A DARKY'S CLOSE SHAVE HAVING NO LICENSE HE RAN

Story Recounted to Show Wherein the Law Imposes a Hardship Upon the Individual to Protect the Class—The "Protectionist Policy" Close at Home—Old Darky Without Work and Eager to Earn a Pittance Given Joh to Do Some Painting Given Job to Do Some Painting voice over the telephone at yesterday afternoon. "Send at of the Law—The Good Points and the Law—The Good Points he Bad of the Law.

The law as it relates to and afts residents of the city offers some strange and almost inexplicable features, or as the late lamented John Charles McNeill might have said: That air good p'ints as well as bad, that c'recterizes the law." These prons on their face may appear unjust to the individual and perhaps are brother. George, formerly of this city, in certain cases, but to society, in the vast majority of instances, they are just about what they should be. For The priest, the groom-to-be, bride-

The law says to the negro who will not work: "You are a vagrant, shift-less, unproductive and criminally-in-clined, a menace to society and dangerous to good government. Not willing to work for your living and there-by contribute something to the State. you shall be made to. You are hereby ordered to the county roads for four months at hard labor."

The same law says to another darky, a self-supporting, unoffending, even thritfy negro: "Painting that old house which has been an eyesore to this community for so long, are you? That's a pretty fair job, too, you are making of it. Getting 50, perhaps 75 cents a day for your labor? Well, where is your license? Don't understand? Why, the city requires that all painters pay a tax and take out a license. Got none? Then come with me. You will wear a suit of striped clothes for four months and see what you can do breaking rock. No license is required to do that

One darky is punished because he will not work; the other because he does work, striving to earn a living for himself and family in a meagre-but honest fashion and doing something for the State. Unfortunately he is working at a "tabooed" trade. No one will question the justice of the first requirement but the second

THE POINT ILLUSTRATED. lotte man had several houses situat-ed out on the edge of town which he wanted painted. Not having anything much to do himself he thought that he would try his hand on them. He went to the paint shop and laid in a good supply, a portion of which he had sent to one dwelling, and the rest

He had been employed but a few hours when a darky stepped up. Boss, ain't you got a little work you can give a poor nigger to do. I

have a family to take care of and have nuthin' to do. I lost my job at the foundry last week and I ain't got much to eat left. My old woman can't work and my children are too small to do much.

The darky had a good face, seemed to mean what he said and so the man decided to help him if possi-

"Can you paint, John?" asked he. "No, sir, boss, I can't just exzackly paint, but I can attend to that old house pretty well I guess. I can try." Well, I will give you 75 cents a day to paint this house while I go around

the block to look after my other one. to apply the paint so as not to waste it and everything moved along swimmingly. The owner, who was giving his ready around every few hours to see how John was getting on. He was pleased dropped around just before knockthere was no negro to be found anyswallowed him up he could not have disappeared more completely. Naturally the owner of the house was curious. He hunted high and low for the darky. Only the best of relations had instant the harness will fall hasty departure. An investigation follearned that a policeman had been in save him was asleep.

The work has been well done and the neighborhood and that he had the neighborhood and that he had The work has been well done and been over to see the darky at work is a credit to the energetic policemen on the house. Nothing could be learned of what he had wanted or what he got. If he had done nothing cise he had certainly made the poor darky at work on the ramshackle house take French leave of his employer Sam's job and Sam's wages. The call muse have been an urgent one, The Charlotte man thought no

more of the incident until one Saturday about a week later when somebody touched him on the arm uplown. It was the absconding darky, though he looked even a little the, worse for

HE HAD TO LEAVE.

"Boss, can't you giv' me my wages for that yuther day's work down on Middle street last week. I had ter leave a little ahead er time p'leceman wux atter me and I just had ter go. He axed me if I had er license or somethin' else lak dat and when I told him I didn't know what he wuz a-talkin' erbout he made as if ter grab me and I cleared out the back way. He waz mighty soft and fair spoken when he come up as if he wanted to see how I wuz gittin' along so as to giv' me er job. But no, sir, he wuz a-prowlin' to see if he couldn't git this poor nigger in trouble. I hated to go and leave you but I thought I'd better. Besides, how could my old weman and her chilluns git along wid me in the guard

The last was a clincher. The darky

To-day he is one of the best work-men in the city. But he had an everasting close call from the chaingang and all because he hadn't com-plied with a certain city ordinance of which he had no knowledge. This is en route through Raieigh and Hen-just an example of the "bad p'int" of the law to the individual. Philadelphia, Buffalo, Niagara Falls

Morth Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association which is in session at Winston, Capt. Jack O. W. Graviev left this city Priday night. The meeting is composed of the representative tobacco growers of the State. "Captain Jack." as he is falight, Durham or Wilmington, from which points tickets may be purchased with a suit case filled with manuscript and ere his return friends may which for a speech that will assound the

A SYRIAN MARRIAGE.

