

The Wadesboro Ansonian says: "There has been quite a little talk recently in regard to the Ansonian's publishing of the mayor's docket. Much objection, we understand, is made to the making known of what transpires in that court. Since the founding of this government it has been one of the great and fundamental principles of our liberty that courts should be open to all. Then, if the courts are to be open, why should the proceedings be kept in the dark? Let him who is ashamed to have his name appear in print connected with some disgraceful crime be also ashamed to have it appear on the criminal court docket charged with the same offense."

The Industrial News of Greensboro comments on the above as follows:

"So far as court records are concerned, we think that the publicity attendant upon the conviction for any offense acts more strongly in the majority of cases than the imposition of a small fine towards making men obey the law."

This is undoubtedly true, and while it is not a newspaper's business to "make men obey the law," it is its business to give the public all the information to which it is entitled, and it is unquestionably entitled to know everything that transpires in all the public courts. The Ansonian is right and should stand by itself and the public, even if some persons who commit a crime and want a back-door settlement do object. It may be of interest here, to state that so far as we have ever heard, no one who has been tried in the Recorder's court of Monroe has ever squealed because his name went into the papers, though some have been heard to say that they didn't mind the fine so much as they did their names going in print. The Anson boys will quit squealing when they get used to it and find out that it is essentially just.

The injunction secured by the Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line against the putting into effect the lower rates made by the last legislature was heard by Judge Fritchard in Asheville Saturday. He continued the injunction until January and referred the cases to what is known as a standing master, Judge Montgomery, who will go into the lengthy hearing of the facts and report his findings to the court. In the meantime the railroads are ordered to give each purchaser of fares a receipt for the difference between the old rates, which they are allowed to continue to collect, and the new or cheaper rates, so that if the cheaper rate stands all this excess must be refunded to the traveling public. The rates went into effect on the Seaboard and other roads yesterday.

Hoke Smith was inaugurated Governor of Georgia on Saturday. He was elected on a platform demanding railroad legislation and disfranchisement of the negroes, and the legislature will now proceed to put these planks into law. The suffrage law will be practically the same as the North Carolina law.

There is a report that the Texas legislature has undertaken to debar all persons suffering with tuberculosis from entering the State. Texas is a mighty big State to engage in so small a business.

Mrs. Carrie Nation Does Salisbury Brown.

Salisbury Special, 29th, to Charlotte Observer. Mrs. Carrie Nation, a world character, spent the night and day in Salisbury and twice during the time she was here she made public addresses in lurid castigation of makers, sellers, consumers and sympathizers with whiskey, tobacco and kindred narcotics and soporifics.

During the morning Mrs. Nation strolled the streets with reporters and gave her impressions of Salisbury. "It's a hell hole," she cried, "and I can see that you have plenty of poverty, degradation and suffering in your midst. You have plenty of saloons and every one of them is a ticket office to hell. O, look at that boy smoking that cigarette! Ain't you ashamed of yourself? What makes you want to ruin your body and soul that way? Every time I see a tobacco leaf growing, I call upon God to blast it. I think it is worse than whiskey and I think tobacco users will steal, lie and murder if they use it long enough."

C. M. Billings, the preacher who had to skip from Blacksville, S. C., on account of his alliance with a colored woman, had arranged to preach last Sunday for the First Baptist congregation at Lexington, with a view to receiving a call to the pastorate, now vacant. Saturday Billings telegraphed from Augusta, Ga., that "unexpected conditions prevented his coming," but he would come later if desired. He will hardly come later.

The Engine and the Cow.

A cow that wore a bell having been run over and killed on the railway, the owner brought suit against the railway for damages. It was proved that the engine driver blew the whistle loudly and tried to frighten the cow off the track. But the farmer's lawyer also proved that the cow rang her bell and tried to frighten the engine off the track, and so the jury decided in his favor.

Famous Loving Trial Ends in Acquittal.

After being in the jury room 45 minutes the jury this evening returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of former Judge William G. Loving of Nelson county, and manager of the Virginia estate of Thos. F. Ryan, who was placed on trial here last Monday before the Circuit Court of Halifax, Judge William R. Barksdale presiding, for the murder of Theodore Estes, son of Sheriff M. K. Estes of Nelson county. Judge Loving shot and killed young Estes on April 22 at Oak Ridge, following a buggy ride Estes had taken with the judge's daughter, Miss Elizabeth Loving, who told her father that her escort had drugged and assaulted her.

The jury retired at 4:45 o'clock, and from that time until the verdict was returned the defendant remained in the seat he had occupied since the trial began, and surrounded by the members of his immediate family with the exception of his daughter Elizabeth, who was not present today. At 5:45 o'clock a loud knock was heard on the door of the jury room and Judge Barksdale, who had taken his seat on the bench, ordered the sheriff to preserve order and cautioned the large crowd that had remained to not give vent to their emotions when the verdict was announced. The verdict of acquittal was read by Foreman B. S. McTraw.

