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To offer you goods at a certain figure, at which the same article can be had for at any time, but to call it "at half price" for special occasions, is that giving you a bargain?—

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Call and examine our \$3.00 Oak Rockers. They are going very fast.

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MISS RAY WHITLOCK

Artistic Triumph of an Asheville Young Lady in Baltimore.

Miss Ray Whitlock, daughter of Mr. A. Whitlock of Asheville, who is now a member of the faculty of the National Conservatory of Music in New York, appeared at a concert in Baltimore last Thursday night and achieved an artistic triumph as will be seen by the following extracts from Baltimore papers:

The American: "Miss Whitlock appeared in the dual role of pianist and the evening's prima donna. Her execution was characterized by a just regard in the beauties of phrasing, and it is but merited praise to concede that her numbers were colored with the brilliancy of fine art style. Miss Whitlock adds to her accomplishments by the gift of a voice of pleasing quality. Her melodic from the French were like sweet-sounding heralds of Champlain's coming to America, and the closing number, 'Spring Song,' from Well with violin, proved how beautiful are all the harmonies which breathe of the 'Pathland' of music."

The Herald: "... Miss Whitlock was equally as successful, both in her instrumental and vocal efforts."

The Sun: "The second number was given to the piano solo, Miss Ray Whitlock, who played Reinhold's Impromptu, the D flat major Prelude and the B minor. Later in the evening Miss Whitlock sang two beautiful songs by Champlain and a spring son by Well, with violin accompaniment. Miss Whitlock's voice is a rich soprano and her clear enunciation added greatly to the pleasure of listening to her."

**SUPERIOR
IN SESSION**

Opened Yesterday Afternoon by Judge Norwood.

Suspended for Clingman Obsequies Today.

A Special Term of Court Ordered.

By County Commissioners at Their Session Yesterday.

To be Held on December 29—Increased Number of Pauper Claims—Large Attendance Present—Extra Session Last Night.

Judge W. L. Norwood reached the city yesterday afternoon and opened court promptly at 3 o'clock.

Most of the bar was present. Before taking his seat on the bench the judge was handed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of the state vs. Com. Surrett, William Surrett and Eden Jones, charged with the whitecaping on Sandy Mush a short while since. The petition in the habeas corpus case is in the usual form and sets forth:

The Petition of Com. Surrett William Surrett and Eben Jones respectfully showeth unto your honor, 1st, that the petitioners are imprisoned and restrained of their liberty in the county jail of Buncombe county by the sheriff of said county, W. M. Worley.

2. That the cause or pretense of said imprisonment and restraint according to the knowledge and belief of the applicant is a commitment from J. W. Bolling and A. E. Wells, justices of the peace of Buncombe county, charging the petitioners with house-breaking and assault, a copy of which said commitment is hereto attached and made a part of this petition.

3. That the imprisonment of your petitioners is illegal, for there is no evidence to sustain the charge against them and that the said justices commanding the refuse to allow them to give bond for their appearance at the next term of the circuit court of Buncombe county for that bail is still denied them.

4. That the legality of the imprisonment has not already been adjudicated upon, a prior writ of habeas corpus to the knowledge or belief of the applicants. The affidavit upon which the application was based was signed by Taylor Jones and sworn to before Frank Carter, notary public. The application was promptly granted and an order issued to the sheriff to bring the petitioners into court at 2 p. m. this evening that further proceedings may be had. A large number of witnesses have been summoned and the investigation promises to be both interesting and lengthy.

Many motions were made asking that cases omitted on account of absence of lawyers from the calendar meeting be put on. Judge Norwood remarked that his experience with the calendar at the last term was that an interference with the arrangements worked confusion and dissatisfaction. After some discussion pro and con the court declined to disturb the calendar but ordered several cases put to the foot of the calendar.

The clerk was then ordered to call the list of jurors, all of whom answered except one. A number of important cases were continued by consent, owing to the necessary presence of several members of the bar at the supreme court in Raleigh. Captain Gudger stated to the court that he was requested to ask His Honor to bear with any noise that might be occasioned by the military boys in conveying their trumpery to the armory over the court room and concluded with a motion that the court suspend its workings until Wednesday morning in respect to the funeral obsequies of the late Gen. T. L. Clingman, who was said not only a member of the Asheville bar but a soldier and statesman of the highest type and all through his varied and eventful life had been an honor to his state and country and that it was meet and proper that this course be taken. He was strongly supported by Judge Merrimon, T. H. Cobb and others. The judge unhesitatingly granted the motion and ordered that a page in the record of the court should be devoted exclusively to the enrollment of the court's action in the matter.

The case of Brignal vs. Roberts was then called and pending its trial, court took a recess until Wednesday. The habeas corpus case will be called at chambers and perhaps continued until another day.

