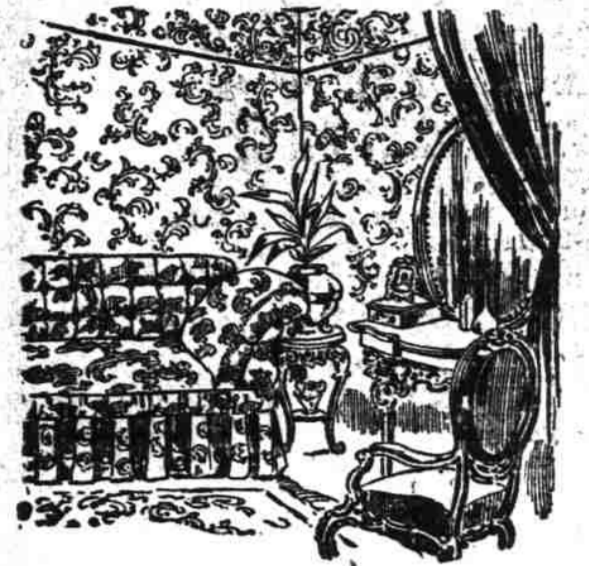


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The attack on Dr. Curry at Raleigh in which the two representatives from this county took an unsavory part, was a thoroughly discreditable affair. Dr. Curry addressed the legislature on the subject of education yesterday, in spite of the efforts of Messrs. Craig and Curtis and some others to defeat the resolution inviting him to do so, and the two members from Buncombe were placed in the undignified position of apologizing to him, not so much for what they had charged against as for the ruffianly form in which the had made this charge. It was the hope among all people who have the interest of the state at heart that the accomplishment of "white supremacy" had put an end to such indecent politics as was played in the house on Wednesday, a slander to the majority in this congressional district which elected a republican congressman last November, repudiating Mr. Crawford and his grievance. Dr. Curry is the secretary-treasurer of the Peabody fund, and has the apportioning of this grand benefaction among the schools. The insulting language used by a few politicians in the legislature regarding Dr. Curry manifested a willingness to sacrifice the schools of the state to the appetite for the venting of partisan spite.

Hundreds of people in Asheville are deeply interested in the action of congress on the southern fast mail appropriation. It may be that there is no probability that the appropriation bill will be withdrawn, but the possibility always exists. It is unlikely that any southern representative will need urging to do all in his power to secure the continuance of this appropriation. But their constituents and the press and business organizations in the states primarily interested should not neglect to back these congressmen in their efforts and urge them to assiduous attention to the matter. The south needs the fast mail service—must have it.

A discontinuance of this appropriation would leave Asheville with only one mail a day or twelve hours additional delay in the receipt and transmission of an enormous mass of important mail matter. Business transactions by mail would require twenty-four hours longer than at present. It is earnestly hoped that our congressmen will see to it that the appropriation is continued.

The anti-cigarette bill in the legislature is a verbatim copy of the Tennessee statute. That statute was held constitutional by the supreme court of Tennessee.

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ressee, in the case of the State against Austin, and on writ of error to the supreme court of the United States.

TOPICS OF THIS TOWN.

SEE that Senator James of Pitt County has introduced a bill in the legislature which I regard as a most important one, a prominent lawyer of the city, who was formerly a superior court solicitor, said the other day. "It provides that no solicitor shall receive a fee in any case unless he prays the judgment of the court. Herebefore the importunities of friends and attorneys have induced the solicitors to consent to suspension of judgment on payment of costs in many a case in which the defendant should have been fined or sent to the roads. Inasmuch as the solicitor's fee is twice as large in such cases as it is in those in which the state pays the cost, there is an element of temptation for him in the matter. The measure would not be a good thing for solicitors from a pecuniary standpoint, but it would relieve them of a great deal of bother."

Knowledge inquired the other AVES you "The Three Mosday, evidently intending to be prepared for the presentation of Dumas' masterpiece at the opera house. "We have 'The Three Musketeers,'" said the polite seller of books gravely. After all it was but a compromise in the position of "s."

