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# WELDON, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1915.

### WILLING TO DIE FOR HIM.

#### Negro Father Begs to Pay Penaity for Wayward Son

A human interest story is told the following news nem under Wilmington date line-

"William Merrick, an aged colored man, begged Judge Damels in Superior court to let hun pay death penalty for his son, Thomas Merrick, 18 years old, who was convicted of first degree murder of L. F. Hudson, a popular young white man, of this city, some weeks ago, baving shot him to death with a shot gun following a dispute over a huching rem "The jury had been out 22

hours, when the verdict was returned February 10, next, was named as the date of electrocution. Attorneys for the defendant took appeal to the Suprema Court. The father of the condemned youth is a butter in the home of a promi-Use nent family.

of our deepest respect and admira-

Few white fathers, when put to

he test, would voluntarily go to

he electric chair to save an erring

son, and so we say all honor to

the Wilmington negro, bowed

down with the burden of a great

LOOKING IN THE GLASS.

If you feel grouchy and out of

sorts and the world seems warped

and twisted from all viewpoints,

look in the glass. Your own re-

flection will set you thinking and

wondering if perhaps it is you in-

SOFFOW:

he nes of blood are not as strong. Ain't I been a partner to you? All my pennies don't I spend n the negro race as in the white- In gettin' nice things for you? Don't I give you lots of cake ? hat the negro parent does not suf- Say, stummick, what's the matter, that you had to go and ache? er the same degree of sorrow over Why, I loaded you with good things yesierday, I gave you more a tallen son or daughter that the Potatoes, squash and turkey than you'd ever had before white parent does.

But it all depends. The average And last night when I got to bed you had to go and ache \* egro, of course, by reason of a

nore limited capacity for the high- Say, what's the matter with you? Ain't you satisfied at all? er and nobler sentiments, is less I gave you all you wanted; you was hard just like a ball. sensitive to disgrace and more in- And you couldn't hold another hit of puddin', yet last night different to men's opinions. Oc- You ached most awful, stummick, that ain't treating me just right. casionally, however, you find a Tye been a friend to you, I have, why an't you a friend of mine P

case, like the one related above. They gave castor of last night because you made me whine where the love of the father or I'm awful sick this morning, and I'm feeling mighty blue, mother for the offending offspring Because you don't appreciate the things I do for you!-Ex is something pathetic and worthy

# PAPER FROM HIS HOWE TOWN.

When the evenin' shade is fallin' at the endin' o' the day An' a feller rests from labor smokin' his pipe o' clay There's nothing does him so much good, be fortune up or down, As the little country paper from his of home town

It ain't a thing o' beauty an' its print ain't always clean, But it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' mean. It takes the wrinkles off his face an' broshes off the frown, That little country paper from his old home town.

It tells of all the parties an' the balls of Pumpkin row, Bout who spent Sunday with his girl an' how the crops 'Il grow: How a keeps a fellow posted 'boar who is up an' who is down, That little country paper from his of' home town.

Now, I like to read the dailies an' the story papers, too, An' at times the yellow novels an' some other trash-don't you?



If You Should Happen To Do Any. of These Things, What Do You-Think Other People Would Think

When you meet a fellow on the street and his face is warped and twisted by an unboly screekly what

seat on a train and lets a fired womun stand with a baby in her arms, what do you think?

into your ear that Tom Janes "is a good one to look out for, " that he (Smith) said so, what do you think?

another woman "is the biggest gossip in town and that the gossip's own closer to just justified and skeletons," what do you think ? When a politician promises you

the earth with an iron tenes around it and the moon with ill its green cheese if you will only vote for him, what do you think?-

When a man coughs up a stiff prayer in church on Sunday and then skins you on a sharp deal on Monday, what do you think ?

When a preacher tells you of the glories of religion and of the benefits of purity in your daily life, and l goes off and eats his Sunday dinner with the biggest old church hypocritin town, what do you think ?

When you hear a fellow bragging of the great deeds he has done and you know he is lying faster than an automobile can speed, what do you think 2

When a man tells you a smutty story of some good woman and you know here character is as white as his soul is black, what do you think?

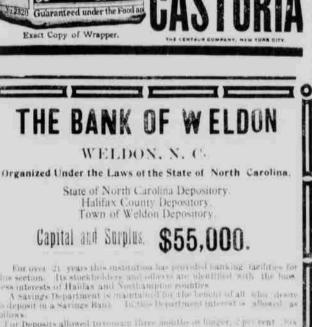
When you hear a young triaggart making suggestive remarks about every young girl in town except his own sister, what do you think 2

When you see one man trying to undermine the legitimate business of another by making veiled allusions to possible financial disaster, what do you think ?

When a man owes you a dollar, and crosses the street to avoid

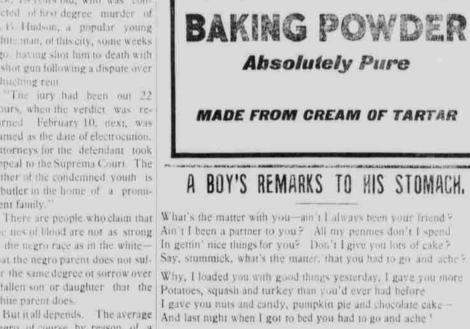


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When one woman tells you that



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