

A PRESCRIPTION DRUNK.

RECORDER HAS NEW PROBLEM.

Ben Hamill, Charged With Drunkenness, Testified That He Became Intoxicated on Prescribed Whiskey—Colored Doctor Gets Into Trouble—Recorder Does Business With Watts Law Violators.

Though the recorder had a full house yesterday afternoon, things rather dragged until one Ben Hamill, charged with drunkenness, came to the stand and began his testimony. The proceedings began to take on an interesting turn at once.

Ben testified that he had gotten drunk Sunday on whiskey got from a drug store. He said that he had got liquor from one Jim Whitt, a familiar figure at the recorder's court. His story was that he and Jim wanted something to drink. Jim was of the opinion that he could get some from a doctor off to the colored Dr. W. H. Graves. From him Jim procured a prescription calling for a half pint of whiskey. This he had filled at the drug store of W. L. Hand & Co., at the corner of College and Trade streets.

They added this to some other supplies and had a carouse, which ended up in trouble. Ben appeared on the street with a good sized bag on, was arrested and spent the night in the police station. There he probably did some thinking, and when called to the stand yesterday afternoon, gave the following evidence:

The recorder then directed that a warrant be made out for the colored doctor on the charge of violating the Watts law in prescribing practice for a man not a legal patient.

Officer Crowl was dispatched to Hand's drug store to see if the prescription had been recorded, according to the provisions of the Watts law. It was found that the name of Whitt had not been placed upon the prescription, and that, though the prescription had been filled, it had not been recorded in a separate book, as the Watts law directs.

Mr. W. F. Moody, the clerk, who filled the prescription was then sent for to appear at the court room.

Dr. Graves was called to the stand. He said that Whitt came to him Sunday, saying that some of his family were sick, and he wanted a prescription for some whiskey. He then wrote out a prescription for a half pint of whiskey at Hand's drug store. The colored physician denied that he had ever prescribed bug juice in this fashion before, though he was not very far from it. He said that he made no investigation to see whether any of Whitt's family were really ill.

It is evident from your own story that you are a healthy young man," said the recorder. Graves was then bound over to Superior Court in the sum of \$100.

Ben Hamill, who got drunk on the prescribed whiskey, was fined \$10 and the costs, in default of which he went to jail.

Recorder Shahnhouse then warned Mr. Moody that he must be careful in the future how he fills such prescriptions. There has been too much of this sort of thing going on at the drug stores, and a stop must be put to it. The saloons have been open and not much attention has been paid to the selling of liquor at the drug stores, but now that prohibition is coming on, I am going to see that they are rigorously dealt with. The Watts law says that every doctor who keeps a record in a separate book of every prescription filled that calls for whiskey, together with the name of the person who buys it, the name of the person for whom it is bought, the name of the doctor, the date, and all about it. These records will be investigated and all violations will be dealt with. I know of drug stores in this town, too, that sell large quantities of dope medicine. I want to warn them, too.

Milas-Helms, for getting intoxicated, was given the costs to pay.

Grannison Williams, colored, assaulted one Mary Staffer with a beer bottle and was charged \$3 and costs for it.

Thomas Williams, for loitering around the Southern depot, was sent to jail for 10 days to be hired out.

Arthur Peck, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was bound over to Superior Court under a \$25 bond.

J. P. Martin, for being drunk, went to jail for ten days.

FEDERAL COURT CONVENES.

Judge J. E. Boyd and Other Officials Here—Most Interesting Case That of Registrar Simpson, of Rutherford.

The Federal Court will start business here this morning. In fact, there was a formal opening of court yesterday by Clerk H. C. Cowles, who came over from Statesville for the purpose. Judge James E. oyd, of Greensboro; District Attorney A. E. Holton, of Winston-Salem; Assistant District Attorney A. H. Price, of Salisbury, and Mr. William L. Pannill, secretary to Mr. Holton, came in last night.

Court will begin this morning at 10 o'clock. There are a number of whiskey cases to be heard. Perhaps the most interesting case of the week will be that of the Democratic registrar, Simpson, of Rutherford, who is charged with malfeasance in office, in alleged refusal to permit a negro school teacher of the name of Black from voting in the first election after the passage of the constitutional amendment two years ago. The registrar is represented by Attorney General R. D. Gilmer and Mr. Sol. Gallet, of Rutherford. The trial is set for to-morrow.

THE ATTRACTION LAST NIGHT.

