

### Young Man Kills Himself.

Charlotte Observer.  
Statesville, May 5.—One of the most horrible tragedies in the history of Statesville occurred tonight at eight o'clock when Mr. Haskell Copeland, youngest son of Capt. J. W. Copeland, shot and killed himself at the Copeland home on Walnut street. The shocking news of the terrible affair has spread like wildfire and has cast a gloom over the town. The immediate family of the young man are almost prostrated with grief. They cannot believe the killing was self-destruction and are inclined to feel that it was an accident.

The shooting occurred almost in sight of those of the family who were at the home at the time. Haskell had just returned home from down town a few blocks away and was sitting in the family room of the house with his sisters, Mrs. D. J. Craig and Misses Ellie and Katherine Copeland, when the supper bell rang. All rose to go to the dining room except Haskell. He was sitting in a large chair near the open door leading to the main hall of the house, when one of the sisters insisted on his going to the table he leaned back in the chair and politely refused, stating that he was not feeling well and did not care for supper. The others went on to the dining room and had just seated themselves at the table when a pistol shot rang out. Rushing back they found young Copeland leaning back in the chair with blood gushing from his breast and a pistol in his hands.

### The "Influenced" Voter.

Our Home.  
The Monroe Journal argues well in favor of the purity of the ballot, both in primaries and general election. But the Journal's plea will amount to nothing as long as weak voters use their heads merely for hat pegs and permit "workers" to fix up their tickets at the primary. Any white man who can read ought to be justifiable by law in knocking a man down who insults him by trying to "influence" him at a primary election. And a man who can be "influenced" by a paid worker has about as much use for the ballot as a mule has for mathematics. It is disgusting to a man who does his own thinking and votes for a candidate of his choice, to see a paid worker lead up six voters that can be "influenced" and deposit as many votes against the man who is guided by his conscience and better judgment. If there is some way to choke the paid workers off, it would relieve things wonderfully.

### It Concerns Every man.

Catawba News.  
Do not say it makes no difference to you how the temperance election goes.  
A train killed several passengers recently because engineer was intoxicated. The passengers killed did not drink, and yet the strong drink destroyed their lives. The intoxicated operator turned a train into a block to meet another train causing death and destruction and those injured may never have touched a drop.  
A drunken man may shoot an innocent man who says it makes no difference to him how the election goes. It concerns every man.

Seven out of every ten men who are supporting Carmack and excusing themselves on the ground of this pretended prohibition platform would rather see him elected and the saloons stay as they are than to see Patterson triumph and every saloon wiped out of the State. Insincerity and hypocrisy could be no fouler.—Ex.

### Paupers in Kansas.

Charlotte Evening Chronicle.  
Topeka, Kan., May 5.—Out of the 105 counties which the State of Kansas has within its domains at least fifty have no paupers. In the entire State but 749 paupers are reported, and nearly all these are the overflow of insane and feeble-minded asylums. One half the county poor farms are empty, save for the keeper, who draws his salary and waits for patronage. The State has a population estimated the first of the year at 1,300,000. This means that even at that only about one resident out of every 2,000 is in a poorhouse.

[Kansas has no saloons and hasn't had for years, therefore it has few paupers.—C.]

### Worth Trying.

Editor Home and Farm.  
On March 15, I notice where Mr. J. G. Beasley, Linden, Tenn., asks for information concerning wolves in cow's backs. If you will permit me I will be glad to tell him the simple and effective remedy which I was taught by an Alabama lady after coming to Alabama from the North. All through July and August keep a vessel of salt water, tablespoon to a quart of water, in the stable close at hand, and three or four times a week after the evening milking is done wet the back of the cow all along the backbone thoroughly, and you will have no trouble with wolves in your poor cow's back to cause her suffering. Before I was taught this simple remedy my husband would force the worm to the cavity and remove it, but after I used the salt water I never saw another. Some advice touching the worm with turpentine but that kills it and causes it to decay under the hide and compels those impurities to go in into the system.

