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For the two years ended June 30 last there were 16,627 criminal trials in North Carolina, and 10,846 convictions. The total was 2000 less than in the two preceding years.

The great humorist, Mark Twain, went before the bureau of licenses in New York Thursday and spent an hour or so convincing the officials that an extortionate cabman should have his license taken from him.

Sir Arthur Sullivan, the musical composer, is dead in London. He was unquestionably the most popular composer of his generation.

The situation of affairs in China is declared to be constantly growing worse. Minister Conger is now said to favor the extreme demands of some of the European powers.

It is gratifying that one senatorial primary has proven sufficient for North Carolina. A primary of any sort without legal authorization and safeguards is bound to be an unmixed evil.

Speaking to thousands of Frenchmen at Marseilles on Thursday, President Kruger, the exiled head of the Boer republic said, "I assure you that if the Transvaal and the Orange Free State must lose their independence, it will be because all the Boer people have been destroyed with their women and children."

Still At It.

Those wise statesmen and loyal Democrats who have been voting the Republican ticket for the past four years, are still eagerly suggesting the necessity for reorganizing the Democratic party.

Hon. John G. Carlisle, who is certainly a man of brains, admits that if reorganization comes it must be at the suggestion of the southern states, where Mr. Bryan received nearly all of his electoral votes.

This is nearer sanity than anything we have seen on the subject. The Post declares that Mr. Bryan and the party leaders who gave him their support in 1896 and in 1900 are the only men that could take the Democratic masses with them.

But neither Mr. Bryan nor the leaders who stand with him have given forth any utterance that can be interpreted to mean that they favor reorganization whatsoever. On the contrary, those of the leaders who have spoken unqualifiedly oppose any such step.

One thing is certain, and that is that something else than that it has met with two successive defeats must be assigned as the reason for reorganization before it will come. The seven million men who voted for Bryan on the 6th of this month must be convinced that the platform upon which he stood was wrong before they could, as honest men, abandon that platform.

ALDERMANIC SESSION. MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD LAST EVENING. At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last evening the Atkin street matter was brought up again by Maj. H. C. Hunt, who wanted to know what the board intended to do about the proposition of the residents of that street to put in the stone culvert.

FOR JUDGMENT CREDITORS

DECISION IN THE WESTERN CAROLINA BANK CASE.

Yesterday afternoon in Superior court Judge Allen heard argument on the Western Carolina bank case. It will be recalled that the bank at the time of its failure attempted to execute a deed of assignment to Lewis Maddux and L. P. McLoud. The creditors contended that this deed of assignment was void under the section of the code saying that any creditor might attack such a deed within 60 days after its registration.

Judge Ewart, who was then attempting to exercise civil jurisdiction, attempted to appoint Messrs. Maddux and McLoud receivers of the bank on the afternoon of October 12. Numerous small creditors took judgments before Justices of the peace on the 12th and 13th of October. About midnight of October 13 Judge Norwood, who, it is admitted, had jurisdiction, appointed Messrs. Maddux and McLoud temporary receivers.

These creditors claimed that their judgments docketed in the office of the Superior court clerk created liens on real estate up to the time of the appointment of receivers by Judge Norwood. This was resisted by some of the larger general creditors and stockholders of the bank. The case was heard yesterday on an agreed state of facts.

Judge Allen this morning announced his decision, which was in favor of the judgment creditors, holding that they had liens on the real estate. The amount of the judgments is about \$500.

The case of Mrs. Julia E. Woodcock against Col. J. M. Ray was also argued, J. W. Summers, representing the defendant, and Alfred S. Barnard representing Mrs. Woodcock. The plaintiff is suing to recover a judgment of \$4000, by right of subrogation to the rights of J. B. Bostic and others, sureties on a paper executed by Colonel Ray to J. B. Bostic and others. The plaintiff claims that she has the right to be subrogated to all rights which Mr. Bostic and his associates had under the paper signed by Colonel Ray.

FOOTBALL HYMN.

Ye sons of the West,
Yet sons of the East,
Ben All's sons abound,
Dost feel the all
Of the Criss Cross ground,
And nail it to the rail?

Ye Center's rush,
And ye Ender's push,
The Halfback's runs surround,
Dost feel the all
Of the Criss Cross ground,
And nail it to the rail?

HORSE SHOW PLANS.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The managers of the Horse show are determined that the exhibition next year shall be decidedly up to date and far in excess of this year's show. To that end President Moore has attended the New York horse show and has looked into all details affecting such exhibitions.

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Major Hunt did not agree with the city engineer in regard to the cost and hinted that the property owners would fix the culvert, the city paying only \$3000. This proposition was favorably received by the board, who agreed to pay the money in installments of \$600 yearly until paid, the work done to be specified by the city engineer.

