

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

PLEMMONS vs. RAILROAD, Appellant. From Buncombe. Affirmed. In an action to recover damages for the negligent killing of plaintiff's intestate, a motion to dismiss the petition was granted...

FORTUNE vs. COMMISSIONERS, Appellants. From Buncombe. Reserved. A statute cannot be construed with reference to its general scope and the intent of the Legislature in enacting it...

Where the language used in ambiguous, or admits of more than one meaning, it is to be taken in such a sense as will conform to the scope of the act and effectuate its object.

The use of imprecise or improper terms or phrases will not invalidate the statute, provided the real meaning of the Legislature can be ascertained from the entire context...

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THE DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Lila A. Langley, of Forsyth. Correspondence of The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Lila A. Langley, wife of Mr. Henry A. Langley, died of meningitis at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening at her home in Fairview, age 38 years. Disease had been in declining health for several weeks. Mrs. Langley was one of the twin-daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knott, and was a constant member of the Episcopal church. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The interment will be in the Eastern cemetery. The husband, who is a first-class machinist, and a splendid gentleman, is ill with pneumonia, his condition being quite serious.

Philip James, of Forsyth. Correspondence of The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 17.—Mr. Philip James, an excellent gentleman and highly esteemed resident of this county, died suddenly at his home seven miles north of the city last night at the age of 63 years. The funeral service and interment will be at Hickory Ridge, near Germantown, tomorrow. Mr. James was an honored member of Norfolk Camp U. C. He also served through the civil war and his record, as furnished by Maj. J. C. Besant, is as follows: Enlisted as 5th sergeant of Company D, 52nd North Carolina Regiment and was promoted regimental sergeant and color sergeant August 1, 1863. In one of the charges at Petersburg, Va., in January, 1865, he was captured and kept in prison at Point Lookout until the end of the war.

Miss Addie McAdams, of Greensboro. Correspondence of The Observer. Greensboro, Feb. 17.—Miss Addie McAdams died this morning at 5 o'clock from pneumonia. The disease occurred from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McAdams, four miles north-east of the city, this afternoon. It is reported that several other members of the family are sick with measles. A sister died a few days ago from pneumonia.

Concord Man Suicides. J. Wesley Sides Shoots Himself in Temple, Death Resulting Instantly—Had Been Drinking. Correspondence of The Observer. Concord, Feb. 17.—To-day about noon Mr. J. Wesley Sides, a white man about 51 years of age, who lived near the Cannon Mill, shot himself through the head and died in about twenty minutes. He placed a No. 38 pistol in his right ear and the ball came out near the left ear. He had been drinking for about a week and was just getting over his spree. He had eaten anything for several days. He left his wife in a room, told her goodbye and said he was ready and willing to go. He was not in the other room when she awoke. She found the shot and fell dead. He leaves four sons and one daughter, besides his wife. The funeral will be conducted at Bear Creek church, Stanley county, tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

SEATS STILL SELLING. Asheville Sports Lay Wager That Sarah Will Play to Full House. Correspondence of The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 17.—The sale of seats for the Sarah Bernhardt attraction goes merrily on. There are many chairs sold every day. There is much speculation over the probable sale of every seat in the house. Incidentally there have been some bets laid on this score. It is not hard to get a bet in Asheville on most any old proposition. Yesterday a wager was made that every chair would be disposed of before the night of the attraction. For the sport that laid the bet to win his wager every chair must have been disposed of at 10 o'clock. From the third gallery to the front row in the parquet and the box chairs included there must not be one left. The indications are that the bet will be won. A number of seats were sold yesterday, many today. The most optimistic declare that all the available standing room in the big play house will be in demand when Bernhardt comes to town. The auditorium management hopes so. It would be a great achievement, a signal triumph, to overflow the house. That would mean a sale of \$200 worth of seats. That would mean much revenue for the Auditorium.

OLSEN WINS IN NEW ORLEANS. Wrestler Now Calling Asheville His Home is Still Invincible—Lost First Fall. New Orleans, Feb. 17.—Charles Olsen, of Asheville, N. C., defeated Oscar Wassam, of St. Louis, to-night at the Grenawald Theatre before a big crowd. The conditions were best three in five falls catch-as-catch-can, and Wassam won the first fall in twelve minutes. Olsen, with a hammer lock, won the second in five minutes, three seconds and used the same hold for the third, winning in ten minutes and ten seconds. Olsen won the last fall in 30 seconds.

Buck Talton, of Washington, defeated Abe Daniels, of Brooklyn, at 135 pounds in the preliminary bout.

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