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## A RANDLEMAN LAND SUIT.

A Large Part of the Place Involved.

Charlotte Observer.  
Greensboro, April 25.—A good portion of the population of the town of Randleman, in the county of Randolph, is considerably exercised over threatened litigation that would involve much valuable real estate. During the past few years much of the land belonging to the James Dicks estate has been cut up into lots and sold to various persons, many of the lots having been improved by the erection of residences and business houses. One portion of the land was purchased by the Plaidville Manufacturing Co., which has invested about \$50,000. The deeds to all this property were duly signed by Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Dicks. Mr. Dick, it seems, purchased the interests of the other heirs to his father's estate, in which his mother had a life time interest. The purchase was made, it is said, with the understanding that he was to care for his mother. It is understood that this duty has been fulfilled to the letter. The people who had purchased property from the Dicks estate were startled a short time ago to receive notification from the elder Mrs. Dicks that, inasmuch as she owned a life-time interest in the estate, she would demand a yearly rental from all the property. The knowledge that she is probably in a position to enforce this demand does not add to the ease or comfort of the innocent purchasers of the property. The situation is said to resemble something akin to a sensation and further developments are awaited with a great deal of interest. The matter will doubtless get into the courts.

## Fire at High Point—Three Buildings Destroyed.

High Point, April 27.—This morning at 5 o'clock fire was discovered in the grocery store of a Mr. Richardson, in the factory settlement next to the plant of the Victor Chair Company. It was first seen by a man living close by, but thinking it was a light from a lamp or lantern he went back to bed. Soon afterwards the store was in flames which spread to the office and oil houses of the Victor Chair Company, destroying all three buildings. The factory building was in danger for some time. It is thought the store was either set on fire or the fire was caused by carelessness, as it originated among some banana crates underneath the building.

## The Dismal Swamp Monster.

The Dismal Swamp monster, which for a time kept the superstitious population in a state of nightly terror, which was hunted and fired at by numerous parties, which ate dogs and other small animals to the consternation of the farmers, whose eyes at night shone with a phosphorescent glow that gave birth to stories which made people afraid to go home at night, was killed near Deanes, Va. The animal was shot by hunters while it was in the act of devouring a dog just killed. The description of beast is similar to that given of the beast heretofore. It looks more like a wolf than anything else. Crowds of people went to the scene and inspected the monster, where the body was left near the spot where it died.—Bayboro Sentinel.

## Everybody Hurt by the Truists.

Boston Post.  
There can be no consideration of the political standing of the trust at a time like this. The fact that Hanna's campaign committee is largely indebted to the beef trust or that the Tammany organization in New York has begun active measures to suppress the monopoly cannot be allowed to count. One of the main articles of the food of the people is being arbitrarily raised in price, and that is something outside of and far away from party politics.

## MR. JONES ACQUITTED.

He Was Tried at Statesville Court Last Week For Violation of Revenue Law.

The Statesville Landmark, of last Friday says: "The prospect is that the job of storekeeper and gauger will not be so much sought after hereafter. Several of them were under indictment at this term and some of them have had close calls. The truth is the man who takes a job as storekeeper and gauger at a distillery these days simply faces the penitentiary for the sum of \$2 per day. One of these cases tried Tuesday attracted considerable attention. The defendant was Allen Jones, a prominent citizen of Davidson county and for many years a school teacher. In an evil moment he passed the civil service examination and was assigned to duty as storekeeper and gauger at a distillery in Rowan. Revenue Officer McCoy, who visited the distillery at night and took a position in a nearby tree, testified that in open day the wagon of the owner of the concern, one Mr. Roseman, drove up and took away a barrel and keg of liquor. McCoy stopped the wagon and found that the liquor was "overplush" and not accounted for on the storekeeper's books. Jones was there at the time but he said he knew nothing of the removal of this liquor as he was in the warehouse writing. Roseman, the owner of the distillery, who had paid for the offence at a previous term of the court and was in no danger, went on the stand and took all the blame on himself. He said he stole Jones' keys and removed the liquor without the latter's knowledge. After the jury had been out for some time they returned and said they had found Jones guilty of negligence, but not guilty of criminal negligence. Judge Boyd sent them back with instructions to find him guilty or acquit him and he was acquitted. Mr. Jones proved a good character and this probably had great weight with jury. It is safe to say that Mr. Jones will probably go back to the school room and leave off storekeeping and gauging after this."

