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LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

S. L. DOSHER, Observer,
Charlotte, N. C., July 23, 1895, 8 p. m.

BAROM	TEMP.	WEATHER.	PRECIPITAT'N.
30.09	81	Cloudy.	Trace.

Maximum, 89; minimum, 72
Corresponding date last year:
Maximum, 74; minimum, 69

WEATHER FORECAST.
For North Carolina: Fair; slightly cooler.

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The important sale of the new and elegant furnishings of the Phenix Hotel will take place July 24th, at 1 o'clock, at the hotel. It will embrace every description of goods requisite in equipping a first-class hotel, and adapted to the use of families, including oak and walnut suits, best hair mattresses, box-springs, feather pillows, wardrobes, carpets, rugs, rosewood and satin upholstered sofas, chairs, a rosewood Chickering Grand piano, also the celebrated Burr upright piano with mirrors, and numberless other articles. D. H. BROWD&R, Trustee.

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Undivided undivided profits	162,000
Paid up capital and profits	$337,000

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Of Concord, has located in Charlotte for the practice of his profession, and respectfully asks the public for a share of their patronage. Office in the Davidson building.

THE SCENE OF WEI-HAI-WEI.

It is to Be Represented at the Exposition —Sixteen Nights of It—The Greatest Effect Ever in America.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 23.—At the meeting of the executive committee of the Cotton States and International Exposition this afternoon, a contract was closed with the Pain Pyrotecnic Spectacular Company for their most realistic and largest conception. The scene to be represented will be the storming of Wei-Hai-Wei, in the recent Chinese-Japan war. The north end of the lake will be the scene of the display, which will run for sixteen nights, beginning with the opening night of the exposition. Scenery 65 feet high and 350 feet wide, representing the port of Wei-Hai-Wei, will be erected, and the whole scene of the storming of the Chinese harbor by the Japanese iron-clads and torpedo boats will be made very realistic by the aid of the ingenius fireworks of the Pain Company. It is the most gorgeous production in scenic effect which this company has ever placed before the public, and was secured by the exposition at great expense. The scene will reproduce exactly the appearance of men-of-war in action. Over 300 people will be required to operate the panorama, and for scenic effect it is such a show as has never been surpassed in America. The agent of the Pain Company is now in Atlanta arranging the details for the reproduction of the scene.

TRIED TO SHOOT A REPORTER.

Mistook Him for Another—The Passengers Stampeded.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 23.—A. Leslie Duvall, ex-assistant city commissioner, to-day stampeded a car-load of passengers on the traction line by waving a revolver and threatening to kill Wm. D. Burroughs, a reporter on the Morning Herald, who was a passenger in the car. Duvall was recently removed from office because of an investigation into his department by a committee appointed by the city council. He has been severely handled by the Evening World and threatened to shoot the writer of the caustic articles. He mistook Burroughs for the World reporter and had the conductor not restrained Duvall, Burroughs would have received the leaden messenger. The passengers scrambled out of the car, the intended victim, who was unaware of his danger, among them. A warrant is out for the arrest of the ex-city commissioner.

CARLISLE APPROVES BOWLER.

Caffrey, Blanchard and Meyer, of Louisiana Interview Him—He Says Mr. Bowler's Ruling is Right.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Senators Caffrey and Blanchard, and Representative Meyer, of Louisana, this morning informally discussed with Secretary Carlisle the action of Comptroller Bowler in holding up payment of the sugar bounty claims until satisfied of the constitutionality of the act making appropriations therefor. The Senators endeavored to show that the Comptroller is simply a ministerial officer with no power to pass upon the constitutionality of any law, and that his power is limited to the ascertainment of the fact that the account is correct and then to pass it.

Secretary Carlisle pointed out the fact that the position Comptroller Bowler assumed was not a new one. The Secretary said he could not direct him to pass the account; that the Comptroller, in his judgment, could go so far as even to decline to give any reasons for his act. This was a revelation to the delegation, although all three had voted for the bill which continued in the office of the Comptroller powers vested in it since the Treasury was organized.

He Jumps from Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, July 23.—King Callahan, a bar tender, dropped from the Brooklyn bridge into East river at 6:50 o'clock this morning. He now lies in a dangerous condition.

A man named Edward McGregor was arrested by the police as an accomplice of Callahan's. Callahan's jump from the bridge was a well planned one Callahan was to win $1,700 if he successfully jumped from the bridge.

