

THE WHISKEY SELLER.

THE following is reprinted by request from THE GAZETTE of July 2, 1891, and was published at that time as "an old poem published thirty years ago, the author unknown," so that the poem is now more than fifty years old.—Editor GAZETTE.

Of all the crimes that ever has been done
The sale of whiskey is the greatest sin;
It's caused more misery, pain and woe
Than any other crime we know.

CHORUS—
So get out you whiskey seller,
You've ruined many a clever fellow.
You've caused the children bitter cries;
The tears to stream from mothers' eyes;
You've made the young ones weep for bread,
When hungry they were wont to bed.
You've caused the father to beat his child,
And set its mother almost wild;
When to his drunken excess at night
He's often put them all to flight.
You've robbed the strong man of his strength
And laid him in the road full length,
And left him there to savor and rot
As though you cared not for his lot.
You've robbed the rich man of his wealth,
The healthy man deprived of health;
You've picked the pockets of the poor
And caused them to beg from door to door.
You've robbed the statesman of his brains
And substituted aching pains.
In getting others he is found
Feeling upwards for the ground.
You've stained the monarch's head with mud
You've filled the land with wailing blood;
You've brought some mighty cities low,
And proved some nation's overthrow.
We tell you sir, in your career,
You've filled the world with sin and fear.
You've led the best of men astray,
But for you there's a judgment day.
We ask you now to change your course
Before you're stopped by legal force.
You'd better be persuaded now
For potent laws will make you bow.
If you refuse to be reformed,
By sovereign law you'll soon be stormed.
Then in delirium tremens low
To well-deserved destruction go.

AN AGED PRESSMAN.

"Jackie" Wheaton Celebrates Ninety Second Birthday.
News and Courier 28th.

Yesterday was the 92d birthday of John McPherson Wheaton who is probably the oldest actively employed pressman in the country. Wheaton, who is known as "Jackie," was born in Charleston in 1810 and has passed most of his long career in this city. He is at present employed as a pressman on the Zietung, where he has been for a number of years, and is still considered one of the best pressmen the paper has ever had. Jackie has seen service on the Southern Patriot, the Mercury, the old Courier, and a number of other papers. He ran off the first six numbers of the Daily News when that journal was started in Charleston just after the war and was employed upon the paper for a number of years. Wheaton once upon a time decided to try another line of work and accepted the position of sexton at St. Paul's Church, which place he occupied for a number of years, but finally decided to return to his first love, and has ever since been employed at his old work on the newspapers.

THE CORONATION NEXT MONTH

King Edward will be Crowned Between August 11 and August 15.
London, July 7.—King Edward will be crowned between August 11 and August 15. His recovery has been so rapid and satisfactory that the above decision was arrived at to-day. No official announcement of the fact has yet been made. The pageant through the streets and the ceremony at Westminster Abbey will be much curtailed from the original plan. Their Majesties will drive from Buckingham Palace to the Abbey through the Mall to the White Hall, and thence to the Abbey, the same route as taken at the opening of Parliament.

Carolina Colony Co., Chartered.

The Secretary of State yesterday issued a charter to the Carolina Colony Company of Concord. The capital stock is \$500,000 and the object of the company is to establish colonies in the State. Special mention is made in the charter that the company should have power to own real estate, establish mills and factories of all kinds, erect and maintain public buildings, water-works, electric power plants, sewerage, etc. The incorporators are Edward W. Shedd, J. Herbert Shedd, F. W. Selbert, W. T. Pratt and M. H. Caldwell. Another charter granted was to the Vernon Oil Company of Lattimore, N. C. The incorporators are J. P. Dupingie, W. L. Cotton, W. T. Crowder. The capital stock stock is \$12,000.

Seizure of a Minister.

Shelby, N. C., July 8.—Rev. John T. (Nick) Hoyle killed himself with a rifle yesterday evening near Bellwood, Cleveland county, where he was visiting. His home was at Kings Mountain. He was formerly a Baptist minister but afterward joined the Methodist church, but not the conference. The coroner is now holding an inquest

A WOMAN'S FIGHT.

