

## LUSK SUES SETTLE

### A Matter of Fees in the Moody Contest.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 7.—Special. Col. V. S. Lusk has instituted suit in the Buncombe county superior court against Hon. Thomas Settle for the recovery of \$250. Col. Lusk was associated with Mr. Settle in the contested election case of Moody against Gudger, and the cause of action has grown out of this fact. Col. Lusk claims that \$250 is the balance due him as his fee in the election case. He says that Maj. Moody had agreed to pay him \$500 for his services, and did pay him \$250 before his death; that after Maj. Moody's death and when the contest had been ended and Mr. Settle had secured from Mrs. Moody \$2,000, as alleged in another complaint, Col. Lusk asked for the remaining \$250 and was told if he would sign a receipt for \$250 to be given Mrs. Moody, Mr. Settle would pay Col. Lusk \$250 from the amount received from the widow. It is this amount that Col. Lusk is now suing for. Mrs. Moody recently began suit in the superior court of Haywood county against Mr. Settle for the recovery of the \$2,000 paid the attorneys, which she claims to have paid Mr. Settle after her husband's death and through a misunderstanding.

## Temperance Convention at Raleigh

Editor Lailey, of Raleigh, N. C. is sending out the following letter and call. The friends of temperance in Hendersonville ought to send a representative to this Convention:

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 20, 1904.  
Dear Sir and Bro.:—As a friend of temperance and a factor in our progress, you are invited to attend the great Temperance Convention at Raleigh, January 19, 1905, call for which I enclose herein. See to it that some one represents your section—county, town or township.

This meeting will either carry our cause forward or set it back; will either confer the prestige gained by our victories these two years, or create the impression that we are careless and over confident; will either follow our victories with a sweeping triumph or with reaction and loss. My desire is that we shall have a meeting so great and enthusiastic that our cause will sweep everything before it.

Make a sacrifice to be present. If ever the cause needed you it will need you at Raleigh, January 19th.

Will you not "talk up" this Convention? Urge your friends to come and come yourself. See that your local paper speaks of it. Write to the editor and ask him to advertise the occasion.

It is true that a mighty effort now will accomplish great things and bring us by a great leap nearer the point of total victory. Come and lend your weight to this mighty effort.  
Yours in the cause,  
J. W. BAILEY,  
Chairman.

The Nebraska-Missouri boundary line question is still the companion of the query as to who struck Billy Patterson. The United States Supreme court decided the other day that it is not where the Missouri is but where it use to be, not taking into consideration that the only thing more difficult than to know where it use to be, is to find out where it is going to be.

Mr. Chadwick is rather hesitating in his expressions of belief in his wife's honesty. Is this caution, or more passion for the naked truth? If the former, it might be well to remind him that the world never goes back on a man for standing by his wife. Witness the sales of Egerton Castle's last novel in which a neglected husband pays his wife's gambling debts.

Firemen have found a way at last of keeping woman from pressing too close to the lines at a fire. A New York Turkish bath establishment caught on fire and six men escaped in their skins. The woman pressing on the fire lines without further inducement fled.

Not all the horrors of sudden and bloody death are associated with war. During the twelve months ending June 30th last, 3,787 persons were killed and 51,848 injured as a result of railroad accidents in the United States.

## Some of Tryon's Noted Guests.

Written for the Lanier Club by Mrs. George E. Morton.

(From The Tryon Bee)

I was asked by our honored president to furnish a paper for this club on some of Tryon's noted guests, but I find the word "noted" means different things to different people. Some ladies and gentlemen who have been here I never knew were noted until it was duly explained to me and in some instances failed, then, to comprehend the reasons for it. So as I only am responsible for this little dissertation I shall speak about some of Tryon's guests who appear to me as worthy of note and altho' I have tried to learn all the names of the noted guests, I know many have escaped me.

I was not given any prescribed time to deal with so there again I use my own judgment.

In trying to determine a date to start from I kept going back and still farther back until I got to prehistoric times, that is prehistoric in so far as this place is concerned, and there I begin.

Certainly some of the most noted people who have lived in this territory now called Tryon, by that I mean Tryon township, if we can judge of what they have bequeathed to us were the old Cherokee Indians. In numerous places one I have in mind in particular the place where I live, have been found thousands of arrow heads and spear points also a few battle axes which attest the fact that many a brave battle had been fought in this region in which some warrior made himself so conspicuous that one of the mountains in the vicinity was named for him and unto this day is known as Warrior Mountain.