The following statement was given out tonight by the counsel for Judge Loving:

"Within half an hour after the rendition of the verdict by the jury and the adjournment of court counsel for Judge Loving were called on by two members of the jury to convey to Judge Loving and his wife and daughter the information that while they believed that Miss Loving's statement on the witness stand of what she had told her father was a true account of what she had communicated to him, yet for a moment did the jury entertain the opinion that an actual assault had been committed by the deceased upon the young lady, but on the contrary they were fully satisfied beyond all doubt that no actual assault had been committed, but that there had been an attempted assault."

Counsel for Judge Loving upon being interviewed in this connection said: "The conclusion of the jury to the effect that no assault was committed was absolutely correct."

A month or so ago Judge Loving drove to where young Estes was at work and deliberately shot him dead. The evening before, Estes had gone driving with Miss Elizabeth Loving, daughter of the judge, and the father assigned as a reason for the act that his daughter had told him that young Estes had during the drive given her drugged liquor and had assaulted her. This story has been strongly denied by friends of Estes.

The trial was begun promptly on Monday and a jury was secured with out trouble. The State put on a number of witnesses, established the killing and the fact that it was done with premeditation and rested.

Judge Loving was the first witness for the defence. He said he was told by a relative that when his daughter returned from the drive to the home of a friend, where she was stopping, she was unconscious and a physician was summoned. As soon as he heard this the girl's mother went after her and brought her home. Judge Loving then told his daughter what he had heard and asked for an explanation. She said she went driving with Estes against her will; that he stopped at his home and got a bottle of liquor, that he offered her a drink and she took it, whereupon she became very dizzy; that in an isolated spot Estes forced her and that she lost consciousness and did not recover until she found herself in bed that night at the home of a friend. The witness said that after hearing this story no power could have restrained him from killing Estes; that he got his gun, drove to where Estes was at work and shot him dead without waiting for an explanation.

On cross-examination Loving admitted that he had been a drinking man himself, that he was at one time separated from his wife on account of his drinking, that he had suffered from delirium tremens, that he had taken a liquor cure but had been on sprees since, which had impaired his health and his mind, but that he drank no whiskey for two months prior to the killing.

Dr. Tunstall, who saw Loving the day he killed Estes, just before and just after the killing, said from his general appearance and the fact that Loving did not speak to him (the doctor admitted that he was not an insanity expert). Dr. Melvin testified as to the effects of drink on the mental condition.

Miss Loving, the victim of the alleged assault, was the next witness. In tears she told in detail the story of her ride with Estes, of his giving her a drink from a bottle; that she became dizzy; when he attempted to assault her she resisted as long as she could, but lost consciousness. She told practically the same story as related by her father. Under cross-examination the witness admitted that she had taken a drink at Estes' store before starting on the drive. She was asked if she had not taken a drink at the store at Easter, but on objection this question was temporarily withdrawn.

The defence rested Wednesday. All the testimony of the day was devoted to show that Judge Loving's mind was impaired by drink and that he was insane when he shot Estes. The prosecution, resuming, offered testimony to disprove Miss Loving's story, and pending a decision as to its admissibility court adjourned for the day. The evidence was subsequently excluded on the ground that it was not material to the case.

Farmers' Institutes.

Marshall, Wednesday, July 24th. Carmel, Thursday, July 25th. It is quite certain that a large majority of our farmers are not getting as good results from their farming operations as is possible without increasing either labor or expense.

Take for instance our great crop, corn. Do the 2,500,000 acres planted in corn produce what they should? Can we not increase the yield and the net profit by better methods? Do we select the seed in the best way? Do we plant the best varieties? Are the right kinds and amounts of fertilizers used and applied in the best way? Is our method of cultivation the best and done at the least expense? Is the crop harvested so as to secure the greatest feed value from it and at the least expense?

As long as the average yield for the State remains below fifteen bushels per acre, it is certain that the average man still has much to learn about growing corn, and it is probable that the best corn grower can also learn something and still improve his methods.

The purpose of the Farmers' Institute is to discuss just such questions relating to corn culture and similar questions about all other crops and farming operations. If the farmers of the county will come out and discuss such questions with a view of increasing their knowledge and improving their farming, this institute may be of untold value to the county.

These are a fair sample of the questions that may be discussed at these women's institutes, and surely they are practical subjects and an intelligent discussion of them cannot fail to be of much benefit to those who attend. If sufficient interest is manifested by the women of these institutes it is the purpose of the Department of Agriculture to make their regular features of the annual Farmers' Institute for this county. It will benefit every woman in the county to attend this institute. She may hear facts that will be of value to her in her work, but if she does not, she will still be benefited just the same, for she needs the day's outing. We hope there will be a large attendance at this institute.

