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## HAMILTON GIVEN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

### Suit Against Laurinburg and Southern Ends With Verdict for Plaintiff.

The suit against the Laurinburg & Southern Railroad in which W. B. Hamilton, a Charlotte traveling man, was asking for damages in the sum of \$20,000 against the defendant company for personal injuries he received in an automobile-train collision some months ago, ended Tuesday, the jury awarding the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$1,000.

The case was tried in Charlotte and was attended by some forty or fifty Laurinburg people. It consumed five days of the first week's term.

### BETTY GETS A CHANCE.

She was real pretty, and so full of fun that the dimples were always showing in her round red cheeks. Her eyes were big and brown, and nut-colored hair curled naturally in little ringlets over her forehead and ears. She was just eighteen when we first met her, and so neat and attractive that one would think she belonged to the well-to-do class of working people, but when we followed her to her home one day we confronted startling facts.

The red in her cheeks was the flush of unnatural inward fever, the high spirits were a pitiful antidote to pitiless conditions, and the big, brown eyes saw only squalor when they were not fixed upon a typewriting machine or closed persistently to any view but an imaginary bright one.

The room we entered was a general living space, used also as an eating, cooking and sleeping apartment. There was but one bed, and Betty had to sleep in it with her mother, who was too weak to sit up. An open cuspidor sat where it would be conveniently near the bed, which placed it by the stove, where their food was cooked. The mother, who was suffering in an advanced stage of tuberculosis, did not like cold air, and her querulous demands caused Betty to keep the door and windows closed.

"Well," said cheerful Betty, with a laugh, "that isn't so bad as not having any windows or doors to close is it? Things might be worse."

"Infinitely worse," said the Wise One. "You might even take a notion to stuff the windows and doors with rags to cut out what oxygen comes in through the cracks."

Red Cross Christmas Seals, with their cherry message of hope, gave Betty a chance to get well after her mother died. Is it worth while to save the Bettys? Buy your share today.

### Dentists to Meet Here.

### Eastern Carolina Dental Society Meets Here Tomorrow.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Carolina Dental Society, comprising the territory in North and South Carolina for a radius of about 50 miles around Laurinburg, will be held here tomorrow.

The local dentists are making much preparation for the entertainment of the society, which will be represented here by about 30 or 35 members. The meetings will be held at the Chetwynd Hotel.

An interesting and instructive program has been arranged and will be in part as follows:

Address by Dr. Frank Lander, of Williamston, S. C.

Clinics on Conductive Anaesthesia, by Dr. W. B. Simmons, of Piedmont, S. C.

Demonstration of the Gysi Articulator and Trubyte Teeth, by Dr. J. L. Gibson, of this city.

### Quart Law Upheld.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—In *G. M. Glenn vs. Southern Express Co.*, from Wake county, involving the constitutionality of the North Carolina quart liquor law, the Supreme Court, in an opinion delivered this afternoon, fully upholds the State law and the action of Judge Daniels in Wake county in declining to issue a mandamus compelling the express company to receive in Richmond, Va., and deliver in Raleigh quarts of liquor within less intervals than 15 days and in gallon or larger quantities when marked "For Personal and Private Use."

It seems that the United States simply must make some kind of a noise like a belligerent. Now we've gone and issued a "White Book."

"To hell with the hyphen," exclaims Col. Roosevelt. But why be so mean as to burden the devil with it?

## "AUNT BECKY" FAVORS PREPAREDNESS

### Much to be Thankful for—Something of the Horrors of War—Abundant Crops.

Thanksgiving day passed off quietly and pleasantly in the Fork, save the reports of the bird and rabbit hunters guns, as they resounded the fields and woods at brief intervals. Some of the neighbor boys called that p. m. and reported having killed five "molly cotton tails" in the forenoon. Showing that species of game to be plentiful in this vicinity.

So far as I have learned, there were but few visitors in the Fork on Thanksgiving day, a day of ideal loveliness, but we all had good, plentiful dinners, mostly provided from the fruits of the farm and garden. I think I have never known a season when our people had greater cause for gratitude than this bounteous harvest time, when barn and store house are filled with grain and forage, and the white dove of peace spreads her wings over our land.

