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OSBORNE WINS IT

Attorneys Didn't Hold Him Up.

WE WERE not surprised to see that the woman who sued James W. Osborne, Jr., New York lawyer, finally admitted that her claim that she was taken away from her home and that she was held up by the attorney was unfounded.

THE BOYS MISTAKEN

Demand The Impossible Of The Railroads.

HT WAS funny to read the demand of the 1500 traveling men concerning the taking off of trains on the Southern, as proposed. Certainly the traveling men will be inconvenienced—and so are the wives of the dead soldiers in the trenches abroad. The traveling man is generally broad and generally understands the game. The Southern railway's income has decreased six million dollars in eight months—and of course something must be done to take care of this deficit or the road will cease to operate trains at all.

Why the traveling men want to resolve that they don't want the trains taken off we do not understand. Certainly they cannot ask the road to run trains every day at a loss. If they ask it it is asking a physical impossibility and can't be done.

How would it appeal to the traveling men if the merchants would meet and resolve that the traveling men must sell their products to them at low cost—because they could make more money retailing the goods?

There is as much sense in it. If the railway can make money by running trains it is going to run them. That is what it is in the business and there are no two ways about it. If a train goes on a train every hour between New York and Atlanta and make money by running it, it will go on. But when the railway is at a dead loss, the company is out of the hands of a man here and there and there are six million dollars in eight months less than ten thousand dollars in the company's pocket.



A Live Wire.

We see that our friend Forester, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, does not like the word "live-wire" as applied to a business man. Now that shows tastes differ. We think that word the most expressive of any in the vocabulary of the street. Victor Hugo gave it to us that the slang of the gamin of today was the language of the classics of tomorrow.

A Live Wire. It suggests life; it means activity; it gets you far away from the "dead one" and the "has been."

Give us more live wires in the commercial affairs of this town. Give us live wires in our schools; in our churches; in all our affairs. The more live wires the more and better things we do.

And by the way if any one should ask you about him we would say for information that Forester is himself a live wire.

THIS PASSES BELIEF

Prominent Men Are Charged With Petty Crime.

SEEMS that men will never learn. There have been some arrests at Lexington, and the evidence strong enough to bind the men over, which shows how foolish some of us get to be. We hope in the final trial the men will be acquitted. The story is that H. I. Lopp, for ten years Southern express agent at Lexington; C. R. Fowler, an express messenger, and John K. Haukins, a prominent merchant of Lexington, went into a scheme to rob the company. It is charged that Fowler delivered to the Lexington agent three hundred dollars worth of shoes consigned to a Gastonia dealer and the agent in turn turned them over to the Lexington merchant on Sunday morning for \$50 and that the merchant sold them Monday at about half price.

It is said that Fowler wanted to go on the stand and make a clear confession, but his attorney wouldn't let him. The agent and the merchant along with Fowler were held for Superior court in a bond of \$400 each.

That was a bold scheme. The shoes were going to Gastonia and were thrown off at Lexington. The agent delivers them to the merchant and he proceeds, right under the shadow of Gastonia, if the charge is true, to sell the shoes at less than half their value.

For the good of all involved and the name of the state we hope that these charges will be proven false. It is a terrible story. It suggests many things, if true, therefore we hope the accused men can find a satisfactory and satisfactory explanation of what seemed to have played out.

ANOTHER FIGHT

John Bull Against John Barleycorn.

MORE than ever before is the drink evil being considered in the old countries which "had solved the problem" years ago, as we have been told so many times by those who advocate saloons. Russia and France wiped out the drink evil after the war started—because they saw it necessary in order to get results. England has boasted that she had the drink evil well under control. On Sundays in London the public places would close for church; the pretty and ugly bar maids would take a rest and after the church hours the toppers would flock again. In an English bar one may buy as much likker as he wants, a penny's worth or two pennies' worth—different even than the unique "short of corn" that once obtained in the fair Southland. But last Monday David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in talking about the whiskey key evil concluded his remarks with the significant observation:

"I have a method."