Editor Gazette:  
I doubt not you knew how deeply the plight of the poor missionary would appeal to my sensitive organization till I found some way out for this martyr of the faith. Otherwise I should die of a guilty conscience that I heartlessly left this appetizing saint to his sad fate. I therefore send you a possible solution of help for the cannibal and escape for the crushed missionary, and once more breathe and eat freely without suggesting what might have been.  
Yours very truly,  
POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF AN ABSORBING PROBLEM.  
"If the blood of the martyr is the seed of the church," we should infer that the appropriation of some masticated missionary would so stimulate the propagation of evil from the cannibal that not only repentance must ensue, but a violent mal de mer expulsion of the innocent missionary, thus leaving the spirit only of the good man conqueror of the disgusting penitent epicure. Consequently missionary master of the situation.  
OTHER HOPEFUL SOLUTIONS.  
Science asserts that we become like to or assimilate the food we eat.  
Possible digestion conversion of cannibal. Theosophy declares that we have an astral as well as a physical body.  
Perhaps it was only the astral body the cannibal ate.  
Christian Scientist: there was no body, only mind to swallow.  
Spiritualism: no assurance that the cannibal could keep him down; "they come back to us."  
Inference: natural or ethical escape of poor missionary.

THE Gazette was embarrassed a short while ago by a well meaning correspondent who wanted to know several things about the history of a missionary and a cannibal after the latter had eaten the former. We answered as best we could in view of a determination to steer clear of theology and politics in this column; but we feared at the time that our correspondent was not satisfied. Now a lady 'way up in Brooklyn comes to our relief, and furnishes a number of solutions, any one of which ought to be entirely satisfactory. Her letter and the solutions follow:  
AT THE OPERA HOUSE.  
Mr. Harry Glazier appeared in Savannah for the first time as a star last night and his acting and the reception accorded him would augur that he has something of a career before him. He was seen as that delightful swashbuckler "D'Artagnan" in the "Three Musketeers."  
The version is different from that played here last season by Mr. James O'Neill. It is more like that which Salvin played and probably followed the story more closely in an historical way.  
—Mr. Glazier has the advantage of youth, therefore he took the part of D'Artagnan, the fearless, impetuous and rollicking Gascon. His reading was excellent and his acting finished, while he is a very fair swordsman, quite a necessary qualification for the role, for he kills a man on the average of once every five minutes.  
Miss de Vernon, who was M'lady,

was playing under quite a disadvantage and it was only with much effort that she appeared at all. Her throat was in very bad condition, as was apparent to the audience, whose sympathy she had for her ability was recognized even as it was.  
Miss Stockard made a queenly Anne of Austria and imparted to the role that strength of manner and womanly charm that is looked for.  
Mr. Barrett's Richelieu was good, as was the Porthos, Athos, and Aramis of Messrs. Lingham, Nejon and Ingraham. Mr. Lortimer as Louis XIII. was capable and Miss Campbell made a charming constance.  
The play was staged well and splendidly handled. At a matinee this afternoon and again tonight the performance will be repeated.—Savannah News.

BAR COMMITTEE WRITES

To Representatives at Raleigh A k ng For Action on Bill.

The committee appointed at a recent meeting of the bar of Asheville to draft a bill intended to secure better court facilities to the county, consisting of Duff Merrick, Louis M. Bourne, Judge J. H. Merrimon and W. W. Jones, have forwarded the following letter to legislature:  
"The undersigned committee, appointed by the Asheville bar to draft a bill to establish a new judicial district in and interest of affording Buncombe and other counties named in the bill immediate and additional court facilities after a careful consideration of the question prepared such a bill and submitted the same to the bar in general meeting. At such meeting the bill was unanimously approved, and the committee was directed to forward to you and your associates from Buncombe county you urge its immediate passage. In compliance with this action of the bar we beg to herewith hand you a copy of said bill."  
"Copies of this bill have also been sent to members of the bar in Henderson and Transylvania counties, and we have heard of no opposition to them. In fact, we think that Henderson and Transylvania counties will be heartily in accord with the purposes of the bill."  
"The fact that the entire bar of Asheville has concurred in recommending its passage ought to be in itself sufficient evidence of its necessity. Further, you, as residents of Buncombe county, know well the congested condition of the docket in Buncombe county, and the great importance, both to the county and members of the bar, of our being able to dispose of some civil litigation during this spring; and it is therefore not necessary for us to go into the matter at length here. If we have to wait for the general court bill, which we understand will be passed restricting the entire state, we will not be able to try a civil case in Buncombe county until next fall, which will work great hardship upon litigants and also upon members of the bar. The passage of this bill, in our opinion, will not interfere with the general court bill in any way, nor will it interfere with the work of any of the judges as they are now assigned."  
"We also herewith enclose certificate of the clerk of Buncombe superior court, showing present condition of our docket, and you will observe from the same that there has not been a single civil case tried since May term, 1900. To allow this condition of affairs to continue would be outrageous."