George Knuckley and Miss Nester Nasser Married at the Home of Joe Knuckley on College Street—Some Delay in Getting the License—Fath-er Joseph Performed the Ceremony.

yesterday afternoon. "Send an Observ-It was an American talking. He had seen the perparations going on and just wanted to do the boys in the Mule Pen a turn,

Two scribes hurried down, one to look on and the other to make notes. Joseph Knuckley, the fat, fine fellow, with round face and black mustache, who runs a store at 209 East Trade street, lives at 306 South College. His but now of Gastonia, was going to marry Miss Nester Nasser, of this city. guests and newspaper men elect. were there but no license had been procured.

"A license, my life for a license," everybody was saying. No license, no marriage, the State

"Where is the register of deeds?" nquired the reporter. Gone to camp meeting," sald Joe.

"Well, why not get his assistant?" "He's gone to camp meeting too." There they were: with a would-be bride and groom and no license. In Syria no license is necessary. The Catholic ceremony is all that is required. Therefore, the license was overlooked Saturday, and Bud Moore and his assistant, Mr. Sing, went to Hickory Grove and it is against the law for any other person to issue the

Father Joseph did what he could to procure license, but his efforts were utile. While the crowd waited at Joe Knuckley's residence the rains fell in regular floods and made of College street a swollen stream. Many of the Syrians had assembled to witness the marklage. They waited patiently on the porch and in the parlor and the sitting room. The groom-elect sat in silence, hoping that all would be well before long, while his sweetheart, clad in her bride-gown, said not a word to man or woman, but held her in Charlotte, it is understood, will hands and looked the part of the be in the 'skyscraper' that is now bride-to-be, Her apparel, from the dainty slippers that incased her feet have occurred recently within the to the veil that covered her feet borders of Greater Charlotte, A Charlocks, was Oriental. Minutes, and locks, was Oriental. Minutes, and hours passed but no license could be

would be impossible to do anything Will Rion and Alfred Taylor.

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The warehouse of the Standard had sent to one dwelling, and the rest would be imported for Mr. Sing "The warehouse of the Standard to another. The houses were several until either Mr. Moore or Mr. Sing "The warehouse of the Standard oil Company will remain as it has in readiness. The license was on hand, force will be transferred to The attendants were: Mrs. Robert

Knuckley, maid of honor, and Mr. Frank Head, best man. Mr. Joe his mother, Mrs. Selma Knuckley, gave her away. The bride was dressed in an Oriental princess gown of blue and white taffeta. Father Joseph performed the cere-

mony, which was witnessed by a number of people, among them some native Americans. The young couple will go to Gastonia to-day or to-morrow.

IMPROVEMENTS AT STATION.

Firemen and Policemen Rig Up Neat Device For Facilitating Bringing Out of Patrol Wagon.

immensely and he at once fell to about as well equipped to answer Columbia." speedily a hurry-call with the patrol wagon as is the fire department Moonshine Plant Captured Near the attention to his other dwelling, came instant when the big bell on the tower booms forth its alarm. Together and told John so. The first day and the policemen and fremen have the morning of the second passed worked. Mention was made the other without mishap Late in the afternoon day of improvements which were beof the second day, when this man ing made in the abiding place of the a copper still of 75-gallons capacity ing-off time to see how the work was patrol wagon, hard by the station and progressing, he found the house de- next door to the rendezvous of the serted. The paint cans were in place, fire combaters. A covering of brick and all the brushes were on hand, but was laid over the ground, furnishing a bed of uniform surface for the where. Had the earth opened and wagon to rest on and stalls were built arrests, as the birds had flown. on either hand. New harness has been secured and an electric contrivance has been rigged up after the fashion of that in the fire department. In an obtained since the trade was made place, the horses are rushed in and off the day previous and besides there go, across bitulifhic streets, past was a day's wages due; so nothing he electric lights, on out into the outbad done could have occasioned his posts of slumbering civilization, there to pounce on some unsuspecting sinlowed. From his neighbors it was ner who thought that all the world

and firemen who conceived the idea and rigged the contrivance up.

RAINED 2.40 INCHES.

