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On Tuesday, December the 3rd, at 10:30 a. m.

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**REMEMBER THE PLACE**—PIEDMONT PARK, Seventh Street frontage. Take Piedmont cars at the square and they will land you right at the property, corner Seventh Street and Central Avenue (formerly known before we became a city as the intersection of Monroe and Lawyer's Roads).

**REMEMBER THE TIME**—Tuesday, December the 3d, 10:30 A. M. Rain or Shine, Clear or Cloudy.

**REMEMBER THE FACT**—That there are but 36 lots in the tract and that they are all to be sold by our famous double-barreled auctioneers, Messrs. Penny & Bodenhamer. If you want to hear something new in auctioneering—come and hear them. Nothing to match them in this part of the country.

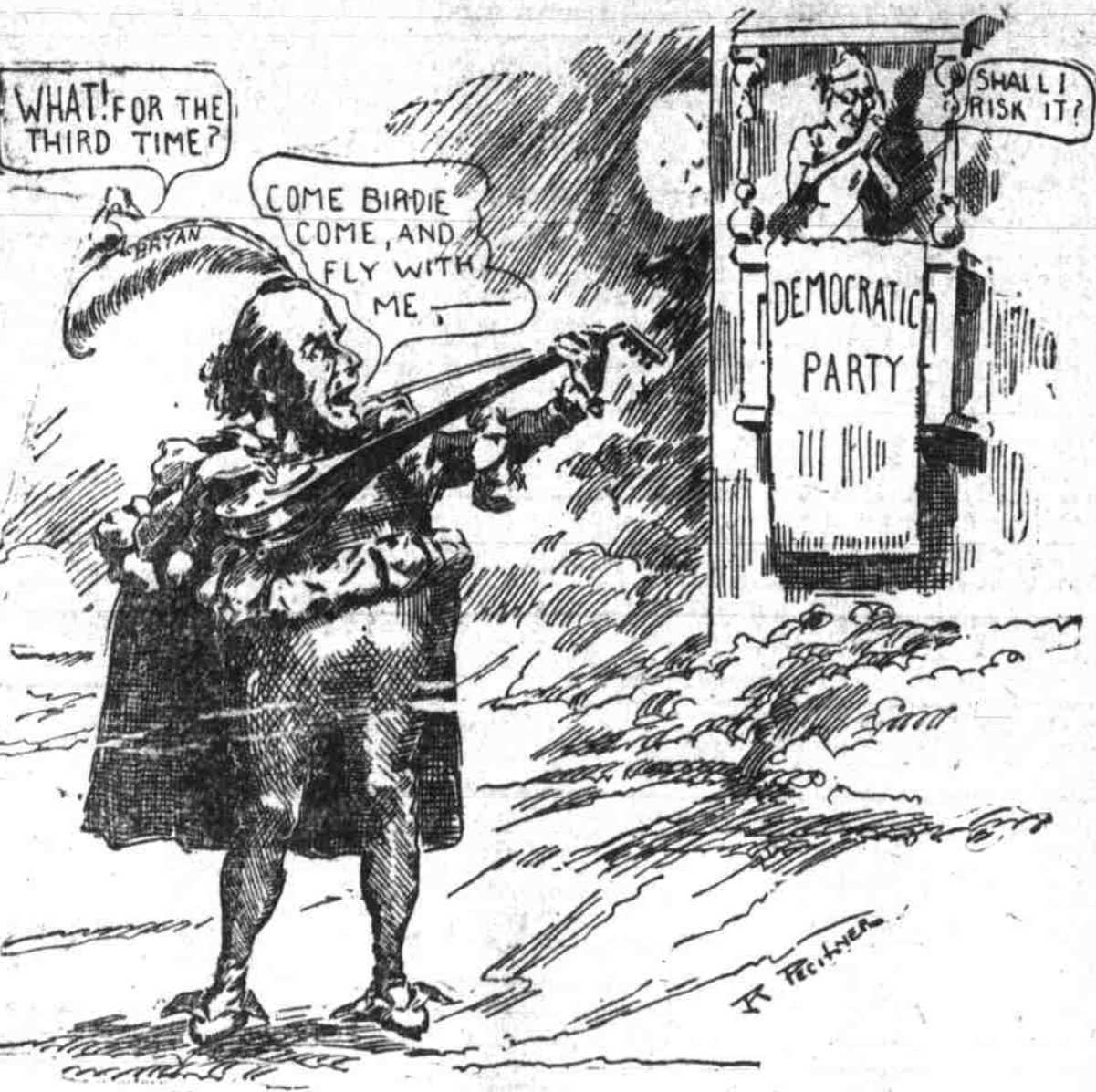
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THE SERENADE.

