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"WE MUST HAVE OUR POUND OF FLESH!"

Electric Light and Power Co. Self Appointed Apostle Of Shakespeare's Shylock

IT'S "POUND OF FLESH" WAS TO THROTTLE THE PRESS.

The Most Disgusting Exhibition of Malignant Cowardice Ever Witnessed--Interesting Development in Economists Fight on Corporate Greed.

Elizabeth City was treated yesterday to the ridiculous and disgusting spectacle of a predacious corporation actually styling itself Shylock and demanding Shylock's pound of flesh.

"Shylock" was angered at the attacks this newspaper has been making upon corporate wrongs. "Shylock" has been having things pretty much his own way in this town until The Economist turned the lime light of publicity on his doings. Like a bat, that has had a strip of weather boarding torn from its narrow prison of greed and prejudice and exposed to the light, Shylock got furious and lost his head.

Driven to desperation by anger and humiliation he gave a queer turn to his irascibility.

About 2:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lewis, Manager of the Elizabeth City Electric Light & Power Co., called at the office of the Carolina Pub. Co., and demanded that Manager Smith put up a deposit of \$50 in the First National Bank, in order to secure current and to guarantee payment of future bills, when at the time of the demand, the Carolina Pub. Co., owed the Electric Light & Power Co., nothing and no bill for current had been presented the Carolina Pub. Co., by the Electric Light & Power Co., and no payment demanded or refused. He demanded that if this deposit was not made the Electric Light and Power Co., would detach its wires connecting with and supplying power to run the motors that run the presses of The Daily Economist and The Elizabeth City Tar Heel. The time specified in which Mr. Smith was to make the deposit indicated was two hours. But without waiting for Mr. Smith to make the deposit, had he been so inclined the Electric Light & Power Co., shut off the current by 2:45 o'clock, p. m. The action crippled this newspaper so that it was unable to reach its subscribers at a late hour last night.

Cut off from the regular source of power, a machinist was hastily summoned and he geared the press upon which The Economist is printed, for hand power. But the delay and the unsatisfactory substitute of power and no lights pre-

vented the paper making its appearance last night.

"THE POUND OF FLESH"

The entire city is asking the question, why did the Electric Light & Power Co., shut this newspaper off from its service. The question is asked was the power cut off for non payment of bills? The answer to this may be found on the books of the Electric Light & Power Co., showing that the Carolina Pub. Co. is due The Electric Light & Power Co. not as little or as much as a penny. The question might be asked, is the Carolina Pub. Co. an irresponsible concern? The answer to that question may be satisfactorily answered by reference to the books of the North Carolina Secretary of State. The Carolina Pub. Co., comprised of many of the best and most responsible business men in the city, has been doing business less than a month. It is by no means insolvent, nor likely to be.

The Electric Light & Power Co. voluntarily offered an explanation. Here is where it set itself up as a latter day impersonation of notorious Shylock. "What's the Carolina Pub. Co. done that it should be so mistreated by your concern", asked the Business Manager of the Economist of the Manager of The Electric Light & Power Co. "Your concern has knifed us every chance it got and now we must have our pound of flesh" said the Electric Light and Power Co's Manager. So that was reason the The Economist could not reach its readers last night. The Electric Light and Power Co., that is also the Elizabeth City Water and Power Co., had to have its "pound of flesh," and got it by making an effort to throttle a newspaper that cares more for the best wishes of the public than it does for the paltry smile of a dollars and cents cooperation that charges the public heavily for that which it gives but pays the public nothing for that which it takes.

A WONDERFUL ENGRAVING

Lovers of art will derive great pleasure from a visit to the jewelry store of Kight & Bright for the purpose of examining a remarkable piece of engraving on silver

which that firm has on exhibition in one of its display windows. This engraving is the work of Mr. M. Luther Britt, a North Carolina Boy, graduate of the Philadelphia College of Watch Making and Engraving, who is now in the employ of Messrs. Kight & Bright. The engraving work in question is done on a large plate of silver. In the center of this plate is reproduced with remarkable accuracy in detail the cover design of the February number of the Ladies Home Journal. Other valuable engraving on this plate consists of names and monograms showing various styles of lettering known to the engravers art. The work is completed with a heavy border, done by hand, that is one of the prettiest pieces of hand engraved work ever produced in this city. People are talking about this engraving. It will interest any one who cares to examine it.

Here Is Another Of The Straws That Tell The Wind When Mr. Lewis Slid Out of the Window

A Funny Story of Clay Tunises Good Friday and His Friend Malachi.

There was a very significant incident that occurred in the Aldermanic meeting Monday night that this newspaper had not touched upon previously on account of other matters. It is related here now because it will serve to emphasize the obvious friendship which exists between certain Aldermen and the Elizabeth City Water & Power Co.

Previous to the meeting of the Board of Aldermen Chief of Police Bell had been instructed by the proper authorities to serve papers on the Elizabeth City Water & Power Co. requesting it to report to this Board meeting as to the action it had taken in regard to remedying the water situation.

