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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1893.

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BIG BARGAINS IN PRESERVES

We have a large stock of Fine Goods in Jars, which are equal in quality to the goods put up in glass, and but half the price. Our stock comprises Strawberry, Quince, Raspberry, Peach and Blackberry.

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FOR THIS WEEK ONLY!

130 Heavy Cut Glass Water Bottles, Worth From \$1.30 to \$3.00 Each—
THIS WEEK, 98 CENTS.

20 Toilet Sets, Any Color, Decoration, and Large Sizes, Value \$2.90 to \$4.00—
THIS WEEK, \$1.90.

48 Decorated Lamps and Shades to Match, Complete with Duplex Burners. Usual Price \$2.30 to \$3.88—
THIS WEEK, \$1.50.

Quadruple Plate Hollow ware, One-fourth off List Price, that is, you only pay
THIS WEEK 3-4 PRICE.

Large Size Stone China Bowls and Pitchers, Usual Price \$1.25—
THIS WEEK, 86 CENTS.

French China Dinner Sets in Very Rich Decorations, New Colors in Gold, Very cheap at \$42.50—
THIS WEEK, \$35.

This White China Breakfast and Tea Plates, regular price \$1.05 and \$1.35—
THIS WEEK, 55 CENTS PER SET.

The Regular Bargain Tables are Crowded With Goods Not Mentioned Here!

This Will Be the Week For Bargains at

LAW'S,
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Seed Oats,
Grass Seed,
Onion Sets,
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Specialties in Black Dress Goods, Whip Cords, Popolain's Diagonals, Broadcloth, Henriettas in Silk and Wool and All Wool, Serges also in Colors. White Goods, in better Line than Ever. Ladies' Waists!

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25 Dozen Ladies' Black Hose at 25 cents, worth 40 cents.
50 Dozen Men's Black Half-Hose at 15 cents, worth 25 cents.
50 Dozen Men's Colored Half-Hose at 25 cents, worth 50 cents.

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BARGAINS AT THRASH'S

To Open Our Series of Bargains for March We Offer for This Week:

R—sterling triple dinner knives, \$1 per set.
Thin tumblers, 60 cents per dozen, worth \$1 per dozen.
Thin China teas, 75c., regular price, \$1.25. Thin China breakfast plates, 75c. set, regular price \$1.25; 112 pieces fine Doublon dinner sets for \$12, regular price, \$18. Decorated China fruit saucers, shell shape, 88c. per dozen, worth \$1.50 per dozen. Extension lamps, with dome shades, good burners, \$2.25. Can you beat this?

This is only a partial list of the bargains we are offering for March. We mean to clear out our big stock of fine goods. After this week we will have the bargains arranged on tables from 10c. to \$1, so you can see them. Those visiting our store this month will be well repaid. Now is the chance for you to replenish your houses for the spring.

SPECIAL MENTION!

French Engraved Tumblers, 90 cents per dozen; Nickel and Brass Dining Room Lamps, new; see them; Price Low! All Bargains Cash. Nothing Challenged.

Crystal Palace.

THAD. W. THRASH & CO.

California Canned Fruit!

We are selling California Fruits Cheaper than ever before!

We offer special inducements to buyers in unbroken packages!

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A NUMBER OF CHOICE THINGS FOR EARLY SPRING WEAR JUST RECEIVED.

H. REDWOOD & CO.,
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
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We receive daily a fresh supply of

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DELICIOUS BONBONS,
CHOCOLATE CARAMELS,
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CRYSTALLIZED FRUIT, ETC.

These are the Finest Candies Manufactured. Sold in sealed packages only.

THIRTY YEARS IN THE PEN

WHITSON BROTHERS' SENTENCE COMMUTED.

The Brothers were to hang on the 24th of March—History of the Crime—Will Whitson's Life History. Written by himself.

Will and Tom Whitson, brothers, who have been in Buncombe jail for some keeping for several months, under sentence of death for the murder of Kit Byrd in Mitchell county, N. C., have had their sentence commuted to imprisonment in the penitentiary for thirty years.

