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Look in at the Greatest Offer of all our big bargains, Monday, Jan. 30, All our fine Silks, plaids, stripes and plain.

We will place on sale Monday \$1.00, 1.15, 1.25 & 1.50 SILKS and sell them, regardless of value, for 69 cts.

On next Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will have our Sheeting and Pillow Case SALE. 480 sold in one day last week. We will increase this sale by putting them lower than the cloth cost in each one. All Dress Goods, Table Linen, Napkins, etc., BELOW COST.

Our Store is likely to change hands any day, then this big cash sale will end. Supply yourself this next week.

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as well as the bill had the approval of some good lawyers, but the house took a conservative turn. Mr. Julian said he did not want the law in Rowan, and Mr. Harshbarger moved to the bill had substituted, which was done.

Bills were also passed: To allow the various divisions of the Atlantic Coast Line in North Carolina to change names to "The Atlantic Coast" making new domestic corporations. To allow a divorce where a man marries a woman in this state, mistress her and she thereafter lives a year in this state. It applies only to past cases, before January 1st. Owing to an error in date the bill was referred to the committee. To extend the corporate limits of Hickory.

To amend chapter 14, acts of 1897, by allowing executors or administrators of mortgages or trustees to make such sales as they may deem proper. By leave Mr. Craig introduced the following request bills: To give magistrates jurisdiction of cases of cruelty to animals; to allow clerks of court to pay out money under certain circumstances to minors who are wards of the law; to abolish the necessity of kissing the Bible to amend the law in reference to service of summons by publication.

SENATE. President pro tem Smith presided over the senate today. The following bills of general importance were introduced: By Senator McIntyre, to incorporate the Carolina and Northern railroad company; by Senator Ward, to reenact chapter 17 of the Code, relating to county government; by Senator Justice, to prohibit public drunkenness; by Senator Travis, to provide extra commissioners for Warren county.

The calendar was taken up and the following bills passed: To amend the charter of Gaston; to amend the charter of Greenville; to repeal chapter 150 laws of 1897 and to amend chapter 122 laws of 1897. These are the bills which take from the governor the control of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad company. To allow Greensboro to issue bonds; to increase the number of commissioners of Northampton county; to amend, reenact, and extend the charter of the Atlantic and Yanceyville railroad company; the joint resolution for the election of the directors of the penitentiary at 12 m., February 3, was passed.

TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE LOBBIES.

Special to the Gazette. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30.—The constitutional amendment will be endorsed by the caucus practically unanimously, but this does not mean that there is no objection to it. Three members from the west—that is from Greensboro west—and three from the far east have decided objections to it. Two eastern men promised their constituents that they would not vote for any measure which necessarily disfranchised anyone. They will vote, they say, for an election law which will give the democratic party every possible advantage, because such a law would not on its face disfranchise anyone.

Mr. Robert M. Rother, treasurer of the Hopkins Place Savings bank of Baltimore, which owns \$25,000 of Asheville bonds, is much pleased with the unanimity with which the committee and legislature prevented the repudiation of the Mt. Airy bonds which his bank holds. He will write letters to the commercial papers and bank journals that repudiation is dead in North Carolina and hopes this will put the state in better standing with the financial powers.

Sometimes repealing bills do not specify whether the law repealed is a public or private act of the number named. In abstracting the bills introduced recently I found one which repealed a certain act of 1893, and naturally looking in the public acts of 1893 found that it was an act introduced by the late Melvin Carter to validate, or attempt to validate, as the old board of county commissioners claimed, the Buncombe bonds. Of course all manner of suspicions arose and I hastened to the introducer to find what he meant to repeat an unimportant private law. There came to the engrossing clerk's office last week a bill drawn up by one of the most careful and able lawyers of the legislature which provided that: "All laws, public and private, are hereby repealed." Ellis Gardner, Esq., who is a valuable member of the department on account of his legal knowledge was thanked for observing an embarrassing omission of the words "in conflict with this act" after private.

LADIES' POINTED SHOES.

Ladies with small narrow feet wanting shoes for home wear can save fifty cents out of every one hundred cents spent with us for small size, narrow width, needle toed, button shoes. We are anxious to make sales on the above goods, and you get shoes at half price by buying them.