### Damage Done by Tornados.

Memphis, Tenn., May 5.—A tornado to-day is reported to have struck Watson, Ark., but as telegraph and telephone wires are down it is impossible to verify the report. Many houses were blown from their foundations at Chickasha, Okla., trees were uprooted and crops destroyed by strong winds. Cold Water, Okla., also was visited by a tornado which wrecked houses. The tornado mowed a path through a village near Paris, injuring several persons and demolishing houses.

### One Dead, Another Dying.

By United Press.  
Jackson, Ky., May 5.—Former Sheriff Ed. Callahan, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee of Breathitt county, is dying today of injuries inflicted yesterday by John Spier, his brother-in-law. Spier was immediately shot to death by Wilson Callahan, the 17-year-old son of the wounded feud leader. The Missouri law of "an eye for an eye," is wiping out the deadly feud clan of bloodly Breasitt, the Kentucky feudal hotbed. Callahan and Judge Hargis, the feud leaders, were close friends and stood by each other in all their troubles. Callahan was running a store. They made monthly settlements and the dispute arose over a settlement.

### Mr. Cleveland Is Recovering.

United Press.  
Lakewood, May 6.—Mrs. Cleveland to-day gave out a statement saying that Mr. Cleveland's health is steadily improving and that he is now on the road to recovery.

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### Revenue Officers Raid Still.

Charlotte Observer.  
Statesville, May 5.—J. O. Warren, white, of Alexander county was brought to Statesville Saturday night and lodged in jail by Revenue officer Blaylock, of Hickory, who arrested him near Hickory Saturday night, for violation of the revenue laws. Warren was tried before United States Commissioner Cowles, of Statesville Sunday and went to jail in default of \$500, where he remained until yesterday, when friends arrived from Alexander and gave bond for him. Warren conveyed a 14-gallon cask of brandy to within three miles of Hickory Saturday night and sold it out in small quantities. After he had emptied the cask he did not destroy the stamp and it was for this offense that he was arrested and committed. Mr. Blaylock arrested Warren soon after the latter had started back to Alexander.

### Night Riders.

Augusta, Ky., May 5.—Twenty-five masked men visited the home of John Sanders at Wellsburg, today, and compelled him to dig up his tobacco plant beds on pain of death. After the beds were destroyed they whipped Sanders until the blood flowed. Then they went to Nelson Cummins' place, and upon his refusal to come out, fired several shells into the house. No one was hurt. The riders then gathered the vehicles of Crawford and set fire to them, after which they visited Leopold Bay and warned him not to plant. They bombarded his house with rocks.

### Ruined by "Sure Thing."

Success Magazine.  
A "sure thing," an "inside tip," has ruined more men than almost anything else. A splendid man committed suicide in New York not long ago because he lost everything on an "inside tip," for which he drew sixteen thousand dollars from the savings banks—every dollar he had in the world. It had taken him many years of careful economy and self-sacrifice to accumulate his little fortune; but it was all lost in one foolish investment.

He thought he was going to make a big fortune; but, instead of that, the stock he bought went down, his margins were completely wiped out, and he found himself penniless.

The recent financial panic brought to light many good illustrations of the possibility of being ruined by a "sure thing." Scores of people who went down, lost money on what they were led to believe were perfectly solid investments that were "sure to win." Thousands of clerks, and many other people, with their small savings, like a flock of sheep, followed the inside tip of some financier who is believed to know what is going to happen, and were ruined. The truth is, even the most level-headed business men and the most astute financiers do not know what is going to happen, as is shown by the fact the many of them were caught and seriously crippled in the late panic.

There are vast multitudes of people living in this country today in poverty, many of them homeless and even without the ordinary necessities, not to speak of the comforts, of life, just because they could not resist the temptation to gamble, to risk enough to make comfortable in some get-rich-quick scheme, which they were told was "sure thing."

April showers go away, and then drop in some other day.

### Men Who Pray in Public

By S. B. U.  
"We have a man in our church," said the talkative citizen, "who thinks the Lord is deaf. It's a fact, judging from his prayers. When he gets laborously to his knees, clears his throat in an audible preparation for action, and begins literally to shout his petitions to the Almighty. There are no minor keys in his scale, it's all in high C. Occasionally, for fear that he will not be heard, he pounds the seat with his fist, or stamps his feet. He wades right through the ear drums of all about him. Yes, he thinks the Lord is deaf. And meantime, his hearers suffer."