Governor Carr's reasons for the commutation, as printed in the Raleigh News and Observer of Wednesday, are as follows:

This commutation is granted following the laws enacted by the present legislature, viz: "To divide the crime of murder into two degrees and define the same, the punishment for the second degree being not less than two or more than thirty years in the State's prison."

"I feel that prisoners sentenced to be hanged on a fixed date after this law was enacted, should have the benefit thereof; and it appearing from the recommendation of the judge who tried the case in the Superior court, that this would be a case of murder in the second degree, if such a degree should be made by our law, the Attorney General, who argued the case in the Supreme court, recommended commutation for a term of years; the further fact that on the first trial the jury could not agree, but recommended a sentence of death on the second degree. The judge refused this verdict, as our laws at that time recognized no such degree of murder and a new trial was granted. In the second trial the solicitor agreed to a compromise verdict of manslaughter, which was not accepted by the defence."

The Killing of Byrd.

The crime for which the Whitsons were sentenced was committed about ten years ago. Three brothers, Dick, Will and Tom Whitson, went to the distillery operated by Kit Byrd and Miles Smith one Sunday morning, for the purpose of collecting money which Byrd owed them. They were met by Byrd in a difficulty over the settlement, and Byrd was shot down by the Whitsons with Winchester. The brothers fled into the mountains of Kentucky, where they remained until their capture early in last year. Will and Tom were tried and convicted, Dick having died before the trial. The brothers were sentenced to hang, but were respited by Governor Holt. After Governor Carr was inaugurated Maj. W. H. Malone, U. S. Fletcher and Congressman Bower argued for a commutation of the sentence.

While the Whitsons were in jail here a break was made in the prison by which they made their escape from the jail yard, but were recaptured. During the excitement worked up by the inker Hyams, it was reported that the Whitsons were taken from the jail at Bakersville by friends, at which time they were in Asheville jail. On the 24th of February the Chronicle printed a dispatch stating that the brothers had been hanged here.

Will Whitson's Life.

The following is a copy of a letter written by Will Whitson while in Asheville jail, which has been in The Citizen office since it was written:

"ASHVILLE, N. C. De. 24, 1892.

"My dear friends! Will write you a few lines of my life. My father died in February the 25, 18 & was aged 12. He was old when my father died. He had sent me to school till I had begun to read & die in the Seeping Rock. I never got to go to school any more after my father died & my mother had a very hard time to keep her children from Starvation to death. I was the Ware the robbers taken all of her property & nearly killed her. Had in the House so she was not able to give us school. So you see what a poor orphan boy I am. My father had no father to help him so young men when you lose your father you lose your best friend you never had on earth. He will doze me and I will cry. I pray I can say & tell the truth my father was the best friend I ever found in my life & now my days are done & I forever go. Bless god who made me feel that I will soon meet my father in Heaven. I remember the last words my father said to me. He said to me: "My son, I have a good boy to meet me in Heaven. I intend by the power and grace of god to meet my father in Heaven my dear son. I believe that all at I am clear of what I am charge with & god no I am clear of Hit so when I am hung you can say their is one pore sole gone for that he never doze me. But you can say this is a day comen when Some Body will haf to punish for haven me punish for that I never don But I way to god to forgive them. I don't give them for hit. I am willing to die and I doze Bleeve god is redy to rescue me god is not lik men on earth He is a just god & will doze what he gaves, I pray to god to forgive poor Bill Been for swarney a lie agine me god nowes he swor faltes aginst me so Dear friends you may be afraid of citch men I dont think the ever was a poor man Butchard up for nothen as bad as I have Bine But I thank god I will see Bue done suffer so Dear friends when you red this you think of my condision.

"Wm. Whitson."

How They Received the News.

