

SHOT DOWN FROM AMBUSH.

The Two West Brothers Brutally Assassinated.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 6.—Ernest Sumner and Charlie West, the one fifteen, the other nineteen years of age, who resided with their parents, near Arden, in this county, were assassinated in a most brutal and cowardly manner last night, as they were returning home from this place, just after dark.

They were riding "double" on one horse, and were shot from ambush, when near the house of Jesse Sumner, a neighbor and cousin of the Sumner boy killed, the latter receiving twenty-two shot in his back, and nine in his right arm, and dying instantly. West's bowels were shot out, and though he still lingers, he must die in a few hours. Officers of the law were on the ground shortly after the killing, and their investigation resulted in forging such a chain of facts to connect Jesse Sumner with the horrible crime that he was arrested and committed to jail here to day.

It is reported here, on what I consider good authority, that shortly after the fatal shot was fired almost the entire neighborhood was aroused and attracted to the scene of the killing by the awful and distressful cries of West. The first man to reach the scene observed a light in the house of Jesse Sumner, about one hundred yards distant. Though he immediately raised an alarm, and though the cries of young West who was suffering inexpressible agony, continued, this light was soon extinguished, and no one came from this house to offer assistance.

In spite of the commotion and stir near there, the utmost quiet apparently reigned in the Sumner household until the officers went to arrest Jesse, about 3 o'clock in the morning, after having found tracks leading from a point near the killing into a garden just in the rear of his house. When arrested, he protested his innocence, and professed total ignorance of the events of the night.

The tracks were measured, and it is said corresponded with the shoes worn by the prisoner. It is stated also that a single-barrelled, breech-loading gun was found in his house, and that evidence was not wanting that it had been lately discharged. One of the West boys said to day that Jesse Sumner had lately had trouble with his brother. The Sumners are well-to-do people; the father of Jesse was at one time sheriff of Buncombe county.

Compliment to the Dog.

A very delicate compliment was lately bestowed by a dog lover upon the intelligence of his Skye terrier. The owner of the dog was sitting in his office apparently alone when an acquaintance entered.

"Glad to find you alone," said the visitor, "because I have a confidential communication to make to you which no one else must hear."

"Hold on a minute," cried the other, checking him. And then he called out: "Here, Spot."

A small terrier crawled out from under the table, wagging his tail.

"Go out, Spot," said his master.

The dog went out.

"Now then," said the owner, "you may go on with your confidential communication. Now we are alone."—Exchange.

The Economic Theory of Woman's Dress.

But apart from the exhibition of pecuniary strength afforded by an aggressive wasteful expenditure the same purpose may also be served by conspicuous abstinence from useful effort. The woman is by virtue of the specialization of social functions the exponent of the economic unit's pecuniary strength, and it consequently also devolves on her to exhibit the unit's capacity to endure this passive form of pecuniary damage. She can do this by putting in evidence the fact, often a fiction, that she leads a useless life. Dress is her chief means of doing so. The ideal of dress, on this head, is to demonstrate to all observers and to compel observation of the fact that the wearer is manifestly incapable of doing anything that is of any use. The modern civilized woman's dress attempts this demonstration of habitual idleness and succeeds measurably.

Herein lies the secret of the persistence in modern dress of the skirt and of all the cumbersome and otherwise meaningless draperies which the skirt typifies. The skirt persists because it is cumbersome. It hampers the movements of the wearer and disables her in a great measure for any useful occupation. So it serves as an advertisement, often disingenuous, that the wearer is backed by sufficient means to be able to afford the idleness or impaired efficiency which the skirt implies. The fife is true of the high heel and in less degree of several other features of modern dress.—Dr. Thorstein Veblen in Popular Science Monthly.

ON HIS SILVER RECORD.

Senator Blackburn Will Force the Kentucky Fight.

Lexington, Ky., April 9.—Senator J. C. S. Blackburn has defined his position on the financial question in the coming senatorial fight, in a straight out letter characteristic of his career in public service in Kentucky.

This letter is his first utterance on the subject which has reached the public. Kentuckians love a fighter, and it is the fact that Blackburn is a born fighter that has so endeared him to his Kentucky constituents.