### COURT AT YORKVILLE.

**An Unusually Large Number of Pleas of Guilty—A White Man Convicted of Stealing From a Negro With Whom He Was Spending the Night—Grand Jury Asks For Resignation of the Superintendent of County Home—Other Items of News.**  
Special to The Observer.

Yorkville, S. C. Nov. 29.—The fall term of Court of General Sessions convened here Monday with Judge J. S. Wilson presiding. No cases of general interest have as yet been heard nor are any likely to be. The large majority of the defendants, as is always the case, are negroes. There have been an unusual number of pleas of guilty, the negroes having learned that it is much cheaper to plead guilty than to employ lawyers, have the charge proven and then have sentence passed. As an instance of this, two pairs of able bodied negro men were arraigned on the charge of cow-stealing and pleaded guilty. One pair stole a cow said to have been worth \$25 and was sentenced to one year each on the chain gang, while another pair on the same plea got two years each. In the first case there were mitigating circumstances familiar to Solicitor Henry and at his request they were given the minimum. It is safe to say that had the negroes not pleaded guilty they would have received sentences ranging from three to five years.

Monday a one-armed white man who gave his name as I. F. Quillman and who stated that he was a cotton mill operative and a native of Rowan county, N. C., was convicted on the charge of stealing \$25 from a negro living on the farm of Congressman Finley, near Rock Hill, and sentenced to serve five years. Quillman stopped at the negro's house and asked to be allowed to remain for the night. The request was reluctantly granted, but after it was granted the negro and his wife extended every hospitality in their power, including the preparation of supper. The guest was shown to a room at bed time and left there by the host. Between 11 and 12 o'clock the door leading outside was heard to open and close and the negro at once began to investigate and discovered that the guest of the \$25 in bills that were known to have been in the room at the time he retired, were missing. A day or two later Quillman was arrested by the chief of police at Blacksburg, who searched him and found \$3. The prisoner was brought to Yorkville, where the sheriff again searched him and \$20 were discovered in the lining of his coat sleeve.

Wednesday Policeman Miller, of Rock Hill, was tried on the charge of murdering a negro at that place some time ago while in the discharge of his duty. A reasonably strong case of self-defense was made out and the accused was acquitted. Wednesday afternoon the case of Alec Massey, a negro, charged with the murder of Robert Davidson, another negro, on the 1st of November, was taken up. The taking of the testimony was completed and the speeches of the lawyers made, the court remaining in session until 9 o'clock p. m. for this purpose. The court then adjourned until this morning, when the judge's charge was delivered and the case given to the jury. Owing to the loss of the docket will not be cleared this week.

The case of Julius Robinson, white charged with murdering one of the operatives at the York Cotton Mill at this place, where both were employed last summer, has been set for Monday.

The grand jury made its final presentation Wednesday evening and was discharged. The presentation was along the usual lines in the matter of throwing bouquets at a majority of the county officers, but made a radical departure relative to the management of the county home. It makes grave charges against the superintendent, among them being that of habitual drunkenness and puts that officer on notice that unless he resigns within 30 days he will be prosecuted. There can be little doubt of the fact that conditions at the county home are not

**HE FOUGHT AT GETTYSBURG.**  
David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$50 for what they have done for me." Grandfather got the speed and for female weakness. Great alternative and body builder; best of all for lumbago and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by an apothecary.

