

One of the most interesting criminal trials ever held in America is now going on in Idaho. A thug by the name of Orchard, with a long list of crimes to his credit, is the confessed murderer of the Governor of that State. He is the principal witness and charges that the murder was committed at the direction of three officers of the Western Federation of Miners, Haywood, Meyer and Pettibone, and these men are on trial for the deed.

Evidently the man Grubb of Davidson county thinks he is the whole thing. He may go down to Raleigh some day and swear the Governor of the Supreme Court. No telling what extent gentlemen like him are likely to go so long as they are allowed to be above the law.

Eleven members of the navy, half of them young officers lately graduated from the naval academy, and one of them a native of Newbern, N. C., were drowned in Hampton Roads one night last week.

The plan proposed by Rev. G. H. Atkinson in a letter in this paper, for a county hospital, puts the question on high ground, and deserves the thoughtful consideration of the people.

Preacher Cowhided and Made to Leave Town.

The following news item from Fulton, Ky., printed in the Louisville Times, an evening paper published at Louisville, Ky., on the 12th will interest Charlotte people.

Rev. Frank Morton Hawley, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and one of the most prominent of the ministers of Fulton, was horsewhipped by W. W. Meadows, a leading capitalist and foremost citizen of this city, and after being lugged until he was prostrated, was sent from the city under threats of death should he return.

The shocking affair, which has created the most profound sensation in the history of Fulton, is an aftermath to the suit for divorce filed by Mrs. Meadows a few days ago, her allegations of cruelty and aversion on the part of her husband being generally construed as being a direct result of her much talked of association with young Hawley.

When it became known Monday that the preacher would return home on the midnight train, Meadows, together with a few of his friends, all most prominent citizens of the city, quietly met the train, overtook Hawley as he stepped from the station platform, and, securing his wrists with handcuffs, led him to a vacant lot near the depot, where he was stripped. With three buggy whips he was flogged, but despite the terrible agony he uttered no whimper of pain, but again and again declared his entire innocence of any harm.

With tears streaming down his cheeks, Meadows applied the lash and upbraided the minister bitterly, but the latter displayed the most calm nerve, and told his tormentor that, though he blamed him not for his actions, he was committing a terrible mistake.

The tragic ordeal order, Hawley was placed in a carriage and driven to Pierce, Tenn., three miles from the city, and there he was placed on an outgoing passenger train. He was made to swear that he would never return to Fulton.

The statement of Meadows was issued in the Daily Leader, and in his statement he pleaded justification of his act, on grounds of the unwritten law. No arrests have followed.

Frank Morton Hawley is of fine family, and an earnest young minister. Much sympathy is accorded him, and Meadows' act was construed by many to be hasty. Nothing has

ever in the history of the little city caused such a shock to society as the whipping. The affair is on every tongue here today.

For a Union County Hospital. I write this morning to stir up the pure minds of the citizens of our county, and I hope this communication will stir up agitation pro and con. It is time for us as self-respecting and fraternal citizens of our county to bestir ourselves in the direction which this communication suggests, namely, that we should have a County Hospital.

I like the name of our county and we should show this spirit in all measures that have as their end the relief of suffering humanity or its advancement in the line of progress.

I know of no better sight than our present County Home, for a County Hospital. I think it would be cheaper and better all around to have a new County Home a few miles from town. We have telephone connections all through our county, good roads, rural delivery, and we could conduct our Home on a cheaper basis.

With the price real estate is bringing in Monroe now and the desirable section in which the County Home is now located the county could realize a large amount from the sale of our present property and put up one of the most modern and comfortable County Homes in our State.

There is not a citizen in our county who more cheerfully believes in supporting our Home and its inmates. And let me say just here I know of no home anywhere, and I know several, where there is a better keeper and a more faithful and tender assistant in his wife, than in our County Home. It has been a source of great joy since becoming a citizen of our county to see the tenderness and the unceasing attention our poor receive.

