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**F. S. DUFFY.**

### Marriage Announcement.

Mr and Mrs Littleberry LeBeau request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Virginia Anne to Dr Charles Whitington Keel, on the afternoon of Wednesday April sixth nineteen hundred and four at three o'clock Trinity Presb, terian Church New Canton, Va.

If it's a bilious attack, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick recovery is certain. For sale by all druggists.

### Will Build School.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Bern Academy at the Citizens Bank yesterday afternoon, it was decided to build a new school house.

The Board were not only unanimous but enthusiastic over the measure and declared that New Bern should not be behind her sister cities in educational advantages.

The plans submitted by architect H W Simpson were accepted. It will be a handsome two story brick edifice containing four school rooms. It will have every convenience that a modern school requires. The exact location has not been determined.

A committee was appointed to superintend the work which will begin as soon as possible. The exact location has not been determined, but it will, of course be on the green. The expense will be between \$5,500 and \$9,000.

The news of this step will be received with great joy by all who have the thorough education of the young at heart. That there has been a crying need for a new building, for 10, these many years, is a painful fact. The teachers have been seriously handicapped for lack of room and expedients of every sort have been tried to meet the requirements of an ever growing attendance. The Journals join in the general rejoicing over the matter.

### CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J.C. Ayer*

A Novel Railroad.

railroad whose trains never stop throughout their journey is projected in the plans of a Belgian scientist who has recently proposed a new transportation scheme. The plan is decidedly revolutionary and aims to save the time consumed in the case of ordinary railroads in letting off and taking on passengers at stations. The new trains as planned will consist of cars propelled by separate motors and will work, says a writer in Harper's Weekly, in the following manner: "When a station is approached the passengers and baggage for that station are moved into the rear car, which is cut off just before the point is reached. The passengers desirous of boarding the train take their places in a car on a siding at the station, which proceeds to the main track at full speed and catches the passenger train, to which it is coupled and the passengers and baggage transferred. Those for the next station are then received, and in turn the car is duly dropped. The scheme is most fantastic and at present impracticable, yet it must be admitted that many of the elements necessary, such as the separate motors, which can be controlled together or individually, are already developed."

## Woman's Nightmare

pure. The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror. There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either painful or dangerous. The use of **Mother's Friend** so prepares the system for the coming event that it is safely passed without any danger. This great and wonderful remedy is always applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the trying crisis without suffering.

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### Stricken in Court.

There was a tragic ending Thursday of the case of the State vs Jesse L and Will T Kennedy, father and son which has been on trial in Kingston. The men, father and son were on trial for assault with deadly weapon on Edward Hughes a year ago. Jesse Kennedy was on the stand and while giving the court some important information of the assault when he fell to the floor lifeless.

The cause of his death was paralysis superinduced by excitement of the trial.

The case as regards Will T Kennedy, was continued to next term of court.

Triers are putting a new roof on the house of Mr B G Credle.

Some very fine oysters were offered here yesterday, at \$1.00 per bushel from the boats or 40 cents the gallon shucked.

Hackburn and Willett shipped 100 baskets of lettuce of a very fine quality to northern markets via the Neuse yesterday.

A rather unique piece of money was seen here yesterday in the shape of a five dollar bank note on the National Bank of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Spring greens are just beginning to arrive, kale and mustard, these are the first of the season, and were quickly bought up, at 40 cents per peck.

There has been fewer woods fires in this section so far this year than for many years before. It is to be hoped that the forest will escape for the remainder of the season. Fires not only destroy much valuable timber but ruin the ranges for cattle and other live stock.

A certain gentleman who claims to be well informed on dogology said yesterday that the reason that dogs were so fierce now, was because at this season of the year they were afflicted with toothache. If this is so, it would be a good plan to catch them and extract their teeth instead of killing them.

The Sunday School class of Mrs R P Williams, in order to raise money for Easter, will sell hot Pop Corn, and Pop Corn candy, this afternoon at 8:30 o'clock, at her residence 58 South Front St. All children can have the fun of popping the corn. Sold at 5c the pint, candy, penny a stick.

Twenty yelping curs, or other worthless dogs, were counted at one time yesterday on Craven street between Pollock and South Front. No attention seems to be paid to them by the authorities although there is an ordinance regulating the nuisance. People all over town complain that these howling yelping packs make night hideous with their noise. Why is it allowed?

The heated condition of the dry kiln at the Blades Company's mill on Griffith street caused a small blaze yesterday morning at four o'clock. The fire was confined to a small space in the roof and but for the prompt work of the firemen would have created a great deal of damage. The real amount of damage amounted to \$10. The company fully appreciates the good work of the firemen.