J. D. Blanton & Co. 39 PATTON AVE.

MAGISTRATE

STATEMENT FROM GEORGE W. JUSTICE

Denies Theft of Law Books—Talks Desperately in Jail. Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—George W. Justice has been called on by all the Asheville people who are here, and efforts were made to secure his release. I called on him Saturday at the county jail with a well known public man of Asheville. In reply to a question if he wished to say anything through the Gazette Mr. Justice said: "I am entirely innocent. I bought the books I am accused of stealing from the superior court clerk at the Southern Law Book Exchange two weeks ago. A young lawyer from Selma or some other place I forgot was present when I bought them. A negro carried the books to my room and if I could get out to see him I could recognize him. I took several books from the capitol to use for law work, but did it openly and have returned them. The books I sold [Ellis Gardner—the Code and Robertson and Jerome's Digest—I brought from home.]

In a reply to a suggestion that it would help him if he stated his object in being here since the Legislature met Mr. Justice said: "I came here for several things; I was to push a bill for P. H. Thrash creating a corporation in Cherokee county; then I hoped to get a position, and also I intended to oppose the Greater Asheville charter."

Mr. Justice was ill and very despondent. Mr. Craig asked what he could do for him. He said only to perform the last duty; that before tomorrow he expected to meet a just God, and asked to be buried in his black suit of clothes. He intimated several times that he would commit suicide. He first expressed a wish to get home to his father and mother and family.

FAILED TO GIVE BOND.

Special to the Gazette. Raleigh, Jan. 30.—George W. Justice was arraigned before the mayor this morning. Hon. R. L. Leatherwood, of Swain, his counsel, asked a continuance until the afternoon in the hope of securing a bond.

In the afternoon Mr. Leatherwood said he was unable to procure the bond and asked a hearing of the warrant. The mayor said the state was not then ready, expecting Justice would give bail.

Mr. Leatherwood made a strong plea that Justice be discharged on his own recognizance or an unjustified bond. This was refused. Justice was given until Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock to give a \$50 bond.

It is expected that Asheville relatives will telegraph the money for the bond tomorrow.

LYNCH'S TRIAL CONCLUDED.

Case now in the Hands of the Jury; Coming Murder Trial. The trial of Diamond Lynch and others charged with the robbery of Friedenburg's store was concluded late last evening with Judge Stevens' charge to the jury. During the day able speeches were made by Charles A. Webb and Frank Carter on the part of the defendants and Solicitor McCall for the state. The court is making good headway with the large number of cases on the docket. There are yet about thirty offenses to be tried at this term. The most important case on the docket is that of the state vs. Bon Howell, charged with the murder of Baxter on Southside avenue on circus day last fall in Asheville. A special venire of fifty men has been ordered and the trial set for Friday morning.

The Manor, Albemarle Park, Charlotte Street.

The Finest Private Inn South. Located in a residence park, ten minutes from center of Asheville on electric car. Private baths, electric light, steam heat and open wood fireplaces. In connection with The Manor are two artistic cottages. First season opened January 1, 1899. For further information apply to MRS. CHAS. M. PLATT, Manager.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

Subscribers to New Telephone Company Asked to Attend.

President John A. Nichols, of the board of trade, has issued the following: "At a meeting of the directors of the board of trade, it was ordered that a general meeting of the members of the board of trade and the subscribers to the Asheville Telephone company, be called to assemble in the city hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

"The purpose of the meeting being to confer with the officers of the Asheville Telephone company in respect to putting into operation its system and completing its connections with the subscribers, it is very important to have a full meeting of both the members of the board of trade and the subscribers of the telephone company. A full report of the progress and present condition of the Asheville company with respect to its contract with the city and its subscribers, will be made. "The mayor and aldermen of the city are invited and respectfully invited to be present."

CRAWFORD AND PEARSON

Both in Asheville Yesterday But Did Not Meet Each Other.

Hon. William T. Crawford, whose election to congress is being contested and Hon. Richmond Pearson, who has raised the contest, were in the city yesterday and Asheville was large enough to hold them.

The presence of both honorables was an accident. Crawford was returning to Waynesville from Raleigh and stopped here en route. Pearson has been in the city since Saturday. He will leave this morning on an evidence gathering tour of the western counties, in all probability commencing in Cherokee, where it is understood the fiercest part of the contest will be waged.

Neither Crawford nor Pearson came in contact with each other during their brief sojourn in the city.

REVOKED BY ROOSEVELT

Jacob Barker Can't be Had by the Alabama Authorities Yet.

