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#### JUDGE LYNCH.

#### Tired of the Law's Delay be Proceeds to Business.

HERMANN, MO, June &-Shorily after midnight Whitney, the murderer of young Burchard, was lynched. The mob numbered about 200. They sur-rounded the jail, guards being stationed with drawn revolvers to keep back the curious crowd attracted by the noise made in beating in the doors of the jail. The julior refused to surrender the keys and axes were brought. Whitney knew the purpose of the assault and trouched upon the flour of his cell, praying fervently, his voice being andi-bies outside. The julior was compelled to tead the way to Whitney's cell which was quickly forced open. A long rope brought by the mob was put round his wais. Half fainting, the doomed man fell of his knews when once in the open air and asked leave to pray again. This was granted, but as he continued too long he was jarked to his feet and dragged through town into the dense HERMANN, MO, June 5 .- Shortly after ged through town into the dense is that covers the bluffs. A dozen of the lynching party warning the pop ninge not to follow and intimidating h by displaying revolvers. It was ex-pected that the court would hold a spe-cial sension to try the accused, but when It was announced yesterday that the trial would go over to the fall term the lignation was general and threats of nching were made. The mob was lite orderly in its b havior. No masks or petrions for changes in school dis-tricts were filed and referred to the county superinter.deat. Ordered, That C. F. Baker, W. L. Klutiz and John S. Henderson be ap-pointed a committee to purchase suita-ble furniture for the use of the court quite orderly in its b havior. No masks were worn and many of the lyochers were recognized. The last seen of Whitney was when he was taken into the woods by the lynchers. When the woods were reached the prisoner was handed over to a doz a masked men. He said his real name was Fisher and not Whitney; that his parents lived in Virginis. He did not know whether he had killed Burchard or not, as he and his partner, named Collier, fired five shots each. He then shook hands with part of the mob bidding them good bye, after which he was strung to a tree. The mob than dispersed. The and jury rooms. Ordered, That Wm. H. White be ap-pointed county student to the Univer-sity of North Carolina. The jury for the July term of the Inferior Court was drawn. Adam M. Brown reported seventeen paupers in the poor house for May. Dr. J. G. Ramsay and others present-ed a patition for a public road in Scotch Irish township, which was laid over until the next regular meeting for fur. good hye, after which he was strung to a tree. The mob than dispersed. The sheriff back charge of the body this in string and the coroner is holding an inquest. Whitney was a desperado of the James strips. He and another out-haw name I Collier, after tubbing sevether information. The sheriff reported twenty-six dol-lars collected from insolvent taxes un-

A Murderer Sentenced to the Peultentiary--Meeting of the County Comsers-Directors and Officers of the New Bank.

SALISBURY ITEMS.

rains, partly

Oursepontence Journal-Observer. Salissuray, June 5, 1883.—The Superior Court took up the State docket yes-terday morning and disposed of the following cases: State vs. John Cousins for A. & B., was found guilty and sentenced to the county fail for two months. State vs. John Cousins, for carrying concealed weapons, was found guilty and judgment was suspended. State vs. Gus Setzer, for assault and battery upon his wife, was found guilty and sentenced to jail for two months and the county commissioners were suthorized to have him out. State vs. John Brown, for murder, was disposed of by allowing the de-fendant to submit to felonious slaying. A number of citizens from various

A number of citizens from various parts of the county came to witness the trial, and when he was sentenced to the trial, and when he was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary great aurprise was expressed at the judgment. The universal opinion of the citizens is that he ought to have had the benefit of the full penalty of the law. After the noon recess the court took up the motion docket to hear the argu-ments in the case of the Commissioners of Guilford vs. W. B. March and others. The case of Jane C. Yokeley vs. W. F. Henderson, executor, moved to this county from Davidson, will be taken up this morning and will be very ably argued for the plaintiff by Meesrs. Wat-son & Glenn and F. C. Robbins, and for the defendant by Meesrs. J. M. Mo-Oorkis and J. M. Leach. The board of county commissioners held their regular meeting yesterday. A number of small allowances to out-side paupers were made, and a number of petitions for changes in school dis-tricts were filed and referred to the

- Attached to the Richmond & Danville passenger train which arrived in the city yesterday, was a United States Fish Commission car, with about 50,000 white shad, en route for Macon, Ga., to stock the streams in that locality.

ed from the mountains yesterday. They agent their time at Mr. L. W. Estas' pond, at Blowing Rock, and say that it is the greatest fishing place in the State.

