# A NOTORIOUS OLD HAG.

the Dulstown Crowd But Falls Scoure Sufficient Evidence to Id Old Sue McClure, the Oldest Most Notorious Rat in the m-A Most Interesting Case of redation—Sue's Neighbors Give an Indifferent Character—No d to Know Anything ut Her.

The way of Recorder Shannonhouse not always strewn with roses and other sweet-scented flowers, as the names on the docket yesterday mornwould prove. There is not an rounder in this section of North Carolina who does not know about Sue McClure, who for forty years has been a curse to Charlotte, but is so smart and so cunning that she has evaded or broken the laws of the city and the State and gone without puntahment. In hearing her case yester-day Recorder Shannonhouse declared: has been the cause of the downfall of more young women than all of the rest of the characters of her kind in the county." As the court county." As the court words of truth the nospoke these words of truth the no-torious old hag, with her gingham bonnet pulled down over her quivering, palsied face, sat listening at every sentence with intense interest and shook her head in feeble dental of

what she must know to be true. Witness after witness, black and white, men and women, was called in an effort to prove that she was keeping a bawdy house. Not a person uttered a damaging word against her. The S. B. Watson, one of the leading signature women who live next door to sicians of the county in his day. her, knew no wrong that she had done. On the other hand no one William Maxwell, of Columbia, S. C., moke a good word for her. Col. and S. W. Maxwell, of New Tork, and Tom Black, being sworn, said: "I Mrs. T. W. Pritchard, of Charlotte, and have known her for 35 or 40 years, Mrs. George M. Bishop, of Columbia, even, before the civil war, and her S. C., and Miss Mary Maxwell, of this reputation is and has always been city, and a brother, Mr. W. C. Max-

The charges against her fell down. him. The court could not make out a case. old woman laughed with fiendish give as she heard the verdict of the court, turned to spit and crawled out of the prisoner's box. She shuffled out of the court room, crooked and bent and wrinkled with age, to return to Dulstown and continue her influence. Her life has been a vile one, and now, after she has fallfrom the higher sevel of the wicked, worldly woman, to the lowest, sorriest den in Dulstown, she lives and enjoys her freedom. Many times she friends were wont to call him, and has been banished from the city but he was popular with the masses. He she has always lived to return and prosper at her old tricks. She was resented yesterday by Mr. Plum- with entertaining tales or anecdotes. mer Stewart.

The arrest of Sue McClure grew out he kept an office there and acted as of the debauch of Dalsy Moose and doctor, lawyer and spiritual adviser Jane Condor, who were captured in for the poor and needy. He liked a Jane Condor, who were captured in for the poor and needy. He liked a Duistown woods Sunday morning. The fee, but was always willing to work recorder intended to have a regular for the man or woman who needed house cleaning in Santiago but the witnesses failed to swear as vigor-aervices. As a soldier, Mr. Maxwell, culated to make one believe they loyal. Col. Maxwell was an enthusiastic

would do. The net result of the move against Shriner. He became a member of the the women resulted in sending Daisy order when it was organized in this Moose, a Catawba county-bred girl, city a decade ago. He was director who had left her home and worked in cotton mills in Lincolnton and Gasthe Oasis Temple of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine. His brothtonia, and Jane Condor, a half-witshriners were very fond of him ted Union county woman, to jail for and he was a feature at all of their 30 days. The young men who accommeetings, Up to several months ago Col. Maxpanied Daisy and Jane to Dulstown

discharged, one of them oods were well was healthy and strong-looking being fined \$10. but his face began to grow thin, his Tom Walker, who literally broke step feeble and his friends saw the

into the police station Sunday night, beginning of the end. Several weeks was fined \$20 for what the court styled ago he quit his office in the Wilkin-"a prescription drunk." He had son building and his familiar and been up several times before. Be- pleasant face was never seen on the ing interested in the welfare of Jane streets again. But yesterday ador, who had been locked up, ing, when the newspapers bulletined Walker went to the station to inquire the news of his death, many of his about her. Officers McCall and others most intimate associates were surquestioned Walker and when they prised to learn that the final sum-pinned him down about his liquor he staggered out of the room but was try people will miss Col. Maxwell, for enough to help him out of his recent

DEATH OF COL. D. G. MAXWELL.

he Summons Came at an Early Hour Yesterday Morning—One of the Best Known Men of the County Gone to His Final Reward—He Was Known by Many as Soldler, Business Man, Magistrate and Hale Fellow Well Met—A Most Interesting Character —The Functal Will Take Place at 11 O'cleck This Morning.

