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If you miss a copy of THE GAZETTE you couldn't please us better than by calling it that and making the air blue about it. It is our business to keep GAZETTE matters straight and we want to do it.

THEY MEAN TO RESIST.

Of four hundred druggists in the State less than twenty have paid the fifty dollar state license mentioned in last week's paper. From all sections came reports that the lawyers, doctors, dentists, and boarding-house keepers are in a frame of mind against paying the taxes laid upon them by the meddlesome legislature that flocked into Raleigh last winter.

It is stated that Congressman Linney paid his lawyer's tax of ten dollars under protest and declared his belief that the act could not stand, inasmuch as it had never been ratified.

We don't care how loud the howling wazes. The people are beginning to feel the devilment perpetrated by the crowd for whom they let down the bars last year. The druggists and lawyers, and doctors, and dentists, and boarding-house keepers and the public school teachers make a strong combination, and if they make up their minds to raise thunder about the assault with intent to commit robbery which the last Legislature perpetrated upon them, why, thunder will be raised and there'll be a liberal admixture of lighting along with it, too.

Let them raise it.

What do the professional men, and hotel proprietors, and teachers of Gaston county think of that legislative crowd anyhow?

The item which we copy below from the Statesville *Landmark*'s correspondence has lots more of sense and reason in it than the average stuff that comes from the free coinage people.

"If silver advocates can find nothing better to do than to denounce the old leaders of the Democratic party, they, for the good of the cause, should say and write nothing.

While I believe in the free coinage of silver, there is an issue of far greater importance to North Carolinians than that. Let us above everything else regain the control of our own state government. Let us kick over-board no such gallant fighters as Matthew W. Ransom."

TAXES ON CORPORATIONS.

They Must Pay on What They Have Not and May Never Have.

Statesville Landmark.

Section 36 of the revenue act provides that "on each and every private business corporation (railroads, banks and insurance companies excepted) a franchise tax in proportion to the amount of its capital stock" shall be levied according to a graduated scale, to-wit: On corporations having a capital stock of $25,000 or less, $5; over $25,000 and less than $50,000, $10; over $50,000 and less than $100,000, $25; over $100,000 and less than $250,000, $50, etc. And this section of the act further says: "By the terms of 'capital stock' in this section is meant the authorized amount of capital stock fixed by the corporation charter, or by the stockholders pursuant to the powers granted in said charter, whether the said capital stock has been issued by the corporations and is outstanding or not."

This means that all corporations whose charters provide for an amount of capital stock greater than that paid in will have to pay tax on the amount named in the charter whether one-half one-third or one-fourth of such amount has been paid in. It simply amounts to taxing the majority of private corporations on what they have not and may never have. For instance, if the charter of a corporation provides that the capital stock be $25,000 with the privilege of increasing to $50,000 or $100,000 (and most all charters provide for an increase whether or not the increase is ever made) then the corporation must pay tax, not $25,000—the actual amount paid in—but on $50,000 or $100,000 as the case may be, whether or not the capital stock is ever increased to this amount. That this is a rank injustice all fair-minded people will, we think, concede. There is no fairness in it.

Look.

Wilmington Messenger.

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MURDER AT HUNTERSVILLE.

HELD HIS WIFE IN HIS ARMS AND SHOT HER.

Full Particulars of the Shocking Affair—The Murder's Statement—Jealousy and Weakness—The Version of Relatives.

Last Sunday's Charlotte *Observer* contained a full account of the horrible wife murder at Huntersville on last Friday. John Sims, the murderer, was seen at the jail and gave an account of the dreadful affair.

SIMS' STATEMENT.

"I was on my way home from the low grounds and had a 'square' in my hand which I had used in measuring a ditch. It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I had to pass a field along the roadside where a lot of young men were at work cutting wheat. They were Ben Barnett, Grant Stewart, Arthur and Will Alexander. They were near the road and hollered at me, asking me what I was doing with the square, at the same time using some bad language. Will Alexander spoke up and said 'you had better 'square' things right now.' I became incensed at what the boys had said, and said to Alexander: 'Come out in the big road and you and I will fight it out here, and if you are afraid to come let any of the gang come and I will 'square' things.'

