THE SPORTING WORLD

Roy Kitchings a Heavy Hitter

The following item from The Atlanta Georgian will be read with interest by Charlotte Jans;

"Roy Kitchings will leave March 1st to join the Charlotte baseball club for spring practice. Kitchings in Atlanta for a good many years. He played with the strong Carter & Gillespie club last season which won the City League pennant. His hitting average last year was .350 and fielding .950.

"Kitchings is at present employed by the Western Electric Company, where he has been al! winter."

EXPECTING TROUBLE.

Canada Will Try to Enter Indian Runner, Who is Under Ban, at Olympic Games and Americans Determined to Fight the More

According to The New York Time there is likely to be a merry athletic war when the Olympic games are held in London next summer. Reports from Canada are to the effect that the Dominion will appropriate \$20,000 to send a team to the world's meet, and among the athletes on the Canadian team will be Tom Longboat, the Indian long-distance run-ner, who is under the ban of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

James E. Sullivan, president of the A. A. U., refused to say vesterday what his association would Longboat is allowed by the English authorities to compete in the Olym-

We will cross that bridge when we come to it," said Mr. Sullivan, rather testily

Other men close to the A. A. U. powers that be were more communicative. One said there was no doubt that the American athletes would be prohibited toeing the mark in any race in which Longboat appeared as This would include Marathon, the greatest contest at the

"Oh, my! but the English committee will have a tough task to straighten out this tangle," said another of the wise ones. "They are bound to the wise ones. offend either America or Canada. It is not likely the American association will go so far as to withdraw the whole Yankee team, though that would be the right thing to do under the A. A. U. rules. America will undoubtedly protest protest Longboat as a professional, and may able to secure the proof of it before next summer.

TO DECIDE TUESDAY ON LEAGUE

Meeting of Representatives of Various Towns at Wilson to Take Action on a Six or Eight-Club

Special to The Observer. Raleigh, Feb. 26.-There is very great enthusiasm about baseball here and to the east of Raleigh, and it as the mems that what is known is to be a very popular thing indeed. letter from Kinston to-day says that a team there is a certainty and very great interest is exhibited by the people. The places which put up the best forfeit will of course come in. It is said by some persons that a six-team league is the best, but may be eight clubs. Wilmington comes in then Fayette-ville or Henderson will also be expected to join' Wilson of representatives of various points in order to form a

How He Gets His Men to Put Forth Their Best Efforts.

This week's Sporting Life has cut of Ed Ashenbach, who managed the Charlotte club in 1902. This year will manage the Johnstown team of the Tri-State League. He has signed a number of players and is going after the pennant in his usual vigorous manner. Ed is a fighterevery inch of him-and the players around him must keep on the go. He hates dragging play, and the things worry him. While in Char-lotte some one admonished him for ising harsh language to his men, and

This Y. M. C. A. talk don't go in Imagine me. Brother B-, you seem a little careless to-day; won't you please try a little harder." Now wouldn't that Now wouldn't that

baseball commission began to-day its son, with Kelly, R. S., and Newland work of investigating the cases of

lyn paid \$1,000 to Birmingham, goes be arranged. Brooklyn, while the Birmingham club was fined \$150 for violating the rules and Willaelm is to get \$350 of the draft money.

Pitcher Lanford Visits Davidson,

Special to The Conerver. Davidson, Feb. 26 .- A visitor on the hill this week that sttracted a good deal of attention and was the recipient of a warm and hearty welwas Lanford, lust year's star pitcher, who afterwards won a place Washington Americans, Lanford, after attending the sophomore banquet at the Selwyn, came up with the fellows for a brief wisit. It was at first reported that he would remain here for some time and assist Coach Stouch in training the pitch here for some time and assist ers, but this rumor seems to have been premature at least.

To an interesting game of baseball yesterday afternoon on the grounds of the south graded school the Covenanters won from Trace The batternoon of the south graded school the covenanters won from Trace The batternoon of the covenanters won from Trace The batternoon of the covenanters won from Trace The batternoon of the covenanters won from Trace Covenanters won from Tryon Street
by the score of 12 to 5. The game Knight battery, which Georgia Tech
was snappy until the sixth inning, sent out in 1906, may have a berth
when the Covenanters found the ball with the Macon club this year. and began making use of it. The features of the game were the batting of Colt for Tryon Street and the annual tournament of the Ishpeming seed all-around playing of Pharr for the Corenanters.