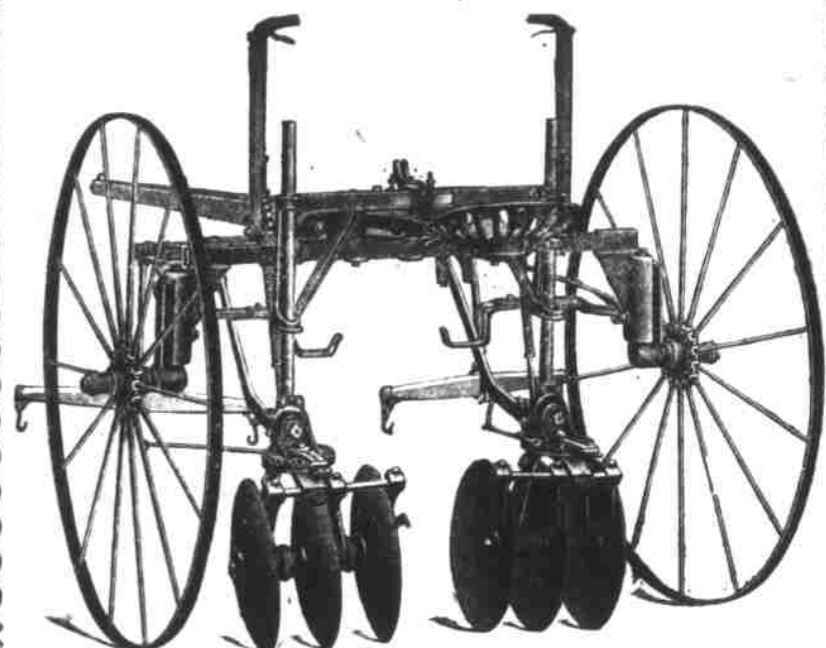
"There is another man who seems to think he is Heaven's information bureau. He launches always into a detailed account of the doings of the community, of the physical, mental and spiritual state of about every man, woman and child in it. He tells the Lord what they all need, and how to bring it to pass. He asks for everything imaginable, first assuring God that it will all be forthcoming. If all his prayers could be literally answered, he would be the most astounded man in seven states."

"There is another whose long suit is meekness. He tells the Lord that he, with all his fellows, is but a poor, weak, frail creature of the dust. He gets down in the dust, presses his face into it. That's all right for an occasional attitude, but I don't believe the good God wants one of his creatures, made in his own image, to lie prone in self-abasement all the time. This man never says anything about the dignity, the high joy, the noble privilege, and the strength of manhood. But he is a good man—and a weak one."

"There is still another whom I sometimes like to hear pray. He doesn't try to see how low on the floor he can get, or how much attention he can attract getting there. He simply slips quietly from his seat and without raising his voice, begins to talk to God for the people. He doesn't think the Lord is deaf, so his voice is well modulated and you can hear him without having your tympanum pierced. He does not think it necessary to recite every detail in the experience of the community—He talks about a few vital needs, expresses in simple but strong language, the thanksgiving of his heart, leaves the whole earth in the hands of God, and gets up. And he has succeeded in producing a spiritual atmosphere in the church that is distinct, almost tangible. And he doesn't call himself a worm of the dust, either; he is a man made in the image of God, and he is proud of it and thankful for it."

And long after the talkative citizen had passed on, this scribbler sat, thinking over his words. He has seen all these types and heard them pray, in various places. He would criticize none of them, even if he were worthy, or able. They are all good men, sincerely pious. But he has his choice among them. Who has not?

Ex-Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, now editor of a paper in that State which he calls the Issue, has recently expressed the opinion in his journal that he does "not believe there was a member of that court [the Supreme Court of the United States] who did not know at the time he decided the case [the Minnesota and North Carolina case] that he was violating his oath and the constitution." That is to say, eight of the nine members of the court perjured themselves. It is an unfortunate section that has to bear the approbrium of both Vardaman and Jeff Davis.—Charlotte Observer.



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