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CONSPICUOUS FAILURE OF JUSTICE.

Machinery of the Law Breaks Down in Effort to Punish Asheville Bank Officers Who Stole \$264,000 from Their Patrons.

There are so many failures of justice, especially when men of wealth, prominence or influence are charged with offending, that it makes one heart sick to contemplate it.

As a result of investigations by government officers, Breese, Penland and Dickerson were arrested, and later bills were found against them for embezzlement and conspiracy to wreck the bank.

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MAN'S LEG DROPPED OFF.

Comes off at Knee While Nurses Dress It—Doctors Say Patient Will now Recover.

One of the most interesting cases to come under the observation of local physicians is that of Mr. Henry Sykes, of Columbia, N. C., who has been in a critical condition for the past year.

Physicians gave him up, acknowledging the fact that they could do nothing for him further than to give him ease from pain with an opiate.

Thus for a year he has lived, without ever for a moment being placed in a recumbent position, always sitting up in a large arm chair.

Last Friday morning to the astonishment of those who were dressing the diseased leg, it, of its own accord, amputated itself at the knee joint, and dropped off, leaving the remainder of the limb in a healthy condition.

WAR ON JEWS STILL MORE BITTER. Can Stay in St. Petersburg Only Six Months in the Year—An Absurd Report as to President Roosevelt's Intentions.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—It is reported to-day that the Russian government has decided to adopt a strong Anti-Jewish policy. Hereafter all Jews, even the richest merchants, being included, will be allowed to live in St. Petersburg only six months in the year.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

The C. & N. W., railway is painting its depots and other property along its line an orange yellow, which has been adopted as the standard color of the C. & N. W.

There are several applicants for the postmastership at Filtbert, and an appointment will be made in due time. An impression that gained currency to the effect that the office will probably be abolished for lack of somebody to look after the duties of postmaster seems to be without foundation.

The C. & N. W. people are putting in a "Y" at the Victor Cotton Oil mill and will soon be in a position to turn trains at this place. They also have under consideration the enlargement of the depot here so as to accommodate the increasing quantity of freight the railroad is being called upon to handle.

Benjamin Armstrong, well-known throughout York county as a well digger, died at Sharon last Friday at noon as the result of being struck on the head about a week before with a piece of plank in the hands of James Clark, also white.

Dr. E. Frank Darby, son of the late Dr. Darby of the Methodist church, died at his home at Lynchburg, S. C., last Friday night after a short illness. Dr. Darby was born at Paolet during the time his parents resided there while his father was pastor of the Methodist church.

News was received here to-day of the death of Miss Belle Mendenhall, in Charleston yesterday. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. W. M. Mendenhall, formerly of Guthrieville, now of the vicinity of Pineville, and a sister of Messrs. J. B. and C. B. Mendenhall.

Mr. Ware to go to Spencer Mountain Mills.

Mr. J. White Ware, who has been secretary and treasurer of the Craig-Flanigan Harness Co. for some time, has resigned his position here and accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Spencer Mountain Cotton Mills on the south fork of the Catawba river, five miles from Gastonia.

Major Guthrie Told a Story. Ex-Governor Aycock and Maj. W. A. Guthrie, attorney for Dr. J. B. Matthews were eating supper together at the Benbow. Major Guthrie told a story.

He said that one time he was approached by a book agent and upon request to have a few moments time, he had replied that he had no time to waste, that he didn't want any book and wished to be left alone.

"My dear sir, I simply want to ask you," said the agent, "what you would do if there never had been any books printed or sold in the world."

The major chuckled as he gave his reply, "I am afraid my friend," said he, "that I should be driving miles down in Chatham county at fifty cents a day."

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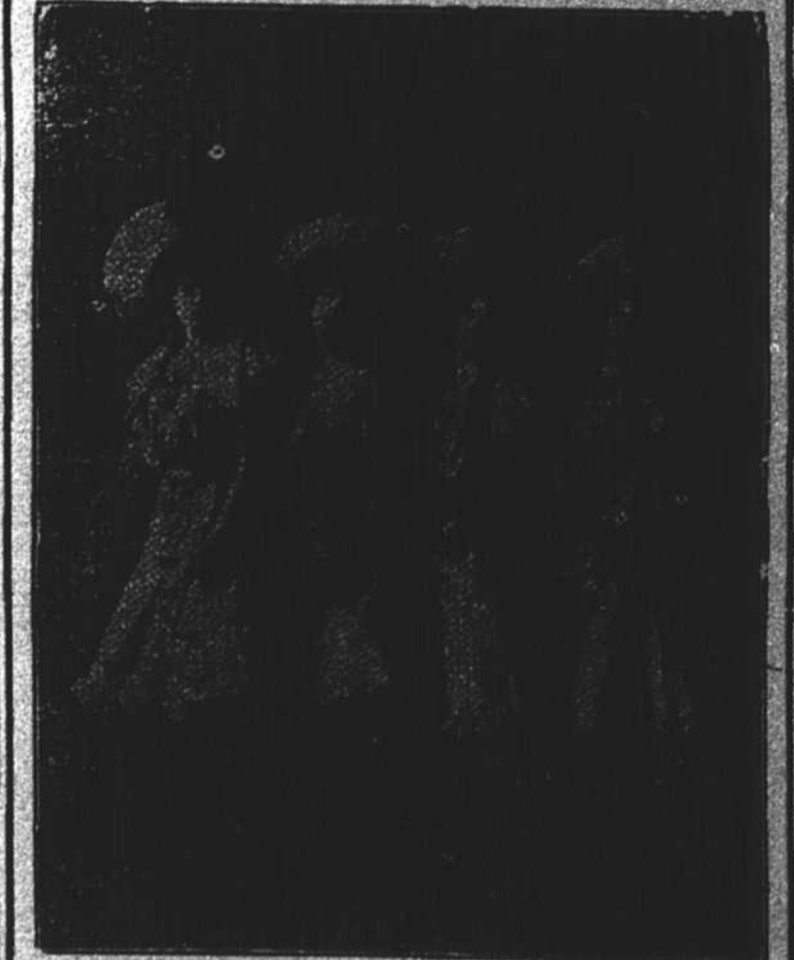
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THREE ANCIENT DEEDS RECORDED.

