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A Whole Family Assaulted While Asleep.

TWO ARRESTS MADE.

MOTIVE CAN BE FOUND FOR THE DEED.

Montgomery county, Md., is widely excited over a brutal assault and attempted murder of Richard L. Buxton, and his family, consisting of his wife and two daughters, aged 16 and 9 years, at an early hour Monday morning. They live at Gaithersburg, a few miles from Rockville. Their home was entered at four o'clock Monday morning by several men who assaulted Mr. Buxton and the three women with an axe while they were in their beds. All four were seriously injured and it is feared Miss Pacific Buxton, aged 9 years, will die.

Passes are scouring the country for the evil-doers and have arrested two negroes, named Randolph and Neal. The motive for the deed is unknown.

New Berne Journal Sold.

Charles L. Stevens, editor of the Southport Leader, has purchased the entire plant of the New Berne Daily and Weekly Journal from Edgar E. Harper, and has moved to New Berne. The Southport Leader continues under the editorial management of A. E. Stevens and Josh T. James, who for many years was editor of the Wilmington Review.

The Raleigh's Gift.

The gift to the cruiser Raleigh from the people of this State has been ordered. The weight of the punch bowl is 300 ounces of sterling silver.

When we get wise enough to appreciate and follow good advice we get smart that we don't really need it.

To grieve over our failures is to bury the talents that would enable us to succeed if we wept less and worked more.

Mrs. Cleveland will go to Gray Gables early in June to remain until late in the fall. Her summer residence is nearly in readiness for her arrival.



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Methodist and Mason.

The following is credited to the Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist. It is said to have been part of a sermon recently preached by him in St. Louis:

Before I was a Christian I learned one thing, and I want you to hear this. I was away from home, and was robbed on a train. I had all the money me and my friend both had. He didn't have any, and they got mine; and we got off at a station. That was when I was a sinner, and that was twenty-five or twenty-six years ago. He was a steward in the Methodist Church, and I was just a plain, common, simple sinner; that is all I was. When we got off at the station we stayed around there a moment or two. He says: "Sam, I wonder if there is a Mason in town." I said: "A Mason?" He says: "Yes." "Well," I said, "what do you want with a Mason?" He says: "I can get some money if I can find a Mason." I said: "Ain't you a Methodist?" He said: "Yes." I said: "Why don't you go to the Methodists?" "Oh, shucks," he said, "I will go to the Masons." And he struck out, and in a few minutes returned, and I said: "How did you come out?" "All right," he said; "I got it." "From a Mason," he says: "Sam, if you want to go to heaven, you join the Methodists; but if you want a hold down here, join the Masons." So, when I started in, I joined both, and to night I am a Methodist and a Mason, I am getting along well for both worlds.

BUYING HIS FIRST BICYCLE.

HOW THE NOVICE DID IT, AND THE REGULATION BELIEF THAT FOLLOWED.

"What's the hardest thing to learn about riding the wheel?" asked the man who was rapidly catching the fever of the man who had been riding a week.

The man who had tried it sighed as he thought of his experience and answered, "Picking out your wheel."

The questioner thought that reply required further explanation, so the dispenser of wisdom told his story:

"Before I had tried it I thought it would be the easiest thing in the world to pick out a wheel. I would just go to a reputable dealer, plunk down my money, and that would be the end of it. I probably would have done that if there had been only one or two reputable dealers in town, but there are 999 of them, more or less, and every one handles the very best wheels on the market. I found that out the first thing."

"So then I thought I'd inquire of my friends who were already riding. I tried that, and every soul of them told me the wheel he was riding was the best. Then I undertook to find out what they knew about the wheels they were not riding. I asked one man if a Thus-and-thus wheel was a good one. 'Don't touch it,' he said. 'If you buy it, you'll have it in a repair shop half the time. Buy a So-and-so.' I asked the next friend I met about the So-and-so. 'No good,' he answered. 'Buy a Thus-and-thus.'

