

To all our customers and friends:

GREETINGS

The year which is just drawing to a close has been a most successful one with this bank, for which we have to thank our customers and friends who have made this possible.

We hope you have enjoyed a prosperous year, and that we have been of satisfactory service to you in bringing this about.

The Officers and Directors individually and collectively extend to you the Compliments of the Season, hoping that your Christmas may be a Merry one, and that the coming year may bring you increased prosperity and happiness.

Citizens National Bank
of Gastonia

MISS ALICE'S WEDDING GOWN!

Materials For Costly Costumes
Came From New Jersey,
China and Philippines.

New York, Jan. 23.—For the first time The American is able to-day to present an accurate description of the marvelous trousseau, including details of the wedding gown, of Miss Roosevelt, who will be the sixth bride to go forth from the White House when she is wedded to Congressman Nicholas Longworth next month. The rarity of White House weddings has put every one on tiptoe with interest in the coming event. They have been equally interested in the wedding gown and the other dresses in the trousseau.

The marked individuality of Miss Roosevelt made it certain that she would by no means leave either the material, the style of making or the garniture of this wedding trousseau to her dressmaker. That it would not be of the conventional type which the average bride leaves to her modiste to create every one felt sure, and for once every one was right, for Miss Roosevelt has verified the truth of all these prophecies.

TEN OF THE WONDERFUL DRESSES.

There are ten of these wonderful gowns made for the most part in the Empress or Princess styles, as the most becoming to the youthful bride, and lending themselves the more readily to the rich Oriental weaves of which nearly all of the trousseau is made.

The wedding gown, to begin with, is not being made in Baltimore, as reported, but in the establishment of a well-known New York French modiste, where Miss Roosevelt has had her gowns designed and made for years.

The first fittings of this garment were made in Washington last week and the work of finishing it will be resumed to-day.

A FULL COURT TRAIN.

There are twenty-six yards of material in this wedding gown, over which will fall a full court train, to consist of a like number of yards of brocaded satin in a graceful lily design, exquisite in texture and one of the many sumptuous pieces of brocaded and embroidered satin presented to Miss Roosevelt during her trip to the Philippines.

Draped in Princess design, the wedding gown will fit closely to the waist, then sweep away in a long train.

The gown is built up over a soft silk lining, which is finished at the bottom with many fringed ruffles of chiffon and lace to hold the satin out and keep it from tangling. Lace finishes the upper part of the bodice and the short sleeves, just below the elbow, but the decision has been reached that no more lace shall appear in the gown.

It is said that the bride's bouquet will consist of lilies and white orchids, but Mr. Longworth has not taken anybody into his confidence in this respect.

The small amount of lace to be draped upon the bodice is under discussion.

All stories to the contrary notwithstanding, Miss Alice's trousseau is nearly all made up of silks and satins and other fine materials presented to her upon her Eastern trip. There are pongees, plain and embroidered; crepes of the finest Eastern silk and make, hand-embroidered with shawls and pieces for slippers to match; rolls of that peculiar Oriental silk that is not pongee nor yet

quite like our taffeta or peau-de-soie, but which partakes of the qualities of all; there are pieces of obi costing from \$40 to \$100 a yard, and these average four yards to the piece; and a lot of other Oriental stuffs in embroideries from Indian mull, silks and the like.

The obis were among the presents of the Empress of Japan.

Among the afternoon gown materials in the trousseau are crepe embroidered in hawthorne, wistaria, morning glory and chrysanthemum designs, and satins repeating the first three patterns in Japanese workmanship, with silks showing Chinese embroideries—the gift of Tsu An, Empress of China—exhibiting the mingled colorings of roses, chrysanthemums, iris and lilies, blended to form a harmony of color.

EUROPE SENDS A SHARE.

There are embroidered silks and gauzes for evening wear, with French chiffons and American satins and lace from Germany, England, France and Malta to put in as trimming on necks and sleeves.

If Miss Alice is to have any taffeta petticoats, she has not, as yet, revealed any such intention. Sets of soft silk and batiste, hand-embroidered, are being purchased and made very elaborately, some of the lingerie petticoats having as many as four and five lace-trimmed flounces one above the other, the two upper flounces entirely covering the under ones, and the whole forming a foamy mass of lace at the bottom. Nearly all the underskirts have double and triple flounces, since so many of the gowns are crepe and pongee and these require considerable fullness.