Their Dates 1833 and 1831—Conveyances Recorded to Clear Title of Property.

Asheville Gazette-News, 12th.

Three ancient deeds were recorded in the office of Register of Deeds Fortune Saturday afternoon. One of them bears date of December 24, 1833, in which Robert W. H. Rutherford conveys to Jesse Morgan, 12 acres of land "in Bancombe" for \$20.

Another deed from Rutherford to Morgan is dated October 24, 1831. By this paper 183 acres of land were sold for \$500.

The third conveyance was dated October, 21, 1831, and disposed of 150 acres of land for \$50. The papers were recorded for the purpose of clearing title to the land. Those connected with the sale have long since been dead, and the present owner was put to no little difficulty in securing some one able to swear to the handwriting of Rutherford. In this the present owner was successful and the deeds are recorded. The papers are yellow with age, although the handwriting is still very distinct.

A Mistake in the Corps Broke up the Funeral Arrangements.

Morganton News-Herald, 8th.

Last week on a roadside near Marion an old negro was found so badly frozen that he died shortly afterwards. Some of the negroes who viewed the body said it was Jim Sisk, of Glen Alpine, who had gone there to work on the new railroad. A message was sent to Jim's people asking what disposition to make of the body. Jim is a member of the "Royal Knights of King David," a negro order, and the members of this order at Glen Alpine asked that the body be shipped home at their expense. The body arrived at Glen Alpine Saturday evening and was taken to Jim Sisk's home. Even Jim's family and near neighbors thought it was the body of Jim, and the "Royal Knights" made preparations to bury him in royal style. But, lo and behold, on Sunday morning someone discovered that the body had too much hair on top of the head for it to be Jim Sisk. After much argument a committee was sent to Marion to see if Jim could be found, and Jim was found sitting by a railroad camp-fire apparently at peace with all the world and entirely ignorant of the trouble at home. He accompanied the committee to Glen Alpine and it is said there was great rejoicing when it was found that Jim was not

dead. Jim's presence was necessary, however, to convince many of those present that the dead man was not Jim, the resemblance being so striking.

Proposed New Passenger Train.

Yorkville Register, 13th.

Col. L. T. Nichols, general manager of the C. & N. W. railroad was in Yorkville yesterday, having come up in his private car and remained over until this morning. On being asked about the prospects of the restoration of the week end passenger train which was run with so much satisfaction to the public during the greater part of last summer, Col. Nichols said that his people had under consideration something even better than this. They have been figuring for some time past on putting this same train on as a daily, with a schedule going south by Yorkville at about nine in the morning and going north at about five in the afternoon. The train has practically been decided upon and about the only obstacle in the way is the possible passage of the Toole bill to reduce railroad fares to two and one-half cents a mile. Col. Nichols says that none of his passenger trains have been more than able to pay expenses at three and three and one-half cents a mile, which latter rate prevails in North Carolina, and while he would feel justified in making an experiment with this proposed new train at three cents, he is rather dubious about the lower figure. This proposed new train would be of tremendous advantage to all York county points and especially to Yorkville.

The Knights and the King.

William Watson, the distinguished author of the official "Coronation Ode" to Edward VII., thus describes the situation between the czar and his Russian subjects in the Daily Chronicle of London: The knights rode up with gifts for the king. And one was a jeweled sword, and one was a suit of golden mail, and one was a golden wand.

The Russian Peasants.

The orthodox peasant is as little accustomed to question governmental as religious questions, holding equally to his faith in God and in the czar, says Herbert H. H. piece in the January Atlantic. If he has heretofore submitted to what he regards as the oppression of the bureaucracy it is because he has seen no way of combating it. Once, however, convinced him that he has rights which by exertion he can obtain, and he becomes a fanatic, pressing on with irresistible force to the attainment of his end, as the recent strikes have demonstrated.