Evenson's leap of 122 feet at the annual tournament of the Ishpeming Ski Clob, Marquette, Mich., broke the world's record by seven feet.

American League Schedule Out

New York, Feb. 26 .- With the aning season, the baseball season is to I, third, Time, 5:65-5.

brought close to the followers of baseball. The schedule calls for 152 7 to 5, won; Suffice & to 1, second; Dapgames as arranged; the Western ple Gold, 20 to 1, third, Time, 1:303-5.

teams open in the Western territory. Fourth race, 6 furlongs: The Orleans ends October 8th.

that none of the games will be in culum, is to 5, won; Royal Onyx, is to 5, conflict either in New York, Boston, second; Hawkama, 2 to 1, third. Time, Chicago or St. Louis. The opening games on April 14th are as follows:

Sixth race, 7 turiongs, selling; Offstand Conflict Conflict

and Washington at Boston. During the coming season the conflicting dates have been reduced to 15. seiling: Miss Mazzoni, 17 to 10, wen; These are: Seven at Chicago, four at Badrids, 6 to 5, second; Apt, 4 to 1, third. St. Louis, three at Philadelphia and Time, 1:521-5,

one at Boston. the schedule the American League only talked over routine business. djourned until to-morrow. Every ub in the league was represented.

The National League's session last d two hours. The only business finshed was the adoption of the schedule, which will be announced to-mor-

BASKETBALL'S DEVELOPMENT.

Short History of a Popular Sport-Status of Teams-Exciting Game Promised.

Of all games that have been invented in late years, no game has lots that was bad there was plenty njoyed such a triumph as basket-Every season finds hundreds of new teams. From a mere amateur would do anything for me, work as game it has branched out into one often as I asked him and throw off league, the National. along successfully until petty jealousy among the managers caused its disruption, a great many players also deserting to join the newly-formed

New England League. In the year 1906 the biggest professional league ever known basketball, known as the Central, was organized, comprising Pittsburg, McKeesport, Greensburg, Butler, all promise that he won't ask in vain.'
Pennsylvania towns, and East Liver- When Waddell came to the A pool and Canton, in Ohio. The entire East was scoured for players. The Young Men's Christian Asseciations of this country have done more to promote

playing than any other organiza-tion. It is a known fact that the game can be controlled and governed better in the associations owing to their high standard of clean athletics. In the South there are a number of very strong teams in the different Young Men's Christian Association Columbus, Ga., has one of the strongest teams in its history, having not lost a game in four years. same team has been playing together for five years. also has a very strong team and it has a record equal to that of Columbus, Ga.

The team of the local associations is considered the best trained and fastest in the history of the associa-tion, and the local enthusiasts are predicting a very interesting and exciting game with Davidson College Wadd Monday night.

MAY GET HORSE SHOW.

Steps Being Taken to Form New Circuit of Southern Cities-Several Weeks of Good Horse Shows Each Spring.

Jacksonville Times-Union

"A circuit to include Jacksonville, Atlanta, Macon, Savannah, Columbia, pected to join. A week from next Augusta and Charlotte is likely to Tuesday there is to be a meeting at be formed this year for the prong at be formed this year for the pro-the mulgation of the horse shows which league. The prospect is uncomduoting each year. George Wilkins,
monly good for excellent ball this
year.

ASHENBACH'S WAY.

most of these cities are now conduoting each year. George Wilkins,
who is agranging for the show, is
enthusiastic regarding the project,
and believes that the time is nearly
ripe for the formation of such a
circuit. most of these cities are now con-

of good shows each spring, all the and lost thirteen famous horsemen of the North would make an annual pilgrimage to the strikeout record for South for the purpose of exhibiting fanned 301 in his thirty-eight games, their thoroughbreds. It is believed a mark never even approached, that the Vanderbilts and other millionaire owners who care not for ex-pense, would be willing to ship their whole strings to the South, while under the present conditions they are innings, landing all three. Nearly unwilling for their animals to make every season he made the strikeout the long trip for just one or two record, and the announcement of his long trip for just one or two shows which are annually held.

TWO BASKETBALL GAMES WITH JUNIOR ORATORICALS. Special to The Observer.