"The boys stepped out into the road and Will Alexander said he was ready to meet me. At this juncture I ran to my house, about 30 yards away, and got my pistol and was returning where the boys were when they, the boys, began throwing rocks at me. When I had gotten near them Will Alexander spoke and said: 'Go on back to work and put your old pistol up. I am not afraid of you or your pistol either.' I said: 'I am not afraid either.' Alexander again said: 'Shoot if you dare; come out in the road and I'll fight you, and picked up a rock and advanced and threw it at me. He was about 30 yards away from me when he threw the rock. I pulled my pistol from my pocket and ran toward Alexander and fired two shots. The second shot entered the face under the left eye, or at least it looked that way to me. I was sure I had killed Alexander, and the next thought that entered my mind was

MY WIFE.

"I could not think of going to jail and leaving her. I turned and ran toward the house. My wife was out at the road, about ten steps from the house, talking to John and Jim Johnston, who had passed the field where the fracas occurred. I suppose they were talking about what had occurred between me and the boys. When I got near where my wife was she screamed and said, 'Oh, John, don't shoot,' and ran to the cotton field near the house. I ran after her with pistol in hand, and when I was about 30 yards from her, fired. She wheeled and fell. I thought I had killed her, but after examining her closely I saw that the shot only took effect in her hand. While I was preparing to shoot her again she never spoke, but lay as if she were dead. I placed the pistol to her forehead and fired while she was lying senseless on the ground.

"I turned and went back to where the Johnston's were standing, and said to them: 'I killed my darling wife, and will go at once and give myself up. Before leaving for Huntersville I went back to the field and kissed my wife and said, 'darling, meet me in Heaven.

LOVED HIS WIFE.

When asked what he meant by killing his wife, Sims said he couldn't bear the idea of being hung and leaving his wife behind; that he dearly loved her and they had always gotten along together nicely, with the exception of one or two little quarrels they had had, and they didn't amount to anything. His wife was always good to him and treated him kindly on all occasions. He said, further, no family troubles whatever led him to the rash act.

Sims was married four months ago to Sarah Martin, the woman he murdered. She was 18 years old last May. She is the daughter of J. C. Martin, who lives near Caldwell's Station, on the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad. Sims will be 25 years old to-morrow. His weight is about 160 pounds. He has sandy hair and mustache, and has a very good countenance.

ASKS FOR PRAYERS.

His last words to the reporter were that "he had given up everything and expected to be hanged, and that his only hope was to meet his wife in Heaven." He made a request that the good people pray for him, and that the preachers visit him and pray with him. He seemed perfectly sane, and when asked if he had ever had any mental trouble, replied that he had not. He said he let his temper get away with him when he shot Alexander, for which he was sorry, and that he hoped God would forgive him for what he had done.

FACTS LEARNED BY DR. WILDER.

Dr. Wilder, who, as mentioned in yesterday's *Observer*, went to Huntersville Friday night, returned last night.

The facts in the terrible affair, as gathered by him from eye witnesses were these: Sims' wife had a child about a year old, which it seems was a bone of contention between them. He knew her past history before he married her, but the presence of the child seemed a constant reminder, and he was suspicious and jealous accordingly. He wanted the child sent away. She said if the child went she would go too. He was passionately devoted to his wife. She had on one occasion unthoughtedly told him of some improper remarks made to her by John Ewart. Sims went to see Ewart, but he was not at home. Ewart on returning went to Sims, and the three met. Mrs. Sims took back what she had said, and a fuss was thus prevented. She had lived a perfectly proper and circumspect life since her marriage, and Sims really had no cause for jealousy, but he seems to have been devoured by it.

Friday afternoon Sims went down to measure some ditching for Mr. Hilbrook. He had a "square" in his hand when he passed some young men in the field. Barnett asked him if he was "squaring things." Sims got offended. He went back to the house and began chopping cotton by his wife, she being employed to chop by the day. They were on the hill on which was their house.

Sims and his wife had some conversation when he suddenly dropped his hoe and went horridly to the house. He got his pistol and came back by his wife. She begged him not to go down where the boys were, saying to him: "Don't go, Mr. Sims; you will get into trouble."

He went, however, and asked Barnett if he meant anything by what he said about "squaring." Barnett assured him that he did not.

