

GOSSIP OF THE CAPITAL

Raleigh, March 25.—The negro continues to be a puzzling element to the white Republicans in this State. The leaders of the whites say they can hold him down but so far he has caused a split in three conventions.

It seems to be now the general impression that there will not be any senatorial primaries this year. This is now the outlook. Some persons who ought to be well informed express the opinion that Governor Glenn will not be a candidate for the Senatorship against Senator Overman.

The county conventions which the Democrats will hold begin the first week in April. The great number for nominating purposes are to be held until the prohibition election is entirely off the books, which will be the last week in May.

It is very much desired to obtain a picture of Johnston Blakely, so well known as the commander of a privateer in the War in 1812 from this State. His daughter was the only ward North Carolina ever had, the Legislature having made provision for her care and education.

The last additions to the historical section of the museum are the pictures of Mr. Jacques Busbee, of Raleigh, illustrating Roanoke Island. They are pronounced to be the best yet made of the North Carolina coast.

In the Raleigh public schools the new department of school gardens is meeting with very great success. Superintendent Harper said to me that it was the purpose to in every way make it clear to the children that agriculture is after all the most noble and dignified of avocations. He says the children have manifested from the start the most agreeable interest in the work.

This sort of thing will promote what North Carolina now so much needs, namely a movement from farms to farms. We recall that the New York people ought to move from that congested city to the free air, and yet turn in and do the same sort of things ourselves.

Governor Glenn has said that the North Carolina farms need a million men and it is true. The panic will not be an unmixed evil if it drives numbers of the people now in the cities and towns back to the country. It is true the North Carolina has no real cities, but in the towns there are many idlers.

The number of idle persons in this State does not compare with the North, where well dressed young men have been begging in great numbers during the winter, for food or for a trifle with which to buy it. Usually there is a large class in this State which floats about from place to place, changing homes and work, but not any one who has a job tries hard to hold on to it.

The servant problem continues to be no small affair. From time to time the negro cooks organize, they come here and this is done through various societies, even through some which have a quasi-church tone. This sort of thing has not been as bad during the past few months as it was a year or two ago.

Mention has been made of the fact that Raleigh has now a larger number of winter visitors from the North than ever before. An interesting one of them is Admiral George E. Balch, who went into the navy in 1854 and talks most entertainingly about that far-off time. He has been around the world over and over again; was for years the commandant of the Naval Academy at Annapolis and in his profession is known as a high professional in our and other navies of the world.

During the civil war he was off this coast on the Pawnee in the blockading service, all the way from Virginia to Florida. He has had enough exciting adventures to make a big book, with pirates, and all sorts of strange people and has been in ship-wrecks of various kinds, but always escaped without a scratch.

FRED A. OLDS, DECISION IS RESERVED. Judge Moore Does Not Announce His Ruling in the Matter of Southern Railway and Buncombe Commissioners.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, March 24.—Judge Fred Moore this afternoon reserved his decision in the matter of the Southern Railway Company against the board of county commissioners and the tax collector of Buncombe county. The hearing was on motion to make permanent a temporary injunction recently granted the Southern by Judge Moore restraining the commissioners and the tax collector from collecting from the railway a tax item of approximately \$5,000 State and county taxes on account of the special county tax levied of 15 cents by the commissioners for roads and bridges. The Southern was represented at the hearing to-day by Colonel Rodman, A. B. Andrews, Jr., and Moore & Rollins County Attorney Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, and E. T. Casner, of Charlotte, appearing for the defendants. Mr. Casner appearing by reason of the fact that the same point raised in Buncombe has been raised in Mecklenburg county.

The Southern contends that the commissioners of Buncombe county attempted to assess and levy the special tax of 15 cents on the \$100 worth of property in the county without assessing anything against the taxable polls, the railway claiming this levy void under the constitution and praying the court to permanently enjoin the tax collector from collecting the tax. The Southern Railway is the only taxpayer in this county who is resisting the tax.

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MARRIAGES.

JULIAN-LEONHARDT WEDDING.

Mr. Bruner Albert Julian, of Salisbury, and Miss Bertha Leonhardt, of Lowell, United in Marriage—Will Make Their Home in Charlotte.

Special to The Observer. Lowell, March 24.—In a lovely home wedding this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Leonard on Main street, their daughter, Miss Bertha, became the bride of Mr. Bruner Albert Julian. Both parties desired a quiet home wedding and only a few of their closest friends received invitations, but before the hour arrived for the ceremony quite a number had gathered to witness the event.

The parlor had been decorated with wreaths of white and pink flowers and plants and the room was beautiful under the soft lights. Promptly at the appointed hour, with Mrs. T. P. Rankin presiding at the organ, the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" announced the approach of the bridal couple. The bride and groom came in from the hall unattended and marched to the east side of the room, where, under a wreath of flowers, Rev. W. Honeycutt performed the ceremony that made them one.

The bride wore a traveling suit of brown voile hat and gloves to match and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and maiden-hair ferns. Immediately after the ceremony and amid the showers of rice and congratulations of many friends, Mr. and Mrs. Julian left on the north-bound train for Washington. New York and other points North and after a short stay they will return and make their home in Charlotte.

Mrs. Julian is a graduate of Davenport College, Lenoir, and is one of Gaston county's most popular and cultured young ladies. She has a wide acquaintance in this county and is well known in Charlotte, having visited there frequently.

