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NEW LAW AT WORK

First Arrest Under Ordinance Imposing Penalties on Minors Who Enter Pool Rooms—Daughters of Liberty Effect Officers.

Christmas Events. By ANDREW JOYNER. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 24.—Last night in the hall of the Steam Fire Engine Company with Treasurer E. F. Rankin in the chair and Secretary E. L. Clarke at the secretary's desk...

MR. J. W. HARRIS GETS CANE.

Pastors Organize—Mr. J. P. Long Robbed of \$642.

High Point, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mr. J. W. Harris, the general secretary and treasurer of the Welch Furniture Company, was caned this week by his loyal employees. The cane was presented by the superintendent and was a handsome gold-headed affair.

Negro Slayer Arrested.

Mount Airy, N. C., Dec. 24.—Montgomery, the man who assassinated Robert Snow, the ineffective colored man, four or five weeks ago near this city, was arrested on Sunday and lodged in jail.

SHOT HIS SISTER

Horrible Christmas tragedy in Fayetteville

Boy of Ten Presented With Shot Gun Kills His Sister of Seven the Same Evening.

(Special to News and Observer.) Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 24.—A shocking tragedy occurred in Fayetteville last night about 7 o'clock, in which a little girl seven years old, met instant death.

FOR A DEFINITE PERIOD.

Illinois Central and Southern Railway Must Publish Rates on Cross-ties.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 24.—The case of the Holcomb-Hayes Company against the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Southern Railway Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission has been decided in favor of the complainant.

"A CAMEO," (THE DISPENSARY)

"There was a graven image of Desire Painted with red blood on a ground of gold Passing between the young men and the old And by him Pain, whose body shone like fire, And Pleasure with gaunt hands that grasped their hire, Of his left wrist, with fingers clenched and cold, The insatiable Satiety kept hold, Walking with feet unshod that pashed the mire, The senses and the sorrows and the sins, And the strange loves that suck the breasts of Hate Till lips and teeth bite in their sharp indenture, Followed like beasts with flap of wings and fins, Death stood aloof behind a gaping grate, Upon whose lock was written PERADVENTURE."

This vision of lust was written by Algernon Charles Swinburne, perhaps the most finished and in many respects the most profound of English poets.

Wrens, Mr. Swinburne in Raleigh today to write the abstract and yet sparkling lines reproduced above, he would find in the dispensary the concrete example of what he has spoken to the soul.

But, though the dispensary might have suggested the poem to him, it would not have permitted him at the end to give even the faint hope that "PERADVENTURE" holds forth. There is no "PERADVENTURE" about the dispensary.

MALICIOUS WORK

Negro Becomes a Dependent of the Department Store.

Henry Rogers' Brother Comes to His Rescue—An Important Business Change in Wilson—Hell Drops in Abundance.

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Wilson's most up-to-date department store does not carry a more varied line of articles than was found in the possession of Will Read, colored, who has for some time been in the employ of the Wilson Grocery Company.

NO REASON ASSIGNED

Chief of the Bureau of Navigation is Succeeded by Capt. Cameron McR.

Winslow—Two Suggested Reasons.

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The resignation takes effect immediately and Captain Cameron McR. Winslow has been appointed to succeed the Admiral.

Two theories have been advanced as being sufficient in themselves to bring forth the letter of resignation. One of these reasons is that Admiral Brownson is unable to agree with the ideas of the President regarding certain important policies to be pursued by the Bureau of Navigation.

Another theory is that the Admiral is weary of the active management of the bureau and wishes to return to the navy.

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