The Indians were noted people hereabouts long after the dawn of history. A battle between the Indians and Revolutionary soldiers took place in Howard Gap in which Capt. Howard who with his soldiers had been stationed at the Block House on the southern border of Tryon, fought and defeated the Indians and killed their chief "Skyuka," who with the rest of his slain were buried on Warrior Mt. and their graves can now easily be found.

It must have taken great courage to go into these mountain gorges and dislodge the red men who held them, so valiantly did Capt. Howard fight that the gap was named for him and was up to the time of the railroad the only turnpike from Tennessee through this range to South Carolina.

The man who bequeathed his name to Tryon mountain was an old Colonial Governor, tradition says that he was a noted sojourner hereabouts, that he was a refugee, hiding on the mountain now proudly bearing his name and his dining table, a huge rock is still pointed out. But I am told it is all tradition.

In revolutionary times we find other noted people here. Mr. William Mills, great-grandfather of Mr. T. C. Mills fought as an officer in the battle of King's Mountain. Who shall dispute his fame on coming back to his health and home!

And here let me pay tribute to the brave ones who stayed at home and preserved themselves from the Indians and wild animals, perhaps the greatest heroes could be written upon their deeds if only they had not been buried in oblivion.

The Indians were so plentiful and so savage that the women kept a watch at the windows and when they saw any hung out a white flag to warn the men who were at work in the field. One woman, a Mrs. Hannon, who lived where the large barn of Messrs. Conner and Howes now stands at Valhalla, saw the Indians come a carryoff her two youngest children and scalp them! Who shall deny her right to fame to behold that and still preserve her senses!

For nearly 100 years Tryon lived alone almost unknown and unvisited by the outside world. Not until the Civil War do we hear of any famous people when Gen. Sherman of the union force pushing his way from Tennessee to Atlanta, found the only available route through this mountain range was the old Asheville and Spartanburg turnpike and down he came with his soldiers foraging on all sides and leaving destitution behind him! Also a name more noted and notorious than any other visitor since.

been named came to Tryon and Lynn in 1881. He was brought here a very sick man and only lived six weeks, his wife and two youngest children were beside him constantly. He was carried to the noted "McAboy House" which is now the "Mimosa" and under the care of Dr. McAboy and his daughter Mrs. Wilcox. His last days were pleasantly spent. So well did he like the place he advised his wife to remain here as her home. Two years later she came back and resided here until about 1897, sorting and editing her husband's letters for a biography of the deceased poet and also preparing lectures which she delivered in many parts of the country. Our Lanier Library got its start from some of Mr. Lanier's many volumes which his wife gave as a nucleus.

This McAboy House was a flourishing hostelry long before Tryon was in existence and under that name, later as the Lynn Hotel and now as the Mimosa has sheltered many noted people.

Mr. Solon Robinson, agricultural Editor of the New York Tribune lived here before Mr. Lanier came. He had made his name well known in helping to clear out that den in New York called "6 points;" also he wrote a book as large as a dictionary, it is said giving hints to farmers and his name was a household word in the rural districts. Also Mr. W. H. Carmen for many years editor of the Rural New Yorker and for whom the celebrated Carman potatoes and Carmen Peach were named was at this house. Quite a number of naval officers have been guests here. Commodore Batcheller and Lt. Corn Perkins and Capt. Thomas. The former, however, died at Oak Hall and Lt. Commander Perkins spent some time there and always said when he left the navy Tryon was to be his home. Capt. Thomas did settle here in the Pacolet Valley, to him the most beautiful spot on earth and he built a handsome residence every room so arranged it commands a magnificent view. He and his wife lived here many years, he took an active interest in horticulture, being President of the Polk county Horticultural Society at the time of his death in 1897.

In 1893 a new kind of a human being struck the town, or at least, so it seemed to the natives.

Mr. William Gillette, playwright, actor, and all round developed man! He arrived here broken down in health and spirits and was bound for most anywhere.