The board of county commissioners were in regular monthly session yesterday with an unusually large attendance. The entire forenoon was consumed in passing upon the claims of the large number of paupers that appear upon the records and the many new applicants that appear at each meeting. This is a laborious job, as the merits of each claim must be looked into. Late in the afternoon, after some discussion, the board ordered a special term of the court for Buncombe county to convene on the 27th inst. and proceeded to draw thirty-six jurors to serve at said term. The board has not concluded its labors as the most important part of the session's work is yet unfinished, to-wit, the receiving and passing upon the official bonds of each bonded officer in the county required to be done on the first Monday in December of each and every year. Members of the

board and Register Beachboard were at work last night to a late hour in order to give time to the funeral exercises today. Ex-Representative Lon Wells and E. D. Carter will appear for the petitioners in the habeas corpus case today.

A CHRISTMAS SALE

By the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.

The woman's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will have a Christmas sale of Japanese water colored pictures Thursday, the 18th, from 3 to 10 p. m. and Friday, the 17th, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. These beautiful pictures represent Japanese scenes of home life, etc. They have been sent directly from Japan and will be sold at such low prices that any one will be glad of the chance to buy them. Young ladies, dressed in Japanese costumes, will have charge of the sales. It will be announced later in these columns where the sale will be.

ZEB VANCE DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

When Buncombe's ex-representative, Lon Wells, is expected to speak in a political meeting those who know him expect and always receive both facts and fun. Such was the experience of the large audience that listened to him at the Zeb Vance democratic club meeting last night. There was a time when Lon boasted of the fact that he was a republican now he rejoices in the fact that the scales have dropped from his eyes and that he can boast that he now and forever is a free silver democrat. His speech last night was intermingled with logic and wit and a little pathos on the outside. Money, he said, was the first issue and white supremacy next.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

At a meeting of the Asheville Central Labor union last night the following officers were elected: President—S. R. Bean. Vice-president—O. R. Jarrett. Recording secretary—William Francis. Financial secretary—J. P. Godson. Treasurer—P. H. Hughes. Trustees—Samuel Kennedy, G. L. Guichard and J. B. White. Sergeant at arms—R. A. Hedrick. Judge Eugene D. Carter is expected to address labor men at large on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in court house. Ladies are cordially invited.

MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

J. H. Jarvis who was at Marshall yesterday informs the Gazette that the meeting of the board of county commissioners of that county was one of more than usual importance. One of the most important features of the session was the acceptance of the resignation of Sheriff J. M. Ramsey and the appointment of Robert Ramsey in his stead. The new appointee at once gave his bond in the sum of \$35,000 and received the tax list.

A STRANGE AFFAIR

QUEER "CONFESSION" BY A DRUNKEN PRISONER.

Sequel to the Arrest of Two Men on Saturday Night—Indian Doctor Denies a Serious Accusation.

Saturday night about 10:30 o'clock a summons came from South Main street for policemen. On their arrival the officers found a crowd gathered and much excitement. A disgraceful outrage had been attempted on the family of Mr. J. A. Keith. Mrs. Keith had been attacked by a drunken rowdy armed with a pistol. Mrs. Keith succeeded in wresting the revolver from the hands of her assailant and called for aid.

Upon the arrival of the police a search was instigated in the house of Sherman Hensley who was hid in the house. Later John Randall was found in the house of Walker Hill, the Indian Doctor, who lives next door. They were both taken into custody. Hensley charged with being drunk and disorderly and assault with deadly weapon; Randall, drunk and disorderly.

Yesterday morning the case came up before Justice Carter. Randall was acquitted, but Hensley was bound over a bond of \$300. Later Hensley made a full confession, implicating Walker Hill and Randall. Warrants were issued for their arrest, and they were brought before Justice Jones.

Hensley turned state's evidence, but claimed to be too drunk to testify clearly. Randall was put under a bond of \$300 for his appearance for trial Wednesday at 10 o'clock. Hill is under bond for the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next court, as the justice deemed no other bond necessary.

In his confession, Hensley tells a rambling story, in which he makes a serious charge against Hill, who, he says, is at the bottom of the whole affair.

Some time ago Mr. Keith had the Indian doctor indicted for slander. Hensley alleged that Randall was hired by Hill to decoy Mr. Roberts, who is at Keith's house and Keith himself from their home to a place where they would assault and perhaps murder them and burn their house, and in the case against Hill for slander Randall was to perform himself. As Hensley was once an occupant of Mr. Keith's basement, and seems to have been on friendly terms with him.

He pleads guilty and claims that he was too drunk to know what he was doing.

On Wednesday at 10 o'clock the case will be heard before Justice Jones. Mr. W. D. Carter represents the defendants and Stanford and Brown the prosecution.

Mr. Hill positively denies that there is any truth in Hensley's story.

