

PEOPLE OF KINSTON INDIGNANT.

Six Hundred Citizens in Mass Meeting... Kinston, April 9.—In answer to the call of 250 citizens in a mass meeting held Monday night immediately after the board of aldermen had refused the request of a large majority of the citizens and voters of Kinston and patrons of the school, the court house was packed at the meeting Tuesday night, every seat being taken and with little standing room left, more than six hundred men being present. The meeting was orderly, but determined. Emphatic resolutions were reported by the committee which had been appointed by the chair the night before.

After a full, free and open discussion, the resolutions were unanimously adopted. Upon a call by the meeting Mr. Supt. L. C. Brogden, he appeared and made a full statement of the history of the school from its establishment. His speech was delivered in clear, ringing and courageous words, and made manifest the unjust fight which has been made upon him by a few politicians in the city and was received with frequent and great applause by the meeting. The citizens of Kinston in meeting assembled, voted to support the school and to demand the resignation of the school board and the resignation of the school board and the resignation of the school board.

Others addressed the meeting denouncing in calm but emphatic terms the action of the aldermen in overriding the plainly expressed wishes of a large majority of the voters and citizens and of a large majority of the women and patrons of the school for the trustees of the school. No rash words of denunciation were spoken, but the strong and determined feeling of the large audience was that politicians must keep their hands off of the educational interests of Kinston.

YOUTHFUL INCENDIARIES.

Two Negro Girls Charged With Firing a Barn in Iredell County—One of Them Is at Large. Special to The Observer.

Stateville, April 9.—Iredell county has had another barn-burning of incendiary origin since the one which occurred here last year. The barn which was burned was the property of one of the two girls who were charged with firing the barn. The barn was taken into custody.

Just about dark Wednesday evening members of the family of Mr. N. F. Owings, a farmer living near Cool Spring, were attracted by the sound of a fire. On hurrying out of the house they found the barn enveloped in flames. Mr. Owings' granary and iced house, which were located near the barn, were also burned with practically all of their contents. The contents of the three buildings consisted of one horse, two cows, a wagon, buggy, harness, corn, cotton seed, meat and all farming implements. Neighbors rushed to the scene of the fire from all directions but the flames had extinguished the destruction before they arrived. The loss is estimated at about \$500 or \$600 with no insurance.

Recently Mr. Owings had some trouble with two daughters of Mr. Smith, a colored man, on his place, and it was suspected at once that the two girls had fired the barn through malice. Yesterday the younger of the two girls was taken into custody and with little hesitation she confessed that she and her older sister, Mary Lee, fired it and forced her to go with her to the barn at the time. A warrant was issued for Mary Lee, who is 15 or 16 years old, and the officers and citizens are searching for her.

YOUNG MAN SUICIDES.

Temporarily Insane, Charles Pennell, of Alexander County, Takes His Life With a Shotgun. Correspondence of The Observer.

Taylorville, April 9.—Charles Pennell, a young man, twenty years old, of Alexander county, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun, death being instantaneous. It is known the family had been watching him for some time on account of his mental condition and it is supposed insanity was the cause of his act. Pennell was married last Sunday to a Miss Stine of this county. He recently went West but did not remain long. Yesterday he took advantage of the absence of the family from the house to kill himself. Deceased was a son of M. Pennell, Esq., a prominent citizen of that township.

Aged Stateville Citizen Seriously Hurt in an Accident. Special to The Observer.

Stateville, April 9.—Mr. R. B. Joyner, one of the oldest and best known citizens of the town, has been in a serious condition at his home on Sharpe street, as a result of an accident Tuesday in which his hip was badly hurt. Mr. Joyner had gone after his cow, which had been tied out to graze, late Tuesday afternoon, and when he started to the house the animal began to jump and run. Mr. Joyner's feet became entangled in the cow rope and he was thrown to the ground with considerable force by a sudden jerk from the cow. Mr. Joyner is about 84 years old and because of his extreme age his condition is considered serious. He has been a remarkably active old gentleman for his age.

Forsyth County Infected With the Green Bug. Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, April 8.—Green bugs, known pretentiously as grass aphids, were the subject of an investigation in this vicinity this week by an expert from the United States Department of Agriculture, and it was found that the insects abound in great numbers in Forsyth county.

The protection of small birds is to the best interest of the farmer since they destroy the aphids, which are themselves destructive to the crops of grain. The biologist estimated, after a study of the situation on the farm of George W. Hinshaw, that 3,500 small birds and often double that number, rove daily over one hundred acres of wheat and eat 350 aphids or more at a single meal.

