

AROUND THE WORLD.

Items of Interest From All Parts
of The World Condensed For The
Benefit of The News' Busy Readers.

Prince Ching of China, has forwarded to President Roosevelt a personal letter in the name of Pu Yi the infant Emperor, in which he sets forth the crisis through which their country is passing and appeals for sympathy. Similar entreaties have been forwarded to the rulers of all powers friendly to their "Flowery Kingdom."

Tom. L. Johnson, mayor of Cincinnati, who was considered immensely wealthy recently announced that he had given up all of his wealth to a right the affairs of a dead brother. His splendid mansion had been vacated and the family have taken a small cottage and are living in humble circumstances.

Charles Magness who deserted the navy to wed Senator Gorman's daughter several months ago was tried by court martial in Philadelphia last week and sentenced to serve one year in the Portsmouth N. H. naval prison, at which time he will be dishonorably discharged. Magness' defense was that he was in a state of delirium in anticipation of his marriage.

Albert Kirby Fairfax of Virginia has recently been declared by the House of Lords, London, Lord Fairfax of Cameron in the Scottish peerage. Lord Fairfax was some years ago, physician for a copper mining company operating in Ashe county, this State. The present lord's father never made any claim to the title that was rightfully his from inheritance.

Contracts for 10,000 tons of steel armor for the battleships Florida and Utah have been awarded by Secretary of the Navy. The contract represents nearly four million dollars.

High School vs. Catawba.
The Lincoln High School football team played her first game of football Saturday. The High School eleven met the Catawba College boys on the gridiron at 3:30 and the battle followed hot and lively. The teams were about equally matched in weight. The High School boys did the best playing, though neither side was able to score.

The fierce tussle between the teams made the game interesting from start to finish. The exceptionally fine playing of Mayo Brevard, B. P. Caldwell, James and Oscar Shuford for the High School team were the features of the game. The Catawba boys put in some good punts also. Time of halves were 15 and 20 minutes.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all friends who were so very kind to me during my recent illness. Especially do I wish to thank Dr. Crowell and the nurses at the Hospital for their careful attention and service.

J. M. SMITH.

Still Wearing Long Hair.

Philip McRae, a citizen of Harnett county declared twelve years ago that he would not shave nor have his hair cut until Bryan was elected President of the United States. His beard is very long and his hair falls over the shoulders, yet Mr. McRae is still hopeful. After the election he remarked: "What in thunder is the matter with Bryan? Does he expect me to wear long hair and whiskers all my life?"

YOUTH'S HEART CUT OUT

Arthur Jarrett Plunges His Pocket-knife Into Breast of Cris Griggs, Death Being Almost Instant—Killing Follows Street Quarrel Brought on by Remarks Jarrett Had Made About Griggs.

By Bell Telephone to The Observer.

Dallas, Nov. 20.—Cris Griggs, 17 years old, was killed here tonight about 8 o'clock by Arthur Jarrett, another youth of about the same age. The killing occurred in front of Green Brown's store and the weapon used by Jarrett was a pocketknife, Griggs being cut through the heart and death being almost instantaneous.

As soon as he had stabbed Griggs Jarrett ran to his father's home a short distance away, but with the aid of a number of deputies Sheriff Shuford soon had the house surrounded and Jarrett in custody. Sheriff Shuford got up from his bed, having been sick for some time, and by quick work had the boy's slayer in jail in a short time.

Jarrett is the son of a merchant here, while Griggs' people are mill operatives. It is alleged that Jarrett had made some slurring remarks about Griggs, which the latter resented when they met tonight on the street. A quarrel followed with the result as given. No weapon was found on the dead boy's body.

The killing created much excitement, as Dallas is usually a quiet and orderly town.

John C. Cahill Dead.

Mr. John C. Cahill, aged 65, a highly esteemed citizen of Lincoln county, died at his home near Lowesville Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was buried at the Catholic church near Mountain Island Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Cahill went through the civil war as a member of Co. F., 2nd N. C. Cavalry, and made an enviable record for bravery. He was never married. The deceased is survived by his widowed sister, Mrs. Alice Beam, who had made her home with him for several years; by one brother, Capt. Timothy Cahill, of Texas; by two nieces, Miss Mary Smith of Stanley and Mrs. Wm. Leper of Belmont; and three nephews, Messrs. Wm. Smith, of Tuckasee, P. C. Smith, of Morganton and Rev. Father John, O. S. B., Bristow, Va.—Gastonia Gazette.

Death of Mrs. Nantz.

Mrs. N. C. Nantz died very unexpectedly at her home near Alexis last Thursday morning. Some weeks ago she had been knocked down by a vicious cow and received injuries, which, though painful and prevented her from walking, were not considered serious. After partaking of breakfast with apparent relish, she spoke of feeling ill and died, while sitting up in bed. Her death is supposed to have been caused by heart affection. The deceased was a member of the Lutheran church. The interment was made in the family burying ground at Mount Zion. She was before her marriage, Miss Mary Stroup, and is survived by a husband and several children.

The Little Jap.