The Mendelssohn Quartette, Assisted by Miss Marguerite Smith, a Child Impersonator, Pleaseth a Large Audience.

The Y. M. C. A. Star Course attraction last night was a most worthy one—the Mendelssohn Quartette, assisted by Miss Marguerite Smith, a child impersonator. A fine audience greeted them. The singing was first class, but aside from the voices, the quartette showed rather good talent for the dramatic, and their unpretentious acting in some of their songs was really good.

But most of all, the child impersonation of Miss Smith was the work of a sympathetic and rarely gifted person. In intonation, manner, and "business" it is impossible to conceive of a more accurate and charming rendition of child character than was given by Miss Smith. There was no monotony about it either, for the characteristics and personalities of a dozen different types were shown most effectively.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

Running like mad down the street,umping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salvo handy, and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at Burwell & Dunn Co.'s Drug Store.

THE LIFE OF LAWYER LEARY.

An Account of His Services to His People—Funeral Attendance Indicated the Respect in Which He Was Held by Both White and Colored—One of the Foremost Men of His Race in the State.

The Observer is requested to publish the following:

The funeral of John S. Leary, the well-known colored lawyer, was held at St. Michael's Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the hour had arrived for the service, the church was filled to its capacity with people from all walks of life, of both white and colored, and large number of people who came were turned away for the want of room. Many stood on the outside while the services were being said. Prominently among those who attended the funeral was quite a number of lawyers of the Chartered bar and many who were not present sent tokens of respect—in fact the whole body of the Charlotte bar was represented by a most beautiful and appropriate design of flowers. Judge Armistead Burwell and Mrs. H. C. Jones and others sent special contributions of flowers. Mr. R. H. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkes and others were among the prominent citizens present. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. P. P. Alston, and were most impressive.

The deceased was the oldest and best known colored lawyer in the State, being one of the first colored men to obtain license to practice law in the State. He was a ripe scholar and a man of great ability; once or twice he was elected by the people of Cumberland county to the Legislature; he was several times chosen as delegate to the national Republican convention, and he was also a member of the constitutional convention. He was for many years an active and conspicuous figure at the bar in Cumberland, Harnett, Sampson, Bladen and New Hanover counties. He was dean of the law department of Shaw University, at Raleigh, for four years. He had been a resident of this city for 12 years, and as a man and a lawyer at the bar he had conducted business as a lawyer and the high respect and kind regard of his brother lawyers, and all who knew him. He had been the mouthpiece, at the different courts, as it were, for the colored people of this community, and most active and useful in many of the business enterprises undertaken by the colored men of the city.

By his gentle bearing and shrewdness as a lawyer, he had been able to get many a man and woman out of trouble. As a church man, he was true and loyal member of his church, serving as a lay reader for 12 years, being licensed by Bishop T. B. Lyman and again by Bishop Chesire. He served as superintendent of St. Michael's Sunday school for seven years, and a member of the vestry for four years. He was also the treasurer of St. Michael's Training and Industrial School up to the time of his death. He was ever ready to do whatever he could to push forward any good work. He was kind, obliging and polite to all. In the death of Lawyer Leary, the State and community lose a loyal citizen, and an able lawyer—the church a true and faithful member, and his family a loving and affectionate father.

THE DEATH OF MRS. D. H. HILL.

Widow of the Famous Confederate General Succumbs to a Long Illness—Attained a Ripe Old Age—A Sister of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson—Burial at Davidson.

Observer Bureau, 17 West Cabarrus Street, Raleigh, Dec. 12.

At her home at West Raleigh, near the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Mrs. D. H. Hill died this morning, of an affection of the heart. She had been in bad health for several weeks. Her sister, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, came here about ten days ago to be at her bedside. Her age was about 80 years. She was born Miss Morrison, at Davidson College, and there she will be buried. For several years, in fact ever since her making Raleigh her home, she had been a member, and a devoted one of the First Presbyterian church. She was very prominent in all good works, among the poor and along all the lines of religious effort and was a devoted daughter of the Confederacy, and took a very prominent part in organizing a children's chapter of the Soldiers' Home, greatly to the pleasure of the inmates. To-morrow afternoon there will be a special religious service at the First Presbyterian church, after which the remains will be taken to Davidson for burial, the time of the funeral being 2 o'clock p. m. The Confederate veterans and other orders here will honor the memory of this good and well-beloved woman to-morrow and some prominent people will accompany the remains to Davidson. Mrs. Hill's son, Prof. D. H. Hill, is an original member of the faculty of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and was with his mother during all her illness, one of the most devoted sons.