But when a town's growth would be stimulated, when the class of humanity who needs help as well as our poor, "the sick," have no place to be taken but sent to Charlotte, and we can help ourselves, I for one say let us give the county commissioners the authority to give the Home to the county, not to Monroe, for a hospital. God grant that our citizenship may bestir themselves immediately. We have the furniture, we need the location and building, and we have that also, so what is there to hinder our being united as one man and pushing this most needy object to a speedy completion. Very respectfully yours,

GEO. H. ATKINSON.

A Tragedy in Cabarrus.

Edward Ashby shot and killed Dan Overcash near Kannapolis, just over the Cabarrus county line, at 9 o'clock this morning, and made good his escape. A posse with bloodhounds are in pursuit of the slayer, but at a late hour tonight no word has come from the pursuers.

Overcash and Ashby were brothers-in-law and the tragedy grew out of a domestic difficulty about which there is considerable mystery. Parsons who have arrived here from the neighborhood where the crime was committed tell the story of the crime and these details are given for what they are worth.

Ashby went to the home of Reese Pethel yesterday and accused Pethel's wife of improper conduct with Overcash, declaring that if Pethel would go with him to the woods he would produce proof of his charges. Pethel accompanied Ashby to the woods but, it is said, Ashby was unable to show the husband proof of the wife's misconduct. Pethel declared then that the best way to settle the matter was to interview Overcash, and Pethel and his wife went to Ashby's home after him. Ashby accompanied the Pethels willingly, but instead of stopping at Pethel's home, where it had been agreed the conference was to be held, the Pethels took him beyond into a thicket, where Ashby was secreted. Ashby stepped out from his hiding place as Overcash approached and shot him dead, immediately taking flight.

There is considerable mystery behind the crime and it will require much investigation to bring to light the truth. Ashby, it is said, had threatened this morning some hours prior to the tragedy to kill Overcash on sight. Suspicion rests upon Pethel and his wife for complicity in a plot to kill Overcash, and it is presumed that they will be arrested on that charge.

Sheriff Crowder of Rowan county was informed of the crime this afternoon and with a posse and bloodhounds undertook the search of Ashby, but thus far without success.

Ashby has the reputation of being a desperate character. About four years ago he killed his father, Jim Ashby, a noted whiskey transporter, because the father had brutally whipped his daughter, Edward Ashby's sister. The elder Ashby was known to have possessed a violent temper, and on this ground chiefly acquitted the son. It is said that the gun which Ashby used this morning is the same weapon with which he killed his father.

Tonight.

If you would enjoy tomorrow take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets tonight. They produce an agreeable laxative effect, clear the head and cleanse the stomach. Price 25 cents. Samples free at English Drug Company's.

The Best Market

That Monroe has ever had is always ready for its customers with the best Meats that can be had.

Ice House is in full blast.

J. D. PARKER.

Department of Music unexcelled. For Catalogue address CHAS. C. WEAVER, Lenoir, N. C.

Jones Gives \$5,000 Back to the Bank.

Frank H. Jones, the defaulting assistant cashier of the Charlotte National Bank, yesterday morning entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court to the several counts in the bill of indictment charging him with "embezzlement, abstraction and misapplication" of certain of the bank funds. No sentence was imposed by the court, judgment being deferred until after the Fonville case is disposed of, which comes up for trial Monday. Both cases were to have been called yesterday. The postponement of the Fonville case was due to the absence of one of the counsel for the defence, Congressman Wylie of Alabama.

When court convened the big room in the postoffice building was crowded. Spectators not only occupied every seat, but filled the aisles and sat in the windows. All classes and half dozen ladies were in attendance. Every body was on the qui vive for something sensational to turn up.

While nothing out of the ordinary developed in open court, a little meeting was held in Judge Boyd's private office while the crowd waited which was of exceeding interest. Jones there restored to the bank \$5,000 of the stolen funds. Mr. C. D. Bennett delivered the goods on Jones' behalf and Mr. W. H. Twitty, cashier, accepted it on behalf of the bank. Judge Boyd and one or two witnesses were the only ones present.

Jones is alleged to have stolen a sum which has been variously estimated. President B. D. Heath of the Charlotte National Bank, in his statement to the public March 20th, last, said that the amount embezzled was \$68,000. Shortly after this statement was made it developed that an extra shortage had been discovered of \$5,000.