The Newton Enterprise says that the little Jap who was recently tried in Catawba county and sentenced to serve 30 years in the penitentiary was the coolest and most cheerful man in the courthouse during the trial, and it is believed that he could have been trusted to go to Raleigh without an officer and hunt up the State prison.

Among the guests at the Buford yesterday were Drs. J. S. Wise and J. W. Saine, of Lincoln.—Charlotte Observer, Nov. 21.

JUDGE WARD THREATENED.

Stir Caused in Buncombe Court When Announcement That He Had Received Threatening Letter is Made.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Nov. 19.—Judge Ward created something of a stir before adjournment when he announced from the bench that he had received through the mails a threatening anonymous communication, and directing that the chief of police of the city be notified to appear in court to-morrow morning with his police officers for such instructions as the court shall give. Judge Ward declared that the threatening communication would not deter him from his purpose to put a stop to lawlessness in Asheville and break up "blind tiger"—in fact, the court declared that it made him all the more determined, and intimated that those appearing before him charged with the illicit selling of whiskey and convicted would fare badly.

The threatening letter was received by Judge Ward after a two days trial of three men, Black, Doan and Watson, charged with maintaining a nuisance in the conduct of a soft drink establishment ending with the conviction of the trio and the sentencing of each to two years on the county roads; but it is not believed the letter has any connection with the case. Just what the court will have to say to the city police force is not made known. It is intimated, however, that he intends giving them instructions to make a concerted and systematic raid on places where it has been rumored liquor is sold.

Judge Ward, presiding over the present term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, which convened Monday, has struck terror into persons charged with retailing and other alleged to be connected in the illicit sale of whiskey. In opening court Judge Ward announced that he would give the right of way for "liquor cases" and gave instructions that several defendants charged with violation of the law and out on bond be taken into custody. Then the trials commenced and when the smoke cleared five alleged "blind tigers" had been convicted and sentenced to the roads. They were given from twelve months to two years each. The quintette had been tried previously in city police court, convicted and fined. They didn't accept the judgement of the police court and appealed. It is declared to-day that Asheville is "drier" than at any time in its history. There is little evidence of whiskey being sold here now. In fact, it is declared that persons having whiskey after learning how Judge Ward was dealing with "blind tigers" actually poured the "wet" goods on the ground. It is said that a "reform crusade" has been undertaken and that the city authorities have determined to stamp out "blind tigers" and other lawlessness which it is alleged has existed for months.

Seven Years of Proof.

"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. Its timely use always prevents the development of pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at K. L. Lawing drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

MAIDEN MENTIONINGS.

Dr. R. A. Little, of Newton, was in town a few days last week doing dental work.

Rev. Wilson Setzer has moved to town. It is thought that the Baptist congregation will call him for their pastor.

Mr. Calvin Warlick, of Reepsville, will take a position with Rabb-Carpenter Manufacturing Company. We welcome Mr. Warlick to our little town and wish him success.

Rabb-Carpenter's "Drug Department" and W. L. Bolick have opened their Xmas goods.

Eli Sigmon and family moved back to Maiden a few days ago.

Mr. George Rudisill, of this place, has bought Mr. Bollinger's house and lot in North Maiden.

The churches of this place will celebrate a union Thanksgiving service in the Methodist church on Thanksgiving Day. Rev. J. Leidy Yearick will preach the sermon.

Mrs. Lillie Josey and Miss Florine Pratt went to Newton Saturday to do some shopping.

C. W. Taylor, druggist, was relieved Saturday by Nolan J. Sigmon, former druggist.

Messrs. Stamey Ballard and David Garrison were among our Saturday shoppers.

BUTTERCUP.

Mrs. McIver Speaks.

Mrs. Charles D. McIver, State Organizer of the Woman's Betterment Association, spoke in the graded school auditorium Friday morning to a large audience. Her talk was very practical and was listened to with interest. She urged cleanliness and the beautifying of school houses and homes however humble they may be. Stated that the most beautiful home she had ever seen was a one-room log cabin.

She gave suggestions as to improving school rooms and grounds; the making of the school, a home for the children, and advised parents to visit their children in the school room. The speaker urged the training of the youth, saying that training makes power whereas ignorance is a menace to civilization. One of the strongest points given, was that the ignorance of a neighbor may cause serious harm to one's own household. Though your own premises may be scrupulously clean and sanitary diseases may be carried to your home from the neighbors, who are unclean and careless. Mrs. McIver urged such training and surroundings of the child in school that in the homes of the coming generations, conditions will be found to exist as they should.

Owing to Mrs. McIver's appointment in Shelby, her remarks were brought to a hasty close in order to make the outgoing train.

How is Your Digestion.

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and alterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c. at K. L. Lawing drug store.

Mr. Cleveland Rhyne, who for several years has been employed as salesman in the Long Shoals store, has gone to Central, S. C., to attend a business college. Mr. Rhyne is a bright young man and we feel sure he will make much progress in fitting himself for the future.

HAPPY MARRIAGE.

Mr. Ceph Blanton and Miss Mattie Shuford United in the Holy Wedlock Wednesday Afternoon at Rutherfordton.

