

BANKRUPTCY PETITION.

Asks That Mitchell County Lumber Company Be Declared Insolvent. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 25.—Cobbett & Co. and Barber & Co. this morning filed a petition in the office of the clerk of the United States Court here seeking to have the Gartner-Hancock Lumber Company, of Cranberry, Mitchell county, adjudged bankrupt and a receiver appointed for the company.

EX-CONGRESSMAN RETAINED.

J. M. Gudge, Jr., to Fight Annexation of Part of Madison to Buncombe. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 25.—The proposed annexation of Little Ivy, Madison county, to Buncombe, has aroused the people of Madison county, according to information received here, and a big fight is looming up. Former congressman J. M. Gudge, Jr., of this place, has been retained to fight the proposed annexation, and a delegation of Mars Hill citizens is expected here to-morrow to confer on the matter.

AMUSEMENTS.

A FAVORITE IN AMERICA.

There was a rush for tickets when the box-office opened at Hawley's yesterday morning for the sale of seats for the coming engagement at the Academy of Music Friday night of Madam Emma Calve, the world's greatest dramatic soprano, and her company of noted artists. The coming of Calve to this city has aroused widespread interest throughout the entire State, and many out-of-town people are coming to Charlotte to hear the celebrated singer. One of the largest audiences that ever attended a musical event in this city was assembled on the night that Calve appears here.

ITS FAME FAST SPREADING.

MUCH INTEREST IS AROUSED.

Local Dealers Report Wonderful Spread of Fame of a New Preparation Now Being Introduced in This City by Famous Cincinnati Man. The public interest displayed in the Plant Juice remedies, now being introduced in Charlotte, has not been confined to the people of this city alone, but has extended to other towns in this vicinity, as shown by the large number of orders for the remedies now being received by W. L. Hand & Co. through the mails, and the out of town people who call to obtain this remarkable medicine during their visits to Charlotte.

SACO AND PETTEE MACHINE SHOPS. COTTON MACHINERY. Pickers, Slubbing, Revolving, Intermediate and Flat Cards, and Roving Frames, Railway Heads, Spinning Frames, and Spoolers, Frames, and Reels. A. H. WASHBURN, Southern Agent, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

LOVE, NOT APPENDICITIS.

Durham Conservatory Student Weds Man of Her Choice Despite Objections. Special to The Observer. Durham, Jan. 25.—The news has just been allowed to break out here that Miss Vera Perry, a most winsome young girl of 17, who was married nine days ago in Norfolk and will not return to school here. Miss Perry attended the southern Conservatory of Music and was a very popular girl here. Last fall her affianced spouse died of her father for his consent, but it was not forthcoming. Several days ago the father came here from Elizabeth City, and in Durham by the announcement that Miss Perry had appendicitis. She was advised to go to Norfolk and enter the hospital for an operation. Her father accompanied her. There she was met by her lover, and almost under her father's eyes they were married. The girl is changing her name to Mrs. Elizabeth Perry. Her father and mother were not able to ascertain the name of her husband, but nobody in a marriage with her worries very much about husbands.

COAL MINE CAVES IN.

Two Americans and Eight Foreigners Are Imprisoned in Pennsylvania Coal Mine—Superintendent Loses His Life. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—While Superintendant J. G. Logan and a party of miners were investigating conditions in the mine of the Merchants' Coal company at Buxton, Pa., a gas explosion occurred which has already cost the life of one man and may result in the death of a dozen more. The night shift had not been permitted to enter the mine and thus the lives of many men were spared. Superintendent Logan, accompanied by Mine Boss George Morris, Pitt Boss John Cole and eleven foreigners were nearly a mile back in the mine when the explosion occurred. The mine was completely blocked with ten men packed in the obstruction. Three foreigners, badly burned, found their way out and carried the superintendent, who was seriously injured and unconscious. He died soon after being taken from the mine. Rescue parties are working hard in the effort to rescue Morris, Cole and the eight foreigners whose fate at this time is uncertain.

DRANK DENATURED ALCOHOL.

