

WILL INSPECT COAL MINES.

Excursionists Who Go Over Clinchfield Route Next Month to Have the Opportunity of Going Down in the Mines—The Mines to Be Inspected—Other Facts of Interest. One of the novel and altogether delightful features of the trip to the Clinchfield coal fields next month, July 15, 16 and 17, will be the visit of the excursionists down into the mines themselves. Arrangements have been perfected with the officials of the Clinchfield Coal Corporation of which Mr. U. S. Morris, of this city, is general agent, whereby all those who avail themselves of the advantages offered by the trip which the Observer is operating conjointly with the Seaboard Air Line and Clinchfield Railroad, may go down into the bowels of the earth and there, hundreds of feet beneath the surface, see just how the miners do their work. It is a well-known fact that but few visitors are allowed to visit the Virginia and West Virginia coal mines when they carry with them credentials from the officials of the corporations controlling the properties. In the famous Clinchfield mines at Dante is to be seen the latest and most up-to-date coal mining machinery, all operated by electricity generated at a central plant and distributed throughout the immediate district. All of the hauling is done by electricity, the drilling is done in the same way and every facility that makes for economy and efficiency is utilized. When one visits the coal mines at Dante and rides over the tracks of the Clinchfield Railway system he has come in contact with the very best that modern science can achieve in railroad and mining affairs.

The excursion, which will be made up of Pullman coaches throughout, to which will be attached a Pullman diner, will leave Charlotte on the morning of Thursday, July 15, at 10:35 o'clock. The ticket, which will cost \$16, will include transportation charges for the entire trip, going and coming, the Pullman day and night, and the meals for the entire time. Charlotte will be reached on the return Saturday night. Much has been written of the Clinchfield road, which passes through the heart of the Appalachian mountains. It is enough to say that the scenery is the most glorious this side of the Rockies and many hold that it is not surpassed anywhere on the continent. "Stepping heavenward" has been aptly used to express something of the beauty of the road.

As to the coal fields at Dante, a few words may not be inappropos. An Observer man recently made the trip there with a party of South Carolina cotton mill men and wrote as follows of the place in question:

"In accordance with the schedule, the party Saturday morning donned regular outfits for miners, including the caps and cap-lamps for the trip through the wonderful coal fields. The outfits were furnished from the company's commissary and presented to the visitors as souvenirs of the trip. Under the direction of Mr. Roan the party boarded coal mines, made entirely comfortable, that better views might be had and visited what is known as the right fork of the development. The right fork is as yet undergoing largely the preliminary work to opening the veins located on it. For the going into the mines where coal is being actually mined and turned out there was provided a number of dumps used to haul the coal from the mines to the tipples. Those cars were drawn up the inclines to the mine openings by large electrically-driven engines. Every detail of the mining was gone through with, Mr. Roan showing in detail all the operations, making very prominent the enormous saving, in point of time as well as money, in the modern methods of mining as against old methods. The power generated from one central plant, is used over the entire field for almost every move in the development. The coal is cut by the latest patented and improved coal digging electrically equipped machinery, one machine turning out in a day as much coal as which is the equivalent of twenty men's work for the same time by the old method.

"The visitor to the mines of the Clinchfield Coal Corporation cannot but be impressed with the excellent behavior of the miners and the contentment prevailing and yet, when it is known that they reside in nicely built, prettily painted houses, ideally located from every standpoint, it would occasion surprise if any other condition prevailed. Each home has running water, electric lights, and steam heat all furnished by the corporation. In all there are over 3,000 people employed on the works, representing 27 different tongues. Various kinds of entertainment are provided for the different nationalities. Mr. Roan, the superintendent and prince of a good fellow, ruled in the Dante coal fields as a king, though with a kindly spirit and with even justice, maintaining the dignity of his position and earning the absolute respect of all his employees."

ANOTHER WILL PHIFER.

One in Recorder's Court Yesterday Charged With Striking His Wife—Is Allowed to Pay the Costs. The recorder's court of yesterday would have been somewhat less lively had not Will Phifer (wonder how many Will Phifers a census would show anyhow?) a negro working on the farm of Mr. J. D. McCall near the city, been arraigned on the charge of assaulting his wife, Annie. In considerable detail were narrated circumstances in the past going to prove the superiority of conjugal affection on the part of either.

"I'm tellin' de trufe," said Will. "God knows I wouldn't tell a lie 'bout dat."

"Well," said his lawyer-employer, "we understand that God knows it but the court doesn't."

"I'm jest tellin' de cote dat now," was the appropriate answer.

The defendant denied striking his supposedly better half. He only showed her. "Well, you can show a wheel barrow about four months on the chargin'g," remarked the recorder. On the protest of the lawyer the sentence was changed to dismissal on payment of the costs, conditioned on good behavior.

Over a Hundred Want to Be Odd Fellows.