The various crops are about all gathered and stored, except the corn, which is now receiving attention. The yield of sweet potatoes in this section is in abundance and fine quality, almost unprecedented. Before the digging season began, one of our wagging neighbors remarked that his potatoes were attaining such size and number, they were "groaning in the earth for more room."

War, and its horrors seem undiminished. I have become so surfeited with the reports of it, that I rarely read them now-a-days. There seems to be great diversity of opinion regarding the President's preparedness policies, and the question is too large and important for me to vouch any opinion. I have thought it would be wise to strengthen our coast defenses, and gradually to add some submarines to our navy, but I trust there will be no need for building a number of great war vessels.

We, who recollect the experiences of the civil war, can but shudder at the bare probability of another. To those who have never known the horrors of it, this may sound cowardly, but I think my sad experience would absolve me from that charge. My only brother, aged 18, returned to us no more, and the dear old father came back a physical wreck, while my husband's only brother, captured by the enemy while doing duty beyond the confederate lines as a sharp shooter under Stonewall Jackson, was confined in Fort Delaware for 14 months, and literally starved, so that his own mother failed to recognize him, when brought home to her at the close of the war. His health was so undermined that he never recovered, and lived but a short while. He brought with him a pint tin cup and iron spoon, this cup measured his daily ration of insipid broth, and worn-out crackers, and he told us that the wharf-rats which infested the prison were chased and killed on every possible occasion, by our poor famished heroes, and devoured as dainty morsels. I trust nevermore to see my friends and loved ones under the necessity of marching away to the wars. I do not mean to make the impression that I would have them shirk their duty, provided our country were invaded, but only hope that occasion may not arise.

The Methodist ladies in and around Johns, and the Ladies' Missionary Aid Society of Smyrna church met together in the home of Esq. J. M. Graham on Friday p. m., the 26th inst., and spent a pleasant and instructive hour. The program consisted of Bible reading and exposition of the Sunday School lesson for the following Sabbath, led by Mrs. Henry McLaurin, a very bright and charming little lady, and the Ladies' Missionary Society under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Norman Stewart, took up the subject of Home Missions.

There are several cases of malaria prevailing among the colored people of this section.

The protracted meeting still continues at Hebron.

"Aunt Becky." Old Fork, Nov. 29th.

Where's Your Stocking.

If you want something pretty and suitable to fill those stockings with for Christmas, you must wait and see what the Ellen Willis Missionary Society will have to show you at the opera house on December 10th. They will also serve salads, ice cream and cake.—Adv.

There's no pleasing the men. Out in Indiana they're objecting because the women crochet too much.

## THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE

By Harry M. North.

### SOLOMON ON THE SLUGGARD, OR THE LAZY MAN.

This wise man seemed so diligent himself that he was constantly bothered by lazy people. In his writings he breaks out many times about them and gives us some fine points about their characters. It seems to me that we might spend the hour profitably in talking about what Solomon had to say of such men.

The lazy man has a ready excuse for not working. He declares that it is too cold to plow, yet he does not realize that plowing would make him warm by getting his blood into circulation. But he does not want to get his blood circulating; he wants to sit still. He goes out hunting occasionally for the pleasure of it, but when he kills any game he will not dress it for eating, claiming that he is too tired to work. Again, all sorts of imaginary dangers come into his mind. He will not go forth to work for fear something will happen to him. He says, "There is a lion in the streets; I shall be slain in the streets." At the same time there are frail women and timid children going to their duties and nothing harms them.

This slothful man is a great lover of ease. He calls for a little more sleep and a little more slumber and a little more folding of the hands in sleep. As a door turns on its hinges so does he turn on his bed. He hears the bell ring and the whistle blow, but decides that he will sleep five minutes longer, and so he is a failure for the whole day because he did not begin it right. The wise man declared that drowsiness would clothe a man with rags. These rags might be hanging on the mind and the spirit as well as on the body.

