

SHOULD a father have the right to give by deed the custody of his infant children to some other person? This question has somewhat excited the public in the recent case in South Carolina, wherein the wife of Ben Tillman Jr. is trying to secure the custody of her children from her husband's father, to whom he had deeded them in accordance with the law of South Carolina.

According to the law in this State (now section 1762 of the Revised) a father may not only dispose of the custody of his infant child by deed in his lifetime, but also dispose of their custody by will. This may surprise the critics of the South Carolina law. But whether it is right is another question, and much may be said on both sides. It certainly seems wrong, and indeed cruel, to allow the father to take the children from the mother and commit their custody to some one else.

The truth of the matter is that our laws are in many ways unjust to women and they are unfairly discriminated against in many ways.

THE Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, composed of the most prominent business men of that city, recently adopted very complimentary resolutions in memory of Gen. N. M. Curtis, of New York, who died last month and who led the attacking force in the capture of Fort Fisher, where he was desperately wounded.

This incident is a most pleasing and striking illustration of the reconciliation between the North and the South and of the obliteration of the passions and prejudices engendered by the war between the States.

Fort Fisher was the gateway to Wilmington and its capture forced the evacuation of that city, and yet here are the leading business men of Wilmington paying this tribute of respect and honoring the man who led the Union forces in the capture of Fisher!

Gen. Curtis, together with a large number of Union soldiers who captured Fort Fisher, visited Wilmington a few years ago and went to the place where Fort Fisher once stood, and there had a most pleasant reunion with some of the Confederate soldiers with whom they had fought in January, 1865.

And last year a number of the Confederate veterans accepted an invitation from Gen. Curtis and his associates to visit them at Utica, New York, where they were entertained most hospitably.

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WIRELESS telegraphy saved forty-six persons from a watery grave on last Friday. The steamship Kentucky was in a sinking condition about a hundred miles off the coast of South Carolina, when another ship rushed to the rescue and safely took off all the passengers and crew, so that nobody was drowned, and soon thereafter the steamer sank.

DOES our high protective tariff increase the cost of living? The advocates of the tariff law say it does not, and those opposed to it say that it does.

If the tariff does not increase the cost of living it is very strange that prices are higher in this country than in Canada. For instance, at Detroit, in Michigan, there is a greater difference in the cost of living than just across the river at Windsor, in Canada.

In England Australian beef retails for a little more than half of New York prices, and beef from Argentina for less than half. Granulated sugar, which is sold at wholesale in New York for 5.15 cents a pound, sells in England for 3.66 cents. So that every time an American buys almost any article of food or anything to wear he pays more for it than he would have to pay in Canada or England because of our oppressive and unjust tariff laws.

THE death of Hon. James E. Shepherd was a grievous shock to his many friends and a great loss to this state. He died suddenly on last Sunday night at a hospital at Baltimore, where he had gone the day before for treatment on account of a bronchial trouble.

The deceased was one of our State's most distinguished jurists having attained the highest judicial position in the State, that of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and that high office he filled with great honor to himself and credit to the State.

His career in life is a notable illustration of the possibilities of the American boy, and his example may well be emulated by the youths of our country. Both of his parents died when he was a small boy and the reverses of the war forced him for a livelihood to become a telegraph operator, and while so employed he improved his leisure moments in studying law, and without the advantages enjoyed by so many other youths he rose to the highest judicial office in this State.

THE Senate of the United States, with only one negative vote, passed a resolution on last Monday, allowing the Confederate veterans to use some of the government tents at their reunion to be held at Mobile next April. All the Democratic Senators and all the Republican Senators, except Heyburn of Idaho, voted for this resolution.

Senator Heyburn made a bitter speech against the resolution and waved the "bloody shirt" most frantically, but all in vain, and after he had subsided and sat down, the only thing said by any other Senator was by Senator Bankhead, who quietly remarked, "I am sure the Senator from Idaho feels much better and I ask for a vote."

Even Heyburn's colleague from Idaho voted for the resolution.