Will Alexander spoke up and said: "If you've got any work to do you had better go and do it." Sims turned round and faced Alexander. Alexander went forward to meet him. Sims put his hand in his hip pocket to draw his pistol. As he did so Alexander threw a rock at him, but failed to hit him. Sims aimed his pistol at Alexander and fired. Seeing the blood on Alexander's face he thought he had killed him, and he ran back where his wife was. He must have told her, it is thought, in their conversation before he went down to where the men were, that he meant to kill Barnett, and probably her, for when she saw him running towards her she picked up her child and ran. She put the child down, however, and ran across the field to the road.

Three young white men were passing in a wagon. She begged them to save her. One of them made two attempts to do so, but Sims raised his revolver and said he would kill the first man who interfered. Two negroes were also standing by in the field. He terrified them with his threats, and they made no effort to save the terror-stricken, doomed woman.

THE MURDER.

Sims overtook his wife. He caught her in his arms, and held her head down in his left arm, against his bosom, pushing her bonnet back as he did so. She plead with him to spare her life, not to kill her, but the demon of jealousy and anger had possession of him, and in an instant he placed the revolver to the side of her head and fired. She had thrown up her hands, and the ball went through her hand, breaking the knuckle of the little finger, and burning the nit she had on.

The ball entered above the ear on the left side of the head, passed through the brain, killing the woman instantly. Sims let his wife fall to the ground. He then shot at her again, as she lay dead before him. He failed in his aim the second time. He left the dead woman on the ground with her brains oozing out. He then went back to where the men were and said he had killed his darling wife. He returned to his wife's inanimate form, and kissed her twice. He then went to Huntersville and gave himself up.

A PECULIAR DISPOSITION.

Sim's mother, Dr. Wilder says, is greatly distressed over the loss of her daughter-in-law, to whom she was devotedly attached. She says her son was always peculiar, and she has always anticipated some trouble like this. He was never satisfied, but was always unhappy, discontented and suspicious. He took offence at imaginary slights and was often full of resentment. His redeeming trait was his honesty. He would pay a debt, come what may.

INQUEST.

The coroner's inquest was held yesterday morning. The verdict was that deceased came to her death from a bullet wound from a pistol in the hands of John Sims. The pistol was a double action Smith & Wesson. Four bullets were fired. The fifth was in the pistol. The supposition is that Sims intended to kill his wife, and then himself, but after killing her, his heart failed him.

THE MURDERED WOMAN.

Dr. Wilder describes Mrs. Sims as about 5 feet 6 inches, a brunette, not a pretty woman, strictly speaking, but a handsome woman. Her remains were taken to her old home yesterday, above Huntersville, and interred.

Sims is a member of Ramah church (Presbyterian).

ALEXANDER BETTER.

Alexander was not as badly wounded as supposed. The ball entered his nose went through the jaw and lodged under the ear. It has not yet been extracted.

Sims said yesterday that he had been feeling for several weeks like something dreadful was going to happen to him. The feeling he had, he said, he couldn't explain, but he knew some trouble was going to befall him.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Sims told Mr. Brown, of Huntersville, that he got a bottle of morphine when he was in Charlotte three weeks ago, and that one day he took a teaspoonful in order to kill himself. He drank so much whiskey, however, that it made him sick and he threw the morphine up. He told Mr. Brown to look on a certain shelf in his house and he would find the bottle. It was found and was half empty, showing that besides the teaspoonful, he had taken other doses, which led to the supposition that besides drinking he was addicted to the morphine habit.

Equal Conditions Impossible.

Mont co Enquirer.

Some people are more easily satisfied than others. Agur of old prayed, "Give me neither poverty nor riches," and a very good prayer it was too. An old philosopher has said: "Our possessions should be like our shoes, if too small, they will gall and pinch us, but if too large, they will cause us to stumble and trip." But this nonsensical talk of an equal distribution of wealth is one of the most insane ideas that ever entered into the head of a man. If it were possible to give every human being on the globe exactly the same amount of money and exactly the same valuation of real estate, there would not be an equal distribution in the full sense of that term, for men are constituted so differently. Their capacities of possession and enjoyment are so different that equalization is an impossibility. A tub was large enough for Diogenes and he was contented in it, but a world was too little for Alexander.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

A Deficiency of Over Forty Million Dollars—Due Largely to the Elimination of the Income Tax from the Revenues.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The fiscal year 1894—95 ended to-day and from official and semi-official figures, obtained at the Treasury Department, which will vary more than $250,000 either way from the figures finally announced, the Government receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year can be stated.

