

## TWO RUNAWAYS FROM ORPHANAGE

Jesse Ryan and Gordon Pender Started for Greensboro at 4 a. m. Prepared to Camp out—Found by Officer House on Railroad.

Two young boys, Jesse Ryan, aged nine, and Gordon Pender, aged thirteen, ran away from the Thompson Orphanage this morning at four o'clock, carrying with them a bundle of bedclothing and a valise, two buckets full of provisions, and other articles.

The boys got no farther than the city limits, however, and were taken in charge by Officer House, about seven o'clock this morning, the officer finding the boys on the northern suburbs of the city, on the Southern railway.

The boys were on their way towards Greensboro, whether they told the officer they were going, Officer House carried the boys to his home and gave them breakfast, after which they were carried to the police station, where they were kept until known to those in charge of the Orphanage.

The most remarkable thing about the escape of the boys was the quantity of baggage and provisions which they were carrying, enough to make a heavy burden for at least three men.

The boys had provided themselves with two buckets of water, and a valise containing the contents of the Orphanage.

At the table in the breakfast room, laying out a stock to last them on their trip to Greensboro. The little fellow stated that he and his partner were intending to walk to Greensboro.

The boys also carried a large valise, and a bundle of several blankets and bed clothing, which they had carefully strapped together into a large round bundle.

They intended to sleep out at night, and were carrying the covering to protect themselves from the cold.

The boys were taken in charge by Superintendent J. W. Smith, of the Thompson Orphanage, at ten o'clock, and carried back to their home at the orphanage.

Letter to J. M. McDonald.

Dear Sir: The cheap paint to buy is the one that covers more than you think; the cheap one to wear is the one that is young when old.

Mrs. Moore, of Kelsey, N. Y., bought 16 gallons Devco to paint her house two coats; her painters said it would take that. Had 6 gallons left.

Mr. James Ackley's house, in Cairo (Catskill Mountains), N. Y., was painted Devco; it wore 14 years, and the paint was in good condition then. He was going to paint, the last we knew, though. That's the way to preserve a house; repaint when there's no occasion.

Yours truly,  
F. W. DEVCO & CO.

Ice Men Hold Meeting. The Raleigh News and Observer announces today a meeting of the North Carolina Ice Association in that city yesterday and among the best of members gives the name of Mr. A. J. Hagood, treasurer of the Standard Ice and Fuel Company of this city. Mr. Hagood, when asked about the matter today, stated that he had not been to Raleigh and knew nothing of the meeting, but that he was a member of the Association, having joined about four years ago.

Anti-Saloon Meeting Tonight. Tonight at 8 o'clock there will be an Anti-Saloon meeting in Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church.

The speakers will be W. F. Harding, Esq., and Dr. C. G. McManaway. The public is cordially invited to be present.

### THE "ENDLESS CHAIN."

The Coffee Drinker Knows What It Is. The person who uses drugs (such as coffee) looks forward only to more and more of the stimulant.

"I was little better than an invalid for many years, suffered terribly from indigestion, was also troubled with chronic bladder complaint and could not stand more than two hours at one time. I could not do my housework."

"I was always drinking coffee—almost lived on it—and the more I drank the more feeble I felt, sometimes I would collapse suddenly and fall in a helpless heap and would be weak for hours after. I was emaciated and part of the time I had that I could die."

"Since the lucky day I began to drink Postum Food Coffee in place of coffee, wonders have taken place, for I have gained in flesh and strength, can do my own work, have given up wishing I could die, my bladder trouble is better and I feel a different woman altogether. Coffee, you know, is a peculiar slave driver. It first fattens one, then it slowly poisons the organs and then demands that the slave keep it up or suffer. It suffers either way unless one goes on to Postum Food Coffee. Then the change is easy and the spell broken."

"My daughter was weak and thin and giving away every day from coffee drinking. She thought she could not give it up, so I gave her some Postum and told her to give it a good trial. She gave up coffee entirely and has steadily gained in strength ever since." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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AT 3 A. M.

Policemen Woke the Natives in a Search for Witnesses.

Officers Johnson and Mack Earnings went out on an unusual trip this morning at 3 a. m., looking for witnesses for a case in the Recorder's court and while Officer Johnson beat a negro cabin trying to awake a sleeping woman, Officer Earnings played second fiddle by executing a series of heart-rending stunts on the porch in order to add volume to the noise.

The officers learned that a colored witness who was wanted to testify in a pending case was on East Second street and at 3 a. m., is about the only time the officers say they can find some of the colored population at home, they went down together this morning to summon a negro woman to court.