Ladies of New Orleans Making Strenuous Struggle to Save Sanitary Fund From Hands of Spoil Grubbers.
St. Louis Republic.

All friends of good government and of honest dealing in municipal matters will be in earnest sympathy with the women tax-payers of New Orleans, who are now engaged in a desperate struggle to save a \$14,000,000 fund from spoliation at the hands of political sharpers.

Some three years ago these women tax-payers, who, strange to say, are in the majority in New Orleans, organized a woman's league in the interest of public sanitation and public health, their especial aim being the improvement of the sewerage and drainage system of their city. Through their efforts in the election of 1899 there was voted a special two-mill tax for sewerage and water. This tax on property owners, the women themselves being in the majority in this class, amounted to \$14,000,000, and, under the State Constitution, the tax-payers were given the right to designate their own board to handle and disburse this fund.

Now, however, the politicians of New Orleans are striving to secure this rich plum for gang benefit. They have formulated a bill which has passed the House and is now in the hands of a Senate Committee, and this bill, while recognizing the right of the tax-payers to tax themselves, denies them the right to name those who shall handle the fund thus raised. The claim is made that the State Legislature can change the board or remove it entirely, placing the money in the control of any persons whom it may designate, thus leaving the property owners who taxed themselves helpless at the mercy of spoliators. The women taxpayers of New Orleans are vigorously opposing this attempted violation of right and announce that they will fight the case to the Supreme Court if necessary.

Public sentiment throughout the Union will be heartily enlisted on the side of the women of New Orleans in this significant fight. They certainly have the right of the matter at issue and should ultimately triumph. To the country at large the incident furnishes another illustration of the evils of municipal government under the spoils system and sounds a fresh call for honest and decent citizens to participate in municipal politics.

A Chicken-Eating Mule.

Charlotte Observer, 28th.

"This is to certify that F. O. Landis owns a mule which I work as his tenant; that yesterday the mule ate 15 young chickens, and that the mule has been eating chickens for 15 years to my knowledge." A paper containing these words and signed by a tenant of Mr. Landis' farm at Mangum was brought to Charlotte yesterday by Mr. Landis. "I intended to tell you about the thing and I knew you would think I was a liar unless I had the affidavit," Mr. Landis explained. "I myself saw that mule eating chickens. He is a good mule, willing to work and has no bad habits, but the one strong passion of his life is for chickens. He will just reach out and grab any size chicken, bite it to death and swallow it."

A Fight in the Soldier's Home.

Raleigh Special, 24, to Charlotte Observer.

At the Soldier's Home this morning two of the inmates, James Pittman and Pittman Harris, cousins, from Franklin county, had a fight in which Pittman cut Harris' throat. The injury may prove serious. Harris is in the hospital and Pittman is confined to his quarters until the result of the injury is ascertained. The men, each nearly 70 years of age, quarreled about a lead pencil, which one accused the other of taking. Harris, the larger and stronger of the two, had Pittman down, when the latter in self defense drew his knife and did the cutting. It is the first serious fight of the kind and of course caused quite a sensation among the 90 inmates.

A Record Breaker.

Special to News and Observer, 28th.

Lenoir, N. C. July 6, Mr. J. G. Ballew of Lenoir, is 82 years of age. He has been a justice of the peace (and is still acting) since 1849, continuously. He is a hale hearty, humorous old gentleman and thoroughly knows how to conduct his courts.

HANGED AT SALISBURY.

Fleming and Conley Paid Death Penalty for Their Crimes—Death Instantaneous in Both Cases.
Special to Charlotte Observer, 28th.

Dick Fleming, rapist, and Arch Conley, murderer, paid the penalty of their crimes this morning, both necks breaking at the drop. It was an entirely successful execution and death, or what is death so far as the power to feel is concerned, must have been practically instantaneous. Only a few scarcely perceptible twitchings, the result of reflex muscular action, gave any suggestion of remaining life in either. The drop fell at 10:54 and the attending physicians pronounced Fleming dead at 11:05 and Conley at 11:05½. The bodies were taken down at 11:20 and a careful examination followed. When the black caps were removed by the physicians it was seen that there were present on the faces of the dead men none of the frightful marks left by a death in which even partial strangulation plays a part. Both were composed and natural in their expression. The sheriffs present from other counties in the opinion that the execution had been carried out with signal success and congratulated Sheriff Julian accordingly. Conley's body was placed in a casket provided by his relatives and will be sent by express to them at Owensboro, Ky. Fleming was buried this afternoon at the county home.