The receipts are as follows: 1894-95, $312,500,000; 1893-94, $297,722,019; 1892-93, $386,819,628.

The expenditures for the same year are as follows: 1894-95, $356,000,000; 1893-94, $367,595,279; 1892-93, $383,477,954.

The deficit for the past two fiscal years were as follows: 1894-95, $43,500,000; 1893-4, $69,803,260.

For the year 1892-3, the excess of receipts over revenue amounted to only $2,394,674. Prior to that year there had been an excess in receipts over expenditures for every fiscal year since 1865, the lowest excess in all those years up to 1892-3 having been in the year 1874, when the receipts exceeded the expenditures by only two millions, three hundred and forty-four thousand, eight hundred and eighty-two dollars.

For the present fiscal year ended to-day, Secretary Carlisle on Dec. 3rd, 1894, estimates that the deficiency would be $90,000,000. As shown by the official figures this estimate was more than $23,000,000 out of the way, due largely to the elimination of the income tax from revenue. Had the House bill with sugar, iron, and coal placed on the free list, become a law, the actual deficit would have been over $63,000,000.

On February 2nd, 1895, Secretary Carlisle in an estimate furnished to Congress, stated that for the calendar year 1895, the surplus revenue over expenditures would amount to $22,563,023. Six months of this period have now passed and the deficit for this six months is $16,760,000.

Assistant Secretary Curtis in a published statement estimated that the deficit up to December 1st, 1895, would be $35,000,000. This estimate was made after the income tax had been declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. It was based upon the increased appropriations made by the last Congress, which go into effect July 1st, and which include five million dollars for the sugar bounty and increased interest charges on account of the several bonds issued aggregating $162,400,000. For this month of July, which begins Monday it is estimated by the Treasury if receipts continue normal, that the expenditures will exceed the receipts by about $12,000,000 to $13,000,000, July being an interest paying month and the payments on account of pensions being also especially heavy. For the month of June just ended the receipts have exceeded the expenditures by nearly $2,000,000 the first month since last August when this has been done.

CHERRYVILLE NEWS.

Good Stands and Good Crops—Mr. Burke's Only Child is Dead—New Buildings in Town—Other Items of Interest.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, July 1—The heaviest rain of the season fell here this (Monday) evening.

Crop prospects are unusually bright and farmers wear a contented look.

Wheat threshing has commenced. I am told that the crop is an excellent one.

Mr. M. M. Burke lost his only child, (a son,) on the 24th inst., aged about one and a half years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. George and the body laid to rest in the Lutheran churchyard in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Sallie Summit, an aged lady near town, is lying very low and not expected to live.

Mr. Andrew Moore is building a cottage in the northern portion of town and Mr. S. S. Mauney is erecting a large house in the southern part.

Mr. J. M. Rhodes has just completed a nice office at the factory.

Several people from here went on the excursion to Chester. They report a time—well, such as they do not wish again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGinnis went to Dallas to day on a business trip.

Messrs. W. T. Dellinger and J. R. Houser went to Lincolnton to-day to attend a land sale.

The bicycle craze has hit us. Six or eight of the boys have mounted and can be seen taking a spin around town almost every evening.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson of Shelby preached a most excellent sermon in the Methodist church here last Sunday night.

HERE AND THERE.

Mostly About the Movements of Hill People.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

GASTONIA, July 2.—Mr. C. W. Ballard has moved here from Rock Hill to work in the old mill.

Mr. Anderson Davis has left the Modena Mills and gone to his home in Lincoln county. His hands will work on a while and board at the Modena.

Mr. Abel Kale, of Mt. Holly, has accepted a position in the Gastonia cotton mill as spinning room overseer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGinn's baby is very low, but there are hopes of its recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willett have a very sick child at the Modena.

Mrs. Ed. Wells has gone to Mt. Holly to see her mother who is low with typhoid fever.

Chapter from Experience.

Charlotte Observer

The experience of every county that has ever tried the experiment of county convict road building has found it to be an immense success.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its astonishing promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost instantly. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by Costner & Kistler Brothers, Gastonia, N. C.

WITHOUT FOOD 37 DAYS.

That's the Fix Mr. Kiser's Hen Got in—More News of Good Crops—Rev. M. C. Arrowood "in his Own County"—Missionary Quilting at Mr. Rob White's—Personal Items.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

OLD FURNACE, July 3—Wheat-threshing and laying-by occupies the attention of our farmers at the present. Some machines will start this week.

