

The Evening Dispatch.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

In Sloan & Sweeney vs Mrs. Etta Hart Suit

The Plaintiffs Were Awarded \$373.31 by the Jury Which Decided the Questions at Issue—Suit Was Brought for Recovery of Damages on Account of Failure to Deliver Store—Suit of Griffith Bros. vs. W. A. Willson, Jr., Started.

Today's session of the Superior Court for the trial of civil cases was featured with a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the suit of Sloan & Sweeney against Mrs. Etta Hart, a fully a day had been occupied in hearing the questions at issue and the beginning of a suit brought by the firm of Griffith Bros. against Mr. W. A. Willson, Jr.

After considering the matter fully an hour the jury in the Sloan & Sweeney suit against Mrs. Hart awarded damages in the sum of \$373.31 in favor of the plaintiffs. At the opening of court today the arguments in the case were started, all the evidence having been concluded at yesterday's session. The attorneys for the plaintiffs were Meares & Ruark, and for the defendants, John D. Bellamy & Son. Strong speeches were made by the different lawyers and the case went to the jury at 11:30 a. m. After deliberating an hour, the jury brought in the verdict announced above. The suit was an action on account of the fact that the plaintiffs were not given possession of a store on Front street at the time agreed upon, and in reaching the verdict the jury found that the plaintiffs had been damaged, and to the extent of the amount named.

As soon as the above mentioned case was given to the jury the court immediately entered upon the hearing of the Griffith Bros. against W. A. Willson, Jr., suit. This is an action for the recovery of \$120 alleged to be due on contract. The attorneys are Walter P. Gafford, Esq., for the plaintiffs, and A. G. Ricard, Esq., and Herbert McClammy, Esq., for the defendant.

The jury selected to decide upon the issues of the controversy is as follows: Messrs. J. Fred Russ, Jas. A. Northam, Greene Fenley, J. M. Woodard, D. E. Bass, T. T. Malpass, H. F. Wilder, Sam Bordeaux, H. W. Howard, W. C. Smith and T. P. Sykes. Court adjourned at 1 o'clock for the dinner recess, and it is probable that the entire afternoon session will be consumed with the hearing of the suit. The case of D. M. Gregg vs. S. J. Slight and the A. C. L. was continued.

INTERESTING REPORT

To the Effect That Turkey is Prepared to Fight. London, Oct. 14.—The Constantinople correspondent of an evening paper writes that Turkey has completed the mobilization of her army and is now ready for any move that Bulgaria may make. The foreign office here gives little credence to the report, saying it would take several weeks to prepare the Turkish army for fight.

13 YEAR DRUNK

Is Cause for Divorce as Presented by Wife. Laporte, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Anna Miller, the wife of a wealthy farmer, has filed an action for divorce, claiming as grounds for action that her husband has been drunk for thirteen years. He began drinking to celebrate the marriage and has not been sober since. The unusual allegation will be fully supported by evidence.

DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL

When Refused Strong Drink and Death Ensues. Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—Refused intoxicating drink by a saloon keeper, Frank M. Reese, patent attorney is dead, as a result of drinking wood alcohol which he took as substitute for whiskey. He was a son of Jacob Reese who was closely identified with Andrew Carnegie in the steel industry.

AWFUL DISASTER

Fire in a Mine and it is Feared 100 Have Perished. Kalmisshuette, Oct. 14.—Fire broke out this morning in one of the galleries of the colliery here in which over one hundred men were working. Relief parties were quickly organized and within an hour eighteen dead bodies were brought to the surface. The mine is 350 feet deep and it is feared all have perished.

WILL BE MARRIED

Miss Ethel May Cheek, the Attractive Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cheek, and Mr. William Tucker Farris, Both of This City, Will be United in Wedlock This Afternoon at 5:30 O'clock at the Residence of the Bride's Parents, on North Fourth Street.

A quiet, but nevertheless exceedingly pretty home wedding will transpire this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, No. 20 North Fourth street, when Miss Ethel May Cheek, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cheek, will be united in marriage to Mr. William Tucker Farris, a well known young business man of this city. The ceremony will be of interest to many friends of the contracting couple in Wilmington and elsewhere, a number of invitations having been issued for the pleasant marital event.

The ceremony will be performed in front of an improvised altar, and the parlors have been very tastily and prettily decorated for the wedding with ferns, southern, smilax, potted plants and cut flowers of various description. The wedding will be in the form of a tableau, and the officiating minister will be Rev. Fred D. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect will have as her maid of honor, her sister, Miss Eloise Cheek, and the Dame of Honor will be Mrs. John Hardy LeGwin. The bridesmaids will be Misses Lula Orrell and Lillian Davis. The groom-elect will have as his best man, his friend, Mr. Harry Newland, and the ushers will be Messrs. W. A. McGirt and Thomas King.