Bowditch Point Now Belongs to the United States.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 23.—In accordance with an act passed at the late session of the Legislature, Governor Mitchell has executed and forwarded to Hon. John G. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury, a deed transferring to the United States, for light house purposes, Dowditch Point, on Estero Island, near the entrance to Punta Rassa, at the mouth of the Caloosahatchie river.

Index to This Morning's Advertisements.

No admittance to shoddy clothing at Rogers & Co's.
Mrs. Joe Person's remedy is a fine tonic and blood purifier.
Jackson Springs water cures dyspepsia.
To-day is the accepted time to visit Seigle's. Everything at cost.
Picture wire and hooks at the Wheeler Wall Paper Company's.
Insure with the equity Life Association of Virginia.
A spray of San Remo violet water will tone up tired nerves. R. H. Jordan & Co's.
Read Harris & Keesler's low price list.
Preserving kettles at J. H. Weddington & Co's.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

10 Cents a Line, Six Words to the Line.

FOR RENT—Two front rooms on Tryon street; cool and pleasant. C. M. Carson, agent.

WHOEVER picked up a $5 bill yesterday morning between Rogers & Co's. and Wheeler Wall Paper Company's can find the owner and a reward by calling at this office.

WANTED—A good machinist. Apply to the D. A. Tompkins Company.

EXCURSION to Asheville August 16th via Salisbury; round trip only $2.75; first-class accommodations; special car for ladies; good order guaranteed. W. B. Clanton, Manager.

I HAVE the J. A. Young property on North Tryon street for sale. This is a beautiful house for some one. Terms reasonable. Walter Brem.

IF you want a bargain in a home I have it to select from. E. M. Andrews.

EXCURSION to Asheville leaves Charlotte 8:20 a. m. and arriving Asheville 3:15 p. m.; don't fail to go.

OUR milk is thoroughly cooled and aerated before bottled. The animal heat and every flavor is all taken out. McD. Watkins.

IF you want to see Vanderbilt's castle and premises go on the Asheville excursion August 16th, next.

FOR SALE—Five shares Ada Mill stock at 104. W. OBSERVER.

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THE VILLAIN OF ALL THE AGE.

H. H. HOLMES IS SOON TO BE TRIED.

The Trial May Be in Canada—Howard Pietzel Not Found Yet—Holmes Wanted in Chicago, Canada and Philadelphia—A Conspirator and Alleged Multi-Murderer —Others Concerned in the Pietzel Case.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 23.—District Attorney Graham has not, as yet, formulated a definite plan for the prosecution of H. H. Holmes, the life insurance conspirator and alleged multi-murderer, in this city or elsewhere. That Holmes will be, at no remote date, arraigned upon the charge of killing one or more of his alleged victims, is without doubt, and the only hitch in the proceedings is the uncertainty of the district attorney and special counsel for the prosecution, Barlow, in determining whether he can be tried here, or at Toronto, or Chicago, with the safest possibility of securing a conviction.

To-day's developments indicate that Holmes will not be turned over to the Chicago authorities on the charges of killing the Williams and Connor women, but the case, as viewed from its present aspect, is now safe in the hands of the legal authorities in Canada and it is fair to presume that his conviction there can be secured.

District Attorney Graham stated today that he had heard from Detective Geyer, in Detroit, and that officer informed him there were slim hopes of finding the missing Howard Pietzel in that city, although the search would be continued until further orders had been issued. The district attorney denied that the Chicago authorities had asked for Holmes' extradition on the charges of killing the Williams and Connor women. He did not think that the case there was as good a one against the man as it would be at Toronto. "If a requisition for Holmes is made by the Chicago authorities will you agree to allow him to be taken there for trial?" was asked. "I hardly expect that a requisition will be made," replied Mr. Graham, "but in the event of a request we will take steps to prevent Holmes going there, at least until the cases here and in Canada against him are disposed of. New developments may crop out at Detroit and it may be that Michigan will want the man."

It is suggested that Holmes can be saved from the service of requisition papers by the authorities here and on any day can be safely lodged in prison to serve a sentence for conspiracy, to which he has pleaded guilty; but if the district attorney thinks that a conviction can be secured at any place upon a graver charge he will consent to have the man sent elsewhere for trial with the understanding that in case of conviction Holmes will be returned here to be sentenced for his self-confessed conspiracy.