Albany, Jan. 30.—Upon the grounds that the papers were defective Governor Roosevelt today revoked the warrant issued by him last Friday for the surrender of Jacob Barker to the Alabama state authorities. Barker is under arrest in New York and is wanted in Huntsville on the charge of concealing \$14,000 belonging to a partnership composed of himself and others.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50¢. Child's Spring Easel Shoes, sizes 8 & 9, 85¢. G. A. Mears and Sons.

French Dressmaker.

Mme. Le Goff, Kenilworth Park, Asheville, N. C.

To Ladies SUPER-FLOUS HAIR REMOVED

Dr. J. Van Dyck, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the first physician in this country to permanently destroy superfluous hair by the electric needle. Mrs. Josephine Van Dyck, successor to Dr. Van Dyck, has devoted 20 years to this operation. She has been most successful—having never failed to destroy the coarsest hair from the most delicate skin, without leaving a mark or giving pain. Testimonials from eminent physicians. Ladies taught. Hours 10 to 4. 158 Chestnut St., Asheville, N. C.

MURDERER CAPTURED.

Ed. Whitley, alias Louis McFadden, a colored man, was arrested in Victoria yesterday, charged with murder committed nearly seven years ago.

The murder occurred in Charlotte April 2nd, 1892. Policeman James Morgan, a popular officer in Charlotte was the victim. He noticed a suspicious looking negro carrying a sack of flour and called on him to halt. The negro wheeled and fired three shots into the policeman's body, killing him instantly. Posses were organized but the murderer was never captured. Suspicion pointed towards the negro Ed. Whitley, but he had disappeared, leaving no trace behind him. A reward of \$350 was offered for the arrest of the murderer, but it has remained standing.

About a year ago a negro in Charlotte was sentenced to the Mecklenburg county convict camp No. 1, superintended by W. S. Stancill. The negro promised to reveal Whitley's whereabouts if his term was shortened. Superintendent Stancill paid no heed to the darkey's story, but he was so persistent that after his release Supt. Stancill paid his way to Asheville, promising to share the reward if he located Whitley. Supt. Stancill was notified that the long and much wanted fugitive was working in Victoria under the assumed name of Louis McFadden. Supt. Stancill came here Sunday night and early yesterday morning placed the negro under arrest. Whitley, or McFadden denied all knowledge of the murder and protested that he had never been in Charlotte.

The alleged murderer and Supt. Stancill left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte, where Whitley will have an opportunity to prove his innocence.

EAVES AND LAMBERT WIN.

Special to the Gazette. Raleigh, Jan. 30.—It will be Senators Eaves and Lambert tomorrow. The senate elections committee today ordered a favorable report on their claims for a seat.

TROOPS START FOR MANILA.

Fort Snelling, Minn., Jan. 30.—The third regiment, 1300 strong, left for Manila today, via San Francisco.

CAVERA COURT MARTIAL.

Madrid, Jan. 30.—It is stated that every surviving officer and sailor of Admiral Cervera's squadron will be cited to testify at his trial by courtmartial, which, it is believed, will result in sensational developments.

Ladies' fine common sense shoes, 2 1-2 to 4 1-2, at cost; 270 pairs, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2. This shoe cost us \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.50. G. A. Mears & Sons' shoe store.

Babies' Moccasins, 15 cents a pair, all colors. G. A. Mears and Sons.

INCURABLE DISEASES

Many diseases considered incurable are catarrh under other names. Simple catarrh in the head is called incurable. Consumption is catarrh of the lungs, and its victim is, no doubt, past help in the more advanced stages; but great numbers of people die of consumption needlessly. It is certain that every phase of catarrh, including many cases of consumption, are cured by the right treatment. Pe-ru-na, Dr. Hartman's great prescription, attacks catarrhal diseases scientifically and cures them. Dr. Hartman explains it fully in his books which are mailed on application. Here is a letter from Mrs. Harming, Mazo Manie, Wis., who is one of many cured of consumption by Pe-ru-na. She says: Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

DEAR SIR:—I cannot praise your remedy too highly. Last winter I had a gripe and hemorrhage of the lungs followed. All the doctors around here told me I had to die of consumption. Then I thought I would ask Dr. Hartman for advice, which I did. He prescribed Pe-ru-na for me, and I took it according to his directions and was cured. I advise everybody that is troubled with lung disease to take Dr. Hartman's treatment. I am sure they will not regret it if they do. I am now enjoying good health, and can thank Pe-ru-na for it.