THE INTERURBAN EDITION

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Special Edition of The Observer Contained 6,600 Inches of Classified Advertising, More Than Was Carried Before By Any North Carolina Newspaper—Its Size of One Hundred Pages Was Unapproached in North Carolina and the Amount of Board of Trade Advertising Has Never Been Equalled By Any Southern Journal—Was Splendid Advertisement For This Section—Entire Paper Was an Observer Production From Start to Finish.

Unexampled in the history of North Carolina journalism and, with but one exception, unapproached in that of the entire Southern States, the Interurban Edition of The Observer yesterday morning far surpassed the expectations of most of those whose only information had been gained from the conservative advance notices which had been published from time to time. The pevious flood-tide of Tar Heel journalism was The Observer's 64-page Christmas edition of 1907.

Issued at the psycological moment in a great constructive era of industrial achievement which augurs unrealized riches for this section in the ensuing decades, the paper was quickly appreciated by the public. This was evidenced even before it had seen the light of day by the thousands of orders which poured in through the mail. Some ordered hundreds of copies for the benefit of particular towns. Thousands for advertising purposes are being sent throughout the North and Northwest and to all parts of the world. It was in anticipation of this fact and the further probability that an even larger demand would make itself felt when the quality of the paper was seen, that provision was made for the printing of extra copies. This makes it possible still to fill orders for copies to be mailed at ten cents a piece.

Many people expressed amazement that a newspaper office in a city of hardly exceeding 40,000 people could publish of its own resources an edition of 100 pages and send these to its subscribers with the current news of the day on the regular trains on the day of issue. This was especially true of those who had not had much opportunity in the past to compare the Charlotte morning paper with those published in cities of from 50,000 to 250,000 inhabitants, with a view to ascertaining whether or not the Queen City was abreast of, or in the lead of, many of these with regard to its news service.

MADE IN THE SHOP.

Most noteworthy is the fact that every single one of the more than 200 cuts for the illustrations in this issue was made in The Observer shop. The elaborate cover page, depicting the water falls, the power house and the transmission lines radiating to all the towns along the route, was no exception. This was the work of Mr. C. G. Schauck, who has charge of the photo-engraving plant of the paper.

The Observer yesterday carried 6,600 inches of display advertising, more than ever appeared before in the columns of a North Carolina newspaper. The amount of board of trade advertising was far ahead of the largest amount ever previously carried in a single issue of any Southern periodical. This fact illustrates the progressiveness of the town and cities of this section. They realize that they have a good thing and have resolved that the outside world shall know about it also. They have been quicker than those of other sections to learn the lesson that municipal advertising pays dividends just as certainly as does that for private enterprises.

The net result will be that piedmont North and South Carolina will be better advertised within the next few days than ever heretofore in their history. The manner in which the towns along the route entered into the spirit of the undertaking demonstrated that they are alive in every sense of the word and will enlist their best efforts to secure the fullest possible industrial development, availing themselves of the exceptional means which are to be available. And all of this cannot but bear fruit. The attention of the entire country will of necessity be attratcted, especially that of persons who are contemplating a change of location and are seeking a delightful clime in which to dwell, with fertile soil to cultivate or profitable enterprises in which to invest their fortunes and their talents. Both in the lines and between the lines the most casual peruser could read the intelligence, the civic confidence and enthusiasm which is permeating this entire section, a confidence born of achievements of knowledge of present resources and potentialities.

RIPE FOR DEVELOPMENT.

In addition to all these considerations, the facts and illustration showing forth the merits of the different towns were in themselves vindication of the merits and sound judgment of the backers of the Southern Power Company in selecting this as a field for the immense traction development which is projected. For not only does the topography make such an enterprise easily feasible and assured of success under wise management, but the efforts of the residents in the past decades, aided by other agencies, have been sufficient in developing these resources to a great extent. In Charlotte the interurban will find a modern, well-equipped, progressive city which has had its eyes to the front these many years and is admirably adapted to be the pivotal center of the new system. The towns which dot the route are already sufficiently large and husky in population and commercial assets to prove feeders of no mean value to the passenger and freight traffic of the electric railroad. They and the environing country have already reached the stage at which only the electric stimulus is necessary to cause them to blossom forth into highly enhanced productive powers.