It is now stated on authority that the shortage is over \$80,000. This fact has been known to a few for some time past, but was never before made public for obvious reasons. As to whether the shortage is more than \$80,000 is not known. Over a bill to follow some of the accounts, especially the certificates of deposit, the exact amount of the shortage cannot be given with absolute assurance. It is now certainly more than \$80,000.

Jones was sentenced Monday to six years, the case of Fonville moved to Greensboro, and the latter's partner, Bell, also implicated, arrested. Judge James E. Boyd yesterday afternoon sentenced Frank H. Jones, the self-confessed embezzler, to serve 6 years in a Federal prison as a measure of punishment for having robbed the Charlotte National Bank of approximately \$80,000, while acting in the capacity of teller and assistant cashier last March.

The ending of this much talked of case was dramatic in the extreme. Jones himself took the stand, and in a statement full of sensational utterances told how he had come to fall and detailed the history of his operations from first to last. Demands made upon him by his distressed mother for needed funds for his invalid father, he said, had led him to take the first fatal step. Once started he could never recover, sinking deeper and deeper in debt and ever striving to recoup. His losses he estimated at between \$70,000 and \$75,000. Among those to whom he had lost money were C. Boyce Bell, Bell & Fonville, D. A. Hurley and V. P. Randolph & Co. He implicated Percy G. Fonville, the ex-Charlotte, Rock Hill and Fort Mill, S. C., stock broker whom he declared was his partner in business. As a result of his disclosures, another arrest was made last night, that of Boyce Bell, who will be called upon to answer the charges of "aiding and abetting" in this embezzlement.

In response to questions, Jones declared that there was much speculation going on around him, and that this means was the only one by which he could get-rich-quick.

Public Picnic.

The Union division of the Southern Cotton Association of Sandy Ridge township met and arranged the following program for the annual picnic to be held at Union school house on July 13th:

Committee of Arrangement—R. B. Cuthbertson, W. E. Shannon, B. R. Clark, J. L. Davis, Sam Redwine.

Committee of Invitation and Entertainment—A. M. Howie, L. L. Moore, R. A. Hudson, J. D. Hembly, T. B. Moore, J. P. Simpson, Clyde Ezzell, H. L. McManus, J. C. Shannon, R. B. Cuthbertson.

Good speakers will be present. We will have good music. A game of ball will be played in the afternoon, and there will also be other amusements. Everybody come, bring your neighbors and well filled baskets.

SAM REDWINE, Sec'y.

LICENSE TAX.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Monroe do ordain: Section 1.—That the following taxes are hereby imposed on the business, trades, professions and occupations practiced or carried on in this city, as a license tax for the privilege of carrying on the business or doing the act named for 12 months, beginning May 31, 1907. And nothing herein named shall be authorized to relieve any person from the payment of the ad valorem tax on property which shall be hereafter levied. And the payment of any tax hereinafter named shall not relieve the party paying therefrom from the liability or for any other tax specifically imposed for any other business he may carry on.

1.—Each omnibus carrying persons for hire. \$10.00

2.—Hacks, carriages, wagon, dray or other vehicle carrying persons for hire: For one of a kind each. 10.00

On second one of a kind. 5.00

On each additional one of a kind exceeding 2. 1.00

3.—Saddle horse kept for hire. 5.00

On second one. 3.00

Each additional one over 2. 1.00

4.—Wagon or other vehicles, carrying or delivering goods or property for hire: Two-horse wagon not exceeding 2 each. 10.00

Additional not exceeding four. 5.00

All exceeding four, each. 1.00

One-horse wagon: First two, each. 5.00

Two additional, each. 3.00

All additional, exceeding four. 1.00

5.—Itinerant merchants, peddlers, or persons selling from stands in the city, upon each. 15.00

6.—Shooting gallery, upon each table. 25.00

7.—Billiard table, upon each table. 25.00

8.—Bagatelle table, upon each table. 25.00

9.—Pool table, upon each table. 25.00

10.—Upon all bowling alleys, each alley whether in the same room or not. 50.00

11.—Upon all other games of like or similar kind, each. 25.00

12.—Upon every hotel, restaurant or eating house. 10.00

13.—Upon circus performances, exhibitors each. 100.00

14.—Exhibitions or side shows, each. 25.00

15.—Upon stage or theatrical plays: Upon each play or performance. 25.00

16.—Sleight of hand: Upon each sleight-of-hand performance. 25.00

17.—Rope or other walking: Upon each rope or wire walking, each. 25.00

18.—Opera House: Upon each opera house. 20.00

Provided if license is paid by the owner of any opera house in which a play is exhibited, no tax shall be required of the exhibitor.

