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LEE H. BATTLE IS ACQUITTED

Hard-Fought and Long-Drawn-Out Case Against the Former Cashier of the Defunct Greensboro Bank Ends With the Verdict of "Not Guilty."

Greensboro, Dec. 4.—The jury in the Lee H. Battle case, which has occupied the attention of the United States district court here for the past two weeks, returned a verdict of not guilty at 10 o'clock this forenoon and the defendant walked out of the court room a free man to resume his place in the world of affairs.

"The jury has agreed" was the message that few minutes before 10 o'clock and there was an instant rush of humanity to the court room. No direct word as to the result had come from the jury room, but there was an indefinable something in the air that foretold a verdict of acquittal. When Foreman Speer stood up and pronounced the words "not guilty" and the other jurors nodded affirmatively to the clerk's stereotyped "So say you all, gentlemen?" the defendant, who had maintained an unshaken nerve throughout the trying ordeal through which he has passed, collapsed and wept like a child.

JUDGE THANKS JURORS.

There was no demonstration when announced, Judge Boyd having previously requested to preserve the decorum of the court, no matter what the verdict might be. In thanking the jurors for their work Judge Boyd spoke felicitously of the outcome of the trial, saying in effect:

"It is apparent that your verdict is in accord with public sentiment. The people of this community are of the opinion that the defendant has committed no wilful or unlawful act. It must be a consoling thought to him and his family that the community has confidence in him and respects him, and the court is glad it is so."

After the jury had been discharged, Mr. Battle was overwhelmed with congratulations, the members of the jury and practically every other person in the court room rustling forward to shake hands with him.

The result of the trial means that there will be no further criminal prosecution in connection with the affairs of the defunct City National bank. Immediately after the verdict had been announced District Attorney Holton stated that the government would take a nol pros in two other indictments that had been brought against Mr. Battle. He stated to The Observer correspondent later that no other indictment will be brought against any one connected with the City National bank so long as he is district attorney.

The Nicaraguan Puzzle.

Yorkville Enquirer,

It is pretty hard to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as to what is best for this country to do with Nicaragua. It is a fact that there are no such things as a stable government in that country and never has been. Americans who go down there and mix in do so principally as adventurers. But at the same time it seems that it is a good idea to make those fellows behave, and we are more than half inclined to hope that the American government will undertake to do this very thing.

I wish to buy 125 Turkeys for Christmas, anyone having turkeys to sell will please see me.

M. R. Long

Kate Puller Entertainment Company at the Auditorium.

ROXBORO, N. C.

Thursday Evening December 16, 1909.

We confidently believe that the people of Roxboro and community will pronounce this to be the swellest number that has appeared here for the past two years. It is impossible to do these people justice by a short news paper ad. We will give just a few comments from those who knew:

MISS PULLER.

Times-Dtspatch—"Her selections were rendered with the matchless grace refinement of this favorite artist.

MISS DAILY.

Charlotte Observer—"Miss Margaret Daily has the sweetest voice ever heard in Charlotte. That beautiful tone—quality like the vibrations of a bell—she has either come by naturally or acquired. She suggests and recalls Christine Nilson! The lamented John Charles McNeill wrote this. I was in Charlotte and heard this young lady sing to 3000 people for a week, and can vouch for the above. R. H. B.

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A Plan to Secure Better Teachers.

Spartanburg Spartan.

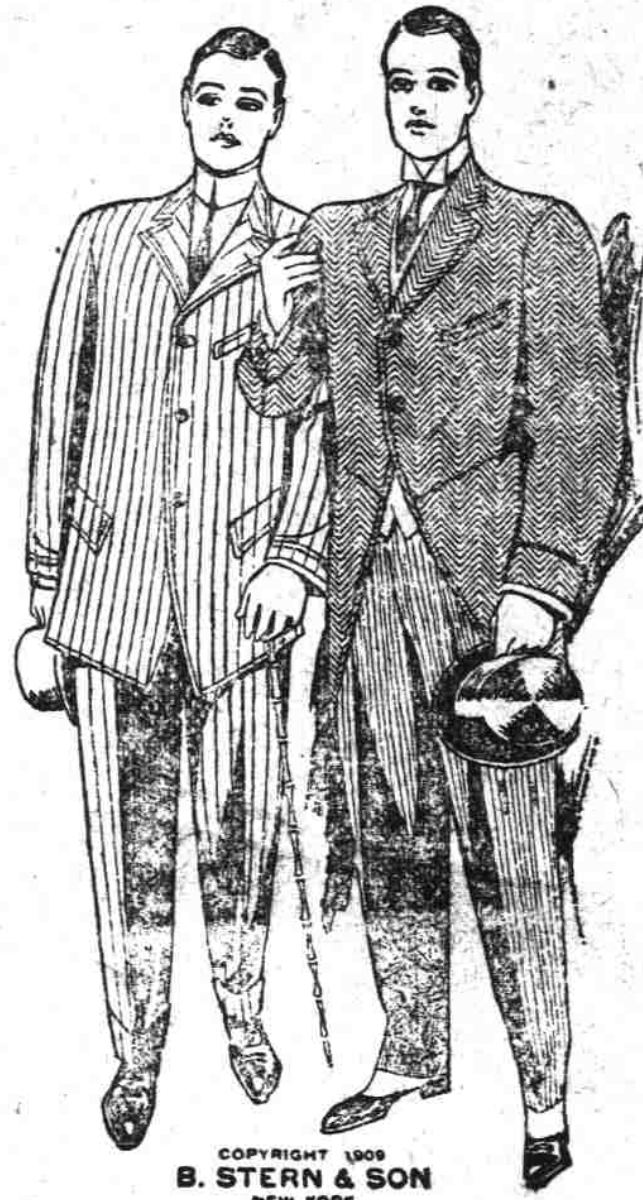
Superintendent of Education Swearingen proposes a plan to obtain better teachers for the public schools of the State. His idea is to create a State board of examiners whose certificate would be good anywhere in the State, instead of a board in each county, as under the present arrangement. Only diplomas from normal schools would be good as teachers' certificates, graduates from other institutions being compelled to stand an examination for a certificate, and the examination would be graded as primary, grammar, and high school.

The plan seems to be a good one, and worthy of consideration by the Legislature. It is certain that some measures are needed to insure better teachers for the children of the State.

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Rocking chairs	Handkerchiefs	Suit cases
Childrens chairs	Collars	Trunks,
Parlor suits	Furs	Rugs
Bedroom suits	Suspenders	Fancy vests
Book cases	Ties	Child's leggings
Costumers	Belt pins	Blankets
Lounges, couches	Stick pins	Down comforts

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