

## GRAVEYARD INSURANCE.

**BIG FRAUDS UNEARTHED AT BEAUFORT—COSUMPTIVES INSURED—POOR AND DECEPIT PEOPLE INSURED WITH-OUT BEING ASKED.**

The insurance swindle recently unearthed at Beaufort, N. C., has been going on for eight years, and some of the merchants in the town have been engaged in it. So numerative had it become that the negroes went into the business on their own account, and eventually joined forces with the white men. The gang finally became bolder, taking out larger policies of insurance, where heretofore they had been satisfied with small but quick profits, and their greed was the ultimate cause of their exposure. Policy holders of five New York and New England companies have been defrauded by them.

It is alleged that about eight years ago C. R. Hassell, a shrewd horse trader, went to Beaufort and soon engaged in the insurance business, and that after a while he and a physician and some merchants formed a ring to defraud the several insurance companies that employed Hassell as their agent.

Old, decrepit, and dying whites and negroes of both sexes were insured, in many instances without their knowledge. It was no uncommon occurrence it is said, to see men hawking around Beaufort and its suburbs policies of life insurance, offering to place them free of cost to the assured if in ill health, and agreeing to provide the necessaries of life while alive and at death to have them decently buried, besides occasionally allowing a small sum to provide for their families' requirements. When they found a dying person they would sometimes take out policies without securing the consent of the insured.

It is alleged further that Levi T. Noe, Selden D. Delamar and Jacob C. Delamar, under the firm name of Noe, Delamar & Co., secured the assistance of Dr. T. B. Delamar, a relative of the junior member of the firm, together with the agency of several reputable life insurance companies, and began operations of a similar character.

The first company to start an investigation was the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, which had a death loss of \$1,000 upon Ella G. Rountree, a negro, insured as a white woman, who died of consumption shortly after she had been insured. The aggregate insurance placed upon her life in various companies within a few months of her decease was \$14,000.

The Massachusetts Benefit Life Association of Boston, which had been represented by Noe, Delamar & Co., less than six months, stood for policies aggregating \$50,000. Upon notification of two death losses, occurring within a period of less than two months after issuing the policies, the company detailed its inspector, W. C. Abrams, to make an investigation. He found that Ferda Williams, one of the risks, who had been insured for \$2,000, had been lying at the point of death for several weeks prior to the issuance of the policies, and that Ella G. Rountree, colored, who had been insured as a white woman, had been in ill health for three years before, and had been confined to her bed several months when the insurance was affected. The beneficiaries in the Rountree case figured in the policy as the father and the brother of the deceased. The "father," Stephen I. Turner, is a Baptist minister. Neither of the parties was possessed of the means to carry so heavy a line of insurance.

In the course of Inspector Abrams' investigation he discovered that men and women 65 to 80 years of age had been insured on the basis of ages ranging from ten to fifteen years. He discovered also that one of the insured, John Boyd, was a poor demented negro; another, Mary A. Longest, was 65 years old, but was insured as 53, while she had suffered from heart disease for several years, and died of it a few months after the cancelling of the policy.

Ferda Williams had been in ill health for several years. Her husband, Samuel Williams, who is nominated as beneficiary, is a fisherman who is and always has been in straightened circumstances. His boon companion, Abe Wigfall, secured \$3,000 from the Bay State Beneficiary Association of Westfield, Mass., upon the death of his brother, James Wigfall, who was insured on his death bed, eleven days before his decease. The claim had been paid without investigation upon the part of the company, as a clean set of proofs of loss had been forwarded by the conspirators, giving cause of death as

malarial fever, a disease common in this section. This money, it is alleged was divided between Abe Wigfall, David Parker, Frank Gibble and Silas Blount. It was invested by them in real estate, and the Bay State has instituted suit against each of them to recover the amount.

It is stated the inspector's life has been threatened since he began his investigation.

Among the many cases of alleged fraud developed in policies secured through the agency of Noe, Delamar & Co., with the aid of the company's examining physician, Dr. T. B. Delamar, are the following:

Samuel Windsor, insured as a white man, aged 58, for \$3,000. He is a negro, 75 years old, in ill health, and had no knowledge that his life was insured.

Mary Williams, negro, 50 years old, has a son living, aged 45.

Rosanna Washington, insured for \$5,000, has never been examined and had no knowledge of any insurance being placed upon her life.

William J. Morgan, insured for \$6,000 at the age of 59, is in ill health and is 70 years old.

Holdan A. Morgan, insured for \$6,000, was suffering from a complication of diseases, and her signature to the application, according to her statement, is forged.