Davidson, Feb. 26.-Director J. W. Rhea has arranged for a basketball Jar you? The only way I can get contest in the gymnasium for both the players to hustle is to yell out to-morrow and Friday nights after comething like this: Hey, you blank-the junior speaking. The two teams to blank, what ter 'ell's de made up of the following men: matter wid yer? Git in de game." ley, McClintock, Barr, with Cromar-National Commission Begins Investi- tie and McClure as substitutes; sec-New York, Feb. 26.—The National pie, W. B., Preston, Harden, Donald-

several players who dispute the right of certain clubs to their services. After hearing a number of disputed cases between clubs and players, the teams, but the exact personnel is commission adjourned until to-mor- not as yet determined. The Charleston trip has been canceled, but an-Pitcher Wilhelm, for whom Brook- other to take its place will likely

Suggs Goes to Hot Springs.

Yesterday's Atlanta Georgian says: George Suggs, the pitcher who was with Memphis last year and the year before, was in Atlanta Monday n his way from his home in North Carolina to Hot Springs. "Suggs has been signed by Detroit, after considerable dickering over sal-Suggs gets either \$2,200 or \$2,-

400 a year. SHORT SPORTS.

Christy Mathewson left New York yesterday with the second squad of the Giants and will be joined by Rog-er Bresnahan at Marlin Springs, Tex., where they will work-out this year

A Massachusetts man has invented

NEW ORLEANS RACES

New Orleans, Feb. 26.-Blagg, at 6 to won the New Orleans handicap to-day at City Park. The race was worth about \$1.700 to the winner. Jack Atkin, which was expected to start, did not go to the barrier on account of the heavy weight imposed on him, 150 pounds. Weather clear; track good. First race, 3 furlongs: Serenade, 8 to

won; Sister Ollie, 15 to 1, second; Alamia, 12 to 1, third. Time, :37 1-5. Second race, steeplechase, short course nouncement of the American League's handleap: Dr. Logan, 8 to 1, won; Golf schedule of playing dates for the com- Curcle, 9 to 1, second; Bank Holiday, 20

and the Eastern clubs play in the handleap: Blagg, 6 to 1, won; John Car-East; the season begins April 14th and rolf. 8 to 1, second; Cooney K., 15 to 1, nds October 8th. third. Time, 1:15.
The opening dates are so arranged Fifth race. 7 furlongs, selling:

Detroit at Chicago, St. Louis at ing: Alma Duffour, 13 to 20, won; Donleveland. Philadelphia at New York na. 4 to 1, second; Ace High, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:50 3-5. Seventh race, mile and a sixteenth,

Other than discussing and adopting AMERICA'S GREATEST TWIRLER.

It Connie Mack Hates to See Waddell Go-The Rube's Wonderful Record on the Diamond-His Power Entirely on His Mighty Left Arm.

A Philadelphia sport writer has the following to say about Rube Waddell, who goes to St. Louis this With all the Reuben has Jone to add to the woes of his manager, he

leaves a good friend behind him in Mr. Mack "Honestly, I hate to see him go, was the admission the lean leader made. "He's done enough things to drive me distracted, but along with

that, was good too.
"When Rube was behaving with professional leagues all over the his arm in the effort to win. He country. The year 1898 saw the landed us the pennant of 1902, and organizing of the first professional his work in the early half of 1905 league, the National, which went put us in such a commanding position that Plank was able to bring home that flag.

don't think Rube is all in. wouldn't be surprised to see him do fine work. Certainly I hope so, and shall always be grateful for the to help he gave our club. I hope that the big fellow will never need aid from me, but if that day comes, I When Waldell came to the Athetics in the middle of 1902, he found the local American league team on the rocks. dence to tell this. The ruling of the court that took away Bernhard, Fra- a five mile load race handleup, arer, Duggelby, Lajole and Flick has annual affair, that was one of the clean basketball court that took away Bernhard, Frahopelessly brosen up Mack's team. It was bumping along in the second di-vision, losing money and apparently boy who worked for a laundry having little prospect of getting out

> those strokes for which he is fa-He had known Waddell for severyears.