Lawyer Thomas Faher, who represents the interests of Mrs. Pietzel in this city, to-day received a letter from the father of his client, who in strong language states that there are others in connection with the mysterious case who should be arrested. He stated that he thought all the conspirators were not yet known and hints that Lawyer Howe, of St. Louis, played a more important part in the affair than has yet been stated.

HOLMES' CELLAR SEARCHED.

Nothing of Interest Found—A Warrant Taken Out for Holmes for the Murder of Mrs. Julia Connor.

CHICAGO, July 23.—Four laborers dug all day to-day in the cellar of the house formerly occupied by H. H. Holmes, at Sixty-third and Wallace streets, and found little encouragement for their toil. The results of the day's labor were a woman's petticoat, of a small polka-dot pattern, the cover of an iron teapot and a small piece of iron which at first was supposed to be a portion of a human skull, but which the reporters present would not build a story on. Once the detectives found a board covering the gas pipe. This was at once announced as a coffin containing the body of Minnie Williams. The detectives in charge of the case did not deem the search of sufficient importance to be upon the ground sooner than 4 o'clock. The building is now closed to everybody, including reporters, the merchants occupying it being very indignant about the sensational stories which have been sent out, few of which had any foundation in fact. Not a clue has yet been discovered which is conclusive. The petticoat found to-day had some discoloration on it which may or may not be blood, but which looks like those which would be made by a piece of rusty iron. The petticoat was found in a barrel with just such contents as may be found in almost any cellar.

Arthur Manier, of One Hundred and Forty-third street, took out a warrant this afternoon for the arrest of Holmes on the charge of murder. Manier says he believes his aunt, Mrs. Julia Connor, was murdered by Holmes between August 1st and November 1st, 1892.

It is learned on good authority that Holmes has admitted that the Connor woman was killed by a criminal operation performed upon her in Chicago. Beyond the manner of the woman's death none of the details could be learned.

PINEVILLE PERSONALS.

The Movements of People In and About That Pleasant Town.

Correspondence of the Observer

PINEVILLE, July 22.—Crops are about all "laid by," and farmers have begun their annual vacation.

Col. J. S. Miller, of Pan Handle, has invited a party of his friends from Pineville to join him in a "fish fry" at Ivey's Mill, on the Catawba, next Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Lee Hoffman and Miss Beulah Younts leave to-morrow for Hendersonville, where they will spend some time for the benefit of Mrs. Hoffman's little son Jim.——Miss Annie Felts is in Charlotte visiting Capt. Ardrey's family.——Miss Edna Pegram, of Stanley Creek, will spend this week with Miss Bertie Rhyne.——Mr. Bob Felts returned to Baltimore yesterday, after spending his vacation of two weeks at home.——Mr. John Howie, of New York, is on a visit to his father, Squire John Howie.——Mrs. A. W. Taylor returned home yesterday from a visit to friends and relatives in Berryhill.——Rev. J. R. Walker and mother and Miss Annie Jordan left this morning for Farmville, Va. They will return about the first of September.——Miss Jane Monson is quite sick. Dr. N. G. Moore is attending her.

Messrs. Rodman, Heath & Niven have re-painted and otherwise improved their store.

Pennsylvania Arranging a Public School Exhibit at Atlanta.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 23.—The office of the Pennsylvania commission to the Atlanta Exposition was opened in one of the Senate committee rooms to-day by Secretary Keenan. A letter has been received from Chairman Herbert, of the committee on education, in which he says he is arranging for an exhibit at the exposition of the public schools of the State that have manual training in connection with regular studies. The education committee will meet in Philadelphia on this matter to-morrow. The building committee will meet Architect Gilbert in New York to-morrow, and examine a plan of the proposed Pennsylvania building. The latter committee will go to Atlanta next week for the purpose of selecting a site for the structure.

MOTT AND GUTHRIE IN CONFERENCE.

Their Plan Believed to Be the Formation of a White Republican Party, and How They Figure On It—Mrs. Fairbrother to Publish the Recorder at Hillsboro—Notes of the Japs—A Long Mayor's Court.

Special to the Observer.