The Basy Bees Last Night. The lawn at Mrs. Wilkes presented

very animated scene last night, the occasion being the entertainment of the Busy Bee Society. Colored lanterns illuminated the ground and the groups of prettily dressed little ones made the

# A SHOCKING BURDER IN THE

Ir. Joseph G. Sitton, Superintendent of the Maryland and Charlotte Copper Mine, Shot and Killed by Mr. Thes. L. Skields--Alleged Seduction of a flister the Cause-The Slayer Surrenders and is Pot in Jall-An Interview in the Corridor-Two Sides to the Tragedy.

in the city yesterday morning over the news that Mr. Joseph G. Sitton, supernews that Mr. Joseph G. Sitton, super-intendent of the Maryland and Char-lotte copper mine, located in Hopewell township, had been shot and killed by Mr. Thes. L. Shields. The news of the shooting was brought to the city by Mr. Shields himself, who came in and de-livered himself up to the officers, stating that he had killed Sitton, and had come directly to the city to give himself up. Mr. Shields employed Judge Bynum to defend him, and was arraigned before Justice Waring for a preliminary hear-ing. On appearing before the justice, Mr. Shields waived examination and was sent to jail. His only statement made before the justice was that "Sitton seduced my sister, and refused to marry her, and I killed him." The prisoner started out for the jail under escort of deputy sheriff Griffith, followed by an excited crowd, eager to see and hear all that they dould. The reporter visited Mr. Shields a short while after his incarceration in the jail, and found him sitting on a chair in the corridor with his valise and overcoat at his feet. He appeared cool and collected when the reporter entered, and invited us to take a seat. On being told that our mission was to take his statement of the Mr. Sanders caught 148 trout, and is affair, Mr. Shields showed a great re-again the champion. Instance to talk, and for some time fused to make reparation, and I shot

dressed, and was evidently shot while sitting on the side of the bed. Blood was upon the floor, as well as upon the bed clothes. The load from the gun took effect in Mr. Sitton's right temple making a horrible hole, into which a fist could almost be thrust. From the appearance of the wound, it is evident that the muzzle of the gun was in close proximity to the deceased man's head when the shet was fired. Death was of course, instantaneous. There are no witnesses to the shooting, and the evidence that will be adduced in the court house, beyond the testimony of the ac-Considerable excitement was caused

cused, will only be circumstantial. One of the neighbors reports that early in the morning Mr. Sitton was reading a paper in a room on the first floor of Mr. David Shields' house, when Mr. Thos. Shields entered with a shot gun, and asked the deceased to walk up stairs with him. Mr. Sitton got up and companied Mr. Shields, the latter carrying the gun in his hands. When the two reached the room up stairs, Mr. Shields shot him down, locked the door and left for Charlotte. The tragedy is doubly sad by reaso

of the family relations of the parties engaged. A sister of Mr. Sitton married Mr. David L. Shields, brother to the slayer, and it was under this sister's roof that Mr. Sitton was killed. Another sister of the deceased man was married to Rev. D. G.\*Caldwell, of Concord, but who is now pastor of Gilead and Prosperity churches, in this county. The deceased came to Mackienburg several years ago, from Due West,South Carolina, where he was born and raised. For a short while after coming to this county he taught school in the Hopewell neighborhoed, and appeared to gain the respect and confidence of the community, Later, he took charge of the books of the Maryland and Charlotte copper mine, and was for a time would only repeat over and over again that "Sitton seduced my sister, and re-fused to make recently elected superintendent and put in full charge of the mine. A telegram was yesterday sent to the president of the mine, in Baltimore, notifying him of the killing him." Mr. Shields was visibly agitated of the superintendent. Mr. Sitton as he spoke of the shock the occurrence comes from a very respectable family, would be to his aged father and mother. | and was well thought of by the neigh-