Drummers are coming to see us now regularly, showing their fall and winter goods. They are a clever and busy set of men.

Messrs. Lester and Marvin, and Misses Ila and Lula Self of Lincoln county, visited their sister, Mrs. John J. Hoyle last week.

Mrs. Register Ormand and children, of Dallas are visiting relatives around Old Furnace.

The latest news from our aunt, Mrs. Lucinda Roberts, of Cherokee is that she is somewhat better. Her many friends will rejoice to hear this.

Rev. M. C. Arrowood has been visiting his old home for the past few days. He preached last Sunday morning at Long Creek church and in the afternoon at Hog Hill school-house. Mr. Arrowood has also been to see his brother, John, at Rutherfordton. We are glad to know his brother is some better. He has been paralyzed for some time.

Mr. R. M. Kiser, foreman of the carpenter work at Cherokee Factory has been off a couple of days taking vacation.

Miss Maggie Gamble, of All Healing, begins a subscription school at Little Salem on the 8th inst. and Miss Ila Self of Lincoln county one, at Sunny Side, on the 15th inst.

Mr. Michael Kiser tells us that he has at his home a hen that has been confined under his house for 37 days without food or water. She got under there on ascension day, May 23rd, and he found her last Saturday June 29. She was unable to stand or hold her head up; eats a little. He says he is going to try to raise her. There are circumstances connected with the affair that makes him remember it distinctly. He had missed her, but thought she was dead. We can vouch for the above as Mr. Kiser is a truthful man.

Two "missionary quilts," one by the young folks and the other by the older ones, are to be quilted at Hon. R. A. White's on the glorious fourth. All take their dinners and make a picnic. It is under the auspices of the ladies missionary society of Long Creek church.

Mr. J. J. Pennington and wife, of near Shelby, are on an extended visit to his mother's.

Rev. J. A. Hoyle preached the funeral of Mrs. S. Canley in Concord church last Sunday to a large congregation. It was an able effort. Mr. S. Canley and Mr. and Mrs. Pisto Ross, of Fallston, and other relatives of the deceased from Ia and around Gastonia attended the services.

Tax-lister Kiser is in Dallas a few days this week on business.

MET A MOST TRAGIC DEATH.

A Two-Year Old Child Killed by a Passenger Train Near Cary.

Raleigh News and Observer.

That was a sad accident that happened near Cary Sunday afternoon—one of the tearful tragedies of innocent child-life

As the train was speeding along over the glistening rails at a tremendous rate, engineer Niemyer saw ahead of him something white fluttering in the wind. It was on the left-hand side of the road bed, just outside the track, and in the distance looked like a newspaper. There was no sign of impending danger. The train scudded along and the rails made a merry chant beneath the flying wheels.

But soon what seemed a shapeless mass of paper begun to take the form and face of a laughing rosy cheeked boy of two years. In an instant the engine was reversed, the air brakes were applied and the faithful engineer had done all in his power to save a human life—but in vain.

With slackened speed the engine slid along the track towards its unsuspecting victim. The child still sat between the rills like a charmed thing, laughing in glee at the huge monster creeping upon it but the steam cylinder struck the curly head and all was still.

The train stopped and the dead child mangled and bleeding lay upon the embankment. He was taken into the house of its father, Mr. Thomas A. Jones, who lived only a few yards from the track, and the bright Sabbath closed for that household in darkness and mourning.

The little fellow, it seems, had left home in the morning with the other children to attend Sunday school. When the services ended his companions went to a neighbor's house near by to play, and sent the little fellow home alone along the railway track, with the above fatal result.

The track where the accident occurred goes down a steep grade, and the train breasting the up-grade just ahead comes down it at tremendous speed.

It was just as the train had started down the grade that the engineer first saw the white dress of the child, and supposed it to be a newspaper.

SUNDAY MAILS.

Greenwood, S. C., is in the Agony this Time.

The Greenwood correspondence of the Greenville (S. C.,) *News* has this item about a state of mind the people are in:

"A petition is being circulated among the patrons of this post office to do away with the opening and distribution of Sunday mails but it is hardly possible that such a movement will be operative and being a central point the traveling men find it convenient to get their mail here on Sunday. No doubt the department at Washington will be promptly advised in the matter should the petition prevail, and those who wish to get the mail will be given the opportunity of doing so.