DURHAM, July 23.—The contract under which Col. Al. Fairbrother was restrained from publishing the Recorder, while it excludes him from the whole State as a field for his newspaper enterprises, only prohibits Mrs. Fairbrother from publishing a paper in Durham county. Consequently she has decided that she will remove the Recorder to Hillsboro and publish it there. Mr. E. C. Hackney will get out the issue for this week here and the issue for next week will appear from Hillsboro under the editorial management of Mrs. Fairbrother. It is understood that she will make it as much of a Durham county paper as possible.

Dr. J. J. Mott, the "Iron Duke," of Statesville, has been here all day and has spent most of the time in conference with Major W. A. Guthrie. They are both leaders in their respective parties and were hearty supporters of the fusion last year. It is believed that both are anxious to see a white man's Republican party in this State and that they hope to attain this end by a continuation of the fusion movement for two more years. They think by such a course they can land the whole of that part of the white vote which has left the Democratic party and went to the Populists safely in the Republican camp. Populism they know can't live long, and if they can keep it in line against Democracy two more years they think they will have them safe. Then they will be relieved of the fear which the talk of independent action on the part of the negro vote has caused. Mr. W. R. Henry has also been here to-day seemingly enjoying a short talk with Major Guthrie.

Mr. R. H. Wright, who has been on a business trip of three months to China, Japan and the Phillipine Islands, returned to Durham last night. He says the Japs are celebrating their recent success in arms in a most enthusiastic way; that when he was in that country triumphal arches were to be seen in all the cities and that national flags appeared literally everywhere. He says that Japan has adopted a compulsory system of education and that English is taught is nearly all the schools. He has traveled a great deal and says that it will soon be so that a man can go to any commercial point in the world and find that English is the language in use. He says that even now when the Chinese from different sections of the Celestial empire meet in the big coast cities they have to resort to "pigeon English" in order to be able to communicate with each other.

Yesterday Mayor Peay had twelve prisoners in the dock when his court came to order. To-day, though he had only seven cases to try, his court did not adjourn until after 1 o'clock.—In his court to-day Thomas Watts, a young man who belongs to a good family here, was bound over to court for stealing money from a drunken chum's pockets. The boy would have had to stay in jail but for the relenting of his father, who had heretofore refused to help him, as he was so often in trouble, and seemed bent on a reckless and ruinous course.

Col. J. S. Carr and family returned from a stay of three weeks at Morehead last night.

MORE PLACES TO COMPETE FOR.

Positions in the Geological Survey Open to Competitive Examination.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The President, on July 15th, 1895, approved an amendment to the civil service rules, withdrawing from the list of places in the Geological Survey geologists, assistant geologists, paleontologists, assistant paleontologists, chief photographer, chief chemist, chemists and assistant chemists, chief engraver, engravers and assistant engravers, lithographic engravers, map printers lithographic printers, assistant lithographic printers, map revisers and statistical experts temporarily employed.

The editor and the photographer, formerly excepted positions, were placed on the list of places to be filled by non-competitive examinations. The only positions now excepted in the Geological Survey are one confidential clerk to the director, one chief disbursing officer, one chief clerk and professional experts and special agents employed at short periods at per diem salaries, and paid only when actually employed. These places will probably be included later, as they require another rule bringing them in the service.

About 125 positions are thus transferred from the excepted to the competitive class.

DEATH AND ACCIDENTS.

Cabarrus Occurrences—The Cabarrus Mill to Begin Night Work.

Special to the Observer.

CONCORD, July 24.—Capt. Nathaniel G. White, a highly respected and aged citizen of No. 11 township, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Will Morrison, a young man about 21 years of age, of No. 3 township, was thrown from his buggy yesterday evening about dark and nearly killed. His horse ran for several miles before he was thrown out. At last accounts he was still unconscious.

Master Stafford Morrison, the five-year-old son of Mayor L. M. Morrison, fell from the barn loft to-day and was seriously hurt. His suffering is intense.

One of Gresham's waiters, who handles lunches on the train, was let down from the vestibule at this place last night.

The Cabarrus Cotton Mill will begin working at nights on Monday next.

COTTON MILL FOR LUMBERTON.

Nearly All the Stock Subscribed and an Organization Effected.

Special to the Observer.

LUMBERTON, July 23.—Nearly all of the capital stock to a cotton factory to be located in this town having been subscribed, the stockholders met to day for the election of officers. Mr. B. Godwin was elected president; Col. N. A. McLean, vice president; J. A. McAllister, secretary and treasurer, with the following board of directors: E. K. Proctor, Jr., J. A. McAllister, R. D. Caldwell, L. H. Caldwell, N. A. McLean, C. B. Townsend. They are eminently representative of the wealth and business interests of our town. It is the purpose of the management to go to work at once. Eligible sites have been offered free of charge by Mr. B. Godwin.

