

Attempted to Commit Suicide.

Industrial News.
Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—There was considerable excitement here yesterday morning about 11 o'clock when Mr. Frederic Dettmering attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself on a tree in the Presbyterian Church yard. Joe Walker, the negro sexton, happened to look out and saw the ghastly form, and found that Mr. Dettmering, fearing that he would not be strangled to death, was slashing his throat with a pocket knife. Walker snatched the knife from the man's hand and cut the rope from his throat. Mr. Dettmering had not lost consciousness and began complaining at the negro's interference.

A daughter of Mr. Dettmering, hearing of the attempted suicide, telephoned to the police headquarters and in a few minutes an officer arrived and took the would-be suicide to the police station.

In the mayor's court Mr. Dettmering stated that his trouble came when he married Mrs. Minnie Walters, Aug. 6th that his children objected to the marriage and would not treat him kindly, that he was without money and that he could not make a living.

It was reported a few days ago that his bride had left home, but Mr. Dettmering denied this, and said that she had only gone on a visit.

After being taken to police headquarters Mayor Brandt had a long talk with the man, who promised that he would not make another effort to end his life. Mr. Dettmering is 81 years of age.

Crazed by Turpentine.

Charlotte Observer.
Winston-Salem, Aug. 22.—One of the most amusing occurrences took place here in what is known as "Dog Trot" last evening. John Dulin, a mild and steady negro man of mature years, took an overdose of turpentine yesterday afternoon or rubbed himself with the spirits until its burning crazed him for the time being. The negro was at home alone and in pacing the room he caught sight of his reflection in the mirror. He secured his revolver and took a shot at the negro in the glass.

The shot attracted more than a score of neighbors but they were afraid to enter the house and phoned for the police, who found Dulin in a precarious condition from the turpentine, but unhurt. The man was removed to the county jail where he was given medical attention.

Negro Attacks Two Sisters.

Charlotte Observer.
Block, W. Va., Aug. 22.—Two daughters, aged 14 and 16, respectively, of John Carr, a farmer living two miles from Pocahontas, were attacked by Walter Rippey, a negro, who attempted to assault the younger and shot twice at the elder as she ran to summon aid. Rippey was arrested and taken to Tazewell jail. The speedy transfer of the prisoner to Tazewell prevented trouble.

The conductor and engineer of the passenger train which recently collided with a freight near Auburn, Wake county, and the train dispatcher and operator at Durham, all of whom are charged by the coroner's jury with criminal negligence in connection with the wreck, have all given bonds to answer a charge of manslaughter at the next term of Wake Superior Court.

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Revenue Officer Shot From Ambush.

Industrial News.
North Wilkesboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—Revenue Officer J. T. Shepherd, while looking for an illicit still near Wilbor postoffice, some five miles north of here, yesterday afternoon, was fired upon from ambush and painfully, though not fatally shot. He was hit by some forty or fifty small shot scattered from his head down his side to below waist. Had the shot been larger they would probably have caused death. The particulars seem to be as follows: Shepherd, together with Officer Harkins, Garfield, Jennings and United States Deputy Marshal Reynolds, had located a still and had separated so as to approach from different directions. Shepherd was alone and was crossing a fence about two hundred yards from any of the other officers, when he was fired upon from both barrels of a shotgun. He was momentarily stunned and fell from the fence, but rallied in time to see and recognize his assailant, who was running through the woods. Mr. Shepherd fired several shots at the fleeing man, but it is thought none of them took effect.

"Hope" Couldn't Sniff Burglars.

Industrial News.
Asheville, N. C., Aug. 22.—Burglars entered six houses on Connally's Row in Victoria, last night but \$25 from one of the residences was the only booty gotten. The robberies were not discovered by the residents until they arose in the morning and it was several hours before the police were notified. "Hope," the sheriff's bloodhound, was taken to the houses and she quickly picked up a scent, which led down to the passenger station where it was lost. It is believed that they escaped on the early morning train to the east.

The houses entered were occupied by railroad men and as Tuesday was pay-day and as the burglars took nothing but the money, it is believed that they expected to find a considerable amount. In one of the houses the burglar climbed over a bed in which two people were asleep and in another house moved the bed from the window, without awakening the sleeper, thus proving himself no novice at the game.

Respects Injunction.

Raleigh Evening Times.
Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 21.—State Circuit Judge B. M. Miller, who is the first to organize a grand jury since the Louisville & Nashville Railroad obtained its blanket injunction against solicitors, sheriffs and other state officers, amplifying an original injunction so as to prevent these officers from prosecuting the road for failure to put on the state's lower freight and passenger tariffs, has instructed his grand jury not to find indictments.

In no uncertain tones he charged the grand jury today that a court of competent jurisdiction had enjoined criminal prosecutions under certain acts passed by the recent legislature, and that until these injunction proceedings are passed upon by the courts of the land, there could legally be no prosecutions in the state courts.

Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed by J. E. Shell's drug store. 25c.

Await Decision of Supreme Court.