Twin City to Have Usual Elaborate Easter Services. Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, April 8.—The time-honored and always notable celebration of Easter in Winston-Salem this year will surpass all that have gone before, from all indications. A great many visitors will be here, first for the beautiful services, notably those of the Moravian church. They will come from many States, as is always the case. Again, on Easter Monday, the Twin City Club will give its morning and evening serenades and reception which are invariably events of note in social circles. Monday afternoon the University of North Carolina will play the Twins a baseball game.

A VARIETY OF THINGS

BY AL FAIRBROTHER.

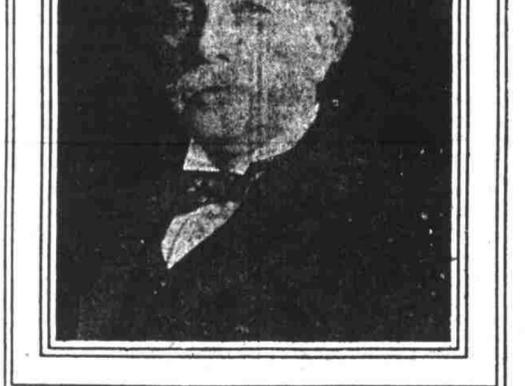
As it has been over a couple of weeks since I revealed my whereabouts, I presume it is time that I took up my harp and sung. The fact that I have been fishing, catching bass with stripes on 'em longer and brighter than those seen on a Bengal tiger, and running the other way—should be sufficient excuse for my not answering at roll call. And to-day the law is "out" concerning trout, and this afternoon I take a train and hike me to a far off wilderness where runs a sparkling river—and what I shall do for the speckling beauties—well that is another story to be related in my next.

Frisco is just now upside down again on the graft case. It is a habit of "Frisco" to be upside down on these cases. It has been stood on its head a half-hundred times and still there are chances for more disturbances. The last bold attempt of the prosecution to uncover a mare's nest containing grafter coils was bold and spectacular. The hired detectives seemed to be serving two masters. They were taking the good money of the district attorney's office and gathering information. Then they reached out itching and willing palms and received good money from the railway company for the same goods—or, rather copies of all carefully guarded information gathered for Mr. Henry.

The question arises: If a man will employ himself to sneak and spy for one interest, isn't it to be expected that any other interest could purchase the same goods if it had the price? The abandoned woman is out for coin and has no preference as to a patron so long as money is the consideration. The sneak who goes under different names and spies on his neighbors for a price is infinitely worse than an abandoned woman—because the woman only prostitutes her body—the sneak prostitutes everything in his possession. I never was much in sympathy with hired spies. Wise men gravely tell me that they are a necessity, and they are tolerated and perhaps made good. But when I see one operating, I always think of the old proposition that "it takes a thief to catch a thief."

But this Calhoun business almost last Saturday when I called, but the cashier of the Dixie, Mr. J. A. Williams, a clever young man who was for four years with the City National Bank of Greensboro, tells me that the Dixie is making good out here—and of course all North Carolina patriots will be glad to hear it.

It did me good to see in the papers that a recent decision of mine has been sustained by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, reversing the United States District Court. Judge Boyd was one of the judges who held that whiskey was sold when it was sold, and that the time of payment or the place of payment had nothing to do with the case. A couple of years ago I rendered a similar decision when North Carolina decided that if a sold a man a gallon of whiskey in Baltimore, he didn't sell it to him there—that a sold it to him where he left shipping directions. I know that if a man goes to Baltimore and buys a printing outfit he makes his papers there; the transaction is recorded there; the deal is consummated there, and if the goods come to me at owner's risk I sue the railroad company if the are lost—and if the contract expressly stipulates f. o. b. Baltimore, the man who sold to me has gone. He no longer is responsible. I must fight it out with the railroad company—and it is a transportation company—and in no way a sales agent.



Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior under President McKinley and later under Roosevelt, who died yesterday morning at the home of his son-in-law in Washington.

reached an acute stage. I was here on Saturday and Sunday when the Burns detectives bored the holes in the private safes of the railway company; when they ignored a restraining order of the court, when they walked up high-handed and unilaterally and scattered private property all over the building. There was much quiet talk Sunday. Conservative men, men who wanted to see Calhoun punished, "chained front. They said the prosecution had become persecution pure and simple, and that while Calhoun may have done unlawful things he never did anything so high-handed as the district attorney's office in its desire to play horse and burn red fire.

