

MENTAL ANGUISH SUIT FOR 2,000 IS UP IN COURT

MRS. MAGGIE REID IS SUING BECAUSE OF DELAYED DELIVERY OF TELEGRAM.

TRIAL IS UP TODAY

Incident Happened Three Years Ago. Delay in Telegram Prevented Plaintiff from Being at Bedside of Father at Time of His Death.

A "mental anguish suit" against the Western Union Telegraph Co., in which \$2,000 is being asked for by the plaintiff, is being brought up in Superior court today by Mrs. Maggie Reid of Okisko. The suit is the result of a telegram, announcing the death of Mrs. Reid's father over three years ago.

DEEP IMPRESSION IS BEING MADE BY EVANGELIST JONES

Interesting and Forceful Sermons Are Being Preached at Revival Being Held This Week.

The meetings at Payne Memorial Presbyterian church grow in interest and influence. Last night Dr. Jones preached the most powerful and impressive sermon he has yet delivered. His subject was "Sowing and Reaping" (based on Galatians 6:7-8).

Profound convictions were produced by the preacher's solemn message and deep emotions stirred. Dr. Jones makes no attempt to create excitement but appeals earnestly and tenderly to the reason and conscience of his hearers.

SUGGESTS FEASIBLE PLAN FOR IMPROVING THE ROAD FROM HERE TO RED HILL

Mr. Shelburne Advances Idea of Issuing Notes for \$10,000, Having 100 Merchants Guarantee \$100 Each

A plan for building the road from here to Red Hill, and beyond to the cross roads, was suggested today by V. H. Shelburne, manager of the Central Tobacco Warehouse, and will undoubtedly find favor with many of the local business men.

It has been suggested at various times that the merchants of Washington contribute towards building this road. Attempts have been made in the past to raise donations for the work, but these usually fell flat.

Mr. Snowden, the engineer who was suggested by State Highway engineer W. S. Falls as an excellent man to supervise the road construction work in Washington township, has been here for the last few days.

Our firm is willing to pay \$100

and I have talked with several business men of the city who readily agreed to do the same," stated Mr. Shelburne. "That road means a lot to Washington and I believe our people are beginning to realize this more and more.

PARTY GIVEN FOR MISS MAE AYERS

Enjoyable Affair Took Place Yesterday Afternoon at Home of Mrs. Etheridge.

Mrs. Sam Etheridge was hostess yesterday afternoon at a delightful party which was given in honor of Miss Mae Ayers. Decorations, commemorating Washington's birthday, graced the beautiful home and were attractively arranged.

Among those present were Mesdames Lee Davenport, James Ellison, Walter Wolfe, W. L. Whitaker of Orangeburg, S. C., Mason Smith, June Crow, John Gorham, William Rumble, John Arthur William Clark, William Ayers, George Hackney, Jr., Lindsay Warren, Harold Washburne, Misses Mae Ayers, Elizabeth Warren, Christine Tyson, Pattie Davenport and Mary Tankard.

VALENTINE PARTY AT VANCEBORO

Was Given by Misses Aldridge, Rae and Cuthrell Last Friday Night.

Vanceboro, N. C., Feb. 24.—Last Friday evening Misses Aldridge, Rae and Cuthrell entertained from nine to twelve o'clock at a delightful Valentine party at the home of Miss Aldridge.

The first game of the evening was "Heart Target," in which the fortunes of the guests were told. After the game each person read their fortune and this proved to be very entertaining.

At twelve o'clock the guests, with many expressions of pleasure over the evening's affair, began to take their departure. The out-of-town guests were Messrs. H. R. Hubbard, I. P. Edge, C. F. Harker and Miss Dorothy Rea, from New Bern, N. C.; Mr. M. K. Carmichael from Pollockville, N. C., and Miss Chamblin from Washington, D. C.

MAKING A SELECTION



BREAK WITH BERLIN IS NOW IMMINENT

President and Congress Differ Over Armed Merchantmen Question. Situation is Most Grave

Washington, Feb. 24.—Not since the days immediately preceding the declaration of war against Spain has there been such depression in congressional circles as was evident on all sides today over the strained relations between this country and Germany.

Germany's announcement that a more vigorous submarine warfare would be waged against her enemies beginning March 1 and that merchantmen carrying mounted guns would be treated as armored cruisers and sunk without warning, has brought this country and Germany to the breaking point.

