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A NEEDED REFORM.

During the past year there have been a good many cases tried here by our justices of the peace. Some of them were important while many were of minor importance and some frivolous. In all these cases we know of none but what was disposed of fairly and with justice to the parties concerned. What we wish to speak of is the manner in which the justices have allowed them to be conducted.

When an action is brought before a justice of the peace it is due the parties concerned to have due notice according to law and then have the case disposed of as speeeily as possible to prevent cost being piled up on the party or parties against whom the action may fall. We have noticed that in nearly every action brought before a justice that attorneys are employed and it is not an unfrequent thing to see two attorneys for each side appear in an action of minor importance. In many of these actions we notice that the justices allow them to be continued from day to day under the smallest pretext of one side of the other, thereby increasing costs in the action brought. In fact we do not remember an action being tried by any justice here at one sitting—one side or the other not being ready for trial.

It is not the province of justices of the peace to force a party into trial if he is not ready and prepared to defend the action; but it is their province and duty to preside with justice to each party and try the action as promptly as in their power lies and not allow the costs unnecessarily increased by continuing the action on a mere technicality and to suit the convenience of the attorneys employed in the action.

We have known some actions brought which could have been disposed of in thirty minutes and justice meted to each party, yet upon mere technicalities the actions were continued as many as three times and occupied the time of the court for half a day at a time, when the justice could readily have disposed of the case at one sitting. Attorneys have rights before a court that must be respected, but a justice should have decision enough not to entertain motions made by them unless there be sufficient reason for same and continue the case only when justice to the parties concerned demand it. We are of the opinion that our justices of the peace could bring about a reform in these matters.

THE island of Crete is up in arms against the Sultan of Turkey to which government the island belongs, and Greece is aiding the insurgents. It is probable that the Sultan will declare war against Greece at once. It is said that there is a plan on foot between the powers to destroy the government of Turkey and divide the territory. In this case Greece would annex Crete; Rusia would take Armenia; France, Syria and England, Egypt. The Sultan's course as to Christians in Armenia, where he has allowed them to be butchered by his own troops, is taken for an excuse to wipe his government off the face of the globe. In Crete, where the population is generally Christians, the uprising against the Sultan has been most pronounced. Greece seems to be determined to help the Cretans if the other powers do not.

THE United States Senate passed a resolution Saturday directing the Secretary of the Navy to have a naval vessel to take supplies from San Francisco to the sufferers in India. Appropriations was provided for to buy grain and provisions for those famine and plague stricken sufferers. A vessel will start immediately, loaded with grain and provisions. This act of charity by the Senate is commendable. We are a great nation and our crops have never yet failed so as to produce famine and we have never been visited with so destroying a plague as is now afflicting the inhabitants of a portion of India. The United States is liberal always to sister nations and suffering humanity.

THE FESTIVE PEANUT.

Everyone eats peanuts and scarcely anyone knows anything about them. The peanut crop is one of the most profitable of the South. The yearly production of peanuts in this country is about 4,000,000 bushels of twenty two pounds each, the bulk of the crop being produced in Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. These 4,000,000 bushels constitute but a small proportion of the peanut crop of the world, as the exportation from Africa and India to Europe in 1892 amounted to nearly 400,000,000 pounds, half of which went to Marseilles to be made into oil.

The largest amount of the American crop is sold by street venders, but quantities are used by confectioners, chocolate manufacturers and oil makers. Peanut oil is used for lubricating and for soap, and is a good substitute for olive oil, lard, cottolene and butter. The residue from oil making, known as "peanut cake" in Europe is highly valued as a cattle fodder and is also ground into fine flour and used as human food.

The Virginia running variety of peanut is the typical American peanut. Its vines are large, with spreading branches, growing flat on the ground and bearing pods over their entire length. The pods are large and white. There are many other varieties grown in the other States, some of them being upright bushes instead of vines.

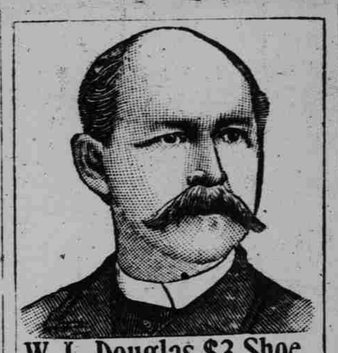
The peanut is sorted in the factory into four grades, the first three being sold to venders, and the fourth sold to confectioners for making "burnt almond" and cheap candies. The $10,000,000 worth of peanuts America uses are not counted in the staple food, but are eaten at all intervals as a luxury. The peanut is used by the planter as a fattener for his hogs.