'Squire David Guy Maxwell, one of the best known men of the county, Mule Pen and The Observer boys were filing in to begin their day's work, a roar of laughter broke out in the hallway of the Southern Manudied at his home on North Graham street yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock, after a lingering illness of facturers' Club; the voice of William several months. The funeral will take Gorrell was heard above others. It place at the residence at 11 o'clock was evident that the doorkeeper this morning, Rey, Martin D. Hardin the club had found something out conducting the services. The Knights of the ordinary and was making as much to-do over it as a guinea roos-Templars, of which Mr. Maxwell was ter would make over a snake or a a popular member, will have charge strange dog. After the noise sub-sided, Mr. John Charles McNeill, The of the exercises at the house and at Observer's poet, opened the door into the Mule Pen and marched in. He the grave.

David Guy Maxwell was a son of had caused the hilarity in the hall. 'Squire William Maxwell. He was As Mr. McNeill turned the corner and passed into the Old Man's sand born in the Mint Hill neghborhood of tum a black face, lit up sy a pair of the county 66 years ago; he came large, white eyes, was thrust in from here during the war. He was eduthe club to the Mule Pen. "Come quick, boss! Come now, don't wait!" said William. cated at Davidson College and belonged to Company H of the Thirtyfifth North Carolina Regiment, He porter. served as Confederate tax collector As The Observer man entered he

with Sheriff W. W. Grier. Soon after the war he married Miss Margaret E. saw lined up against the stairway sev-Watson, a daughter of the late Dr. eral members of the club and scattered about the entrance two or more S. B. Watson, one of the leading phy-Mrs. William, who was leading the way, was as still as a corpse. liam as he went toward the front of a large paper sack and held the sides open with his hands and said: well, of the Charlotte bar, survive

For a number of years Mr. Maxwell was in business here. His associate at one time was Mr. A. Ross Nisbet. Later, he traveled Virginia, North and Carolina and Georgia South for a About 15 sewing machine company. years ago he was appointed United States commissioner, which position he held until he died. For more than 20 years he was a successful justice of the peace.

rush hat, an' de tother is common straw. See dat high crown one, wid Everybody of any consequence in de big wide brim, dat's er Turkey the county knew Col. Maxwell, as his hat, whut de Turks, de wust people on earth, wears. Yes, sir, dat's de clothes dat Mr. McNeill's fixin' ter he was popular with the masses. He was a most interesting character, bubtake down ter Laurinburg wid him. She was bling over with good numor and ready Ain't dat where he pulled off his fust pair uv britches an' put. little pos-So long as the old court house stood sums in de legs an' carried 'em home? I sho' woul' lak to see him wid dat bull-rush hat on. Et de bull-frogs don't say 'Dere he is! Dere he is!

porter, laughed.

"Look hats!"

surprised." I'll be William was in a gay mood and Mr. McNelll's large straw hats, that he had bought for a Scotland county fishing frolic amused him very much

Mr. Humphrey's Grandfather Dead. Dr. Henry P. Clingham, one of the oldest citizens in the State, died last Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida C. Humphrey, at Goldsoboro. Dr. Clingham was the grandfather of Mr. Lotte W. Humphrey, Mrs. Ida Humphrey, who was the widow of the late Col. Lotte W. Humphrey, being Mr. Humphrey's mother. Dr. Clingham was 94 years old and was probably the oldest livmother. ing graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., where he received his degree in 1842.

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Come right

"What is it, William?" asked a re-

"Here, look in dis here bag!

"Mr. McNeill is goin' back to de

woods, he's gut dem hats so dat he

kin look des lak he uster an' be des lak he uster. One uv 'em's a bull-

"Come and see!"

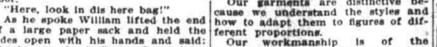
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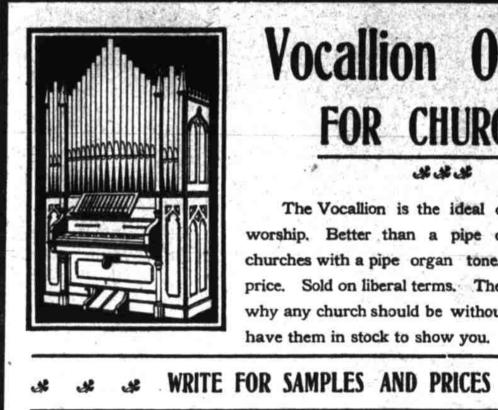
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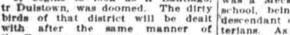
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brought back. begins to look as if Santiago. he was kind and liberal to them. He was a Mecklenburg man of the old



