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INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. James S. Hall—Fayetteville Real Estate Agency.

Mr. C. J. Davis and Miss Cecilia Woodall were married Sunday evening at 6 o'clock by Rev. V. G. Smith, at his residence on Russell street.

Two negro boys, while hanging around the place where workmen were blasting rock near Marsh's, stole two or three sticks of dynamite, and brought them to town Saturday, giving a piece to a negro boy in the outskirts of the city.

It is rare that a more beautiful illustration of the spirit of the Christ child is developed than was brought out Monday in the contest for the Bucks Junior Range, given by the Huske Hardware House, for the girl sending in the greatest number of advertisements of that store.

Probably some of the readers of the OBSERVER, on reading the above heading, will think we are about to hit at some of the bibulous celebrators of Christmas; but this is a genuine snake story, a moral snake story.

Reports to the State Commissioner of Labor, as given in the Raleigh correspondence to the State press, show 18 new cotton mills in North Carolina this year, there being three at Gastonia, two each at Concord, King's Mountain and Lowell, and one each at Raeford, Fayetteville, Dallas, Liletown, Mt. Holly, Weldon, Lincoln, Biscoe, Central Falls, Draper and Monroe.

SUDDEN DEATH SUMMONS.

A Harnett County Farmer Dies in His Wagon on the Road. From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday, Mr. Frank Clark, a prosperous farmer and citizen of Harnett county, 55 years of age, started to Fayetteville to do his Christmas trading, accompanied by a younger brother.

The remains were brought to the city and carried to the McNeill undertaking establishment on Bow street, where they were prepared for burial, and carried to his home in Harnett county.

The death of Mr. Frank Clark, noted elsewhere, was so plainly from natural causes that an inquest was not necessary. The name of the brother accompanying him was J. E. Clark.

At the call of the late president and secretary a meeting of the subscribers to a new class in the Fayetteville Real Estate Agency was held in the office of E. R. MacKethan, Esq., Friday evening, when the following officers were elected to continue the Association for the coming year:

F. H. Hobbs, President; James S. Hall, Secretary and Treasurer; E. R. MacKethan, Attorney. Directors: F. H. Hobbs, J. J. Nott, J. A. Barnes, James S. Hall, E. R. MacKethan.

It was decided to open up a new class at once, and a number of subscriptions were at once taken and the first installment paid. It was fortunate that immediate action was taken in the matter of this corporation and its valuable franchise, as all the prior classes had been closed and the late secretary was preparing to turn in the charter to the Secretary of State for final dissolution.

There were probably more dwellings built in Sanford this year than ever before in one year in the history of the town. The number of new homes are two story buildings, and would do credit to a town of much greater proportions than Sanford.

The jury in the case of the two negro women charged with being accessories of Henry Walker, in the shooting of Mr. L. Banks Holt, after deliberating from 5 o'clock Friday afternoon till 1:30 Saturday morning, brought in a verdict of guilty against Annie Turner, and she was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Charters were Saturday granted as follows: The Eastern Chemical and Manufacturing Company, of Newbern, to make fertilizer and to manufacture lumber and furniture, capital stock \$25,000; the Goldboro Argus Publishing Company, J. E. Robinson and others, capital \$25,000; and the W. S. Shoemaker Company, at Charlotte, to do a general jobbing business in merchandise, \$25,000; W. G. Shoemaker and others.

The Distinguished "Disappeared Abroad."

The following taken from "The Circle," a New York magazine, will be read with interest by Fayetteville people, as touching on the fine work of Mr. Elliott Daingerfeld, one of the most distinguished American artists, who passed his childhood, youth and early manhood in our midst.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in New York, is the first American church to make use of mural decorations on an extensive scale. The Lady Chapel of this church will have the walls above the wainscoting entirely covered with these beautiful paintings, which represent, not alone the best work in religious art of today, but a very intimate and accurate knowledge of religious history on the part of the painter, Mr. Elliott Daingerfeld.

The spaces either side of the altar are filled with figures of the Angels of the Resurrection and Incarnation. The east wall represents the Epiphany, the west wall the Magnificat, while the spaces at the south end will represent the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant.

Several of our churches have very beautiful single paintings of a religious character, but St. Mary the Virgin has the honor of having first used painting as a decoration on the lines adopted by the churches of the Old World. There is no other form of decoration so beautiful or appropriate, and doubtless this marks a new era of church decoration in this country.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

This is the most beautiful and consecrated of all the seasons observed by man, holiday though it be—for its festivals, its gatherings of merriment, its feasts, all cluster about the day commemorative of the birth of Christ.

