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We are prepared to execute all job work in a neat and expeditious manner.

Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, is congratulated on all sides for the excellence of his reply speech to Seca Robeson, and yet he did not once touch upon Robeson's record of roguery—a record without parallel in the history of this or any other civilization since the era of Venus.

Road Law.

An act to provide for keeping in repair the public roads of the State makes the Justices in each township a body corporate styled the "Board of Supervisors of public roads."

Three days of work in each year is the portion of every able-bodied man between 18 and 45, the supervisors excepted. A day's work is not less than 7 nor more than 10 hours.

This law as ratified on March 14 applies to the State, excepting the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Alexander, Watauga and Mecklenburg.

Digest of Supreme Court Decisions.

REPORTED FOR THE OBSERVER BY GRAY AND STAMPS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

SMITH, C. J.:

State vs. Secrest, from McDowell, centre de novo. Indictment for murder, tried before Gudger, Judge, at Fall term, 1878, of McDowell Superior Court.

Held, The argument is not warranted by the record. No such point seems to have been made at the trial, and no such instruction asked of the court.

There were several exceptions taken by the prisoner during the trial, but from the view taken by the court, it is only necessary to notice one.

Held, The objection to the competency of Dr. Collett to testify at all, though the grounds of the objection are not stated, and seem not to have been demanded, must be understood to refer to the absence of evidence of his possessing the qualifications, acquired by study and experience, which entitled the witness to give an opinion to the jury.

Personal Property—Exemptions.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM SALE UNDER EXECUTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the personal property hereinafter named, belonging to any resident of this State, shall be exempt from any execution or other final process issued for the collection of any debt, when the owner of any agent or attorney in his behalf shall demand that the same or any part thereof shall be exempt from sale.

Three days of work in each year is the portion of every able-bodied man between 18 and 45, the supervisors excepted. A day's work is not less than 7 nor more than 10 hours.

The supervisors are empowered to lay out and discontinue cartways; the county commissioners to lay out and discontinue public roads, under existing rules, except that no more than five jurors may be summoned to assess damage to property.

Section 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified the 28th day of February, A. D., 1879.

We publish the following additional evidence as given before the Investigating Committee by request. We could not (for want of space) give the evidence in full, but will cheerfully give any part omitted by us when requested to do so by any of our friends:

D. C. Pearson, being duly sworn.

Did you attend the Judicial Convention held at Hickory in the spring of 1878, and if yes, did you pay railroad fare for yourself and others?

I answer yes to both questions. Do you know the general character of W. R. Aiken, and if yes, state what it is for truth?

I do, and in any matter in which he might be interested he would not be believed on oath.

H. W. Connelly, being duly sworn. Do you know of any mismanagement on the part of the officers of the Western N. C. Railroad?

I do not. Do you know of any dead-head freight being shipped over this road?

Not under this administration. Do you know of any free passes being given by reason of personal favoritism?

I do not. Do you know of any saw-logs or cross-ties being cut by the railroad hands and hauled over this road free of charge for Major Wilson's personal benefit?

I do not. Do you know of Maj. Wilson's having had out and hauled any saw-logs or cross-ties which were shipped to the line of construction and of interior quality, unfit for railroad purposes?

Some were cut on Major Wilson's land by McConaughey and shipped up the road; as to quality I do not know.

Have you any contract with this road for furnishing cross-ties and cord-wood?

I have not such a contract myself, but have been requested by Mr. Tate, Road Master, to buy cross-ties and wood in exchange for goods and wait until the company could pay me, and I have done so from time to time—not as agent but as merchant.

Have you been paid for such material more than other parties are receiving?

I have not; I received the same price as other parties who are selling to the road.

Do you know of any free train having passed over this road to the judicial convention at Hickory in May last, or on any other occasion?

Of my own knowledge, I do not. Do you know the general character of W. R. Aiken, and if yes, what is it for truth?

I think that his character for truth is doubtful, and, as an evidence of this, he obtained his position of justice of the peace by a forged petition.

To what cause do you attribute this investigation?

I attribute it to the bitter prejudice of B. A. Berry against J. W. Wilson, and the administration of this road.

Have you been deterred in answering the questions that have been put to you by fear of the loss of your position on this road?

I have not; my office is too insignificant.

What is your pay per month, and how much of it in arrear.

My pay is \$20 per month as agent and depot hand, and the company is now in arrear with me since the first day of last October.

Health—the poor man's riches, the rich man's bliss—is found in Ayer's Medicines, after a fruitless search among other remedies. A word to the wise is sufficient.

NEWS AND OPINIONS.

People who have telescopes of three or four inches aperture can now see Brorsen's comet in the western sky.

Revenue officials from Alexander county made a raid on King's Creek last Saturday morning and captured a still belonging to Lawson Porch, which they carried off, and destroyed barrels, tubs, &c.—Lenoir Topic.

At the saw-mill near town last Monday, Mr. Hayswood Tuttle was severely scalded. He turned the tap on the steam engine the wrong way, when it flew out, and the steam and hot water came with great force against his face and breast.—Lenoir Topic.