As Senator Blackburn has refused to submit to an interview since his return to Kentucky, the following letter is of great importance:

"Washington, D. C., February 16, 1895.—George W. Landrum, Esq., Grand Rivers, Ky. Dear Sir: I had your letter of the 6th. I take pleasure in responding to your inquiry and say I have always been and am now and always intend to be in favor of the unlimited coinage of silver.

"I have been making this fight as earnestly and persistently as it is possible to do, ever since it was demonstrated in 1873, by what is known as the Sherman act, I believe that the single gold standard means inevitable bankruptcy and ruin to this country.

"I insist upon both gold and silver being retained as the money of the people according to provisions of the constitution.

"I have always opposed and always will oppose the single standard policy that England and Wallstreet have fastened upon this country for the purpose of robbing the masses of the American people, and enriching the holders and hoarders of gold.

"My record is unbroken as an earnest, uncompromising advocate of the silver metal, and in the coming canvass in Kentucky I intend to force the fight on this line, and upon the record that I have made I am willing to stand or fall.

J. C. S. BLACKBURN."

PUBLIC PRINTING.

The Contract Awarded to Stewart Brothers of Winston.

The following is taken from the Henderson Gold-Leaf.

We do not receive the Raleigh Daily Press to whom the Gold Leaf gives it credit.

The public printing has been awarded to Stewart Bros., Republicans, of Winston, in disregard of the law, which was that the contract should be let to the lowest bidder, and facts and figures furnished by reliable printers show that the firm of Stewart Bros. were not the lowest bidders. Competent printers went over the figures carefully and found that Edwards & Broughton, of this city, in the aggregate, were over \$500 lower than the Stewart's bid. Yet in the face of this fact they ride rough shod over the law and award the contract to Stewart Bros.

Machine Made Art.

"Is it conceivable that embroidery done on a sewing machine can be a work of art?" a correspondent asks. It is conceivable, but highly improbable. A person of genius might give expression to his art through any medium, however unpromising, but it is difficult to imagine any one of ordinary artistic intelligence, still less of genius, making the attempt on a sewing machine.

A worker on a sewing machine may impart to the object he is engaged upon something of the artistic qualities of good design and good color, but that personal factor which distinguishes all handicraft will, in all probability, be missing, and without it there can be no such thing as work of art. Mere perfection of execution will not save it.

An old fashioned "sampler," indicating the bent of a child's imagination, however halting the execution, might more justly be considered a work of art than the most "highly finished reproduction of a painting" wrought on a sewing machine—such as I saw recently commended as something to be admired.

—Art Amateur.

A Peculiarity of the Trade.

Hobbers—I hear that American wine company you organized went to smash. What was the matter—grapes give out?

Hubbles—No. We lost our supply of French labels.—Chicago Record.

A Division of Opinion.

Mrs. Binks (reading)—Women can endure pain better than men.

Mr. Binks—Who says that, a doctor or a shoemaker?—New York Weekly.

STATE NEWS.

Col. J. H. Weddington has been nominated by the Democrats of Charlotte for Mayor.

The Landmark say the Old Dominion Building and Loan Association of Richmond, Va., which has been doing a large business in the State, will lend no more money in North Carolina. The law regulating assignments prevents further loans.

The Charlotte building and loan associations had a case tried before Judge Robinson in the Lincoln Superior Court last week to test the present assignment law. The case will go promptly to the Supreme Court for final adjudication.

Rev. H. D. Lequeux, well known in this section, and who has recently been pastor of Poplar Tent Presbyterian church, Cabarrus county, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Alzance church, near Greensboro.

It is now understood that Mr. Archibald W. Butt, of Augusta, Ga., Washington correspondent of the Augusta Chronicle and the Louisville Post, has been given the third subordinate and only remaining place in the United States legation at Mexico. He is at home, preparing to leave.—Charlotte Observer.

In the Spring

Nearly everybody needs a good medicine. The impurities which have accumulated in the blood during the cold months must be expelled, or when the mild days come, and the effect of bracing air is lost, the body is liable to be overcome by debility or some serious disease. The remarkable success achieved by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and the many words of praise it has received, make it worthy your confidence. We ask you to give this medicine a trial. We are sure it will do you good. Read the testimonials published in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla, all from reliable, grateful people. They tell the story. 4t

Soldiers' Re-Union at Catawba,

Correspondence of The Landmark.