May the rich be happy in God's bounteous gifts; may the wage-earner find succor of toil around a ruddy hearthstone and a plentiful board; may even the poor be "full of bread and wine" on this natal day of the Prince of Peace; may God's everlasting arm be round about the grief-stricken, the sick and the afflicted; and happiness to one and all on Christmas, in the spirit of the oft-quoted prayer of Bob Cratchet's crippled Tiny Tim: "God bless us, every one."

"The widow-panes are touched with flame; Hosannas rise to greet His name; Joy and glad praise fill every heart. Peace and cot with Christmas cheer Abound; and angels blest are hovering near, Who seem to move with Christ apart."

Police News.

"He who dances must pay the piper," and the scales of justice got the rust out of them in the court of his Honor Mayor Powers this morning.

John McLean and Bob Cain were arraigned for assault with a deadly weapon, and were committed to jail in default of bond.

Henry Bruner and Arthur McNeill, for assault, were released on payment of costs.

Charles McDonald, drunkenness, Giles Hales, C. McKay and Annie Black, drunk and down, were released on payment of costs.

Dave Maulsby, assault with deadly weapon, out on bond until able to attend trial, having been cut in head.

E. Pool, drunk during holidays, released on payment of cost.

Tom Blackman, assault with deadly weapon, not yet arrested.

Liquor Shipments. The Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Industrial News has the following, on which the readers of the OBSERVER may make what comment they please:

In direct contrast with this tremendous pouring of "Christmas whisky" from border States is a letter received here to-day by a prominent citizen from a friend in another part of the State, protesting in decidedly "sulphuric" terms of the injustice of the operation of the State Wages and Ward acts in making it impossible for him to ship his friend in Raleigh a jug of fine apple brandy as a Christmas present.

Germany America's Santa Claus.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Germany has sent to the United States this year more Christmas toys than ever before, 9,895 tons, according to the Department of Commerce being the estimate. For a long time Germany has led in the exportation of toys to America.

Must Pay for the Jewels. By cable to the Observer. Paris, Dec. 26.—Madame Anna Gould, formerly the Countess Castellane, was to-day held liable to pay jointly with Castellane two claims of creditors, one of Namundoff, who sold 120,000 francs worth of diamonds to the Count, who declared that the jewels had been given to the former Countess.

Special Investigation. By telegraph to the Observer. New York, Dec. 26.—A special meeting of the grand jury was held to-day for the purpose of clearing up the investigation of the New York Life Insurance Co. Several bookkeepers were examined, and it was learned that the only phase of the charge of wrong conduct against the company investigated so far is that pertaining to Prussian bonds transactions. Indictments are to follow, it is understood that they will be returned Friday.

Duel with Pitchforks. By telegraph to the Observer. New York, Dec. 26.—In a pitchfork duel to-day Thomas Connelly, a groom in a riding academy, was injured so that he is expected to die, and James Cassidy, another groom, has been arrested, awaiting the outcome of Connelly's injuries. The duel feeling between the men grew out of Christmas gifts. They thrust desperately at each other many minutes; finally Cassidy dug the prong in his opponent's eye, and Connelly fell.

Race Troubles in Mississippi. By telegraph to the Observer. Meridian, Miss., Dec. 26.—Quiet maintained in towns of Scooband and Wapalaka, following an outbreak of serious race war, as the result of trouble which started Sunday night, when Conductor Cooper of the Mobile and Ohio train attempted to stop a disturbance made by a negro, with the result that two negroes were mortally wounded. Twenty-five troops arrived at Scooband to-day, and martial law was put in force there and at Wapalaka. A serious race war is feared. The list of the dead now numbers fourteen. Governor Vardaman ordered the militia men to Scooband after the county officials were sent to Wapalaka.

Maafa Again at Work. By telegraph to the Observer. New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Six Italians were found dead in a tenement house, which was fired to-day, some of whom were burned to death. Neighboring they were victims of the Maafa, which has secretly worked here. For many years, not since the lynching of Italians by wholesale several years ago, has the foreign population been in such an excited state. The police were unable to cope with the situation and the firemen were pressed into service. The murders are believed to have been committed early last night, and undoubtedly were planned. No screams were heard leading to the scene. The victims were slaughtered without a moment's warning at given signals. The police think that the work was done by the Secret Society, and that the men were masked for death by their fellow countrymen.

Mr. Raymond Tomlinson and Miss Sallie Tomlinson are spending the holidays in Richmond, Va.

Attempted Suicide. Archie McLean, a youth of this city, of a well-known family, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McLean, last evening attempted to kill himself, pulling a pistol in his mouth, the ball lodging in his neck. It is supposed that Christmas intoxication, and mortification on account of his condition, prompted the act. His wound is serious, but it is believed that he has a good chance of recovery.