19.—Flying Jenny or merry-go-round: Upon each flying jenny or merry-go-round or other mechanical performance for amusement, per day. 5.00

20.—Exhibition of Curiosities: Upon each exhibition of curiosities. 25.00

21.—Other shows or exhibitions: Upon each and every other show, exhibition or performance, not above enumerated, each. 10.00

22.—Photographers: Upon each photographer. 10.00

23.—Itinerant dealers and sellers of lighting rods: Upon each itinerant dealer or lighting rod agent. 50.00

24.—Patent Articles: Upon each and every vendor or agent selling patent articles of any kind or nature whatever. 25.00

25.—Banks: Upon each bank or banking business. 25.00

26.—Brokers, money lenders, etc.: Upon each money lender, broker, real estate dealer or agent. 25.00

27.—Fresh Fish: Upon each dealer in fresh fish. 2.50

28.—Oysters: Upon each dealer in oysters. 2.50

29.—Ice Cream: Upon each ice cream saloon or stand. 5.00

30.—Fertilizer: Upon each dealer in fertilizer. 10.00

31.—Dogs: Upon each male dog. 1.00

Upon each female dog. 2.00

32.—Dealers in carriages, etc.: Upon each and every dealer in carriages, buggies, wagons, sewing machines, one or all. 10.00

HOT WEATHER SPECIALS.

On account of the lateness of hot weather's arrival, prices are made to move Summer Merchandise.

15c. Quality Dotted Swiss. 10c. About 2,000 yards pretty, sheer quality White Dotted Swiss; several size dots. Price 10c.

25c. White Dotted Swiss. 10c. Sheer Dotted Swiss, St. Goll dots. These mostly in pin head dots; 25c. quality, 10c.

12 1/2c. Colored Muslins at 10c. A tremendous assortment to select from at this price. Light ground Muslins, with dainty, neat dots and figures; beautiful floral designs in sheer Lawns and Organdies; 12 1/2c. values, 10c.

\$1.00 Check Silks at 87c. 27-inch Check Silks—blues, browns, tans, greens and gray; regular \$1.00 quality; makes stylish, serviceable suits and waists. Price 87c.

Black and Colored Oriental Silks at 50c. 27-inch black and colored warranted spot-proof Oriental Silks, the kind that's dyed in Lyons, France; none better. Price for black and all colors, 50c. yard.

Black Wool Vole. Every woman wants a Black Vole Skirt. We are showing two excellent grades in both black and navy blue, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

38-Inch All-Wool Batiste 50c. Summer weight and one of our most popular sellers. Black and all new shades, browns, tans, gray, navy blue, etc. Special, 50c.

Parasols and Umbrellas. The most complete line ladies', misses' and children's Parasols. Any price and any color you might call for. 25c. to \$3.00.

The Greatest Fitting Corset Made for \$1.00 is the B. & J. Invisible Lacing Corset.

The Corset With Scientific Lacing. It is acknowledged that the corset should be put on with the strings loosened, and when the garment is in proper position on the body, the laces re-tightened as needed. With the old string and eyelet method this is so inconvenient that few will take the trouble. The Modern Invisible Lacing which freely rolls over bearings is perfectly adjusted from top to bottom by simply pulling laces at the waist line. Untie the laces, and they are removed without effort. Draw the string, and they are perfectly adjusted. Every woman will re-adjust this corset each time it is worn. The bearings being out of sight, the back lacing will not show through the sheerest waist. There are no eyelets to corrode and look unsightly. The laces are made of long filled twisted flax and will not break. They are always laced. The Invisible Lacing Corsets are made in a variety of shapes to suit the demands of all tastes, which include the new high bust model, so much in demand this season.