A quiet, but happy and beautiful marriage was solemnized in the parlors of the Iso-Thermal Hotel, Rutherfordton, on Wednesday afternoon, immediately upon the arrival of the Seaboard train, the contracting parties being Miss Mattie Shuford and Mr. Ceph Blanton, a well known and popular couple in Shelby's social circles.

There was a flavor of the romantic about this happy union in the secretiveness of the prospective bride and groom with reference to their plans.

It has been whispered about that a marriage was surely to be solemnized but no one knew exactly when and where the interesting event was to occur. However when the groom took the Seaboard train Wednesday at noon arrayed in his glad raiment all doubt was dispelled. At Ellenboro he was joined by the attractive bride who was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Pink Rollins, of Henrietta. Arriving at Rutherfordton the party took carriages and were driven to the Iso-Thermal Hotel, where mine host Bruce Clark stood ready to receive them.

Mr. H. I. Washburn, of this place, acting as best man, had preceded the bridal party on an early train and all arrangements had been perfected for the nuptial. The hotel parlor was tastefully decorated, and in the presence of a few chosen friends, the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Cathey.—Cleveland Star.

[The above will be of interest to many of our people as the popular bride has a host of friends and relatives throughout Lincoln county, being a daughter of Mr. Dave Shuford who lives near Grace church.]

Thanksgiving Day.

The stereotyped "Of course!" greeted the president's Thanksgiving proclamation. "Of course, it comes on the last Thursday in November! Always has and always will. Never a president who would even think of any other date, and much less dare to name one!"

But there was a president who dared to do it, and did it. Andrew Johnson did more than one thing that was out of the ordinary, as pursued by his predecessors, and in 1865, when he had been in the Executive chair but little more than six months, he issued his first Thanksgiving proclamation, and appointed the first Thursday in December as the "annual day of thanksgiving and prayer." The several governors conformed to the change, the governor of Rhode Island alone dissenting and standing by the old way. Little Rbody ate its turkey on November 30, and elsewhere the bird was served on December 7.

President Johnson had an eye on the meeting of the Thirty-ninth Congress when he wrote that proclamation, and was satisfied that the legislators needed the grace of humility, and some other graces. Charles Sumner and Thaddeus Stevens were doing a thing or two that week, and before the turkey and cranberry sauce were on the table the most violent political contest in American history had begun. The Thanksgiving sermons were fiery, and the tobacco was tasted December 7, and not November 30.—Hartford Times.

Mr. R. B. Babington, of Gastonia, general manager of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company, was a business caller in our town a few days past.

STATE WIDE

Mrs. John Mason, of Durham, narrowly escaped death a few days ago, by being overcome with coke gas escaping from a stove. She was observed through a window and the door of her room broken open. Physicians were summoned and revived the unconscious woman.

Durham's new \$50,000 Y. M. C. A. building was opened Thursday evening. There was a reception committee of 50 young people the city orchestra furnished music and hundreds of visitors came throughout the evening. The dedicatory address was made Sunday evening by Gov. Glenn.

Melvin Taylor was fined \$200 and sentenced to a term of six months on the roads, by Judge Reynolds at Asheville last Thursday for contempt of court.

Bob Medlin who killed his brother in Union county, was last week convicted of manslaughter at Monroe court and sentenced to one year on the roads.

The steamship liner, Chattahoochee, laden with 4,000 bales of cotton and bound from Savannah to Boston, discovered her cargo to be on fire off the Carolina coast Friday and headed for Norfolk at full speed. The forward hold was flooded with water and fire partially checked.

A \$100,000 endowment fund for Greensboro Female College was secured by notes at the Western Carolina Conference in session at Asheville last week. This is the only woman's college of the Southern Methodists with so large an endowment.

Mrs. Gravley who lives at Mt. Airy, was horror stricken on Friday morning when going to the cradle, found both her twin babies dead. What caused their death is a mystery. The father of the children was killed by lightning when they were but a few hours old.

Lewis Fletcher, a negro who was hanged in Charlotte Friday was the fifth felon to die on the scaffold with the trigger sprung by sheriff N. W. Wallace. Fletcher murdered George Boyd, another negro, near Hopewell last September.

"Uncle Henry" Grogan, a citizen of Haywood county died recently at the advanced age of 105 years.

Miss Bessie Clapp narrowly escaped death by burning in Salisbury a few days ago. Her skirt was drawn by the draught into a heater and she was soon in flames. Her sister with great presence of mind extinguished the flames after Miss Clapp was painfully burned.

Mr. T. F. Lloyd, one of Orange county's most wealthy citizens and a cotton mill man, was thrown from a wagon a few days ago past and so seriously injured that his recovery is very doubtful. The two mules that he was driving ran away and in attempting to jump Mr. Lloyd was thrown violently to the ground.

Because her lover had jilted her, Ruby James attempted suicide by drinking four ounces of laudanum at Salisbury last week.

A girl hobo dressed in men's clothes was seen beating a freight train at Statesville last week.

The alumnae of the State Normal College, are endeavoring to raise a \$50,000 memorial to Dr. Charles Duncan McIver.