The lazy person is wiser in his own conceit than seven men who can render a reason. He is always standing around where work is going on, and is very ready to give his advice. He can tell you just how the house should be built, but he has not himself built a single house. He knows how to land ought to be cultivated, but does not raise any crops. He has an opinion on all important questions and will give it without a question and he will put his judgment against these seven men who know both how and why, and who have had experience in these matters. Go tomorrow to where others are working and see if the lazy man is not there giving free advice to the toilers and fretting them. See, however, that you do not happen to be the man yourself of whom I am speaking.

While the hand of the diligent bears rule, the slothful man will always be under tribute. He will have to go to the diligent man to borrow from him, and to get recommendations and to receive employment from him. He must forever wait outside the door of the industrious man until he has finished with the other sluggards. This lazy man desires until his desire almost kills him; he covets earnestly all day long; his hunger is as keen as that of anybody, but there is nothing to satisfy his longing. His house is bare and the children hungry while his neighbor has enough. Did you ever see a person with many wants and without the energy to meet them?

His poverty comes upon him as one that travelth. If you wish to get poor in a hurry start out traveling. Everything is going out then and nothing coming in. Your want will come as an armed man. As though want were personified and came to you with a gun and called for your life or your money. Solomon said that the slothful man would beg in time of harvest. Now harvest is the season of plenty for other people, but this man did not sow anything in the field and now he has nothing to eat. He is a consumer and not a producer; he depends upon his friends and acquaintances to keep him up. An able bodied man with work to do but who will not work is a source of shame to those who know him. The great God who made us is always toiling, and he expects us to do in our measure what he is doing.

The slothful man is sent to the ant to learn from her a lesson. The ant has no guide, over-seer nor ruler yet she provides her meat in the summer and her food in the harvest. This little creature has in her an energy that sends her forth under unfavorable conditions to seek her living, and she finds it too. All day long, seemingly without weariness she labors without any one to force her to it. How different this is from what the wise man saw at the home of the slothful fellow. He said, "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and lo, it was all overgrown with thorns, and

nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw and considered it well; I looked upon it and received instruction." Now while the garden was getting in this condition and the sluggard was sleeping, the ant was filling her house with good things, and in the day of need she had enough, while the slothful man went hungry.

### PUPILS' READING CIRCLE.

### To be Organized in the Scotland County Schools.

At the meeting of the Teachers' Association, which was held November 13th here in Laurinburg, Superintendent Peele advised and urged that a Pupils' Reading Circle be organized in the county, and we are glad to note that this is to be done.

The purpose of the Pupils' Reading Circle is to secure the careful reading of a number of good books at an age when the tastes and habits of the children are formed. At the next County Commencement a certificate to every boy and girl who satisfies his teacher that he has read six books in this year's reading course. The teacher must give some form of oral test to each child so as to determine whether or not he has read the book intelligently.

Miss Mary G. Shotwell, School Supervisor of Granville, so successfully carried this plan out in her county that forty-six diplomas or certificates were presented at the last County Commencement in Granville.

All teachers are urged to co-operate to the end of securing these books and encouraging the pupils to join the circle.

**Books to be Read During 1914-1915.**

- Robinson Crusoe—Defoe. 40c. American Book Co., N. Y.
- Little Lame Prince—Mulock. 30c. D. C. Heath Co., N. Y.
- Little Men—Alcott. \$1.50. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.
- Ancle Remus' Stories—Harris. \$1.00. Ginn & Co., Boston.
- Ways of Woodfolk—Long. 50c. Ginn & Co., N. Y.
- Heroes and Martyrs of Invention. \$1.00. Lee, N. Y.
- Anderson's Fairy Tales. 45c. Rand, McNally Co., N. Y.
- Grimm's Fairy Tales. 50c. Macmillan Co., Atlanta.
- Hans Brinker—Dodge. \$1.50. Scribner's Sons, N. Y.
- Life of Washington—Scudder. 40c. Rand, McNally Co., N. Y.
- Colonial Children—Pratt. 40c. Educational Publishing Co., N. Y.
- Two Little Confederates—Page. \$1.50. Scribner's Sons, N. Y.
- With Wolf in Canada—Henty. 75c. Donohue, N. Y.
- Green Mountain Boys—Thompson. 60c. Crowell & Co., N. Y.
- Last Days of Pompeii—Lytton. 50c. Ginn & Co., N. Y.
- Four American Naval Heroes—Bebee, 50c. Werner, N. Y.
- Scottish Chiefs—Porter. 75c. Macmillan Co., Atlanta.
- Tale of Two Cities—Dickens. 50c. Houghton & Mifflin Co., N. Y.
- Last of the Mohicans—Cooper. 45c. Ginn & Co., N. Y.
- Bonnie Prince Charlie—Henty. 75c. Donohue, N. Y.
- Last of the Barons—Lytton, 50c. Ginn & Co., N. Y.