### COUNTY AFFAIRS.

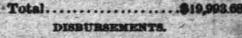
scond Day's Meeting of the Beard of Commissioners--Election of the Cot-ton Weighers Postponed--Trensurer Belk's School Fund Report, Etc. The board of county commissioner atinued their meeting yesterday, for

the discussion of the cotton weigher stion and other matters. They took no action whatever in the matter of the proposed election of four cotton weighers for the city, preferring to have more light on the subject before they act. The question was therefore post-posed for action until the next regular neeting on the first Monday in July. Capt. S. E. Belk, treasurer of the

county school fund, submitted his re-port of receipts and disbursements for the first half school year beginning the 1st Monday in December, 1882, as follows:

### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last re-



Paid teachers of schools for 434.99

Balance on hand 1st Monday June 4, 1883...... 10,432.92

The sheriff was ordered to summon a jury to lay out a public road from Pineville to the Springs place, on the Providence road.

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-We have received a card of invita-

the Laurinburg High School, on Thursday, the 14th. Hon. A. S. Merrimon will deliver the address.

of alsying his father, was found guilty of manslaughter. Judge Shipp sen, tenced him to six months in the county

-The Carolina Central train was delaved an hour at Hamlet yesterday morning, waiting on the train from Raleigh, which had been delayed by the

-Scaffolding was erected around Messrs. Burwell & Springs storehouse, corner of Tryon and Fourth streets, work at building another story to the

-The Charlotte fishing party return-

#### SHOT DOWN IN HIS ROOM. THE CITY. Index to New Advertisements. per à Bro-A fre unvaruished facts COUNTRY.

tion to the commencement exercises of

- W L Boss, the young man on trial at Butherford court last week on charge

engine jumping the track. Nobody was hurt. yesterday, and a force of masons set to

a stores in G seconde county on May attempted to burgfarize the store of suchard & Lokes, in the little town of tern, at which time they shot and tilled young Burchard, a son of one of he proprietors.

#### BARNUN'S CIRCUS BURNED.

Box Acres of Canvas go ap in a Bian and Make a Gorgeous Scene.

Chicano, Jude 5.-When the alarm was given at two o'clock this morning. It was discurvered that Barnum's circus was on fire. The department responded quickly, but before any engines were brought into action the destruction of the main tents was complete. Several streams were played on the blazs, and the fremen succeeded in preventing a spread of the fire to the adjoining canas, under which were the cages of the flid beasts. The flames ran up the canvas to the centre poles in a twinkling, and a gorgeous scene was present ed on the laze front for a few moments Michigan Avenue for blocks being as light as day, while shipping lying in the marbor was clearly outlined. The tugs in the harbor added to the uproar by an mant acreaming of their whistles. The canvas and guy ropes ibeing de-stroyed, the centre poles were precipi-tated to the ground, crushing the private boxes, and carrying the fire in among the reserved seats, causing their

The night watchman in charge of the tents was apprised in time to the hostiers to lead out all of the orses quietly. The wild animals had il been locked up for the night, and as any could not see the flanes, were in no sense panic stricken, although the smell of smoke appeared to excite some of them. The actual loss to the prop-acty is estimated at from \$15,000 to \$16,000, with no insurance, but the interruption of the performances will necessarily increase the loss very con necessarily increase the loss very con-siderably to the showmen. The danvas destroyed covered six scres of ground, and it is claimed to have been the inrgest single ones in the world. The management have a duplicate on band, and in the event of the costumes not being entirely destroyed, expect to throw the show open again to day.