Archie McLean was brought down by ambulance to the Highsmith hospital at 12:30 o'clock to-day.

Beautiful Entertainment.

A Christmas tree was the holiday festivity at the Highsmith hospital last evening. A magnificent holly tree was set against the rear entrance of the broad corridor in the operating building, laden with hundreds of costly, useful and beautiful gifts for the surgeons and physicians, the staff of nurses, the housekeeper, and others of the hospital force, and after they were distributed by a very talkative, and hard-looking "Santa Claus," an appetizing supper was served. There was fine music and the concluding merriment of a "donkey party."

The decorations, planned by Miss Filippo, Mrs. Moran and Miss Butler, were very elaborate and tasteful; and, under the radiance of the electric lights, had a striking effect. There were many guests present, including nearly all the ministers and physicians of the city.

Married. At Hope Mills No. 1 Mr. Rford Smith, of Elrod, and Miss Lizzie Berdon, of the first named place, were married on the 23rd inst. by Justice of the Peace John Smith.

Last evening, ex-Mayor C. B. McMillan officiating, Mr. J. H. Andrews and Miss Calder were united in marriage. It was a pretty home wedding, with tasteful decorations and many friends in attendance.

Cut in the Head. Tom Blackman, negro, in the course of a free fight in "Texas" yesterday, of both whites and blacks, slashed Dave Maulsby in the side of the head, inflicting serious wounds. The latter was carried to the Highsmith hospital, where the wound was dressed, and he was then removed to his home.

Manzan File Remedy put up in convenient collapsible tubes with nozzle attachment so that the remedy may be applied at the very seat of the trouble, thus relieving almost instantly bleeding, itching or protruding piles. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Sold by McKethan & Co.

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PERFECTION a regular member of your "pantry household," if you want solid comfort as a steady thing 365 days in the year. A complete stock of GROCERIES and a select line of General Merchandise. Everything Fresh and first-class at right prices. Square dealing and courteous treatment to all.

Southern Real Estate Co. Office over Bank of Fayetteville. Administrator's Notice. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of November, 1907, or this notice will be placed in his hands for publication. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE. One and one-third fares, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip to all points in Southeastern Passenger Territory, and to points on connecting lines east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, including St. Louis and intermediate stations. Tickets on sale December 20th to 25th inclusive, 30th and 31st, 1906, and January 1, 1907; final limit January 7, 1907.

Farm For Rent. My old "home place" in Black River township, near Falcon, N. C., about 45 acres cleared land, good buildings and neighborhood. For particulars apply to H. L. HALL, Benson, N. C.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR. The original LAXATIVE cough remedy. For coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. No opiates. Non-alcoholic. Good for every body. Sold everywhere.

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FAYETTEVILLE MARKETS. REVISED DAILY. COTTON. REPORTED BY CHARLES HAIGH. Good Middling, new cotton, 10; Strict Middling, 10; Middling, 9 3/4; Strict Low Middling, 8 3/4.

NAVAL STORES. REPORTED BY A. B. BLOOMER. Spirits, 64 1/2; Hemp-seed, 3 1/2; Yellow Dip, 3 1/2; Gum, 2 1/2; Scrap Thus, 3 1/2.

PRODUCE. REPORTED BY A. B. HUSKE, GROCER. Flour—1st pat., sack, 2.30 to 2.40; Family Flour—straight, 2.25 to 2.40; Meal—bolled—48 lbs per bu., 75¢ to 80¢; Bacon—hog round per lb., 15¢ to 16¢; Ham, 19¢ to 20¢; Sides, 14¢; Shoulders, 14¢; Lard—N. C., 14¢ to 15¢; Corn—56 lbs per bushel, 75¢ to 80¢; Oats—32 lbs per bushel, 55¢ to 60¢; Potatoes—Irish, per bushel, 1.00 to 1.05; Sweet-potatoes, per lb., 7¢ to 8¢; Country butter, 25¢; Ducks, 50¢; Hens—per head, 85¢ to 90¢; Broilers, 15¢ to 25¢; Eggs, 28¢ to 30¢; Roosters—per head, 35¢ to 40¢; Geese, 45¢ to 50¢; Wool—washed, 15¢ to 20¢; Hides—dry, per lb., 12¢ to 13¢; Green, per lb., 6¢ to 8¢; Tallow, 45¢ to 50¢; Shooks, 1.00 to 1.10; Fodder, 50¢ to 75¢.

FOR SALE—The Boston Lettuce Plants, 70¢ per M. W. R. TOMLINSON, or Phone 300. WANTED—A house and small farm near railroad road near to Smith's Hill, near Fayetteville. Please answer at once, P. H. MELVIN, Kinston, N. C.