A New Insurance Rating.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Wilmington, Jan. 24.—Directed by D. V. Taylor, special representative of the South-eastern Tariff Association, the entire State will receive new insurance rating. The re-rating will commence in Wilmington. Mr. Taylor has arrived in the city from Charleston and will begin his work at once. Buildings in which gasoline is used for lighting purposes will receive special attention. It is said the rates on such buildings will be very high.

Baked Hen in Jail.

Greenville News.

A big baked hen, a small hole and a hungry negro afforded a half an hour's entertainment to the inmates of the county jail yesterday.

Lewis Willis, one of the little darkies charged with robbing several local stores, received by express yesterday a baked hen as a present from his mother, who lives in Asheville. The fowl arrived all right, but a problem arose when an attempt was made to pass the package through the little wicket in the sieve grated door. The longer the darky fumbled with the awkward shaped parcel the more fantastically the delicious aroma of the onion-basted hen tickled his nostrils, so that in final desperation he tore the wrapping away and dragged the fowl forcibly through the hole, leaving more or less of it on the gratings.

Little Willie was the most popular prisoner in the jail as long as the hen lasted, and after the feast Jailer Noe found a still hungrier prisoner scraping the gratings where the fowl had been hauled through, and licking his lips in a reminiscent way.

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WHEELER PASSES THRO' THE GATES.

As One Sinking into a Profound Sleep—His Loved Ones Near.

New York dispatch, 23rd.

General Joseph Wheeler, the famous Confederate cavalry leader and brigadier general of the United States army since the War with Spain, died at 5:35 o'clock this afternoon, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn. The veteran of two wars, was 69 years old, but in spite of his age, there was hope until yesterday of his recovery from the attack of pneumonia which caused his death.

It has not yet been decided where the body will be buried, but probably it will be in Arlington cemetery, near Washington. Announcement of the plans for the funeral will be made to-morrow.

General Wheeler was taken ill six days ago, at his sister's home, where he has been living recently. He contracted a severe cold which developed into pleurisy and pneumonia. From the first his age told against him, but the family did not give up hope until last night when the disease was found to have affected both lungs.

General Wheeler's immediate relatives were all with him. His daughter, Mrs. W. J. Harris and the Misses Anne, Lucile and Carrie Wheeler, had been summoned from the South and arrived early in the week. His son, Maj. Jos. Wheeler, Jr., U. S. A., now stationed at West Point, was also present, as well as General Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, and her son.

The family were summoned to the bedside of the patient at midnight last night, when the doctors, in consultation, concluded that the end was but a matter of hours. The general was then awake and conscious and his mind was apparently active. He seemed to know that death was approaching, and though too weak to speak, he succeeded in giving signs of recognition and encouragement to his children.

Later the general sank into a peaceful slumber, and at the request of the doctors, the family quietly withdrew from the sick man's bedside.

General Wheeler was never again more than semi-conscious. He lingered until this evening and passed away quietly.

Sauce for Omelette, Sauce for Omelette.

Charlotte News and Courier.

A bill has been introduced in the South Carolina Legislature to prohibit the sale of any patent or proprietary medicine or other secret medicinal compound unless plainly labelled with the name and the amount of each of its ingredients. The committee to which the bill was referred has recommended that it pass with an amendment providing that it shall not apply to drugs compounded under the prescriptions of licensed physicians in this State. It has been suggested that "if this bill is passed in this form any licensed physician in the State can get up a proprietary medicine establishment and sell his medicines without such label."

"Why not 'tote fair'?" If it is necessary to have proprietary medicines or secret medicinal compounds manufactured in other States to advertise their ingredients on all their labels, why should an exception be made in the interest of licensed physicians of this State who shall engage in the manufacture of such medicines? The bill to which reference has been made is pretended presumably for the protection of the people. The restriction or abolition of the trade in so-called patent medicines would deprive many persons of one of their greatest pleasures in life—projecting with medicines—but the bill now before the Legislature if it is to be passed at all ought to be passed so that it will put all identical interests on the same footing.