In the old world millions of bushels are made into oil, in which the nuts are very rich, 30 or 40 per cent of the shelled nut being oil. It has an agreeable taste and is more limpid than olive oil, but does not give a very brilliant flame. The peanut cake left after the oil is extracted is sold for $30 a ton in Germany and fed to the cattle and sheep. Experiments were made in Germany on an army biscuit to be made from peanut flour, but they were not successful, though the flour is most nourishing —Home and Farm.

THE legislature turned Swinson, the populist enrolling clerk, out of the office, or at least the bill passed both branches of the legislature; but Swinson says the legislature did not have the power to turn him out only for incompetency or failure to perform the duties of the enrolling clerk and to do this it would have to impeach him. Swinson holds on to the office and has not turned over the papers in his possession. The whole of the row was caused because Swinson would not appoint two negro clerks that he did not need. Yet populist members voted to turn him out. It seems that the populist members love the negro as dearly as the republicans. Every populist in the House voted for a negro for assistant doorkeeper against a one-legged confederate soldier. Do the men who wore the gray want the negro put in ascendancy over them? Take a peep in on this legislature and see the tendency of things—a negro in the State Senate demanding to be recognized as the leader of his party. The time is coming when white folks must be white folks.

THE lease of the North Carolina railroad from Goldsboro to Charlotte to the Southern Railroad Company for 99 years will probably be repealed by this legislature. Governor Russell has sent a message to the legislature advising a repeal of the lease. If it is repealed the road will probably be leased to the highest bidder. The Seaboard Air Line has offered to lease the road and pay $400,000 per year rent. This amount is $120,000 more than the Southern promises to pay in the 99 year lease. The proper thing to do, it seems to us, is for the State to sell the road if it can get a good price for it. The road cost $4,000,000 and $2,700,000 remain unpaid by the state and the state is paying interest at four per cent. on these bonds—$108,000 annually. Sell the road and pay off the debts and stop the interest.

IT is estimated that to obtain the feathers that were used last year on ladies' hats that more than a million and a half of birds were killed. Of this number of birds one-third was song birds. For this reason we suppose the legislatures of most of the states passed laws to protect song birds. Evidently the birds could sing sweeter than many of the ladies who wore hats trimmed with the birds' feathers.



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The town of Grifton is way down in Pitt, county, in fact so far down in Pitt, that about half of it is in Lenior County. It is also on both sides of Contentnea Creek; it is in the first and second Congressional districts; is in the third and sixth Judicial districts and in two Senatoral districts, and in two Senatoral districts and is in three townships. We have three tax collectors after us sometimes, and one for the town, who is with us all the time. We have about 800 inhabitants, over half white. In our State and county elections, we have three voting places, and to complete the circuit a man would have to travel forty-five miles. Being so much divided, it is very much like a Western town. We have three bars, each one in a different township, all in speaking distance. Our mayor is kept busy when the boys are on a lark.

ALASKA GOLD PRODUCTION.

America's new territory is about taking the sceptre from the old as a gold bearing territory. In 1867 the United States acquired Alaska, an area of 580,000 square miles, paying Russia for it $7,200,000, and public opinion at the time was that they had made a bad bargain. It has proved, indeed, a very excellent one. The money has been gotten back already in the lumber and the seal and other fisheries of Alaska, and that great domain, much of it is almost trackless, has developed into a great gold-producing region. Its output of gold in 1895 was $3,000,000; it will not be less than $5,000,000; this year, and $12,000,000 is its estimated yield for 1897 The mining interest is active and 11,000 were added to the population of the country last year --Ex.

MURRAY, the negro congressman from South Carolina, introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives to throw out the electoral vote of that state on the ground that the vote was not an expression of the will of the people of that state; that large numbers of voters had been debarred from voting and that a republican form of government does not exist in that state. The resolution provides for the appointment of a committee to investigate the elections in that State. In South Carolina the laws have been so framed that it is not possible for ignorance to rule, and as the negroes are the most ignorant class they think it is a thrust at them. Evidently South Carolinians believe in white supremacy. We would be glad to see more of the same spirit expressed in North Carolina.

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Having qualified as Executors of H. C. Avera, deceased, late of Harnett County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of January, 1898, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 22nd day of January, 1897.