As the train halted at Tryon he got out, looked around, was impressed by the scenery and general conditions and concluded he would stop over. He liked so well he bought a large tract of land, put him up a big shack filled it with all sorts of quaint devices and lived here until his health was regained. While here he wrote "Too Much Johnson" which brought him handsome returns. Many are the yarns told about him while he was here. His shack has been added to an enlarged until now it is an ideal home in the woods and is fitly trimmed "Thousand Pines." Mr. Gillette runs down here once in a while for a short visit and we understand intends in the indefinite "sometime" to live here, meanwhile some of our other "noted people" go there on some pretext or other to see the place and get inside if possible, oftentimes the intruder is a newspaper woman who wants to write up a column article on the place for her home paper.

Every winter the house is occupied by Mr. Gillette's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Warner. Mr. Warner being the noted critic and also co-worker with his brother Charles Dudley Warner, in the Warner Library of Literature. And his delightful personality brings to mind the genial Character of the Editor of the Easy Chair in Harper's monthly.

Another actor of note was Mr. Tannahill, a New York comedian who died at Oak Hall when Mrs. D. H. Williams was the manager. His acting no doubt brought him fame but he had one other quality which he seemed prouder of and that was his convivial habits. On being expostulated on his excessive drinking, he said he had drunk enough whiskey to float the great Eastern which, if true, was certainly a famous achievement.

Five or six years ago the celebrated Cissy Loftus was a guest at the Mimosa Hotel; being here to recover from the effects of a broken or sprained ankle or heart or something. While here she hid her light under a bushel and wink little was seen of her even her "wink." Three winter ago Mr. Klav of the firm of Elanger and Klav of New York rented Mr. Godshaw's house and dwelt there for about six months Mr. George H. Broadhurst the wellknown playwright was at the Mimosa a few months ago and while there wrote the play "That American" for W. H. Crane who will star in it.

With Tryon's beautiful scenery it is strange that no more celebrated artists have been here. For every step a new

picture presents itself and the sunrises and sunsets are to be found nowhere more beautiful even in Italy. In the spring when the soft shades of the budding foliage are on every hand and the brilliant red roadways lead to spots the imagination loves to linger on then it is that the artistic sense is completely satisfied and more beautiful pictures are waiting to be perpetuated on canvas than have ever yet been painted. The only artist of note who has been here, I find, is Miss Amelia M. Watson of Boston, a friend of Mr. Warner and family and oftentimes their guest. We have many local artists who may be worthy of fame but as I am no judge will leave others to recognize their talents.

Tryon has always been a musical place several of its towns people being accomplished performers on different instruments, many of these have been educated in Germany and might have been famous if they had so desired. We have had so many guests who have also been fine musicians that a concert of the highest order can be rendered on only a day's notice. Mr. Joseph Denck or "Joe Denck" as he was familiarly called was often a guest here and would entertain his friends by the hour first with the most brilliant classical music and the latest vandeville. Miss Lonie Ward and Miss Louise Snyder of New York two young violinists of note have been here, the latter many times. Malle, Cecile Talma visited her parents Dr. and Mrs. Garrigues this fall after returning from a brilliant tour in England and Ireland as prima donna of the Royal Care Rosa Opera Co., where she received great praise in "The Marriage of Figaro" "Maritana" "Cormen" and other Italian operas, both on account of her exquisite voice and her dramatic ability. Since her return to New York she has made her American debut at Carnegie Hall appearing with Joseph Hoffman and Maud Powell.

Miss Grimstone, a pretty singer, but more famous as the daughter of the English actors Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall, was in Tryon a few times, kindly assisting at a concert for the benefit of this Library. Minnie Gallup the boy musician was also a guest here. One of our noted home musicians is also noted for being the son of a famous war general.

Mr. Harold Doubleday, his father, Gen. Ulysses Doubleday came to Tryon from Asheville and invested heavily in real estate and if he had lived would doubtless have built up that portion of Tryon as he had already done that part of Asheville called Doubleday now west Asheville. Another general, but one whose title was civil rather than military was Gen. Tyner Post Master General in Grant's cabinet and since attorney General for the Post Office Department. He and his wife have been frequent guests here, a tall erect man, showing in his bearing the effect of forty year's continuous service among statesmen.

Gov. Plaisted, Ex. Governor Maine spent a winter here and his wife was active in trying, according to her convictions to uplift the "down trodden blacks." She was an ardent Episcopalian and built the colored Episcopal church here.