"So it ran along, and the more questions I asked and the more wheels I looked at the more undecided I grew."

"But how did you finally settle it?" asked the man who was catching the fever.

"I wrote the names of all the wheels I had looked at on slips of paper, shook them up in a hat and made a blind draw. But I'll tell you this, he added, the wheelman's instinct coming again to his rescue, "this wheel that I bought is the very best one made. Don't you get anything else."—Buffalo Express.

697 JUDGMENTS.

Judge Robinson Signs His Name 700 Times.

OYSTER CASES SETTLED

Costs in Pamlico County Cases Nearly \$4,000.

SUITS BROUGHT BY THE SOLICITOR AGAINST OYSTERMEN FOR ENTERING NATURAL OYSTER BEDS—DECIDED AGAINST THE STATE.

IN Pamlico Superior court last week the 697 oyster cases that have been on the docket several years were disposed of.

These 697 cases were all against oystermen for violations of the State laws protecting the natural oyster beds in the Eastern waters.

The cases came about in this way: The legislature of 1891 authorized the State Shell Fish Commissioners to locate and determine the natural oyster beds in the waters of Eastern North Carolina, and provided that grounds not so declared natural oyster beds should be open to entry, as other public lands. The legislature of 1893 authorized and directed the solicitors of the several districts, upon the affidavit of five resident that a natural oyster bed had been entered under the first-named act, to institute action in the name of the State against such grantee to vacate and set aside the grant.

By authority of this act of the legislature of 1893, the solicitor instituted 697 cases in the Superior court of Pamlico county.

Before these cases were called for trial a similar case came up from Hyde county in the Supreme court. The Supreme court held that the grantees, under the act of the legislature of 1891, acquired a vested right in the lands covered by their grants; and held that the act of 1893 was unconstitutional in so far as it attempted to invalidate said grants.

Upon the authority of this decision of the Supreme court the solicitor entered a non-suit in all the cases in Pamlico county, and Judge Robinson rendered judgment against the State for the costs.

The costs will amount to between three and four thousand dollars.

This was probably the largest number of cases ever on a docket in any court in this State.

Judge Robinson had to sign his name nearly seven hundred times. This is certainly the largest number of judgments ever signed by one judge at a single term of the court in North Carolina.

But the case is not yet out of court.

The decision of Judge Robinson that the State must pay the large costs of these actions will not be allowed to stand without a contest.

As soon as the judge rendered judgment against the State, So licitor Leary, on behalf of the State, appealed to the Supreme court. By agreement a test case was made up, and this will be heard at the October term of the court.

Women teach us repose, civility and dignity.—Voltaire

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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North Carolina Leads the World.

The World's Exposition, acting under act of Congress, has awarded a beautiful gold medal and diploma to the late ex-Gov. Thos. M. Holt for the best wheat exhibit at the World's Fair. It is a great compliment to North Carolina to get the prize when its wheat was in competition with the whole world, and especially with the great wheat growing countries of the Argentine Republic, Russia, Austria, England, France, Belgium and Germany. To beat them all, as well as every State in the Union, is no mean distinction for North Carolina.

The wheat that took the prize was grown on Governor Holt's famous farm in Davidson county, known as "Linwood Farm." Governor Holt was one of the best farmers in the State, and always took the greatest pride in his crops.

The diploma, signed by the officers of the Exposition, sets forth that the award is made for purity. The yield is 26 bushels per acre. It is illustrated with all the names of the wheat producing countries.

The medal is very elegant and beautiful, and North Carolina is proud of the distinction it confers.—News & Observer.

Wives Surprised their Husbands

It is said that four married men, in a certain "society town," fixed up a story about being called from home on business. One of the men's wives happened to know there was to be a masquerade ball that night in that town. She didn't do anything but hire a livery rig and have the bill charged to her husband. Then she drove around and told the other women what she suspected. They got into other garments at once, drove to the ill fated town, purchased masks, and went to the ball and danced all night. When the unmasking time came each one had her own true sweet-sweet and loving husband by the arm. Then the husbands begged off, promising never to do so again. No divorce proceedings are to follow if they keep their promises.—Durham Sun.