Morton and Carlisle.

Walter Wellman's Washington letter.

Now that Gresham is gone, President Cleveland likes for his outing companions Carlisle and Morton. The secretary of agriculture is a crack story teller and besides he can be induced to take a drink now and then which Carlisle can't.

NOTICE.

I WANT every man and woman in the United States interested in the Opium and Whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga. Box 365, and one will be sent you free.

ITEMS OF NEWS

Bicyclers are forbidden to ride on any of the sidewalks in Statesville.

Statesville closes its business houses to day and everybody gets off to picnics.

Prince Bismark, the great Ex-Chancellor is critically ill, having taken no solid food for a week.

Pineville taxlister reports about $4,000 in cash returned in his township and about 600 hogs, so the Charlotte *News* learns.

President Cleveland has written Tammany a Fourth of July letter touching on the financial, commercial and political situation.

Reports from the Northwest says that a week or ten days more of pretty weather will give one of the most bountiful wheat crops ever seen.

Professor Thomas H. Huxley, the distinguished naturalist and evolutionist of England, is dead. He was born in May, 1825, and had, therefore, just passed his seventieth year.

Mr. I. M. Meekins, a student at Wake Forest College won the orator's medal in the contest at the Teacher's Assembly. Mr. Plato Durham, of King's Mountain, received honorable mention.

The Charlotte *Penny Post* says that Messrs Mellon and Shelton have rented the store occupied by Baruch's wholesale department and will have their clothing business ready for the trade in September.

Bar silver, says *Dun's*, ruled heavy and slightly lower than last week on larger offerings from our Western producers. The market closed Friday at 66¼. The week's exports $742,303, imports $19,541. Gold exports $12,525, imports 30,676.

H. Baruch, the great dry goods man of Charlotte has failed. His wholesale and retail stores passed into the hands of a receiver last Monday. The failure was caused by the pressure of New York creditors at a time when he was unable to meet the claims.

Josiah Turner is at work on two books to be given to the public as soon as possible. The first is "Orange County and its Great Men," the second "Josiah Turner Personal Recollections of His own Times." It may be expected that these will be racy books.

The Statesville *Landmark* learns that in a neighboring township the dog question has displaced silver as a topic of conversation. A citizen is on the war path trying to kill every dog he can get a bead on and is, for this weather, supplying ample excitement for the neighborhood.

A Shelby special to the Charlotte *Observer* says that Creighton Gettys, the slayer of Phillip Baker, at Jones' distillery, Cleveland county, some four months ago, and who has been a fugitive from justice, surrendered himself to the sheriff last Saturday morning at daybreak. His attorneys will endeavor to have him released by writ of habeas corpus.

Here is an item from the local columns of the Raleigh *News & Observer* in which Gaston county people will be more or less interested: "Mr. Frank I. Osborne, Attorney General, arrived yesterday from Charlotte where he has been oblivious of the law in his attention to the lady. The little daughter is about a month old, and is the joy of the household."

Near Spartanburg last Friday morning there was a fatal shooting affray caused by some constables halting a moon-shine wagon. Two North Carolinians, Jack Fisher and Bill Durham who were in the wagon were killed. One constable also was killed and the other shot through the lungs. Investigation showed that the constables on opposite sides of the wagon shot each other. The moonshiners had weapons but none of the chambers were empty. They had not shot at all.

Mr. Jas. Jurney a storekeeper and gauger in Iredell was killed by a runaway horse last Friday night. He was wrestling at the still and got his head hurt on a stone. Whiskey was given to revive him. He was placed in his cart and started home. Early Saturday morning his people heard his horse neigh. They found horse and cart in the oat field. Jurney was hanging from the cart, head down, dead. His head was fearfully mangled. The *Landmark* says there was no suspicion of foul play.

LEXINGTON MURDER TRIAL.

The Defence Scores a Victory on the First Point.

The Shemwell-Payne murder trial is in progress this week in Lexington. Judge Boykin presides. The lawyers for the prosecution are: Benj. Long, Judge Montgomery, Jas. E. Body, Walser and Williams. For the defence, Judge R. F. Armfield, C. B. Watson, R. Z. Linney, T. C. Robbins, T. C. Buxton and Raper & Pickens.

