

News of the State

Happenings of Yesterday Told in Paragraphs. A call was issued yesterday by the Corporation Commission for reports from all State, private and savings banks showing their condition at the close of business September 23d.

A recorder's court for High Point is being urged by The Enterprise in order to do away with so many petty cases that come up in Greensboro and cause so many citizens to lose time from their work.

Three High Point negroes were sent up for several months for robbery in Superior Court in Greensboro Thursday. Ed Walker, Tate and Anderson, three store-breakers who have given the people much trouble, were the parties.

Mr. J. C. Campbell has resigned as book-keeper for the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company, of Gastonia, and will enter the music business at Princeton, S. C., in October with his brother, Mr. M. M. Campbell.

The condition of Mrs. J. D. Cox, of Statesville, who has been ill at the Billingsley Hospital for some months, is again very critical and little hope for her recovery is entertained. A number of out-of-town relatives are at her bedside.

The Gastonia theatrical season will open October 1st with Coburn's Greater Minstrels. Other attractions booked for early appearance are as follows: October 3d, "Uncle Josh Jenkins," October 5th, "Black Patti," October 7th, "The Clansman."

Mr. Charles P. Crawford, of Statesville, has bought the interest of his partner, Mr. E. B. Leinster, in the livery firm of Crawford & Leinster and will continue the business at the present stand. Mr. Leinster has not decided on his future business arrangements.

The Norfolk & Southern Railway will run special trains from Elizabeth City and other points to Norfolk during the winter to give theatre-lovers the opportunity to witness the more prominent plays to be shown there. Next Tuesday night a special will run down to see Dixon's play, "The Traitor."

Jake Stockton and Jim Beck, negro convicts of Fredell, escaped from the changing camp on the Turnersburg road sometime Thursday night. Both convicts had about served out their time and were trustees. Stockton has been cooking for the gang. The authorities have offered a reward for the capture of the men.

Mrs. Henry Summers, mother of Mr. C. H. Summers, of Statesville, is critically ill at her home in Shiloh township. She has been in poor health two or three years and it is feared that she will not recover. Rev. J. E. Summers, of Mecklenburg, passed through Statesville yesterday en route to Shiloh to be at the bedside of his mother.

Deputy Collector J. M. Davis, of Statesville, has returned from Alexander county, where he spent two or three days looking after the Alexander moonshiners. He found and seized a blockade still in Wittenburg township and also got some moonshine brandy while on the trip. The goods were brought to Statesville and will be sold by the government.

Mr. Davies McLelland, who recently resigned his position with the Statesville Drug Company, went to Mooresville this week to enter upon the duties of his new position with the Goodman Drug Company. Mr. McLelland is a Mooresville man and was formerly connected with the Goodman Company. He made a number of friends during his stay here, who regret his going away.

Capt. W. H. H. Gregory, of Statesville, received a message this week stating that his son, Harry Gregory, was seriously ill on a ranch near Hillsboro, Tex., where he was employed. The physician and friends in charge of the young man were advised by the father to start him home as soon as they thought it was possible to travel, and it is possible that he is on his way to Statesville now.

The South Fork Baptist Association, composed of fifty-two churches, will meet at the First Baptist church of Gastonia Wednesday night, October 21st, and the sessions will continue through the following Sunday. Rev. Dr. William Lundford, pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville, will assist Rev. W. H. Gregory, the pastor, in a series of evangelistic services at the First Baptist church here, beginning November 4th.

For a few years past great educational interest has been manifested by the people of every township in Vance county. Credited school buildings have been erected which are comfortable and substantial and whose location is convenient to all. The graded school in Henderson opened and supplemented and the number enrolled are 372 whites and 250 colored, aggregating 622 students and pupils. Prof. J. T. Alderman has shown enough executive ability in the conduct of the institution.

Interest in Statesville's Gun Club increases. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Sept. 25.—Interest in the proposed gun club for Statesville continues to grow and some of the local sportsmen have become very enthusiastic over the matter. Mr. E. H. Storr, of Charlotte, a representative of the Peters Cartridge Company, spent several days here this week with the sportsmen who propose organizing the club, and his visit helped to arouse interest. Mr. Storr visited the clay pigeon traps in company with a number of Statesville gentlemen Wednesday afternoon and demonstrated the qualities of his cartridges in the shooting of the clay pigeons. He is an expert gunshot and did some fine shooting. A number of the local sportsmen also did some excellent shooting and were much encouraged by their progress and the records made. The trap and pigeons used were the private property of Mr. Hugh R. Cowley, who is entertaining the sportsmen until the club is formed. It is probable that the club will be organized with at least 25 members, 23 names having already been placed on the list.

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PLAYERS ALSO IN THIS STATE.

Mr. S. M. Robinson Thinks That if the Tar Heel Checker Players Will Bestir Themselves They Can Beat Champion Fishburne—It Was Once Done by a Lowell Man.

To the Editor of The Observer: I notice in to-day's Observer an account of a meeting of checker players held recently in Atlanta, Ga. The article states that Mr. F. B. Fishburne, of Columbia, S. C., was the prime "mover" in making the arrangements for this meeting and that it was mainly due to the efforts and enthusiastic work of Mr. Fishburne that the meeting resulted in the organization of a checker association of the South and West. It seems also that Mr. Fishburne beat all the boys playing checkers and that he got all the bouquets and carried off all the honors of the meeting. I note that North Carolina had only one representative at the meeting. I think that this accounts for the score being so one-sided and all in Mr. Fishburne's favor. I know that there are several checker players in the City of Charlotte alone who would be interested in Mr. Fishburne and they would be able to attend the recent meeting in Atlanta.

