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WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

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It is our deliberate opinion that there has not been in all North Carolina in recent years so outrageous a miscarriage of justice as the acquittal of the man Biggers in the farcical murder trial at Mecklenburg court last week. Insanity was the defense -"confusional" insanity, if you know what that means-which is to say the slayer was sane before the act, was mentally irresponsible at the moment when he fired a load of lead into his victim, suffered remorse afterward but is now a sane man again-not | responsible for the deed that snuffed out a human life and goes unwhipped

Is human life so cheap that a man who has been wronged in a business transaction and loses money at the hands of a partner or other individual may shoot and kill him with impunity to avenge the wrong? That was the grievance that Will S. Biggers had against J. Green Hood. He never claimed greater provocation for the deliberate, premeditated murder than the fact that he had been cheated or defrauded by the man whose life he took. He was mad with him and killed him-but he was in sane at the time and did not know what he was doing; therefore he was not responsible for his act. That is the defense his lawyers set up-"confusional" insanity they called it-and miserable subterfuge as it was the license to kill some more and en-

juries of the land. But is it not a fact that by the flagrant miscarriage of justice the courts sometimes bring themselves into disrepute if not act ual contempt? Certainly the action of the jury in the case under consideration has done nothing to strengthen public confidence in the triumph of justice and the integrity of the courts to uphold the majesty of the law.

While there may be no law for it we have it in mind to say that the men who composed that jury ought to be forever disqualified for jury service hereafter. And we have no better opinion of lawyers who resort to unfair means to defeat the ends of justice which they know full well for the good of society ought not to be obstructed in its operation.

It is time to give pause and ask in all seriousness whither are we drifting when red handed murderers like Will Biggers are permitted by courts and juries to do their devilish work and go scot-free.

In the death of J. Frank Maddry, city editor of the Durham Sun, the State press loses a versatile, industrious and loyal member. Mr. Maddry had been engaged in newspaper work as editor, correspondent and special writer for a number of years and by his ability and faithful service he had established for himself a high place in the profession, while as a man his genial nature and fine social qualities made friends of all who knew him. His most recent work had been as city editor of the Durham Sun.

SENATOR OVERMAN sends us a copy of his speech on the tariff delivered in the United States Senate June 12th. This speech which might be termed a defense of the South, advocating a tariff for revenue with incidental protection as against high protection to aid private individuals build private fortunes at the expense of the toiling masses, "robbery" under the form of law, has been highly complimented by press and public outside of North Carolina as well as in it. Senator Overman's speech is a very able discussion of the tariff tion otherwise. showing a deep study and intimate acquaintance with the subject and will well repay a careful reading.

"LITTLE JOE" Brown was elected governor of Georgia, defeating Gov. Hoke Smith after one of the most bitterly contested political battles in the history of that State, so many months ago that the public had almost forgotten the hot campaign and the principals to it. The whole thing is brought to notice again by the inauguration of Gov. Brown last Saturday and the retirement to private life of Gov. Smith. Why the Read what a Henderson citizen says: election for governor should be held into office we do not know-but that is a way they have in Georgia.

forms us that he has contracted the about the first of August, start in class weekly newspaper, The State Democrat. Those who know him know what manner of publication to ache ceased entirely, the kidney secretions expect. Mr. Caddell is a man who has opinions and the courage to express them. His work as editor of the Raleigh Evening Times was of a high order and established for him an enviable reputation, if indeed he had not established such reputation as a writer and newspaper man previously. In common with the brethren of the State press we shall gladly welcome "Caddell" back to his fovorite field of work, in which he has shown such capacity and aptitude, and wish for him all dant success in his new venture.

EDITORS IN CONCLAVE.

Annual Convention of the North Carolina Press Association Held in Hendersonville Last Week-A Pleasant and Profitable Meeting in the Delightful "Lake City" of the Moun-

son of the Elon College Christian Sun, third vice-president, presided over he meetings, performing the duties of his office most gracefully and well. Owing to press of other matters we cannot write an account of the trip, the business of the convention, the cordial reception extended and elegant entertainment accorded the way and other things we have in

mind. These must be deferred "until our next," contenting ourselves for the present with appending the follow- mostly sold to farmers, is the stronging written by Mr. Josephus Daniels in his letter to the News and Observer: I regret the News and Observer has not the space to print all the papers and addresses delivered during the session of the Editorial Association. There was some "shop talk" as there should have been, but most of the addresses were upon topics that vitally affected the whole public and | farmers of the State. the editors chiefly devoted their discussion to topics on how to help the State go forward upon material and educational lines. The editors have done most to create the sentiment for public education, and in doing so have been educating themselves. The discussions here showed how much improvement there has come in the ability and equipment of the editors themselves. The remuneration in North Carolina journalism in the old time was so poor that Macon government of editors would be a

