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**UNFOUNDED COMPLAINTS**  
The Asheville Citizen in a recent issue says:  
"The next Governor of North Carolina will be a western man. No western North Carolinian since Vance has enjoyed gubernatorial honors. Jarvis, Scales, Fowle, Carr, Russell and Aycock were all easterners who came from Greensboro. Not a governor within a quarter of a century. Certainly that part of North Carolina west of the main line of the Southern Railway, running from Charlotte to Danville, will demand the next governor. Who that will be is too early now to say, but it is an open secret that the west has served notice on the east that they will no longer submit tamely to this treatment. There are men and there is manhood in the west, and recognition of the merits of our public men will be demanded at the hands of the State conventions of both political parties in 1904."  
"It is doubtful if there is a man or set of men that will dare deny the right of the western people to name the next governor of North Carolina."  
The next Governor of North Carolina will be from the west, and we western Democrats will not be stronger advocates of his nomination than that will be our brethren of the east. Is not The Citizen inaccurate and a little unjust? It should be remembered that the west lines of Granville, Wake, Harnett, Cumberland and Robeson form the dividing line between the east and the west. Since the war the Democratic party has regularly alternated its candidates for Governor east and west of that line, as follows: In 1868, Jonathan Worth, of Randolph; 1872, Augustus H. Merrimon, of Wake; 1876, Zebulon B. Vance, of Mecklenburg; 1880, Thomas J. Jarvis, of Pitt; 1884, Alfred M. Scales, of Guilford; 1888, Daniel G. Fowle, of Wake; 1892, Elias Carr, of Edgecomb; 1896, Cyrus B. Watson, of Forsyth; 1900, Charles B. Aycock, of Wayne. Thus we see with one exception a western and then an eastern man has been chosen without a break for more than 30 years. It will be the west's time in 1904, and eastern Democrats will be as quick to concede as we of the west will be to demand it.

Our western candidate was defeated in 1896, and there might have been justice in a western demand for the nomination in 1900. Two eminent western Democrats, one of them a resident of The Citizen's own town, announced themselves candidates for the nomination, but western county after western county instructed for Charles B. Aycock, the gifted orator of the east, whose burning words and convincing arguments had done so much for the redemption of the State from fusion and negro rule in 1898, and these western candidates withdrew. Aycock was the west's candidate as well as the east's.

Are not we western Democrats just a little disposed to complain without reason of our treatment in the distribution of the offices? Governor Aycock has been severely criticised for sectionalism in his appointments, and yet he has appointed as many western men to office as eastern men. The west has its full share of the offices and patronage under the present Democratic State administration. Brethren of the west, let's stop our unfounded complaints of our eastern brethren, and enter into a friendly rivalry with them for the biggest Democratic majorities.

**A SILLY LIE OUT OF THE WHOLE CLOTH.**  
We have received the following letter from one of the best citizens of Alexander county, a former representative in the Legislature:  
"Please answer the charge which the Repe-Pops are making for the purpose of damaging Governor Aycock and the Democratic party—that the Governor has allowed himself to be used as a tool by the Roman Catholics for the purpose of saving the life of that negro rapist Council at Fayetteville." The Repe-Pops are making this charge in my section, stating that we need expect nothing but lynching for such State thus allows himself to be used. Please give the people through your paper a clear statement of the Governor's connection with this case, and thus defend a great man and a great cause."

We see from yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer that our correspondent made the same request of that paper. Our Raleigh contemporary prints an admirable statement of the whole case, which we regret we cannot print for want of space.

As we understand the case, many people in Cumberland county expressed to the Governor doubts of Council's guilt, and Governor Aycock respited him twice in order that the case might be investigated. Governor Aycock sent ex-Judge Womack to Cumberland county to make an examination into the whole matter. When Judge Womack reported his findings, the Governor announced that he was satisfied of the negro's guilt, and that he would

not again interfere with the execution which was set for August 12. On August 10, however, Associate Justice Douglas, of the State Supreme Court, issued an order for a re-hearing of the case by that court, which did not meet until August 26th, and Governor Aycock, as was his plain duty, again respited the negro until the State's highest court could again pass upon his guilt or innocence.

This is Governor Aycock's connection with the case. He has been painstaking in his desire to get at the truth, and finally he came to the conclusion that the negro was guilty, when he announced that he would allow the law to take its course. In the meantime a member of the Supreme Court issued an order for a re-hearing, and of course the Governor gave the court time to re-hear the case. Through it all Governor Aycock's course has been such as might have been expected from the conscientious, God-fearing man that he is. A consistent, devoted member of the Baptist church, Charles B. Aycock is the last man in North Carolina "to allow himself to be used as a tool by the Catholics," or any other sect, for any evil purpose.