MEDAL FOR A. GRAHAM BELL.

Awarded Washingtonian by the London Society of Fine Arts.
Washington Post, 28th.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 7.—The London Society of Fine Arts has awarded to Alexander Graham Bell, of Washington, D. C., its 1902 medal. Mr. Bell, who is here in attendance on the national educational convention, received word of the honor to-night. The decoration is known as the Prince Albert medal and each award requires the concurrence of the Prince of Wales.

Selection is made each year of a person who has distinguished himself in promoting art, manufactures, or commerce. Mr. Bell is the fourth American to receive the medal; Capt. James B. Eads, Thomas A. Edison, and David Edwin Hughes having been selected for the honor heretofore.

A letter conveying an announcement of this year's award followed Dr. Bell from Washington here.

The Sort of Reformatory We Need

Monroe Enquirer.

We believe that a good old-fashioned strapping applied to the back of a young thief will do more reforming than a whole year at a reformatory. The reformatory advocates may harp all they please about reforming the young criminals by reading stories of good little boys to them in expensive quarters and keeping them for months, but when it comes down to cold, solid facts a good whipping is worth more than all your reformatory advocates. "Whipping would be a disgrace to the young criminal." Yes, it is a disgrace, but the young rascal has disgraced himself when he steals or does any other deviltry. We do not care to discuss the matter further for we believe that the great majority of the tax payers of the State are opposed to a reformatory for young criminals, or rather they are opposed to establishing a farm for feeding and schooling young thieves 'coons.'

Apple in Horse's Throat.

Concord, Tybee 7th.

Dr. B. L. Griffin Friday performed a very difficult surgical operation upon a horse belonging to Mr. Luther Cline. An apple about the size of an ordinary hen's egg became lodged in the horse's throat and could not be moved either up or down. The horse was taken to Dr. Griffin, who cut into its throat and successfully removed the apple. The apple was in the horse's throat about twenty-four hours. The horse is getting along all right.

A Joke on the Dogs.

Durham Special to Charlotte Observer.

What was thought to be a bold attempt to commit crime turned out a huge joke on the bloodhounds of Mr. Hudkins. At a late hour Saturday night Mrs. W. H. Caython went to the door and turned in, as she thought, her husband. The man went to a room that is seldom used and she followed to see what he wanted. As she did so she faced a strange man. He was neatly dressed and did not speak a word, only uttered a grunt. Mrs. Caython went to the back part of the house and the intruder left by the front door. Soon after this Mr. Caython returned and when he heard the story he sent for the blood hounds. A great race followed—a race that lasted for many hours and considerable ground was gone over. It now develops that the man who entered the house lived next door and got in there by mistake. After leaving the house he went home and went to bed and did not know that there was a chase until yesterday morning.

The Navy Department has decided to materially decrease the size of the Asiatic squadron.

Very few of the larger vessels will be recalled, but a good many of the smaller ones will be brought home.

JOURNEY TO ENGLAND IN VAIN.

Washington Barber Unable to Present King Edward Lock of Hair.
Washington Post, 28th.

Lewis Butler, a colored barber eighty-two years of age, who lives in this city at 901 E street southwest, has just returned from a trip to London, where he went in the hope of witnessing the coronation of King Edward. Butler was very much disappointed that the coronation had to be postponed, because as he explained, his was a personal mission and he intended to see the King privately, as he had known him years ago.

When his majesty was here in 1861 he on one occasion took a trip from the city down the Potomac River on the mailboat Powhatan, which then ran from Washington to Acquia Creek. Butler who was a steward on the boat, was told that the Prince required his tonorial services. He accordingly decorated his shop in regal style, and when Prince Edward appeared, said very humbly: "Ah invite you to enter ma' shop, sah."

