For a Crusade. Mr. "Sunny Monday" Payne, with headquarters at the Buford, has located here temporarily and with a crew of associates has started a crusade to coupon the consuming trade...

Osborne Caught in Tennessee. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 21.—Orbin Osborne, who shot and killed his cousin, Nat Honeycutt, at Norton, Va., July 18, 1904, and for whose capture there was a reward of \$500, was caught in Hancock county, Tennessee, last evening and lodged in the Wise county, Virginia, jail today...

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Advertisement for Uneeda Biscuit. Light—but nutritious. Plain—yet delicious. Eat all you want of them. Uneeda Biscuit. 5c. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY.

Surinder is Correct. Statesville Landmark. It is generally conceded that the majority of votes in the approaching election will be in favor of prohibition...

PEOPLE'S COLUMN. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED. WANTED—T. O. rent one or two bright, nicely furnished rooms. Close in. Address W. care Observer.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Gold mining machinery. Four new crushing machines (Erdman McCutcheon pattern) at a sacrifice. Need money and must sell at once. Address Gold, care Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS. THE PERSON who exchanged shoes at the Academy Wednesday please return to 215 South Church street and get them.

Rheumatism. This is often a disease of the blood, though not always. It attacks usually the joints and tissues and causes a deposit of uric acid. In its acute stage it is one of most pain and suffering...

The Board of Directors. of any bank or other large corporation could now hold a meeting in our south window. Directors' Tables, Desks, Chairs—good enough, handsome enough, yet moderate in price.

MATTON Fine Floor Coverings. Big Shipment In. We have just received a shipment of 100 Rolls of Spring Matting and have it on display for your inspection.

The R. G. Auten Co. 202 S. Tryon. HELLO!! Have you had your house wired yet for electrical conveniences that make life worth living?

The Tate-Brown Company. Office Outfitters. Celebrated Hats, spring styles now on sale. Derby, Felt, Opera, Silk. Absolutely correct in every detail.

W. T. McCOY. The Home Furnisher. Beautiful new Rings, all sizes. It will pay you to investigate.