All of these books can be purchased from Alfred William Company, Raleigh, N. C.

### Do That Christmas Shopping.

With the Ellen Willis Missionary Society at the opera house Friday, December 10th. You will find a beautiful line of useful gifts suitable for Christmas giving you will be welcome and your buying will be appreciated by a society that needs your help, and too, you will get something worth while in the way of Christmas gifts. Salads, ice cream and cake will be served.—Adv.

### It Points the Way.

Thousands of dollars will be spent by the people of this community in doing their Christmas shopping. The ads in this paper will point the way to the stores with the best bargains. The live merchant will take prompt advantage of this opportunity

Yes, Prof. Johnson is right: war is caused by too many babies—too many babies brought into the world by parents with fool ideas of patriotism.

## SCOTLAND SUPERIOR COURT QUICKLY OVER

### Week's Term of Criminal Actions Lasts But Two Days—Only One Jury Trial.

Scotland Superior Court for the trial of criminal actions convened here Monday for a term of one week, but found only enough business to hold the session for a couple of days.

Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, presided and dispensed with business in a rapid and business-like manner.

That the court had before it a guilty aggregation of defendants was evidenced by the fact that in every case called and entered upon the defendant plead guilty to some degree of guilt and took his medicine, except one, who maintained his innocence and elected to take jury chances, and the jury declared that he was not guilty.

Sidney Jones was the first defendant and submitted that he was guilty of disposing of some of Col. Fairbrother's embalming fluid, sometimes known as booze. The judgment of the court was that he pay the costs and give bond to show correct living for three years, and even in that case it shall not be a full guarantee that sentence may not be pronounced at any time.

Cal. Mearns next faced the court. Cal. was charged with stealing a cow hide from Mr. L. A. Monroe, and had been declared guilty in the Recorders court and sentenced to a term of eight months on the roads. From this judgement he appealed, and doubtless he would like to do as did Dennis Williams, "peel back." He pleaded guilty before Judge Carter and sought the mercy of the court which, to Cal's dismay and disappointment read—"Two years in the State prison at hard labor."

Joe Little plead guilty to a combination of charges including larceny, vagrancy and carrying concealed weapons and goes along to make good roads for a period of 15 months.

"Bully Joe" was the next defendant. His crime would indicate that he had been misnamed and that "Sneaking Sam" or "Glib of Tongue" would have been more appropriate since he was guilty of securing a suit of clothes from a pressing club that belonged to another by out thinking and out talking the proprietor. He plead guilty also and got eight months.

The next two cases called were defendants charged with taking life. Edco Lockhart was the first. He was charged with the killing of Mingo McKay, and through his attorneys W. H. Cox and G. T. Goodwyn submitted to a charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to serve two years on the roads. The other defendant, John Fairly, submitted through his attorneys W. H. Cox and M. L. John to a charge of manslaughter and received a sentence of six months in jail to be hired out in the discretion of the county commissioners. Fairly killed Hugh McLaurin in a fight at John several weeks ago.

J. M. Shaw who had appealed from a sentence in the Recorder's court for assault of abandonment, plead guilty and was sentenced to serve six months in the assault case, and the other case was left open for three years pending his good behavior.

Shine Chavis and Robert Smith plead guilty to a charge of trespass. The judgment of the court was that they pay all the costs in the case and to give bond for good behavior for three years. They were also to reimburse the father of Smith for all the money paid out by him in the case.

Henry Baker plead guilty to a charge of assaulting a female and took eight months.

Tacy Bruton plead guilty to a like charge and was fined \$100 and the costs.

Esiias Fletcher charged with retailing, was the only case on the criminal docket that was heard by a jury, who declared him to be not guilty.