80,000 Troops Prepared to Go.

LONDON, July 23.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg, via Edytkuhnen, Prussia, on the Russian frontier, says that preparations have been completed to place 68,000 Russian troops in two army corps on the frontiers of Manchuria and Corea, besides sending 121,000 men by transport service to Vladivostock. West Siberians and Turkestan divisions will be ready within a month to operate on the frontier of Manchuria.

The Silver Wing Triumphed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 23.—Despite opposition that met them at every step in agitating for a State convention, the free silver wing of the Democracy have triumphed at every point. The State convention will be held at Pole Springs August 6th.

THE WAR OF WORDS.

Horr and Harvey Continue Their Financial Dispute—Ratios, the Cost of Mining Silver and Other Matters Under Consideration.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 23.—No evidence of fatigue or lack of breath were apparent in the principals in the Horr-Harvey debate when time was called for the sixth round to-day. Mr. Harvey led with a vindication of the importance of the debate, which he said rested upon five historical reasons:

First, for two hundred years prior to the demonetization of silver in 1873, silver was seeking the mints of the world for coinage into money. Second, for two hundred years prior to 1873 there was no variation between the commercial and the legal ratio of 15½ to 1. During the 22 years since 1873, however, the two ratios had separated widely, and gone from 15½ to 1 to about 32 to 1. Third, for 328 years prior to 1873 the quantity ratio between silver and gold ranged from 56 of silver to 1 of gold to ½ of silver to 1 of gold, but notwithstanding this wide variation the commercial ratio had clung tenaciously to the legal ratio. Fourth, the price of silver in the London market as was in gold, up to 1873, was practically steady, while, since that date, silver had declined from 60 pence per ounce to 28.7 pence per ounce. Fifth, that this violent fluctuation from the price of silver has been going on since its demonetization and is going on to-day.

Mr. Horr did not reply directly to his opponent but took up Mr. Harvey's statement of yesterday that but one error had been found in his work, saying that there were myriads of misstatements, not in express statements of facts, but by false implication which any man of sence would repudiate on sight. At this point Mr. Horr created some derjsion at the expense of Harvey by saying that he did not deny that his opponent believed all he had written. As a matter of fact, it was impossible for him to tell what a man in Mr. Harvey's state of mind might be capable of believing. The statement in "Coin's Financial School" that every ounce of silver produced up to the present time had cost the producers two dollars an ounce was scouted by Mr. Horr. If the mine-owners had been producing silver at this cost and selling it as they had been doing at ffom $1.20 to $1.57 an ounce they had lost by the transaction during the last three years some two hundred and thirty-six million of dollars.

The next point of attack was the statement on page 53 of Harvey's book that the people of this country are annually paying to England $200,000,000 interest on national and private bonds. Mr. Horr denied this proposition flatly, and challenged any one to produce evidence that the indebtedness of the people of this country to all the nations of Europe involved anything like such an amount of interest.

Harvey then took his opponent to task for skipping about the book to find substance for his remarks instead of confining himself to the regular order of proceeding as agreed upon, and said that he would not be diverted from his original plan by such tactics.

A RUSH ON "THE ROCK."

The Watauga Leads in Numbers—Some of Its Guests—Minister Ransom Claimed by Ali.

Correspondence of the Observer

BLOWING Rock, July 22.—The company at the Watauga Hotel was never more delightful than this season. you will allow me space I would like to let others know through the "medium of North Carolina," who is here and what we do. First, as to our company. We have: Mrs. J. C. Boykin, Washington, D. C.; Mr. E. Dalngerfield, the distinguished artist of New York; Mrs. J. A. Beall and Miss Jessie Winterton, of New York; Mrs. W. S. Mallory and her two attractive daughters, of Charlotte; Mrs. Hoffman Atkinson and family, of Anniston, Ala.; Messrs. Allen and L. Turner, Col. Jas. H. Hynson and wife, Mr. H. LeSassier, of Anniston; Messrs. K. A. Atkinson, E. H. Pagard, N. A. Shepard, of New Orleans; Dr. Thomas E. Evins and wife, Mrs. E. E. Evins, Mr. S. H. Evins, of Woodward, Ala.; Messrs. H. W. and John W. Fries and wife and Misses Addie and Mary Fries, Salem; Mrs F. M. Latham, Baltimore; Mrs. J. Blanke, Charleston; Mr. J. M. Blankenship, Richmond; Lieut. W. E. Slipp and his charming wife; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cobb and family, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carson and Mr. L. W. Sanders, Charlotte.