Death of Mr. Jesse L. Sutton.

There is a reaper whose name is Death, And with his sickle keen, He reaps the bearded grain of a breath, And the flowers that grow between."

Again the hand of death has made it clear that he is no respecter of persons by claiming as a victim Jesse L. Sutton, who had just entered the bloom and vigor of young manhood. Jesse L. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sutton, was born 22 years ago the 9th of last May. He possessed a bright mind and a kind and manly spirit that made him friends wherever he went. For more than a year he had lived in Charlotte, where he won the respect and love of those with whom he was associated, as was so beautifully and tenderly shown by their last act of kindness in placing his body in its last resting place at Shiloh church. He was young, strong and brave, but on June 27, 1907, typhoid fever gained the mastery and his spirit fled to the world of spirits. May he who death all things well bind up the broken hearts of father and mother, brothers, sisters and friends.

"There is no death! What seems so is transition; This life of mortal breath Is but a suburb of the life elysian, Whose portal we call death."

Waxhaw Had a Sure 'Nuff Big Fish.

Probably the largest fish ever caught out of Twelve Mile creek was landed at Osceola last Monday morning by Messrs. J. H. and W. H. Starnes, sons of Mr. J. R. Starnes, a well known citizen and merchant of that place. Every body readily agreed that it was the largest freshwater fish they had ever seen. It was a German carp and weighed 181 pounds.

The monster fish was caught in a fall trap in Twelve Mile creek just below the depot at Osceola. Indeed old time fishermen were more or less doubtful that it could have been caught by other means. Certainly it could not have been landed with ordinary hook and tackle, and many were of the opinion that in its natural element it possessed sufficient strength to have torn its way through a common seine or net.

It was brought to Waxhaw and sold to P. T. Way for two dollars. It was then placed in a large tub of ice water and kept on exhibition for two or three hours in front of the Waxhaw Drug Company's store, where it attracted a great deal of attention and called forth a great variety of remarks and comments.

When the south-bound vestibule train No. 33 went by, it was hanging up in plain view of the people on the train and everybody from the engine to the rear end of the last Pullman car rubber-necked at it. Two photographs of the big fish were made by Miss Jewel Krauss, and it may be that these will appear later in this paper.

Popular Young Man of Durham Kills Himself.

William Moseley Smith, son of Rev. T. W. Smith of Concord, killed himself at Durham Thursday afternoon. He was a graduate of Trinity College, having taken his master's degree last month, and for three weeks has been in the employ of the American Tobacco Company. No cause was assigned for his rash act other than that he was tired of the fight with life and gave up all hopes.

William Smith, better known among his more intimate friends and base ball enthusiasts as "Billie," had been captain of the team for two years, playing at short stop. In addition to his athletic work in the college, he won honors in his studies. Senior year, manager of the Trinity Athletic and also manager of the South Atlantic Quarterly. He made good at all things.

Soon after finishing college he accepted a position with the American Tobacco Company in Durham and was assigned to work to learn the business. This morning about 10 o'clock he went to the manager and told him that his services were not such as to give him (Smith) satisfaction and suggested the idea of resigning. He was cheered up and told to go to a doctor and get some help that would relieve him of his depression and melancholy from which he was suffering. He did as directed, and then went to his room. When the medicine was delivered before 1 o'clock this afternoon his dead body was found in the room that he occupied.

From the circumstances in the case it was evident that he stood before a mirror and there fired the fatal pistol shot through his brain. He had undressed himself preparatory to retiring, as directed by the doctor, and the general impression is that he conceived the idea of self destruction but a moment before the act was committed. It was probably on the impulse of the moment.

Messrs. Frank Lee and Kinsey Armfield of Monroe, who were friends of the deceased, attended the funeral.

Old Time Singing.

How soul stirring was the singing of the songs in the Sacred Harp by the Parkers, Dees, Rogers, Outens and others on June 30th at Mr. J. L. Tomberlin's. The songs were those which our fathers and mothers enjoyed so much, such as Liberty, Union, Newberry Going Home, Parting Home, Midnight Cry, The Great Day and many others, that filled the souls of the singers and hearers alike with joy and gladness which only good words and music can do.

It carries us back to childhood and youth when these songs were in general use and enjoyed by our parents. How good it is for neighbors and friends to meet on the Sabbath evening and spend it thus, and to teach the young boys and girls to sing. Why not do this in every neighborhood? There is nothing more conducive to a religious life nor better for young and old when mingled with the spirit of the understanding. There is religion in it. Let every community in the country and town have a music class and God will bless the effort to the good of his church and kingdom.

