

DEATHBED CLOUD.

There is something pathetic in the death of John A. McCall last Sunday at Lakewood, N. J., and which is a lesson for men generally.

Notwithstanding the revelations of the insurance investigation conducted by a committee of the New York Legislature, McCall held to the belief, or had fooled himself with the pretext, that he could vindicate his business career.

In a busy life, he would not or could not see the disgrace which he brought upon himself by his methods.

A committee appointed by the trustees of the New York Life, with the aid of lawyers and experts, has been at work on the books and accounts of the New York Life Insurance Company since last September.

It appears from the report that Hamilton had authority to go to any branch office of the company and obtain any sum of money simply by presenting an order signed by McCall.

In view of the fact that Hamilton refused to abandon his refuge in Paris and McCall, with practically no property left, has gone to his grave, the prospect of recovering any of the money of the policyholders is not encouraging.

SENSATION IN GASTONIA.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Wednesday Morning, Feb. 21

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Gastonia has a small sized sensation in the action taken by Editor W. F. Marshall, of the Gastonia Gazette, to prosecute the board of aldermen of Gastonia for alleged wrong doing.

Mr. Marshall has retained as counsel Judge Armistead Burrwell and E. T. Casner, Esq., of the Charlotte bar, to bring action in the Superior Court of Gaston county against the mayor and aldermen of his town.

Mr. Marshall alleges that through undue influences the city's account was transferred from one bank to the First National bank of Gastonia, of which Mr. L. L. Jenkins is president.

He also alleges that the bank charged the city 8 per cent. on \$5,000 or \$6,000 borrowed by the municipality, contrary to the usury laws of both the State and the United States.

He says that the president of the bank was one or two years a member of the board of aldermen while the bank was over-charging the city interest, and that the interest was paid until the matter came up openly before a mass-meeting of citizens in connection with a meeting of the aldermen.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, president of the First National bank, denies that his bank has charged the city 8 per cent. interest, and declares that the city account was transferred to his bank four years before he became a member of the board.

DO YOU WORRY ABOUT NOTHING? Startle at trifles? Feel irritable, peevish, sad and blue? Suffer from neuralgia, sick headache, dizziness, backache, bearing-down pains?

If so, your nerves are stretched to the snapping point, like the strings of a fiddle twisted up out of tune, which screeches at the least touch. You are in a dangerous condition of health and need a medicine to take the strain off your nerves.

If you are a woman, what has overstrung you is probably disordered menstruality, which, in women, makes more trouble, pain and nerve sickness than any other single cause.

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COMMERCIAL WILMINGTON MARKET.

Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce. STAR OFFICE, FEB. 20, 1906.

SPRITS TURPENTINE-Market firm, 68c. ROSIN-Firm, \$3.75. TANK-Market firm at \$1.80 per barrel of 280 pounds.

MARKET-Nominal. Same day last year-Firm, 7 3/8c. Receipts, 173 bales; same day last year, 215 bales.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. (Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

NEW YORK FINANCIAL. New York, Feb. 20.—Money strong and higher at 3 1/2-@3 per cent; ruling rate 4 1/4-@1 1/2 closing bid 4 per cent.

THE COTTON MARKETS. New York, Feb. 20.—The cotton market was quiet active to-day and some at the lowest prices touched since the government estimate of the crop in December.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET. New York, Feb. 20.—Flour dull and barely steady.

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