Two Soldiers of Fort Dupont Die as Result of Drinking Denatured Alcohol—Two Others Will Probably Die. Wilmington, Del., Jan. 25.—Two soldiers died at Fort Dupont near Delaware City, and two others will probably die from drinking a pint of denatured alcohol. The dead are Sergeant Albert E. Graham, aged 40 years, of the Forty-fifth Company, coast artillery, Private Martin Barry, 31 years, 139th company, coast artillery. It is said that Private Albert Freeman, 23 years, 139th company, coast artillery, and Private Samuel Albright, aged 35 years, same company, cannot recover. Although Graham died yesterday the affair was not reported to Colonel Graham until today. While Corporal's Physician Bastian was holding a post-mortem on Graham's body this afternoon Barry also died. The post-mortem in each case clearly determined the cause of death. It was believed that the two who were injured and Albright would recover, but they have become delirious. Barry drank the poison which the men drank from Post Machinist Peacock on the night he wished to use it to thin shellac.

LAURANT.

At the Academy of Music to-morrow night, "Laurant," the magician, and his company will present a programme of mysteries almost beyond description. No magician of the past or present has ever been able to offer a more wonderful programme than is presented by "Laurant" this season. Magicians, as a rule, always prove a magnet in the way of attracting crowds to the city, and it is expected that there will be a crowded house in the Academy to-morrow night. Popular prices will prevail.

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Ferrero's One Weakness.

Norfolk Landmark. Mr. W. D. Howells does not think much of Poe, and gives many elaborate reasons, among which is the indictment that Poe lacked imagination. This causes us to reach out for The Charlotte Observer's comment on the remark of the historian, Ferrero, that the Christians really burned Rome in Nero's day, as they were accused of doing. The Observer acknowledges the brilliancy of Signor Ferrero, but "objects to his advertising methods."

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DURHAM GOES HIGHER.

New Road Makes Tobacco Market Boisterous—Banner Warehouse Breaks Record. Special to The Observer. Durham, Jan. 25.—The Banner warehouse broke a record Saturday when it marketed 64,294 pounds of tobacco and paid out to the farmers \$1,790.82. This was the highest lot of weed ever sold here. It brought more than 18 cents over the house, and far surpassed anything that any of the houses in this city has ever done. The two divided nearly 100,000 between them at an average of 15 cents, and the breaks last week were large. By the operation of this city, which has been occupying about the same place in tobacco leaf markets as Charlotte did last year in baseball—as good as any, but showing down to sixth place—is now handling as much of it as any of them. That road has brought 1,600,000 more pounds to date here than ever came before. The price makes the amount paid out to farmers nearly \$200,000. That is just three times as much as the new road has cost, and it is a beautiful piece of work.

MAY REDUCE ARMAMENT.

High Japanese Officials Favor a Reduction in the Army and Navy of Their Country. Tokyo, Jan. 25.—Marquis Katoura, the Premier, Count Jaturu Komura, the Foreign Minister, and Viscount Terauchi, the Minister of War, made brief speeches to-day before the Diet in answer to questions regarding the reduction in armament and the foreign policy of the government. The speakers said that Japan's relations with the powers of the world were no improved, that the proposed reductions were fully warranted. Premier Katoura said that in such matters the Japanese government always will be guided by world conditions, coupled with the economic conditions of the country. The leading newspapers in commenting editorially on the California bill say that the Japanese people must not forget that the unfriendliness toward Japanese in America exists only among a small clique in California.

WOODMEN CAMP ORGANIZED AT TAYLORSVILLE.

Special to The Observer. Taylorsville, Jan. 25.—Mr. G. F. Wise, of Salisbury, district organizer and Mr. W. T. Clark, local deputy, of Morganton, were here to organize to-night a camp of the Woodmen of the World.

TAYLORSVILLE MAN CRITICALLY ILL.

Special to The Observer. Taylorsville, Jan. 25.—Mr. T. H. Robinson, of Carmie, Okla., arrived here to-day to see his father, Mr. W. W. Robinson, who is not expected to live on account of pneumonia and other complications. Mr. David Robinson, of Harrell, is also here at the bedside of his brother.