## They Read The Dispatch.

Agentleman residing 1300 miles from Lexington stepped in a merchandise store in this town one day last week and called for a certain article, telling the clerk he knew they had it because he had read their advertisement in The Dispatch, which paper he receives regularly in his far-away home. He got what he called for and went on his way.

Moral: The people read The Dispatch, consequently it pays to use its advertising columns.

## Mr. Bryan Not a Candidate.

St. Louis Dispatch.  
"I am not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1904," said William Jennings Bryan at the union station today. Mr. Bryan was en route to Kentucky, to fill a lecture engagement. He spent an hour at the station waiting for his train. Although he said that he would not be a candidate, Mr. Bryan says the nomination should be some one who did not desert the Democratic party in the last two elections.

## BARN BURNED.

Mr. David Thomas Loses His Barn, Two Mules, &c., by Fire.

At Fullers on last Sunday the large feed barn of Mr. David Thomas was destroyed by fire. Two excellent mules, a lot of feed stuff, farming implements and machinery were also burned. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin and Mr. Thomas had some blood hounds on the scene yesterday endeavoring to trace the miscreants who fired the barn.

The Shelby Star says that Joe Porter had to kill a calf that had been bitten by a mad dog several days before and showed signs of hydrophobia.

## LINDSAY FORD SERIOUSLY HURT.

Falls From the Second Story of a New Dwelling and is Badly Injured.

At Mocksville Monday morning about 8 o'clock, Mr. B. L. Ford, of Lexington, fell from the second story of a new dwelling house which he was building and sustained serious, and may be fatal injuries. Mr. Ford was building a handsome residence for Mr. Phillip Hanes, at Mocksville. He was on the second story of the building and stepped upon a plank, when it tilted and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of nearly thirty feet below. His collar bone was broken and he was rendered unconscious for several hours.

Mrs. Ford went to Mocksville Monday evening to attend her husband. We learn this morning that Mr. Ford is resting very well and that his physicians think he will recover in a few weeks.

## That Forsyth Air Ship.

Charlotte Observer.  
Winston-Salem, April 26.—Mr. Hill, the Stokes county inventor, expected to have the model of his air ships completed yesterday, but he stated this afternoon that it would require four or five days more to finish it; that there was more work on it than he first anticipated. It is a complicated piece of machinery. Mr. Hill applied for a patent three months ago, and he is expecting it to be issued any day now. His attorney in Washington says there is no reason why a patent should not be granted. The inventor is confident that his ship will work charmingly and that its operation will be an eye-opener to the many doubting Thomases who claim to have no confidence in such an invention. A gasoline tank will be the motive power, and a big balloon will be attached to the air ship which will sail as high and as long as there is "oil in the vessel." Mr. Hill claims it can be operated from four feet above the ground, provided there are no stumps or rudders in the way.

## HON. J. STERLING MORTON DEAD.

Chicago, April 27.—Hon. J. Sterling Morton, former Secretary of Agriculture, died this afternoon at the home of his son, Mark Morton, at Lake Forest, Ill.

For several weeks Mr. Morton had been gradually failing. The nature of his illness had not been determined, and a week ago he was brought from his home at Nebraska City to Lake Forest for medical attendance. The change brought no improvement and he failed gradually until death came.

## THEY WILL HAVE IT.

The Dispatch's Subscription List Continues to Grow Larger.

The Dispatch is proud of its subscription list and of its readers. We now have the largest circulation of any local weekly paper in North Carolina and our list is increasing rapidly every week. Since our last issue the following new names and renewals have been added to our list:

J. B. Palmer, C. L. Long, Odell Shemwell, H. A. Myers, T. W. Hartley, Mrs. Ellen E. Flanagan, Mrs. M. C. Presson, S. J. Finch, A. L. Beck, Jno. P. Myers, Calvin Green, R. F. Kerr, Riley Leonard, L. W. Berrier, Wm. Wilson, J. S. Link, James Smith, E. T. Kearns, W. H. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Davis, D. M. Hayward, F. C. Wafford, J. B. Byerly, C. A. Owen, Ruben G. Kennedy, C. H. Younts, J. L. Ward, J. L. Welborn, N. H. Newsom, R. L. Steed, col., W. P. Pickett, J. L. Johnson, C. L. Yokely, J. O. Lineberry, W. E. Lambeth, J. L. Black, Rev. W. A. Smith, J. N. Snider, C. S. Payne, J. M. Ragan, E. L. Lambeth, A. E. Perry, E. T. Seagraves, L. C. Nance, J. T. Williams, H. F. Myers, W. R. Myers, J. G. Beck, S. M. Darr, P. R. Mason, D. Stephen Westmoreland, E. M. Jenkins, J. B. Wagner, Z. W. Nance, J. M. Elliott.