We might retaliate on these Alexander county Republicans and Populists by calling their attention to the fact that Justice Douglas, who issued the order for a re-hearing, is both a Republican and a Catholic, but we do not believe he was influenced by either his politics or his religion, although the condemned negro is both a Republican and a Catholic. This Alexander Republican and Populist charge against Governor Aycock is one of the very silliest of the many silly stories circulated by members of those parties for political effect; and, in making this assertion, we are not unmindful of that promise of "forty acres and a mule" made to the negroes just after the war, nor of that Radical bugaboo of the amendment campaign, "The Democratic party wants to disfranchise poor white men," its own non-loyal members.

**Four Men Killed in Columbia**  
Columbia, S. C., Dispatch, 25th.  
In an accident at the new bridge which the Southern Railway is building across the Congaree river, near Columbia, four men were killed and three injured, one fatally and two seriously. The accident occurred at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and was caused by the falling of two steel girders about 70 feet long, weighing fourteen tons each. The two girders were hoisted about midway of the river above the bridge. The rails of the bridge previously had probably caused the ropes holding them in place to slip. The crash came without the slightest warning and at the time when there were 75 people on the bridge, spectators and workmen.

Three of the men were pinned to the bridge and killed instantly, four more were knocked into the river, two of whom were rescued by a government tug, which came up from the Congaree locks, a quarter of a mile away. The names of the dead and wounded are: S. J. Castberry, killed; Reuben Allison, killed; Job DeByas, killed; Jim Reese, drowned. The wounded are: David Stiles, fatally; A. T. Thornton, seriously; Sam Wilfred, seriously. All of the injured live in Columbia.

The bridge is considerably swollen at present but will be dredged tomorrow for the body of Jim Reese, who would probably have escaped but became terrified and jumped to save himself, and was drowned before the tug could reach him. The bridge is being built by the Phoenix Bridge Company, of Philadelphia.

The bridge was not damaged materially by the accident, though it is found some of the iron work has been considerably strained by the falling of the girders.

The Seaboard Air Line's trucks were used by the Southern until the wreckage could be cleared.

**The Yellow Fever Experiment**  
Havana Dispatch, 25th.  
Of the eight persons bitten by infected mosquitoes in connection with the experiments conducted by the yellow fever board during the last three weeks, three have died. Three others who took the fever are expected to recover. One has not developed the disease. The eighth person as yet has not developed yellow fever, although it is too early to say what will happen in that case.

Surgeon Major Reed intends to continue the investigations. Major George, chief sanitary officer, says the idea of the yellow fever board was to subject to mosquito infection ten persons who had been bitten and all had recovered; and the theory of the board was that, if some hundred or more persons could have been bitten with similar results, a report could have been published showing how apparently safe and easy it was to become immune. After this had been published, the entire population might have been immunized.

**Four Persons Drowned in Iutherfordton**  
Rutherfordton Special to Charlotte News, 25th.  
William Mills, fifty years old and his daughter in law, thirty years old, and her two nine and eleven year old boys were drowned in a small stream in this town last night at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Mills attempted to cross a swift branch which was about four feet deep when the wagon struck a log turning it over. He carried the two youngest children, a boy and a girl three or four years old, to a fence, went back to get his daughter and two children when they were all drowned. The bodies of the old gentleman and daughter were taken about two miles down the creek at 9 o'clock this morning. The bodies of the two boys had not been found.

**A Suit for a Diamond Ring**  
Asheville Dispatch, 25th.  
For some time William Jackson, a lineman of the Asheville Electric Company, has been showing attention to Miss Penland Jackson, a young woman a diamond ring, an act which is supposed ordinarily to carry some significance with it, but Miss Penland recently surprised the giver of the ring by marrying a man a few days ago in Marion. Now Jackson has taken the ring and delivery papers for the recovery of the ring, declaring that he only loaned it to the young woman. The case was taken up before a justice of the peace, who decided in favor of the plaintiff. The young woman appealed from this decision, gave bond, and still has the ring in her possession. She contends that Jackson told her to keep the ring, at a time when he thought things were coming his way, and that it would all be in the family.

**The Jones Perjury Case**  
Wilmington Chronicle.  
The case of perjury against Esq. H. F. Jones, of Alleghany county, was settled finally last week by a compromise. By agreement, the verdict of guilty was set aside and the case was dropped. The case, in this way Mr. Jones saves his citizenship and right to vote.

About the time this agreement was perfected, Mr. Jones received a revenue appointment from Harkins. A leading Republican remarked that the case was rather peculiar that a fellow had to be convicted of perjury before Harkins would recognize him. But such is Southern Republican politics every once in a while. Of course the office was given Mr. Jones because of the awful perjury charge, and rather peculiar upon him by a Republican judge, Republican jury, Republican solicitor, Republican court officers, in a Republican county.

