

THE SPORTING WORLD

BASEBALL AT SOUTHERN PINES.

The Tourist Anticipates Lively Times at the Famous Resort When Billy Murray Brings His Phillies There to Practice—Games Now Being Arranged With That Team.

That Southern Pines during the traveling season will be one of the liveliest towns in the State is the anticipation of The Tourist, published at that place, in its latest issue. The Seaboard is planning to run special trains from various points to see games in which Manager Billy Murray, of the Philadelphia Nationals, will participate with several teams in the State. Here is what the paper says:

Manager "Billy" Murray and the Philadelphia National League baseball team will leave Philadelphia on the afternoon of March 2d, and arrive in Southern Pines early on the morning of the 3d.

To say that Southern Pines is keen over the Phillies coming here would be putting it mildly. Everyone, young and old, is wearing a happy look of expectancy, and when "Billy" Murray and his future "champs" land in this burg they will receive a welcome such as only could be given by Southern Pines.

An instance of the keenness with which the month of March is being looked forward to, one has but to listen to bits of conversation dropped by little knots of people gathered on the street corners, at the postoffice and about the club house and on the links at the Country Club. In the hotels, the guests find it a pleasant topic of conversation.

The Seaboard is now arranging for special excursion trains to be run from Raleigh, Durham and Charlotte. From Raleigh will come the strong Agricultural and Mechanical College baseball team, one of the strongest of the Interscholar teams of the South. With the team will come every man in college, at least six hundred, then add to them about four or five hundred of their friends, and one can count on a delegation of eight hundred to a thousand people from Raleigh.

From Durham will come a special train, with the Trinity College team and its adherents, about five hundred loyal fans, students and their friends will accompany them and make the local ring with their college cheers—the "rah! rah! boys" will be here in all their glory in March.

Charlotte is going to send a big trainload of avid baseball fans who would rather see a good game of ball than have a dinner at the Carolina.

The hotels here will be prepared to take care of the crowds, and they are assured of the best of treatment, and of the generous hospitality of the townspeople.

Mr. C. L. Hayward, of the baseball committee, has had a force of men at work on the grandstands, and it has been entirely renovated. Three extra tiers of seats have been added, and the flooring renewed, and the whole stand braced inside and out. A canopy of canvas will protect the spectators in the grandstand from the direct rays of the sun.

GEORGE LYON GETS GOOD JOB.

Durham Shooter to Travel For Arms and Cartridge Companies.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Feb. 7.—Mr. George L. Lyon, winner of the New England handicap last spring, has been made traveling representative of the Birmingham Arms Company and the United Metallic Company. Mr. Lyon left this evening for Jacksonville, Fla., where he begins work to-morrow with his companies. His contract does not require the selling of arms, but only of the companies. His work is essentially that of the expert; he is to organize gun clubs and promote field shooting; demonstrate the merits of the arms and ammunition; put pointers with the trade, but not to dispense the goods. It is a good job and one for which an ever-gentle nature and an unbounded popularity especially fit him.

Mr. Lyon will spend much of his time on the road, but Durham will be his home and headquarters. The work carries a handsome salary with it.

Two Virginia Young Ladies Highly Honored.

Lynchburg News.

Miss Elizabeth Fairfax Sumter, of Williamsburg, Va., has been chosen as sponsor for Virginia and Miss Eula Belle Gordon McNeer, formerly of Lynchburg, Virginia, maid of honor at the reunion of the Sons of Veterans to be held at Memphis, Tenn., the first week in June. These young ladies were notified of their appointment by Gen. A. B. Taylor. Quite a large number were selected, but these two were unanimously elected.

Both the young ladies are of the oldest and best families of Virginia and have quite a Confederate distinction. Miss Sumter is a daughter of the late W. C. Sumter, a prominent attorney of the State. She is an attractive blonde of winning personality. Miss McNeer is a daughter of Capt. W. B. McNeer, a well-known tobaccoist of Lynchburg. She is a striking little brunette of charming personality and has hosts of friends here who congratulate her on this second high distinction conferred upon her in the past year. Miss McNeer was sponsor at the Confederate reunion in Dallas in October and carried off gracefully the honors of the State. Virginia is to be congratulated on its selection of its fair representatives.

Mr. Roosevelt as Odysseus.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, in McClure's Magazine, Washington, at this time of the world's history, was the scene of one of those episodes—the brilliant moments in the human comedy—which every now and then revive among us an almost forgotten belief in personality, an almost forgotten respect for the mysteries behind it. The guests streaming through the White House deduced past a man who, in a level and doctored world, appeared to his generation as the incarnation of forces primitive, overmastering and heroic. An honest Odysseus—tall, worn, storm-beaten, yet still with the spirit and strength of the many devices of a boy; capable, like his prototype, in one short day of crushing his enemies, upholding his friends, purifying his house, and then, with the heat of stilettoed battle still upon him, with his gorge, so to speak, still upon his hands, of turning his mind, without a pause and without hypocrisy, to things intimate and soft and pure: the domestic sweetness of Fenelope, the young promise of Telemachus.

