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THE ASHEVILLE MURDER CASE.

The Statesville Landmark copies The Observer's comments on the case of John Burchfield, the Asheville tough who killed a hack-driver in preference to paying his fare, thinks that Burchfield may trump up a case of self-defense, because it is in alleged evidence that the hack-driver called him a liar.

THE RETURN OF FLAGS.

At Spottsylvania Court House, next month, the survivors of a Federal command are to restore to a Confederate command, a battle flag that was captured forty-five years ago.

FAYETTEVILLE—PAST AND PRESENT.

This is what the Encyclopedia Americana says of Fayetteville, N. C.: "City, county seat of Cumberland county, on Cape Fear river and on the Central Coast Line, and the Cape Fear and Y. V. R. R. 12 1/2 miles south of Wilmington.

What it might have said. Fayetteville is at the head of navigation on the Cape Fear river 120 miles northwest from Wilmington. Population 10,000. Its transportation facilities by rail are the Atlantic Coast Line, the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley, the Raleigh & Cape Fear railroads and by water, via the Cape Fear river to Wilmington.

LIBERIA.

The Republic of Liberia is in a bad way. Something like one hundred years ago Liberia was set up as an independent republic, in some degree under the patronage of the United States.

CHARLOTTE'S VIOLETS.

Charlotte, the "Queen City" derived its name from Princess Charlotte, of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who married George the Third, hence, the name of the city, Charlotte, the county Mecklenburg, and further, the "Queen City," which in itself carries a dignity to be proud of.

One of the greatest "home-going" schemes on foot is that of Irish in America to the old country, next year. It is proposed to get up an excursion of 50,000, and the probabilities are that it will be a go, though the crowd may fall short of the figures named.

Says The Durham Herald: "When it is remembered the many good things that have been said of Charlotte's coming celebration it will be seen that it is up to her to 'make good.' And Charlotte will do that, never fear. The finest reviewing stand ever erected in the State is now almost completed, committees are busy day and night carrying out all arrangements, and, best of all, Charlotte has the money to put the celebration through in fine shape.

THE CHANGING SENTIMENT.

"The Passing of the Solid South." This is the subject discussed in the April number of The South Atlantic Quarterly, by Enoch Marvin Banks. The author of the article takes up the conditions in the South before the war and during reconstruction times showing the causes that led to and maintained the unification of political sentiment and bringing his argument up to the present time comes to the heart of his subject.

OTHER THINGS THAN COTTON.

One of the most important changes taking place in the South is the revelation that there are many other things which may be produced upon the farm, with better profit than cotton. In the past, cotton has practically monopolized the attention of the people of the South.

It is noticed that President Taft and cabinet consider Charleston the Panama embarkation and landing place. Aside from Charleston's advantage as the nearest port on the route, there is a charm about the city and its people that counts in its favor.

One good thing about the Charlotte municipal campaign is that even if it is sweet, it is short. It is not often that so much oratory is heard and so much shoe leather thinned down on the cement pavements as will be the case for three days in Charlotte, this week.

Charlotte's growth is largely due to her hospitality to strangers. The Massachusetts Yankee, the hoosier of the Northwest and the bloody Englishman, are equally welcome.

HOW REP. COWLES VOTED.

Opposed Every Amendment For Free Lumber Offered in the House—Finds Former Correction Was Not Warranted—Notices The Observer.

W. D. Witherspoon, general counsel of the Tennessee Central, states that the bill does not in the slightest affect the credit standing or business of the road. He also states that the trust company owes the road a set-off which materially reduces the amount sued for.

A COURT OF APPEALS.

Senate Committee on Finance Considers Administrative Features of the Tariff Bill—Senator Aldrich Explains His Plan.

MRS. SAABYE SUICIDES.

Jumped From Window of Stateroom and Body Was Found Floating in Docks of Old Dominion Steamship Company at Norfolk.

Advertisement for Keeley Cure, featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'The Keeley Cure'.

NO "OPEN SUNDAY" FAVORED.

Republican Candidate For Mayor Interprets His Platform as to Sunday Laws.

To the Voters of Charlotte: Having been honored with the nomination for mayor by the Republicans of the city, I take the only method left me to issue an open circular setting forth my position as the candidate of the Republican party.

A large part of our population spends their only day of rest in worship and recreation, and we see no just reason why they should not be allowed to purchase cold drinks, ices and cigars, and we favor changing the city laws accordingly for submission to any fair-minded person that there is no anything in the above to suggest an "open Sunday" in the general acceptance of the term, and it is not our intention to go beyond the plain terms of the section as set in our platform.

It may be all very nice for those of us who are so situated that we can step into a drug store or ice cream parlor or cold drink stand at any hour of the day and get our work and these conveniences to prate about an "open Sunday," but to those not so fortunately situated and who have to toil all the week for a living, and have Sunday for their only day of rest, we can see no reason why they should be denied these privileges.

Now as to the election: Had you stopped to think, my friends, that two Democratic candidates are not for vote at the primaries? Think once more about this and ask yourself the question, "Why is this?" when every Democrat in Charlotte knows there will be only one Democratic candidate running on election day.

BILL AGAINST RAILROAD.

Standard Trust Company Wants to Collect \$483,210.88 Which It Advances to the Tennessee Construction Company—Loan Was Negotiated by Senator Bailey.

Nashville, Tenn., April 20.—In the chancery court here to-day a bill was filed by the Standard Trust Company, of New York, against the Tennessee Central Railroad to collect \$483,210.88 advanced the Tennessee Construction Company by the complainant, to pay obligations incurred up to July 1, 1905.