Gov. Aycock of North Carolina has been in Tryon on short visits and Ex. Gov. John Gary Evans of South Carolina has spent many a vacation here. And we have had noted Lawyers and jurists galore. Mr. Landerdale, for 27 years of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania spent three months here last winter. The U. S. Government has frequently sent specialists here whose names would be familiar to a certain clientele. Mr. S. B. Heiges at one time commissioner of Horticulture paid a visit to Tryon and even in those days was impressed with the delicious fruit raised here.

We have had no American presidents with us, altho' I believe Mr. McKinley passed through Tryon and if he realized what a favor he would be doing the present writer of this paper by stopping over he doubtless would have done so. But if our own presidents have not seen fit to come here Gen. Gomez and daughter of the Cuban Republic thought themselves fortunate in discovering a place where no Spanish bullets were liable to reach them. They started out, evidently to the end of the world and when they arrived at Skyuka they stopped for they knew that Sunset Rock was surely the jumping off place.

In addition to Solon Robinson and W. H. Carman we have had still more noted newspaper men. Editor Pulitzer of the New York World discovered us somehow and spent many pleasant days at Lynn and Skyuka.

Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of that great weekly periodical, the manufacturers' Record and also the Southern Farm Magazine, a monthly, thinks Tryon is the most restful place he has ever in and whenever his numerous business trips take him within fifty

miles of us he runs up being the guest of Hon. T. T. Ballenger and family whose dear friend he is. He has also boarded here at times and says Tryon has more cranks and noted people within her borders than any other small town he every heard of, and we are inclined to think he is right; but as a general rule, the two geniuses are not allied, our noted people for the most part being singularly free from idiosyncrasies while the others are too small cranks to fit anything but the wheels in their own heads.

Mr. Edmonds is from Baltimore and is considered authority on the south, commercial or educational. Philadelphia sends Mr. Talcott Williams and his wife here as good representatives of that conservative and well balanced town. Year after year they came down for a month or so. He is connected with the Lodge there and one frequently sees his name at the foot of weighty magazine articles. Many other noted newspaper men and women have made brief sojourns here also teachers and professors who were noted in their own vicinity. Dr. Charles Wesley Emerson founder and president for many years of the great Emerson College of Oratory in Boston has a reputation all over the United States and Canada at least, also England. He visited Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lanier two years ago. Mr. Lanier being the son of the poet and was spending the winter here. That great and venerable educator Rev. J. H. Carlisle, ex-president of Wofford College spent a vacation here at Mrs. Missildine's and to use her words "His very presence was a benediction."

Mr. Aaron French who did so much for Lynn and who was broad-minded enough to see the possibilities of this section and if he had lived would have carried out extensive plans of improvement is known the world over among railroad men; he manufactured car springs at Pittsburg, Pa. the company being known as the "A. French Spring Co." and where ever you may travel some of his well-built springs are probably making the journey more comfortable for you. His untimely death from heart disease two years ago was a sad loss to Tryon.

If you know anything about printing you know that good results are due in great measure to the rollers used in linking the type; these rollers have to be very nicely adjusted to warm weather and to cold weather and Samuel Bingham's Sons in Chicago have nearly perfected them. Anyone engaged or in any way allied to the printing art know of this firm as it is the largest one in the world making printer's rollers. Mr. Millard F. Bingham is the president of this company and has spent many pleasant months in Tryon and Lynn accompanied by some of his family and he always shows a living interest in the little town and her people.

Mr. Woolson, the head of the Woolson Spice Co., of Toledo, O. was in Tryon last winter visiting his sister, Mrs. Pomeroy. This company is the one who sells the famous Lion Coffee. And who has not heard of "Fels Naptha Soap"? Mr. Fels was at Oak Hall years ago, long before Naptha Soap was on the market and it would not surprise us a bit if he was inspired to make that soap after gazing upon the beautiful spots the red clay made on his clothes at the end of a day's tramp.

Mr. W. H. Westinghouse of the Westinghouse Electric Co., also found this place among his other great discoveries and was at The Mimosa for a short while.

Mr. W. H. Baldwin at one time Vice Pres. of the Southern Railway now president of the Long Island Railroad and with his father connected with the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Patterson N. J., thought Tryon the prettiest spot in North Carolina and was present at the dedication of our little depot in 1897 and had faith enough in our future to invest \$5,000 in school bonds.

W. H. Hardwick, V. President of that great system the Southern Railway has often been here for pleasure as well as business. Other officials of the Southern Railway have been here and officials of other works, private Pullman cars being the cause of very little remarks.