The weather is delightful. We have excellent music and dancing every night.

Many of the ladies and gentlemen have formed a "pedestrian's club." They proceed soon after breakfast each morning to take a long tramp. Sometimes they tramp on to points quite distant and well known. Again they go to "explore" the beautiful mountain region around and try to find lonely spots hitherto unknown to the summer boarder. All the members of the club carry great tall alpine sticks, which are made from the balsam that grows on top of the "Grandfather" mountain. To crown the whole, the hotel colors float in long streamers from the top. The Watauga started this idea, and the other hotels are going to follow suit.

Pleasure seekers are pouring into the Rock. The Watauga is in the lead in numbers.

Minister Ransom is a distinguished addition to the society of the Rock. We regret that he is not one of the Watauga numbers, but we all claim him. He is at the Blowing Rock Hotel.

A MOST DISASTROUS WASHOUT.

Silver City Nearly Washed Away—The Loss is $150,000.

EL PASO, Tex., July 23.—Silver City, New Mexico, was visited Sunday night by the most disastrous washout in its history. The town is located on the side of a hill and in a gulch. A cloud burst over it, and almost without any warning a tremenduous avalanche of water swept over the town from several points. Probably half the business part was washed away, and in the main street the sand and debris were piled up to the windows of the houses. The postoffice building was destroyed and the Tremont, Timmer and Broadway hotels were wrecked. In fact, houses tumbled down all over town. Gillette & Son lost $12,000 worth of stock. Bridges were washed away, and five miles of the Santa Fe track was torn up. The weather is still threatening. The loss is estimated at $150,000. Silver City had 3,000 inhabitants.

A Chicago Stock Broker Fails.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 23.—Sidney L. Frazer, a broker on the Chicago Stock Exchange, was unable to make good his contracts on the floor to-day and stock was sold for his account. He is said to have left the city. The failure is not regarded as important among members, although it is not known how he stands with his customers. His seat was sold yesterday, and although an active member he was financially weak.

The twenty-sixth renewal of the great Lancashire Breeders' Produce Stakes of 2,500 sovereigns, for two-years-old, five furlongs, was run at Liverpool yesterday and won by Baron De Rothschild's Majestuesse. The Duke of Westminster's Hartford was second and Mr. Winter's Bruntwood third.

RENEWAL OF LEASE WANTED.

RAILROAD DIRECTORS IN SESSION.

The Southern Railway Company Desires an Extension of Its Lease of the North Carolina Railroad and the Matter is Under Consideration—Shiners Making Trouble in Johnston—The Railroad Mileage in the State—The News About Raleigh.

Special to the Observer.

RALEIGH, July 23.—The contention about the ratification of the revenue act continues. Auditor Furman says that the one ratification of the machinery act was conclusive; that the two were passed as one act and he does not see where there is any trouble. The Progressive Farmer attacks the Secretary of State in regard to this act and the latter defends himself in a vigorous way. To-day's Progressive Farmer, by the way, contains several attacks on the Democrats.

Dr. L. P. Sorrell was brought to the hospital here to-day. He is a physician who lives in the county.

As yet the question whether there will be any farmers' institutes this year is unsettled. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the State Treasurer to-day had a talk about the matter.

The increase in the assessed value of railroad property is gratifying. There are 3,017 miles of line. The Atlantic Coast Line has 717, the Southern 1,063, the Seaboard Air Line 665, and miscellaneous roads 1,172 miles.

The "Criminal Docket," Mrs. Arrington's paper, has not made its appearance since the institution of the libel suits.

Ex-Judge Spier Whitaker expects to make a big speech, and one full of argument, in the Cabarrus county case in which he is of counsel.

The shipment of grapes from Southern Pines will begin this week. There, as here, the prospects are fine. The grapes are almost entirely Delawares and Niagaras.

Travel on the railroads keeps up remarkably well.

During yesterday's severe electric storm the lightning struck several places in the suburbs of this city. Both houses and trees were struck.