Utilizing Crows.

A Pennsylvania farmer has turned the crows to a good account. He makes them allies in his work. Writing to *The American Agriculturist*, he says:

"For the past five seasons I have, just before I expected my corn to come up, sowed on the field about a quart of corn to each acre, repeated the operation as often as necessary, until the corn was so large that the crows could not pull it up. If the corn is soaked until it is tender, they prefer picking what they want to eat from the surface rather than to pull up the young plants to get it. The cost of the corn thus sown is but a trifle; and as a result I have a great number of crows in my corn field almost constantly, and after they have been satisfied with corn they will still pick up all the insects, grubs, cutworms they can find, as a dessert. In raising 50 acres of corn since adopting this plan, I have not lost a hundred stalks by crows and cut-worms combined."

Corbett Attacked by a Crank.

Jim Corbett narrowly escaped losing his life at the hands of a wild-eyed crank armed with a revolver at Hot Springs, Ark., a few days ago. As he was walking along Central avenue a man suddenly sprung from a doorway, and, facing the puglist, demanded to know if his name was Corbett.

"If you are Jim Corbett," the crank yelled, "I'm going to lick you right here." Corbett hesitated a moment, and the crank, with a quick movement, drew a revolver and presented it at Corbett's breast. Corbett, realizing the situation, struck the weapon out of the crank's hand, and, seizing the man, held him until an officer arrived.

TROUBLE IN BATH.

A Negro, After Assaulting his Wife, Knocks out Two Officers who had Come to Arrest Him.

HE MAKES HIS ESCAPE.

AND THE OFFICERS ARE LAID UP IN A PRECARIOUS CONDITION.

Bath, N. C., is gaining considerable reputation. It seems that a colored man in that section refused to be arrested for the most trivial offense, and we think it's time they should be called to a halt.

On Saturday afternoon last John Koonce, colored, had a difficulty with his wife, near Bay side, and thrashed her seriously. She went to Bath and got out a warrant for his arrest. Deputy Sheriff Whitley and J. D. Skittlethorpe went out to arrest him. When they went in the house someone grabbed them. Koonce took an iron fire poker and knocked both of the officers senseless. Mr. Skittlethorpe had his skull fractured and shoulder blade dislocated. Mr. Whitley's head is bruised considerably. The colored men, for there were two others in the house at the time, succeeded in getting the officers' pistols, and when they left the house they fired three shots at Mr. Whitley.

Mr. Skittlethorpe is able to sit up this morning, but Mr. Whitley is still in bed in a precarious condition. Koonce lives near Bay Side, and is engaged in the lumber business. No efforts have been made as yet to apprehend the parties.—Washington Progress.

A Boiler Explosion in Tyrrell.

A few days ago the boiler of a new mill at Gum Neck, Tyrrell County, exploded wrecking the mill and killing three men, one white and two colored. The white man killed was Mr. Richard Daniels, from near Fairfield, Hyde county. The mill belonged to Mr. F. N. Hussey, a brother of Mr. Charles Hussey who is engineer on the steamer Neuse. It was run by Mr. W. B. Cooper who had leased it. The loss is probably about \$5,000. The explosion was unusual in its character. The shell of the boiler did not burst, the tubes simply blew out at the end cutting their way as they went through timbers and masonry forming the foundation of the mill and caused it to collapse immediately. The tubes did not keep together, but scattered like shot, some of them going several hundred yards beyond the mill—some of them in their flight passed entirely through twelve inch cypress logs like a bullet would through thin plank.

A British Steamer Wrecked.

The British steamer Glanayron, bound from Fernandina to Rotterdam, via Newport News, Va., with phosphate rock, stranded on the outer Diamond Hatteras shoals at eight o'clock last Saturday night. The crew was taken off by the life-savers and the vessel abandoned in bad condition and will be a total loss.