Mr. Wagner one of the V. Presidents of the New York Central spent all one winter at Oak Hall with his wife.

Dr. Price of Philadelphia was a visitor to Tryon once but as it took \$400 to fetch him he has not been invited to come back, most of us being content with the skill of our own local physicians, Garrigues who was before mentioned as the father of Malle Cecile Talma, a noted physician came here a year ago to enjoy the delightful climate accompanied by his wife and is still here. Dr. Garrigues is a noted specialist for the diseases of women, he is connected with the New York Maternity Hospital and St. Marks Hospital, he is also the author of many medical works which are used in the colleges in all English speaking countries.

Another well known physician but hailing from Chicago came to us a year ago and still remains we hope permanently, this is Dr. Bedell, a lady, but as one well known medical man in Chicago said "the peer of any physician in this city." She has also written some well known books for the profession and is at work now on her master piece, "Sex and Evolution." Not only was she a successful doctor but was a club woman as well being president of the Chicago Woman's Club for the year 85 and 86.

If you think there have been quite a number of noteworthy people in Tryon at one time or another, these few names are as nothing compared with the literary lights who have been here. None possibly with fame as lasting as Sidney Lanier's nor as scholarly as Mr. George Warner but some of these more widely read.

Mrs. Elia W. Peattie and Mrs. Grace Duffy Boylan of Chicago have spent many months in Tryon and have left many friends. Mrs. Peattie's name is seen in the current magazines and in the Youth's Companion; she wrote a neat little publication, Mrs. Boylan spent about nine months here at Mrs. Missildine's four years ago and every week sent off a short story and poem to a Chicago syndicate the plat of which was laid in or around Tryon. She has also done heavier work having brought out several novels. While here she gave two or three authors readings and proved herself a well-trained elocutionist also. Like Mrs. Peattie she added much to the social and intellectual life of the place.

Another story writer of prominence who has been here and who is also expected this winter is Mrs. Mary Stewart Cutting, sister of Mr. Doubleday and mother of Mr. Charles Cutting. Her stories are of a high moral tone and her specialty is the romantic side of every day married life; and she pictures to a nicety the little happenings that seem so little yet mean so much. And "Pansy" the woman who wrote Sunday school books as sensational as any yellow backed story of the woolly west lived all of one summer at Log Cabin Inn and her husband Rev. Mr. Alden preached once or twice at the congregational church.

Miss Margaret Warner Morley a botanist and naturalist, always makes a spring pilgrimage to Tryon, going over and over these mountains and never tiring of them. Several of her books on botany and on bees adorn the shelves of our Library. Like many others she has given, most instructive talks before this club which have been much appreciated.

Another naturalist whose knowledge is recognized by the scientific world is Prof. Loomis. His father and mother resided on Godshaw Hill for many years. He is authority on aquatic fowl and as such was employed by the United States Government. He is at present curator of the Academy of sciences in San Francisco.

Rev. Josiah Strong author of "The New Era" and a student of sociological problems has visited here being the guest of his brother Major Strong. While here he lectured before the club and his friends.

Pres Snyder of Wofford College entertained and instructed us one evening with a lecture on Shakespeare, the man. Last winter through the efforts of Prof. Gamewell of Wofford College Mr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago delivered two lectures free before the club and town people and was entertained by some of the members. Dr. Jones spoke in glowing terms of Tryon and its residents and wanted to come here again. As it was very stormy the two days he was here he only met a few of the good people; what would he have said if he had seen us all?

In thinking over the names of the people who have been here we find that the majority of them are before the public eye in some way or other, some of them only known locally but held in high esteem where they are known our own Mrs. Charles Erskine is known to the public at large as "Payne Erskine" both as a graceful nutter of prose and poetry and also as an artist and she brings around her at her winter home in Tryon many gifted friends. I had almost completed my paper when Mr. Parks Rector of Calvary church in New York came to visit his wife who is spending the winter at Rorauna, and that recalls to me other divines who have been here.

Mr. Ward, Editor of the Independent was in Tryon for a time and preached at the congregational church, and of course we have Bishops here called hither of official business connected with the Episcopal society. If you notice all the names I have mentioned are the names of people who have made the world the better for their being in it, some we have had whose names have been before the public but too much in the line of notoriety and as they came