This afternoon President S. B. Alexander and Directors Robert F. Hoke, Lee S. Overman and W. C. Maxwell, composing a special committee appointed by the board of directors of the North Carolina Railway, met here on very important business. This evening the committee called on Governor Carr and had a conference regarding the extension of the lease of the road to the Southern Railroad. The present lease has six years yet to run and the Southern wishes to know whether the Governor and directors are favorably inclined for an extension of the lease. The North Carolina road is an important part of the Southern's leased lines and is made doubly so now that the Southern intends to use the part of it between Greensboro and Selma for its freight route to Norfolk. Vice President Andrews is to meet with the committee to-morrow and will then, it is said, submit the proposition of the Southern. The North Carolina road last year gave a net return in excess of the lease money of nearly $25,000. The Southern is already looking to the equipment in high class style of the eastern division of the North Carolina road. The committee is quite reticent as to what may be done, as it does not yet know what will be the character of the proposition Vice President Andrews will make.

A prominent farmer of Johnston county arrived here to-day and informed the United States marshal and the revenue authorities that in O'Neal's township, in his county, there is a reign of terror, caused by the outrages and threats of moonshiners. The latter have shot two men, one of whom has died. The moonshiners suspected a woman who was picking berries of looking for illicit distilleries and made threats against her. They have also burned her home and outbuildings.

The State Treasurer to-day received some long-outstanding bonds of the North Carolina Railroad, known as construction bonds, and is advised of the holders of 22 of these. They are $1,000 bonds and matured 11 years ago. The holders want $2,880 each. State Treasurer Worth says he will pay $1,990 each but will not pay the interest since maturity. The whereabouts of these bonds has for years been a puzzle.

Two revenue deputies returned here to-day from a raid in twelve miles of Weldon, on the Roanoke river, where they destroyed a 14-gallon illicit brandy distillery and 21 hogsheads of pumace of apples, peaches and blackberries.

A GALLANT MOB.

It Wouldn't Endanger the Life of the Sheriff's Wife

LIVE OAK, Fla., July 23.—At 2 o'clock this morning a mob of 200 men rode into this place and attempted to storm the jail, their object being to lynch George Mitchell and Mike Stevens, two negro murderers. Sheriff Hawkins lives at the jail with his family and the mob made a demand on him for the keys. The sheriff refused and the mob began to batter down the doors with sledge-hammers. The sheriff pleaded with the mob to desist in vain. Finally he said: "Boys, my wife is sick up stairs and I am afraid this excitement will kill her. Go away for her sake. I will go to Tallahassee and beg Governor Mitchell to let these negroes hang." The appeal was effective and the mob dispersed shouting "we won't endanger a lady's life.

MINERS DEMAND HIGHER WAGES.

They Want Them to Advance on August 1st—If Not Granted a Strike Probable.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 23.—The Pittsburg District Miners' Convention to-day decided to demand an advance in wages, beginning August 1st. The price to be asked is 69 cents a ton where a store exists and 64 cents a ton where the operator pays in cash. These demands will be laid before the president of the Railroad Coal Operators Association, with a request for a meeting between the miners' representatives and the operators. Another convention of the miners will be held on August 1st to hear the answer of the operators. If the demands of the miners are not granted, a strike will probably take place.

The Ohio Campaign to Open at Springfield September 10th.

COLUMBUS, O., July 23.—The Republican State executive committee decided this afternoon to hold the opening meeting of the campaign at Springfield on September 10th. Senator Sherman was chosen to preside and speeches are to be made on the occasion by Governor McKinley, ex-Governor Forsker, General Bushnell and General Jones, candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The Strikers Gain a Point.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 23.—The striking ingrain carpet-weavers gained a point to-day when Krasher's Mill, at Trenton and Susquehanna avenues, resumed operations at the strikers terms, an advance in pay of 7½ per cent. The mill has 44 looms. There is no change in the situation as regards the other fifteen or more mills whose owners refuse to sign the advance scale of wages.

A $60,000 MILL FOR SALISBURY.

Nearly All the Stock Subscribed and Brick Bought—A Delightful Lawn Party—Personal.

Special to the Observer.

SALISBURY, July 23.—The $60,000 stock for the new spinning mill to be built here has now nearly all been subscribed, and several hundred thousand bricks have been purchased for the building. It will be pushed through rapidly. It is expected to have everything ready to begin spinning some time during the coming winter.