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The graded school took holiday to-day on account of its being Thanksgiving Day, but will resume work again Friday morning.

Cooleemee Cotton Mill, under the able management of Messrs. T. V. Ferrell and J. W. Zachary, is in a very prosperous condition. A number of new families have recently moved in. The census which is now being taken will doubtless show the largest population since Cooleemee came into existence. The new addition to the mill is being rapidly pushed to completion.

### HOT CHASE AFTER HORSE THIEF

**A Negro Who Stole His Employer's Horse and Buggy Chased Seven Miles Before Being Captured—Remains of Col. Peter Mallett Laid to Rest.**  
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Wilmington, Nov. 29.—Mounted policemen Frank George and C. W. Kunkel had an exciting chase early last night after a horse thief, who was none other than the colored driver for Dr. D. W. Bulluck, of this city. Early in the afternoon Dr. Bulluck reported to the police station that his horse and buggy were missing from his stable and, as the driver could not be found, the officers were asked to keep a lookout for the rig. Early in the night there was seen driving in the suburbs of the city toward the sound and that the horse was being fearfully abused. The officers at once rode off hurriedly down the turnpike after the thief but did not succeed in effecting his capture until seven miles had been chased. When he was overhauled he had a negro woman in the buggy with him and showed fight to the officers, running the buggy over the mount of one of the officers. He was finally arrested, both he and the woman were brought back to town and lodged in the county jail. The horse of Dr. Bulluck had been considerably jammed by a hard drive all the afternoon and the officers were in such close pursuit. The negro had been drinking considerably and told various tales of his possession of the horse, one of which was that he had hired the animal from a livery stable.

The funeral of the late Col. Peter Mallett was conducted at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. James' Episcopal church and the remains were laid to rest in Oakdale Cemetery. The services were held by Bishop Robert Strang, assisted by Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., and Rev. R. W. Hogue. The pall-bearing officers were: Honorary—Col. John D. Taylor, Col. W. L. DeRosier, Capt. A. D. Cassan, and Capt. James I. Metz; active—Messrs. George W. Kidler, John E. Crow, William Calder, W. H. Green, J. H. Boatwright and Dr. George G. Thomas, Jr. George H. Mallett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a son of the deceased, and Rev. Mr. Pickaley, of Warwick, N. Y., were here to attend the obsequies.

**A HARD DEBT TO PAY.**  
"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of Westfield, Iowa, "my rescue from death by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed an imminent when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equaled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c and 1.00 trial bottle free.



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## HOTEL CLEGG

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### ALBEMARLE GIRL FETED.

**The Young Men of the Town Get Up a Novel and Pleasing Entertainment and the Occasion is Made a Memorable One For Unstinted Enjoyment.**  
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Albermarle, Nov. 29.—Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitants has there been known a more delightful gathering of young people than the throng that assembled last night at the Central Hotel. The young gentlemen had long felt that they were under obligation to the young ladies of the city; not a swain among them but had been royally entertained time and again by the bright-eyed sweet misses, at party, ball, dance, surprise, amateur theatricals, masquerade or luncheon. What could be more natural for these happy youths than to determine to give some faint return, show some appreciation, for the many festivities the ladies had carried through.

Nothing less than a carnival of fun would do, thought they, and forthwith the grateful fellows began to ponder an "scheme, and finally they did bring forth out of their brains a play—a most promising production. Nothing did they leave undone to insure perfect success. They gathered large parties, dispensed numberless committees to look after numberless important matters, made arrangements for the prettiest hall in town, plotted a luncheon that would drive away all memories of feasts redolent with turkey, and then with poetic fitness they set the occasion for Thanksgiving night.

