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AN AWFUL CONDITION.

Two Policemen Investigate the Matter Thoroughly and Report the Condition of Affairs to Chairman Allison—Mr. Hanna Given a Chance to Do Better—If He Does Not, His Children Will Be Taken From Him.

It has been known for quite a long while that the way in which Mr. David Hanna, who lives near the depot, was keeping his children was a violation of the law, but nothing has been said, awaiting the proper authorities to take the matter in hand. This has been done now, and something else will have to be done on the part of Mr. Hanna.

On Wednesday, Messrs. W A Sides and Jas. F Harris, the policemen now on duty in that part of Concord, went to Mr. Hanna's house and made an investigation. These gentlemen say that one, without seeing the awful condition in which this man and his two small children live, cannot imagine how bad it is. There is scarcely anything in the house in the way of furniture, cooking utensils or even covering for the bed.

The officers immediately reported the condition to Mr. Jno. Allison, chairman of the county commissioners, and Mr. Harris also went to Mr. Hanna and told him that such a life as he was causing these children to live could not be tolerated, and unless he provided better for them his children would have to be taken from him.

No action was taken against the man, but Mr. Hanna has confessed to the negligent way in which he cares for his children and has said that he will in the future provide better for them. This is to be seen by the officers before taking the children from their father.

As for these children, they are deserving of pity. It is not their fault, and they even seem to be contented with their lot. Both are bright-looking children—one boy and two girls. As for their father, THE STANDARD is frank to say that he is not a law-abiding man and that he is kept strained financially in the paying of fines for violation of the law, besides another one that he will have to answer at the coming term of court.

CATON'S HALL TONIGHT.

The Programme of the Exercises By the Children Tonight—A Cantata to Be Rendered By Them.

The following program will be rendered by the children in Caton's Hall tonight:

Introduction of the Months in the New Year.

Song—Master Lester Coltrane.

Duet—Ruth Coltrane and Julia Barrow.

Recitation—Katie Cook.

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Duet—Julia Barrow and Lucille Pitts.

Christmas Cantata, entitled: "Santa Claus' Mistake, or The Waif's Christmas."

The admission fee for grown persons is 15 cents, children 10 cents.

LA GRIPPE AND DIRT.

A Better Sanitary Condition Needed in Concord—Even if It Takes an Extra Tax Let the Back Lots Especially Be Cleaned.

Written for the Standard.

There are, according to the report of the Register of Health, one hundred thousand cases of grip in New York city. It is still spreading. It is declared to be contagious and infectious by the Board of Health of that city. The epidemic is attributed to the dirty condition of the streets and decaying garbage.

We have comparatively few cases of this distressing disease in Concord. But this immunity cannot be attributed to a good sanitary condition in the city.

Concord is, as every resident knows, and as every stranger who comes here, emphatically a dirty city—very dirty. In the back yards of residents and stores it is filthy. That half the inhabitants are not down with the grip must be referred to a very special providence.

When the sun comes out and sends up poisonous effluvia from streets and filthy back yards, there will be a contest between natural law and the stubborn resistance of ignorance and carelessness. If ignorance and carelessness win, and the town escapes the terrible and often fatal plague of the grip, we may conclude the Lord must love Concord with an exceptional love, and is throwing around the people unusual protection.

We do not know whether it will help the matter to appeal to those who have the authority to clean the streets and hunt out the filth in the back yards of the town. We are sure that the "Resolutions" already passed, looking to the health of the town, are not carried out. This neglect is criminal. The people of Concord are the most patient and uncomplaining people we ever saw—and the most indifferent—regarding the health condition of the city. They just let things "roll on." They are not yet educated practically in the law of dirt and disease. If they were, they would see to it that some competent men shall be engaged by the town authorities who shall carry out the few and meagre ordinances looking to the health of the people. The present neglect is astonishingly culpable. Cleanliness is not only next to Godliness, but cleanliness and health are indissolubly linked together. If dirt prevails, and disease as a consequence prevails in our families, we, the people, are to blame, as well as the civil authorities, for not demanding that the town authorities shall protect us. If there is not enough money in the town treasury to clean the city, let them create a new special tax, and call it the "Sanitary Tax." Better pay one or two dollars per year per capita to prevent disease than doctors' bills of from twenty-five to fifty—or to pay the penalty in the death of one or more of our families.