Another Letting Down of the Flood-Gates Yesterday and the Same Old Story to Tell.

The elements came across dutifully esterday with their almost daily weather story." During the 24 hours ending last night at 8 o'clock there fell in the confines of the City of Charlotte 2.40 inches of rain. The otal for the month is 8.03, that for he year is 33.99. In other words onefourteenth of all rain which has fallen in the past 236 days fell in this

Practically all of this was between the hours of 3 and 8 yesterday afternoon and night. Had the time included in the period of reckoning taken into account last evening instead of Saturday night the figures would have been larger, for the rain contflued for hours after the close of the meteorological day. There was much lightning during the afternoon, though not much of it was danger-ously near. Evidently the storm was bad elsewhere,

The Scaboard's Specially Conducted Trip North.

The indications are that the Scaboard Air Line's great Northern tour The last was a clincher. The darky which will be personally conducted got his wages and a little extra and by Mr. C. H. Gattis, of Raleigh, traveling passenger agent, will carry a record crowd to Niagara Falls and Canada early next month. desiring to go from Charlotte will leave here Wednesday morning September 2d, at 4:39 o'clock for Hamlet derson for Richmond, Washington, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Niagara Falis and Toronto, Canada, the latter city To Attend Tobseco Growers' Meeting. being reached Saturday, September 6th. After passing down to St. Lawrence to Clayton, the trip back will be commenced. In all the party will be the Carolina Tobacco Growers' Associ- en route 14 days. The railroad fare,

Clinchfield-the Cost of quality.

TO HAVE CENTRAL OFFICE HERE

Standard Oil Company Will Open Up in Charlotte Saturday as Office to Do the Clerical Work For the Two Carolinas—Made Necessary by In-crease in the Field Work and the Fact That Charlotte is Centrally

The Columbia State of yesterday contained an interesting local story to the effect that the Standard Oil Company will open up an office of consequence in this city next Satur-day. The clerical force of the Co-lumbia office will be transferred to Charlotte. This is another indication that big concerns are recognizing the fact that Charlotte is the best distributing point for this section of the South. Swift & Co. and the General Fire Extinguisher Company, in recognition of this, have erected plants here and maintain distributing stations here. The Standard been using this as a point for distribution. The State says:

"There will be opened in Charlotte August 29th an office of the Standard Oll Company that will do the clerical work for the greater portion of the two Carolinas. The removal of the office of the company located in this city will take place at the same time and the majority of the force now employed in the office here will be transferred to Charlotte.

"The increase in the field work of the Standard has rendered this change necessary and there will be consolidated at Charlotte the work now being done for South Carolina by the Columbia office and that being done for North Carolina by the Wilmington office. The reason The reason given is that Charlotte is close to the border of South Carolina and consequently is a more central point than any other city that might have been selected to handle the business of the company.

"The Standard Oil Company's office in this city at present is located on floor 11 of the National Loan and Exchange Building and is under the management of Mr. E. S. Player. Mr. Player will go to Charlotte on August 29th and be in charge of the consolidated office. In the office here are employed about 15 clerks and these will be given the opportunity to go to Charlotte to enter the office there. The offices of the Standard nearing completion in the North Carolina city,

"It is not now known which members of the Columbia office force will had. The ceremony could not go forward until Bud Moore or Lloyd Sing returned from Hickory Grove. be missed if they should decide to At 7 o'clock Joseph J. Beshere, who had been hunting some one to issue a license, returned and said that it license, returned and said that it

the hour be postponed until 9 o'clock. heretefore been in this city and there At the appointed hour everything was will be no changes except the clerical lotte. Columbia has been the logical centre of the company's business in South Carolina and the reports from Knuckley, guardian of the bride, and the various stations have been sent in to the local office. This was the work carried on by the clerical force in the skyscraper office. This work will now be done in Charlotte for both of the Carolinas.

"Mr. Player will be the manager of the Charlotte office and as Wilmington will also be transferred he will have quite a large office force under him. Mr. Player has been in charge of the local office since its inauguration here five years He will now have a larger field and his friends here wish him suc-cess in his work. He is a native of North Carolina and has lived in Saannah and has many friends i

Wallace came to Gaffney Wednisday into North Carolina, just across the and destroyed 500 gallons of beer. The outfit was complete in every respect just getting ready to manufacture whiskey on a large scale. The officers did not succeed in making any

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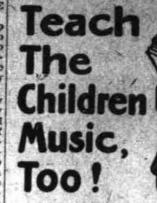
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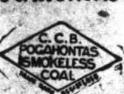
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