his debut in Franklin, Pa., gone to Homestead and Detroit in 1898, Columbus and Louisville in 1899, Pitts-burg and Milwaukee in 1900, the Chicago Nationals in 1901, from which Connie met Rube at Kansas City

and brought him back home with Philadelphia and making his local debut, he cut loose the first of

long series of marvelous exhibitions of pitching. Baltimore was the opposing team and in the nine innings only twenty-seven men batted. Two made hits,

but both were caught stealing. Launched as a hero by this game, Rube proceeded to achieve a number of wonderful victories. If he started the game he had the other team helpless from the go-off. If another pitcher was being hit, the instant Rube went in the opposing club fell

"Mr. Wilkins contends that if a 1905 won twenty-seven and lost ten circuit such as above outlined should leading the league; 1966, won sixteen formed to embrace several weeks and lost sixteen; 1907 won nineteen

In 1903 Waddell established the

Included in his contests were many wonderful games. He pitched three extra-inning games in Boston that went seventeen, eighteen and twenty name to pitch a Sunday game in St. Louis or Chicago was a strong enough magnet to draw a crowd near the 20,-000 mark,

No player who ever belonged to a ocal club fluctuated so much in popular esteem. At one time he was the hero hailed by thonsands, mobbed at railway stations and cheered on the streets; again he was hissed and hooted, and many supporters of the Athletics announced that they would not patronize the club until Manager Mack got ril of a man they deemed a disgrace to the club, But just when the Rube's fortunes were at a low ebb he would perform

back in favor. Last season he was useless in the early part of the season; in the mid dle of the year he worked magnifi-Then he had a slump, and when finally he got back in form his support was so poor that no matter well he worked he could not

some notable feat that would put him

Waddell has been blamed for not winning the famous seventeen-inning game that gave the pennant to Detroit, but it was errors, not his own poor work, that put him in the hole The truth about the Rube, the extues, is the fact that, like Peter Pan, he never grew up. His body matur-ed, but his mind remained in the

ed, but his mind remained in the childhood stage.

It is questionable if ever in the history of the game any pitcher had a greater natural equipment.

Other famous twirlers, with the possible exception of Tommy Ramsay, were gifted with good heads. Men like Clarkson, Keefe, Mathewson, Griffith. Caruthers, Ferguson, Rusie, Radbourne, Buffington and Galvin understood batsmen, and knew the craft of the game. craft of the game.

Waddell has none of this. His power rests entirely in the speed he gets from his phenomenal arm and the muscles of his shoulder and back. No more fautlessly built athlete ever stripped, but his prowess doesn't go The portion north above his neck. The portion north of that is a barren waste so far as baseball brains go. Being u child. Rube doesn't under-

stand how to say "No," and it is doubtful if he will ever learn. His deeply aworn good resolves ever melt before the invitations of some flat-

But there has also been a gentle side with the big fellow. The ele-

ut. When player or spectators is urt. Rube is the first to help. Even his worst detractors on the Athletics admit the impressiveness of the help he gave Hoffman when the latter was hit on the head by the pitched ball that nearly ended his

The accident happened in Bosto. The ambulance had been sent for, but was slow in arriving. A group of frightened players stood around the unconscious Danny, and a kneeling doctor said that he might not live to reach the hospital.

Suddenly Waddell acted. Seeing the neel of haste, he gently lifted Hoffman's form, and, throwing it over his shoulders actually van despite.

er his shoulders, actually ran, despite his burden, all the way across the field, put the injured fellow player carriage and hurried him to a hospital. Then, all night, he sat up with Danny and put on his face the ice that lessened the ravages of his

Rube, with all his faults, will be missed at Columbia Park, as one of the landmarks connected with the winning of the first pennant that came to this city in nineteen years, and when the Browns come here to pitch the southpaw against us, the ground won't be big enough to hold the crowd that will watch him try to beat his old comrades.

BICYCLE'S HEYDAY.

The Scorcher Who Used to Be Arrested, as the Automobilist is Now. New York Sun.

"Every once in a while," he said when I hear of an automobilist arrested for going too fast, I think of the days when the scorching bicyclist used to get into trouble.

"Those fellows, you remember, who had the wheels with the high gears and the low frames and the rams horn handle bars, who used to dash madly down the crowded cycle paths on Sundays particularly with reckless defiance of the property rights and lives of others. That the property others. That was in the heyday of the bicycle when every hotel had to have an L A. W. sign to make it popular with the cyclists.