## COURT ADJOURNS.

After Five Days Work the Term Comes to an End Saturday.

Davidson Superior court adjourned Saturday evening. The cases disposed of during the week will be found below:

In the case of B. R. Wagner, col., vs the Southern Railway, wherein plaintiff was suing for \$3,000 for alleged damages sustained in a railroad accident, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

Arthur Dorsett, a young white man, sought to recover \$5,000 damages for the loss of an arm while in the employ of the Clement, Ross Mfg. Co., of Thomasville. The jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff, awarding Dorsett \$1,500. The defendants appealed to the Supreme court.

S. J. Finch vs J. W. Finch—a verdict was rendered for plaintiff.

L. D. Lambeth vs. Maggie Lambeth; suit for divorce; divorce granted to plaintiff.

The following cases were continued:

Julius A. Darr vs. Postal Telegraph and Cable Co.

H. E. Hedrick vs. Cora Hedrick, for divorce.

J. W. Miller vs. Ambrose Grubb, Jr.

E. H. McCarty vs. Southern Railway Co.

Bank of Lexington vs. Mrs. J. M. Badgett.

## Yadkin College Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Yadkin Collegiate Institute, at Yadkin College, will take place on May 18th, 20th, and 21st.

The annual sermon will be delivered on Sunday, May 18th, by Rev. D. H. Comann, of Kernersville, at 11 a. m.

The recitation contest takes place Tuesday night, May 20th, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 21st, is commencement day proper. At 10 o'clock a. m., the Henry Walser contest will take place, and at 2 p. m., the literary address will be delivered by Capt. F. C. Robbins, of Lexington.

The school is a very successful one this year and the attendance at the commencement exercises will no doubt be very large.

## A SOLITARY PRISONER.

A Watauga Man Gets 13 Months for Retailing.

Deputy United States Marshall C. E. Mills came down from Statesville Friday night with G. A. Benson, a Watauga county man who was convicted of retailing a pint of whiskey and sent to the Federal prison in Atlanta for 13 months.

Judge Boyd stated in passing sentence on the defendant that the reason for the seemingly severe sentence was the fact that Benson had deserted his wife and two children and lived with another woman. The record of the man was considered by the judge as sufficiently bad to warrant a long term for a small offense.—Salisbury Sun.

## Will Move to Lexington.

Finger & Anthony have arranged to move their electro-plating works to Lexington. They desired to branch out some and do a larger business, and in order to accomplish this end they had to form a stock company. The firm was unable to get people interested here, but the stock was quickly subscribed by Lexington parties, hence the move. These gentlemen will combine the machine shop and the electroplating business in their new location, but will make a specialty of brass locks, handles, ornaments and other articles of furniture hardware. While we wish them success in their new home, we regret to see enterprises of this nature, smaller ones, leave Salisbury. The chamber of commerce might take hold of such cases as this and see if something cannot be done to keep our industries from seeking other locations.—Salisbury Truth-Index.

## TWO RURAL ROUTES

To be Established Soon—Six Applicants for Carrier's Position.

Special agent S. D. Boss spent three days here last week examining applicants for the position of carriers of mail for the two rural free delivery routes to be established in this county. Mr. Boss also went over the routes, made drawings of them and forwarded all the necessary papers to headquarters at Washington. It is expected that the carriers will be appointed and the routes established in something like two months.

Route No. 1 starts at Lexington and goes direct to Pilgrim, thence north to Ellis' corner, passing Hanes post-office, thence via Midway, Hinkle and Bagdad, returning to Lexington over the old Salem road. This route will supply daily mail to 178 families.

No. 2 route starts at Lexington and goes to Holly Grove Academy, passing Ilex post-office en route, thence south-east to Beck's corner, thence south to Moore's X Roads, then via the mountain road along Three Hat Mountains, returning to Lexington via the Asheboro road. There are 155 families to be supplied with mail on route No. 2.

Four U. S. collection mail boxes are to be placed at different points on each route. The places at which these are to be erected have been selected, but are not yet made public. The special agent and the post-office department urges upon every family along each route the necessity of having private and separate mail boxes. These boxes can be bought for from \$1.25 to \$2.50, and any of them will last for years.

The special agent went from here to Linwood, where he is investigating a proposed route.

## Stole His Child.

Greensboro Record.

