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NOTICE.
In the Superior Court, McDowell Co., February Term, 1909. J. A. Whetstone vs. L. F. Whetstone.

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In the Superior Court, McDowell Co., February Term, 1909. A. Blanton, C. W. Langridge and W. W. Gray, trading as A. Blanton Grocery Company, John E. Hurst & Company, Cosby Shoe Company, Wingo-Elliott & Crump Shoe Company, Armstrong, Gator & Company and Quinn-Marshall Company.

NOTICE.
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell county to obtain an absolute divorce and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the 9th Monday after the 1st Monday of January, 1909, at the court house of said county in Marion, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

THE DEMOCRAT and Progressive Farmer both one year for \$1.50.

GOVERNOR KITCHIN SENDS MESSAGE.

Transmits to General Assembly Supt. Mann's Letter as to Finance of State Prison.

Raleigh Special, 5th. The feature of the day was Governor Kitchin's message transmitting Superintendent Mann's letter as to the finances of the State prison, and recommending that some \$68,000 be paid back to the penitentiary from the prison funds in the hands of the State Treasury, being the money turned over for the liquidation of the prison bonds, and that the State provide other means of settling the bond issue.

The message was placed in the hands of the committees of Senate and House on penal institutions. Representative Doughton introduced a bill providing for the employment of a typewriter to aid the Supreme Court Justices in their work, and a laborer to carry books to and from their homes. The Alleghany member explained that this work had been done for some twenty-five years, but by some oversight had not been provided for in the act of 1907 and consequently the auditing committee had reported some expenditures not warranted by the letter of the law.

That women might be appointed as notaries public is the object of a bill by Mr. Weaver, of Buncombe.

Representative Murphy, of Guilford, introduced the bill for the appropriations wanted for the State sanatorium for tuberculosis patients. For buildings and other improvements \$15,000 each year for the next two years is asked.

The Senate committee on propositions and grievances decides to recommend the passage of the Emipie bill to protect forests of the State from fire by appointing township wardens to look after the enforcement of the forest protection laws, having power to press into service citizens for fighting fire, who shall be paid 10 cents an hour, no township to get more than \$50 in one year on this account. The wardens are to receive 20 cents an hour for the time actually engaged in official duties.

The joint committee on penal institutions will report through Senator Dawes a bill embodying the recommendations of Governor Kitchin as to the earnings of the State prison. It will provide for the return to the penitentiary of the \$68,000 paid over by that institution to meet the bonded indebtedness of the prison.

Structure Finished at Kingsport.

Johnson City Staff. Wednesday at 1 o'clock the first train on the C. C. & O. Ry., passed over the big bridge at Kingsport, the whistle of the engine screaming its way over the entire 600 feet of the gigantic structure. This bridge which is 600 feet long and 90 feet high was put up in 11 days, phenomenal fast work being done without an accident. There are only three miles of work to be completed before connection is made with the Seaboard Air Line railway at Bostic, N. C. Train service will then be inaugurated from Dante, Va., to Bostic, and from Johnson City to Dante, and from this place to Marion trains are already in operation.

This opens to Johnson City a hitherto inaccessible territory rich in farm and mineral interests.

The Charlotte Observer inadvertently opened its columns to a discussion of the whiskey question to a correspondent. Of course a fellow on the other side had to reply. Now The Observer wants to charge all others who wish to add to the flame 20c a line, whereupon The Chronicle offers to take the work at the rate of 19c the line, but we notice there is a dearth of matter pertaining to the discussion. In fact it stopped short. It is funny how people imagine the publisher can afford to carry on their wars unless they provide ammunition, and it takes a whole lot of it to keep a paper going. Gaffney Ledger. [So it does.]

Foley's Orino Laxative cures constipation and liver trouble and makes the bowels healthy and regular. Orino is superior to pills and tablets as it does not gripe or nauseate. Why take anything else? M. F. Morphew.

LINCOLN'S STORY OF HIS LIFE.

Here is Lincoln's Story of His Own Life. All He Thought Worth While to Say.

I was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. My parents were both born in Virginia, of undistinguished families—second families, perhaps I should say. My mother, who died in my tenth year, was of a family of the name of Hanks, some of whom now reside in Adams and others in Macon County, Illinois. My paternal grandfather, Abraham Lincoln, emigrated from Rockingham County, Virginia, to Kentucky about 1781 or 1782, where, a year or two later, he was killed by the Indians, not in battle, but by stealth, when he was laboring to open a farm in the forest. His ancestors who were Quakers, went to Virginia from Berks County, Pennsylvania. An effort to identify them with the New England family of the same name ended in nothing more definite than a similarity of Christian names in both families, such as Enoch, Levi, Mordecai, Solomon, Abraham and the like.

My father at the death of his father, was but six years of age, and he grew up literally without education. He removed from Kentucky to what is now Spencer County, Indiana, in my eighth year. We reached our new home about the time the State came into the Union. It was a wild region, with many bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up. There were some schools so called, but no qualifications were ever required of a teacher beyond 'readin', writin' and cipherin'' to the rule of three. If a stranger supposed to understand Latin happened to sojourn in the neighborhood he was looked upon as a wizard. There was absolutely nothing to excite ambition for education. Of course, when I came of age I did not know much. Still, somehow, I could read, write and cipher to the rule of three but that was all. I have not been to school since. The little advance I now have upon this store of education I have picked up from time to time under the pressure of necessity.