The prosecution asked a removal on the grounds that Shemwell's friends had so worked up public sentiment in his behalf that an impartial jury could not be found to try the case. The defence filed counter affidavits. This point occupied the court about one day. After deliberation Judge Boykin declined to entertain the motion for a removal. He saw no reason for believing that a fair trial could not be had in Davidson county.

Linney Protests.

Taylorsville Cor. Statesville Landmark.

R. Z. Linney paid his license tax under protest. He does not think the act will stand, as it was never ratified.

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ALEXANDER POPS FALL OUT.

Little Bill Teague, of Fragrant Memory, Uses Senator White.

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All is not well in the camp of the enemy. There is a tincture of blood on the face of the moon. Our Populistic leaders, maddened by their own methods and dissatisfied with their own doings, have fallen out among themselves and are laying for each other's scalp. A certian man of valor, to-wit: one Wm. W. Teague, who was formerly wont to wear the bell and lead the procession, and explain the object of meetings, and go to the Omaha convention on borrowed funds, and who, for various and sundry irregularities was relegated to the rear, and forced to gallop in the common ranks, and deprived of his three-eyed peacock feather and stripped of his "yaller" jacket, has instituted an action of debt against Senator White, ostensibly for the recovery of a small amount of money for services rendered in the last campaign, but really to get even with somebody because he, the said Teague, did not get a better position in the last Legislature, in which body he seems to have cut a very small figure, not getting enough free silver to meet his current expenses and pay his way back to the bosom of his family without being reduced to the humiliating expedient and mortifying contingent of running his face for a five dollar bill, redeemable in gold at the Treasury of the United States. What other and furter private griefs he has, alas! we know not.

As for the defendant. Mr. White, although he was elected by the Populists, he is an honorable man, and will meet his obligations without being forced to do so by the rigor of the law. The trouble with Wilful William and his ilk is that Senator White's course in the last Legislature was too conservative to suit. They find that he opposed certain of their wedded measures and voted with the Democrats on various occasions. He is not the blind partisan that they want and this is a scheme hatched up to eliminate him from their ranks.

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Notice.

The unpaid accounts due estate of J. R. McGinn will be sold to the highest bidder for cash on

Saturday Aug. 3, 1895,

at 1 o'clock p. m. at the public well in Gastonia, N. C. All parties owing said accounts are requested to settle before that date.

A. G. MARGUM, Assignee.

Execution Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court of Gaston county, on

Monday the 5th day of August, 1895,

at the Court house door in Dallas, N. C., I will sell to the highest bidder for cash the lands belonging to D. F. Smyre lying in the town of Gastonia, on Marietta and Fourth streets, which lands are particularly described in a deed recorded in book 15 page 230 of the records of Gaston county.

A. K. LOVEN, Sheriff.

Execution Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court of Gaston county, in a case of Brown Weddington & Co. vs. Caleb Carpenter, on

Monday the 5th day of August, 1895,

at the Court house door in Dallas N. C., I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, twenty acres of land, adjoining the lands of Moses Stroup, B. M. Carpenter et al (for a more detailed description of which, see book 39 page 638 of the records of Gaston county) and also twenty-four acres adjoining the lands of Noah Rudisill, Noah Alexander et al, being the excess over the homestead found in the allotment by J. Kiser, Esq.

A. K. LOVEN, Sheriff.

Execution Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior court of Gaston county, in a case of Rudisill & Aderholdt vs. L. H. Long, on

Monday, the 5th day of August, 1895,

at the Court House door in Dallas, N. C., I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following lands: One-half interest in lots 3 and 4 of H. H. tract, and lot no. 6 of Brown tract as shown in a division of the lands of H. Hoss by M. L. Rudisill, R. M. Berry and M. L. Rudisill commissioners in a proceeding for partition of the said lands, which division is shown in book H, page 548-9 of the records of Gaston county.

A. K. LOVEN, Sheriff.

Execution Sale.

By virtue of an execution to me from the Superior Court of Gaston county in a case of Rudisill & Long vs. C. H. Whitney and Nellie Whitney, on

Monday, the 5th day of August, 1895,

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court house door in Dallas, N. C., lots no. 12 and 13 of Block no. 17 of section 2 of Bessemer City, as shown in a plat of the said town by W. H. Richardson (for a fuller description of the said premises see book 38, page 260 of the records of Gaston county.)

A. K. LOVEN, Sheriff.