PINK LADY CLOSES; NOT COMING HERE

Management of Local Theatre Received Word to That Effect This Morning.

The management of the New Theatre received notice from Klaw and Erlanger this morning to cancel the engagement of the "Pink Lady" here on March 1st, as the company had closed and gone into New York.

SAYS WILL BE DECREASE IN TOBACCO RAISED HERE

C. T. Hardison Claims That Lack of Fertilizer Will Reduce the Crop in Beaufort County.

In spite of the fact that the price of tobacco will probably be high next year, C. T. Hardison, one of the prosperous farmers in the Transylvania section, stated this morning that he did not believe the crop in Beaufort county would be as large this coming season as it was last year.

FATHER SUSPENDS 17-YEAR OLD SON BY WRISTS FOR OVER 3 HOURS

Also Tied Around Boy's Neck and Every Attempt to Relieve His Position Tightened It.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Feb. 24.—C. W. Crabtree, a prominent and well known man who resides about a mile from the city, was arrested this morning on the charge of cruelly and mercilessly chastising his 17-year-old son, Edward. Although he is well able to do so, Crabtree refused to give bond and he is now being held in jail.

It is alleged that Crabtree kept the boy suspended by his wrists, and with a rope also tied around his neck, for three hours. His feet were also bound together so he could not move. He was forced to maintain this erect position and any attempt to relieve the frightful strain of his posture would immediately tighten the rope around his neck.

NIGHT SCHOOL MAY BE CLOSED

Lack of Interest May Cause Cessation of Regular Meetings of the School.

It was announced this morning that unless greater interest was taken in the night school, the school would close tomorrow night. At the present time there are a scant dozen pupils attending the school.

GAVE ENJOYABLE LEAP YEAR PARTY

Occurred at Yeatesville Last Thursday Night. An Enjoyable and Entertaining Affair.

On last Thursday Misses Hazel and Clara Jackson delightfully entertained their friends at a Leap Year and Valentine party. The spacious and hospitable home of Dr. C. C. Jackson was elaborately and tastefully decorated for the occasion.

SAYS BAKER

If I wasn't so awfully busy at this very moment, I would write a good ad, so you wouldn't be able to pass it over your head like you are going to do this one Baker's Studio.

BELHAVEN MAN IS HELD UP BY EIGHT NEGROES

CLIFFORD HARRIS MET WITH ADVENTURE WHILE TRAVELING LONELY ROAD.

7 ARRESTS MADE

Hold-Up Occurred Last Friday Night. Police Have Been Busy Since That Time and Have Lodged Seven Blacks in Belhaven Jail.

(By Eastern Press) Belhaven, Feb. 24.—Friday night an attempt was made by eight negroes to hold up Clifford Harris, a prominent citizen of this city, between Pantego and here. The affair was kept quiet for the last several days so as to get a clue to the guilty parties if possible. The scheme on the part of the authorities worked excellently with the result that seven of the negroes have been arrested. One is still at large.

BIG PAGEANT WILL BE STAGED HERE IN MAY

To be Carried Out by Children of Confederacy. Meeting to be Held Saturday.

An elaborate pageant, consisting of a number of spectacular tableaux of various scenes in the history of Washington, is being planned by the local chapter of the Children of the Confederacy and will be staged here some time during May.

A meeting of the Children of the Confederacy will be held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. W. Carter on Harvey street. Every member is urgently requested to be present as parts for the pageant will be given out at that time.

LABOR. The motto marked upon our foreheads, written upon our doorposts, chiseled in the earth and wedged upon the waves is and must be, "Labor is honorable and idleness dishonorable."—7. Carlyle.

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT. V. L. Clark presents "THE SHARPS" 2 reel comedy "IN COZOLAND" 1 reel "The Right Girl" 1 reel "The Language of the Dumb" 1 reel. Prices 5c-15c.

NOTICE. The City Clerk's office will be open at night until 9:30 until March 1, for the convenience of the taxpayers of the city. On March 1st all property on which the tax has not been paid will be subjected to levy and costs in accordance with law. C. AYERS, Clerk.

Get Busy. If you are going to save up for a winter day don't wait until the spring begins to gather. —World Journal.