Raleigh Evening Times.
New York, Aug. 21.—If Wall street opinion is worth anything, there is no chance that the Southern Railway will accept suggestions of Governor Glenn of North Carolina that the Southern Railway withdraw its present action and wait for the decision of the supreme court of the United States on the rate question now pending in the state courts and the other in the United States circuit court, or that the road will give the rate law the "fair trial" suggested, and if it finds it will be confiscatory, that road could depend on the sense of fairness of the people to insure a change.

One of the counsel for the Southern Railway said today: "The papers have not made it clear that it costs us just eighty-six and thirty-five hundredths cents for every dollar's worth of business we do in North Carolina. If we accepted the reduced rates that the state law has provided for interstate business, we would make a profit on our assessed tax valuation within the state of just 39 1000 of one per cent."

"Within the state of North Carolina we pay taxes on a valuation of \$7,213,222.74. Under the present rate schedule our profits would be only \$28,007.47 on our tax valuation. This leaves out of consideration our capitalization and the percentage that should be due on our franchise value."

The Ambitious Boy.

Pittsburg Press.
A boy at seventeen can practically determine for himself whether he will be a simple burden bearer for others as long as he lives, a leech on society or whether he will be a broadminded, useful and successful man. If the boy at this age has no ambition to be anybody and is content to simply let things flicker and take his chance with others just like him, frittering away his opportunities to acquire knowledge and caring only for the trivialities of life, he can make up his mind to carry a hod, ride the brake beam of a freight car or dodge the police as long as he lives, or he can resolve to be man in the highest sense, seek every means for physical mental and moral growth and development and must graduate into the ever widening field of utility and success. It matters little what his boyhood environment may be, if he but has the ambition and well grounded purpose he will climb out of it.

Dentist Attempts Suicide.

Charlotte Observer.
Durham, Aug. 22.—To-night between 6 and 7 o'clock Dr. S. E. Thompson, proprietor of the Thompson Dental Parlors, attempted suicide by drinking laudanum. For a few minutes he was in a serious condition, but within a half hour the physician who attended him said that he was out of danger. Dr. Thompson has been drinking rather heavily here of late and it is intimated that he has financial troubles. When your correspondent reached him this evening the first thing he said was, "I wish it had been stronger." He is now out of danger, but tonight said that he would complete the job later on.

Jas. Rucker, colored, was hanged in Asheville at noon last Tuesday. He criminally assaulted his six-year-old stepdaughter. He met death composedly, giving no signs of fear.

Anybody would call a bluff, except for the fact that it may not be a bluff.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Hugh A. Leonard, formerly agent of the Southern Railway at Salisbury, who skipped about six months ago leaving a shortage of between \$1,000 and \$1,500, was arrested this week in western Idaho.

L. F. Hales, cashier of the Pine-tops Banking Company (Edgecombe county), disappeared Monday and the next day a searching party found him in the woods wandering aimlessly about. His accounts are said to be straight.

In Mecklenburg Superior Court a few days ago three negro boys who had pushed another negro boy into the creek, as a result of which he was drowned, plead guilty of manslaughter. Two were given 12 months each and one nine months on the roads.

Judge Frank I. Osborne, who for the past year has been practicing law with his brother, Jas. W. Osborne, in New York, will return to Charlotte in the near future, where he will be connected with the legal department of the Southern Power Company.

Failing to give a bond of \$600, Robert R. Taylor, of Salisbury of the Robert Portner Brewing Co., of Alexandria, Va., is in Rowan jail on a charge of embezzlement of the funds of the company. Taylor had been in the service of the company for about 20 years. The amount of the alleged shortage is \$300.

State Senator J. Allen Holt, of Guilford county, announces that he is a candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in the fifth district. This makes two candidates from Guilford—Solicitor Brooks having been in the race for a long time—and there probably a half dozen other candidates in the district.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: Chal. Gilreath had a hearing before Justices Morrison and Staley, Saturday, charged with involuntary manslaughter in the accidental killing of Leonard Walsh, while out hunting last November. Gilreath's gun accidentally fired while he and Walsh were running a rabbit and Walsh was killed. The justices turned Gilreath loose.

A Morganton Boy's Success in The West.

The Texarkana, Ark. Tex., Morning Courier of Aug. 7th says: "The row of brick buildings on State Line avenue, at the corner of Tenth street, built by W. C. Hardin about four years ago and occupied by retail stores since then, were sold yesterday by Mr. Hardin to W. A. Coleman, for the sum of \$10,000. The new owner, who conducts a small store on Rondo road, at the intersection of the Iron Mountain crossing, is understood to have bought the property as an investment. Its present rental basis makes it an attractive deal for that purpose."

Mr. W. A. Coleman is a son of Mr. R. A. Coleman, of Morganton, and went west about fifteen years ago.

The latest snake comes on the phone from Kendall. Mr. Minnard Bradley recently bought a farm near Kendall for farming. He, however, has discovered that the land, last week one day he went out to examine his corn crop and had to kill nine copper heads and four rattlers before he could safely reach the house. Unless the price of snake hides advance he will ask the commissioners to reduce the assessment of his lands.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.



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