

DIVORCE IN HIRSCH CASE.

Termination of Much Talked-of Case Which Started Almost a Year Ago. The last and the final chapter in the Hirsch-Lemmond controversy of long standing was closed on yesterday when Judge Moore, in Superior Court, granted the petition of Mrs. Henry Hirsch, or Emma Lemmond for a divorce. No objection was offered to this proceeding by the nominal defendant, who has been in Salisbury nearly a year. No counsel represented him and no word in objection to the granting of the divorce was uttered, except the joint cross-examination of the witnesses, particularly of the plaintiff by Judge Moore, who knew nothing of the case.

Newspaper readers in this section will remember the unusual circumstances attendant upon or at least immediately following this marriage, which took place last spring before "Squire" Lailes just over the line in South Carolina. The two drove to South Carolina in a buggy and on their return a day or two later the relatives of the bride had Hirsch indicted on the charge of simple assault, it being charged by her that she was taken to South Carolina against her will and that Squire Lailes held her up during the ceremony, also against her will. The man Hirsch and Lailes both denied this, precipitating an issue of veracity.

The case tried before Squire Hill-ton and a jury resulted in a mistrial and finally after much contention was dropped. Notice of an intention to sue for divorce was given by the woman immediately after the first trial and this action terminated yesterday. The two main issues in the case which were to be decided by the jury were as to whether the plaintiff entered into any marriage ceremony with the defendant and whether she entered into the ceremony by threats or coercion. Both these issues were answered in favor of the plaintiff. This case was calendared for to-day, but the court has the right to take a litigation of this kind up any time unless there is resistance. Messrs. Plummer Stewart and F. R. McNinch appeared for the plaintiff.

"NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE."

Thus Swears Defendant When Faced by Man Who Testifies Against Him On Charge of Retailing—Witness Says He Has Known Him 10 Years.

A direct, unadorned, unmistakable clash of testimony put up to Recorder Smith on the issue of veracity yesterday morning which he side-stepped, leaving the question to be wrestled with by the grand jury, holding the defendant on a light bond. Tom Helms, a reformed and Army man (reformed sinner who joined the army, not a member who swore off being one), swore that seven weeks ago when he was standing in a grocery store, Tom North, a diagnosed drunk and drunk with much gusto, 60 cents being the price paid.

"I never saw this man before in my life," swore North, "at least not to know him. I may have seen him on the streets conducting religious services but I never sold him any blind tiger liquor." "I have known Tom North for ten years," averred the prosecuting witness. "He married a cousin of mine." "I guess I ought to know him. Furthermore, a relative of mine was present at the time the transaction took place. The police found out about the sale from him and that's how come they summoned me."

Mr. Swift Davis For Police Commissioner.

The name of Mr. B. Swift Davis, proprietor of the Dilworth drug store, has been mentioned in connection with the place on the board of public safety recently made vacant by the resignation of Mr. James O. Walker. Mr. Davis is at present officially connected with the administration, being a member of the board of school commissioners, and chairman of the visiting committee of that body. He is thoroughly alive to his duties in this connection and if chosen will make a valuable addition to the police board.

School Board to Meet.

The board of school commissioners is called to meet to-night for the purpose of taking immediate action upon the recommendation of Chief W. S. Orr, of the fire department, relative to needed improvements on the school building of the city. It is felt to be urgent that this matter be given attention at once since the horrible catastrophe which befell the school children in the Cleveland disaster a few days ago.

Mr. Durham Given Appointment to Concord Church.

News has reached the city that Bishop Henry C. Morrison has appointed Rev. Plato T. Durham to the pastorate of the Central Methodist church, of Concord, in the place of Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, who was appointed presiding elder of the Asheville district, following the death of Rev. Dr. L. W. Crawford. Mr. Durham is absent from the city, having not yet returned from Chicago.

Arrested and Taken to Salisbury.

James Reeves, a former resident of Charlotte, was arrested late Tuesday night or yesterday morning on complaint of the deputy sheriff of Rowan, on the charge of assaulting a small boy. It was stated as likely that the charge would be altered to one much more serious. Reeves was taken back to Salisbury last night. He is an employe of the railroad shop at Spencer.

Prof. Graham Will Make Welcome Address.

Prof. Alexander Graham, superintendent of the city graded schools, has been invited and has accepted the honor of making the welcome address in behalf of the city to the teachers coming together in the approaching State Assembly. Professor Graham will, of course, perform this office in his usual cordial and happy manner.

Marriage in Hoskins.

Miss Minnie Crepp and Mr. E. A. Rawlings, a young couple of the Hoskins settlement, were quietly married yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. B. G. Crepp, Rev. J. A. Baldwin, officiating.

Attending Father's Funeral.

Mr. James A. Harrison, Jr., is in Greensboro where he went to attend the funeral of his father, Capt. James A. Harrison, who died there Tuesday night at the age of 81 years. Captain Harrison was a veteran of the civil war. He was a brave soldier and a man of large family connections.

FAIR CIRCUIT DISSOLVES.

Fairs This Fall Will Be Held in Several Cities Independent of Others—Mr. Crewell in Columbia Attending Meeting of Secretaries of Four States.