At Catawba station, on April 1st, was commemorated the thirty-third anniversary of the enlistment into Confederate service of company I, 49th North Carolina regiment. Of 141 original members but 26 survivors answered, "Here!" at the roll call of Monday. Many members of other commands of both Federal and Confederate armies were also present. Old comrades-in-arms, together with a now friendly foe, some with brisk step of vigorous manhood, some with trembling step of old age, still others with halting step or the battle-maimed, fell in line and marched to the place appointed for the exercises of the day.

The sacred proceedings were conducted by Rev. J. H. Sherrill, in an appropriate, touching manner, welcomed the assembled veterans and introduced Major W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, who commended the holding of such reunions as a means of gaining authentic history, and eulogized the military and Christian character of the Confederate soldier, who in the service of the lost cause, fought not from personal rancor and animosity, but for the maintenance of principle and for the glory of the Old North State, thereby winning a record at which the world wondered and of which none need be ashamed. In concluding he gave place to Hon. R. Z. Linney, of Taylorsville, who spoke interestingly of the causes of the war, of the hardships endured in the prosecution of a struggle in which both sides were right, and of the humorous incidents of a soldier's life. As the memory acquired a reminiscent mood, 'twas a sadly-pleasant scene to observe the varying emotions depicted on the faces of his hearers. Truth, pathos and humor aroused in turn intelligent appreciation, fraternal sympathy, and laughter-provoking mirth.

Our better halves say they could not keep house without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is used in more than half the homes in Leeds. SIMS BROS., Leeds, Iowa. This shows the esteem in which that remedy is held where it has been sold for years and is well known. Mothers have learned that there is nothing so good for colds, croup and whooping-cough, that it cures these ailments quickly and permanently, and that it is pleasant and safe for children to take. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by O. M. Royster, Druggist.

THE "TAR HEELS" THE BEST.

Of Leading Hospitals a Virginia Committee Finds Morganton the Best.

The Henderson Gold-Leaf has performed a good service in cutting the following from outside papers concerning the State Hospital at Morganton. We clip from it as follows:

There is gratification for North Carolinians in the following newspaper extracts, which explain themselves. The first is from the Abingdon Virginian:

The committee of the Southwest Virginia State Hospital, composed of Dr. R. A. Preston, superintendent, and four members of the board of directors, have returned from their visit to the asylums of the south, whither they went for the purpose of learning the practical workings of these institutions, with a view of adopting them in our institution, in the improvements they contemplate making. The committee visited Tuscaloosa, Ala., Milledgeville, Ga., Columbia, S. C., and Morganton, N. C. They spoke highly of all the institutions they visited, and of the kind treatment they received. Each of the institutions visited surpassed the others in some particular, but the committee were of the opinion that North Carolina's institution at Morganton surpassed any other in the south in the character of the buildings, splendid equipment and faultless management of its efficient superintendent.

The other is from the Wytheville, Va., Enterprise:

Dr. R. A. Preston and four members of the board of directors of the Southwestern lunatic asylum, at Marion, have returned from a tour of observation throughout the asylums of the south, where they sought suggestions of practical value in the work, management and improvements of these hospitals. The committee considered the Morganton, N. C., asylum the model institution for the insane in the south.

Interesting Letter.

McALLISTER, INDIAN TERRITORY. EDITOR PRESS AND CAROLINIAN:

I left Hickory January 24th, 1893, for the State of Texas. After a few days travel I arrived at Greenville, Texas. Since I came here have had an extensive tour through the State, taking in a good many of the principal cities, Dallas, Austin and San Antonio being the most conspicuous. The State House is grand and beautiful, built of Texas granite. Having spent several hours in San Antonio, I procured a transfer on to the Aransas Pass road, then on to the coast, now called the new California, passing by Galveston a beautiful place. I found the climate of the Southern portion dry and extremely hot and badly watered. To one who had been reared near the mountains of North Carolina, it was indeed a great contrast, one vast stretch of prairie every side, dotted over by lovely flowers of every description. I spent three weeks in the city of Beesville. I saw there trees laden with oranges, dates and many other tropical fruits. Notwithstanding the drought and heat it is a healthy climate, where invalids resort from many states. I was told that malaria was never known. The Gulf breeze is very invigorating. It is largely inhabited by foreigners who have Mexican servants in preference to the Negro, and they are more obedient and useful. The winter gardens are more luxuriant than the summer gardens of N. C. I left Texas a few months since en route for McAllister, Indian Territory. I am now at the home of my son, who has been living here several years. The population of this city is six thousand, the majority being whites. Railroad facilities are good, also fine Courthouse costing \$65,000.00 where United States court is held. One large coal mine which gives employment to about 800 men. The School system is not good. The place has some 10 churches and a bank.