The death of Mrs. Hill is of great interest in Charlotte, her old home, and where she had so many relatives and friends. She was Miss Isabella Morrison, the eldest daughter of Dr. Robert Hall Morrison, who was the celebrated pastor of Sugar Creek church and president of Davidson College. Mrs. Hill was 78 years old. When quite a young girl, she was married to Gen. D. H. Hill and several children blessed the union. They were a daughter, who was married to a Mr. Arnold, and lives in West Virginia; and sons, Prof. D. H. Hill, a member of the faculty of the A. and M. College, at Raleigh; and another son, who is a physician in California.

After her marriage she lived where Mr. J. M. Oates' place is now, on South Tryon street, but her last home here was on West Fifth street. Her husband was a professor in the military school here, and afterwards at the Virginia Military Institute. Mrs. Hill went to Raleigh to live about 15 years ago. Her nearest relatives surviving are Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, a sister, of Charlotte; Capt. J. C. Morrison, of Lincoln county, who was a brother; Dr. Robert Morrison, of Shelby. The family connections are very wide and include some of the most distinguished families in the State.

MOTHERS, BE CAREFUL of the health of your children. Look out for Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Stop them in time—One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy. Harmless and pleasant. Sold by R. H. Jordan & Co.

'Y and E' Sectional Idea

Do you remember the building blocks of boyhood days? How each little block was a perfect multiple of some bigger block? And how each block FITTED IN SOMEWHERE, no matter what its size? That's the 'Y and E' Sectional Idea—Filing Cabinets built on the multiple plan. They are interchangeable. They always FIT IN. May we give you more information?

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MR. PLUM PRESIDENT.

Well-Known Railroad Conductor the Moving Spirit in a One-Legged Man's Club.

The despatch from Atlanta, Ga., telling of the organization of a most unique club of one-legged men, is of double interest to Charlotteans because the president of the club is well known here. Mr. Harry Plum, of the Pullman Palace Car Company, who is the moving spirit in the organization, did, in fact, get his right to become a member of such an organization here at the Southern depot. He was Pullman car conductor. One night three years ago his train pulled out while he was standing in the yards. It was cold and had been sleeting so that the footing was uncertain, and when Mr. Plum ran and swung himself on the moving train, he slipped and fell under the wheels, losing a limb.

Mr. Plum has many friends in the city who are immensely amused at the new club, which, by the way, starts with about 200 members.

Four Thousand Dollars Reward Offered for Circus Robbers.

The police have received a letter signed Dan S. Lemon, special agent of Forough & Sells' circus, and James A. Dudson, chief of detectives, Columbus, Ohio, that \$4,000 reward is offered for any information that will lead to the arrest of the party or parties who robbed the ticket wagon of Forough & Sells' show, at Tarboro, on the morning of November 19th.

It is stated that the amount stolen was \$27,100, all in currency, in bills of the following denominations: \$10,000 in \$100 notes; \$4,000 in \$50 notes; \$3,000 in \$200 notes; \$1,500 in \$10 notes; \$500 in \$5 notes. This amount, \$25,000, was all in one package. The balance was in bills of different denominations.

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Price 10c per Pair.

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Stieff, & Rogers.

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What are you going to get him for Christmas? Nearly everybody has a "HIM" or two to buy for. We cater only to "HIM." Perhaps our suggestion will aid you to get him just what he needs and just what will please him.

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NECKWEAR, In Individual Boxes, \$1.

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Gloves, Pajamas, Hosiery, Night Robes and Suits and Overcoats

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Absolutely all linen ladies' hemstitched handkerchiefs. A bargain at 5c. extra, special price 50c. Doz.

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Extra good size in ladies' white aprons, good wide hem and strings.

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"WHITE SEAL" SUITS.

Two lots very fine Suits, made to sell for, and actually worth, \$10.00 and \$12.50 per suit. Our price to clean up, \$6.98 and \$7.98.

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The "Imperial" Shoe for women, a genuine hand-welt shoe, equal to any shoe made to sell at \$3.00 and \$3.50; the newest lasts, \$2.50. The correct shoes for men—the Barry Shoe, at \$3.50, and Stacy, Adams & Co.'s Shoes, at \$5.00, are the best in the world at the prices—every pair guaranteed, and any shoe not proving satisfactory is made good with a new pair.

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