Mr. Julian is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Julian, of Salisbury, and for several years has been in the employ of the Southern Railway. At present he is an engineer and is very popular among railroad men. He has gradually worked himself up and has a bright future before him.

Among the out-of-town people present at the wedding were: Mrs. O. B. Robinson and Miss Kate Torrence, of Charlotte; Misses Hallie and Rosa Julian, of Salisbury, sisters of the groom; Mr. Arden and Miss Margaret Booker, of High Point; Misses Della Nolen, Prue and Ferry Thomason and Mr. John Rankin, of Gastonia; Dr. Hall Hand, of Matthews; Misses Beach and Nixie Rhyne, Irene Peterson and Mr. Walter Mason, of Stanley; Mr. Graham Brown, of Asheville; Mr. Roy Young, of Central, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lippincott, of Philadelphia.

Engelbert-Wilson, at Statesville. Special to The Observer. Statesville, March 24.—There was an early morning marriage, at 8 o'clock Sunday at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. H. Pressly, when John Engelbert and Miss Mamie Wilson were united in marriage in the presence of the minister's family and a few neighbors who were called in to witness the ceremony.

Mr. Engelbert is a son of Mrs. Mary Engelbert, of Statesville, and his bride is a daughter of Mr. D. F. Wilson, of Bloomfield.

Senator Overman to Give His Attention to Poor Mail Facilities. Special to The Observer. Salisbury, March 24.—There is no improvement reported in the mail service from the South which was referred to in these notes last week. Train No. 30 has been late as usual every day since and mail for Salisbury has missed connection with 36 with the result that it has to lie over in Charlotte till 21 comes along. Senator Overman's attention has been called to the matter and he has promised it shall have immediate attention. Meanwhile merchants and others between Charlotte and Greensboro are practically getting only one mail a day from such important points as Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, etc.

Rockingham Republicans Hold County Convention. Special to The Observer. Reidsville, March 24.—The Republican county convention met at Wentworth to-day. S. M. Elliott presided and J. T. Holland and W. L. Pannill acted as secretaries. Eighteen of the twenty precincts in the county were represented. The administration of President Roosevelt was endorsed and the delegates instructed for Secretary Taft for President and for Judge Adams for re-election as chairman of the State committee.

Atlanta Engineer, Unable to Find Work, Takes His Own Life. New York, March 24.—Charles P. Campbell, an engineer, who recently came here from Atlanta, Ga., took his life by shooting himself through the head to-night in his place of employment on Twenty-second street. It is said that Campbell brooded over his failure to obtain employment in his own calling. He was 52 years old.

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MILLS AND MARKETS

Naval Stores.

New Orleans, March 24.—Receipts: 107 barrels resin; 300 barrels turpentine. Exports for Belfast 250 barrels resin; for New York 10 barrels resin; 200 barrels turpentine.

Wilmington, March 24.—Spirits turpentine steady; 35; receipt 2 casks. Rosin, nothing doing; receipts 115. Tar firm; 1.50; receipts 6. Crude turpentine firm, 2.25, 2.25 and 2.50; receipts 27.

Charleston, S. C., March 24.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing; quotations omitted.

Savannah, Ga., March 24.—Spirits turpentine firm; sales 24; receipts 22; shipments 87. Rosin firm; sales 150; receipts 1,900; shipments 3,000. Quota: A B C; D 2.25; E 2.25; F 2.50; G 2.25; H 2.25; I 2.50; M 2.25; N 2.50; W 2.25; W 2.50.

Dry Goods Market. New York, March 24.—The blanket business is now opening in the dry goods market on a price basis prevailing 15 months ago. Cotton yarns are lower. Reductions have been made in some ticked and lined goods. The carpet trade is very dull in the primary markets. There is a fair miscellaneous export trade but trade with the far East is quiet.

Murderer of Chief Benton to Be Placed on Trial To-Day. Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, March 24.—The trial of Sam Murchison for the murder of Chief of Police James H. Benton on February 23d last will be taken up in Superior Court to-morrow. A special venire of one hundred men has been summoned. The prisoner being unable to employ counsel, Judge Long has assigned Messrs. E. G. Davis and H. L. Brothers to defend him. J. Sprunt Newton, Esq., will assist Solicitor Sinclair in the prosecution.

THE WEATHER. Washington, March 24.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia, fair, somewhat colder Wednesday; Thursday increasing cloudiness; light north to northeast winds. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, east Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, generally fair Wednesday and Thursday with variable winds. Tennessee, fair Wednesday; Thursday increasing cloudiness. Kentucky, partly cloudy Wednesday; Thursday rain. West Virginia, partly cloudy Wednesday; Thursday rain. Louisiana and east Texas, fair Wednesday and Thursday; light to fresh south winds on the coast. Arkansas, fair Wednesday; Thursday partly cloudy to cloudy.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. Charlotte, March 24.—Sunrise 6:21 a. m.; sunset 6:33 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature 64. Lowest temperature 44. Mean temperature 53. Excess for the day 19. Accumulated excess for the year 26. Precipitation (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0.06. Total for the month 4.24. Accumulated excess for the month 4.79. Total for the year 41.37. Accumulated excess for the year 1.34. Prevailing wind direction N. E. W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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To the Democratic Voters of North Carolina. Through the solicitation of a good many of my friends, I have decided to become a candidate for Corporation Commissioner. It is well known that Mr. Beddingfield will not be a candidate at this election. I will greatly appreciate the support of those who may see fit to vote for me. Respectfully, S. O. MIDDLETON, Duplin county. Hallsville, N. C.

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