The Whitsons received the first news of the commutation of their sentence through a letter which was given them by Jailer Jamison this morning, a few minutes before J. C. Pritchard, one of their attorneys, called at the jail. When Mr. Pritchard arrived he found Will Whitson crying, and in every way showing he was very much affected. He claims that he is innocent, and had hoped for a pardon. Tom Whitson had very little to say, seeming rather indifferent as to his fate.

MR. GWYN'S BRIDGE.

He Tells Why It Should Be Finished At Once.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—In your report of my remarks before the Joint Board on Tuesday you do not state the case fully. I remarked that Patton avenue had been paved by contract to Woodcock's drug store with brick, and that Buxton street had been paved with rubble, and that the bridge to Melke's with rubble, and that the Board was probably unwilling to admit that either job was let at too high a price, or that the work was improperly done, otherwise they did wrong to pay for it, as they have done; that if the price was reasonable, and the work done according to contract I could see no reason why one or the other of these contracts might not be extended to cover the short gap left in the mud, with the additional obstruction of the street car track above the ground, so high that no wagon can cross, and a great rig of earth thrown up on the South side.

Furthermore, your criticism of my simile of the unfinished bridge is unfair. If the few boards of lumber, worth \$4,500 paved with rubble at the price paid for that on Buxton street, there is no reason why the bridge, which cost more than 10 per cent, could be saved by advertising for bids. Now of this 10 per cent, say \$450, the city pays eventually \$1,500, and the saving between the rails of street car line will reduce the nearly one third; so that the city's net probable, or possible, gain would be \$1,050. For that \$100 it will not pay Asheville to let that mud hole remain till July or August.

There is still another way out of the difficulty, and that is for the city to go on and pave it immediately with brick, at least as far as Spring street. I cannot see why Haywood street from Melke's to Woodcock's ought not to have at least as good a pavement as Haywood street from Woodcock's to Montford avenue, which latter named portion is to have brick. I believe that not only a majority of the Board, but of the people of Asheville now see plainly that immediate action should be taken to "finish the bridge." W. B. Gwyn.

TAUGHT A NEGRO SCHOOL.

Her Father Driven Out of Town by Threats.

MARION, N. C., March 16.—B. W. Crow and his family have been driven from the town of Nebo by anonymous threats, destruction of their property, and fear of assassination. Crow is a white man, and his daughter taught a school for negro children. On Saturday night the school house was overturned and destroyed. Crow has received anonymous letters for some time past threatening him with death unless he left town before April 1st. He departed yesterday.

Nobody Hurt.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Secretary of the Navy Herbert made his first official visit to the Brooklyn navy yard this morning. He appeared at the gate of the navy yard a few minutes past 10 o'clock in a carriage with Congressman Combs. A salute of seventeen guns was fired.

Nav Re-Open.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Comptroller Hepburn said this morning that his advice were to the effect that the Gate City National Bank, Atlanta, Ga., would soon reopen. The bank since closed had realized \$125,000 from its assets and he saw no reason why it should not reopen.

Herbert in Bad Company.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Secretary of the Navy Herbert was entertained at dinner last night by Col. Elliot F. Shepard.

The Senate Adjourns.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Senate today, after a ten minutes' session, adjourned until Monday next.

Fresh Henderson seed at Pelham's.

A SMOLDERING VOLCANO

AGAIN THAT OLD PEST HOLE, CRIPPLE CREEK.

The Reputable Inhabitants of That Locality Want Relief and There Are Murmurings of White Capping.

There is a smoldering volcano in the neighborhood of Cripple Creek.

Matters have been growing no better in that locality very fast of late. When the authorities, under the spur of THE CITIZEN, made a raid several months ago on Cripple Creek they improved the situation only temporarily. Although THE CITIZEN at the time gave the name of the man who admitted renting his house for immoral purposes, and although the law is very severe against persons convicted of such an offence, the officers of the law took no steps against him. Thus, virtually licensed by the authorities, the depraved creatures of this lawless neighborhood have gone from bad to worse.

Are girls from the country have been lured into this neighborhood and ruined, probably past all reclaiming. Brandy, obscenity and the accosting of passers by have been the order of the night if not of the day.

