

A Verdict For The Bulls.

A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men. A ludicrous case was tried in Alexander court last week which is reported in the Statesville Mail as follows:

On the criminal docket there were no cases of importance, but one very amusing one. It is known as the "bull case," and has been on the docket for three years, but finally came to trial Tuesday. To a stranger traveling in Western North Carolina the most amusing sight is to see a team composed of a mule bull and a donkey. This kind of a team always attracts the attention of the average town boy, and he is not long in inventing a scheme to have some fun at the mule bull's expense. Three years ago Mr. Cryder drove a team of this description to Taylorsville. A number of boys got Mr. Cryder's attention drawn away from his team while others proceeded to give the little bull a hypodermic injection of turpentine. When Mr. Cryder returned and started home the solution applied to the bull began to effervesce, and so did the bull. Mr. Cryder applied the whip and the bull increased his speed so much that the donkey could not keep up. Very soon matters got so desperate that Mr. Cryder began to beat the donkey to make him keep time with the bull in order to keep the wagon in the road. The donkey finally woke up to the situation, and the team threw sand as long as they had wind.

When the case came up Tuesday the court house was crowded to hear the trial. Messrs. Jones & Linney appeared for the defendants, and Solicitor Osborne appeared for the bull. The defendants were indicted for cruelty to animals. The evidence of the State was conclusive that turpentine had been used, and the defendants had used it. The defence had but little evidence and they had to reply on their ingenuity in the cross examination and the defence before the jury. They made it appear that the boys were treating the bull for "hollow-horns" and that while one of the boys was vigorously rubbing the bull's head with a solution of turpentine, the animal made a lunge and quickly reversed ends before the rubbing process could be stopped. The case was given to the jury and it took them eight hours to agree. Eleven took sides with the bulls. The eleven took the grounds that as it was a mule bull he was not subject to "hollow-horns," and therefore the boys were not treating him for that disease. The twelfth juror contended that "hollow horns" was a kind of headache, and the mule bull was subject to it. The verdict was finally given in favor of the bull.

This primitive amusement will soon be a thing of the past. When Taylorsville becomes infested with pool tables, young men's social clubs, and euchre clubs, parents will long for the good old days when curing the mule bull of "hollow-horns" was a popular amusement.

Professional Etiquette

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Msj. Bomar, with his surveying force, arrived at Morganton last Saturday evening, finishing the survey from Shelby to Morganton for the Southern & Western Air Line route, and commenced last Wednesday at Morganton to survey the route from this point to Cranberry. —Morganton Star.

REWARD.

A LIBERAL REWARD will be paid for the capture of a small white and orange spotted pointer bitch, six months old, which strayed from the house on the night of Feb. 4. When it was found a blue ribbon around its neck and a short brass chain hanging to it.

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BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER EXPRESSED in a mortgage deed executed on the 23d day of May, 1882, by A. L. Ramsour to G. Philip, conveying one half interest in the Catawba Toll Bridge and lands belonging thereto, and stock in said company (40 shares, more or less) and one undivided fourth interest in the Horse-Ford Mills in Caldwell county, to secure the payment of \$425.00, and registered in book "M," pages 329-30, in the Register's Office in Caldwell county; and by a like power contained in another mortgage deed executed by the said A. L. Ramsour on the 2nd day of September, 1884, to A. A. Shuford and J. L. Lively, conveying all his interest in two tracts of land in Catawba and Caldwell counties, known as the Bridge and Mill tracts, fully described and bounded in said mortgage deed, and also seventy-eight shares of stock in the Catawba Toll Bridge Company, to secure the payment of \$1,800 and interest, evidenced by notes given to the said A. A. Shuford and J. L. Lively, and registered on pages 28 and 29 of book "O," in the Register's Office in Caldwell county, we, the undersigned, a justice of the peace, will expose to public sale in the town of Hickory, on the 17th day of March next, the aforesaid mortgaged lands, bridge, shares of stock, and mills, or so much as will satisfy the said two mortgages and debts secured thereunder, interest and costs.

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Green	40¢	Green—per lb.	5
BUTTER—good	15	dry—per lb.	10
BAKON	40	HONEY—per lb.	10@12 1/2
BLACKBERRIES—		Meal	
Dried	7	Corn—per bu.	70
Buckwheat Flour	3 1/2	OATS	40
RYEWHEAT	2 1/2	PEAS	
CORN	60¢	dry—per bu.	70
Chestnuts	1 00	Black & mixed	60¢
COTTON—baled	10 1/2	White	80
CRACKERS—each	15¢	Lady	90
CABBAGE—each	13¢	POTATOES	
Carriage	10¢	Irish—per bu.	40@50
TURNIPS—each	10¢	Sweet—per bu.	50@55
Eggs—per doz.	12 1/2	RYE—per bu.	70
FLAXSEED—per bu.	75	TALLOW—per lb.	95
FLOUR		TRIPSIPS	20@30
Strick family	2 10	WHEAT	
extr.	2 00	White	90@100
FEATHERS	40	Red	75@85

GROCERIES.

Coffee—Rio	21¢
Salt—White Seamless	80
Burlaps	80
Sugar—Granulated	52 1/2
Yellow	51 1/2
Leather—each	20 1/2
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