When rather a long lock of the princely hair fell to the floor the barber picked it up, saying he would keep it. "Nobody will believe it came from my head," laughed the Prince.

Butler persisted, however, and placed the hair in a small flat bottle from which, he says, he has never taken it since that day. Upon his majesty's arising to leave the shop, Butler said the time might come when he could show the lock to the Prince in later years. He always carried the bottle in his pocket after that and would allow no one to take it from him.

A month ago he set out for England, having saved enough money at last to allow him to show the King the long-treasured hair. He was, of course, unable to do so, but he still has hopes of making another trip to London, as he says he is sure the King would receive him and accept the hair as a coronation gift.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

May Work a Revolution in Cotton Industry.
Washington Post.

Egyptian cotton is being introduced in Texas and promises to revolutionize the cotton industry in the South," Mr. C. S. Austin of San Antonio, Texas, remarked last night at the Raleigh. "It is much more desirable than the cotton raised in the United States now and is even better than the sea island cotton. The Egyptian cotton has much longer fibre than other cottons and its seed can be removed so easily that it is not necessary to cut up the cotton in ginning it. A series of saws which work between rods is used in ginning ordinary cotton and considerable power is required to tear it loose from its seeds. The Egyptian cotton can be separated from its seed by a series of rollers, which do not cut the cotton and destroy the length of its fibre. The department of agriculture has distributed the new cotton throughout the South and it will soon be known whether the Egyptian product will flourish in all the districts devoted to the raising of cotton."

Granite Falls N. C. Manufacturing Co., has presented to its stockholders an annual report showing a profit of 11 1/2 per cent. A dividend of 6 per cent has been declared, and the remainder carried to surplus.

The ninth week of the anthracite coal strike has passed and the situation seems to be about the same. Several arrests have been made.

York County Items.

Captain Ross, of the Carolina and North-Western, said last Friday night that he handled about 700 passengers during the day on account of the celebration of the Fourth.

The Fourth of July was a quiet day in Yorkville, the only diversions being baseball and a dance arranged by the York Cotton mill operatives for the entertainment of operatives visiting from Rock Hill.

There has been a little flurry in the local cotton market during the past few days. By reference to the market report in another column it will be seen that the figures are materially higher than those last quoted.

After looking into the matter thoroughly through their attorney, the town council concludes that it has a right to require a commutation street tax of \$2.20, and the same has been imposed. The tax is considered necessary.

There were several candidates in Yorkville last Monday, but not a great many. Ordinarily there is a good deal of politics to be seen in Yorkville on the second salesday previous to the primary election; but this time the situation was remarkably quiet.

The teachers in attendance on the state summer school in Rock Hill, are having a great time socially. The young men of Rock Hill are attending pretty regularly in the evenings, taking what they call "campus courses." That means that they are getting special instructions from the teachers on the laws.

Mr. Wash Bowlin said, Monday, that he had been down Fishing creek during the few days previous, looking at the crops. Generally speaking, he said crops looked well where they had been well worked; but much of the cotton has suffered seriously for want of work. "I noticed," said Mr. Bowlin, "as an almost invariable rule, that the largest cotton was to be found on the biggest roads."

The opponents of the special school tax for Hickory Grove district have come forward with another petition for an election for the repeal of the tax. The petition was filed last Monday. The first petition, it will be remembered, did not contain the required number of names; but this time there are names enough and to spare. A meeting of the county board of education will be held this week, and the election will be ordered.

The Enquirer was pleased to receive a call on last Saturday afternoon from Mr. Baxter Johnson, of the Gold Hill neighborhood in Fort Mill township. Mr. John had not been in Yorkville since 1876, when as a boy he visited the town as a member of one of the Red Shirt clubs of his township, and was very much surprised at the substantial growth of what he had heard some people designate as a dead town since he was here 26 years ago.

There have been complaints during the last week that cotton, which has heretofore been looking unusually well for this season, has put on a sickly appearance. The present condition is variously accounted for; but Mr. S. M. Inman gives an explanation that is probably not far from correct. He attributes the trouble to the wind storm of two weeks ago, which spun the cotton around, forced the soil away from the stalks and thus broke the surface roots. He considers the injury quite serious.

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