The dissolution of the North Carolina circuit of fairs has been announced and the events this fall in the several cities of the State, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Salisbury, will be held independently of each other. The trouble is said to have originated over the selection of dates, and when the State organization could not agree upon time for holding the individual fairs, it was thought best to drop the matter and allow each city to choose its own dates. There seems to have been a general break-up in the circuit and there is a deal of speculation right now as to what the ultimate outcome of the situation will be.

It is recalled that an effort was made several days ago to harmonize the several associations of Virginia with those of North Carolina and fix dates which would allow no city in the two States to hold fairs at the same time. This effort fell through, Virginia not being willing to enter the agreement, having already decided upon dates. When this failure was confronted it appears that trouble began to rise in the North Carolina circuit, which precipitated the dissolution. The Winston-Salem papers state that the fair association of that town has already agreed upon its dates, irrespective of what others may do, and also state that the general belief is that Greensboro and Salisbury will be governed by the action of the Winston association.

Coloring is given this story by the trip yesterday to Columbia, S. C., of Mr. C. M. Crewell, secretary of the Mecklenburg Fair Association, to meet with a general meeting of the secretaries of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Of this meeting, its personnel and purpose, The Columbia State has the following to say:

Representing the fair associations of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the secretaries of these associations will meet this morning at 11 o'clock at the Columbia Hotel. There will be at least 12 of these representatives.

Mr. J. E. Pogue, secretary of the North Carolina State Fair Association; Mr. C. M. Crewell, secretary of the Mecklenburg Fair Association; Mr. Frank Welden, secretary of the Georgia State Fair Association; Mr. Frank E. Beane, secretary of the Augusta Fair Association; Mr. L. G. Hollind, secretary of the Jacksonville Fair Association; Mr. Thomas J. L. Brown, representing the Florida State Fair Association; Mr. John Wood, secretary of the Greenville Fair Association; Mr. V. M. Moore, representing the Spartanburg Fair Association; Mr. McCartha, of the Batesburg Fair Association, and Mr. E. M. Ehrd, secretary of the Lexington Fair Association, are among the guests expected to be present.

"This conference will be held to arrange the dates for the different fairs this year, in order that there may be no conflict. Plans will also be made to secure some of the best attractions. A number of fine horses will be sent from one fair to the other and a first-class carnival may be engaged for the circuit. There are a hundred things to be looked after and Mr. Love always has thought for every detail. It is the minutiae, seeming trifles, which in the end insure the success of the State fairs."

REV. F. D. JONES ACCEPTS CALL.

Popular Pastor of Alken, S. C., Presbyterian Church Will Become Pastor of Westminster.

A message received here yesterday afternoon from Rev. Frank Dudley Jones, of Alken, S. C., was to the effect that he would accept the call recently extended him by the congregation of the Westminster Presbyterian church, to succeed Rev. Alexander Martin, who is now serving in the First Presbyterian church of Rock Hill, S. C. Rev. Mr. Jones preached at Westminster a few Sundays ago, and was very much pleased with the people and the opening here. The church, in turn, was delighted with him and received the news of his acceptance with great pleasure.

Rev. Mr. Jones is a young minister of the education and telling pulpit power. He has a number of personal friends in Charlotte who will welcome him here.

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IN CIVIL COURT.

Suit Over a Horse Which Dies While Litigation is in Progress Consumes Time and Energy—Plaintiff Wins.

A verdict of \$35 for the plaintiff was returned by the jury yesterday in the dead horse case of Ernest Couser versus Isam Stover. The issue, although not upon the face of the facts a very live one, was fought out for several hours. Ernest Couser, it seems, had once upon a time been possessed of a nag, which in the course of events he sold to Isam Stover, the party of the second part. Finding his newly acquired property to be somewhat delicate, Isam handled it tenderly, working it only at employment not too strenuous for its advancing years and impaired health. Becoming dissatisfied he brought suit against the horse's former owner for the sum of \$50, claiming that it was not the article he had bargained for.

Appeal was taken from Squire Cobb's court to Superior Court. In the meantime the heart-sick nag, its finest feelings trampled upon, torn and violated by this litigation which was so brutal a reflection upon its value, laid down and died, not even waiting for the honorable Superior Court to pass on the merits and demerits of the case.

After Couser had started the litigation, it is said, he had in turn to give assurance that the horse would perform hack duties. The horse died without doing this, making its owner peculiarly liable for the desertion from duty imposed without the horse's consent.

The case now on trial is a suit brought by Weld, Colburn & Wilkin against the La Marguerite Shop. Evidence in this was concluded just before adjournment for the night.

Contributions Desired to Crittenton Home Fund.

The Observer is asked to give publicity to the following statement: "The board of trustees of the Florence Crittenton Home has to make a payment on its mortgage at once and would appreciate it if the friends who promised to contribute to this at the last meeting held at Tryon Street church and have not yet done so, would send their contributions to Mr. Walter S. Alexander, treasurer board of trustees, Southern Loan and Real Estate office."

Mr. Enos A. Mills to Speak. The Greater Charlotte Club has invited Mr. Enos A. Mills, a forestry expert, to make an address here April 2d. Mr. Mills is one of the best informed men in the country on forestry questions and is a distinguished gentleman. His services were secured by the government last year. He has given this work his time and attention for fifteen years.

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