It will be an evil day when the peo- and some thrifty editors really save as comfortably as any average prosperous business man of the community. It is securing additions to its ranks of men of education and capacity for leadership, and the speeches of some of the young editors were revelations to those who thought writing alone constituted their talent. The steady up-grade in the profession is seen not only in the columns of the paper, in their increased influ ence and their material prosperity but also in the ability shown by the editors here in discussing the various opics that concern the enlarged useilness of the North Carolina newspapers. The newspaper is the voice of the State's best progress. The advance taken by the press is not a mere personal good to the editor; it

Annual Convention North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association.

community. This convention was

full of inspiration and help to the ed-

itors who are striving to make their

journals better agencies for the pub-

lie weal. It was also a pleasant out-

ing in a delightful mountain town,

and the good effects of this session

will be felt in the columns of every

iournal represented here.

The North Carolina Retail Merchants Association held their annual convention at Eiizabeth City, June 15th, 16th The convention had one of the best at-

tendances of its history. Many towns were represented that have come into the association during the past six months. The reports showed the association to be in excellent working order, the last year's work to be the best in its record. The many locals that have recently been added to the list with the fine work that is being done show that the organization is on the upward tendency, and the prospects for the future very encouraging. The president's report showed that the lenderson association was at the head of the list. We sent 5 delegates, more than any other one local, and received the highest compliments from the presi-

Messrs, Samuel Watkins, Sr., George A. Rose, J. A. Kelly, W. E. Moss, vicepresident, and C. F. Williams, secretary, represented Henderson The convention was royally intertained by the Elizabeth City local. Free steam-

deut as to the activities of our organiza-

oat excursions, baseball games, and a magnificent banquet made up the program besides every courtsy and atten-The occasion was a business success and a plasurable vacation, for all who

Henderson, June 28th, 1909. NO REASON FOR IT.

When Henderson Citizens Show the Certain Way Out.

There can be no just reason why any reader of this will continue to suffer the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the dangers of diabetes or any kidney ills when relief is so near at hand and the most positive proof given that they can be cured. Mrs. J. L. Crabb, 449 Garnett St., Henderson, N. C., says: "I have been in so long in advance of his induction such good health since using Doan's Kidkey Pills that I do not hesitate to recommend them. I suffered severely from dull, nagging backaches, accompanied A LETTER from our erstwhile news- by sharp shooting pains thr _h my kidneys and on this account I could not paper friend, Mr. J. C. Caddell, in- rest well. When I got up in the morning I always felt tired and had no "fever" again—just as we have been work. The kidney secretions were also strength or energy to begin my day's expecting he would. He says he will, very frequent in passage and deposited a heavy sediment. After using several remedies and obtaining no benefit I Raleigh what he hopes may be a first- procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills from the Kerner-MacNair Co's drug store and in a short time I was convinced of

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T. B. Parker, Director, writes the The North Carolina Press Conven-GOLD LEAF that the State Departtion which met in Hendersonville the association. In the absence of institute work this summer. It is President J. A. Thomas of the Louis- their desire to cover the State as well receivers. burg Times, who was kept away on as they can. The several articles account of sickness, Rev. J. O. Atkin- that have been published in the GOLD papers within the past few weeks is abolished. calling attention to the great drain made upon our State for home supplies brought into North Carolina from other States should cause our farmers to stop and consider if there is not a better way of farming than the one which we are now following. editors, the beautiful "Lake City" of Several hundred thousand dollars' the mountains, the trip to Toxa- worth of corn, hay, meat, flour, wheat and other farm products brought annually into Vance and some other counties of the State, and est argument that can be made in favor of a change of farming methods. The institutes are intended to correct this practice as much as possible. The speakers will discuss diversification of crops, special crops, rotation of crops, soil improvement, fertilizers,

> will be held in this vicinity as follows: general counsel. Oxford, Saturday, July 17. Henderson, Monday, July 19. Franklinton, Tuesday, July 20.