### A BLANKET INSULT.

It Was the Cause of the Recent Venezuelan Revolution.

"The Matos revolution, ended in Venezuela by President Castro's victory at Ciudad Bolivar, cost the lives of thousands of men, indirectly caused an international blockade of Venezuela and nearly ruined the country," said an American who recently returned from Caracas. "And what do you think it was caused by? Simply a blanket."

"Matos was the greatest capitalist in the country, the merchant prince of Caracas, a pompous old gentleman, to whom everybody bowed and scraped. He helped to make Castro president, but directly Castro was firmly seated in power Matos among other rich men was faced with a demand for a heavy 'assessment' to pay the victorious soldiers."

"He refused, and Castro promptly sent a file of soldiers to drag him to jail. Castro has a fondness for rough practical jokes, and he told the officer in command to seize Matos in bed and bring him through the streets at night clad only in a blanket. This order was carried out. The merchant prince offered thousands of bolivars for a pair of pants and a jacket, but in vain. The humiliation was terrible, for all the rabble of the town gazed at him."

"After he had languished in jail for awhile Matos wrote to Castro, saying that he now saw his duty to the nation in a clearer light and would be glad to pay the assessment. Castro replied cordially, but regretted that the necessities of the government had increased in the meanwhile, and he was now dejected by having to ask for double the amount."

"Matos paid and then promptly left the country and organized a revolution with the aid of his great wealth. He has told his friends that he would have pardoned the 'holdup' for capitalists are used to that sort of thing in countries like Venezuela, but he could not forget the blanket."—Exchange.

### CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Testimony Given Before Them Yesterday Morning Concerning Boss Cobb's Death.

The Coroner's Jury met in sitting coroner Dr. R D V Jones' office yesterday morning. The jurymen were: Jack Rodman, Guilford Lewis, B D Hamilton, E D Bangert, William Cannon and Ike Powell.

The last two names mentioned were colored men. They were impeached at the time of Cobb's death but no evidence was taken until yesterday morning.

The first witness to be examined was Elijah Slade, a colored man. He said that Cobb and Henry Spencer were talking together at the electric light post at corner of Queen and Rountree streets and he (Slade) was standing a distance of perhaps 10 or 15 feet. As Spencer left Cobb, he was seen to step on a bundle of wire and immediately fell to the ground. He saw sparks of fire come out of the wire. Cobb did not utter a sound after the shock but lived about ten minutes. He saw the coil of wire on the ground after the accident. Said it did not obstruct the sidewalk.

Mr E W Watson, said he saw Cobb just after he had fallen. Thought he was probably some six or seven feet from the post and the coil of wire; he was just breathing when witness saw him. The wire was in a coil on the ground.

He saw sparks of fire issuing from the wire. Did not know the wire was there previous to the accident.

Police officer O Lupton, testified that he went on duty at Five Points Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

He went into Mrs Kate Tillings store to see what the time was, as he had to report. While in the store his attention was called to the fact that a man had just fallen in the street, that a man had received a shock from a live wire.

He ran right to the place and found the man on the ground some five or six feet away. The wire was used as a ladder to supply the electricity for the light at the round house or police booth at the Points. There was no light at the booth because the wire was cut. Dr L Duffy, was called and remained with the man until he died a few minutes later. After the accident the wire was removed.

The coil was the wire broken Tuesday night by a train of cars on the Coast Line road and had been hung high up on the pole.

Mrs Katsina Tillings, who lives with her daughter who keeps a store at the corner of Queen and Rountree streets testified that she saw Cobb, standing up against the post and saw him again after he had fallen but did not see him fall. She told Lupton, to go to the man and try to restore him. She did not know the wire was broken.

Mr Fred Thomas, said he was a trimmer and line man employed by the city. He was notified Thursday night at about eight o'clock that a man had been killed by an electric current and was requested to go up there and cut the wire in order to prevent other similar accidents. He cut the wire which was a secondary incandescent line connecting with the roundhouse. He found the coil on the ground and took and wound it up and tied it around the post. The wire was insulated. There was not sufficient voltage in the current at the time to kill a man as he himself had often received the same voltage. The wire was down on account of an accident Tuesday night March 22nd when a Coast Line train broke the wire. In reply to a question why did he not repair the break seeing it was so dangerous a nature said that he had no orders to do so and he was very busy.

