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Mecklenburg's Court House.

Charlotte Chronicle.
 On Tuesday afternoon, January 19th, 1909, we visited the court house of Mecklenburg county, a building in which the entire citizenship of this county should feel especial pride.

On our right, as we mounted the amber-bespattered steps, was the tablet of the building committee of this structure. Some of them have gone to their rewards; others are still among us, and we wondered what would be their emotions could they behold now the building upon the construction of which they gave so much of their time and thought. To our left was the tablet, marking this spot as the Queen's Museum established 1771—said to have been the first educational institution in the United States. The truth of this statement I am prepared to prove, however. Later it became Liberty Hall Academy. Whatever may have been the history of the place from that day until this, it seems still to be "liberty hall."

Opening the front doors and entering the dirty lobby, the odor from the plumbing in the basement was sickening.

We were told by the occupants of one of the offices that after the windows had been closed during the night, it was impossible to stay in the room until the windows had been opened for some time and it must be necessary also to raise the windows occasionally to let a little sunshine in—for it would be entirely impossible for any to shine through the fly-specked, dusty, dirty glass of the windows of this room.

In the hall, we met a man, whom we were informed was the janitor of the building. Who he is, what his name is or where he lives, we do not know or care, for it is no concern of ours. We have no personal light to make on this individual, but our criticism is for the one who permits an employe to be so lax in his duty. The citizens of this city and county pay for the services of this janitor and they have a right to demand competent service of him. If he cannot perform his duties there are others who can.

We went up the stairs which were as dirty as they could well be and walked over the Superior court room. In the dim light it appeared that the walls of this room had been recently cleaned, for they

were in much better condition than we had seen anywhere else. Although the floors were not clean and the cuspidors were in frightful condition. Justice compels us to admit that the room must have been in much better condition before the court convened.

All of the light fixtures are dirty beyond description, and appear never to have been cleaned since the day they were put in—12 years ago.

The janitor must have been in formed of our presence. For when we descended the stairs, stuck in the chandelier on the newel post, were two dirty, worn-out, dilapidated feather dusters, that were put there during our stay upstairs. They—supposed the synonym of cleanliness—were but an evidence of the very unsanitary condition of the building.

We took a peep downstairs into the basement—but that peep and the accompanying jar to our nostrils were too much for us, and we dared not go further.

Gored by a Cow.

Spartanburg Journal.

Mrs. F. B. Castlebury, aged 60 years, who lives at Woodruff, was gored by an angry cow while she was milking the animal. Mrs. Castleberry was sitting on a stool milking when a dog ran into the lot and began to bark and tease the cow.

The cow lowered her head and darted for the dog, which jumped and ran to one side, all the time barking at the cow. Mrs. Castleberry was not able to get out of the way in time, and she was bowled over in the lot.

The cow made for Mrs. Castleberry and gored her in the side, face and breast with her pointed horn inflicting several serious gashes that may cause death. Two or three ribs were broken and it is feared that the lady also sustained serious internal injuries. Her condition is quite critical, and death may follow at almost any moment.

What Charlie Had Tasted.

Clara—What kind of face powder do you use?

Maud—Why do ask? Cause Charlie Spooner says its the best he ever tasted.—Life.

Parcels Post is Greatly Needed.

Spokesman Review.

When the rural free delivery was first established the carriers were allowed to do errands for the farmers in town and to accept fees for this service. Later on the government raised the carrier's salaries a little and forbade this express business as a side line. But while the carriers received some compensation for the fees they had lost, the farmers were suddenly deprived of a convenience which they had learned to appreciate.

The parcels post is designed to restore this service, for which there is clearly a demand, and to develop it for the benefit of people who cannot easily reach town. The rural free delivery already reaches nearly 4,000,000 homes daily; so the helpfulness of the parcels post in country life may be imagined.

To Amend Anti-Pass Law.

American Press.

What is known as the anti-pass provisions of the railroad rate act is amended for the benefit of publishers of newspapers and periodicals by a bill introduced in the house last week by Representative Hayes of California.

It provides that nothing in the law "shall be construed to prohibit the interchange by carriers and publishers of newspapers and periodicals of transportation for advertising and printing when based upon the lawfully advertised schedule rates of both the carriers and publishers as a basis for such an exchange."

White Waitresses for Florida Hotel.

A solid carload of girls routed from New York City to Miami, Fla., passed through Rocky Mount, Jan. 9th, attached to train No. 85. The girls are to become waitresses in a hotel at Miami and their transportation was arranged for by this hotel company. Colored waiters have heretofore been used at this resort, but the change was made on account of the poor service given by them.—Union Republican.

The French Army officers has invented eye glasses which enable the wearer to see on all sides and the rear.

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 Ladies' Newport Knit Shawls, \$1.00. Ladies' Furs, 50c and up.
 Ladies' Union Suits, 50c the suit. Suit Cases, \$1.00 and up.
 Cups and Saucers, set, 25c and up. Ladies' Coarse and Sunday Shoes, \$1.25 and up.
 Men's Shoes for \$1.25 and up. Best Calicoes, 6c the yd. Best Dress Ginghams, 8 1/2c the yd.
 10-4 Linen Sheetting, \$1.25, sale price for \$1.00.
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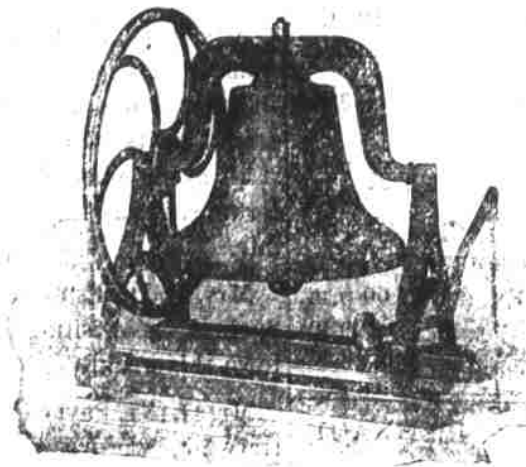
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