The preparation of the 100 pages of the interurban edition by trained writers connected with The Observer Company, the printing of these and the mailing of the monster edition, the latter being one of the most formidable of all the tasks in connection with it, was a composite task of sufficient size to interest The Observer's force in all departments. Yet the work was done with such system and withal such personal pride in it on the part of each man who had a part in the affair that it was accomplished with comparative ease.

Never before have The Observer readers captured such a bargain. The price received from purchasers would not begin to pay the price of the white paper alone on which the edition was printed, to say nothing of the cost of composition, press work and compilation of the articles by salaried members of the staff.

Don't forget Wednesday is Children's Day at Lakewood Park and all the amusement features will be free for the little folks from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 5.

SELF-DEFENSE IN DAVIS CASE.

Recorder Decides That Tom Davis Shot Will Chisholm While His Life Was Endangered—Prisoner Discharged—Clothing Thief Held For Superior Court—Greek Fined For Brutal Assault.

Tom Davis, the negro who was apprehended in Winston several days ago on a charge of an assault in this city, was freed by Recorder Smith yesterday. During last March the prisoner engaged in an affray with Will Chisholm, and in the melee, shot his opponent through the hip. According to the custom of his race, not mattering whether he was right or wrong in his action, Davis took to "the tall and uncut," and was only captured several days ago. From the evidence of numerous eye-witnesses of the affair, Davis had shot entirely in self-defense, and at the time of the shooting, was threatened with serious injury from a knife in the hand of Chisholm. Upon the testimony of the witnesses the recorder allowed the overjoyed negro to emerge from the connnes of the court room with great pleasure and alacrity. If Tom had only stopped to deliberate upon the pros and cons of the matter, and reflected that the law might have cast a merciful optic upon him under the circumstances, the city should have been saved considerable expense in its search for him, and he would have been saved much difficulty in avoiding this search. In nine cases out of ten, a negro who becomes engaged in an affair of this character, will leave town at the first opportunity rather than remain and stand trial before a fair court. The plea of self-defense means but little to them. The avenging side of the tribunal is all that they behold.

Paul Pragan, colored, was arrested in Winston at the same time with Davis, but did not fare so well at the hands of the recorder as did his fellow-prisoner. Pragan was charged with the larceny of a quantity of clothing from August Wiegand, and was bound over to the next term of superior court under a $100 bond. The evidence was strong against the defendant from the start, and his defense was not what might be called impregnable by any means.

C. C. Trakas was charged with an assault upon a small colored youth by the name of James Aller. The assault took place on North Tryon street, immediately in front of the Casino moving picture show. The foreigner struck the small boy with his clenched fist several times, and caused his nose to bleed vigorously. Recorder Smith was of the opinion that the assault smacked of brutality, and placed a fine of $10 and the costs upon the Greek. When arrested shortly after the occurrence by Officer McKnight, Trakas made quite a scene, protesting in broken English that he would not go to the station house. It was the original purpose of the officer to only summon him to appear in court, but when rebellion appeared on the horizon, the Greek was hastened to headquarters with scant ceremony, nor did he tarry upon the manner of his going.

Will Neal, colored, was fined $25 and the costs for a large and greatly enjoyed drunk, in which he was chief and foremost participant several nights ago. The unusual fine was due to the fact that Will allowed his load to so far overcome his customary Chesterfieldian demeanor, that he became disorderly and a nuisance.

Mr. L. A. Lockwood was fined $10 and the costs for exceeding the speed limit of the city on Tuesday. This case was a civil action in keeping with the rule recently instituted in the recorder's court for the recovery of a greater portion of the revenue derived from the recorder's court for the city. By means of a civil action, the entire damages awarded by the recorder go to the municipality, while in a criminal action, only a small percentage finds its way into the coffers of City Treasurer Wearn.

SMALL AFTERNOON FIRE.

For First Time in Many Years Fire Alarm Rings With Water Connection Off—No Damage Results.

Burning trash in the rear of the residence at No. 909 West Fourth street in Woodlawn engaged the attention of the fire departments yesterday afternoon at 3:10 o'clock. The tenants who had recently occupied the home, which is the property of Mr. W. S. Dorr who lives next door, had moved out, and left the trash near the fence in the rear. It became ignited. Those living nearby fought it until there was no water available and telephoned in an alarm to the Fifth street station. The firemen turned in box 35, response being made from both uptown stations. The blaze was extinguished by the use of chemicals. The water was cut off when the alarm was rung, but the liquid was turned on, though it was not requisitioned.