It is thought this morning that the Calhoun case will be in motion within ten days. But while the bribery case is going on the side shows created by the detective raids will be more exciting than the big show. Judges have cited the outlaws to show cause why they are not guilty of contempt, attorneys and clerks have been arraigned charged with grand larceny because copies of letters belonging to the district attorney's office were found in the railway company's office, and all along the line it is dog eat dog. It may finally develop that the district attorney's office employed men to put the papers in the railway company's safe in order to have something spectacular and get public opinion warped in favor of the prosecution. But the pitcher went once too often to us well. This last high-handed procedure changed public opinion—it made it favor of Calhoun.

And yet all this is of no concern to the readers of The Observer. It is about all that is in on out here—the air is surcharged with it, business is permeated with it, the newspapers, all against Calhoun, are full of it—and of course I must be expected to take on a little of it.

It did my eyes good several times to walk down California street and read the sign "Dixie Fire Insurance Company, of Greensboro, North Carolina." Always like to see North Carolina played up, and while I have been unable as yet to see manager Cobb, I have been several times in his office. He was ill at his Berkeley home.

WORDS TO FREEZE THE SOUL. "Your son has Consumption. His case is hopeless." These appalling words were spoken to George E. Blevens, a leading merchant of Springfield, N. C., by two expert doctors—on a lung specialist. Then was shown the wonderful power of Dr. King's New Discovery. "After three weeks' use," writes Mr. Blevens, "he was as well as ever. I would not take all the money in the world for what it did for my boy." Infallible cure for Coughs and Colds, its effects on cases of desperate Lung diseases on earth. 50c and \$1. All druggists guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free.

MARRIAGES.

Catawba Weddings. Correspondence of The Observer.

Newton, April 8.—Easter seems to rank with the Christmas holidays in Catawba county as a season of marrying and giving in marriage as is evidenced by the number of licenses obtained within the past few days. In this matter "Bandy" seems to have a greater number of young couples hail from that section, the following being the names of those claiming Bandy's as home: Mr. H. W. Rhoney and Miss Hattie Reese; Mr. Jacob Spang and Miss Grace Lutz; Mr. Marvin Hutchens and Miss Emma Wyant; Mr. Caleb E. Rudisill and Miss Bertha Hicks; Mr. Otto Hull of Lincoln county and Miss Beulah Shull of Bandy's; Mr. Joseph Barger and Miss Ida Deitz of Hickory; and Mr. Whitener of Virginia and Miss Lizzie Campbell, of Hickory.

Mr. Whitener and Miss Campbell were married Wednesday. The groom carried Miss Josie Fewell to Virginia, but returned on the noon train that day and went immediately to claim his bride. He will take her back to Virginia.

Mr. Hutchens and Miss Wyant were carried on New's last Saturday, and treated the home folks and neighbors to a surprise.

Connelly-Flowers, at Rock Hill, S. C. Special to The Observer. Rock Hill, S. C., April 9.—One of the most beautiful weddings ever witnessed in this city was solemnized Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church, when Miss Lillian Flowers became the bride of Mr. James McClelland Connelly, of Statesville, N. C.

Before the assembling of the bridal party Miss Josie Fewell delighted the waiting audience with the singing of Schubert's "Serenade," and as the last notes died away the organist, Miss Beulah Barron, sounded the ever popular Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and to its strains the bride and groom were preceded by their close friends and chosen attendants. In the following order: First came the four lovely little ribbon girls, Misses Katherine McElwee, Nan Roddey, Catharine Poe and Louise Flowers, in pink and blue princess dresses, and they drew the ribbons and formed the aisles for the other attendants who entered as follows: Miss Alice Whitlock, of Chester, and Miss Frances McCreas of Chapin Hill, N. C.; Miss Christine McIlwain, of Columbia, and Miss Emma Bell, Mr. J. Palmer Geoggin, of Richmond, Va., and Mr. Sidney Thomas, of Roanoke, Va. Then came the maid of honor, Miss Lottie McFadden, down the left aisle, and the dame of honor, Mrs. Walter W. Watt, of Charlotte, down the right, and following her came the dainty little ring-bearer, little Isabel Milling; then came the groom, accompanied by his best man and brother, Mr. John M. Connelly, and the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, and joining the waiting groom they stood before the officiating minister, Rev. Alexander McFadden, and took the vows which made these two one.