I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fishburne, but I know of him and have heard that he can play some. However, he is not the only checker player we have in this part of Southland. I know that once upon a time he met his Waterloo at the hands of a North Carolina player. About three years ago Mr. Fishburne challenged Mr. J. M. Wilson, of Lowell, for a game of checkers by correspondence. Mr. Wilson is not a professional checker player, but has charge of the accounting department of the Lowell Cotton Mills and the Peerless Manufacturing Company, and plays checkers only for amusement and as a pastime. Mr. Wilson did not feel that he should accept a challenge from a player with the skill and experience of Mr. Fishburne, but I finally persuaded him to play Mr. Fishburne two games, with the result that Mr. Wilson beat Mr. Fishburne one of the games and made a draw of the other one. Mr. Fishburne remarked after the game that Mr. Wilson had "caught him napping." However, these things being said, Mr. Fishburne was beaten. Mr. Wilson seldom plays a game now, as his duties keep him very busy. He has had to decline all challenges for the past twelve months, but I feel sure that if he had the time to study and practice the game Mr. Fishburne would be easy for him. The last time Mr. Wilson played in Charlotte he beat the reputed champion of Charlotte three straight games, while in a nervous strain, fearing that his train would catch him.

The North Carolina boys must wake up and see that the Old North State is fully and ably represented at the next meeting of the checker association, and I will wager that the score will tell a different tale when the meeting is over. S. M. ROBINSON. Lowell, Sept. 24th.

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY. Mr. W. W. Gaither, of Statesville, "Takes a Burglar Would-Be Thief, But He Gets Away. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Sept. 25.—The first attempt at burglary in Statesville for some time occurred early yesterday morning. Between 1 and 2 o'clock Mrs. W. W. Gaither was aroused by some one attempting to open the blinds of a kitchen window. After feeling a few minutes to be sure that it was a burglar, Mrs. Gaither awakened Mr. Gaither and whispered to him that a burglar was about to enter the house. Securing his pistol, Mr. Gaither crept noiselessly to the kitchen and managed to open the door without being lighted by the night prowler. The man on the outside continued to pull at the blinds until Mr. Gaither fired at him, when there was a great commotion on the outside. Rushing outside, Mr. Gaither heard the visitor rushing through the weeds in the back lot at high speed and he attempted to empty the other chambers of his pistol, but the weapon failed to fire. Mr. Gaither is manager of the Fredell Cafe and always the last man to leave at night. He did not get home until 12:30 Wednesday night, and he thinks the would-be burglar was some one who thought he had taken home the money taken in at the cafe during the day. All last winter there were burglar scares in Statesville and a number of times the night prowlers gained entrance to homes and made away with a little booty. During the summer, however, things have been quiet as a rule. The "peeping Tom" stunt a few nights ago, and the incident mentioned above, will cause the nervous to become uneasy again.

COX BOUND OVER IN TWO CASES. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Sept. 25.—Oliver B. Cox, who is accused of having victimized merchants here in Mount Airy and in Pilot Mountain, by means of bogus checks, was to-day bound over to Superior Court for trial in two cases. He was unable to give \$500 bond which was set. Cox, since his arrest in Mount Airy, appears to be feigning complete ignorance of having committed any of the acts charged.

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THE WEATHER. Washington, Sept. 25.—Forecast: Virginia, fair Saturday and probably Sunday; light variable winds becoming south. North Carolina and South Carolina, fair Saturday and Sunday; light to fresh northeast and east winds. Georgia, Alabama, partly cloudy, showers in south portion Saturday and Sunday; light east winds. East Florida, showers Saturday and Sunday; light variable winds, mostly east. West Florida, showers Saturday and Sunday; light to fresh east winds. Mississippi, Louisiana, local showers Saturday and probably Sunday; fresh east to south winds. West Virginia, fair Saturday; Sunday increasing cloudiness.

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F. D. A. AN OVERSIGHT: Suggestion. The famous "Scott Revenue Act 1908" (Applicable Charlotte only) is completely ignored and forgot at least. THREE IMPORTANT TRADES. These should be included: 1st. The lawyer, he sells real estate, heals and makes trouble. 2d. The preacher, he is generally a well paid man in Charlotte. 3d. The physician, or "scrip" writer, he is the character our "board" can't trust. A fine Dilworth Lot for sale. F. D. ALEXANDER Exclusive White Agency.

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Day of Kern's Visit to Be Holiday. Correspondence of The Observer. Winston-Salem, Sept. 24.—At a special meeting of the tobacco board of trade it has been decided that October 7th, the day of Hon. John W. Kern's visit and address here, at the Piedmont Fair, there will be no tobacco sales. In fact, it is already conceded that the day will be virtually a holiday throughout business circles in the Twin City, due to the presence of the distinguished citizen of Indiana, which will be the occasion, too, of various entertainments throughout the city. The human eye unaided usually sees nothing more minute than 1,200 inch.

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