**Sensational Case in Guilford**  
Greensboro Dispatch, 25th.  
A sensational case was taken up in the Superior Court this morning. Roscoe Murray, a young married man, and a member of a prominent family in the southern part of the county, is the defendant and the charge under which he stands indicted is ruining an orphan girl before she reached the age of consent. He is also indicted for another case, charged with being the father of the girl's child. The girl made her home with the family of young Murrow's father until a few months after the birth of her child, when she was taken up upon the world. The trial of the first case will probably consume the remainder of the week. There are 25 or 30 witnesses. Two attorneys are engaged in the prosecution and live in the defense.

**May and December, Beauty and Wealth United**  
Kennesaw, Duplin County, Special to Raleigh News and Observer, 25th.  
The marriage of Miss Mary Lily Kenyon, of this city, to Mr. Henry Morrison Flieger, of Florida, a multimillionaire, occurred here this morning at half past eleven o'clock at the old home of the Kenan family.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D. now of Louisville, Ky., but formerly pastor of the bride. Only immediate friends and relatives were present.

The bride was very pretty in a costume of white and the groom wore a black Prince Albert coat, with light trousers.

**Misses Nannie and Lucy Miller**  
are home from Virginia on a visit.  
Rev. J. E. Summers and family, of Iredell, were here the first of the week visiting at Mr. James Foster's.

W. B. Gibson, Esq. of Iredell, was here Monday afternoon.  
Dr. W. J. Hill and Mr. D. M. Ausley, of Statesville, were here Monday afternoon.

Mr. M. G. Campbell is building an additional room to his boarding house.

Campbell & Williams are opening up their stock of new goods in the Rock store, north of the railroad and some one remarked that they were going to run it by steam, seeing that they had an engine and boiler.

H. C. Phillips and Geo. M. Steel, of Little River township, left Monday for Atlanta, Ga., to work for Railroad Contractors Elliott & Elliott.

Dr. O. L. Holler, of New Stirling, Iredell county, was here last Friday.

The Telephone Company had a meeting of the stockholders here last Friday. Dr. T. F. Stevenson and Dr. J. E. Summers were present and were increased to about double what they were the past year.

Mr. J. G. Shelton, of the Statesville Furniture Co., Statesville, was here last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Charles P. Matheson went to Lenoir Monday to look after a building contract.

Mrs. Watts and sister, of Statesville, visited Mrs. Watts' brother, J. P. Thompson, this week.

C. M. Moore, Jr., of Hibernia, made an assignment Monday of his stock of goods and lot. J. L. Gwaltney, Esq., is assigned. Mr. Moore reserves his homestead exemption.

**Frank Pool, of Illinois**, arrived here Monday on a visit to relatives and friends. He left here several years ago and has been doing very well in the West.

Carl Deal, of Deasville, went to Winston Tuesday.

**A Famous Bear Killed**  
Bristol Va. Dispatch, 25th.  
"Old Kettlefoot," a mammoth bear that wrought great havoc among cattle, sheep and hogs in the Pond Mountain section, 30 miles southeast of Bristol, has at last been slain. Nat Willis and other noted hunters and trappers of that section had been after this bear for some time, but the animal seemed too shy to be overtaken. The hunters set a trap for the bear last week and news comes that the great animal walked into the trap only to break the chains that bound him and take his departure. The posse of determined men followed his trail by the name of "Old Kettlefoot" and discover that he had been disabled and was fastened in some timber he undertook to cross. The trap was still hanging to his foot and had caught in a log. With five well-directed shots from a bear repeating rifle "Old Kettlefoot" fell dead. The dead bear was dragged by the use of horses to the nearest public road where he was placed on a wagon to be hauled to the home of one of his captors.

The bear was the largest ever known to roam the mountains of that section, being larger than an ordinary cow. He weighed nearly 900 pounds. His head was 24 inches across and his feet were 12 inches across. From head to tail he measured seven feet.

"Old Kettlefoot" is credited with having stood the storms of the 15 winters. During the last spring and summer he killed 40 sheep, two steers, one cow, a horse and several hogs. Giving him credit for the damage in former years, it can be readily predicted that he had record he made.

**A Big Lookout at Columbia**  
Columbia, S. C. Dispatch, 25th.  
Five hundred operatives at the Olymphia Granite, Richard and Capital City mills, who refused to make up a time that will be lost on Labor Day, are working six hours overtime last Saturday, were denied admission to the mills this morning as a result of their refusal to make up a work. The operatives left the mill and paraded through the village with much cheering. Textile Union No. 211 is meeting tonight to take action and is receiving hundreds of new members, since the strength of the union has been weakened. President Smith Whaley said to day, "We do not propose to have an ultimatum in our business. The mills in South Carolina have agreed to employ no union labor, whatsoever. I will close down every mill before I will employ a union man. All of my operatives will be required to sign an agreement that they will not belong to a union."