An exciting little episode took place near the National Hotel formerly known as the Commercial, yesterday. It seems that a Mrs. Watkins, of High Point, concluded about a week ago to leave her husband. She did so, taking with her their only child, a little girl about five years of age. Watkins, with the aid of the police, located Mrs. Watkins at the National. After ineffectually trying to secure his child, Watkins came down yesterday himself. Securing a horse and buggy he placed it near the hotel and then set about to get the child. He was not long in getting hold of it and then he made for the buggy, but Mrs. Watkins was not idle and when he reached the buggy she was there also and she snatched the child away from him before he knew what she was doing and carried it back into the hotel.

The husband finally returned to High Point alone. He does not want his wife, but it is the child he is after and there will likely be other proceedings soon. What caused Mrs. Watkins to desert her husband is not known.

## Boy Who Was Hypnotized is a Raving Maniac.

Edwin Reber, a 14 year-old boy, who was placed in a hypnotic trance Wednesday, with the result that his mind was unbalanced, to-day became so violently insane that it was necessary to remove him, in chains to the Schuylkill County Hospital for the insane. The boy in his frenzy begs his hypnotizer to allow his mind to resume its normal way. The attending physicians says the boy cannot recover unless the traveling salesman who hypnotized him can be found.—Pottsville, Pa., Dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

## SPECIAL BARGAINS AT MARCH HOUSE STORE.

12c fancy Lawn at 9c.  
12c Bleach Domestic at 9c.  
15c P. Ks at 10c.  
20c Dimities at 10c.  
8c Ginghams at 5c.  
A handsome present with \$1 purchase.  
GEO. A. ADDERTON & Co.

## WHERE IS MR. RAY, OF TROY?

A Strange Tragedy in Montgomery County.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.

Albemarle, April 23.—News is received here of the mysterious disappearance of a Mr. Ray, living at Troy, Montgomery county. Ray was book-keeper and paymaster for the Mills Lumber Company, a large lumber concern owning and operating four saw mills in the forests of Montgomery county. Last fall the wife of a negro laborer employed by the lumber company was sick and was being attended by one Dr. Thompson. Ray, at the request of the negro, paid the physician his bill for medical attendance and reserved same from the negro's wages. Monday last the negro went to Mr. Ray and demanded the money he had paid Thompson, saying that he never instructed him to pay it. Ray refused to give up the money, which greatly incensed the negro, who was heard to utter threats, saying that he would have the money if he had to kill him.

Last Monday Mr. Ray paid off the laborers at Vesta, one of the mills, and started to the next mill. He passed a Mr. Morris' house, between 4 and 5 o'clock and since then nothing has been seen of him. A few minutes after Ray passed this same negro who had made the threats passed. Some distance down the road searching parties have found where two limbs were freshly cut from trees and made into clubs. Further on down the road there are evidences of a struggle in the sand and the earth looks as if it has been spaded up and carted away as if destroying evidences of blood. A woman living near the scene states that she heard two pistol shots about 5 o'clock. All last week searching parties were out looking for the body of the missing man, but so far without success.

News received from there today says that 300 men are engaged in the search to-day. The lumber company for whom the missing man worked has offered \$1,000 reward for his body.

The suspected negro has been arrested and is in jail at Troy.

Mrs. Ray, wife of the missing man, is prostrated at her home and has not eaten or slept since he disappeared. It is feared she will lose her reason.

The country is terribly excited over the affair and should Ray's body be found there are grave fears that the negro in jail at Troy will be lynched.

## A Rooster Attacks and Severely Wounds a Child.

The terrific onslaught of a big Plymouth Rock rooster yesterday afternoon did serious injury to little Mary Zachary, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zachary, who reside at the corner of Polk and East streets.

The little girl was on Hillsboro street at the home of her uncle, Mr. A. D. Zachary, and went on the piazza, on her way to her grandmother next door. The rooster, a big fellow with very large spurs, attacked her and the screams of the little child soon brought rescue and the savage bird was driven off.

In his attack he struck the child five times in the face, bounding up at her and driving his spurs into her cheeks. She battled bravely with the rooster, but was knocked down by him.

Her face was bloody when aid came. There were three places on one side of the face and two on the other where she had been spurred. One blow was very serious for the spur had gone entirely through the cheek, while another had made a gash a quarter of an inch long on her chin. Fortunately her eyes were not touched. The rooster was killed.

In Manila there have been 440 deaths recently from cholera while the provinces report 2,160 deaths. Some cases are reported among the American soldiers.