The testimony of Mr J M Harget, Chief of Police was in regard to the manner in which the wire became broken. He said that Tuesday night about 12 o'clock a freight train with a large number of empty cars left New Bern on the Coast Line Railroad. He followed shortly thereafter and just above the frog pond he ran into a tree lying across the sidewalk and noticed two wires on the ground. He placed the wires in the ditch and when he reached Five Points he found officer Bryan, guarding a broken wire leading across to Rountree street that was the wire supplying the light for the round house. Mr Bryan, said he had reported the matter to Fred Thomas who soon appeared on the scene and taking up the live wire had no difficulty in winding it around the pole, fastening it so as to ensure its safety. In fact, he took up the wire and pulled it toward him while the full voltage was on with perfect fearlessness.

He did not even make use of gloves as a good many electricians do. Chief Harget, suggested that the wire be put up at once so that the booth could be lighted but Thomas, said he would tend to that later as it was late and raining and that he did not have his tools with him. The wire was tied around the post so securely that it would be impossible for it to get to the ground, unless some one should have tampered with it. He paid particular attention to see that it was put up well. He went into the office and phoned the Mayor about the trouble and wanted instructions. The Mayor told him that the Coast Line would have to make the repairs good. The chief and Mr Thomas then went to the frog pond and they pulled the fallen tree in the ditch and put the Williams wires also in the ditch but took up the city wires. Relating his testimony on the case of the accident the chief said that he was called there on account of the accident and arrived on the scene shortly after 8 o'clock, when he got there the wires had been cut in order to prevent further accidents.

Mr L H Myers, superintendent of the electric light and water Commission was then put on the stand. He said that he had been an electrician for 16 years and had been superintendent of

the city electric light and water works the accident at McCarthy's store and went to the place. He saw a bunch of no 14 weather proof wire lying on the ground and was told that it was the wire conducting the electricity to the police booth at Five Points the same being on secondary incandescent circuit, in regard to there being sufficient electricity in the wire to kill he said it would depend on both physical and mental condition of the person affected. Dampness often aids in the carrying of the current, and some parts of a man's anatomy are more sensitive to the electrical current than others. After thorough examination Friday morning and in gathering what he could from his assistants it was his judgment that the current could not have been any but what is known as the secondary incandescent had the wire been in contact with the primary incandescent or with the arc circuit it would have emitted flashes and made a noise. Different circuits made different marks on the person. He had not seen the victim so he was unable to tell just what kind of a shock killed the man. He did not know the condition of the wire.

There was no more testimony taken yesterday. The necessity of an autopsy becoming evident the jury agreed to have one made. It was also thought best to have Mr Myers view the body in order to better determine the character of the shock.

Dr J L Rhem conducted the autopsy yesterday but reserved the result of his investigation until the jury makes its verdict.

The jury adjourned until 11 a m today when more testimony will be heard.

### THE INQUEST CONTINUED.

Last of the Evidence Taken on the Boss Cobb Case.

The Coroner's Jury met again yesterday morning at the office of Dr Jones and continued hearing evidence in the case of Boss Cobb, the man who met his death by a shock of electricity Thursday night.

Dr Rhem was the first witness called. He gave his report of the autopsy taken by him. His official statement was to the effect that he found the body of the deceased well nourished and the muscular portions in good condition. Burns on the middle finger and palm of the right hand gave the only evidence of contact with the live wire. All organs of the body were in normal condition. There was no trace of any disease. Death, in his opinion was caused by an electric shock. From the position on the burns referred to Dr Rhem thought that Cobb grasped the wire reaching above his head.

Dr Whitley said he saw the deceased. He was dead when he got to him. Made an examination of his body and noticed the burns on the hands. He thought there might have been a possibility that the wire could have been pulled down to the ground by the weight of the man's body.

Dr Lester Duffy testified that he went to the man in response to a call for medical aid. The man was dead when he arrived about five minutes later. He made an examination of the man's body except to ascertain that he was dead.

Mr L H Myers, took the witness stand again and gave his report as to what he had developed from an examination of the man's body. He saw but the two burns on the hand. Both were made by the same contact and at the same time. The burns appear to have been made by a common bare electric wire which was charged with a low voltage current. The position of the hand when grasping the wire was evidently above the head of the witness. If death was caused by the electric current alone producing contractions arresting respiration and circulation that the deceased was reaching in a strain that would throw the weight of the body on the left foot; for if the current did not pass from right to left near the organs of respiration and circulation through the left leg to the ground the circuit would not have been completed so as to prove either serious or fatal. For if in grasping the wire the right foot had been on the ground the effect would have been a superficial contraction only of the right arm and leg. The electric current takes the easiest and most direct path to the ground.