Distance lends such enchantment to the view from some people that they make it a point to get as far away from every arduous duty as possible.

Your Physical Condition needs attention at this time. If you are tired, weak and nervous, it is clear that your blood is impure, and without doubt there has been too much over-work or strain on brain and body. The course of treatment for such a condition is plain and simple. The blood must first be purified so that the nervous system, and in fact all the organs will be fed upon pure blood. Intelligent people without number have testified that the best blood purifier, nerve tonic and strength imparting medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Nervousness, loss of sleep and general debility all vanish when Hood's Sarsaparilla is persistently taken; in a word, health and happiness follow after taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

IN CASE OF WAR.

"CLEAR SHIP FOR ACTION."

Things Get Mighty Interesting When that Order is Given.

"All hands clear ship for action?" In the event of war with Spain that will be the order which will stir the patriotism and fire the blood of every man on one of Uncle Sam's war ships.

The sounding of the gong to clear ship for action may mean the death knell of one or all on the vessel.

The sailors sand the decks, strip to the waist and bare feet in order that they may not slip on the vessel.

Formerly the order to clear ship for action was conveyed by means of the boatswain's whistle. Now the electric gong has superseded the pipe, and the first signal is heard through the warship.

At the first sound of the gong hammocks are stored. Steam is generated in every boiler, and all unnecessary gear stowed away. The next step is to clear away all appliances and fixtures that are not needed. Staunchions are unshipped and deck bulkheads in the way of the batteries are moved and sent below. If it is night, every light on the ship is put out. The crews have practiced their duties so often that they can work as well in the dark as in the light. They are able to place the torpedo tubes in position, and lower the steel netting which is used as a defense against torpedoes from the opposing vessels.

The life boats are lowered and dropped astern. All movable objects in them are lashed, and the plugs are ready to be drawn in order to sink them if that is found necessary. Then the guns are cast loose, and the crews divide themselves into two parts, riflemen and boarders. The riflemen work the guns while the boarders stand by ready to repel invaders. As it is desirable sometimes to fire upon the enemy with some of the great guns while the small armmen are in action, one of every five crews is kept in quarters. They are seldom called upon to move, as it is not considered wise that they leave their guns unless the fire becomes useless, or all hands are called upon to repel boarders.

During a battle the duty of the captain is to be on the bridge with the chief engineer at his side. The captain gives the orders for the moving of the vessel, and the chief engineer telegraphs the instructions to the engine room.

In olden days marines were simply supernumeraries at each gun, and did not leave their quarters unless to repel boarders. In Nelson's time it was thrilling to see a hundred or more sailors armed with cutlasses and pistols in the bow or quarter fighting hand to hand with the enemy. In those days a high netting surrounded the rail of the ship to keep off boarders.

If two vessels foul, or come so close together that it is impossible for the enemy to board, a hose is attached to a steam-pump and a stream of scalding water is turned on the invaders.

There is one man on board a warship in times of battle who keenly feels his importance. He is a quartermaster, who has charge of the signal code. The book must by no means fall into the hands of the enemy. It is bound in lead, and is dropped overboard if the ship is taken.

End of The Term.

The Supreme Court in session at Raleigh will probably adjourn for the term next Wednesday. The docket at this term has been unusually heavy, and has included a number of important cases. The docket of cases from the Twelfth District was the largest sent up in years.

A CLOUD BURST.

Most Severe Storm Ever Known in Gates County.

CROPS WERE LAID FLAT.

TREES AND FENCES BLOWN DOWN AND ONE MAN STUNNED BY LIGHTNING.