The work on the Winston, Salem & Mooresville railroad goes rapidly on. Twenty miles between Mooresville and Mocksville are already under contract, and the people all along the line of the proposed route are giving all the encouragement and assistance that the projectors could reasonably desire.—Southern Home.

An Irishman in describing America said "I am told that you might roll England thru it, an' wouldn't make a dint in the ground; there's fresh water oceans inside that ye might drown Old Ireland in; an' as for Scotland, ye might stick it in a corner an' ye'd never be able to find it out except it might be by the smell of whisky."

The post office department at Washington has written to the post-master here for information in regard to the new mail line, established from Marion, via Allen Conley's, Joseph Hunter's, Table Rock, and Collettsville to Lenoir, so that it may be advertised. Our friends at and near Glenburnie mills should have a post-office—and now is the time to make application for it.—Lenoir Topic.

The semi-weekly service on the mail line from Tuttle's X Roads to Wilkesboro, commenced April 1st. This will supply a large section of country that have long felt the need of better mail facilities, and we are glad that General Vance succeeded in getting it for them. We will give the new schedule as soon as agreed upon.—Lenoir Topic.

Revenue officers have been seriously resisted in Stanley and Orange counties in their efforts to break-up illicit distilling. In Orange the officers were fired upon, and in Stanley it is stated that they were met by 200 armed men and made to retreat. Troops are to be sent to suppress such violations of law.—Char. Democrat.

The friends of Gen. Grant propose to get up an excursion from the Southern and Eastern States of 50,000 persons to meet and welcome the General at San Francisco on his return to the United States—the trip from any point in the country to San Francisco and back not to cost more than \$25 for Railroad fare. At that rate, a good many would like to go who will never vote for Gen. Grant for President.

In regard to the Mexican Pensions Col. Steele writes the Charlotte Observer:

"The bill pensioning Mexican soldiers has not passed Congress, and candor obliges me to say that I do not think it will pass for sometime to come. All Southern members would cheerfully vote for it, but Southern members alone cannot pass it and they will hardly get the requisite help."

"The arrears of pensions provided for by the last Congress (against my vote) do not apply to the soldiers of the war of 1812, but to soldiers who helped to put down what is loyally called 'the rebellion.' In that act my constituents are not particularly interested."

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The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are costive, sometimes alternative with lax; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with a dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with a painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done.

A slight, dry cough is sometimes an attendant. The patient complains of weariness and debility; he is easily startled, his feet are cold or burning, and he complains of a prickly sensation of the skin; his spirits are low; and although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it. In fact, he distrusts every remedy. Several of the above symptoms attend the disease, but cases have occurred where few of them existed, yet examination of the body, after death, has shown the LIVER to have been extensively deranged.

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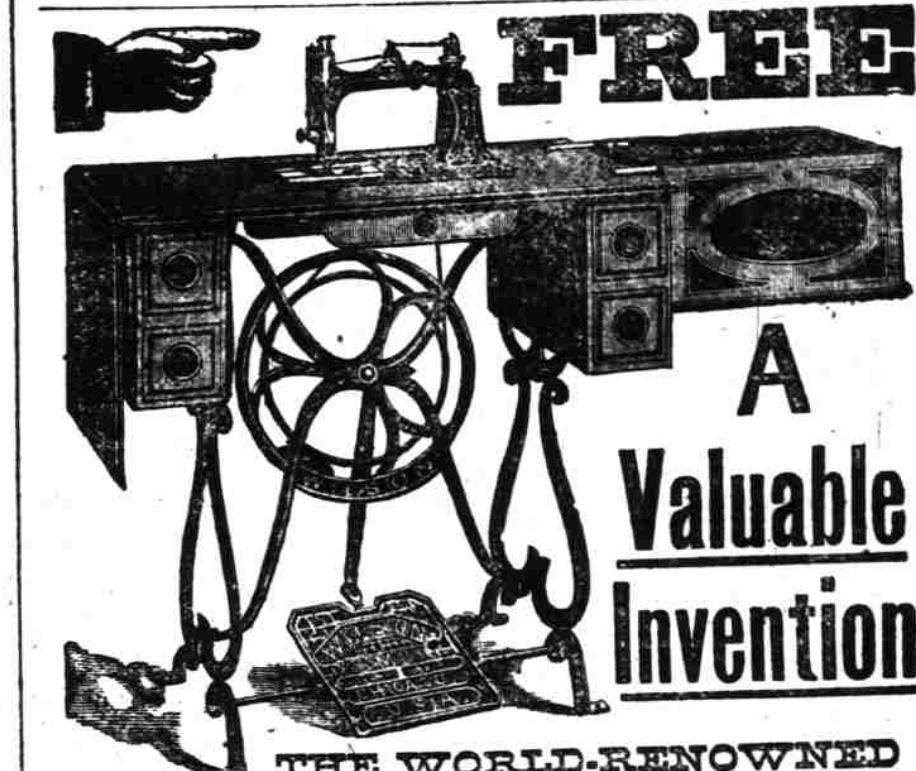
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