These papers were served on Mr. R. E. Lewis, who seems to be more interested in the affairs of the water company than any other of its employees. Mr. Lewis was present at the Board meeting Monday night, just as he is always present at Board meetings. When the Board got to the water matter Alderman LeRoy asked for the water company's report. Mr. Lewis slid out of the window in which

THE BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CALLS A PASTOR

The Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church has called a pastor to succeed the Rev. W. A. Ayers, whom "God Called" to New Bern about three months ago. Early in September Rev. Josiah Crudup, of Washington, N. C., will fill the pulpit vacated by Mr. Ayers. Mr. Crudup was called by Blackwell Memorial Church last night. The call was unanimous. No other name was presented for consideration. He will accept the call and will locate in this city in about a month.

Rev. Josiah Crudup is described as man of marked ability. He is a native of North Carolina, originally of Louisburg. He is about 33 years of age and a man of family. He has been in Washington for the past four years as pastor of the First Baptist Church in that city. He is considered the best preacher in the Tar River District.

MR. WOOD ENTERTAINS.

Mr. John Wood entertained his Sunday School Class at his home on Main street last night. Those composing the party were the following: Miss Edna Tyer and Mr. Slaughter Whitehurst, Miss Julia Wood and Mr. Willie Foreman, Miss Lillian Lister and Mr. Mullen Weeks, Miss Mary Lister and Mr. Rob Lamb, Miss Lizzie Weeks and Mr. John Overman, Miss Gertie Thompson and Joseph Thompson.

All reported to have spent a very pleasant evening and extended many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wood for being so highly entertained.

New Development In Call Service De

Mr. Guirkin's Company Will P in Call Boxes

Public May Now Expect Aldermen to Rescind The \$150 Tax Action of Monday Night.

When the press is free and every man able to read the country will be self-THOMAS JEFFERSON.

The press is a great power. Public opinion aroused and supported by a free press is more potent still

Elizabeth City will get the free messenger calls that have excited so much comment in this city for the past 48 hours.

The Elizabeth City & Norfolk Telegraph Co., has made application to the City Clerk for one of the \$150 franchises for this free messenger call service that its attorney succeeded in getting the Board of Aldermen to authorize Monday night.

Why the Elizabeth & Norfolk Telegraph Co., should have been so anxious to have a tax of \$150 put on the call service, only to be taxing itself seem like something of a puzzle to women and children. It is not likely however that the Elizabeth City & Norfolk Telegraph Co., will have to be out of pocket the sum of \$150 for very long. The Board of Aldermen will very probably refund this sum at its next meeting when it is believed the action of Monday night will be rescinded.

Mr. Chas. Guirkin, President and General Manager of the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Telegraph Company stated this morning that the material for these messenger calls had been ordered and was expected within a reasonable time when it would be installed among the business houses of the city without delay. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Guirkin's company order this call service material as soon as it learned that the Postal Telegraph Company was going to install the same. The Elizabeth City & Norfolk Telegraph Company had no idea at the time of paying \$150 for the privilege of putting in these calls. To pay for such a privilege would be unprecedented.

Mr Guirkin's Explanation

Mr. Guirkin gives the public an interesting explanation of the deal in the Aldermen's meeting Monday night. Mr. Guirkin says that his company did not send its attorney there to put a tax on the call service. He said as the Postal was going to put in this call service he thought the opportunity ripe to ask the Aldermen to refund the telephone company's franchise tax. He doubtless thought the tax would be refunded as Mr. Aydlett's career before the present Board of Aldermen has been an eminently successful one. But according to what Mr. Guirkin says Mr. Aydlett didn't get the telephone franchise tax refunded and in the general balling up of things put an additional tax on his clients. But this will not matter much as it will be a very easy matter to have it refunded. The public is assured that it will get free messenger calls in connection with the services of both telegraph companies.

Mr. Guirkin in an authorized interview with a representative of

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Pasquotank County
In the Superior Court.
H. F. Adickes, Plaintiff, vs
Sammons, Defendant
Notice of Execution Sale

By virtue of an execution, docted to the undersigned, from Superior Court of Pasquotank County, in the above entitled tion, I will on Saturday the day of August at 12 o'clock in the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder cash, to satisfy the said execution the following described property: 1 Lion Safe, 1 Hall Carpet, 1 Hat Rack, 1 Window Shade, 1 Stove Heater, 1 Clothes Ring, 1 Hamock, 1 Settee, 1 Drug Table, 1 Cook Stove, etc, 1 Set Lot Fruit Jars (18), 1 Step Carpet, Lot of Matting.

CHAS. REED
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Edmund Alexander
Attorney for the Plaintiff
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MR. AYDLETT CARRIED OFF THE P

At the weekly shoot of the Elizabeth City Gun Club on Maud marshes yesterday afternoon L. D. Aydlett carried off the worn last week by Mr. J. W. lance. Mr. Aydlett's score was The rest of the score stood, W. Old 17, J. G. Harris 6, L. S. B. 11, B. H. Fearing 16, J. W. lance 17, Edward Outlaw 13, Leigh 12.

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