The bride will be attired in a handsome tailor made traveling suit, with hat to match and her attendants will all wear gowns of white French nainsook.

After the ceremony has been concluded, Mr. Farris and his charming bride-to-be will receive the hurried congratulations of their assembled friends at a brief reception. Mrs. L. H. Partin and Mrs. D. T. Hopkins will preside at the punch bowl during the reception.

After receiving the hearty felicitations of those assembled, the happy couple will be driven to the Atlantic Coast Line station, from whence they will depart on their honeymoon tour. They will remain out of the city for about two weeks, and during their absence will visit a number of points of interest in the north, among which will be Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends at No. 119 Ann street.

The bride-elect is a young lady whose lovable disposition and many charming traits of character serve to endear her to all within the circle of her acquaintance. The groom-elect is a well known and prominent young business man, and he and his fair bride-to-be, will have the heartiest and best wishes of all who know them for a long and happy journey through life together.

MARRIED THIS AFTERNOON.

Miss Effie Montford the Bride of Mr. V. V. Haynie, of Charlotte.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated this afternoon at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. R. H. Hewlett, No. 417 North Sixth street, by Rev. Fred D. Hale, the contracting parties being Miss Effie Montford, the daughter of Mr. B. S. Montford, and Mr. V. V. Haynie, a popular young hotel man of Charlotte. The bride was attired in a handsome blue traveling suit, with hat to match. Little Miss Mary Huey acted as ring bearer. After receiving the congratulations of assembled friends, Mr. and Mrs. Haynie left on the afternoon train for Asheville, where they will spend their honeymoon. After October 25th they will be at home to their friends at the Selywn Hotel, in Charlotte.

INDEPENDENCE PARTY

Will Form a Local Association This Evening.

Mr. F. E. Shober, of New York, organizer of the Independence Party, extends a cordial invitation to the voters of the city to attend the meeting tonight at which a branch association of the party will be formed. The meeting will be held at 8:30 o'clock in the old Germania Hall on Front, between Dock and Orange streets. Former Congressman J. M. Howard, of Alabama, and Mr. Shober will deliver addresses this evening.

Yacht Club Meeting

The annual meeting of the Atlantic Yacht Club was held last night, with an enthusiastic attendance of members. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, J. H. Davis; vice president, F. E. Hashagen; secretary and treasurer, E. Schulken.

New York, Oct. 14.—The stock market opened with advances ranging from 1-4 to 1-2 in important issues, with Union Pacific leading with a gain of 5-8.

PROBABLY CUT TO DEATH

Gaston Moore Slashed Quincey Lewis

In an Altercation Between the Two Negroes at the Hilton Lumber Company Plant This Morning—Cutting Said to Have Been Done in Self-defence—Wounded Negro at the Hospital—Will Hardly Recover.

Another homicide will probably be added to New Hanover county's list of tragedies as a result of a cutting affair about 11 o'clock today at the Hilton Lumber Company's plant in the northern section of the city, in which Quincey Lewis, a young negro, was fearfully cut in the neck, and probably fatally wounded by Gaston Moore. Moore made his escape after the cutting and at last accounts had not been apprehended. Lewis was carried to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the ambulance and it is hardly believed that he will be able to survive the effects of his horrible wound.

From the evidence in the matter as gained from bystanders it appears that Moore did the cutting in self-defence and to protect himself. It seems that he and Lewis were quarrelling and the latter started at Moore. Moore retreated, and Lewis struck him on the head three times with a heavy stick he is said to have had in his hands. Moore broke into a run when he found that Lewis intended to strike him with the stick, and at the third blow the stick broke. Moore then had run a short distance, and it is stated he turned to protect himself, drew his knife and made a lunge at his assailant. The weapon embedded itself in Lewis' neck in the back, and at the base of the head, and was brought around to the middle of the throat in front, inflicting a horrible wound about two inches deep. Lewis fell to the ground bleeding profusely, and his assailant hastily made his escape, going into Brunswick county across the Hilton bridge.

Information concerning the altercation was telephoned to Sheriff S. P. Cowan at the court house, and he summoned Constable W. B. Savage, both going to the scene of the affair with the county bloodhounds. After an examination of the surroundings it was deemed useless to try to trail the fleeing negro with the dog, and therefore no attempt was made to do so.

On account of the nature of the wound received by Lewis, it is hardly probable that he will be able to recover from its effects.

MR. HOWARD HERRICK.