The sounding of the fire alarm just at this time causes many a heart to beat faster, especially those of insurance men whose companies carry heavy risks. It is of course impossible to secure pressure in fighting fires where the water supply is so low, so it is necessary to keep the fires in the steamers going all the time, as there is no prophesying the moment they may be pressed into service. The firemen are well posted, however, and resourceful in making use of all expedients known to the craft. Prospective fires stand little show in Charlotte. The firemen as soon as notified pounce upon them like furies and speedily squelch their aspirations.

Will Show That Winston-Salem Deserves Million-Dollar Postoffice.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem., July 26.—To show that Winston-Salem deserves a million-dollar postoffice, will be the intention of the committee of prominent citizens which will leave here Thursday to attend a meeting with the postoffice authorities in Washington Friday in regard to the new building, for which an appropriation of $250,000 was made at the last Congress. Senators Overman and Simmons and Representatives Stedman, Page and Small have promised to do whatever possible to have the authorities see the absolute needs of an adequate government building here, which is one of the largest revenue payers that Uncle Sam has, are met.

Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter and Gets Four Months.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, July 26.—Four months on the county roads was the sentence meted out to Dave Allen, a negro, who killed his brother-in-law, Arthur Harvey, on June 4 last, the plea of manslaughter being accepted in the superior court here, Judge Council presiding. It was shown that Allen remonstrated with Harvey for abusing his wife, who was Allen's sister, and that Harvey attacked him, whereupon he met death by a pistol wound.

No matter where you spend the hot months—order The Observer sent to you—telephone 75.

MILLS SENT OFF TO JAIL

CHECK FLASHER SENTENCED

Recorder Smith Ordains That Young Man Who Affixed His Signature to Many Worthless Checks During His Brief Stay in City, Shall Spend 30 Days as an Inmate of County Jail—Expected Funds, With Which to Make Good His Numerous Checks, Only Epianation of Defendant.

Robert L. Mills, a member of a prominent family in Georgia, was sentenced by Recorder Smith yesterday to a term of 30 days in the county jail. The charge against the young man was that of passing worthless checks upon various concerns of the city. Mills arrived in the city several weeks past, and since his arrival has flooded the local banks with small checks bearing his name. The attempts of Mills as a "con" man were really pitiful. Instead of palming off a check for a large amount and shaking the dust of Charlotte from his feet, the young man would stick someone with a $1 or $2 check, and remain in the city without any attempt at concealment. The largest amount upon any check written by Mills, was that which was given to the Central hotel for a board bill. Upon the discovery that the bit of paper which bore the name of yesterday's defendant and called for the sum of $15, was without value, the hotel officials gave the young man notice that a certain length of time would be allowed him to make the money good, and that unless this was done immediately, he would be prosecuted. Mills extricated himself from this predicament by summoning a local minister to his aid, a friend of his father's, who took up the check. Another check for $2 was given to Mr. Charles Ritch of the Buford pool room. This check was made out upon a blank of the Union National bank, but when Mr. Ritch discvered that Mills had no account in that institution, thinking possibly he had made a mistake and intended to fill it out upon the Charlotte National, he carried it there but was likewise informed that the name of Mills was not upon its books. Mills, hearing that Mr. Ritch intended to prosecute him for the worthless check, managed to secure the requisite face value of the paper, and hurried to the pool room, saying that he had made a mistake, etc., and that the check should have been made upon the Charlotte National. The few pointed remarks which his mendacity brought fourth, are best left unsaid. After stinging the pool room feature of the hotel, Mills attempted to have a check cashed in the office of the Buford for $12, but was refused. Finding the check business rather dull, shortly before his arrest, the young man almost negotiated another branch of the J. Rufus Wallingford game. He procured a blank of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and filling out a message addressed to himself, to the effect that his aunt had died and was to buried in Jacksonville, Fla., on the morrow, he carried the fake to a second minister of the gospel of his acquaintance in this city, and asked for a loan in order to attend the funeral. The minister was on the verge of supplying the wherewithal, when it occurred to him that Jacksonville was a most improbable place for the funeral of the alleged deceased. An investigation followed, with the result that the duplicity of Mills was exposed. Shortly after his incarceration in the station house, the father of the youth was communicated with in Georgia, but a mesage was received from the aged minister to the effect that he declined to participate in the affair, and that the law could take its course. It is understood that the young man's family have aided him several times in the past under similar conditions, and have given up his reformation as hopeless.