Auditor Ayer says: "It looks like we will have to look the democrats again and if so the ease with which it can be done is the only contemptible thing about it." Auditor Ayer was asked what he meant by "we," and replied "the folks." Then he was asked if he did not think the white people would get together and reply, "The white folks will rule this state as long as they stay here. It seems from the experience of the next two years that it is the right kind of white folks will rule it. You can draw your own conclusions. These are facts."

"There is going to be quite a little war about the alleged high fire insurance rate in Raleigh, it seems."

**STATE CAPITAL
GLEANINGS**

Meeting of the Baptist Convention.

Sixty-Seventh Annual Session to be Held Thursday.

Convicts to be Sent to Castle Haynes Mines.

An Addition to the Deaf and Blind Institution.

Petition to Congress to Repeal Civil Service Law—An Inspection of the "Rolling Expedition" Car Exhibit.

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—The Baptist state convention will meet in its sixty-seventh annual convention Thursday with the church at Oxford. Dr. A. C. Barron of Charlotte, will preach the sermon. Rev. J. E. White, corresponding secretary, gives the following statement:

Reports now in hand show churches, 1,400; membership, 140,000; preachers, 700; baptized during the year, 8,500. Financial statistics: Missions—state, home and foreign, \$30,000; education of ministers, \$2,400; orphanage, \$15,000. Total for all objects, \$325,000.

These figures do not include the Western North Carolina convention, which reports 21,000 members. Mr. White regards the year's work as one of the best in all the sixty-seven years' history of the convention. When the convention was organized in 1880, there were only 15,000 members of Baptist churches in all the state. Now, including colored Baptists, there are 325,000 members in the state.

It is learned that Dr. Kilgore was required by the Methodist conference to define exactly what he means by the term "Christian Education." It is predicted that he will be given general board work by the general conference, to which he is a delegate, and that he may be transferred from North Carolina.

The addition to the colored deaf and blind institution is completed and accepted.

Great numbers of printed petition blanks calling on congress to repeal the civil service law, are being circulated among republicans in North Carolina.

The Newbern democratic officials, retired with honors. After the Washington decision it was seen that if they hung on with a suit and it went against them they would probably have to refund all the salary paid up to date. So they step down and the fusionists go in.

Yet another bit of news is about the penitentiary. It is that an official has installed in a house in this city a female convict who has served a short term and who was recently discharged. It is said further that the official is a married man.

Not long ago a white man who was once a corporal of the guard at the penitentiary arrived there as a convict. As soon as they saw him in stripes the other convicts threw up their hats and shouted for joy at his misfortune. The officials stopped this demonstration at once. It is the wife of this convict who is permitted to visit him. Reference was made to this fact a day or so ago. The wife has a room in the administration building. The officials were sorry for the downfall of the once corporal.

Keith Wilson says that Governor Russell is the associate editor and chief backer of Senator Butler's paper.

Frank Green so well known in connection with the fine exhibits the Southern railway company makes, is here inspecting the "rolling exposition" car exhibit.

Superintendent Smith says the 76 convicts who have been grading the Carthage railroad extension, will be sent to Elrod this week to work on the branch of the Atlantic coast line.

Smith says 150 convicts will be put in the Castle Haynes phosphate mines. The best mechanics from the various farms were sent there last week to prepare for operations on an extensive scale. He says the state has bought these mines and farm, paying for it in cash \$16,000 in money made on cotton sales, and will mine phosphate on an extensive scale and sell it to manufacturers.

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ASHEVILLE TO CANTON.

The Madison county farmers, since learning that larger dealers and exporters are paying the same price for tobacco on the Asheville market as elsewhere and save freights, said a prominent planter yesterday, will sell the remainder of their crop on the Asheville market. The Marshall flouring mills, he said, are in good running order and doing a prosperous business.

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MEETING ZEB VANCE CAMP.

The Zeb Vance Camp of confederate veterans is hereby called to meet today at 10 o'clock a. m. at Hilliard Hall for the purpose of arranging to extend the funeral services of Comrade Thomas L. Clingman. A full attendance is asked.

J. M. Gudger, Commander of Camp.

LUETGERT TO TESTIFY.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Attorney Harmon, chief counsel for Luetgert, has decided to put the prisoner on the stand to testify in his own behalf. He will probably be the first witness for the defense.

JAMES H. YOUNG ASSIGNS.

New York, Dec. 6.—James H. Young, a well known investor at 27 Williams street, assigned today, without preferences. No statement is given by his attorneys.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Sidney J. Ashworth to P. O. Merrill, 47 acres on Hickory Nut Gap, \$1,193.75.

W. S. Cushman, executor, to Carry T. Bruebaugh, lot on corner Haywood street and Jefferson drive, \$5,000.00.

FEARS FOR A STEAMBOAT.