"Every so often, when I get off into the country on a walking topr see one of those signs painted on the wall of a hotel or see an ancient road sign marked with the L. A. W mark, which calls up those old days. "It seems a great while ago now, but really it's not so long ago. Perhaps a dozen years; perhaps less "There are lots of other things that mark the decline of the bicycle, but none perhaps more than the fall ing off of interest in the road races. In the old days an enormous crowwatched the Irvington-Millburn road race of twenty-five miles. It what is called by some persons of classic, and upward of 80,000 persons saw some of those races.

"I can remember in my home town greatest athletic events you can imboy who worked for a laundry and besought my folks to change the laundry we sent our wash to so Then the manager made one of that I might have a legitimate excuse for visiting that place to that here and to admire him.

The big fellow had made A Gun Club Organized at Durham. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Feb. 26 .- There was a meeting of the local sports at Hotel Corcoran last evening, at which time there was organized a gun club team he jumped to the Los Angeles Between twenty and thirty members foined at the first George L. Lyon was elected president and Mr. W. H. Overton was named as secretary and freasurer. Making his debut at Baltimore, A range is to be secured and there will be weekly shoots, beginning first Thursday in April.

Determined to Have a Winning

Special to The Observer Winston-Salem, Feb. 26.—The management of the Winston-Salem Athletic Association is gratified with the interest being manifested by the lovers of the game in the efforts to ecure a team of star Those behind the association are determined to put a winning team in this field.

WOUND AROUND SHAFTING.

A Cotton Mill Operative Has a Narrow Escape From a Horrible Death
—Durham County Split Up in a
Gubernatorial Line—An Aged Citizen Very III—Creditors of Bank-rupt Concern Meet Again. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Feb. 26 .- News reaches here of a distressing accident at Longworth Cotton Mill, two miles from Roxboro, yesterday afternoon. A man by the name of Joe Duncan was attempting to put a belt on a moving shafting when his shirt sleeve. was by a set screw and he was quickly wound up to the shafting, his right arm being wound about the shafting and the bones broken in three places. There is no doubt but that his body would have been whirl-ed about the shafting but for the fact that his feet became entangled in a network of wire and tis saved him. The machinery was quickly stopped and the unfortunate man was attended by two physicians. They say that it is not probable that his hurt will prove fatal. A letter from Roxboro to your correspondent states that there is no doubt but that he would have met almost instant death but for the interference of the wires and the promptness with which the machinery was stopped.

A. Max. formerly of this city, who moved to Norfolk some time ago, has sold to J. W. Jacobson a tract of 122 acres of land in Patterson township, this county, for which the consideration is named at \$3,000. The deed was sent here to be recorded to-day. H. A. Reams, one of Durham's old citizens and pioneer tobacconists, is reported as being quite iii. He has been for several days, suffering from severe grip attack and other trou-

William R. Purnell, a distant rela-tive of Judge Purnell, is quite ill at This evening it was stated that

his recovery was doubtful.

Regarding the gubernatorial fight it looks as if Durham will have a delegation that will be decidedly spilt. No man can boast that he has M. A. Shank has served as treasurer, all of Durham's strength, not at this As an evidence of their faithful mantime. Kitchin and Horne men lock horns every day in argument, and then there are Fraig men who come in to speak for their champion. Horne men swear that the Johnston county man would give the Stale a needed rest by a quiet, conservative administration. On the other hand the Craig and Kitchin supporters declare that what the party needs and will need is a man who can champion the rights and claims of his party in debate, even if pitted against such men as Judge Bynum or Col. Harry Skinner.
An adjourned meeting of the credi-

tors of the New York Stock Company was held in a room in the postoffice building to-day, Mr. Victor H. Boyden, referee in bankruptcy for this district, presiding. The creditors were all represented, either in person or by all day.