Under the leadership of Mr. S. M. McClellan a large body of men seeking to be Odd Fellows has been formed nine miles from Charlotte in Crab Orchard township. One hundred, and three are enrolled. A big rally was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian church to raise means for purposes of the order. Rev. J. J. Dudley, pastor of Centre Baptist church, of Lowell, preached the sermon, which was pronounced by his hearers exceptionally able. Much interest is being manifested in the work.

The Lincoln Elks Inn, Inc., of Charlotte, N. C., now open to the public. The new Elks Water. First-class accommodations.

HARDWARE MEN TO MEET.

Great Week Expected in Asheville Next Week When Retail Hardware Association of the Carolinas Assembles There. Local hardware men are manifesting large interest in the approaching meeting of the Retail Hardware Association of the Carolinas which is to be held in Asheville Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The word that comes from the Mountain City is that the local committee on arrangements has been very busy for the past fortnight or more. It is expected that at least 200 delegates will be in attendance.

The programme covers every part of the work of the hardware men and takes up for consideration the most important problems and questions the merchants have to deal with. Prominent lawyers have been invited to speak upon the different legal questions which are constantly met in the hardware business and the great question of credit will be one of the chief matters brought before the convention for consideration.

The North Carolina association has recently been incorporated with headquarters in this city which testifies of the remarkable growth this organization has had in the past five years.

The social part of the programme has not been overlooked. Wednesday afternoon there will be a "shoot" for the members at the Asheville Rod and Gun Club. Other trips are also being planned by the committee.

An unusually large number of exhibitors will have spaces at the Biltmore Park for the exhibition of their goods. The exhibits will be of a great variety and nearly every line will be on exhibition. Following is the list of exhibitors: E. C. Atkins & Co., Simons Manufacturing Company, Crescent Stone Company, Lucas & Co., American Steel and Wire Company, Supplies Hardware Company, Reading Hardware Company, Liberty Stone Company, Flannigan Harness Company, The Alabastine Company, Delaval Separatory Company, DuPont Powder Company, American Denatured Alcohol and Appliance Company, Price Cline Harness Company, Harriman Manufacturing Company, Cordley & Hayes, William J. Oliver Manufacturing Company, Leland Moore Paints and Oils Company, The Carborundum Company, E. A. Ridgeway, Pittsburg Steel Company, Majestic Manufacturing Company.

HAD EASY VICTORY.

Charlotte Chosen by Decisive Vote as Next Meeting Place For State Pharmaceutical Association. The Charlotte pharmacists, especially those who attended as State delegates in Greensboro last week, are gratified that the association voted its preference for Charlotte as its next meeting place. Charlotte came very near defeating Greensboro for it last year and would have done so, it is said, had the vote been confined to members, as it was not, guests being allowed to participate. Anyhow, the druggists are coming here next year in the second week of June. Between 150 and 200 should attend.

The Greater Charlotte Club mailed letters to all members inviting them here and a number replied voluntarily stating their preference for this place. A list was made of these and they were sought out and put to work as soon as they arrived at their destination. Morehead City proved to be the only competitor, the strongest point against Charlotte being the fact of the custom of the association in the past to alternate between the inland and the seacoast. The meeting here will continue several days, the examining board holding the tests for admission of would-be pharmacists into the ranks of licentiates at the same time and place. Messrs. Newman A. Smith and W. H. Wear attended the Greensboro meeting from here.

Concert at Davis' Springs Sunday Night.

Mr. Don Richardson returned yesterday from Davis' Sulphur Springs at Hiddente where he had been for some time. Mrs. Richardson is still there. One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season there was the concert Sunday night. A large number of people were there, many coming from Statesville and other towns. This programme was rendered: "To Spring" (piano solo).....Greig "The Bessie Lentz".....Macharon "For All Eternity" (baritone solo).....Mr. Walter Scott. "To A Wild Rose" (violin solo).....McDowell "Madrigale" (soprano solo).....Chaminade "Abenied".....Mrs. M. Costin Wood. "Traumeret".....Schumann "Oh, Dry Those Eyes".....Del Regio Serenata.....Toast Faust (Patriotic).....Gounod Mr. Don Richardson.

Will Invite Firemen to Charlotte Next Year.

A determined effort will be made to bring the State Firemen's Tournament to Charlotte next year. The meeting this year is to be held in Asheville, July 6, 7, 8 and 9. Chief W. S. Orr and Firemen W. B. Glenn, Matthew Yandle and W. A. Cruse, accompanied by Rev. George A. Page, will leave next Tuesday morning for Asheville to attend the convention and present the invitation of the Queen City for the 1910 convention. Effort will be made to have this meeting, which will be an interstate affair, in May, which is the most pleasant of all the months. Chief Orr will carry letters from the Greater Charlotte Club, Mayor T. W. Hawkins and other organizations bidding the firemen meet here next year.

Fined \$50 For Retailing Liquor.