#### WANT \$1,900 FROM THE POSTAL.

## Alleged Mistake in Transmission of Telegram Caused Much Perplexity, Expense, Annoyance and Mental Anguish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pitkin have instituted a suit against the Postal Tele-graph and Cable Company for the recovery of damages in the sum of \$1,-900 on account of expense, inconvonience and mental anguish on account of a mistake in the transmission of a telegram. Mr. Pitkin, at Knox-ville, Tenn., telegraphed his wife, at Little Rock, Ark, to meet him on a given date in Charlotte. It is alleged that in the telegram received by Mrs. Pitkin Chattanooga, Tenn., was substituted for Charlotte, and she went to Chattanooga and spent several weeks there before she could learn of her husband's whereabouts, Mr. Pitkin spending a like perplexed period in Charlotte

Mr. and Mrs. Pitkin have retained Mr. Lotte W. Humphrey to prosecute the case.

#### **Property Holders Slow in Making Re**turns.

the making of returns of property and will be post commander at the perpoils for taxation has expired," said manent camp site at Morehead City Mr. John B. Ross, chairman of the during the entire time the two regiboard of county commissioners, to a ments of infantry and battery of reporter yesterday, "and yet hardly 15 per cent, of the tax-payers ni Chariotte township have made their returns." The members of the board of tax-listers are having a cinch, so far as working is concerned. Their callers are few and far between. The callers are few and far between. The gust. Saturday, the 20th instant, after which time all delinquents will be limble to double taxes.

# Messrs, J. K. Wolfe and J. M. Cross Engage in Street Fight.

Not a little excitement was caused in front of The Observer building yesterday afternoon by a street fight in which Mr. J. K. Wolfe, a well-known grocer and member of the police, fire and health commission, police, fire and health commission, and Mr. J. M. Cross, proprietor of the Charlotte Hotel, passed several blows. The men met and engaged in con-versation about a small business transaction. The conversation waxed warm and the fight ensued. The men were separated, however, before either was injured to any considerable extent. They will receive a hearing before Recorder Shannonhouse this morning. They will receive a hearing

## Byrd-Batliff.

Miss Anna Batliff, the daughter of Miss Anna Batliff, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Ratliff, was married yesterday afternoon to Mr. T. B. Byrd. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents at North Charlotte. Mr. Byrd is a mative of Wadesboro, but has accep-ted a position at San Francisco, Cal., where he and his bride will live. The bride scheme at the bride will live. ide taught school at Wadesboro pring the last term and returned time only a few days ago.

## Got Foot Crushed Off.

Got Frot Crushed Off. E. Chapman, a switchman for Southern Railway, attempted to a coupling in place between two yesterday morning with the re-that his left foot was crushed so between the bumpers that it to be amputated. The accident paned at the Air Line junction, h of the city, about 10:30 o'clock, pman is now at the Presbyterian pital and is getting slong all right.

trouble. school, being a Presbyterian and a descendant of a long line of Presby-The dirty Interest with after the same manner of terians. As a boy he attended school the Crematory Avenoo gang. As a construction of at Rocky River and Providence, two resbyterian strongholds.

After the flag of the Confederacy fell Mr. Maxwell was appointed colonel of the Eighty-fifth North Caro-That is where he got his lina Militia. popular title.

INTERESTING MILITARY NEWS.

orth Carolina Soldiers Will Camp at Morehead City in August—Adjutant General Robertson and Brigadier General Joseph F. Armfield Held a **Conference** Here Yesterday.

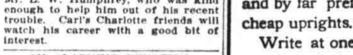
Brigadier General Joseph F. Armfield, of Statesville, commanding the First Brigade, North Carolina National Guard, spent yesterday in the city and for several hours was in conference with Adjutant General Thos. R. Robertson regarding the details of the encampment of State troops which will be held at Morehead City in August. It was decided that the Second Bragaw com-Infantry, Col. H. C. manding, and the First Battery of Field Artillery would go into camp August 7, remaining for at least six days, and that the First Infantry, Col. J. T. Gardner commanding, would go

into camp August 14, remaining for "One-third of the time specified for at least six days. General Armfield manent camp site at Morehead City



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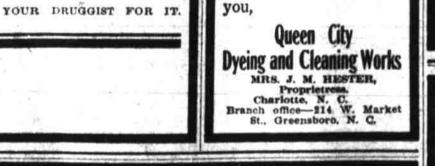


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