The bride, who is of a blonde type and very sweet and girlish, looked particularly attractive and petite in her wedding gown of messaline marl. The groom, an excellent looking young man, was in an exquisite bertha of Princess Louise lace. She wore a veil and orange blossoms and carried a beautiful bouquet of Bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

The bridesmaid wore a strikingly handsome Battenberg lace robe and carried pink carnations, and the maid of honor wore white messaline, her flowers being carnations also, and both wore short white veils.

The bridesmaids wore attractively gowned in pink and blue messaline and all wore the bridesmaids' veils with a small wreath of forget-me-nots, and their flowers were pink carnations. The effect of the pink and blue was very pleasing, and pretty, and the marriage was pronounced by all who witnessed it to be one of the prettiest ever seen here.

Immediately following the ceremony at the church, a large and delightful reception was given at the home of the bride's parents on East Main street.

The guests were met and welcomed at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. Connelly, the bride and groom, and F. A. Dunlap. The entire bridal party received in the left parlor, together with the father and mother of the bride and groom.

In the right parlor, the handsome array of presents was to be seen, and it was indeed a beautiful collection. Misses Nell Reid and Mayme Steele received in the dining room, and Miss Amelia Price, Beckham pinned on approvingly. The decorations of this room called forth the admiration of all present. It was decorated in Southern smilax and Easter lilies and the effect was beautiful. A delightful wedding supper was served by several young girls, and leaving this room, punch was served in the rear hall by Misses Edna Hull and Mary Love, and the register was kept by Misses Kitty Stewart and Marion Roddey; the decorations of the hall was purple wisteria, the setting for the punch bowl being particularly pretty.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Flowers and is very popular among her circle of friends who admire her for her many qualities and the groom is a man of many sterling qualities and very popular with all who know him.

Has President's Ear. Burlington State Dispatch. The readers of The Charlotte Observer remember what its able Washington correspondent, "Red Buck," had to say about the visit of the Charlotte delegation when it invited the President to the 20th of May celebration. It was through the influence of our Representative, Hon. John M. Morehead, that Mr. Taft was induced to accept the invitation. It demonstrates clearly that he has the ear of the President and is in a position to do something for us.

Increasing Trouble. Durham Herald. It appears that the longer Mr. Taft puts it off the more candidates he has for the job.

The Only Ship. Charleston News and Courier. Charlotte Observer: "Charleston is looking for an artist who can paint some ships upon her magnificent harbor." Is our contemporary so soon forgetful of the only photograph ever taken of the battleship North Carolina in Carolina waters?

DR. WRIGHT FOUND GUILTY. Winston-Salem Physician Found Guilty on Three Charges of Writing Illegal Prescriptions. The Trial Streched Out Internally. Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, April 8.—More than ordinary interest attended the arraignment before the recorder today of Dr. J. Thomas Wright, a physician, who came here from Salisbury several years ago, there being six separate charges against him of writing prescriptions for liquor illegally. The court room was crowded throughout the lengthy and hard-fought trial. Recorder Griffith rendered a verdict of guilty in three cases, all of which were continued for judgment. The three other cases were not pronounced.

Dr. Wright, Esq., of the Salisbury bar, assisted L. M. Swink in the defense and made a very eloquent speech in behalf of his brother. City Solicitor B. B. Womble conducted the prosecution ably. Recorder Griffith, after hearing the testimony, expressed the opinion that Dr. Wright had certainly been guilty of carelessness in giving a prescription to J. M. Brown, the prosecuting witness, whom he was not acquainted with personally. Dr. Wright and his wife, to whom he was married only a few weeks ago, made good witnesses, testifying that Brown had appeared to be ill, and that one of the prescriptions, for a quart, was given only for external treatment. Dr. Wright denied that he had been writing liquor prescriptions "promiscuously." The case took up virtually the whole day, several expert witnesses being introduced by the defense to show that the prescriptions were thoroughly in accord with the diagnosis Dr. Wright had made of Brown's case—muscular rheumatism.

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Robeson County Farmers Planting Much Grain. Special to The Observer. Maxton, April 9.—Farming in this section is far advanced, and we note with encouragement a strong tendency towards the grain planting this season. We fear there is larger acreage in oats now than for many years, if ever before in our history. Last year was a good year for corn, and our farmers struck it right by planting more than usual, but there is little fear of this line being overdone. We presume this means a reduction in cotton acreage, and trust it is so.

DR. STIREWALT RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL. Special to The Observer. Mooresville, April 9.—The friends of Dr. Neale S. Stirewalt here, and at Davidson, his former home, will be pleased to learn that he is convalescent and will be able to leave University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Saturday, when he has been for some time. It will be remembered that he was operated on for appendicitis and was critically ill.

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