THE following comes from Sunbury, Gates county, N. C.: "This section was visited Wednesday, the 20th, by the most severe rain storm that ever was known here. It must have been something on the order of a cloud burst. A cloud came up from the south about 4:30 p. m., and an unusual rainfall followed. The cloud went over toward the northwest, and immediately turned and came back and it seemed that the cloud almost rested on the ground and the rain fell in torrents for an hour or more, accompanied by wind. Corn and other crops were laid flat and then submerged. The ditches presented the appearance of rivers; indeed, it would have been easy to paddle boats over growing crops. Much damage was done to the crops, washing the fields in some instances so that part of the crops will have to be abandoned. The water ignored drains and ditches and rushed headlong over fields, sweeping trash and rails with it. The ground was already soaked by a drenching rain the night before. The lightning and thunder was terrific. The lightning struck the barn on the Gatling farm near here and stunned Mr. J. R. Corbett, the manager, so that he had to be carried to the house. He has recovered. Some trees and fences were blown down, but nothing serious."

Hanged a Little Boy.

A juvenile hanging took place a few days ago near Eldon, Iowa, and as a result a 12 year old boy is lying at the point of death, and two youths, aged 18 and 22 years, are in jail, charged with assault with intent to commit murder. It seems that Mike Evans and Fred Doud became enraged at the taunts of Jimmie Spruback, and, procuring a chain, tied it around his neck. Fastening the other end to a board on the stockyards fence, they threw the victim over. The lad struggled wildly to free himself, while the boys who strung him up stood by until the baby-face blackened and his tongue protruded. The youths fled, and told the first man they met that they had seen little Jimmie Spruback hanging dead. The victim was hastily taken down and carried to the home of his parents, apparently dead. He was finally resuscitated, but though still alive, it is not thought he will recover.

Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home.

The Goldsboro Argus says the contract for the construction of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of that city, was awarded to the Powhattan Lumber Company for the sum of \$10,450, they being the lowest bidders. The work is to begin at once, pushed to completion, and in accordance with the beautiful plans adopted which guarantee the building to be one of the handsomest structures in the South.

Two hundred dollars was subscribed by members of the Grand Lodge present towards the building fund of the Home. The contribution list was left open, the members pledging themselves to raise the balance needed to assure the completion of the Home.

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Of all the people need to take a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla at this season to prevent that rundown and debilitated condition which invades disease. The money invested in half a dozen bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla will come back with large returns in the health and vigor of body and strength of nerves. Hood's Pills are easy to buy, easy to take, easy to operate. Cure all liver ills. 25c.

From Far Across

The Sea!



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These goods we might well say worth 25 cents. We will say good value at 15 cents but, the entire line will be sold at 12 1/2 cents yard.

It is the popular prices that has made Mitchell's store so popular with the ladies. You are welcome to come and look, whether you buy or not.

It is the little savings that count, and at this store everything is figured down to the lowest notch, because Mitchell don't lose anything by trusting out his goods. It is the only store in town that is strictly a Cash House. Below is only a few hints of what is going on at this store.

If you don't trade here, you are missing a good trading place. Any article bought at this store, not satisfactory, can be returned, and your money cheerfully refunded.

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Ladies' Waist Sets in endless variety, belts and belt buckles. Belt Pins, 10 cents. Silk Supporters 10 cents.

Australian Silk Mitts—the best made, black, cream, and tan shades, at 25 cents.

Pure Silk Mitts at 10 and 15 cents. Ladies' fast black seamless Hose at 10 cents, remember they are seamless. Ladies' best fine finished Hose—4 pair in box at \$1.00 box; this is without a doubt, the very best value ever sold.

Ladies' fine quality dropped stitched Hose, 25 cents. Come and see what elegant quality Hose we are selling to the ladies, 2 pair for 25 cents—plain, seamless and drop-stitch.

Boys' long ribbed black hose at 10c. Boys' bicycle Hose, double knee and feet at 15 cts., and 25 cts. pair.

Ladies' bleached and jersey ribbed vests, the kind considered cheap elsewhere at 25 cts., our price 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents.

Ladies' bleached Lisle Vests, examine it and you buy, you will expect to pay more for this grade, our price 25 cents. A good ladies vest at 5 cents. Protect your dresses, a good Dress Shield for 10 cents pair.

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