Have You Used Clinchfield Coal?

ment of sympathy has not been left NEWS OF THE UPPER CAPE FEAR

Delayed Celebrations of the Natal Day of Washington—Captain Mc Geachy's Friends Propose His Nam For a Majorship. Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, Feb. 26 .- Washington's birthday, having fa'len on Sab-urday, was celebrated at the graded school on the 24th inst., with appropriate services, consisting of patriotic songs, essays and addresses, and the celebration was also made the occas-ion of several eloquent tributes to General Lee. Mr. Leslie G. Bullard read an appreciative sketch of the life of Washington, and Miss Mar-garet Broadfoot, in a striking essay, dwelt upon the exemplary life and brilliant career of Lee. Rev. I. W. Hughes paid high tribute to both of these great patriots of the South, and Mr. James W. Atkinson, a gallant Con-federate veteran, closed with an eloquent address upon the shining vir-tues of the Confederate chieftain, at the conclusion of which he presented to the school in behalf of himself and other veterans of the county an excellent and handsomely framed portrait of General Lee. Mr. Atkinson's offering was graciously ac-cepted for the school by Professor, Jones, the superintendent, with appropriate expressions of apprecia-

Rapid progress is being made or Colored Normal School's buildings. The slate roof has been put on, and in a few weeks the building will be completed. Company F (the Fayetteville Inde

pendent Light Infantry) yesterday celebrated Washington's birthday, Saturday, the 22d, having been inconvenient for the purpose. The exercises consisted of a parade, target firing, the awarding of prizes, etc. The friends of Captain N. H. Mc-Geachy, of this city, have sent out to the commissioned officers of the Second Regiment the following circu-lar letter signed by J. G. Hollingslar letter signed by J. G. worth, major; E. R. M worth, major; E. R. MacKetha, first lleutenant, and A. R. Williams, second lientenant, of Company F: "The officers of the Third Battalion, Second N. C. N. G., will propose the name of Capt. N. H. McGeachy, commanding Company F (Fayetteville Indepedent Light Infantry) for promotion in the place of Major G. B. Sellars, resigned. Captain McGeachy is an efficient and experienced officer. having been connected with the State militia since 1887. He resides in Fayetteville, the most accessible as-sembling point for the battalion, and is known personally to almost every officer and man in it. His promotion is the will of and meets with the approval of the battalloh, and we that you will co-operate with

us in electing him. Circular letters are also out supporting Captain Cohen, of Goldsbore, and Captain Rodman, of Washington,

EAGLES SECURE NEW QUARTERS The Winston-Salent Aerie Outgrows

Old Building—An Association of Tobacco Auctioneers Proposed— Name of Fair is Changed.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 26.—With but two dissenting votes the Winstan-Salem Aerie, No. 733, Fraternal Order of Eagles last night decided to secure larger and more desirable service. quarters, and the proposition of Messrs. Brown and Carter tendering the aerie the lease of the second floor of their building, on the corner of Main and Fourth streets, was accepted. The aerie will move into is new quarters as soon as the necessary changes can be made in the building. The new quarters will be handsomely furnished.

There is a movement on foot organize a Tri-State Association North and South Carolina and Virginla. It is practically certain that the North Carolina auctioneers will form an association and it is very probable that South Carolina and

Virginia will come in.
Col. G. E. Webb, of this city, editor of The Southern Tobacco Journal, is one of the leaders of the move-ment and to him has been left the arrangements for the meeting. Colonel Webb stated to-day that he would probably call a meeting to be held in May. He will extend an invitation to the auctioneers to meet in this city, but as a majority of them live in the eastern part of the State at is thought that they will prefer either Durham or Raleigh as the place of first meeting. At a recent meeting of the directors of the Piedmont Park Associa-

tion it was decided to change the name of the county fair association to the Piedmont Fair Association and lake in the following counties: Davie, Davidson, Stokes, Surry, Rocking-ham, Wilkes and Ashe. The object change in the name make the fair a greater institution than it has ever been.

A meeting of the secretaries of the fair associations in the North Carolina circuit will probably be held here one day this week at which a number of matters of importance will be discussed and acted upon.

SPENCER'S RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.