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.  
Rushem—I haven't any use for loafers. Gushem—Oh, they are all right in their way.  
Rushem—There's where you are wrong. They are always right in somebody else's way.—Exchange.  
A Limited Supply.  
She said she meant to speak her mind And wouldn't take much time to do it; The other said, with sneer unkind, It wouldn't take long if she knew it. —Chicago News.  
Inherits the Hop.  
Miss Askit—What makes Mr. Maltz hop so funnily when he dances?  
Miss Gubbeign—It's hereditary. His father was a brewer.—Baltimore American.  
Can't Take the Medicine.  
Bobbs—Laughter is a cure for indigestion.  
Dobbs—But a man can't laugh when he has dyspepsia.—Exchange.  
The Thoughtless Farmer.  
Rube bought a hat, believing that 'Twas just the size to wear, but Just after he had bought the hat He got his yearly hair cut. —Philadelphia Press.

PERSONALS.

George G. Heneken of Knoxville is here.  
J. O. Harrison of Franklin is in the city.  
W. G. Dwight, proprietor of the Holroke, Mass., Transcript, is in the city.  
E. A. Carlisle of Newberry, S. C., was in town yesterday.  
M. G. Saunders of Baltimore is registered at the Berkeley.  
G. H. Twiddle of Holyoke, Mass., is staying at the Berkeley.  
Hon. James M. Moody of Waynesville is in town.  
D. W. Thomas, of South Carolina, arrived yesterday.  
Sydney I. Bird of New York is registered at the Swannanoa.  
J. C. Sherrill of Mt. Uila arrived here yesterday.  
W. E. Colton, of Charlotte, arrived yesterday and is staying at the Swannanoa.  
Judge G. A. Shuford returned from Marshall last evening.  
Mrs. Matter and daughter, Miss Katherine Matter, of Marlton, Md., are staying at 73 Haywood street.

EACH HAD SUSPICION.

A Story of Two Partners, Both of Whom Were Honorable Men.  
"My first business venture on my own account was in—well, never mind the name of the city," said a New Orleans merchant, chatting over old times with some friends at the board of trade. "The location has nothing to do with the little story I am going to tell you, and, for reasons you will understand in a moment, I don't care to be too specific.  
"I was a young chap of 23 at the time, and getting tired of working for other people I opened a cotton brokerage office with another ex-clerk who was considerably my senior in years. We put up an equal amount of capital and agreed to share and share alike in the profits and the hustling. From the very outset every thing went remarkably well with us. We both had lots of friends, who took pains to throw business in our hands, and the end of the year showed a very nice little balance of profit. Next year, however, the results weren't quite so good, and I began to have a faint apprehension that I was getting a bit 'the worst of it,' as the saying goes. I heard a vague rumor that my partner was living at a pretty fast gait, and the more I thought about the matter the more dissatisfied and suspicious I became. You know how easily such stragglings will grow upon a firm, and to make a long story short I finally went to a detective agency that made a specialty of 'private investigations' and arranged to get a 'report,' as they called it, on my associate. I admit that it was a rather sneaking proceeding, and I felt secretly ashamed of myself for resorting to it, but I argued that it was my duty to know whether he was really in the way of getting into any embarrassing entanglement.  
"Well, in the course of a week or so the agency made its report, and without going into details I may say that it completely exploded all the disturbing gossip I had heard. I realized after reading it that I had been doing my partner a great injustice, and of course I was conscience-stricken. To make amends I determined to treat him with extra cordiality, and at the same time it seemed to me that his own bearing, which had been a little distant, became much more friendly. At any rate, whatever coldness had existed soon passed away and the three years of business association that followed were singularly pleasant. Then he received a flattering offer from Liverpool and went there to live.  
"One day several months after his departure I was looking over some old papers and ran across a big envelope marked 'private and confidential.' Thinking it contained something relating to the firm, I tore it open, and what do you think I found?—a report on myself, from the same detective agency I had hired to investigate my partner. It seemed that our suspicions had been mutual."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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