Why permit drugs compounded under the prescriptions of licensed physicians in this State to be sold without requiring the name and the amount of each ingredient to be plainly labelled, and require that drugs compounded upon the prescriptions of physicians or chemists in other States shall contain such advertisement of their constituent parts? It does not matter what conditions the law shall prescribe for the sale of medicines so long as the same conditions apply alike to all persons or concerns engaged in the same business.

IS SHE PAULINE WEBSTER?

Young Woman Claiming to be Miss Pauline Webster Arrested.

Gaffney Ledger.

The following press dispatch received in the city Tuesday morning naturally caused great excitement, owing to the intense local color given the story by the statement of the woman that she was formerly with Gaffney. In an interview with a Ledger man, Judge J. E. Webster, who the woman alleges is her brother, stated that in his opinion the woman was a fake, he pointed out discrepancies in the woman's tale which would show that she was not the one she claims to be. On the other hand the tale is fairly straight and the whole matter presents a very complicated appearance, especially in view of the fact that if her tale should prove true, and she turns out to be the Pauline Webster, long thought dead, it would cause complications in quite a little property deal in this city.

The following is the dispatch: Kansas City, Jan. 22.—An investigation to-day at police headquarters into John Allains Whitman's marriage last Friday to Miss Marietta Jelley, a restaurant keeper, provided Whitman is a woman, and Whitman thereupon confessed she is in reality Miss Pauline Webster, a native of Gaffney, S. C. She will be prosecuted.

HER STORY.

"My father, Noah Webster, was a big South Carolina Mason," she said to-day in the presence of Chief Hayes. "When he died, eight years ago, he left some money to me and my two brothers, J. E. Webster and J. R. Webster. I did not think I got my share, so after quarrelling with my brothers I left home. I worked in hotels and restaurants, until about three years ago, when, one day in Dallas, Texas, heard a cook was wanted by a theatrical company, traveling in a private car. The owner of an employment agency told me, if I was a man I could get \$50.00 a month. I bought a cheap suit, cut off my hair and next day returned to the agency, and was hired. The employment agency did not recognize me. I talked little and took no one into my confidence. I have been masquerading as a man ever since."

SHE LOVED HIM.

"I loved him and thought that with his money and my little savings we would buy a restaurant and make a good living," sobbed Marietta Jelley to-day in her home at Sheffield.

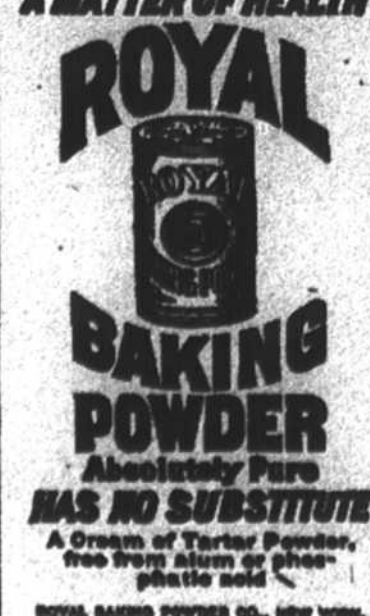
"I cannot believe he or she was a woman. I think it is good though I did not leave Kansas City, with him or her, or I don't know what to say. He wanted me for my money, little that it was."

Mr. Chas. Arrey Will Abandon the Whiskey Business.

Salisbury Dispatch, 22d to Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Charles Arrey to-day announced his retirement from business and will sell his saloon and fixtures as soon as he finds a bidder. All of his effects he offers at 25 per cent. discount. Mr. Arrey has been four years in the business and quits with the good will of Salisbury. He is recognized as a gentleman of a high type, is scrupulously honest and fair and his place has furnished no reproach to the city. He stops with clean hands. Mr. Arrey has not decided what business he will enter. He has large property interests here, but will go West shortly and put his fine business capacity into other fields.

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YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Register.

Cotton receipts are too light to be worth considering. Only an occasional bale is reaching the market these days.

Mr. D. W. Smith is selling his household effects with a view to returning to the west. He has been in very poor health since coming back to South Carolina.

Policeman J. M. Gamble, who killed Section Master F. N. Edwards at Fort Mill on the 13th instant has given bond in the sum of \$1,500 for his appearance at the next term of the court of general sessions.