I have some near relatives and friends in Hickory and after all my travels I find there is no place to me like my own native State, North Carolina.

MRS. S. M. DOWTHITTE.

Koyama Gets A Life Sentence.

YOKOHAMA, March 29.—Koyama, Li Hung Chang's assassin has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Prefect Hiroshima, Chief of Police, has been dismissed for not protecting the envoy.

A Chance to Make Money.

I saw one of your subscribers tell in your columns a few weeks ago how she made money selling Dish Washers. I wrote to the Iron City Dish Washer Co., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa., and obtained one of their Dish Washers and tried it myself first. It is just lovely; you can wash and dry the dishes for a family in two minutes, without touching your hands to a dish or putting them in hot water. I made the first day \$5.00, and everybody wants a Dish Washer just as soon as they saw me wash their dishes. Since then I have made as high as \$18.00 a day, and I believe that I can get enough money to keep my brother at school this winter and have money in the bank too. Any lady or gentleman can do as well as I am doing, I am sure, as I had no experience. When everybody wants to buy, it is not hard to sell. Anyone can get information by writing the above firm, and I am glad to add my experience, because I think it is my duty to others to help them over the hard times.

VIRGINIA HERNE.

FAVORING BIMETALLISM

Names of Democrats Who Signed the Circular Made Public.

The following are the names of the Democrats who signed the address recently given to the public, urging all Democrats to make the money question the paramount issue and to endeavor to place the Democratic party on record in favor of the "immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation, as it existed prior to 1873, such coin to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private."

R. P. Bland, Mo.; W. J. Bryan, Neb.; H. A. Coffeen, Wyo.; G. W. Fithian, Ill.; J. V. Cockrell, Texas; John L. McLaurin, S. C.; James G. Maguire, Cal.; Geo. F. Iker, Ohio; Justin R. Whiting, Mich.; H. C. Snodgrass, Tenn.; George F. Richardson, Mich.; M. A. Smith, Ariz.; A. W. Ogden, La.; J. Capelhart, W. Va.; F. H. Moor, Kan.; H. D. Mooney, Miss.; B. F. Grady, N. C.; C. H. Morgan, Mo.; G. W. Schell, S. C.; Edward Lane, Ill.; D. D. Donovan, Ohio; A. C. Latimer, S. C.; Marshal Arnold, Mo.; W. H. Denson, Ala.; W. J. Taibert, S. C.; J. S. Williams, Miss.; T. J. Strait, S. C.; A. Camenetti, Cal.; W. H. Bower, N. C.; Antonio Joseph, N. M.; Evan P. Howell, Atlanta, Ga.; J. Floyd King, ex-member Congress, La.

They represent sixteen States and two Territories. The paper was taken to the Senate just before the close of the session, but it was impossible to have any conference with the Senators, or to see any considerable number of them. As it was not possible to make any thorough canvass among them it was decided to leave them out entirely, so that no misunderstanding might exist between them.

Mr. Bryan said in regard to the address that it had been issued in order to call the attention of the rank and file to the need of active work in favor of bimetalism.

Help the Library!

To help the Library, I propose as follows: Whenever a gentleman belonging to the Library Association, has his hair cut at my place and pays twenty-five cents, I will give him a ticket showing that I will pay the Association five cents, which he can hand to the Treasurer. At the end of the month the Treasurer can get the tickets cashed by me. This offer to be good for three months.

14-11 H. C. DENNY, Barber.

GOLD IN A GRAVE.

Five Thousand Dollars Discovered by a Lucky Well Digger.

RICHMOND, Ky., April 8.—A report from Imlay, Laurel county, says that George Wilson, while digging a well near his residence, struck what is supposed to have been an Indian grave, in which was found \$5,000 in gold and other valuable relics. Much excitement prevails over the find.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by O. M. Royster, Druggist.