Louisburg, Wednesday, July 21. Wake Forest, Thursday, July 22. It is hoped these institutes will be well attended. We suggest that our people, both men and women, attend these meetings and take note books and pencils along with them. They will find the discussions interesting,

wasn't far wrong when he said "a edifying and profitable we are sure. Mr. Parker writes that the Seagovernment of the hungry," and it | board Railroad will furnish two cars took the courage of love of poverty for these institutes, one of which will jury acted upon it as if they believed to be an editor. It has not yet come be loaded with improved agricultural it and turned the murderer loose with to be a profession for big money implements for the farmers to exmaking, but hard working and capa- amine, and the other for the ble men find sufficient return in the women's institute, which will be preuseful field to afford a good living, sided over by Mrs. W. N. Hutt, with ple lose confidence in the courts and | money every year. It is coming to | our farmer friends and their wives | Heaven. be a profession where a man can live and daughters to attend these institutes.

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> W. A. Garrett, chief executive officer for the receivers, having resigned, LEAF and some of the other State the position of chief executive officer

L. Sevier, vice-president, having resigned, the position of vice-president is abolished. The office of agent for the receivers

is transferred to Portsmouth, Va. C. H. Hix is hereby appointed general manager, office at Portsmouth. Va. The general manager will report to L. G. Haas, agent for the receivers. C. R. Capps is hereby appointed freight traffic manager, office at Norfolk, Va. The freight traffic manager will report to L. G. Haas, agent for

the receivers. The other officers heretofore reporting to the chief executive officer will report to the agent for the receivers, the chief engineer reporting to the general manager on matters of oper-

stock raising, dairying and other The following officers will continue questions of vital interest to the to report direct to the receivers, at Baltimore, as heretofore: Agent for Mr. Parker states that institutes the receivers, treasurer, comptroller.

Death of An Infant.

On Wednesday evening, June 23rd, Robert Franklin, infant son of Mr. James P. and Mrs. Lucy Stainback, died at their home in Vance county, aged 13 months. He was sick only fifteen days but during that time the doctors and kind friends did all they could for the little fellow, but Christ knew best, He wanted the little angel to come and be with his dear old grand mother on that no more. Little Robert was a bright child for his age and will be missed not only by mother and father, but by his dear old grand father, "Uncle Frank" Stainback, who lives near by! Grieve not, dear friends, for little Robert. Christ said "Suffer the little children to come a capable assistant. We urge upon unto me for such is the kingdom of

"We may think there grows on earthly Some bud or flower without decay, But not a single flower I've found

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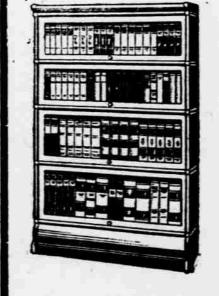
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Interdenominational Sunday-School Convnetion---Kittrell Township

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The devotional exercise was by Rev. R. M. Andrews, of Hende President of the County Sunday Convention. He was assisted J. W. Frank, pastor of Union and other Protestant churches music had been prepared by the school of Plank Chapel under the tion of Mrs. P. C. Smith. All the sel tions were very much enjoyed. The business meeting consisted in main of the reports of committees

the report of the delegate sent Convention to the State Conv. which met in Concord in April, Allen reported a great and inspirat meeting emphasizing some feature the Convention which should charact every local Sunday-school, viz: Music, System and Business Metho Departmental Work, Inspirational A dresses, and Good Social Feeling. stated that it was her purpose to vis as opportunity presented itself each the nine Schools in the Township as attempt to carry to each some helpful ideas gained at the Concord mes

It was decided that each school raise the sum of one dollar to pay the expense of the delegate to Concord and to del the running expense of the townsh

Rev. Mr. Andrews delivered a splends address giving briefly the history as scope of the Intrerdenominational Sur day-school work, and emphasizing most forcefully, the value of Teacher Tra ing. He pointed out admirably the solute necessity of such special training the Sunday-schools would keep abreas of the times. Each local school was urged to begin Teacher Training classes

without delay.

Rev. G. W. Starling, pastor of Plank
Chapel, spoke on the Relation of the Home and the Sunday-school. He stressed the point that, no matter how thorough the organization or how up-to-date th nethod of work, the burden of responsibil ity for final success and progress restel upon the parents in the home. He urged the parents to come and worship with Altogether the meeting was spice

ful and interesting. The next quarter convention was invited to meet withth Methodist Episcopal church in Kittrell Mr. Branch, Mrs. G. W. Starling, and Mr. G. W. Dow were sppointed as a Pro gram Committee to arrange for the September meeting.

Diversified manufacturing is also important as well as diversified farm ing. It isn't wise to put all the egg in one basket. Salisbury is to have factory for manufacturing mantels It is the small and varied industries that made New England .- News and

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