Mr. Claude Ramsay, who has been spending the past few weeks here and at Mount Vernon, this county, visiting relatives, left this morning by the way of Atlanta, for his home in Seattle, Wash.——Mr. T. F. Klutts went to Greensboro this morning.——Hon. Lee S. Overman left this morning for Raleigh.——Editor J. R. Whitehead and little son Julian left this morning for Morehead to spend a few days.

The lawn party at the residence of Mr. P. P. Meroney last night, complimentary to Miss Sawyer, of Asheville, who is a guest of the family of Mr. R. J. Holmes, was without exception the most enjoyable of the many entertainments given this season. The spacious lawn was lavishly and beautifully festooned with Chinese lanterns, while high Japanese parasols dotted the velvety grass here and there under which, on Turkish and Persian rugs the beauty and manhood of the community disported themselves amid the silvery twinkle of the mandolin. Music, laughter and song wied with each other for supremacy, while the flashing eyes of blushing maidens, evidenced the joyous pleasure their sweet laughter proclaimed. A sumptuous repast was served at 11 o'clock, which was partaken of and enjoyed by every one.

Miss Ida Meroney made, as usual, a most charming hostess, but the honors of the evening devolved upon Mr. R. J. Holmes, Jr., whose able management and untiring energy made the evening pass off with so much eclat. As a promulgator of such pleasure Mr. Holmes is without a peer, and bears his distinguished notoriety with becoming modesty.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.

The Summons Came Altogether Unexpectedly to Mr. Aaron Townsend, of Monroe.

Special to the Observer.

MONROE, July 23.—Monroe had another sudden death this morning. Mr. Aaron Townsend, accompanied by a negro, went in a wagon to look after a field of corn near town. When they reached the field two cows were in the corn. Mr. Townsend took one and told the negro to take the other, and they would tie them in the old field near by. Mr. Townsend had gone only a short way before he fell on his face. The darkey, accompanied by another, ran to help him, but he was unconscious and died in a few minutes after he was removed to the nearest house. The deceased was 76 years old and a native of Cabarrus county, and has been a member of the Methodist Church for more than 60 years. He was twice married, but had only one son, Mr. J. W. Townsend, who is a well known bookkeeper among all the cotton men of this section. He was a captain in the Confederate army, and for two years was a commandant in the Confederate prison at Salisbury. He was afterwards transferred to Charlotte where he remained in the ordnance department till the close of the war. He first came to Monroe in 1875 and afterwards moved to Shelby. About four years ago he moved to Charlotte, and for awhile had charge of the Hotel Mecklenburg. He finally moved back here and has been leading a life of quiet and rest. He was a peaceable and unobtrusive Christian citizen, highly esteemed by all good people, and his death is very much regretted. His son was at home but Mrs. Townsend was at Lenoir and is expected home to-night.

FATHER AND SON FIGHT A DUEL.

The Old Gentleman Shot Fatally—One 65 Years Old, the Other 45.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 23.—An impromptu duel between Wm. McKelvey, Sr., and Wm. McKelvey, Jr., was fought over the supper table in their residence at Willow Springs, near Cockeysville, to-night, and the elder gentleman is likely to die of his injuries. Mr. McKelvey, Sr., and his wife have been living in the same house with their son and his family, but because of a disagreement between the families the elder people had decided to vacate the premises to-morrow. At the supper table to-night hot words passed between father and son, resulting in the 65-year-old man using a revolver and firing point blank at the 45-year-old son. The bullet went wild and Wm. Jr., then shot his father in the abdomen, inflicting what is believed to be a fatal wound.

Niagara Falls to Furnish the Power to Illuminate Its Own Grandeur.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 23.—Experiments have been in progress for some time at the Schenectady Works of the General Electric Company in the interests of the Michigan Central Railroad Company for the construction of searchlights of sufficient power and quality to illuminate the falls. It is proposed to install two 48-inch lamps of 100,000 candle power each, producing an effect similar to the illumination of the Rhine Falls at Scallhausen, thus utilizing the great force of Niagara Falls to illuminate its own grandeur.

Wilkinson, Who Was With the Slain Woman, Held as a Witness.

Special to the Observer

ASHEVILLE, July 23.—Will M. Wilkinson, who was with Mrs. Jennyss, near Murphy, when fired upon from ambush and Mrs. Jennyss killed, was before Judge Ewart here to