To the certain knowledge of THE CITIZEN application for relief has been made to the Chief of Police, and nothing came out; nothing, in fact, was even promised. The decent people of the neighborhood have therefore become about desperate. Some of them own their homes there or near there and they cannot move away without great sacrifice. They must therefore bring up their children in the midst of it, "inures the most horrible and demoralizing."

All this culminated, in its irritation on the reputable people of Cripple Creek and Scratch Ankle, when an unoffending man was seriously, perhaps fatally, shot there Monday evening. The man who now learns on good authority that if the authorities do not at once take steps to clean up the neighborhood, and especially the people of that locality will meet lawlessness with lawlessness. They have borne all they can, and they now propose, over the heads of the authorities, to clean up the houses of the disreputable houses of Cripple Creek and Scratch Ankle. They propose to whip them out of the city and to burn their houses if they have lived in.

The situation is a serious one and is in no way exaggerated by THE CITIZEN'S account.

Fresh Henderson seed at Pelham's.

KEEP THE SCHOOLS OPEN

MORE COMMUNICATIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

Why Do Not the Ministers of the City Move in the Matter of Raising Money to Keep the Schools Running?—A Suggestion.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—Permit me to use a small space in your paper on the public schools question. To any one who has read the reports of the school committee on the finances of the public schools of Asheville, it is as plain as the nose on a man's face that the tax rate for the support of the public schools has never at any time given enough money to meet the needs of the schools of the city.

With the increased capacity of the fine school buildings erected last year has come increased attendance and increased expense, which must be met by an increased assessment by the city authorities for school purposes. This cannot be met by a number of gentlemen going down into their pockets in a charitable way, but it is a yearly tax which should be raised, and these gentlemen would do the city a much greater service by signing a petition to the officers of the city government to increase the tax rate 10 cents on the \$100 for school purposes, than they can by temporary charitable gifts.

I should prefer that the public schools be closed for the remainder of the year if the parents of the children now in the public schools do not take some action to raise money, pay the running expenses of the school for this year. To close the schools will be a hardship to the teachers which I should be very sorry to see imposed on them. If not justice to the children, then it is justice to the teachers, the city should not allow the education of their children, and the interest of the public school will do as much good in this generation as any church revival ever yet organized. The true test of a Christian is the interest he takes in helping the less fortunate of his fellowmen.

One of the best known writers of New England has truly said "Out of the school houses flows the wealth of New England."

The corner stone of any republic should be the public schools and in this city anarchy can live without them. This is as true as gospel.

Now then, fellow citizens, let us have a tax democracy here in this city and State. Let us anchor the public schools and give plenty of cable that they may hold on to in all weathers, not in charting the course of the ship, but in carrying it but in justice. George T. Davis.

Another Suggestion.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—Being greatly interested in the public school problem allow me to suggest another solution.

Many of the parents, probably a majority, have means sufficient to pay for the tuition of their children during the remainder of the school term. Let all who are willing to enter the list be named to Prof. Claxton. An estimate could then be made of the amount necessary to meet the expenses of the others, and then let citizens contribute according to their ability.

Many could pay smaller sums who are willing to give \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$10000.00, \$20000.00, \$50000.00, \$100000.00, \$200000.00, \$500000.00, \$1000000.00, \$2000000.00, \$5000000.00, \$10000000.00, \$20000000.00, \$50000000.00, \$100000000.00, \$200000000.00, \$500000000.00, \$1000000000.00, \$2000000000.00, \$5000000000.00, \$10000000000.00, \$20000000000.00, \$50000000000.00, \$100000000000.00, \$200000000000.00, \$500000000000.00, \$1000000000000.00, \$2000000000000.00, \$5000000000000.00, \$10000000000000.00, \$20000000000000.00, \$50000000000000.00, \$100000000000000.00, \$200000000000000.00, \$500000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$10000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$20000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$50000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$100000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$200000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$500000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$1000000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$2000000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$5000000000000000000000000000000000000000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$5000.00, \$100.00,