### NO JURY WITHIN THE COUNTY.

Danville Goes to Petersburg for Good and Lawful Hen to Try Dobson, the

Dunppainted Murderer. PETERSBURG, June 5.— Twenty-four jurges have been summoned from this sity, from which tosslect a jury for the trial of W. T. Dobson, at Danville, Va. trial of W. T. Dobson, at Danville, Va. for the murder of a negro mamed Jas. Mead. It was impossible to get a jury at Danville. The case will be called for trial to morrow. Dobson recently insured his life for \$5,000 for the benefit of his wife and children, and that they might get this sum he murdered a be-gro, placed the body in a bouse and set fire to the house that the body might be burned and identified as his (Dod-aun's) but the plan failed.

### A Lively Tume in Dodge City.

sast Chrr. Kasmas. June 5 - This smuch excited over a proclama-which has been gosted up stopping embling. Lake Short, whose ex-os from this place gave it its re-motoristy, is at his place of busi-and is still definit. The probable val of "Bat" Mosierson, another ex-being announced, heavily arme-ties both for and against him pro-ded to the railway station to awal coming. Short announces his d mination to live in the communi-are he has large business interest DODGE CITY, KANHAS. June 5-This where he has large business interes A company of the 45th militis has be

The county superintendent of public astructions filed his claim for nine otal Bank of Salisbury held a meeting esterday, a large majority of the stock tional tainmeut. being represented. They proceeded to the election of a board of directory the election of a board of directory

with the following result: Messrs S. W. Cole, M.T. Holmes, Luke Blackmer, R. J. Holmes, J. Frank Patterson, G. A. Bingham, Kerr Craige, J. D. Gaskill and J. J. Newman. The stockholders then adjourned.

until the next regular meeting for fur-

The board of directors then organ-ized by electing Maj S W. Cole presi-dent, L. H. Foust cashier. The direc-tors propuse to open the bank about July 15'h. This will mark a very important period in the history of our business boom.

#### But Little Disease Among Cattle.

WASHINGTON, June 5.-It is said by the officers of the Department of Agri-culture that hog cholers has been plactically exterminated. Two unsuccess-ful attempts have been made for weeks past to secure virus from infected hogs for experimental purposes. Another post mortem examination of a dow which died in the District of Co-

lumbla has been made by scientists of the Agricultural Bureau. The verdict is that it was a well defined case of plearo pneumonia, but that it was an original case and not one acquired by contagion. The doctors say the number of cases so far discovered in this section of the country have been so few that they have grave doubts of any of them having been brought on by contagion. They say there is no occasion for alarm, that there is less disease among cattle than at many times in the past, but that careful co-operation is needed to pre-

### vent serious consequences.

Row Between "Scabs" and Strikers. DOVER, N. H., June 5 .- Two months DOVER, N. H., June 5.-Two months ago thirty insters in Cloutinau's shoe factory at Farmington, demanded in-creased wages. Their request was re-fused and their places were filled with new men. Bad feeling has existed ever since between the "scale" and the strikers, which culminated last night in a row, during which Wm. Burrows, one of the strikers, was shot and proba-bly fatally wounded. E. A. Lathron and another scab were arrested, charged with the shooting and after threats of

lynching on the part of strikers were lodged in jail. Much excitement prevails.

#### Editor and Printers Sentenced to Imprisonment.

DUBLIN, June 5 .- Edward Harring-DUBLIN, June 5.-Edward Harring-ton, editor of the Kerry Sentinel, and the printer of that paper, have each been sentenced to imprisonment for six months on account of the publics-tion in the office of the Sentinel of a placard inviting persons who wished to join the Invincibles to attand a meet-ing. They will appeal. Two composit-ors on the paper, pleaded guilty to as-sisting in the publication of the placard and were each sentenced to two months imprisonment. Imprisonment.

