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The Charlotte News gets ahead of us in saying that nothing has been unearthed more clearly in the investigations of the legislative committee of New York into the conduct of the great insurance companies, with headquarters in New York city, than that McCall should be removed as president of the New York Life. But it appears to us furthermore that there are others of the management who ought to be displaced. And as we see it there is crying need for additional legislation. According to existing laws the handlers of so much money are not sufficiently hedged about and precluded under very severe penalties to do this and that with the large sums of money in hand and in trust, but in reality belonging to the thousands of policy holders or in other words to the widows and orphans of this and other countries. The work of this legislative committee is destined very probably to lead to a revolution that will cut a swathe in different directions and lead finally to the accomplishment of great good.

We are told that our good neighbor, the Wilmington Messenger, takes issue with us about the classic meaning of the word, realize. We are sorry we missed the paper that contained the article. We really thought our view was unquestionable. We really did so because Webster's dictionary, raised, enlarged and improved in 1903 by Goodrich, defines its primary, and therefore to nice scholars, its classical meaning, thus: "To make real; to convert from imaginary or fictitious into real; to bring into concrete existence; to effectuate; to accomplish; as, to realize a scheme." Glanville writes: "We realize what Archimedes had only in hypothesis, weighing a single grain of sand against the globe of earth." Sir W. Hamilton writes: "We cannot realize it in thought, that the object had really no being at any past moment." Macaulay gives the ideal meaning thus: "The dignity of Knighthood was not beyond the reach of any man who could by diligent thrift realize a good estate." Hon. A. M. Wadell, whose speeches are always classic, in his eloquent address at Winston used the word properly when he said: "and I heartily congratulate you upon the final realization of your hopes in the erection of this monument." As an intransitive verb, in which sense it is most frequently employed, the case is far stronger. Says Crabb: "Whatever results successfully from specific efforts is said to be realized." We have not space to quote Roget, Worcester, Hawkesworth and a host. We are not unmindful of the second, third, fourth and more meanings of hixicographers, which cover the usage in less scholarly circles. The more scholarly folks in America, we take it, use it in the sense "as to realize profit."

"Cruel as the grave!" These words conclude a strange paragraph by our good friend of the Charlotte Observer in commenting upon a paragraph we had phrased, calling attention to the wishes of the wicked to defeat Judge Shaw at the next judicial convention. Somehow we failed to see these cruel words till a few days ago and not till later did it come to our knowledge that they were penned as a part of a reply to what we had written. It is hard to think they could have originated from the source whence they came. This author is regarded very highly by us for his general ability, his acumen and sense of fairness. That he should have gone so far wrong at one bound is astonishing. For once he has written without a knowledge of the facts. We know the Judge. No more humane character graces the bench. He is scrupulously careful to advance the cause of civic righteousness. Better than all he is a consistent christian man and notably loyal to Immanuel. Tenderness and sympathy are transparent in his life. All of this carries with it of necessity stern-

ness in punishing the guilty. God is love and God is a consuming fire. The more loyal a man is to the law of righteousness the more loyal he is to his oath in inflicting adequately severe penalties upon criminals. It is not surprising that the criminal and wicked among men should dislike him.

Now we come upon the word "grim." In the usage of the best writers it is applicable only to countenances. One having the appearance of terror may be said to be grim. This is the very appearance, to the wicked or criminal class, of all judges who justly and holly discharge their duty on the bench. It is justice and holiness that strike terror into the minds and hearts of law breakers. Criminals and sinners at the last we are taught are to pray for the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of the Lamb coming with the angels to judgment. The judge is grim to the wicked and criminal, but a scene and source of joy unspeakable to the saint. He is one because he is the other. The same law that dumped Daniel into the lions' den dumped into it the men guilty of the horrible deed. But, note, the lions destroyed the latter while the former came out unharmed. The criminal law in its enforcement has for its end the deterring of men from the commission of crime. It does not contemplate in its end reformation. The work of the judge in imposing penalties that are too mild to be fearful cannot be deterring and is fatally defective. We want no maudlin sentimentality on the bench.