DEFENDS HIS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, Gives Out a Statement in Which He Declares That His Department Was Misrepresented—Reply Directed Principally to Remarks Attributed to Speaker Graham—Presents What He Says Are the Exact Facts.

To the Editor of The Observer: Commissioner Shipman, of the Department of Labor and Printing, has given out the following statement relating to the discussion of the bill to increase the salary of the head of his Department to \$3,500, touching, especially, the utterances of Mr. Graham, of Granville:

The question of salary has been settled, but I could not maintain my self respect and allow the misrepresentations of the department to stand unchallenged. These misrepresentations, as reported in the papers, were so obviously untrue that I anticipated that the honorable gentleman who had made them would himself be glad to make correction in a proper manner as soon as he was advised of his error, and so I promptly addressed a letter to him in which I pointed out the grossly inaccurate statements made reflecting upon the department, but he seems willing to let them stand as he made them, as an indictment against a department of an administration of which he is himself a part.

Ladies were admitted free to-night when accompanied by person holding a paid 50-cent admission ticket purchased before 6 p. m. at Hawley's.

Prices.....10, 20, 30

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AMUSEMENTS

Mme. Sembrich's Farewell.

New York, Feb. 7.—Mme. Marcella Sembrich, the prima donna, bade farewell to the operatic stage last night before an audience that filled the Metropolitan Opera House to its capacity. Mme. Sembrich made her farewell appearance after twenty-five years in opera.

The stage was packed with flowers, and Mme. Sembrich received a constant ovation throughout the evening.

THE VERNON STOCK COMPANY TO-NIGHT.

To-night at the Academy of Music the Vernon Stock Company will bring a week's engagement and will present for the opening play "The Unwritten Law," which is said to be a very interesting play. The Vernon Stock Company is on its initial tour of the South, and in all the Southern cities in which it has so far appeared, it has been accorded much praise from the press and public for the splendid presentation of all its plays.

The company is a large one, and several members are well known to local players, having appeared here on former occasions with big attractions.

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"THE BLUE MOUSE" COMING.

One of the biggest dramatic successes of the present season will be



Scene From "A Runaway Match," Vernon Stock Company.

coming in contact with an electric light wire. The city had placed wires to furnish light to a tent show near Wade street. It is supposed that the wire was improperly insulated.

Another case which is set for trial is the suit of Mrs. Mary E. Honeycutt against the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Two suits are on the calendar, one for the killing of Mr. Honeycutt and the other for damages to Mrs. Honeycutt. These suits grew out of an accident about 18 months ago at the crossing on the Ansonville road near town. A train struck the wagon in which Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt and two children were riding. The father was killed instantly and the mother received severe injury. One of the children was badly bruised and the other had a narrow escape. These

"THE CLANSMAN."

On Saturday, February 30th, Mr. George H. Brennon will present his tremendously successful play, "The Clansman." White has been seen here several times before, it is expected that it will be witnessed by immense crowds. There will be a special matinee performance given Saturday afternoon. Mail orders will be accepted and filled in the order in which they are received, when accompanied by remittance.



A Scene From "The Clansman."

TWO CASES OF INTEREST.

Town of Wadesboro Defendant in Suit to Be Tried This Week—Widow Whose Husband Was Killed by Train Sues Seaboard.

Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Feb. 7.—Superior Court meets to-morrow for the regular February term. Clerk T. C. Robinson says that the docket is the heaviest in some time. Judge J. Crawford Bligg, of Durham, will preside. The docket contains many minor cases, several suits for divorce and two cases of interest.

In one case the Town of Wadesboro is defendant. It is a case in which Mrs. Lucretia Harrington, through her attorney, Robinson & Caudle, is asking for \$10,000 damages for the killing of her son, James Harrington. Harrington was killed last August by

Phil Heege, With Vernon Stock Company.



A Scene From "The Clansman."

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SPECIAL LOW RATES VIA SEABOARD

New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Account Mardi Gras, Feb. 18th to 25d.

New Orleans—Rate from Raleigh \$26.75, Wilmington \$26.75, Charlotte \$23.05. Rates on same basis from other points.

Mobile—Rate from Raleigh \$23.50, Wilmington \$24.25, Charlotte \$18.85. Rates on same basis from other points.

Pensacola—Rate from Raleigh \$22.90, Wilmington \$23.35, Charlotte \$18.40. Rates from other points on same basis.

Tickets to be sold February 17th to 23d inclusive, good returning to leave New Orleans as late as February 27th, Mobile and Pensacola as late as March 1st, and on payment of fee of \$1.00 ticket can be extended until March 15th.

GREENBORO'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Presbyterian Church of the U. S., February 16th to 18th, 1909.

Birmingham, Ala.—Rate from Raleigh \$17.80, Wilmington \$18.25, Charlotte \$13.30. Rates on same basis from other points. Tickets to be sold February 14th-15th, and for trains scheduled to arrive in Birmingham February 15th. Final return limit February 20th.