Clean the city. C.T.

A Big Fall Without Damage.

A somnambulist dropped 40 feet from a window sill at the Windsor Hotel at Cumberland, Maryland, Wednesday morning, and lighting on his feet sustained little injury.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr Matthew Skeen, of Charlotte, passed through here this morning on his way to Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Skeen is a conductor on the street car.

—Mrs. Jas. P. Cook is in Charlotte this afternoon.

—Messrs. Langdon Smith, Tom Smith, Will Montgomery and Fred Odell, who represent Concord at Trinity college, have returned home for the holidays.

—Miss Mary Lore returned home this morning from Peace Institute.

—Miss Annie Couble, of Rowan, and Miss Mary Simpson, of Monroe, passed through here this morning from Mount Airy.

—Mr. W. M. Othman, who is here running a roller covering establishment here, returned to his home at Grier's, S. C., this morning.

—Mrs. Jno Barringer, of Spencer, spent today at Mr. D. P. Doyvaunt's. She will return to Spencer tonight.

—Prof. Jay Lentz returned last night, not having gone to his home after all.

—Prof. Cook returned home last night from Raleigh.

FRENCH PEAS,

KORNLET

and

ITALIAN PASTE

at

Ervin & Morrison GROCERS

SHORT LOCALS.

Ladies' Kid Gloves 68c to \$1.48, Gents' 48c to 98c. 2c

250 doz. Handkerchiefs, well assorted, at 1c to 75c each. The Racket. 2c

Framed Pictures, under glass, 10c to \$1.75. The Racket. 2c

Nice assortment Linen Towels, Napkins and Table Damask. The Racket. 2c

75 Solid Gold Rings, 48c to \$5 each. We guarantee these solid gold. The Racket.

Rugs 93c to \$2.25. The Racket.

Mr. Ohas. Miseneheimer, of near Little Rock, Ark., also accompanied his brother, Mr. Crump Miseneheimer Wednesday. Mr. Miseneheimer has not been at his home at Mt. Pleasant in about 15 years.

39 inch Sea Island at 3 1-3c per yard. The Racket. 2c

Our advertiser, Mr. D J Bostian, is realizing the benefits of his advertising in The Standard and today increases his space to one whole double column. Read his new ad. on the second page.

To Reduce the Army.

At a cabinet meeting Wednesday the Secretary of War was instructed to muster out 50,000 more of the volunteer troops.

WONDERFUL are the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and yet they are simple and natural. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes PURE BLOOD.

On the Shoe side. NEW FIRM.

Cannon & Fetzer Co. and Santa Claus.

The Umbrella idea for Xmas presents is a good thing—help it along.

Your friend will appreciate your thoughtfulness and mine. SANTA CLAUS.

A great variety of less expensive articles on exhibition at CANNON & FETZER CO'S STORE.

Neckwear in endless variety—The swellest thing out.

Handkerchiefs—Silk and Linen—any price—any style.

Kid Gloves—Largest Christmas stock we have ever shown.

Dress Suit Cases, Valises and Grips—get the best.

Cannon & Fetzer Company.

WHY - NOT - BE - HAPPY

GET INTO THE SWIM—THE ELECTION IS OVER—THANKSGIVING IS PAST AND IN A FEW MORE DAYS WE WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS AGAIN.

PRESENTS! Oh, Yes! You must have presents for Christmas times. We don't know of any better place in the State of North Carolina to buy a useful as well as an ornamental PRESENT than the

FURNITURE HOUSE OF BELL HARRIS & CO.

SEE. Run over the list and see if we are not correct. One Hundred Bed Room Suits in all the fancy woods. Parlor good, medium and best. Wardrobes, Side Boards, China Closets, Office Desks, Book Cases, Hall Racks, Rocking Chairs, Dining Chairs and all kinds of children Chairs, Bissels Carpet Sweepers, Cook Stoves, Mattress and Spring Baby Tenders, Boy Wagons, Go Carts, Coasters, Tricycles, Velos-peds, etc.

Our line of Pictures and Frames, Mirrors, Lamps, etc., must be seen to be appreciated. We have bought largely. We have bought at right prices. We have bought to sell if you will favor us with a call we will convince you that we mean just what we say. Come and see us. With best wishes for a merry Christmas we are

Yours

Bell, Harris & Company.