THE people of Jonesboro township, Lee county, at an election last Saturday, voted for a bond issue of \$15,000 for good roads.

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THE Statesville Landmark says that the Iredell county home is a disgrace to that county. There are no doubt many other county homes that are just as disgraceful.

If troubled with indigestion, constipation, no appetite or feel bilious, give Chamberlain's Stomach or Liver Tablets a trial and you will be pleased with the result. These tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and strengthen the digestion. Sold by all dealers.

Ten Hungarians and one American is the death toll of a gas explosion in the No. 2 slope of the Ernest mine in Pennsylvania, on last Saturday.

Child Fatally Burned.

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 7.—A most unfortunate accident occurred here Saturday when the little two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Collins, residents of Wisbarts township, was burned to death. It seems that the little tot was playing out in the field near a burning brush heap and somehow escaped notice by its parents until it was seen running down one of the furrows, with its clothes all aflame. The child was so severely burned that nothing could be done for it and death resulted immediately.

Took all His Money

Often all a man earns goes to doctors or for medicines, to cure a Stomach, Liver or Kidney trouble that Dr. King's New Life Pills would quickly cure at slight cost. Best for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation, Jaundice, Malaria and Debility. 25c at G. R. Pilkington's.

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When Editor J. P. Sossaman, of Cornelius, N. C., bruised his leg badly, it started an ugly sore. Many salves and ointments proved worthless. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it thoroughly. Nothing is so prompt and sure for Ulcers, Boils, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Sores, Pimples, Eczema, or Piles. 25c at G. R. Pilkington's.

Compulsory vaccination has been ordered in Atlanta, and every man, woman and child in that city must be vaccinated within ten days from last Monday.

President Helps Orphans

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of the Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney trouble. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates all vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up pale, thin, weak children or run-down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c. at G. R. Pilkington's.

The Oxford Ledger says that there is a cow in Granville county that has given birth to six calves in three years.

Saved From Awful Peril.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes Lewis Chamblin, of Manchester, Ohio, R. R. No. 3, "as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 115 pounds in spite of many remedies and the best doctors. And that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 160 pounds and can work hard. It also cured my four children of croup." Infalible for coughs and colds, its the most certain remedy for LaGrippa, Asthma, desperate lung trouble and all bronchial aff. 5c and \$1.00. A trial bottle free. Guaranteed by G. R. Pilkington.

Notice to Creditors.

Having qualified as Executors of the last will and testament of T. B. Moody this is to notify all creditors of the estate to present their claims to the undersigned on or before the eighth day of January 1911 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This January 8, 1910.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as the administrator of Margaret A. Craven, dec'd, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before the 26th day of January 1911. E. H. A. Craven, Causey, N. C.

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Orphans Have Small-pox.

Special to The Observer. Thomasville, Feb. 6.—It will be a source of deep sorrow throughout North Carolina to know that there are to day fifteen cases of small-pox at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. The fact was discovered a few days ago by Dr. Julian, the orphanage physician, and the disease has spread to some extent. Miss Olive, one of the teachers, also has it, along with fourteen of the orphans.

While it is always impossible to prevent an accident, it is never impossible to be prepared—it is not beyond any one's purse. Invest 25 cents in a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and you are prepared for sprains, bruises and like injuries. Sold by all dealers.

That on or about May 19th of this year, the earth will probably be bombarded with meteors from the tail of the famous Innes comet, which is now tearing through space at a terrific rate and is headed in our direction, is the prediction made by Prof. Pickering, of Harvard.

A few minutes delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose, pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by all dealers.

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In one of the worst wrecks on the main line of the Florida East Coast Railway in many years one man was killed outright and four others seriously injured on last Saturday, near Jacksonville.

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State of NORTH CAROLINA, Chatham County, ss. I, M. T. Williams, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. M. T. WILLIAMS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of Feb., 1910. G. R. PILKINGTON, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: H. M. LONDON, R. H. HAYES, J. L. GRIFIN, Directors.

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