The criticism of the methods of the late Governor, C. B. Aycock, and the present governor in trying to decide righteously whether or not this and that application for pardon should be granted has the ring of the wanton or the flippant about it. No more fearful, delicate, solemn and responsible work, devolves upon a governor than that involved in the exercise of the pardoning power. Good men like Aycock and Glenn would naturally give a petition for pardon, a painstaking hearing. Everything that might avail to arrest the infliction of the death sentence or other penalty not deserved by chance would naturally be considered by a good man especially when he is the only man that can save. What these last two governors have been doing has been done virtually all along. In these later days not only the findings, but processes are given out to the public by officials in a frankness and fullness unknown in the past. All of our chief magistrates in a word have done in a private or unheralded way just what is now done in the open sunlight. So far as Governor Glenn, toward whom the criticism points directly, is concerned nobody will say he has abused the pardoning power, overridden the courts and set the guilty free.

Pembroke Items.

Mr. Guy Munden, a former S. A. L. agent of this place, but now of Wilmington, is spending a few days here with friends.

Mrs. Cook, of Lumberton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hall, here Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Renn delightfully entertained a number of her friends Friday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Maud Vaughan, of Emporia, Va.

Mr. D. A. Shaw left Tuesday for Raleigh, where he will spend a few days.

Dr. Wilber McPhaul, of Ashpole, was here Monday on business.

Miss Emma Patterson, of Wilmington, has arrived and has taken charge of the school at Pates.

A number of our people enjoyed a picnic at the river Thursday, given by Messrs. Brown and Renn.

Rev. Mr. Flemming filed his appointment here Sunday night. Quite a large crowd was out to hear his splendid sermon.

Mr. Edwin Pate is in Bladen county for a few days hunting.

October term of United States Supreme Court convened Monday. There are 415 cases awaiting.

Ashpole News Letter.

Floyd Bros., have bought a lot on Center Street and will have a livery stable built on it at once.

Miss Minnie Blackwell the, third teacher, required for the school has entered upon the work. We are glad to note the school still improving.

X. W. McDiarmid was out from Lumberton to spend Tuesday night.

Mrs. Silas Griffin, of Baltimore, is quite sick, but we hope it will prove nothing serious.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist church sent off a splendid box of clothing to a pioneer Missionary and his family out in West Texas, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown went to Wilmington last Thursday. Mrs. Brown went for treatment by Dr. Bullock and we trust she may soon entirely recover of her late delicate health.

Mrs. Atlas Bullock, of Chad-tourn, visited here last Tuesday and went on down into Cotton Valley to visit other relatives. Her many former friends were glad to see her again.

Rev. O. J. Peterson and Dr. N. A. Thompson, of Lumberton spent Thursday among us.

Our jolly Sheriff McLeod was "sitting at the seat of custom" raking in the shekels on Thursday, and a large number of White House citizens received their tax receipts for 1905.

Mr. I. T. McLean has returned from a visit to relatives and friends and we are very glad to see him looking better than for a long time.

Mr. Albert W. Floyd a former Robesonian, who has made his home in Georgia some years is back among us the proud possessor of a handsome young wife to who he was married near Atlanta. His many former friends and numerous relatives are delighted to see him and his charming bride and wish them great happiness.

Capt. A. O. Osborne representing The Indiana State Life Insurance Co., was in town part of last week.

Our people regardless of denomination were very much pleased with the company and the splendid preaching of Rev. Z. Paris all the week and were extremely sorry he could remain no longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Straghan and little son visited Lumberton last Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Jackson and children returned last week from a pleasant outing with friends at Goldsboro and other places.

Dr. McPhaul spent Monday at the "county center", Pembroke.

Dr. Law is not expected until the fifth Sunday instead of the fourth as usual to preach at the Presbyterian church.

The gun club will begin practicing on sure enough birds soon and we hope to sample them.

We heard the first possum hunters out last week and judging from the noise of both men and dogs they were meeting with great success.

Mr. J. H. Pitman went to Wilmington Tuesday to visit Mr. K. M. Barnes, whom we are glad to hear is improving.

Cotton was not moving so lively last week. Our people are determined not to sell under ten cents if possible.

Mr. Ernest Jones leaves for Trinity Park High School at Durham this week where we hope he will be a successful student. He will be much missed by the young set.

More brick stores will be built at once on Main street which will add much to the appearance of the town.

Mrs. Hardy, of Mississippi, after visiting relatives at Bennettsville, S. C., has returned to the home of her brother, Mr. E. Shooter, where she will visit until winter.

Mrs. Ellen Redmond and little Miss Jean and Master Jessie Jones expect to leave Monday for Raleigh to visit Mrs. Mary Robbins, and take in the State Fair.

