

AN AMUSING COURT INCIDENT.

Judge Bryan Asks the Sheriff to Bring a Whistling Negro Before Him—The Officer Does the Best He Can, but Gets the Wrong Person—That of the Most Nervous Negroes That Ever Escaped a Court—By Real Offender Beats a Quiet but Successful Retreat.

Some interesting things happen in court, and the bling tiger term of Neckenburg Superior Court has been enlivened by amusing incidents. Saturday morning, when the jury brought in its verdict of not guilty in the case of the State against the alleged negro gambler, some one in the audience who was over-joyed at the result, whistled "Shee-oo" so loud that it could be heard throughout the room.

BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY.

Second Volume of Remarkable Set of North Carolina Book—Names of Subjects of Sketches and of Those Honored With Steel Engraving—A Nerve Enterprise.

The second volume of the Biographical History of North Carolina, the remarkable set of de luxe volumes published by Mr. Charles L. Van Noppen of Greensboro, and edited by Capt. Samuel A. Ashe and others, has been issued to its subscribers. It is of course uniform with the first volume, the magnificent style of which has been described in The Observer.

FAMOUS ESCAPES IN FICTION.

James O'Neill's Visit to Charlotte Recalls Certain Books of Fiction. The Carnegie Library has a bulletin of some of the "Famous Escapes in Fiction." James O'Neill's vivid representation of the escape of the Duke of Enghien from the Chateau d'If in his wonderful novel, "The Count of Monte Cristo," at the Academy of Music Friday night, aroused much local interest and many calls have been made for that book.

THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY.

The American Bible Society is Celebrating Its Ninetieth Anniversary This Year—Interesting Facts and Figures as to Its Growth and Work—Anniversary Meeting to be Held in Charlotte Next Sunday Night.

It was in 1816 that the American Bible Society was organized, hence this is the ninetieth year of its existence, and the anniversary will be throughout the world, for the American Bible Society has done a great work, not only in its home land, but it has reached to every mission field as well. The Bible Society is indispensable to the efficiency of mission work, for it prints the Bible in 109 languages and dialects, and furnishes it in many more.

THE GROUND HOG A FRAUD.

He Has Turned Out to be a False Prophet, and No Punishment is Too Great for Him. Of all the frauds that ever came down the pike the ground hog is the greatest. He has proven himself a false prophet, and the truth is not in him. On the second day of February, ground hog day, the sun shone from the time it rose in the morning, and the ground hog, or the end seat hog or any other old hog should have been satisfied with the shadow that he cast that day. Here for five days the weather has been so pretty, so fair and so fine that Col. Black has longed for Columbia, Congaree creek, a bucket of bait and a hook and line. He has already cut a scallop in his garden and dropped a few seed in the ground. Violets are out and the birds are singing love songs. The ground hog is a false prophet, a gay deceiver.

POISONS IN FOOD.

Perhaps you don't realize that many food poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Liver Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food or money back. Try them. W. H. Jordan & Co's drug store, 37c.

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THE SOUTHERN'S NEW TRAINS.

Better Facilities for Mountain Travelers in Prospect—An Extra Train on the Western Carolina Road and a New Schedule for Toxaway by Spartanburg. For a number of years the traveling public, especially that part of it which goes to the mountains of North Carolina in the summer, has begged for more trains on the Western North Carolina road, from Salisbury west. The travel there has become so great that it is almost impossible for two trains a day each way to accommodate the throngs. The Southern contemplated putting on an extra train last season and how it is almost certain that the long-looked-for train is assured for the coming season. The mountains of North Carolina, with their fine water, embracing climate, seem destined to become the greatest resort section in this country. Places like Toxaway, Blowing Rock, Asheville and the hundred or more attractive places will swarm with visitors next summer.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The American Bible Society is not rich and has been to a large degree supported by the legacies of benevolent men and women, but during the past few years there has been a falling off of these legacies, yet the society has in no way curtailed its work, but it is in need of money. It receives gifts, but does not hoard them and the assured income from funds that must be kept invested by will the donors, and from rentals, provides for only about one tenth of the work. The society does not tolerate wasteful or pauperizing distribution of the Bible at home or abroad; it always requires as much of the object of the book as the recipient can pay, but strives to let no one go without a copy of the Bible who really deserves it, even if he can pay nothing for it. The work of the society has grown as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. For the first 25 years, volumes issued 2,798,569. For the second 25 years, 18,987,219. For the third 25 years, 22,478,138. Total circulation in 75 years amounts to 24,763,926.

The society is in need of money to carry on the work more largely and successfully, and it is the hope of the organization and of the Christian people in all countries that this anniversary year will increase the spirit of liberality toward the society and that it will receive many gifts during the year from sources that have not given to its support before, and in increased gifts from those who have given before.

ORDERED TO WEST POINT UNDER COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Mr. Stonevall Jackson Christian, of this city, has made so fine a record at the Virginia Military Institute, that he has been accepted as a cadet at the National Military Academy without special examination. His standing was first and second at the V. M. I. on all studies in a class of 101. He is ordered to report at the Academy on the 1st of June for his physical examination. Physically he is a perfect type, and there is no doubt on this account it will be recalled that this young gentleman was recently named by the President for a cadetship at West Point.

AT COST.

One Detroit Steel Range \$16.75. Armistead Burwell, Jr. 25 North Tryon St. Phone: 343.

BATHE THE FACE CLEAN.

It is impossible to keep the pores of the skin of the face clean and free without the aid of water, soap and friction. It is impossible to keep the functions of the skin (on which the face depends for cleanliness and beauty) in a healthy condition without cleanliness. Cleanliness requires soap, for water alone will not remove the oily secretion from the pores of the skin. Soap renders the unctuous product of the skin freely miscible with water, and for that reason soap is an absolutely indispensable aid in removing the oil and dirt which adheres in minute, microscopic particles to the pores of the face.

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Advertisement for Charlotte Steam Laundry. 'Oldest Largest Best' All The Flat-Work. Includes table and bed linen, large pieces as well as small. When you consider the superior quality of our work, and the fact that it is returned in two or three days, it's really economy in the long run. Phone for wagon.

Advertisement for Big Savings On Leather Chairs. We have a lot of Fine Leather Chairs that we want to move out at once, to make room for our Spring Stock of Leather Chairs and Parlor goods, and in order to move them quick we will sell them at about 25 per cent. discount. W. T. McCoy, South Tryon Street.

Advertisement for Special Prices ON Sideboards. Our present stock must be reduced to make room for our new stock of spring goods. If you are in need of a Sideboard This Reduction Means Money Saved. Watch our west window for these unusual values. Lubin Furniture Company.

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Advertisement for Ed. W. Mellon Co. 'DRESS CLOTHES'. It is fit and proper that one attend formal functions in the proper attire; society demands as much. In addition to this, there is a feeling of solid comfort that comes from the knowledge of perfect and becoming dress on such occasions. At our store can be found a stock of dress clothes and accessories that would startle the average man. Ed. W. Mellon Co. LEADING CLOTHIERS. Mail Orders Receive Prompt and Careful Attention.

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