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WILLIAM E. BENHKEN, of Asheville, Dead.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 25.—Mr. William E. Benhken, formerly manager of the Blue Ridge Granite-Brick Company of Aidsen, and recently elected secretary and treasurer of the British-American Club here, died this morning of a heart ailment at his home at two days. Mr. Benhken became seriously ill yesterday and a physician was called. Last evening his condition became critical and he was removed to his home, dying this morning about 6 o'clock. He was well known here and elsewhere in the county, where he had lived for the past many years.

MAY HAVE HORSESHOW IN JULY.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 25.—A meeting of the Asheville Horse Show Association directors will be held this week some time to determine whether the annual horse show this year will be held during the early spring as heretofore, or whether the date will be fixed for later in the summer. The show this year will be the seventh annual event, which has attracted much interest in being taken in the affair by local lovers of the horse. It is said that in all probability the directors will decide to have the show during midsummer, probably in July.

BUNCOMBE FARMER LOSTS BARN AND LIVE STOCK BY FIRE.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 25.—Mr. Doc Keith, a citizen of the Flat Creek section of the county, suffered heavily by fire Saturday morning when his large barn with all its contents was destroyed by fire. It is believed that the barn was fired with intent to injure Mr. Keith. In addition to several hundred bushels of corn and other feed burned, Mr. Keith lost two mules, two head of horses and four milk cows. The barn was located on the opposite side of the road from Mr. Keith's residence, and the flames were not discovered until the roof was falling in.

CARRIE ROUGHLY TREATED BY LONDON.

London, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who is attempting to deliver a series of lectures here, met with a very hostile reception at the Canterbury music hall to-night. She was pelted with eggs, one of them striking her in the face. From the very beginning the audience maintained a chorus of boos and hisses. Her manager vainly appealed for fair play and Mrs. Nation has obliged to quit the house under police protection.

ALL QUIET IN BLUEFIELD.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 25.—The United States garrison at Bluefield, which was recently ordered to Bluefields to protect American interests, following rumors of threatened trouble between Nicaragua and Honduras, found Bluefield in profound peace upon her arrival, according to news received here to-day. The arrival of the American gunboat was celebrated with a game of baseball in which the Dulac team was defeated by the Bluefields team by a score of 5 to 4.

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NEW MAINE SAILS INTO HAVANA HARBOR.

Havana, Jan. 25.—On this, the sixteenth anniversary of the arrival of the old battleship Maine on her ill-fated mission to Cuban waters, the new Maine with the still more modern Mississippi following in her wake, sailed into Havana harbor to be present at the inauguration of General Jose Miguel Gomez and the Cuban government on Thursday next. The Maine and Mississippi joined company at Key West yesterday morning and sailed for Havana. The Maine and Mississippi will remain at Havana until January 28th, when they will accompany the cruiser Salem on which Governor Magowan will take his departure. The Salem will arrive to-morrow.

INSTRUMENT TO FORETELL EARTHQUAKE.

City of Mexico, Jan. 25.—Luis T. Navarro, a student in the national college of mines in this city, has applied to the government for a patent on an instrument which he claims will foretell earthquake shocks with the same certainty that a barometer gives warning of a coming storm. The young inventor refuses to go into details regarding his invention, but declares that it will tell with unerring accuracy at least six hours previously of a pending shock in a given region. The instrument looks like a small dynamo to which a bell, connected with a ground wire, causes a circuit breakage which sounds the alarm bell.

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FIRE DAMAGES COLUMBUS, GA., NEWS-PAPER PLANT.

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 25.—Fire to-day damaged the plant of The Enquirer-Sun, but an effort is being made to issue the paper to-morrow as usual. The bias originated in the basement and was rapidly eating its way into the second floor where the linotype cases are located when discovered. The plant was water soaked.

OFFICERS AND NEGROES FIGHT BLOODY BATTLE.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 25.—Three negro brothers of the name of McLaughlin, barricaded in a farm house, resisted the attempt of three deputy sheriffs to arrest them near Payson, Okla., yesterday. One of the negroes was killed and the other two were fatally wounded. The officers went to arrest the negroes for carrying concealed weapons.

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