The union strength is estimated at 900 members and has increased by several hundred recently. The union is expected to declare a strike in the coming night, which will affect 3,000 operatives.

President Whaley will issue his ultimatum to work, it is understood, requiring all employees to sign his agreement to leave the union, and will not, moreover, recognize any union. The names are also signed to the pledge. The police are guarding the mills to night to prevent dynamiting.

**Red Hot From the Gun**  
Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the civil ear. It caused horrible ulcers that are now being helped for 20 years. Then Buckner's Arctic Salve cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin eruptions, Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by W. P. Hall, Druggist.

Despondent and desperate over a love affair, Allen G. Cox, an Atlanta negro barber, committed suicide Tuesday by cutting his throat with a razor, in the presence of his sweetheart.

The Southern train from Danville to Richmond, Va., ran into a washout near Danville Tuesday morning and two coaches were tossed over and rolled down an embankment. Ten passengers were hurt, but none seriously.

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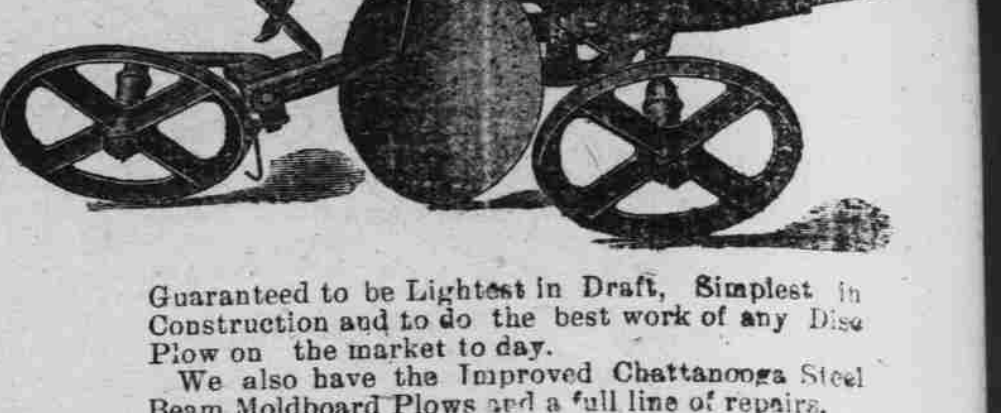
**Sale of Land**  
By authority of an order of the Superior Court of Iredell county to be directed in a special proceeding entitled G. W. Clegg, administrator of E. B. Walden, against C. C. Walden and others for the purpose of making assets with which to pay the charges of administration, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder at the court house door in Statesville, N. C., on Monday, SEPT. 23, 1901.

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Statesville, N. C.  
This school will open September 15th and continue 10 months, closing May 25th, 1902. Tuition \$4 per month, board limited.

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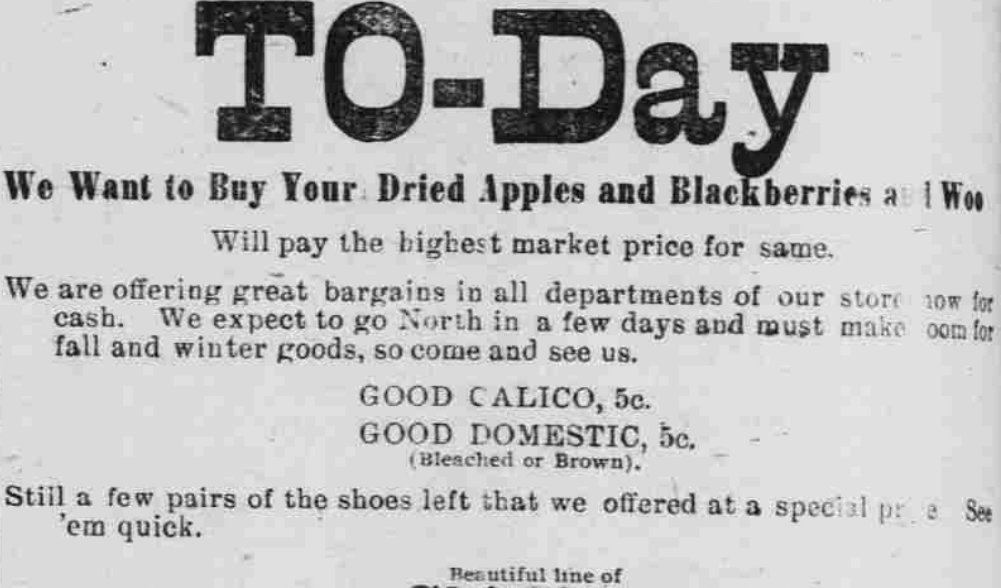
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**Ladies' Tan Oxfords**, " " 2.00, " 1.50  
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**Ladies' Black Kid Oxfords**, pointed toe, regular price, \$2.50 \$3.00, " " 1.00  
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