One civil action was heard by the court, it being an action for divorce brought by W. C. Winburn vs. Lizzie Winburn. The decree was granted.

### Santa Claus.

Remember the Christmas sale that will be held by the Ellen Willis Missionary Society of the Methodist church December 10th, at the opera house. There will be many beautiful articles appropriate for Christmas giving. The ladies will also serve salads, ice cream and cake.—Adv.

### Santa Claus Here the 10th.

Meet Santa Claus at the opera house Friday, December the 10th. Big line of Christmas goods to be sold by the Ellen Willis Missionary Society.—Adv.

## DENNIS WILLIAMS

### "APPEALED BACK"

### Negro Who Picked Pocket of Supt. Wright, Writes Judge Gibson Letter Asking to go to Roads.

Some days ago Dennis Williams took advantage of the hospitality of Supt. Of Roads, J. E. Wright, and while riding with him in his buggy, picked his pocket and contributed to his own use of the county's money the sum of \$12.50.

Williams was tried upon this charge and sentenced to the roads for eight months. From this judgment of the court Williams appealed to the higher court, and failing to give the necessary bond was remanded to jail for his safe keeping until the "big cote" met.

After a few days waiting in jail, during which time he had opportunity to think well over the matter, Williams' mind changed and he decided to "peel back" as he expressed it, and wrote Judge Gibson the following note, which we reproduce in the manner and style in which it was written. The note was as follows:

Nov. the 23rd 1915.  
Laurinburg, N. C.  
Mr. Judge gibson i toll you saturday that i would take a peel But i studdy over it i dont want a peel to Big Coat i take my 8 mont and go to the rode Please sir let me peel Back and go on my eight monts

Dinish williams  
Williams was accordingly accomodated.

Rufus Ikenburger (ain't that a name for a negro) drew 60 days for carrying concealed about his person a late edition of Smith & Wesson's treaties on how to ventilate the human form.

Ed. McNeill fooled with the prohibition laws enough to damage one of them and joined the good roads movement for four months.

J. M. Shaw was called upon to answer a charge of abandoning his "worse half" as he would have the court believe she was, and too, for breaking up housekeeping in that he smashed up the kitchen equipment of his home, and got eight months, from which judgment he also "peeled."

### Dots from Johns.

Johns, November 29th.  
Thanksgiving passed very quietly in our town and we noticed that the usual amount of hunting on this day was less than former times.

Mrs. W. B. Parks and her daughter, Miss Aileen, of Atlanta, Ga., after a few weeks stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. John, left for southern Florida for the winter.

School closed for Thanksgiving day and the teachers gave the day following also. Miss Janet Weatherspoon spent the holidays with her parents at Sanford, and Miss Alma Adams spent the time with her parents in Four Oaks.

The Caledonia church, which was begun last year, but owing to the depression in financial circles, was not completed, will soon be finished. The contractors, Messrs. McCollum and Benson, of McColl, S. C., are building a neat, attractive building.

The ladies of the new Caledonia church gave a rummage sale Saturday, clearing a neat sum which goes toward the furnishing for the church.

Mr. E. E. Chandler, who began cutting the fine body of timber located on the Martin tract about a year ago has about finished, and will soon move his mill to the M. L. John land near here. Mr. Chandler recently moved his family to Maxton, where he has recently built a new home.

Mr. N. C. McRoy spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Whiteville, returning Sunday night.

Little Clinton Overstreet who has been sick with the "grippe" we are glad to say is very much improved.

Supt. Wright, of the county road force, is doing some needed work on the roads in this section.

Mrs. Robert F. Stewart spent the week-end with relatives in Mullin, S. C.

More perfect weather could not be asked for and most of the farmers have made good use of it by planting all their small grain. Cotton is nearly all picked and the large gins have closed for the year.

Miss Anna Belle Jones spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Pearl Jones at Kings Mountain. Miss Pearl is a member of the graded school faculty at that place.

It's no use for mere man to stand in the way of equal suffrage. Who ever heard of an argument in which woman didn't have the last word?

When King George begins to talk of "my empire" and "my subjects," he's simply too much for the American sense of humor.