The bill whereby the money was advanced was negotiated by Joseph W. Bailey, United States Senator of Texas, as agent and attorney in fact, for both the Tennessee Construction Company and the Tennessee Central Railroad.

W. D. Witherspoon, general counsel of the Tennessee Central, states that the amount is amply secured, and that the bill does not in the slightest affect the credit standing or business of the road.

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

General Edwards, J. S. Hord, Colonel Colton and Benito Legarda Appear Before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Washington, April 20.—General C. E. Edwards, chief of the insular bureau, and J. S. Hord, collector of internal revenue at Manila, to-day, before the House committee on ways and means, made statements explaining the bill providing new tariff for the Philippine Islands. They stated that the measure had been prepared to provide a system that is now in vogue, and expressed the opinion that it would accomplish all that was intended. The bill will probably be reported within a week or ten days.

BIBLE READING IN SCHOOLS.

Jewish Order Will Work Systematically For Its Elimination—Resolution Adopted.

New Orleans, April 20.—At to-day's sessions of the Southern Convention of the Order of E. N. B. B. resolutions were introduced providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the subject of so-called white-slave traffic, and another to systematically work for the elimination of Bible reading in the public schools of the country.

Rossell's Ferry Piers Found in Good Condition.

Chairman W. M. Long, of the board of county commissioners, accompanied by Messrs. W. J. Chambers, W. S. Lee, Jr., H. H. Weddington, Sam Stowe, J. H. Mayes, Wilson Wallace and J. A. Newell went out to Rossell's Ferry on the Catawba yesterday afternoon to examine the big stone piers in the river there.

Clark-Holt Wedding a Very Quiet Affair.

Burlington, April 20.—At the beautiful Holt home, Blythewood, the marriage of Miss Bertha Harpe Holt to Mr. Rufus Wheelwright Clark, of Detroit, Mich., was solemnized to-night. Owing to the recent death of Mrs. Lawrence S. Holt, Jr., the marriage was a very quiet one, only members of the family and a few friends being present.

GATE CITY NEWS ITEMS.

State Normal to Have a Model Infirmary—Another Candidate For Mayor Elks Institute Lodge at High Point.

Observer Bureau, The Bevil Building, Greensboro, April 20. During the summer a modern infirmary will be built at the State Normal and Industrial College to care for the sick in the institution. The infirmary will be equipped with all the modern hospital appliances and will be up-to-date in every particular.

Another candidate for mayor of Greensboro came out to-day in the person of Mr. Chalmers C. McLean, a member of the present board of aldermen and one of the best known young business men of the city. Mr. McLean is the youngest man who has aspired to the office of mayor of Greensboro in a number of years, but he has a strong following and will prove a formidable candidate.

SMALLEST FRENCH CONSCRIPT.

Only a Little Over Three Feet in Height and Weighs 40 Pounds.

There are, as everybody knows who has seen a French line regiment, some extremely small soldiers in the French army. Beyond doubt, however, the most diminutive conscript who ever drew an unlucky number from the urn is Julien Touchard, a young man born at Manves, in the Department of Orne, on July 19, 1885.

This conscript, who is in his 21st year, has only attained a height of 3 feet 2 inches, and weighs exactly 40 pounds. On April 1 when, along with his fellow conscript he appeared before a military Revision for his district, Julien will appear clad in the short stockings and belted overalls of an infant, of which he presents the physical aspect.

Though the military authorities are to enroll every available man, it is hardly likely that Julien Touchard will be required to shoulder a rifle. The youngest of a family of five children, Julien developed normally until he was vaccinated at the age of 7, after which his growth entirely ceased. The rest of the family present no abnormality, and his brother has already passed his period of service with the colors in the One Hundred and Third Infantry.

WHITE GOODS.

Ask for the Q Cloth, the Linen Suiting at 12 1/2c.

The "Flaxen" and "Like Linen" are beautiful fabrics for sheer dresses.

White Madras in small figures for waists and shirts.

The thinnest of material with the little Cord Checks Plaids.

Rafts of new goods in to-day and opened up for the departments, Laces, Embroideries, Neckwear.

White Goods, Hosiery, Shirt Waists, Silk and Linen Dresses and Ribbons.

Come to-day to the busiest store in busy Charlotte.

Dr. Russell Also Withdraws.

To the Editor of The Observer: I have not been in politics long enough to write an announcement or a withdrawal. My friends have written the announcement and have forced me to write this withdrawal.

After considering this matter very seriously for several days I find that my work is in such a condition that I could not give the time to the city that an alderman ought to give. I therefore must decline to allow my name to be announced for the position of alderman in Ward 4, in the City of Charlotte. I appreciate fully the support my friends have offered me. This decision is final.

E. REID RUSSELL.

Our Indebtedness to Greece.

London Times. If we owe a great debt to all literature, we owe the greatest of all to the literature of the Greeks; for no race has ever triumphed so signally over the routine of life or expressed so vividly its own sense of the relative value of things.

Advertisement for The Little-Long Co. featuring a logo and the text 'The Little-Long Co.'

We had the Crowd Here Yesterday Our Specials, but there's plenty to last through to-day.

AS ADVERTISED

25c. Crash Bath Towels, extra large size 19c. 15 and 18c. Dotted Swisses for dresses and waists. All 12 1-2 and 15c. Dress Ginghams are on sale to-day at 10c. The 15 and 20c. Draperies at 12 1-2c. can be had all day.

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