Extra Pullman cars on train will be operated through to Birmingham from North Carolina points where business will justify same, and special Pullman train will be operated from Atlanta in connection with No. 41, arriving in Atlanta morning of February 18th.

Write at once for rates, schedules and Pullman reservations to the undersigned.

INGAURATION—PRESIDENT-ELECT

W. H. TAYLOR, March 4th.

Washington, D. C.—Special low rates from all Seaboard points, round-trip rates from Raleigh \$22.00, Charlotte \$12.75, Wilmington \$11.80, Durham \$9.20, Henderson \$7.35, Oxford \$7.35. Rates on same basis from other points. Tickets to be sold February 25th-March 1st-2d, and for Greenboro trains arriving in Washington March 4th. Final return limit to leave Washington as late as midnight March 4th.

For military companies or parties of 25 or more travelling on one ticket, round trip from Raleigh will be \$6.50, Charlotte \$8.10, Wilmington \$6.40, Durham \$6.40, Henderson \$5.60, Oxford \$5.50. Rates on same basis from all other Seaboard points, limit on tickets same as for civilians.

The Seaboard is arranging to operate special service, provide extra coaches and Pullman cars from points on its line where business will justify same, and Pullman reservations, coaches or Pullman cars for special parties should be made to the undersigned. In addition to this, the Seaboard Railway announces the inauguration train service from its principal stations to Washington.

C. H. GATTS, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

JAMES KER, JR., C. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

SPECIAL LOW RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

\$12.50—Charlotte, N. C., to Birmingham, Ala., and return, account Laymen's Missionary Meeting Presbyterian Church in United States. Tickets sold February 14th and 15th, good to leave Birmingham returning up to and including, but not later than, midnight of February 20th, 1909.

\$23.05—Charlotte, N. C., to New Orleans, La., and return, account Mardi Gras. Tickets on sale February 17th to 23d, inclusive. Tickets good to leave New Orleans returning up to and including, but not later than, midnight of March 1st, 1909. Tickets can be extended to leave Mobile not later than midnight of March 13th, 1909, if presented by original purchaser to special agent at depot ticket office, E. & W. R. R., at Pensacola, not later than 5:00 p. m. March 1st, 1909, and upon payment of a fee of one dollar.

\$11.00—Charlotte, N. C., to Pensacola, Fla., and return, account Mardi Gras. Tickets sold February 17th to 23d, inclusive, and for trains scheduled to arrive at Pensacola before 2:00 p. m. February 23d, 1909. Tickets good to leave Pensacola returning up to and including, but not later than, midnight of March 1st, 1909. Tickets can be extended to leave Pensacola not later than midnight of March 13th, 1909, if presented to special agent at depot ticket office, E. & W. R. R., at Pensacola, not later than 5:00 p. m. March 1st, 1909, and upon payment of a fee of one dollar per ticket.

Approximately low rates from other points.

R. L. VERNON, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

W. H. TAYLOR, G. P. A., Washington, D. C.

NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY

NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY. Schedule in effect October 1st, 1908. 11:00 pm Lv. Charlotte, So. Ry. Ar. 5:00 pm 2:00 pm Lv. Winston, N. & W. Ar. 2:00 pm 2:00 pm Lv. Martinsville, Va. Ar. 4:00 pm 2:00 pm Lv. Roanoke, Va. Ar. 2:00 am Connect at Roanoke via Shenandoah Valley Route for Hagerstown, and all points in Pennsylvania and New York. Pullman sleeper, Roanoke and Philadelphia. Through coach, Charlotte to Roanoke. Admitting train leaves Winston 7:30 a. m. daily except Sunday.

If you are thinking of taking a trip you can't quit until you have the most complete and latest information as to routes, train schedules, the most comfortable and quickest way. Write and the information is yours for the asking, with one of our complete map folders.

M. P. BRAGG, Trav. Pass. Agent, W. B. REVELL, Gen'l. Pass. Agent, Roanoke, Va.

Ingauration of Pullman Chair Car Service on Trains 37 and 38 Between Greenboro and Montgomery. Effective January 25th Southern Railway announces the inauguration of Pullman chair car service on trains 37 and 38 between Greenboro and Montgomery.

For further information call on your depot agent.

R. L. VERNON, T. P. A.

Office of the

Mechanics' Perpetual Building & Loan Association

Charlotte, N. C., February 4th, 1909.

With the incoming month of March, this Association (one of the oldest and largest) if not altogether the largest Building & Loan Association, not only in North Carolina—but in the whole UNITED STATES doing business on a strictly serial plan of the maturing value of \$100 per share.

We have issued, up to date 52 Series of which 40 have been matured and paid off, amounting to nearly \$2,000,000. We are now entering upon our

53rd SERIES

which will commence on Saturday, March 6th; the subscription books for which are now open.

The management hopes to make this the banner "Series in order to reach a million dollars assets by July, next. The management is gratified by the rush of new subscriptions already obtained (as 25 new applications for loans have already been filed) so all you prospective subscribers hurry up, if you want your loans to be reached this summer.

R. E. COCHRAN, Sec. & Treas.
S. WITTKOWSKY, Pres.