It Takes on New Life Under the New Secretary-Its Doors Never Closed. Special to The Observer. Spencer, Feb. 26.—The Southern

Railway department of the Young Men's Christian Association at Spencer has taken on new life under the leadership of the new general secretary, Mr. B. F. Stevenson, who came here from Oakdale, Tenn., a few weeks ago, and the organization is rapidly taking its rightful place in the religious and social life of the town. The building, which is kept open twenty-four hours in the day, is constantly crowded with young men who enjoy the exceptional privlleges offered in the way of games, baths, reading rooms, rest rooms, Mr. K. R. Hartsfield, formerly of Charlotte, is the day assistant sec retary and cares for the building and its patrons in a most acceptable manner. The night secretary, Mr. J. H. Williams, who came to Spencer from Wilmington, is no less popular and efficient and is to be found duty at all hours at night. Mr. W. H. Burton, under whose management the handsome \$30,000 building was erected, has been chairman of the managing board since the organiza-tion was brought into existence ten years ago; and all the while Capt. agement the association is now in ex-cellent financial condition, Mr. J. W. Payne, formerly of Danville, Va., has charge of the Y. M. C. A. res-taurant and has built up a large patronage among all classes road men who are served at all hours day or night. The lodging rooms in the building, which are well furnished, heated and lighted, are in great demand and always filled.

The Sunday afternoon meetings are targely attended and very popular on account of the fact that music and entertaining speakers are always in evidence.

At a recent meeting of the committee of management Mr. H. W. Holt, one of Spencer's pioneer citi-zens and a well-known locomotive

engineer between this place and Sel-ma, was elected chairman of the body. His first official act was to appoint the standing committees for

SOUTHERN MILLS CREDITORS. Receiver Cone Makes State Showing Approximately \$40,000 Earnings in Lieven Months.

pecial to The Observer. Bessemer City, Feb. 26 .- A called meeting of the creditors of the South-ern Cotton Mills was held here today at the call of Receiver Ceasar Cone and the following statement

Taken over by receiver \$31,610.23 Earned by receiver ... 35,561.36 \$71,571.49

LIABILITIES. payable \$288,181.18 Mill accounts
payable
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.. 11,715.17 \$371,307.65 DEDUCTIONS.

The statement shows earnings by the receiver of \$39,961.26 and a net Indebtedness, after de assets, of \$256,390.62. after deducting quick A creditors' committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. J. Long, of Roxbore; John Blue, of Aberdeen; L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia Burton Craige, of Salisbury, George Stephens, of Charlotte.

Stephens was made chairman and the committee was instructed to receive proposition looking to a re-organization of the property and make recommendation to the creditors at a meeting to be called at an early A resolution was passed requesting

the court to continue the receiver-ship until the creditors decide upon Georgia Cotton Mills to Reduce Wages

10 Per Cent. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.-At a meeting of the executive committee of the Georgia Industrial Association, representing the cotton mills of the State, it was unanimously decided to make a reduction of 10 per cent. in wages of operatives, effective March 1st next. It was also agreed that a curtailment of two days a week or more where necessary, small be put into effect.

The curtailment and reduction in wages, it is said, are made necessary by the depressed condition of the textile industry.

General Stoessel Prefers to Live. St. Petersburg Dispatch, 25th. Lieutenant General Stoessel, who

on February 20th was sentenced death for the surrender of Port Ar thur fortress to the Japanese has pe titioned Emperor Nicholas for a full pardon. The court recommended that the death sentence be commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a fortress and that the general be excluded from the

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DUNN NEWS ITEMS

New Paper Started Personal Notes of

Dunn, Feb. 24 .- Mr. J. P. Pittman editor of The Guide here, has opened an office in Benson and has with him Mr. Robert E. Lee, where they will begin the issue of a new paper which will be named The Spokes man. Mr. Pittman has made a sucdoubt he and Mr. Lee will succ with their new journal.

Mr. Y. P. Tart, a cawmill man in Cumberland, near here, had the mis-fortune to get his arm broken in several places at his mill and gin yes

terday morning.

Dr. A. M. McKay. a prominent physician of Summerville, this county, is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. P. T. Massengill, who has been more provided than the physician for fifin the mercantile business for teen years, has sold out to Mr. Giddens, of Sampson—Rev. J. W. Lynch, D. D., of Wake Forest, preached at the Eaptist church Sunday morning and night. The sermons were very strong and instruc-tive.—Rev. A. J. Parker left yester day evening for Hamlet, where he will assist the Methodist pastor in a meeting this week.—Rev. H. -M. North, of Trinity College, will fill Mr. Parker's pulpit here next Sunday morning and night.

Murder Trial Comes Up in Gaston Court To-Day.

Special to The Observer. . Gastonia, Feb. 26.—The case against John and Will Cloninger. charged with the murder of John Mauney at High Shoals last August will be called for trial in Superior Court at Dallas in the morning.

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