A fine of \$50 and costs was imposed by the recorder yesterday on Sid Brown, a white man who has crippled legs. The privilege of a fine was substituted for the usual road sentence in view of the physical condition of the defendant. The latter's attorney asked for leniency. W. G. Leonard testified that he first went to Brown's house and got whiskey and later was directed by Brown to a vacant house in the northeastern part of town where he placed a dollar on a plank, returning soon to find the liquid. The court said that this was evidently an automatic blind tiger. A charge of vagrancy against Brown was dismissed.

Colored Teachers' Institute To-Day.

The institute for the colored public school teachers of Mecklenburg will begin this morning. It will be held at Biddle University instead of at the court house as at first planned. The lectures proper will continue through Wednesday of next week. These will be followed by two days of examinations on the successful passage of which certificates will be granted or renewed. Members of the faculty of Biddle will do a large part of the actual work of instruction.

SAYS CONDUCTOR KICKED HIM.

Passenger Fined For Disorderly Conduct—Bridge Committee Charge Against Street Car Conductor While Motor-man Accuses Other's Companion. The aftermath of a disturbance on a Highland Park street car Sunday afternoon was the imposition of a fine of \$5 on C. E. Morgan, a white man and the institution of a charge of assault against Street Car Conductor J. B. Stroupe, whom Morgan says kicked him as he was leaving the car at the order of the conductor, the passenger refusing to make a second offer of the money for the fare of himself and companion. The second case was postponed until this morning in order to allow the conductor to prepare a defense and hire a lawyer.

Morgan offered the dime to the conductor when the latter started down the car to the other end, but he would not take it. Later when he had reached the same place on his regular round a quarrel ensued as to whether the ethics of transportation and the personal dignity of the offended passenger would permit him to tender the money again. Refusing, he was bidden disembark. As he got off he says the conductor kicked him. In the meantime another car had "driv up," and its motorman, A. L. McKnight, says that coming up to make peace, he was then struck by Jim Warren, the companion of the other.

DEATH OF A GREEK.

Starkos Kakarithas Dies at the Presbyterian Hospital After a Brief Illness—Had Been Here Two Weeks. Separated by an expanse of thousands of miles from his home in the sunny land of the Hellespont, where yet dwell his wife and two children, and from which he had come to seek his fortune in the Western world, Mr. Starkos Kakarithas died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at the Presbyterian Hospital. He was 35 years old.

Only two weeks ago the young man came to Charlotte seeking employment. He was shown every courtesy by the men of Greek birth here. Soon, however, he was taken ill and died rather suddenly, the heat, it was stated, having an effect prejudicial to his health. Mr. Kakarithas was related to some of the well-to-do Greeks of this city who own numerous restaurants in different parts of this and neighboring States. He was a man of ability and was very popular among his friends.

The funeral services will be conducted this morning at St. Peter's Episcopal church at 9 o'clock. Rev. B. Lampridish, priest of the Greek Catholic church in Atlanta, will officiate.

Young Woman Fined Costs Instead of Imprisoned.

Recorder D. B. Smith yesterday morning declined to follow the precedent set by His Majesty King Herod, who sacrificed the life of a personage well known in religious literature for no other reason than that he had previously said he would. Madam Irene Everman had been before him Saturday for disorderly conduct. The court, in fining her and her companion in mischief remarked that if they came up again soon and were convicted it would be the jail for them. She was tried yesterday for using profane language, but in view of the fact that the testificants against her were of somewhat the same character as she, the court declined to put into action his previous plan and taxed the girl with the costs.

Lightning Struck High School.

It developed yesterday that the lightning which caved about over the city and county as though suffering from hysterical dementia or something of the sort struck the county high school building at Matthews Saturday afternoon, setting the place afire. A bucket brigade was formed and the fire was extinguished after a sharp fight. The building is one of the best of its sort in the county and its loss would have inconvenienced the community.

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Barber Shop in the Realty Building. Messrs. W. C. Hancock and W. E. Wishart have opened up a barber shop on the seventh floor of the Realty Building, where they will serve the public. Mr. Hancock has been connected with the Selwyn Hotel barber shop and Mr. Wishart has been with the Climax shop. Both young men are well known and popular here and are excellent barbers. They have had years of experience in the barber business and excel in their work.

Charlotte Physician Honored. Dr. John R. Irwin was recently elected State physician and surgeon to the North Carolina division of the Travelers' Protective Association of America, one of the most meritorious positions within the gift of that organization in North Carolina. The 51st association met in Charlotte in April and the national association in Asheville this month.

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Cuban Girls Spend Day Here. Misses Teresa and Josefa Cruell and Narcissa Del Rio, three small, bright-eyed, dark-skinned Cuban girls from Cardenas, left yesterday morning, accompanied by Rev. E. E. Hubbard, for Banner Elk, where they will enter the Elizabeth McRae School. Rev. Mr. Hubbard is in charge of the Presbyterian Orphanage at Cardenas and is carrying these little girls to the mountains of western North Carolina where they will be educated.

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