L. Blomberg asked the board for permission to get rock from his property near the depot by blasting without the supervision of the street superintendent, who could not be present owing to work elsewhere. After some discussion the matter was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Alderman West brought up the matter of Mrs. Patton's house on Orange street, in regard to having the house moved back. The matter was left open.

O. D. Revell was before the board in regard to extending sewerage so he could make connection with the same from the Barnard building. He made a proposition to the board to do the necessary work and take it out in water rents. Chairman Sherrill of the water committee moved that the proposition be accepted, which was done and the work was ordered.

Alderman Sherrill also made a report recommending a sewer line of about 225 feet for Grady street, the work to be done by convict force. Adopted.

Alderman West brought up a matter relating to a house on Sunset drive owned by Dr. Porter. The trouble lies in the fact that in building steps to lead from the sidewalk into the basement the steps were made to take in part of the sidewalk, making it dangerous for a person walking that way after dark. The board ordered that the clerk notify Dr. Porter to have the place put in safe condition.

Dr. T. E. Linn made complaint to the board about two cottages of his on Montford avenue. He stated that the houses were built on the old grade, which he thought was a permanent one. That since the new grading had been done one of his houses was three or four feet and the other six feet below the sidewalk and that this condition of affairs had prevented him from renting them. After discussing the matter some time it was referred to the street committee.

A petition was read from the market house people requesting permission to close all day Thanksgiving day, the market to remain open until 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, the 28th. The request was granted.

AT THE GRAND.

Those who attend the performance of the Black Patti Troubadours may confidently expect a genuine treat. The two score artists who comprise the company have been selected with rare judgment and they offer superb support to Black Patti. The performance they render includes comedy, burlesque, vaudeville and opera, presented with magnificent and costly costumes and appropriate scenery.

25TH ANNIVERSARY.

Pittsburg, Nov. 24.—The congregation of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic church (Polish) began a celebration on the 25th of its first quarter century, and will close the festivities tomorrow. Tomorrow there will be a grand parade of church societies.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Fitcher.

Advertisement for 'FOOD THINGS' featuring Thanksgiving dinner products. Includes an illustration of a table set for a meal and text: 'We have everything that you need to make your Thanksgiving Dinner complete. Send us your order.' Below this is an advertisement for 'FLOUR FOR CAKES' by Swan's Down Prepared Cake Flour, and a business card for 'G. A. GREER, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERIES AND FEED, 53 PATTON AVENUE'.

Advertisement for 'READERS go to Bainbridge's Book Shop for new Standard and out of the way Books. History of the Devil just out.'

Advertisement for 'Wood's Seeds. Every Farmer should have a copy of Wood's Autumn Catalogue of SEEDS AND GRAIN. For Fall planting. It tells all about GRASS & CLOVER SEEDS, Hairy, or Winter Vetch, Crimson Clover, Seed Wheat, Oats, etc.'

Advertisement for 'Get Ready for Winter' by J. P. BABINGTON, PRACTICAL STOVE DOCTOR. 'A full assortment of "JUMBO" and "BOSS" GRATES and LEGS always on hand. NO. 51 EAST COLLEGE STREET. PHONE NO. 622.'

Advertisement for 'Use Pink and save Tickets... money' by H. C. JOHNSON, A. W. MCFEE, BON MARCHE, W. A. BLAIR. 'For further information apply 45 Patton Avenue'

Advertisement for 'PICNIC WAGON' by Asheville Dray Co. 'Seats 24 people comfortably; cushioned seats; handsomely painted; for hire by the hour. R. M. RAMSEY, Proprietor. Phone 223 Office No. 1 Court Square.'

Advertisement for 'A CHEERY FIRE' by CITIZENS COAL CO. 'When conversation lags, there's always food for thought, fancies, visions in the bright glow of coal fire flames—comfort and warmth as well. Is your winter store of coal for heating and cooking enconced in your cellar? If not we are easily accessible by personal or telephone call, mail or messenger. 45 Patton Avenue. Phone 223'

Advertisement for 'LEGAL BLANKS CITIZEN OFFICE' by Blair, Mackey & Co. 'Successors to the Riverside Undertaking Co. FUNERAL DIRECTORS 37 South Main St. Phone 198'

Advertisement for 'Book Printing--Job Printing The Citizen Company'

Large advertisement for 'KERR-HODGES CO.' featuring illustrations of various styles of shoes. Text includes: 'Do you Ride? We have excellent lines of Leggings in leather and canvas, at very low prices.' 'Rubbers and Warm Shoes: The weather is damp and overshoes are more necessary now than if the temperature were lower.' 'Shoes for Children: Several of the most stylish and most durable lines made in the country, suitable for school service.' 'Men and Women's Shoes: In all styles and weights, from \$6.00 per pair down.' 'KERR-HODGES CO. 50 PATTON AVENUE Near the Postoffice'