A New Supreme Court.

Governor Glenn has set up a court above the Supreme Court. It should be called the Supremest Court. If a negro is to be executed, the Superior or Supreme Courts having passed upon his case, why there is one more step—it must be referred to the Governor. He summons witnesses, reviews the judges, hears argument and pronounces sentence. His court is very popular, being full of cases. Very recently he tried the case of Will Adams; more recently of the Madison County criminal; and more recently he has set the date to hear the case of one Murray, of Durham, convicted of manslaughter. It amounts to a retrial in every instance, the lawyers, the evidence, etc., etc.

This thing has gone far enough. It has assumed a dangerous aspect. It puts our courts in jeopardy. The pardoning power was never meant to confer upon the Governor the right to review the Courts. A criminal once under sentence should pay the penalty unless some extraordinary and unforeseen circumstance appears that requires action by the Governor in the interest of Justice or Mercy. But as we have it now, every man sentenced to death in North Carolina is tried in three courts. It is time to call a halt.—Biblical Recorder.

Elrod Items.

Elrod, N. C., October 9.—Mr. Charlie Stubbs, of Fort Myers, is visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harker, of Maxton, spent one day last week at Mr. L. W. Bullard's.

We are sorry to have to announce that Mrs. S. Hall had to be taken to the hospital at Fayetteville last week.

Mrs. R. H. Poole has been on the sick list for several days.

Mr. McN. Patterson was in Rowland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. McRae and Mrs. W. F. Steed, of Pates, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. Tess Thompson, of McDonald, was here Sunday evening.

We were glad to have Mr. Spurgeon McLean, of McDonald, with us Sunday.

We were glad to have Mr. Will Carrie, of Maxton, with us again Sunday evening.

Miss Annie Culbreth attended an entertainment at Rowland Friday night.

Miss Mary McLaurin and mother of Clis, S. C., are visiting relatives at Purvis.

Mrs. John Bridgers was in Rowland shopping Friday.

Rev. J. J. Scott, of Orrum, will preach at the school house Sunday morning.

Mr. D. H. Brown, of Cromartie, spent Wednesday here on business.

Quite a number from here expect to attend the State Fair next week.

Mr. John W. Ward, a prominent merchant of Rowland, spent yesterday here on business.

Miss Bessie Bridgers is making an extended visit to relatives at Portsmouth and other points.

Mr. John Roberts, of Marietta, spent Tuesday here, on his way to Buies Creek, where he will enter school.

Miss Sidney Godwin left Monday for Greensboro, where she will visit for a few days; from there she will go to Raleigh to attend the Fair.

Mrs. Weiss and little adopted son arrived yesterday from Balti, more to join Mr. Weiss. They will occupy one of the Dr. McMillan cottages at the north end of Pine street.

Read our advertising columns—there is something doing.

Maxton Items.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville convened in Center Church at eleven o'clock yesterday and was opened by a sermon by Rev. J. D. Brown, from Ezekiel 21st chapter and 27th verse. After the sermon Rev. J. H. Coppedge took the chair and after a brief prayer, called the meeting to order and proceeded to organize by the selection of Rev. L. A. McLaurin, Moderator, and Rev. Ed. Smith and Col. E. F. McRae Secretaries. The roll call counted eighteen ministers and twenty two elders present. A much larger delegation is looked for today. Today finds eight ministers absent, and sixty four churches not represented by the eldership. It seems time to "Awake oh Zion." The Presbytery is being handsomely entertained by the prosperous Scotch people of the congregation, and a long "free to all" table laden with good things, is largely visited at the noon hour.

Many people seem not to discern the difference in the government reports, and the census bureau reports, in reference to the present Cotton Crop. The former is based upon estimates by reports from all parts of the county, and place the shortage in the crop at a little less than four points from last year's crop. The census at gin reports is made from actual count of bales ginned, and is counted and collected by special paid agents in every county, throughout the fifteen States that raise cotton. This report shows a shortage of more than 1,000,000 from last year's crop at same date, and places the crop at 34 per cent. short of only about two thirds of a crop raised the present season.

Work on the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches is begun.

Gloom and sadness pervades every heart in Maxton today, caused by the death of Mrs. J. A. McLean, who died last night at eleven o'clock. Indeed one of the best Christian mothers in the State has passed away.

Death of Mr. R. K. Blake.