W. H. BELK & BROTHER.

Boys! Here's Your Chance for a Prize!

If you can answer these questions correctly, you will receive a handsome prize.

- 1st—What kind of hat is he wearing? What trade-mark?
2nd—What kind of clothing? What is the trade-mark?
3rd—What well known shoes? Name trade-mark.
4th—What brand of collar?
5th—What trade-mark shirt?
6th—What do you estimate his outfit cost him?

Every one of these articles we advertised by name the past year. Ask your friends, if you cannot remember.

Bring your answer to our store at once. Contest opens Tuesday, June 4th and closes Monday June 20th.

The 1st correct answer handed to us entitles you to a nice Straw Hat. The 2nd correct answer handed to us entitles you to a nice Silk Tie. The 3rd correct answer handed to us entitles you to a nice Handkerchief.

Everybody entitled to enter the contest. No strings on it. You do not have to buy anything or pay anything for a chance. Free to all. Write your answers on this ad., name and address on the margin, cut this out and bring it in.

The People's Dry Goods Co.

to the City Tax Collector for license to do the same, and shall receive such license by paying the tax necessary for such privilege or right. If any person, company, firm or corporation, shall exercise any of the trades, callings, or professions herein taxed before paying such license tax, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject, in addition to a fine, to a penalty of \$50.00, or imprisonment for 30 days for each offense. Sec. III. In all cases where the amount to be paid for license depends upon the capital invested, the value of goods or stock, amount of sales or receipts, or the amount or number of articles, or property used in business, it shall be the duty of the person applying for license to render to the Tax Collector a sworn statement of such capital, or sales, or receipts, items or articles of property or otherwise used in such business, and such other and further proofs as the Tax Collector shall demand to show the actual amount of the tax required of such person, firm or corporation, and said Tax Collector shall not be required of the applicant to receipt for any money or issue any such license until such proofs are furnished. Sec. IV. Any person doing business in more than one place, stall or stand, shall be required to take out a separate license for each of such places, stalls or stands, unless such place, stall or stand communicates directly and continuously with the opening into the other. Sec. V. That no license issued under the above schedule shall be transferred to any other person. Sec. VI. That all persons desiring to engage in any trade, business or occupation for which a license is required and for which a fixed place of business is required, shall designate the place at which such trade, business or occupation is to be carried on, and the license to be issued thereunder shall designate such place, and such license shall authorize the carrying on of such trade or business, or occupation at such place named and no other. And every such person or persons desiring to change their place of business, shall be required to take out other license. Sec. VII. That any person, firm, company or corporation dealing in two or more of the businesses, callings, occupations or avocations enumerated in this ordinance and for which a license is required for each, such person shall pay for and shall take out a license for each business, calling, profession, occupation or avocation. Sec. VIII. That it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police and of every other policeman to report to the Tax Collector any person, firm, company or corporation liable to such license tax under the ordinance, and to do so promptly and without delay. Sec. IX. That the license provided for in this ordinance shall be issued from the office of the City Tax Collector under his hand and seal and countersigned by the Clerk. And it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to keep a record of all license countersigned by him, showing the date, to whom issued, the date of expiration, the place of business, if any. Sec. X. That it shall be unlawful for the City Tax Collector to accept or receipt for any partial payment of license, except as herein expressly provided. Sec. XI. Where the word "person" is used in this ordinance, it shall be construed to include "firm," "company" and "corporation" if not otherwise stated. Sec. XII. That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its adoption. Sec. XIII. That the finance committee is hereby authorized and empowered to have the same printed in other newspapers published in the City of Monroe and to have one thousand copies of the same, together with the general ordinances of the town, printed for free distribution. Approved and adopted on the 12th day of June, A. D. 1907. We, J. D. McRae, Mayor, and H. E. Coppel do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance were duly adopted by the Board of Aldermen at a meeting held June 12, 1907. J. D. McRAE, Mayor. H. E. COPPLE, Clerk of Board of Aldermen.