#### Patal Boiler Explosion.

MEMPHIS, June 5.-By an explosion of the boiler of the pile driver engine on the Memphis and Charleston Railad, near LaGrange, Tenn, yeste agineer Harry Roberts and fir Engineer Harry Roberts and fireman Lee Hauscomb, were killed outright. Tom Farr, a smith, and an engineer named Tom Atkins, were seriously in-jured. Roberts was formerly an engi-meer on the river, and leaves a wife and three children living at Juka, Miss-

Boot Mukers Resumed. CINCINNATI, June 5.-The boot maklawn for the time being look like a picture of fairy land. The Busy Bees were quite liberally patronized and realized a handsome little sum from the enter-

Arm Broken by a Fall From a Wagon. Yesterday morning Robert Smith, a son of Mr. B. N. Smith who was riding on a dray engaged in hauling Barringer & Trotter's goods to their new stand in the Central Hotel building, lost his

balance and tumbled from his seat on the boxes to the pavement. The fall broke one of his arms in two places. The boy was picked up and carried to Jordon's drug slore, where he received the necessary attention from the physicians, after which he was sent to his

#### Splendid Cars From Manchester.

Capt. Pride Jones brought in a new ssenger train on the Richmond & Danville road yesterday afternoon. The cars were turned out from the shops of the Bichmond & Danville Company at Manchester, and are decidedly the finest passenger cars ever seen in this State. The second class car is the equal in elegance and finish of the old first class coaches. The furnishing and finishing of the interior of the cars are simply magnificent, and equal to anything that can be done in a northern car shop.

#### An Important Movement Among the Stockholders of the C., C. & A. Ralltead.

A petition is circulating among the stockholders of the Charlotte, Columbis & Augusta railroad, requesting a called meeting of the stockholders on the 27th of June instant, for the purpose of considering the bonded debt of the road, and by consolidating the debt and increasing the issue \$370,000 to put the road in thorough condition and first class equipment. The plan is proposed to get the road in proper order and let the money, which now goes to annual equipment, go in dividends to the stock-

#### olders. The Davidson College Oratorical Club. The third meeting of the Davidson

College oratorical club was held on last Saturday night and passed off fully as pleasantly as the two former ones. A good sized audience was' present, and the ladies showed their appreciation of the speeches by the number of beautiful bouquets they showered upon the orators. Owing to sickness there were only three speakers and not five as had been expected. But what was wanting in quantity was made up in the quality

of the speeches. The first speaker was W B Grey, of North Carolina. His subject was "Wick-liffe," and in a pleasant manner, easy and self-possessed he portrayed the beauty and strength of character of this Christian hero of the fourteenth

Next came H H Leovy, of Louisia with a speech replets with chaste and beautiful allusions and figures of rhetcricon "The Repulse of the Ottoman." Beginning with the birth of Sobleaki, he told how this Polish hero grew in

id. "but I had to do it." After som little conversation, the reporter succeeded in drawing out Mr. Shields, and he gave his statement about as follows:

"The shooting occurred early in the morning, just after breakfast. Sitton was at the house of my brother, David many friends. H. Shields, who lives near the mine, and but a short distance from my house. I carried my shot gun with ms, and on arriving at my brother's house, last my gun down outside the room in which Sitton was at the time. I went in and found Sitton preparing to leave. He had bundled up his clothing for the

"I knew it would almost kill them." he bors. He was not married. Mr. Shields'

urpose of leaving. I told him that he had seduced my sister, and asked him point blank if he would not make the necessary reparation by marrying her. He replied: 'No, not now.' I begged

him to reconsider and say that he would marry her. He replied: 'I'll not do it -I'll die first.' With that I went outside the door, picked up my gun, and re-gatering the room, shot him down. I took aim at his head, and did not look at him after I fired, but turned immediately and left the room, locking the door after me. As quickly as possible I came on to Charlotte and delivered myself up to the officers. This is all I want to say about it. The killing was justifiable, and I only did what I ought to have done. My father is an old man, and my mother is an old lady, and this thing will almost kill them, but I could not help it. I begged Sitton to marry my sister, whom he had ruined, and he

refused to do it, and I killed him." On being further interviewed, Mr. Shields stated that Sitton was about twice the age of his sister, who is only sixteen years old. He knew that Sitton had been corresponding with her for sometime and saw her frequently. In answer to the question as to when or at what time Sitton had seduced his sister he stated that he did not know-be only knew that Sitton had seduced her. When he started out Tuesday morning to find Sitton, he carried his shot gun with him for the purpose of making Sitton marry the girl, or failing in this purpose, to kill him. He was exceedngly cautious not to give any of the circumstances of the seduction, and as the subject seemed to be so painful to him, the reporter did not press him for a history of the case. He expressed no regret at what he had done and his only ource of solicitude appeared to be for the effect it would have on his family. who were badly broken up by the oc-OUTTODOS. The people in the neighborhood of