News was received here Tuesday morning of the death of Mr. R. K. Blake, which occurred at his home about four miles from here. He has been in wretched health for years, and recently spent some time in a hospital, returning about six weeks ago unimproved. Mr. Blake was a man of quiet and unassuming manners, tending strictly to his own affairs. He is survived by a wife and five children, who have the sympathy of their friends in this bereavement. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Mr. Weiss, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, of which he was a consistent member, and the remains were interred in the cemetery in East Lumberton, Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock.

Entertainment at Barkers.

There will be an entertainment at Barkers High School this (Friday) evening. An attractive programme will be rendered in the chapel and everybody is cordially invited. There will be no charge for admission. After the exercises in the Chapel, ice cream and other light refreshments will be served in the dining room in the Dormitory for the benefit of the Reading Room Fund.

To W. O. W. Camps.

Sovereigns:—You are cordially invited to meet with us on the evening of Oct. 27th, 1905, at 7:30, in a fraternal and social meeting. Alph. H. McLeod, C. C., D. W. Biggs, Clerk. Cypress Camp, 125, W. O. W. Mr. D. H. Britt, of Back Swamp, spent Wednesday in town.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

In pursuance to adjournment the county commissioners met Tuesday at 10 a. m. All members present. Bills ordered paid:

D. W. Bullock, for supplies for office, \$8.40; also \$1.50.

W. H. Humphrey, supplies for office, \$14.25.

Charles Bennett, shoeing mule, \$1.00.

W. H. Humphrey, making docket, etc., \$14.10.

D. W. Bullock, for stationery, etc., \$10.75.

Hardware store, sash and blinds for county home; M. McLeod, moving timber at Turn Pike bridge, \$6.00; Dr. H. T. Pope & Co, medicine for county home inmates, \$21.85; G. B. McLeod, for bringing escaped convict from Dillon, S. C., \$16.43; W. G. Allen, \$141.67 salary; G. E. Rancke, \$14.65, inquest over Neill Jones; jurors, total, \$9.20; Dr. Crumpler, post mortem, \$10; J. E. Price, \$5.00 for burial of Alex Oxendine; Wade Wishart, \$15.00, 5 days on finance committee; A. Nash, \$27.00, 9 days on finance committee; water and light bill for court house \$31.02; Alf McLeod, table and chairs, repaired, \$3.50; J. H. Wishart, ice, \$1.96; W. H. Humphrey, \$3.50, nol pros docket; L. H. Johnson, conveying prisoner to jail, \$3.50; A. Baker, use of pile driver, \$5.00, charged to Lumberton township; Dr. W. E. Evans, treatment of small-pox case, \$22.50; John J. Nelson for expenses connected with Ida F. McNair, who died in Greensboro; McIver Bros., lumber, charged to Maxton township, \$28.38; Dr. Kirkpatrick, attention to Joe Ross and John F. McKay, \$10.00; bill of insolvent costs for July term of court, \$—; petition to allow straightening of road from Millsaps place to Ashpole was granted; Howellsville township is allowed to borrow \$300; ordered that Malinda Barnes, insane now in jail, be allowed to go home; ordered that W. G. Allen be instructed to repair McNeill's bridge as cheaply as possible; ordered that special school tax elections be authorized in a Lumber Bridge district, and a certain district in Red Springs township; ordered that D. W. Bullock draw a draft on G. B. McLeod for amount of Robesonian bill; ordered that Flora McNeill be allowed \$25 for damage by road through her land, charged to Red Springs road fund; also W. W. Gibson \$20; received from H. C. McNair \$37.50 for time of Joe Ross, escaped convict.

Mr. John H. McEachern, one of Robeson's wealthy and prominent citizens, died at St. Luke's Hospital at Fayetteville, Wednesday afternoon. He was a former state senator and county commissioner. The remains were interred at his home at Lumber Bridge Thursday. He was at the time of his death a elder in the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian church, and held in high esteem by a large number of friends and acquaintances who will hear of his death with sad regret.

The family of Mr. Joe S. Thompson moved to Rockingham Monday. We regret their departure from our town, and wish them the best of success in their new home.

Mr. John McIntyre has resigned his position as manager of the Lumberton Bottling Works and left Wednesday afternoon for Hamlet. He has accepted a position as express messenger.

Misses Amanda Kenly and Jennie McLaughlin, of Fayetteville, spent Monday here visiting their friend, Miss Susie May McIntyre.