If, reasoned the young men, Thanksgiving is a day of love, happiness and family reunion; if all then have kind feelings and wishes for all; if it is in the air for everybody to enjoy himself, and if it is the ideal time for good people to come together—then, thought the young men, why should we not make it the opportunity for delivering in person and in a substantial manner to the girls of the town our thanks for their many courtesies? Thus it was that with Thanksgiving spirit they chose for their frolic that day of warmest welcome, Thanksgiving.

Right yeomanly did they thank the maids of Albermarle. There were the green ferns and carnations and other flowers, as tokens of gratitude. It would have delighted the heart of the most cautious cynic to see how the dear fellows, with the tables turned, waited upon the girls, obeying every nod and beck, anticipating every wish, as if their very lives depended on their gratifying the guests of the hour. The girls must have smiled to see how the good fellows anticipated, how they had refreshments brought

forth and dispensed, how they concocted schemes for the pleasure of the girls, how delectable they had become where they had always been clumsy.

The girls for their part gave no hint that they were conscious of being in an unusual position. Dignified, graceful and queenly, without exception, were they all. It seemed as if they were accustomed to have brave young knights dance attendance around them—not one but wore her serene smile, and moved with perfect ease. They drank their full of enjoyment, enjoyed every number of the varied programme, and did not disdain to take part themselves. They voted unaniously that the gentlemen had done themselves credit and deserved unstinted praise and admiration.

### STATESVILLE NEWS BUDGET.

**A Number of Thanksgiving Collections Taken For the Orphan—Music Association Holds a Singing—Young Man Shoots Himself in the Foot—Ugly Gash Received While Cutting Wood—Former Manager of Telegraph Office Returns.**  
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Statesville, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving Day was observed in Statesville yesterday as usual, business generally being suspended. The sportsmen spent the day in the field, services were held at a number of the churches and a number of social functions occurred last night. Collections were taken at the various churches for the orphanages. The collection at the Baptist church for the Thomasville Orphanage amounted to \$109; at the Presbyterian for the Barium Orphanage to \$122; at the Associated Reformed Presbyterian for the Rio Verde Orphanage, Mexico, \$75.

Mr. Grover Cleveland Critcher entertained members and friends of the B. Y. P. U. at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Critcher, last night and the affair was a success and a most enjoyable occasion. A collection taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounted to about \$3.50.

The Iredell County Music Association held a singing at the court house yesterday. A large number of singers and listeners were present and a lengthy programme was rendered. A number of classes from Alexander county were in attendance.

Mr. Jonas Culbreth, at the home of Mrs. Pettit, where 28 rooms, just before retiring Wednesday night, looked at his pistol to see that it was in good trim. It did not revolve exactly to suit him so he began to tinker with it. As a result one of the chambers was discharged and the ball, as he called it, went through Mr. Culbreth's

foot and into the floor, inflicting a very painful but not serious wound. The ball passed through the foot without fracturing any of the bones and Mr. Culbreth will, therefore, be disabled only a short time.

Mr. O. L. Woodside, of Concord, township, was in town yesterday to have a very sore foot dressed by a physician. A few days ago he was cutting wood when his axe slipped and cut an ugly gash across his right foot. Mr. Woodside is suffering a great deal from the injury but is able to get about on crutches.

Mrs. John Freeze, of Mooresville, who underwent treatment at the Long Sanatorium, returned to her home yesterday. She has about regained her usual strength. Mr. Freeze came to Statesville to accompany his wife home.

Miss Beatrice Gray, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday and yesterday here with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Kurfess, leaving last night for Charlotte to resume her position as nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital. Miss Gray underwent an operation for appendicitis last month and had since been at the home of relatives at Mooresville. She has about regained her usual strength and expects to resume her duties in the hospital to-day.

Mr. Charles J. Jones, who recently returned to Statesville from Knoxville, Tenn., has resumed his former position as manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company—the place which he held for years so acceptably to the company and its patrons. Mr. H. R. Morgan, who has been in charge of the office for some months, has returned to his home at Danville, Va.

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