HE EXPECTED MONEY.

When arrigned in the city court, Mills admitted that he had never had a cent to his credit in any Charlotte banking institution, only offering the defence that he was expecting money from a brother in Atlanta, Ga., and also from The Greenville Piedmont, upon which publication he formerly occupied the position of circulation manager. It was with these expected funds that Mills claims he intended to redeem the worthless checks which he had written. Several local ministers of the A. R. P. Church, were introduced to testify in behalf of the youth, but were not able to say anything extremely complimentary to his character, other than he was possessed of a self-sacrificing and consecrated father, who had devoted his life to his ministerial labors. Recorder Smith was apparently at a loss for some time, as the most applicable punishment for Mills, but finally decided that the attitude of the defendant had been so extremely bold and defiant, that only a jail sentence would satisfy the demands of the law. It was accordingly decreed that Mills should spend the coming 30 days of his existence as an inmate of the Mecklenburg county jail.

The youth who ran amuck of the law in this city, is originally from Georgia, but was for several years a resident of Due West, S. C., where his father occupied the pulpit in the A. R. P. church of that place. While in Due West, Mills attended Erskine College, being dismissed in his junior year. He is a boy of peculiarly attractive personality and address, and had made many acquaintances in the city during his brief stay.

Sensation of the Season At Lakewood Park

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MISTRIAL IN ALLEY CASE.

After Deliberating For Some 40 Hours, Jury Announces That No Agreement Can Be Reached—Case of Mr. Parks Kirkpatrick Versus City of Charlotte Begun Yesterday—Plaintiff Takes Stand.

At the opening of the morning session of superior court yesterday, the jury which had been out on the case of S. W. Alley versus the Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Co. since Monday, announced through its foreman that it was absolutely unable to agree upon a verdict. Judge Adams put the customary question as to whether there was not some hope that an agreement might be reached, and when a negative answer was returned, a mistrial was ordered in the case which has probably consumed as much time as any civil action which was ever tried in Mecklenburg county. It is understood that 11 men of the jury were in favor of returning some damages to the plaintiff, but the twelfth was strong as the Rock of Gibralter, and declined to agree to so much as a penny for Alley. Many hours were spent by the remainder of the jury in an attempt to persuade the dissenting juror to enter into their way of thinking—but to no avail.

Immediately after the announcement by the foreman had been made in the Alley case the court commenced upon the case of D. B. Swaringer versus G. W. Smith, supervisor of roads. The affair was based upon an injury sustained by a mule belonging to the plaintiff which suffered a broken leg while crossing a bridge in the county. The plaintiff claimed that the injury to the animal was due to the negligence of the defendant, in that in his official capacity of supervisor of roads, he did not see to it that the bridge was kept in proper repair. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, and of course no damages were awarded to the plaintiff.

The much discussed case of Mr. Parks Kirkpatrick versus the City of Charlotte was taken up at the afternoon's session. In this case the plaintiff sues the municipality for the sum of $10,000, which he claims is the amount of damage which a tract of land belonging to him, suffered from the city sewerage system draining into Phifer's creek. The plaintiff is represented by Mr. Cameron Morrison and Col. Leroy Kirkpatrick, the city by the firm of Maxwell and Keerans.

Numerous character witnesses were sent to the stand by the attorneys for the plaintiff, in order to testify to the excellent character borne by Mr. Kirkpatrick. At the conclusion of the favorable evidence of the witnesses, Mr. Kirkpatrick himself took the stand and testified to the condition of his property, before and after the present sewerage conditions. On the cross examination of the attorneys for the plaintiff, nearly every question prepounded for the witness brought forth a chorus of objections from the defense so much so that Judge Adams was kept extremely busy sustaining and overruling objections. Mr. Kirkpatrick was followed by Mr. John Hall, who also proved to be an important witness for the plaintiff, substantiating the testimony of Mr. Kirkpatrick. At the conclusion of the cross examination of Mr. Hall, the court adjourned until this morinng.

From the present outlook, it seems that this case will be a rival of the Alley case in point of time consumed. It is hardly probable that the facts will eb turned over to the jury for deliberation before Saturday, and it is most probable that the length evidence and the speeches for the plaintiff and defendant will continue until next week.

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