Sarah A. Lewis, insured for \$2,000 at the age of 39, is a septuagenarian.

William H. Jones ex-postmaster of Morehead City, insured for \$1,000. The policy was cancelled, as he is a consumptive.

Maria Hamilton, insured as a white woman for \$2,500 at the age of 47, is a negro 65 years old, and in declining health.

Thomas Davis, insured for \$2,000 at the age of 44, is over 50 years old and has consumption.

Shepherd Davis, insured for \$6,000, age given as 57, is 75 years old, bent, a chronic sufferer from rheumatism, and is poverty-stricken and dependent wholly upon charity for support. He had no knowledge of being insured.

The medical examination in the Wigfall case was made by Dr. Edward Thomas, of Newbern, N. C., who was at the time visiting Beaufort. He has since removed to New York City, and is said to be domiciled at a lodging house known as the Waverly, No. 9, Bowery.

### Hay Growing.

North Carolina is excellently adapted to hay growing. It can be made of great utility and profit if our people would learn to farm. Instead of importing hay from the North, North Carolina should be exporting by the ten thousand tons. The Wilkesboro Chronicle the other day said that Mr. Hackett had sold 12,000 pounds of the best hay from first cutting of 12 acres, and has from 9,000 to 10,000 yet of the same cutting. The second cutting will yield as much as the first. And this is the first year's cutting. Such results can be obtained in almost every one of the ninety-six counties. Why not? Judicious cultivation will fetch it.—Wilson Advance.

### Small-Pox Scare.

The small-pox scare in Patrick county, Va., near the North Carolina line, is creating considerable excitement. Three cities have quarantined against the infected district. Eight deaths and twenty-one cases are reported up to date. Several citizens are said to be leaving Martinsville and other places near by on account of the disease.

### The Massacre of Missionaries in China.

The London Globe publishes a dispatch from Hong Kong saying that the massacre at Whasung, near Kueicheng, commenced early Thursday. The mob set fire to the houses of the missionaries and killed eight women, one child and the husband of one of the women. Several Christians were wounded, two probably fatally. Chinese troops have been dispatched to the scene. The British and American Consuls will interview the Viceroy of the province in regard to the outrage. All the foreigners who were killed were British, the Americans all escaping. The members of the attacking party belonged to a Chinese sect.

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## How to Learn to Talk.

Learn to listen well, and soon you will find yourself speaking the word in season and surprising yourself as well as others by the quickness with which your thoughts will be expressed.

Read the works of great writers, think them over, and conclude in what way you differ from them.

The woman who talks well must needs have opinions—decided ones—but she must have them well in hand, as nothing is so disagreeable as an aggressive talker.

Say what you have to say pleasantly and sweetly; remember always that the best thing in life—dear, sweet love—has often been won by that delightful thing, "a low voice."

Be not too critical; remember that every blow given another woman is a boomerang which is bound to return and hit you with double force.

Take this into consideration: It is never worth while to make a malicious remark, no matter how clever it may be for those who may laugh at it at the time will lay it up against you unconsciously and retain a vague sort of impression in their minds that you are not of the sweetest and gentlest nature.—Gold Leaf.

### A Sure way to Success.

The way to make your town a blessing to yourself and every one else and the finest and most interesting place to live is to push it, talk it up, help improve it, beautify its streets, use its manufactured products, speak well of its enterprising men, and if you can't say something good, say nothing. If you have the means invest in something; employ somebody; be a hustler.

Be courteous to visitors so that they may leave town with a good impression. Always be ready to encourage and support new industries and you will be rewarded by a prosperous and go ahead town. Extend a hearty welcome and encourage all who contemplate locating among you, as it takes people to make a town. Never fail to have a good word to say for the man who puts up the most buildings in your town or comes down with the largest amount of cash to help along a business boom or a big day, which is always a blessing to our business men. Above all don't kick about any necessary improvements because it don't happen to benefit you as much or more than it does anybody else. Let the good of the town be your highest consideration and you will always be liked and honored by the whole community and your name will never die, but live long after you are dead and gone.—Ex.

### The Mouth.

Some mouths look like peaches and cream and some like a hole chopped in a brick wall to admit a new door or window. The mouth is a hotbed of toothaches, the bungalow of oratory and a baby's crowning glory. It is patriotism's fountain head and the toolchest for pie. Without it the politician would be a wanderer on the face of the earth and the cornetist would go down to an unhonored grave. It is the grocer's friend, the orator's pride, and the dentist's hope.—Durham Sun.

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