General Press Representative of Thomas Dixon, Jr., a Wilmington Visitor Today.

Mr. Howard Herrick, general press representative of Thomas Dixon's great play "The Traitor" which will appear in this city next week, was a visitor to the city today. Mr. Herrick is now a native of New York city, but he is originally a Tar Heel, and as such, he is a worthy representative of the Old North State. Mr. Herrick was formerly editor of the Wilson Times, and the Martin County Sun, and in 1896 he was a delegate to the great convention at Chicago, which gave Bryan his first nomination for the presidency.

In speaking of Mr. Dixon's new play Mr. Herrick said:

"The Traitor" is even more of a sensational success than was its predecessor, "The Clansman." In Norfolk, Richmond, Lynchburg and other Virginia cities the enthusiasm which greeted the play was unbounded. Theatres have been crowded to their utmost capacity and hundreds of people have been turned away at every performance. In many cases all of the seats have been sold a week before the play date. In all of the North Carolina cities, which I have visited there has been more talk about "The Traitor" than about the presidential contest.

PARISH RECEPTION

Given by the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Last night a very enjoyable Parish Reception was given by the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd to the members of the congregation at the Good Shepherd Hall, Sixth and Queen streets. Quite a number of the members were present, and a goodly company of younger members contributed no small part of the entertainment by their jolly singing.

The occasion afforded a very pleasant opportunity to bring together the members in a social gathering and every one enjoyed the pleasant evening. During the course of the reception cake and cream were served.

TWO MEN INJURED

By the collapse of a Large Wall This Morning at the Filtration Plant Being Erected for the Use of Residents at Carolina Heights—The Injured Men Are Laborers, and They Were Removed to the Hospital, Where Their Injuries Are Being Treated.

As a result of the collapse of a high cement wall recently erected at the filtration plant being installed for the use of the residents at Carolina Heights, about a half mile from the suburb in the vicinity of the rock quarry, Tom Brown and Albert Green, two negro laborers, were caught beneath the falling debris and seriously but not fatally injured. The men were removed to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the ambulance, which was summoned shortly after the accident occurred, and here they are being given the necessary attention.

The cause of the collapse of the wall has not yet been ascertained. The contract for the erection of the filtration plant is held by DeRosset & O'Brien. The filtration plant covers a considerable area and the wall which fell was composed of a concrete mixture of cement, sand and rocks. The section of wall which collapsed is on the east side of the plant, and is about ten feet high, twenty-five feet long, and six or eight inches thick.

The collapse occurred without the slightest warning to a number of laborers who were working at the foot of the wall, but fortunately only two men were near enough to be caught by the falling mass of concrete. Brown and Green, the two men who were injured, were working at opposite ends of the wall and both were pinned to the ground by the heavy mass which imprisoned them. The other laborers immediately formed themselves into a rescue band and by dint of hard work soon succeeded in freeing the two men from their dangerous position.

The accident of today will interfere in no manner with the continued erection of the plant. The removal of the large mass of debris was commenced shortly after the collapse occurred and the wall will be immediately replaced.

FOOTBALL GAME

Between the University and Davidson College Elevens Will be Played Here Saturday.

Much interest is being manifested in the approaching football contest to be played here Saturday afternoon between the teams representing the University of North Carolina and Davidson College. The pig skin chasers will arrive early Saturday morning and throughout the day, the streets of Wilmington will resound with the strange cry of typical college yells, a sound which has rarely been heard here.

It is too early to predict which of the two teams will be victorious, and as the institutions are old athletic rivals, the fight for supremacy will be well worth witnessing. The general admission fee for the game will be 50 cents. Advance sale of tickets will begin this afternoon at DeRosset's and Gerkens.

A number of former university students are planning to give the two teams an oyster roast at Wrightsville Beach immediately after the game.

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JOINT POLITICAL DEBATE

Will be Held at the Court House Tomorrow Evening.

A joint political debate will be held in this city tomorrow evening, and as it will be the first occasion when Democrat has been pitted against Republican here, the novelty of the event will undoubtedly serve to draw a large assemblage. The rival speakers will be Hon. Hannibal L. Godwin, Democratic Candidate to succeed himself from this Congressional District, and Col. A. H. Slocumb, of Fayetteville, the Republican nominee. The debate will be held at the county court house, and will be started at 8 o'clock.

Copies Received.

Copies of a pamphlet entitled, "Pilgrimage to Old Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island" have been received in this city. The publication was edited by Rev. Thos. F. Noy, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in this city, and may be secured from him at the nominal rate of 15 cents per copy. The pamphlet is illustrated with a wealth of pictures, and will be a valuable reference tract.

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