M. WALLER, W. R. DEES, W. L. WEAVER, N. S. OUTENS.

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Farm Progress.

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THE modern farmer treats his soil well and has caught the true spirit of progress. He has a scheme of management. He practices good rotation of crops. He knows his soils, what each is best capable of producing and how long it will be safe to leave a certain crop on a certain piece of ground. He knows, for instance, that clover is a great renovator, a great restorer of fertility, hence the need for bringing it around to the proper time in the system of rotation. Sometimes he does not know why, but the average American farmer is the most intelligent agriculturist in the world. He is studying his business. When he feeds his fields in plant food, and feeds the soil, he knows what is best for them. The farmer is studying his plants, learning that the physics of the soil play an important part in the success or failure of his work. We feed the stomach and the stomach feeds the blood. If the stomach is not in the proper condition to take from the food such mineral elements as make up good red blood, then we are not managing ourselves as well as we manage our fields. Because you have indigestion, sour stomach, dyspepsia, you should get the stomach into a healthy working condition by taking plenty of outdoor exercise and give it a tonic which strengthens the stomach so that it will properly take up the elements of the food and feed the blood. If rich, red blood runs through the channels in our body, the arteries and capillaries, and the circulation is vigorous, we are as nearly good-as-gold as possible.

The above facts come from no less an authority than Dr. R. V. Pierce, medical director of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. In his early practice he was a close student of the facts as given above. Having a large practice in a farming district, he studied nature's ways and the human system. He hit upon some roots and herbs, made into an alternative extract, without the use of alcohol, which put the stomach into a vigorous and healthy condition and thereby fed the blood, making it rich and the circulation vigorous. This is why it is called "Golden Medical Discovery" and has gained such a wide reputation nearly forty years ago and has stood the test of public approval ever since. Without doubt more bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery have been sold in the

Be Kind to Your Aged Parents.

The following, on caring for aged parents, is strong and timely. It was published in the Religious Herald by request Dec. 13, 1882. It is worthy of a wide reading in the country, think the aged have outlived their usefulness: "My some, aged parents are considered a burden, of which they would gladly rid themselves. We often see these persons treat their parents unkindly, apparently forgetting the debt of love and gratitude which they owe to their father and mother. Ah! how ungrateful is the human heart! How apt is it to become cold and hardened toward those whom it once loved with the tenderest, holiest affection! Was it not your mother who watched over you in the hours of infancy? Was it not she who spent so many sleepless nights by your side as you lay in your little bed, suffering from disease which she feared might take the loved one from her sight? And, when the danger was past, knelt and offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his great kindness in sparing the life of her darling? She has prayed for you all through bygone years, and she prays for you still. It was she who taught you to say your simple prayer each evening as you knelt beside her knee. Oh, how you loved her then! Every childish care and sorrow was poured into her listening ear, and you ever found in her a sympathetic friend and counselor.

"And your father! Do you not remember when you used to stand at the window and watch his coming from the field, where he had labored hard all day long, that you might not want? And, when the evening meal was over, then he took you on his knee, told you pretty stories, and called you his precious child? And that, when you came to be of the proper age, he sent you to school that you might obtain an education and prepare yourself to become wise and useful, and be an honor to yourself and to the world? Have you forgotten all this? It cannot be.

"Stop and think what you do when you pronounce your father and mother burdens. Consider that the vigor of life is gone, that they have become weak and dependent, and that their poor old hearts need cheering by kind words and pleasant smiles. The shadows of their lives are lengthening—their sun is about to set. Then be careful that you cause no cloud to settle and obscure the glory of that sunset.

"Your father's growing old, His sight is very dim; He leans on his faithful staff, For he's weak in every limb. His years are well-nigh told, His earthly hopes are fled, He soon will slumber cold Among the silent dead.

"Your mother's old and weak, Her locks are thin and gray; Her aged form is bent, She soon will pass away. The one who loves you ever, You soon shall see no more, Until you cross the river, And stand on the other shore.

"Be kind to the old folks, then, They've done enough for you; They've braved the storms of life, And now, when age has come, And earthly hopes have fled, Oh, share with them your home, And cheer their dying bed.



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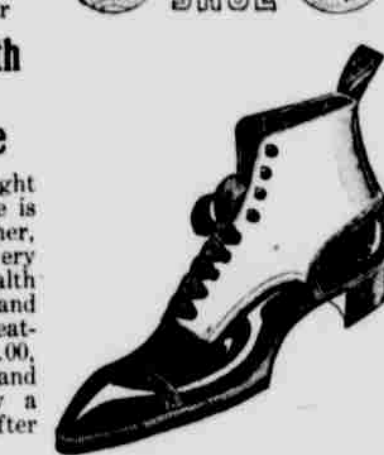
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