O. P. SHELL, W. J. HODGES } Executors.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Henry Pope and wife, Eliza Pope, recorded in Book H. No. 2, pages 385-391, records of Harnett county, I will on Feb. 20th 1897 at the Depot in Dunn N. C. at 1:30 o'clock P. M. sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate in Averasboro township Harnett county, to-wit: First tract being one-half of Block "Cx" in the plan of the town of Dunn, consisting of 2 lots Nos. 3 and 4, bounded on north by Pearsall St. on east by a 20 feet alley, on south by Pope St., on the west by King St. Second tract. Being all of Block "F4" according to the plan of said town, consisting of 4 lots Nos. 1, 2. 3 and 4, bounded on north by Pearsall St. 300 feet, on the east by King St. 300 feet, on the south by Pope St. 300 feet, on the west by Layton St. 300 feet. said Block being 300 feet square. Third Tract. Being all of Block "FO" according to the plan of said town, consisting of 4 lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, bounded on North by Pearsall St. 300 feet, on the east by Layton St. 300 feet, on the south by Pope St. 300 feet, on the west by McKay St. 300 feet, Being 300 feet square.

January 1, 1897. J. D. BARNES, Trustee.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Henry Pope and wife, Eliza Pope, recorded in Book H. No. 2 pages 527-529 records of Harnett county, I will on Feb. 20th 1897 at the depot in Dunn N. C sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate to-wit: All of Block "B T" according to the plan of the town of Dunn, consisting of 4 lots Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Said Block is bounded on the north by Divine St. in said town on the east by Magnolia St. on the south by Pearsall St. on the west by Clinton St. Hour of sale 1:30 o'clock P. M.

January 1, 1897. J. F. PHILLIPS, Trustee.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a certain execution in my hands from Harnett County Superior Court in favor of L. J. Best assignee of J. A. SEXTON and against H. A. Hodges, I will on Feb. 17, 1897 at the Court House door in Lillington N. C, at 2 o'clock P. M., sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash all the estate, right, title, and interest of H. A. HODGES, in a certain tract of land in Averasboro township Harnett county, known as the J. C. Surles land, containing about 650 acres more or less, being in and near the town of Dunn. For a full description of said land referance is hereby made to a certain deed for the land, executed by Daniel Stewart to H. A. Hodges, registered in Registers office of Harnett county.

Jan. 15, 1897. J. H. POPE, Sheriff of Harnett Co.

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S. N. PARKER, Administrator.
OSCAR J. SPEARE, Att'y. ja6-6w

NOTICE.

By virtue of a certain mortgage deed executed January 1, 1894 to D. T. Jones by M. E. Griffin et al, recorded in Book H. No. 2 page 316 &c., Records of Harnett county, and duly assigned and transferred to me, I will on Feb. 20th 1897 at the Post Office in Dunn N. C. at 12 o'clock M. sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash a certain tract of land in Averasboro Township Harnett county adjoining the lands of Moses Tripp, Haywood Reaves and others, lying and being on the east side of Black River, and beginning at a stake in Moses Tripp's line near Joel Lee's corner runs north 48 west 7 chains to a stake thence South 47½, east with Y M Lee's line 15 chains and 50 links to a stake the J. H. Griffin corner, thence his line north 21, east 18 chains, 30 links to the beginning containing 20 acres more or less, being same tract of land conveyed to J. H. Griffin by Edith Reaves by deed dated Dec. 4th 1884 and recorded in Book T. page 300 in Register of Deeds office of Harnett county. The deed of Edith Reaves to J H Griffin is referred to for full description of said land. January 18. 1897.

L. J. BEST, assignee of mortgage

SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a Decree of Superior Court of Harnett county rendered in Special proceedings entitled J M Hare, Administrator of John Hare, deceased, vs. Lucy Hare and others, heirs-at-law, I will sell at public out-cry to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises in Hector's Creek Township on Monday the 8th day of March 1897 at 12 o'clock M. the following real estate to-wit: That tract of land in Hector's Creek Township, Harnett county, N. C., known as the land on which John Hare, deceased, formerly resided, adjoining the lands of J. A. Smith, Joseph Andrews, E. D. Smith and others containing 120 acres. Also another tract known as the Mill tract of land adjoining the above described tract, Joseph Andrews and G B Alford, containing 15½ acres.

On the 120 acre tract there is a good dwelling house and out-houses and on other tract a good mill-site, with house and machinery.

J. M. HARE, Adm'r. and Commissioner.
H. E. NORRIS, Atty.

NORTH CAROLINA, Harnett County. } In Justice's Court Averasboro Township.
A. R. WILSON vs W. H. McKAY.

BEFORE I. W. TAYLOR, J. P.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant W. H. McKay is a non resident of this State and has property in this State. Now it is ordered that publication be made in The County Union, a newspaper published in the town of Dunn, N. C., to the defendant W. H. McKay, to appear before the undersigned on the 18th March 1897 in the Town Hall in the town of Dunn, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., to answer the complaint of M. W. Harper, Trustee of A. R. Wilson for the non payment of Thirty Dollars due by two notes of $15 each with interest from Nov. 15th, 1888, and let the defendant take notice that if he fails to answer or demur to the same. judgment pro confesso will be awarded.

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