I was raised to farm work, which I continued until I was twenty-two. At twenty-one I came to Illinois Macon County. Then I got to New Salem, at that time in Sangamon, now in Menard County, where I remained a year as a sort of clerk in a store. Then came the Black Hawk war, and I was elected a captain of volunteers, a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since. I went through the campaign, was elected, ran for the Legislature the same year (1832), and was beaten—the only time I ever have been beaten by the people. The next and three succeeding biennial elections I was elected to the Legislature. I was not a candidate afterward. During this legislative period I had studied law and removed to Springfield to practice it. In 1846 I was once elected to the lower house of Congress. Was not a candidate for re-election. From 1849 to 1854, both inclusive, I practiced law more assiduously than ever before. Always a Whig in politics, and generally on the Whig electoral tickets making active canvasses, I was losing interest in politics when the repeal of the Missouri compromise aroused me again. What I have done since then is pretty well known.

If any personal description of me is thought desirable it may be said I am, in height, six feet, four inches, nearly; lean in flesh, weighing on an average one hundred and eighty pounds; dark complexion with coarse black hair and gray eyes. No other marks or brands recollected.

This is just the time of the year when you are most likely to have kidney or bladder trouble, with rheumatism and rheumatic pain caused by weak kidneys. Delays are dangerous. Get Dr. Witt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, and be sure you get what you ask for. They are the best pills made for backache, weak back, urinary disorders, inflammation of the bladder, etc. They are simple and act promptly. We sell and recommend them. M. F. Morphew, druggist.

THE SHAME OF CIVILIZATION.

Divorces Destroying Domestic Life and Weakening Public Morality.

Philadelphia Press. In France and most European countries divorces are few in rural neighborhoods. Our rural States, like Maine and New Hampshire, have a larger share of divorces than States full of big cities. The purer American populations in the North yield the larger share of divorces. Five divorce suits out of six are uncontested. The average period after marriage at which divorce comes was ten twenty years ago, and it remains at this period, but this average is misleading. Divorce has been greatest in the last twenty years at the fifth year. In the twenty years before it was most frequent at six and a half years. The term at which most people who are going to be divorced seek this remedy diminishes. It is now not much over four years.

The only country which matches this appalling record is Japan, where one marriage in three is ended by divorce. Marriages are little less than half as numerous as in this country, but divorces in Japan are one half greater in number than in the United States. Divorces in other countries are relatively few. England's third of our population has about 10,000 divorces a year, a sixth of our number. France, with half as much population, has about a fifth as many divorces as the United States. The divorces in the United States twenty years ago were slightly larger than in the rest of the civilized world. Today the excess in this country is still larger. This increase is accompanied by a constantly increasing social acceptance of those divorced. This has extended even to Europe. Twenty years ago no divorced person could be presented to the sovereign. King Edward has departed from the practice of his mother in this respect, and at most European courts a divorce no longer carries a social stigma on a man from the social respect involved in presentation at court.

A Puzzle For You.

A farmer found some dollar bills and appropriated them by right of discovery, it is said. He went to town at 1 p. m. at the time the paper money was being issued in the newspaper man's banked store to a merchant in his account, the merchant paid his meat bill with it and the butcher paid it back to the original finder to finish paying for a calf he had purchased. After which the farmer took it to the bank and discovered at the counter that the next day he put it into the possession of a man. Query: Are all these bills cancelled with the spurious one dollar?

The Carolina, Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, it is reported, will build its proposed extension from Spartanburg to Columbia, S. C., at 100 miles. Two surveys have been surveyed, and a third is expected. It may be built this year.

An hour of hard work getting a stone out of the public road is well spent, even if nobody thanks you for it.

THE HOME NEWSPAPER.

Don't Kill The Goose That Lays The Golden Egg.

The Merchants Journal is causing the encouragement of the legitimate field of the home merchant, has this to say about the treatment of the home newspaper by the merchants.

The Merchants of a local organization must give their best support to their own newspaper in order to take advantage of the limitless opportunities which it affords them. When the local editor gives a square deal, he has a host of letting self interest go to the other limit when it comes to serving his community.

The editor should be given the recognition that he deserves, and should be treated with the same respect as a newspaper that carries an estimated value of \$100,000 a year. It is a fact that the merchant who does not take a year's subscription to the local newspaper is doing himself a wrong, and is doing wrong to his community. He should be treated with the same respect as a newspaper that carries an estimated value of \$100,000 a year.

The Times in London says that President, and quite that Austria-Hungary pays its Emperor \$1,000,000 a year. Great Britain and Prussia pay their King and Queen \$1,000,000 a year, and the Emperor of Russia \$1,000,000 a year. The King of Siam pays \$1,000,000 a year to his Queen, and the Sultan of Turkey \$1,000,000 a year to his Queen.

On Whom Is the Fault?

The fault is with the man who is not doing his duty. The fault is with the man who is not doing his duty. The fault is with the man who is not doing his duty. The fault is with the man who is not doing his duty.

Quaint.

A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bites prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. It is a grand old tonic, and is the only one that is safe, and is the only one that is safe.

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