Arriving at the house they found everything in darkness and doors and windows all barred. Officer Johnson looked at Officer Earnings, who was shivering in the cold and then by a process of mental telepathy the two officers started to wake the sleeper. Officer Johnson drew his billy coolly from his belt and began rapping—one, two, three. There was no response. Then he doubled speed and seized the porch with both hands, while Officer Earnings smiled grimly and made comments on Johnson's execution. Then Johnson grew desperate and Officer Earnings was touched by his friend's trouble and he doubled up in a bow knot and began executing all kinds of unimaginable stunts, shaking the porch almost down. The two officers continued their assault on the dwelling for five minutes, but there was no sound from within and finally they stopped, cast a disappointed glance at the unyielding door, locked arms and walked off together in silence.

## Amusements

What Hi Henry claims is the best minstrel show he has ever presented will appear at the Academy of Music tomorrow, matinee and night. The organization is a very large and expensive one, everything about it being of the very best, and strictly in the latest lines. It recently appeared in Chicago, Milwaukee and Indianapolis, and made the biggest hit any minstrel company has made in those cities in years, the press, all along the route speaking in the highest terms of the attraction.

The company will present for the first time its brand new gorgeous first part with sensational electric effects, and without a doubt the finest that has ever been seen on any stage. The company is entirely new this season. Among the leading artists are Arthur Deming, one comedian, John Dove, Jas. Corrigan, the Brothers Lacey, the Bartell Troupe of Belgian star acrobats, J. P. Moore, George B. Van, Hi Henry, the only Leona, Billy Lyons and other noted artists which space prevents mentioning. Seats now on sale at Jordan's drug store.

The famous howling trick pantomime face, "New Zig-Zag Alley," will hold the boards at the Academy of Music next Wednesday night.

The story deals with three elopements. The principals to the escapades meet with numerous mishaps that keep the audience in a state of laughter. It is a sure cure for the blues—better than a hundred doses of medicine and relieves that tired feeling. It is a pink shoe for pale people.

THE MOOREVILLE ROBBERY. Charlotte Police Asked to Aid in Locating Thieves.

The robbery of the jewelry store of Goodman and Company at Mooreville on the night of the 9th inst. is creating considerable excitement in that section since the extent of the robbery—\$300 worth of jewelry—has been ascertained. The thief or thieves who entered the store secured enough jewelry, watches, etc. to equip a new store. A complete list of all articles stolen has been made out and forwarded to the police here who have been asked to assist in locating the perpetrators of the theft.

Eight Join Sons of Veterans. The regular monthly meeting of the D. H. Hill Camp, Sons of Veterans was held last night in the Veterans hall, a large attendance answering to the roll call.

Eight new members were received into the ranks of the Camp and other business was transacted. The committee on constitution and by-laws made a report. Although the Camp has adopted a constitution and by-laws there is some talk of revising the same throughout and the matter is now under discussion.

Fair Association Stockholders Meet. The stockholders of the Mecklenburg Fair Association will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the office of the S. B. Alexander Company to devise ways and means for rebuilding the grandstand wrecked by Sunday's storm. The grand stand will in all probability be built entirely new and on a different plan. The loss is placed at \$2,750 not including the seats in the grand stand.

Merchants Make Returns Slowly. Register of Deeds A. M. McDonald states that so far only a few of the merchants of the city and county have made their returns of gross sales, etc., as required by law.

Mr. McDonald is anxious to have these returns in and would be glad for all merchants who have failed to do so, to make the returns at once.

LIVERPOOL COTTON. February ..... 7 27  
February-March ..... 7 25  
March-April ..... 7 27  
April-May ..... 7 29  
May-June ..... 7 31  
June-July ..... 7 31  
July-August ..... 7 30  
August-September ..... 7 14  
September-October ..... 6 51  
October-November ..... 6 21  
Receipts, 19,000; sales, 6,000.  
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### STRANGE PLAY.

Will Foster Slashed Negro Woman With Knife in Fun.

Will Foster, a colored youth, seated behind the bars last night, and appeared in court this morning, charged with assaulting Annie Coleman, an acquaintance of his, with a pocket knife. The two were sitting by the fire during the sleet storm of Wednesday night, when Foster drew his knife and cut an ugly gash on the woman's left hand. Foster claimed that he was merely playing. He was given the alternative by the court of paying a fine of \$10, or of paying the costs in the case and contributing \$2 to the woman for the damage which he had inflicted.

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**J. H. WEDDINGTON,** Chairman of Board of County Commissioners.

## Crossing the River

Taking out a policy of life assurance early in life is like crossing a river near its source. The cost of assurance is then lowest, and the width of the river is there narrowest. As a river widens and deepens as it flows toward its outlet, so the cost of assurance increases the longer it is delayed. If, while in early manhood, at the head of life's river, a man assures his life, he can do so with comparative ease, as the premium is then lower than it ever will be again. The longer he waits, the larger will be the premium he must pay annually. If he should defer the matter until old age, the cost might be prohibitive.

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