the tragedy are greatly stirred over the affair, and numbers of them came to the city to see what disposition would be made of the slayer. Of course there are two sides to the affair and our office was visited several times during the day by neighbors to the murdered man, who desired to relate the other side of who desired to relate the other side of the tragedy, prompted they said, out of a desire to see justice done the fair name of the young girl whom it is alleged Sitton seduced. The girl was questioned by the neighbors immedi-ately after the shooting as to the truth of the alleged seduction and most bit.

amily is one of the known in the county. The slayer has for some time been in the employment of the United States Government as a revenue officer, and has four brothers living, all clover men, and all having

Mr. Jas. Y. Sitton, of Due West, father of the murdered man, was yesterday notified by telegraph of the kill ing. Mr. Sitton's remains will be sent to Due West for burial.

Coroner Smith, in response to sum Abernatby, eleven loads of pine poles for read in Charlette township, \$6.50. mons, arrived in the city yesterday The board adjourned to meet next Monday, 11th instant, when all the real afternoon at four o'clock, and in com pany with Dr. Wilder, the county physician, went to the scene of the murder. which is twelve miles distant from the city, to hold the inquest. Dr. Wilder returned last night about 11 o'clock, but at the time he left the scene the jury

#### Capture of the Forgers and How They Get to Atlanta.

had not decided upon a verdict.

Sheriff Suttles and Mr JT Bostick. of Shelby, have arrested not only Becht lar, but Bechtler's wife, besides R A D Hardin, the Shelby bank robbers and had the whole three in jail at Atlanta Monday evening. The Atlanta Journal after telling of the capture, gives the history of the movements of the forgers from the time they left Shelby, up to the time they were arrested. . It says that after they got the money, "Becht-ler and Hardin cut across the country and directed their steps towards Marion a town sixty miles distant, which they reached the following day. Here they disposed of the \$300 check drawn to the order of - Baker and duly indorsed, for \$200 in cash and \$100 in goods. That night they jumped the town and struck out for Old Fort, a hamlet 14 miles away. There they went to an inn and registered as Ab. Baker and brother. After a short stay they left and went to Asheville, thence to Hendersonville, with the view of coming further South. Hearing that the officers of the law were by this time on their taail, they returned to Ashaville, where they invested is a yellow dog that eventually brought them to grief. From Asheville they took the train to Warm Springs where they rested a short time. then left for Morristown, Tennesse They then came to Atlanta. The offi-cers followed. After reaching this point they took officer Green with them and went to the house of Wm Brown, near Dunwiddy, where they were captured. \$270 was found on the person of Bechtler. His wife was arrested there on a varrant and lodged in jail."

Sheriff Suttles and Mr Bostick arrived in Shelby yesterday with the prison-ers Bechtler and Hardin.

#### Test of Reaving Machines.

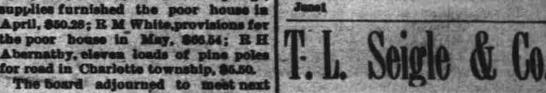
A trial of self-binding reaping ma-chines, arranged some weeks ago to take place on the farm of Mr. R. G. ndrick, in Steel Creek township came off yesterday. By an understand-ing the following machines were to compete: The Deering, sold by Brown & Weddington: McCormick, by J. F.

Sandifer resigned as school committee-SACHET POWDERS men for District No. 55, and J F Hipp, Philip Shull and Louis Cathey were POND LILT TOILET WASEL & appointed in their stead. The board ordered the following pay-

ments to be made by the treasbrer: To John A Young, clerk of Inferior Court, for half fees in insolvent cases, May JØRDAN & CO. П. term, 1883, \$108 95; Burwell & Springs,

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