The physicians, the mail carriers, and others who are compelled to travel the public highways whether they want to do so or not, say that conditions are simply horrible. Most of the physicians are traveling horseback.

If the postoffice department should carry out its suggested threat to discontinue the rural routes on which the average number of pieces of mail handled does not aggregate 2,000 a month, Yorkville will lose at least two if not three of her seven routes. It is hopeful, however, that no such condition will be enforced.

Sampson Steele, colored, of Bethesda township was brought to jail this morning by Constable Marshall Dunlap and committed on the charge of murder. He killed another negro named James Williams last Wednesday evening. The killing was done with a shotgun and Steele claims it to have been accidental.

Mr. Philip Hambricht, a well known citizen of King's Creek, was found dead in a new ground last Wednesday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. He was in his usual good health at dinner and went to the new ground some 200 or 300 yards away to cut cord wood. He was found by his wife and little grand child who went to the new ground to look for him. It is thought that Mr. Hambricht died of heart disease.

It is only a question of time until there will be no shade trees along the electric light lines. Several trees were killed even with the low voltage current from the Tavora mill; but the current from the Catawba Power company is far more powerful. It is said that when the wires come in contact with the branch of a tree the limb is quickly severed. A number of branches that were from two to three inches through have been cut off in this way.

"I have only one prisoner in jail now," said Sheriff Brown on Wednesday, "and I calculate that he will either be turned loose or sent to the chancery before to-morrow evening, when I will throw the doors open. The jail will then be empty for the first time since I have had charge of it." The jail was empty once or twice during Captain Crawford's incumbency of the sheriff's office, and also during the incumbency of Sheriff Logan. It is a rare thing, however.

A Bear Migration.

Asheville Gazette-News.

Bears are said to be more plentiful in Haywood county this year than for many seasons past.

A farmer from Crawford Creek section of the county declares that after the big snow of last week the bears in the Crawford Creek vicinity migrated across the valley to a distant range of mountains and that the tracks in the snow showed 27 bears had crossed the valley in one night. A number of hunting parties have gone out from Weynesville during the present season, and the bear hunters have had unusually good luck.

Classman All Right in New York

Salisbury Cor. Charlotte Observer.

Mr. E. W. Turner, of the firm of Swoot Bros. and Rogers, has returned from New York City, where he spent a week purchasing stock for his company. While there Mr. Turner took in "The Classman" which he says was played to a tremendous house. The advance sale of admissions, has been enormous and he says persons who are going to attend the show 30 days hence have purchased their tickets. He says too that the play was heartily applauded and the New Yorkers seemed to enjoy it.

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James F. Yeager

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NO WOMAN OR CHILD AMONG THE SAVED.

Refused to Leave the Wreck Even When Told It was Going to Pieces—Loss of Life Estimated at 121.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 26.—With only 33 of the 154 persons on board, known to be safe up to a late hour to-night, the wrecked steamer Valencia now lies submerged and broken on the Vancouver coast five miles from Cape Beale. Only a portion of a mast stands above the water, and the fleet of steamers and tugs to day turned their attention to patrolling the coast in the hope of finding boats, rafts of wreckage still afloat with survivors. But the belief grows stronger each hour that 121 persons including most of the passengers are lost.

Of the 33 persons definitely accounted for, and these do not include three men, believed to be survivors seen on shore by the whaling vessel Orion, six have been taken on the Salvor, bruised, half naked, exhausted. Nine others in a similar plight are still camped on Darling

creek in a telegraph hut, while the remaining 18 were picked up by the City of Topeka from a raft. Not a woman or child is among the saved, survivors saying that the women refused to leave the wreck even when told the ship was going to pieces.

An Incident at the Sanatorium.

Stateville Lockport, Ill.

A few days ago an out-of-town physician brought a female patient to the sanatorium for an operation. Dr. Long decided that it was not an operation but treatment elsewhere that was needed, and the physician, who had gone home, was notified to take the patient away.

About 7 o'clock last night the patient decided to leave the sanatorium and the night nurse, being unable to restrain her, went for help. While she was out of the room the patient escaped through a window. An alarm was given and soon the patient was found in a nearby house and was returned to the sanatorium uninjured. The walk, in her night clothes, through last night's storm, was rather a thrilling experience.