Arthur Collins stated that he had seen Cobb about ten minutes before. He said Cobb leaned against the post on the opposite side to the coil of wire. Saw he electric sparks from the wire burst the post. He heard nothing of any be or dare as to the handling of the wire.

Willie Williams, the brother-in-law of the deceased said that he saw the man lying on the ground and identifying him, tried to restore him.

The evidence having been completed, after considering the same the jury gave the following verdict:

"We this coroner's jury empaneled on March 24, 1904, after hearing the evidence of the causes of the death of one Boss Cobb, who died on the night of March 24, 1904, respectfully render the following verdict. That death was due to direct contact with a live electric wire belonging to the electric light system of the City of New Bern."

JACK RODMAN, foreman  
GUILFORD LEWIS  
B D HAMILTON,  
E D BANGERT,  
ISAAC POWELL,  
WILLIAM CANNON.

### CASTORIA.

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Actions Speak Louder Than Words.

Mr. William Alden Smith, representative in congress from the Grand Rapids (Mich.) district, was once defendant's attorney at a trial on a criminal charge. The complaining witness was known to be of bad reputation. Mr. Smith naturally made the most of that fact.

One of his witnesses was a stalwart blacksmith. This blacksmith had a venerable figure, a conspicuous feature of which was a long white beard falling upon his broad chest.

"Do you know the family of the complaining witness in this trial?" asked Attorney Smith.

"I do," replied the blacksmith in stolid tones.

"What is their reputation—good or bad?"

"Bad." In the same stolid tones.

The prosecuting attorney, to whom the witness was promptly handed over, was counted a clever man at cross examination.

"Haven't you had trouble with the father of the complaining witness?" he inquired in exultant but impressive manner.

"No," replied the blacksmith deliberately. "No."

"No trouble at all?"

"Nothing of much importance."

"Ah, there was something?"

"I accused him of stealing a bell of my brindle cow."

"And he denied it, didn't he?"

"Yes," replied the blacksmith of the venerable beard, "but he brought the bell back next day."

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs W Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by C D Bradham, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

A Misquoted Proverb.

Perhaps no English proverb or proverbial phrase is more frequently misquoted than the one that speaks of hitting a nail on the head. Unthinking people almost always say the "right nail," which is absurd. The joinder who hit the wrong nail would be a "duffer." Indeed, but an expert hand may now and then hit his nail otherwise than fairly on the head.—Notes and Queries.

The Exasperated Article.

Swipes looking over bill of fare at cheap restaurant—"Boneless chicken." "What's that? Muzzey—Ye blame fool, don't chicken with the rabbit bones all picked out on it!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Man's Mother's Thought.

"Do you think she is a suitable match for your son, Mrs Bagstock?"

"Oh, no; but then I suppose he must marry somebody."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### AN IMPORTANT ARREST

Officer Bryan Made one of Especial Importance in New Bern.

Disease is insidious in its attack, no disease more insidious than kidney disease. Before you know it is there, it has taken possession of your back and is making your life miserable—an unwelcome tenant of your frame. It must be arrested in time. A New Bern patrolman will tell you how he did it.

A L Bryan, officer in the police department residing at 123 East Front St., says:

"My back was so bad that when I got down on the bed I could scarcely get up. There was no strength in my back and it ached all over. I thought I had rheumatism. The kidney secretions were dark colored and full of sediment. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and procured a box at Bradham's Pharmacy and used it. The very first dose helped me and after finishing the first box I bought a second. The pain in my back disappeared and I was stronger and better in every way. I am grateful for what this remedy did for me and you are welcome to use my name as an endorser of its claims."

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4,000 yards of Hamburg that we can sell you from 4 to 35c.

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### J. O. Baxter, To Perfect Land Title.

NORTH CAROLINA IN SUPERIOR Jones County COURT.

F. P. Koonce and Orpha Koonce vs L. F. Swain and D. M. Blandford

NOTICE.

The defendant D. M. Blandford above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Jones County to perfect the title to a certain parcel of timber (Juniper) situated on land lying in Trenton Township in said County, and to correct a mistake in a conveyance from plaintiffs to defendant D. M. Blandford, in reference to said Juniper timber, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the superior court of said County to be held on the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday in March 1904 at the court house of said County in Trenton, 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.

This 2nd day of March, 1904.

J B COLLINS,  
Clerk Superior court,  
Of Jones County

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